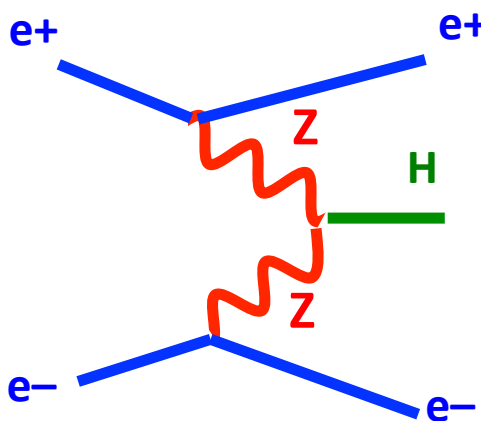


# Higgs production in ZZ fusion at 1.4TeV



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# Introductions



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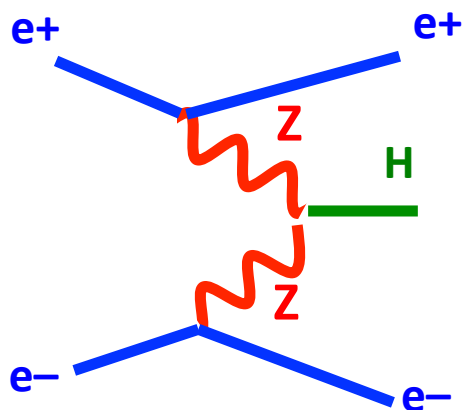
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now NA62/PiENU

+ Strong silicon detector effort (Medipix collab)  
Richard Bates, Dima Maneuski, Andy Blue

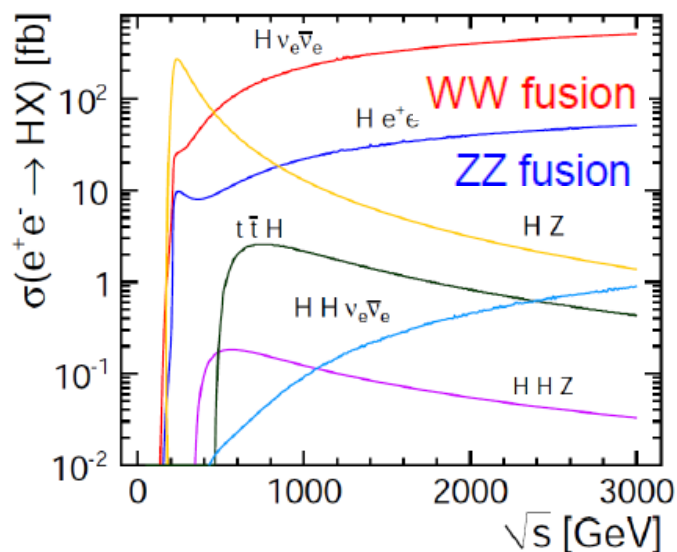


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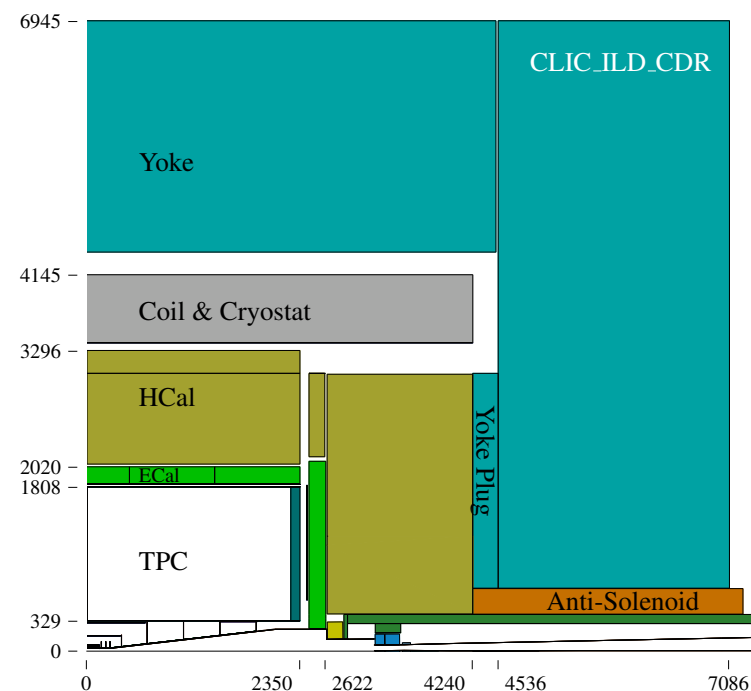
# Introduction



- ◆ Fusion process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-H$   
 Cross-section at 1.4TeV  $\sim 24.5\text{fb}$   
 10% of leading production process  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\nu H$   
 but access to HZZ vertex



- ◆ Using CLIC-ILD detector, good forward coverage – important here



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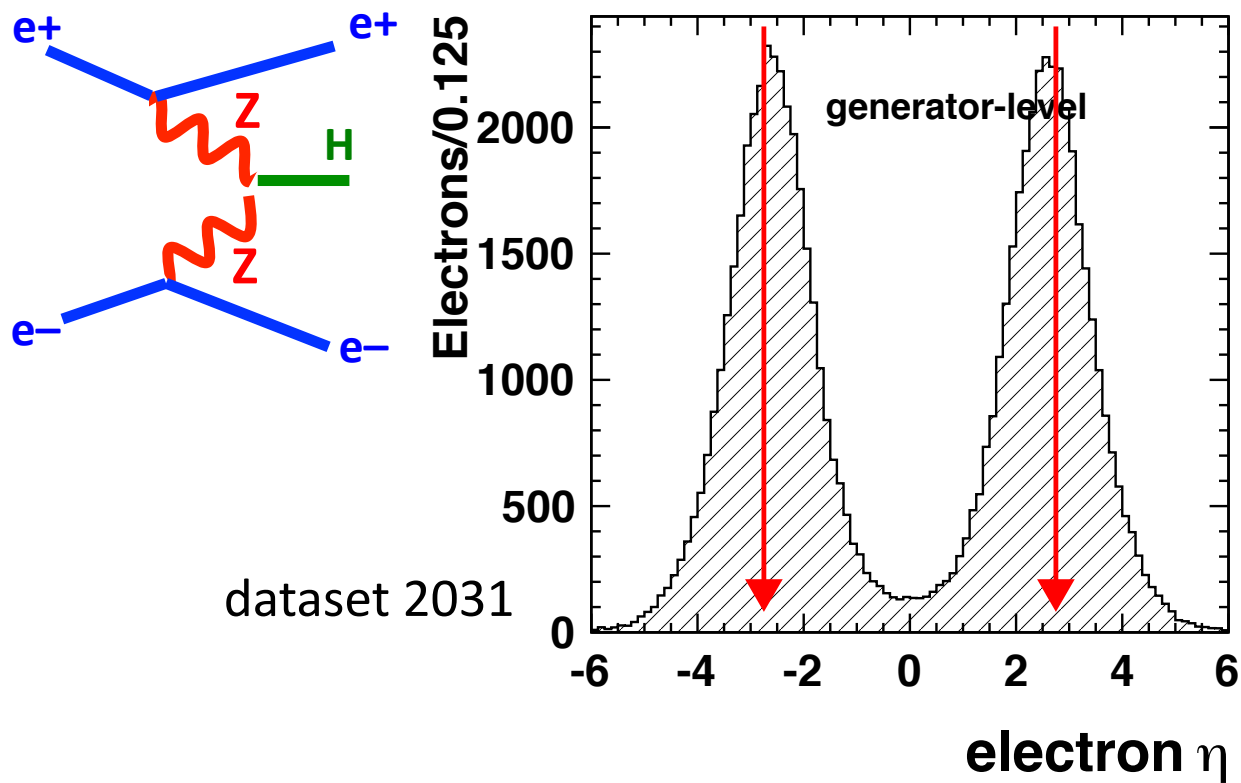
- ◆ studied main backgrounds
- ◆ developed likelihood separation
- ◆ studied final state and implemented LCFI b-tagging
- ◆ obtained good signal : background
- ◆ included photon radiation in electron reco

# Characterising the signal



- Signature: 2 forward electrons, plus Higgs decay

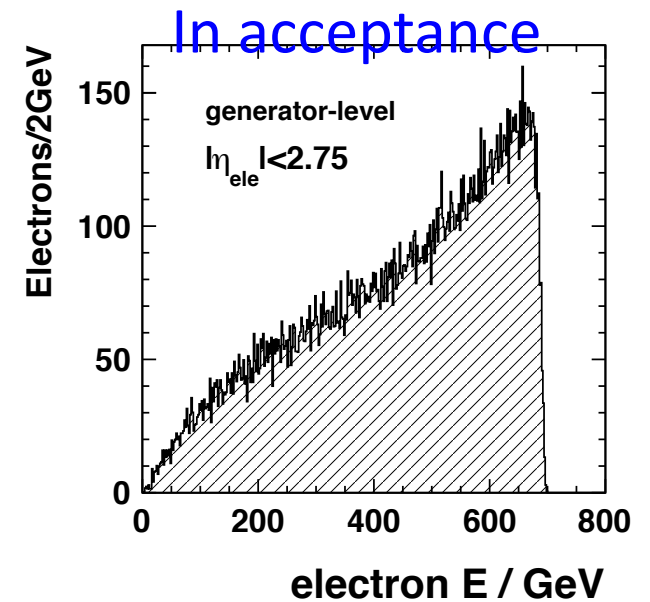
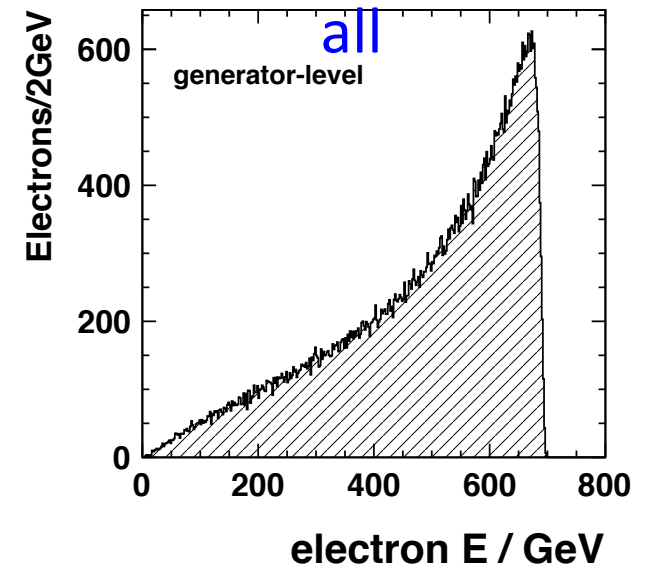
Scattered beam electrons at gen.-level:



dataset 2031

Red arrows show detector acceptance

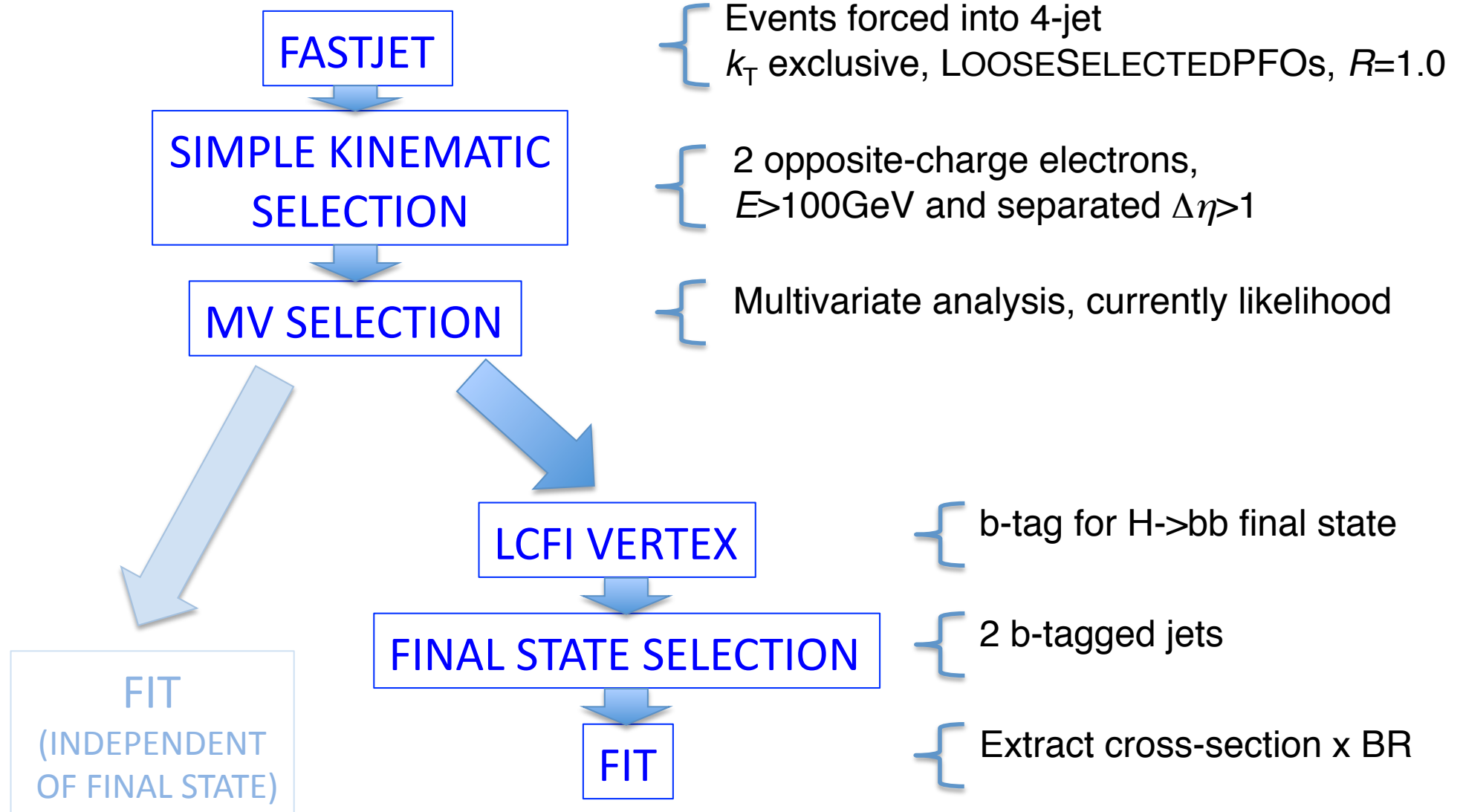
Plots all normalised to  $1.5/\text{ab}$



# Analysis strategy



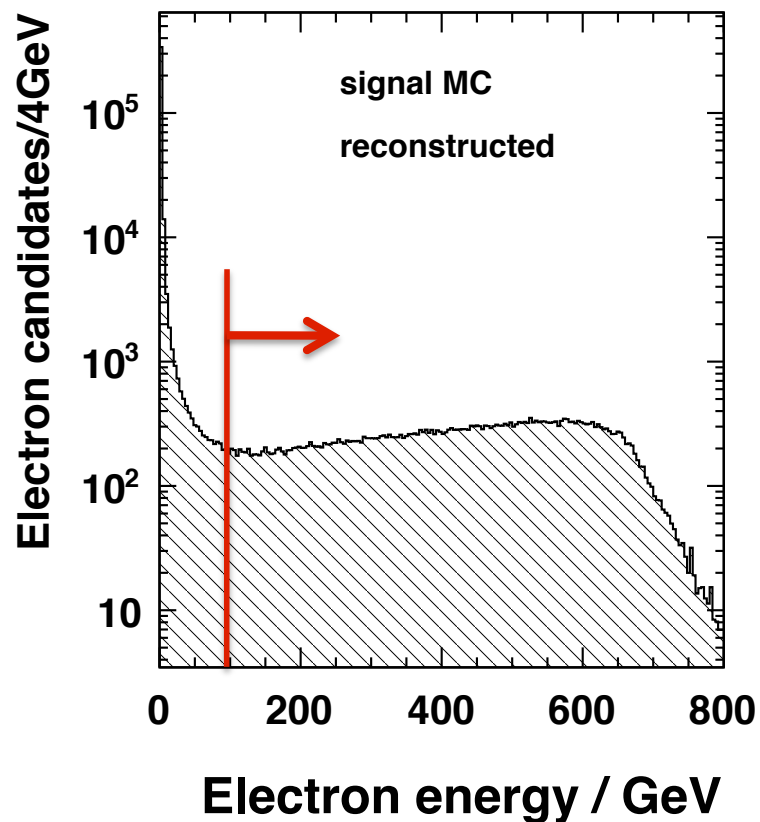
- ◆ Analysis largely in place, except for final fit:



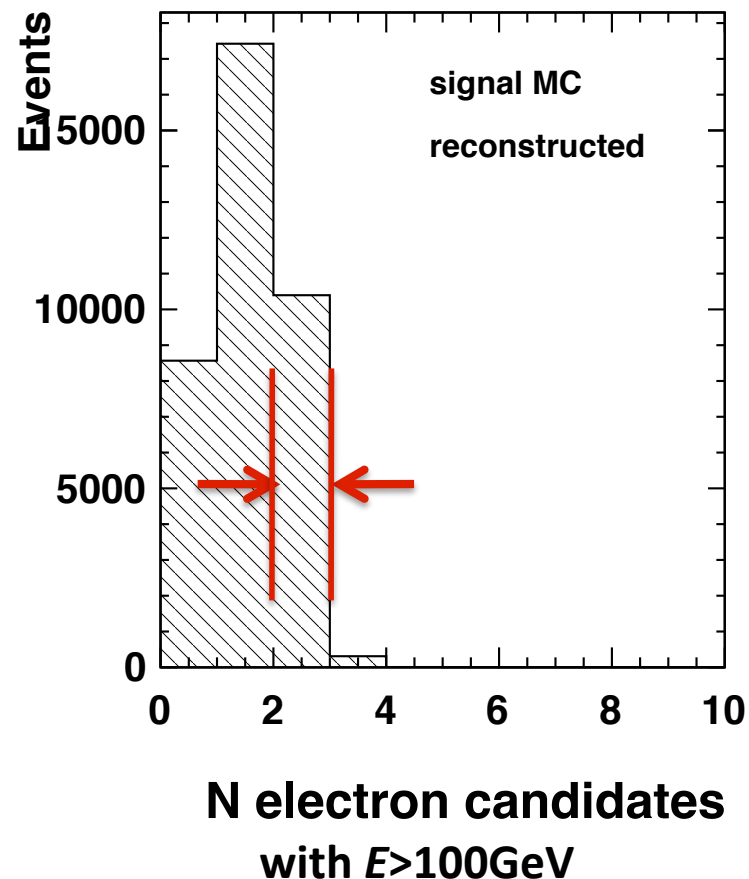
# Kinematic preselection



- ◆ Look at energies of all reconstructed electron candidates



- ◆ Count reconstructed electron candidates having  $E > 100\text{GeV}$

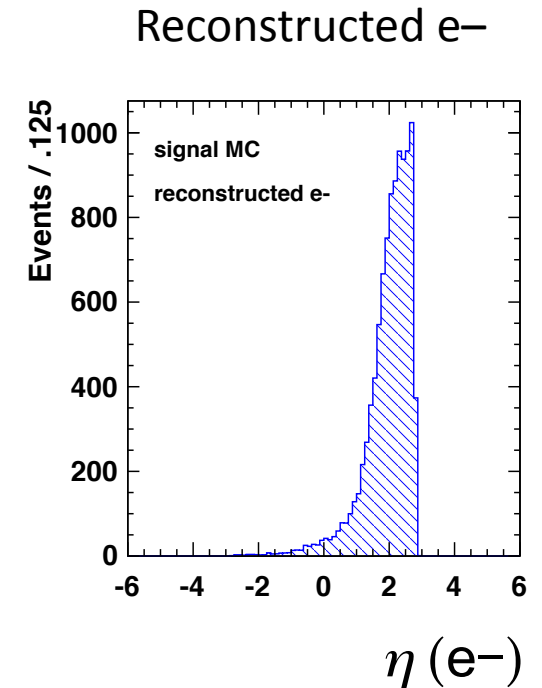
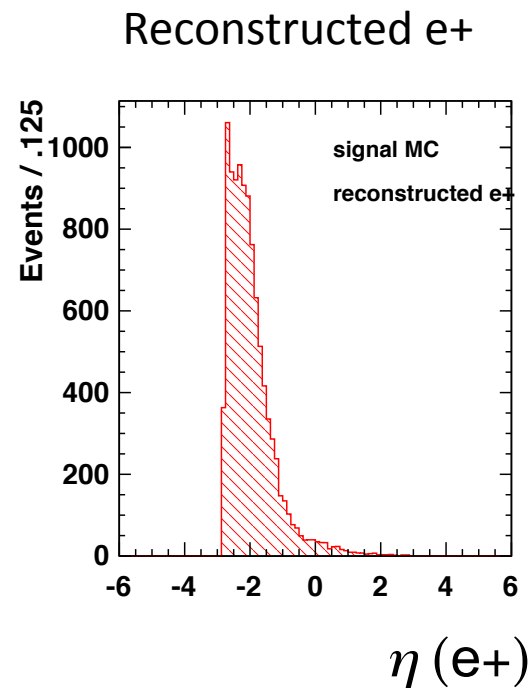
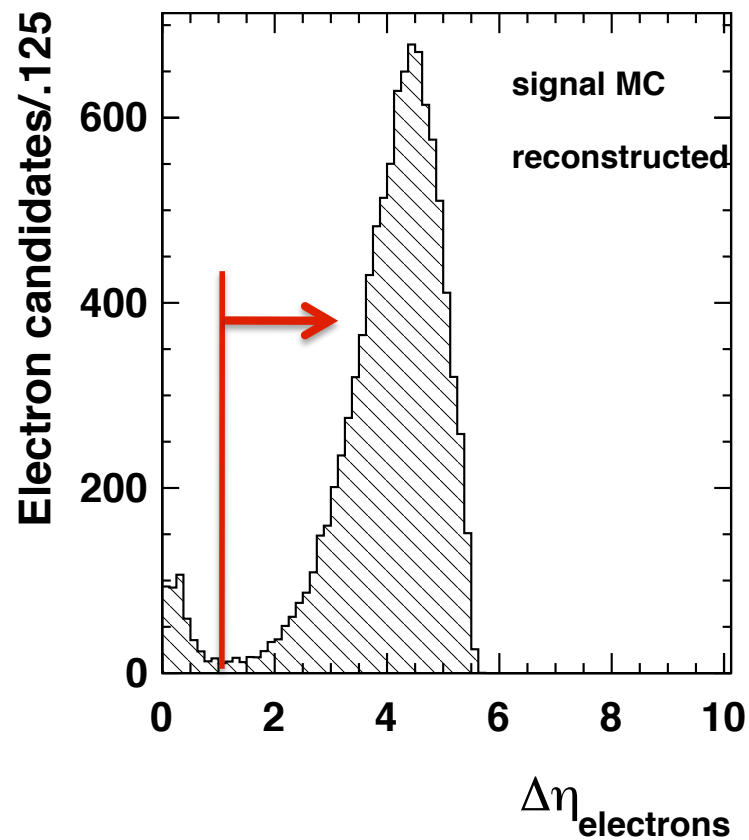


- ◆ Select  $n=2$  bin

# Kinematic preselection

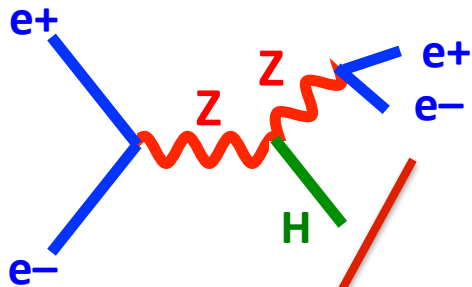


- ◆ Look at separation of electron candidates in  $\Delta\eta$

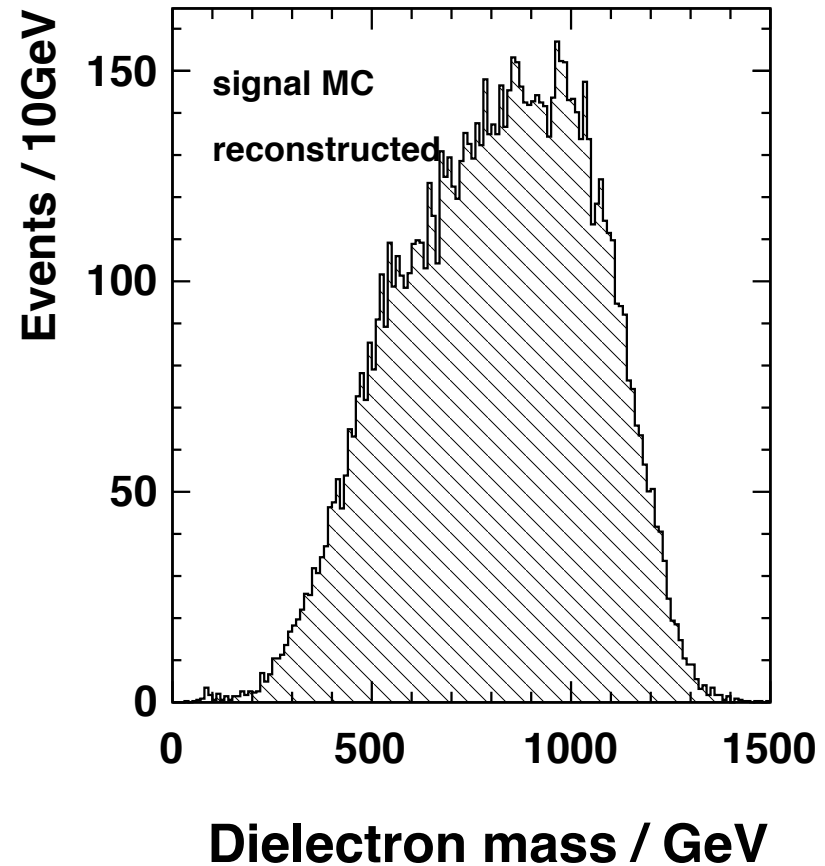
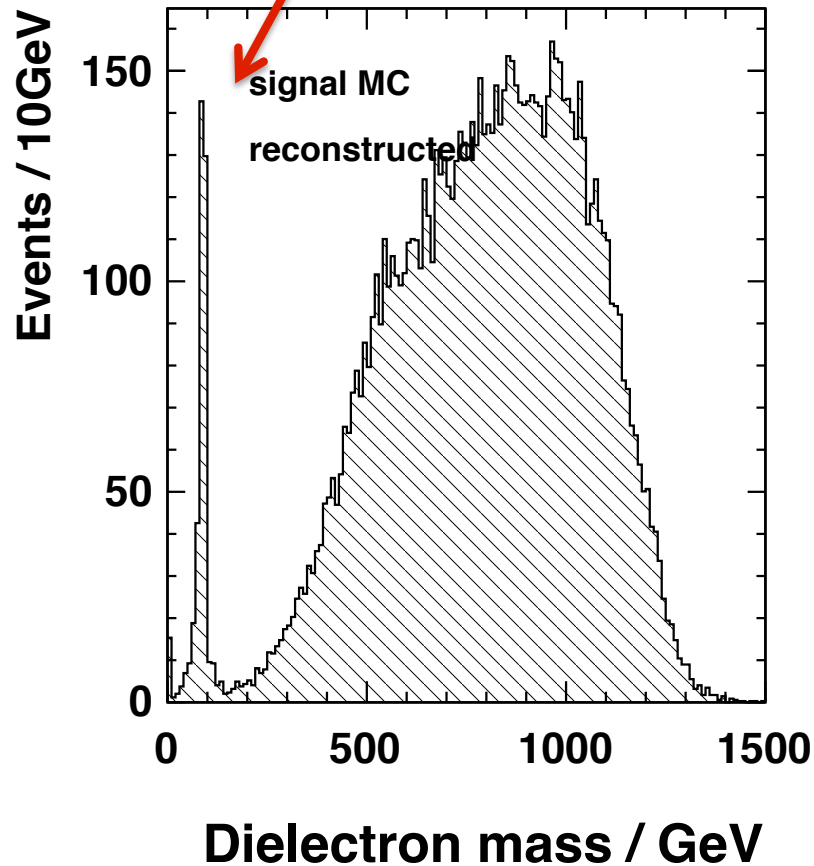




# Kinematic preselection



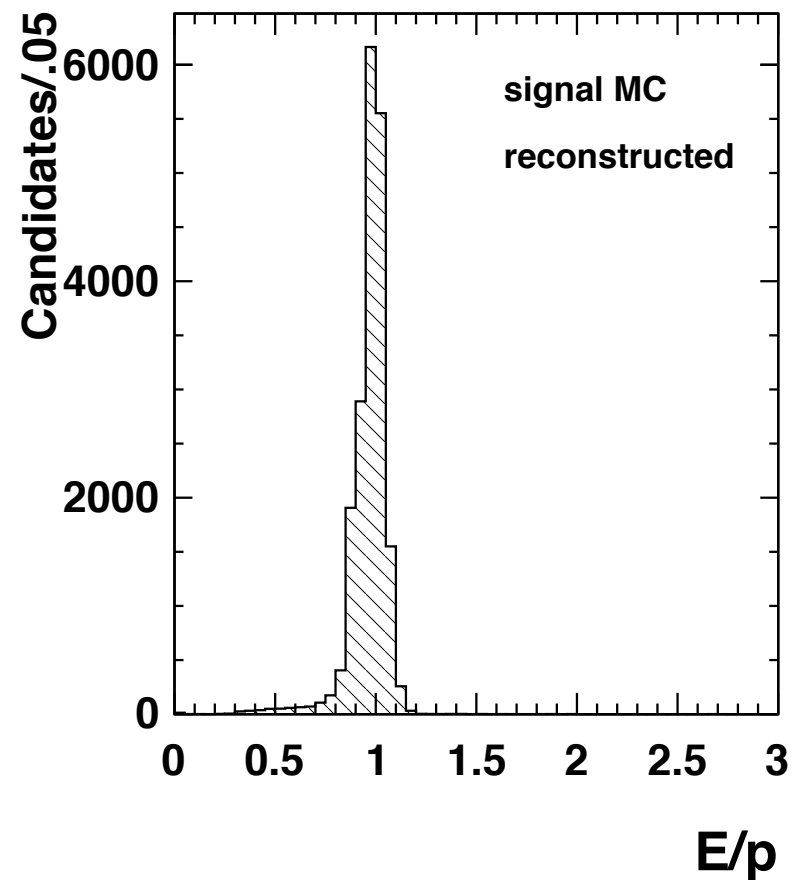
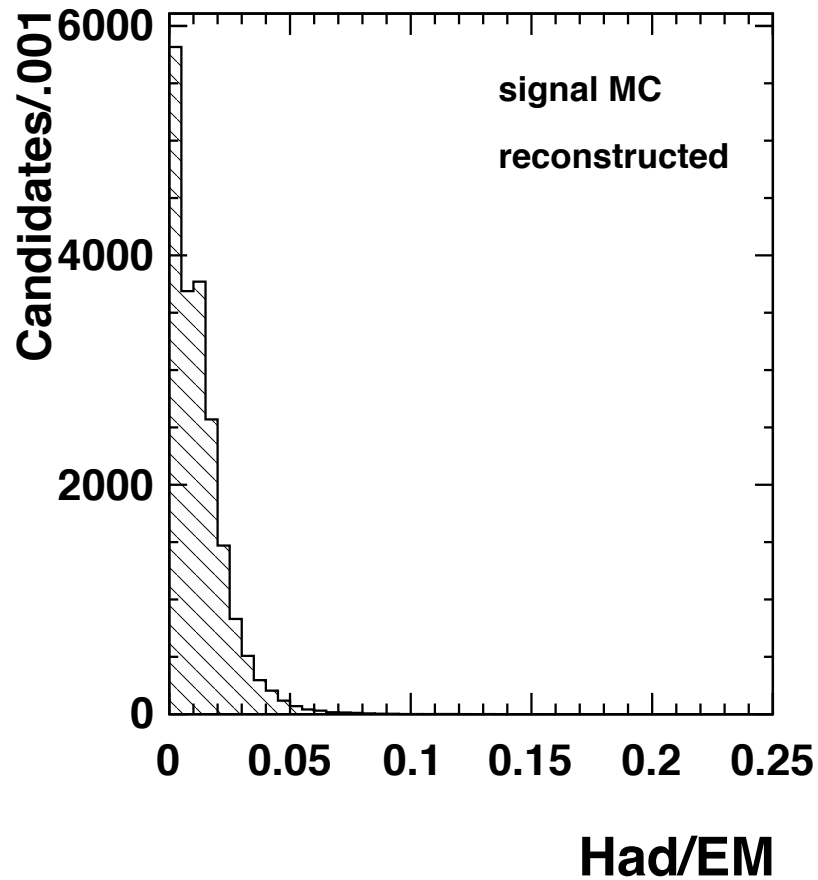
- ◆  $\Delta\eta > 1$  cut removes H-strahlung contribution



# Electron reconstruction checks



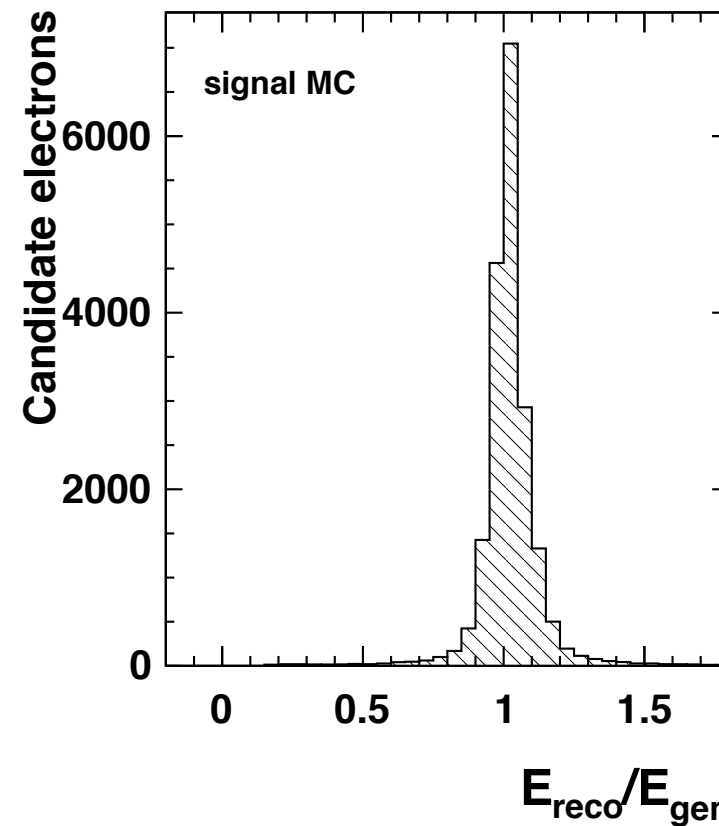
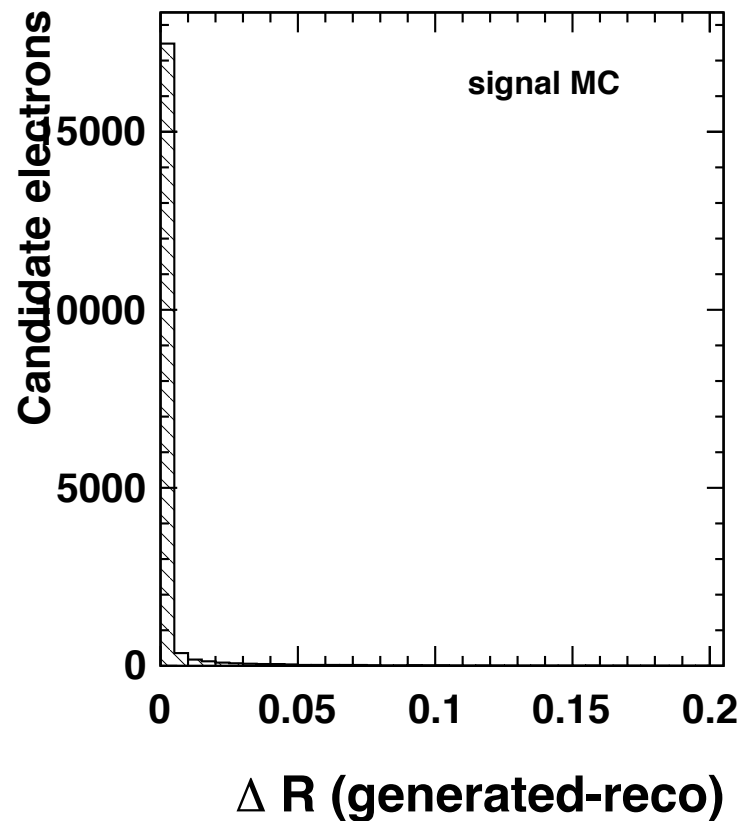
- ◆ Check that electron candidate PFOs seem sensible:



# Electron reconstruction checks



- ◆ Check that electron candidate PFOs are a reasonable match to the generator-level electrons:



(Hugely improved over last versions shown  
– I had misunderstood PFO usage, now fixed...)

# Cutflow for initial selection

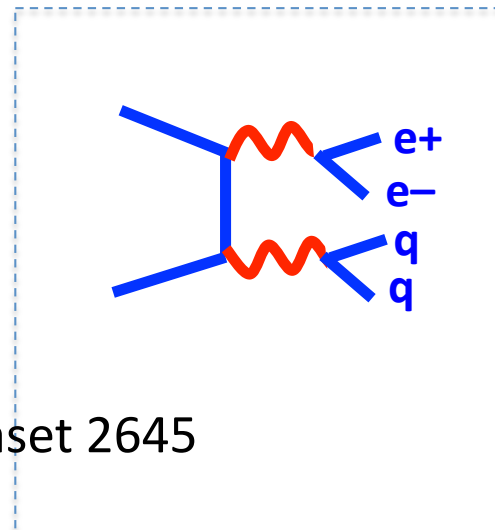
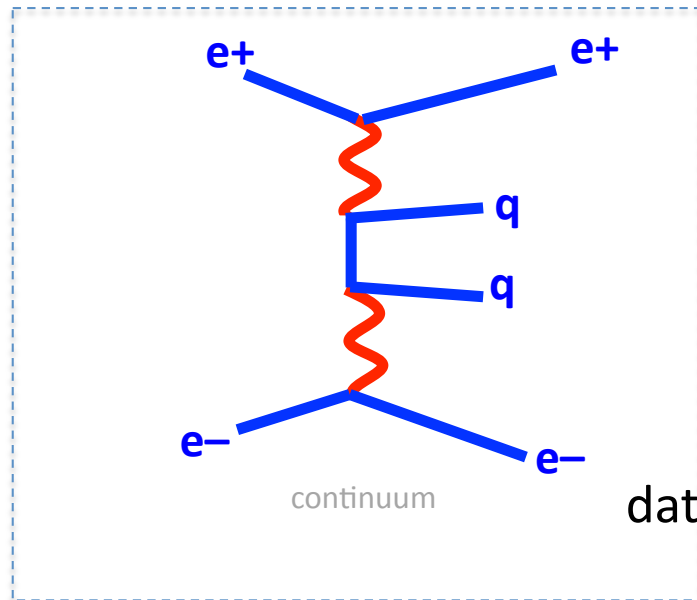
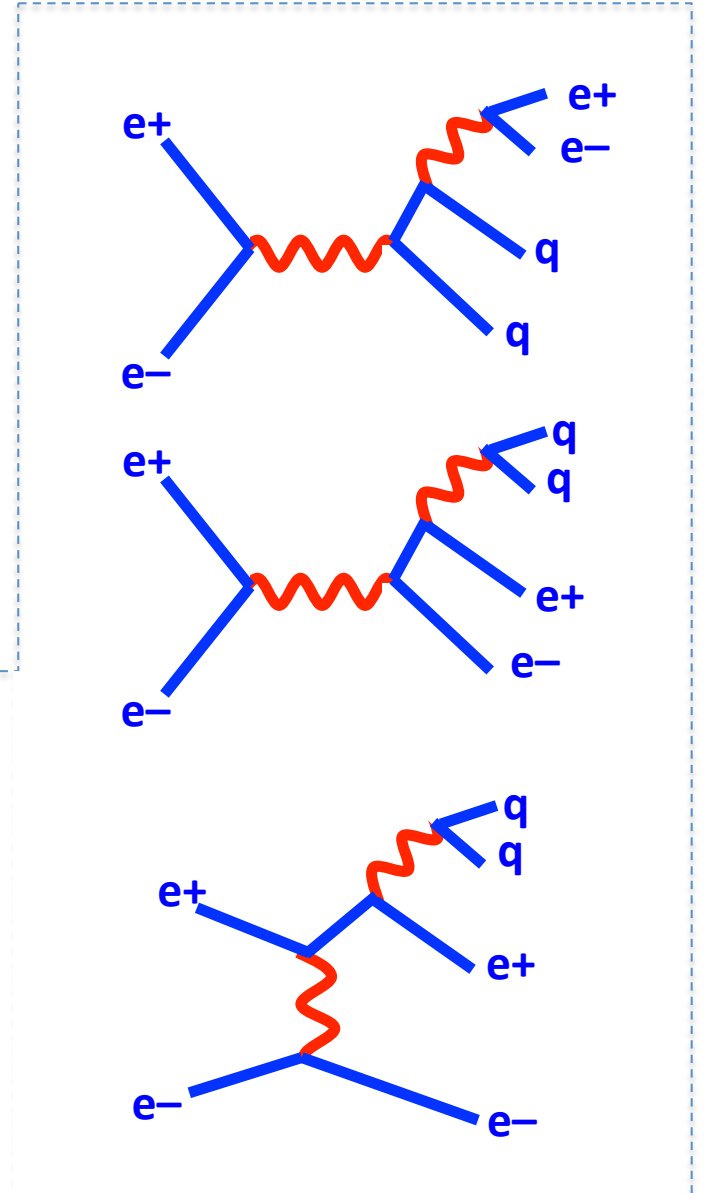
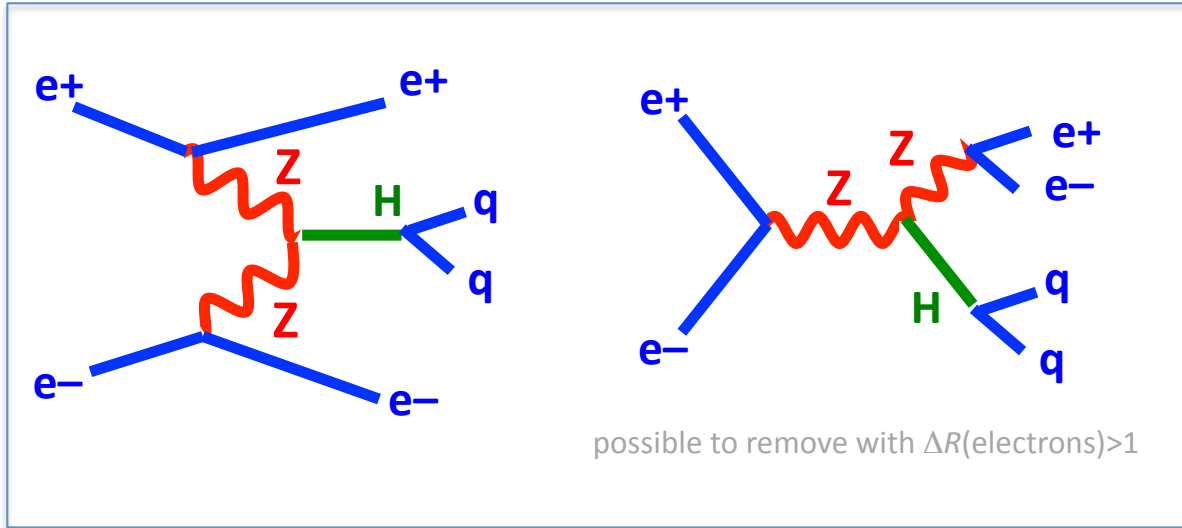


	<b>eeH signal</b> dataset 2031	surviving	xs/fb
All events			24.47
$\geq 2$ electron cands, $E > 100 \text{ GeV}$		29.2%	<b>7.14</b>
$= 2$ electron cands, $E > 100 \text{ GeV}$		28.3%	6.93
opposite charge		27.7%	6.79
$\Delta\eta > 1$		26.5%	<b>6.49</b>

geometrical acceptance

ie, 9375 events in 1.5/ab

# Backgrounds



# Leading background



	dataset 2031		qql dataset 2645	
	surviving	eeH signal xs/fb	surviving	background xs/fb
All events		24.47		2726.7
$\geq 2$ electron cands, $E > 100 \text{ GeV}$	29.2%	7.14	2.1%	58.02
$= 2$ electron cands, $E > 100 \text{ GeV}$	28.3%	6.93	2.1%	56.86
opposite charge	27.7%	6.79	2.0%	54.41
DeltaEta $> 1$	26.5%	<b>6.49</b>	1.8%	<b>48.12</b>

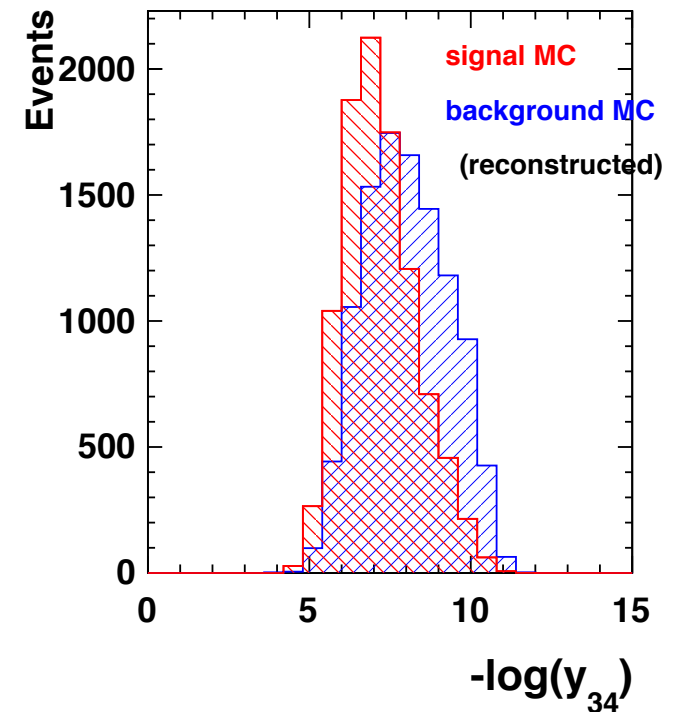
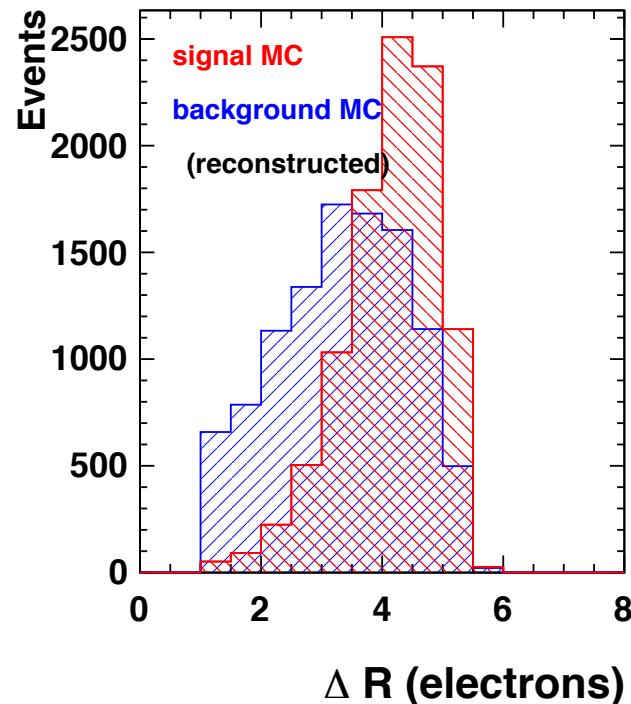
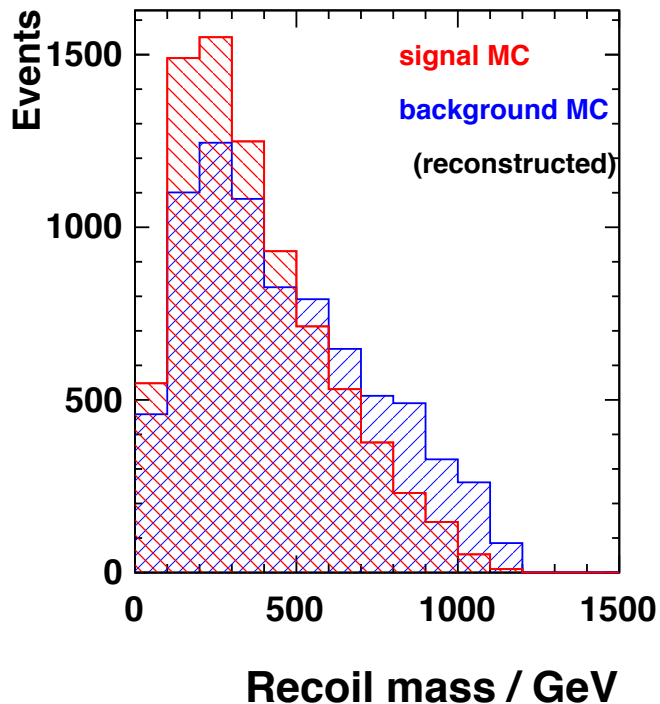
- ◆ Backgrounds well-suppressed – but still 8x signal

# Separating signal from backgrounds



- ◆ Look for event variables to characterise signal
  - ◆ separation between electrons  $\Delta R$
  - ◆ recoil mass
  - ◆  $y_{34}$  to characterise final state shape

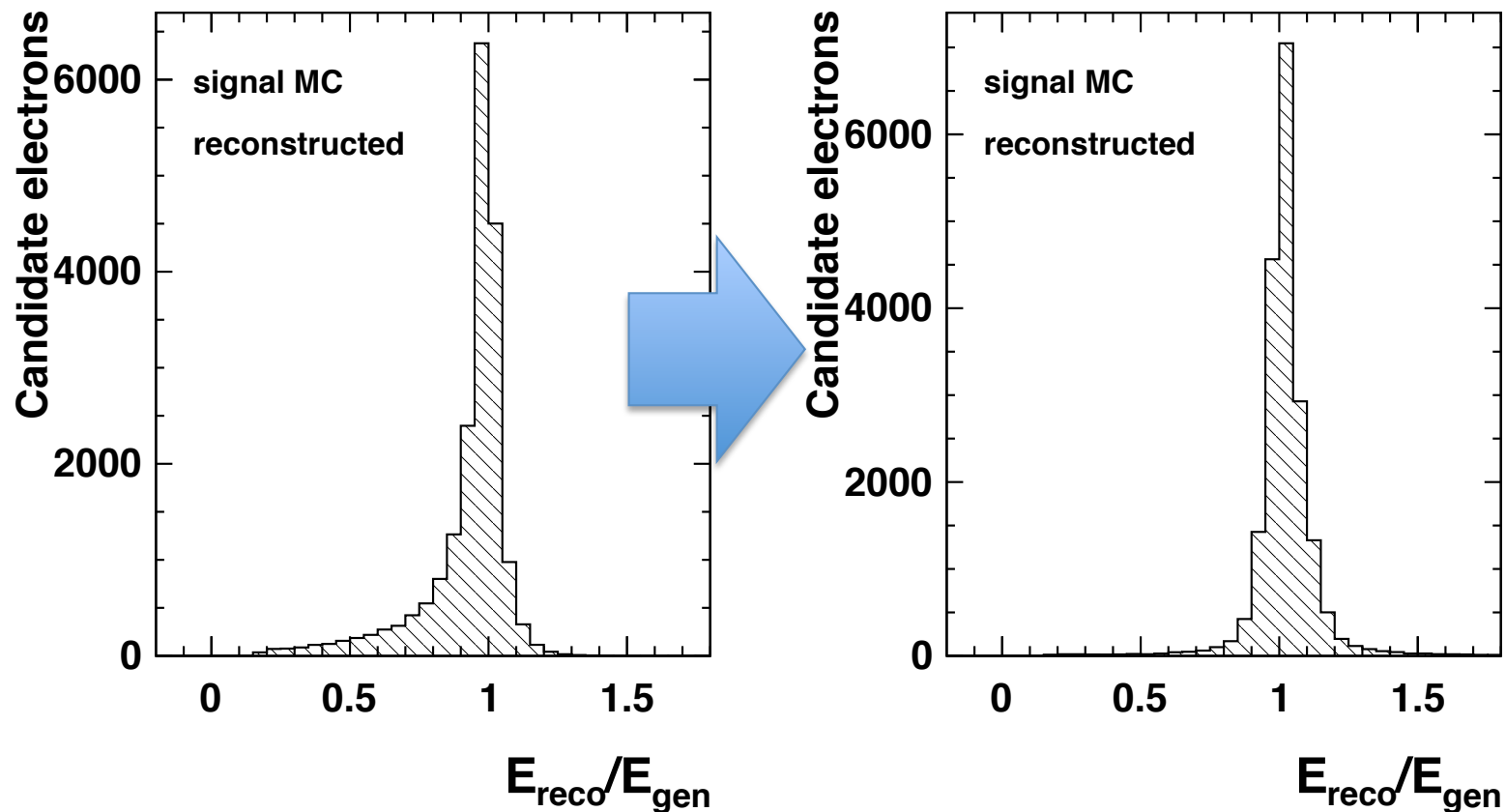
fairly model-independent



**Background** normalised to **signal** here

# [Aside on including photon radiation]

- ◆ When trying to understand recoil shape
  - started including PFO photons within  $\cos\theta > 0.9$  of electron candidates
- ◆ improved resolution

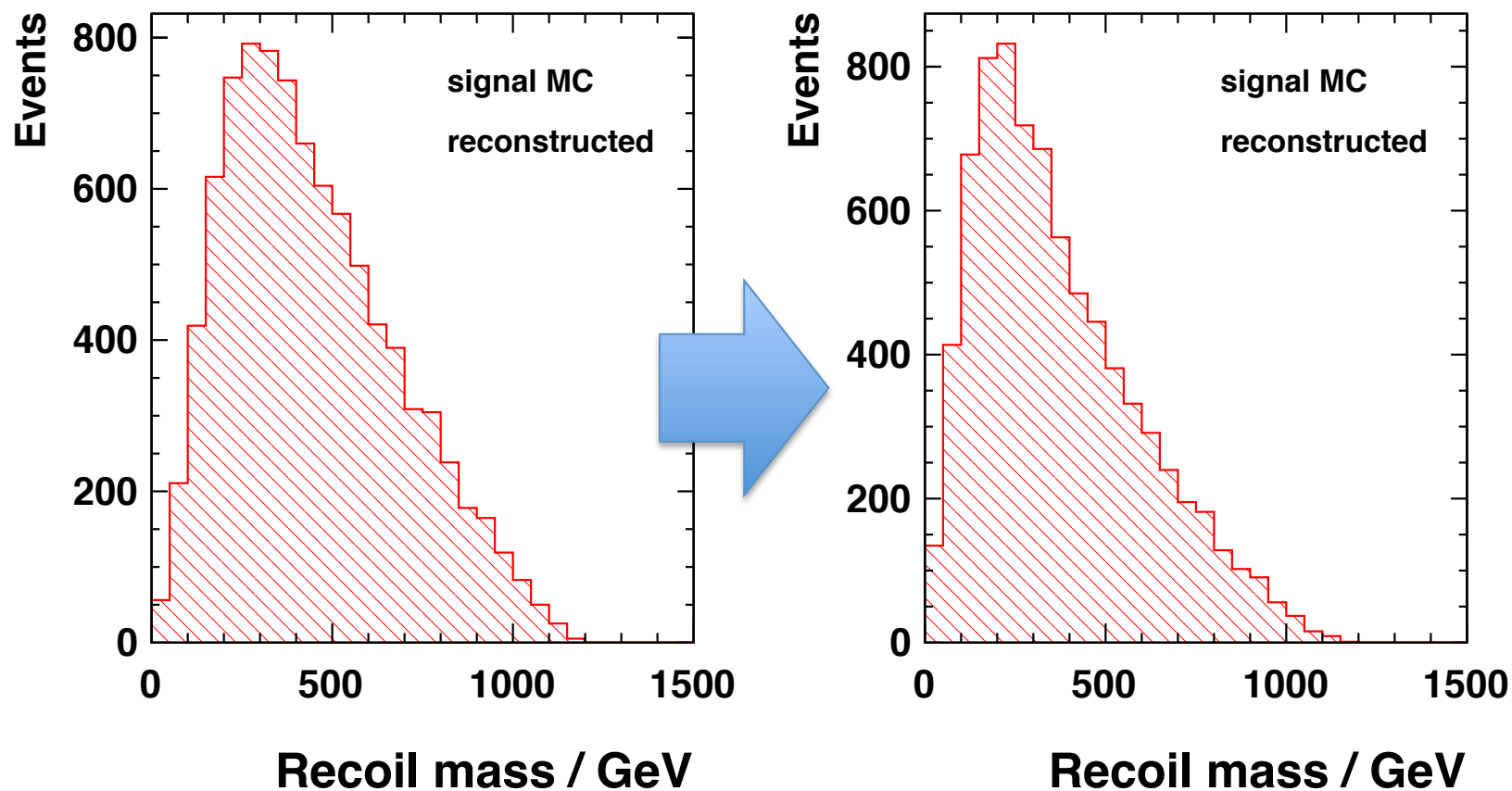




# [Aside on including photon radiation]



- ◆ including photon radiation changes recoil mass disbn



# Likelihood



Using event variables

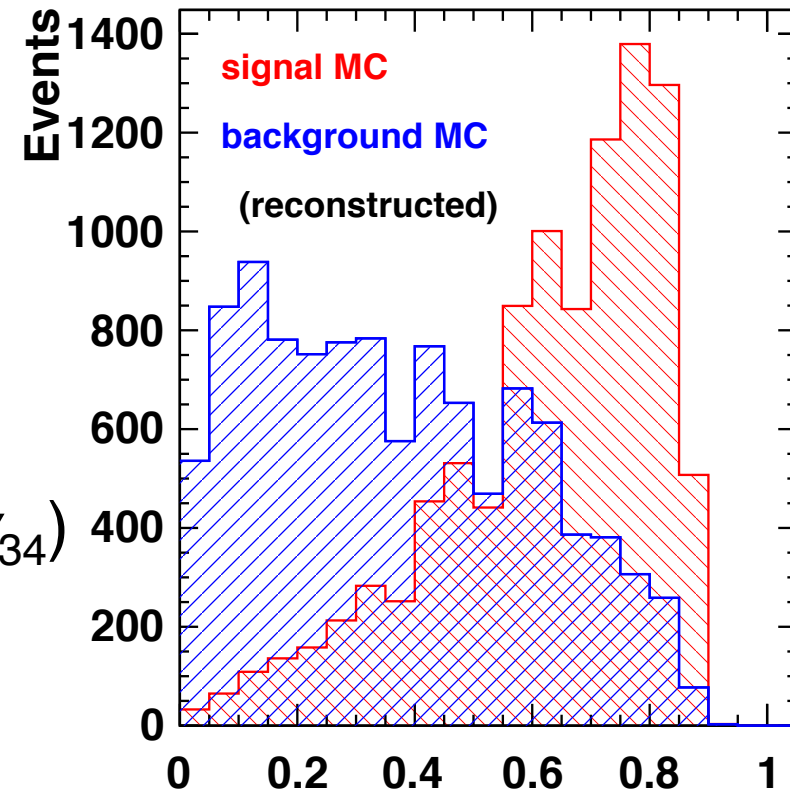
- ◆ electron  $\Delta R$
- ◆ recoil mass
- ◆  $y_{34}$

Construct probabilities

$$L_{\text{sig}} = P_{\text{sig}}(\Delta R) \times P_{\text{sig}}(m_{\text{recoil}}) \times P_{\text{sig}}(y_{34})$$

Signal likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{sig}} = \frac{L_{\text{sig}}}{L_{\text{sig}} + L_{\text{bck}}}$$



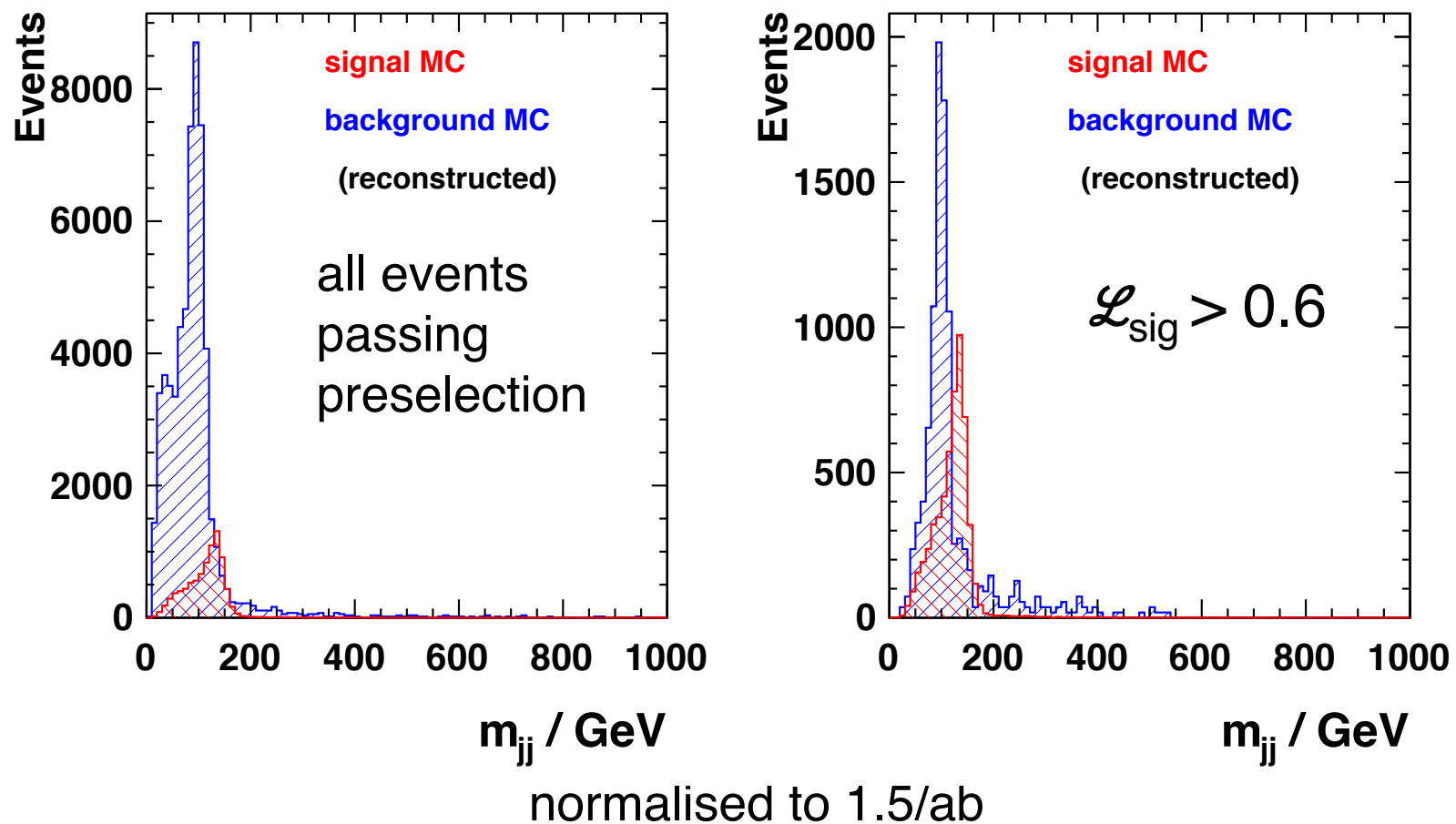
**Signal likelihood**

Background normalised to signal here  
Background is actually ~8 x signal here

# Final state



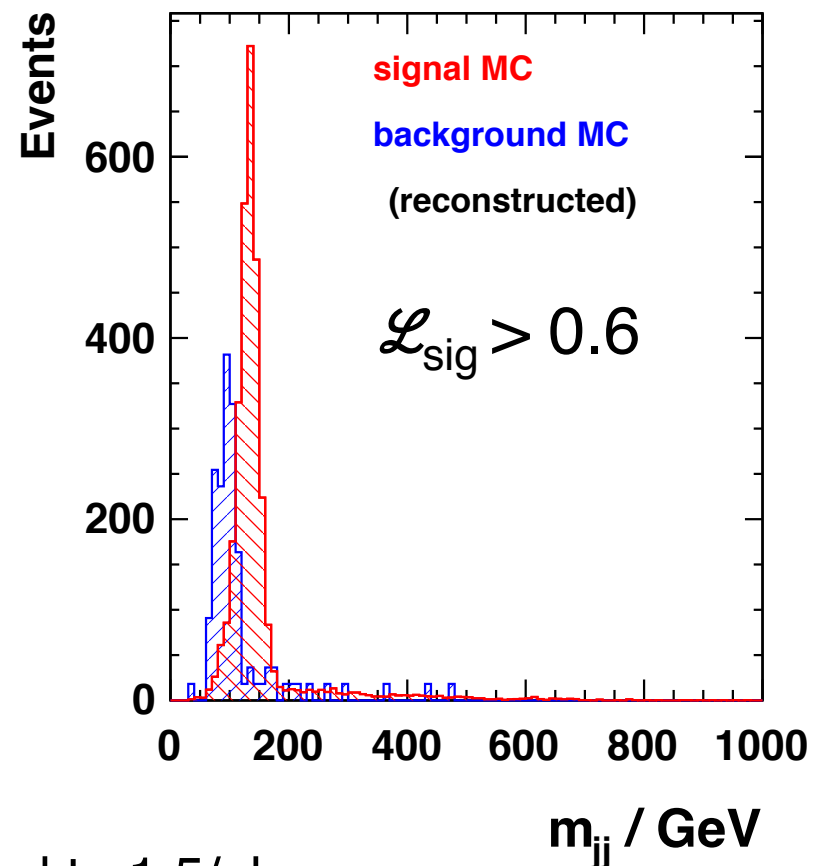
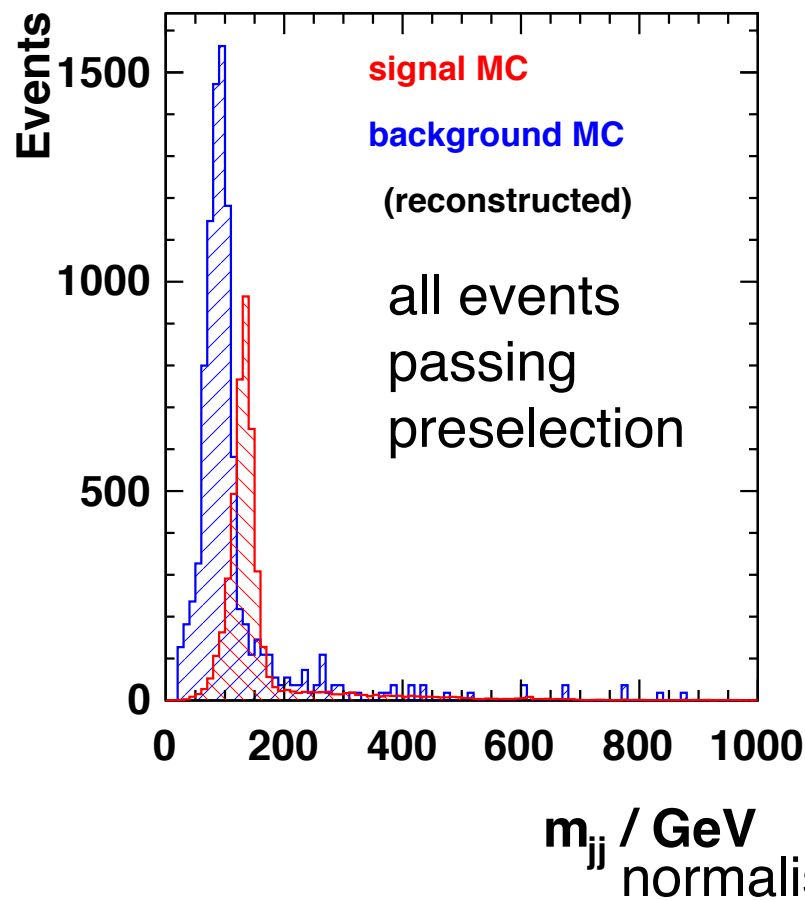
- ◆ look at  $m_{jj}$  for the two jets not matching the electron candidates:



# Final state



- ◆ require both jets to have truth b-tag (TrueAngularJetFlavourProcessor)  
[LCFI coming in a few slides]



# Final state



	dataset 2031		dataset 2645	
	surviving	<b>eeH signal</b> <b>xs/fb</b>	surviving	<b>qqll background</b> <b>xs/fb</b>
All events		24.47		2726.7
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$= 2$ electron cands, $E > 100\text{GeV}$	28.3%	6.93	2.1%	56.86
opposite charge	27.7%	6.79	2.0%	54.41
$\Delta\eta > 1$	26.5%	6.49	1.8%	48.12
4-jet topology has 2 jets matching electron cands	23.3%	5.70	1.4%	39.18
2 (truth) b-tags	12.5%	<b>3.06</b>	0.2%	<b>6.26</b>

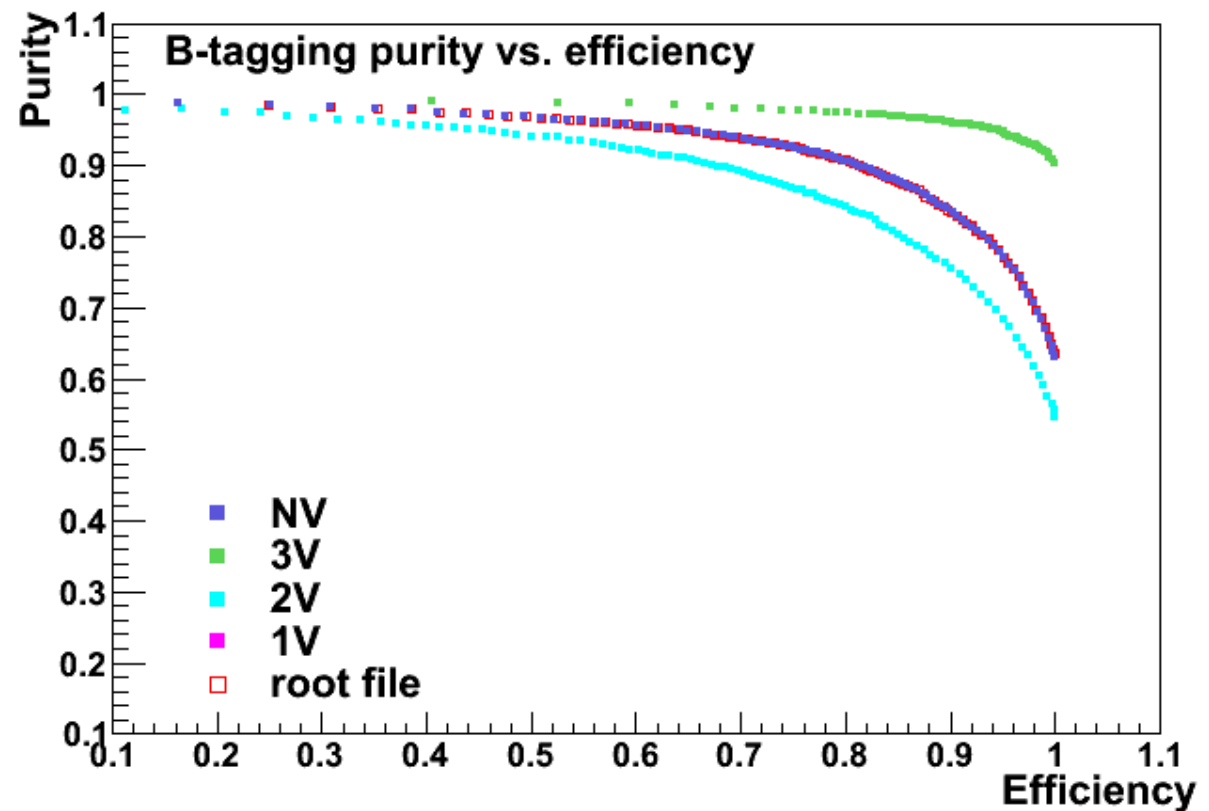


ie, 4590 events in 1.5/ab

# LCFI b-tagging



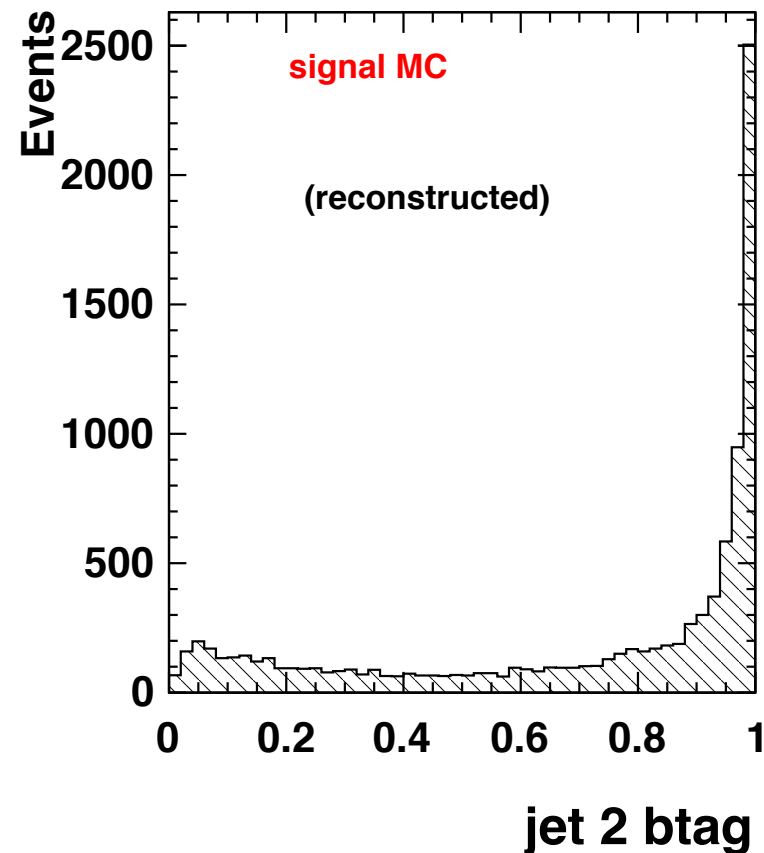
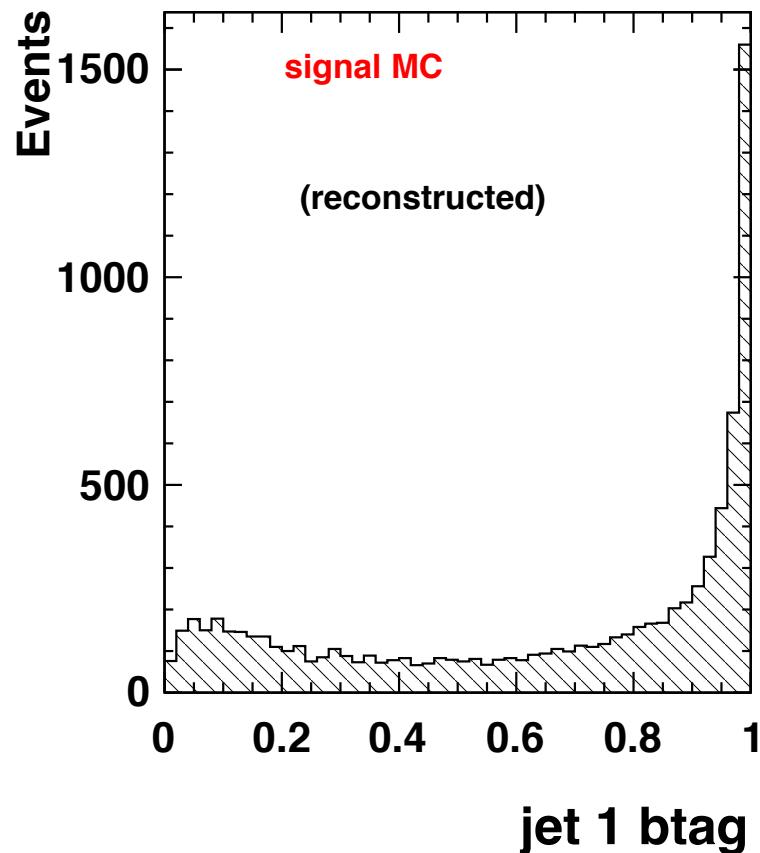
- ◆ Used LCFI tools to train flavour tagger with eeH (ds 2035) and qqll (ds 2645) events



# LCFI b-tagging



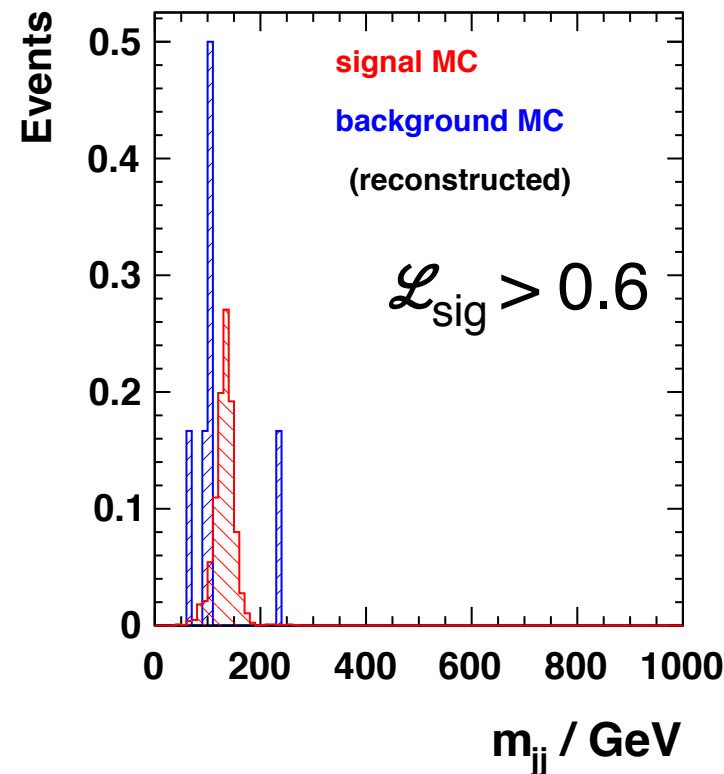
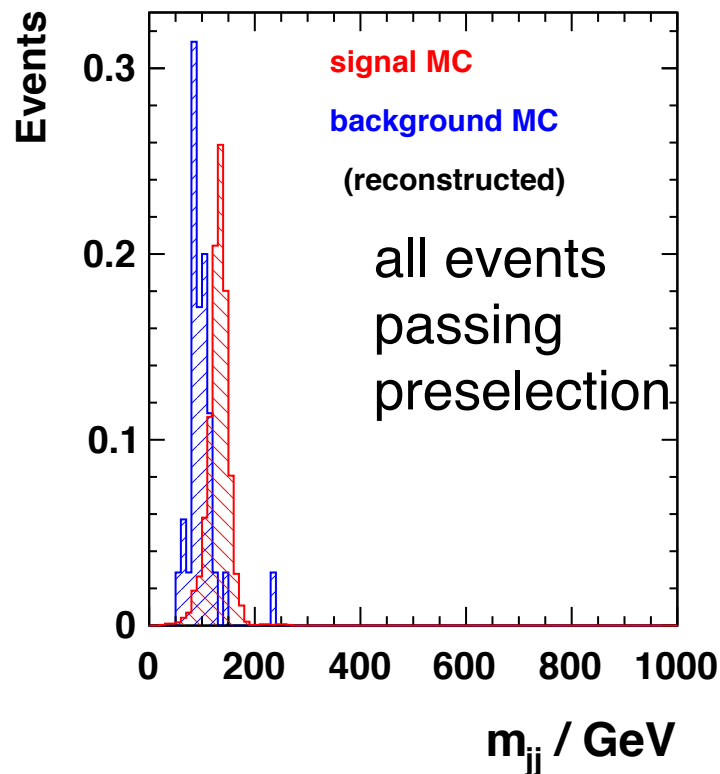
- ◆ Tag values seem reasonable (all H decays are present)



# LCFI b-tagging



- ◆ Required both jets to have  $b_{tag} > 0.7$
- Not full dataset yet (takes time to vertex)  
yields seem smaller than expected – something to fix  
but qualitatively as expected from truth-tagging:



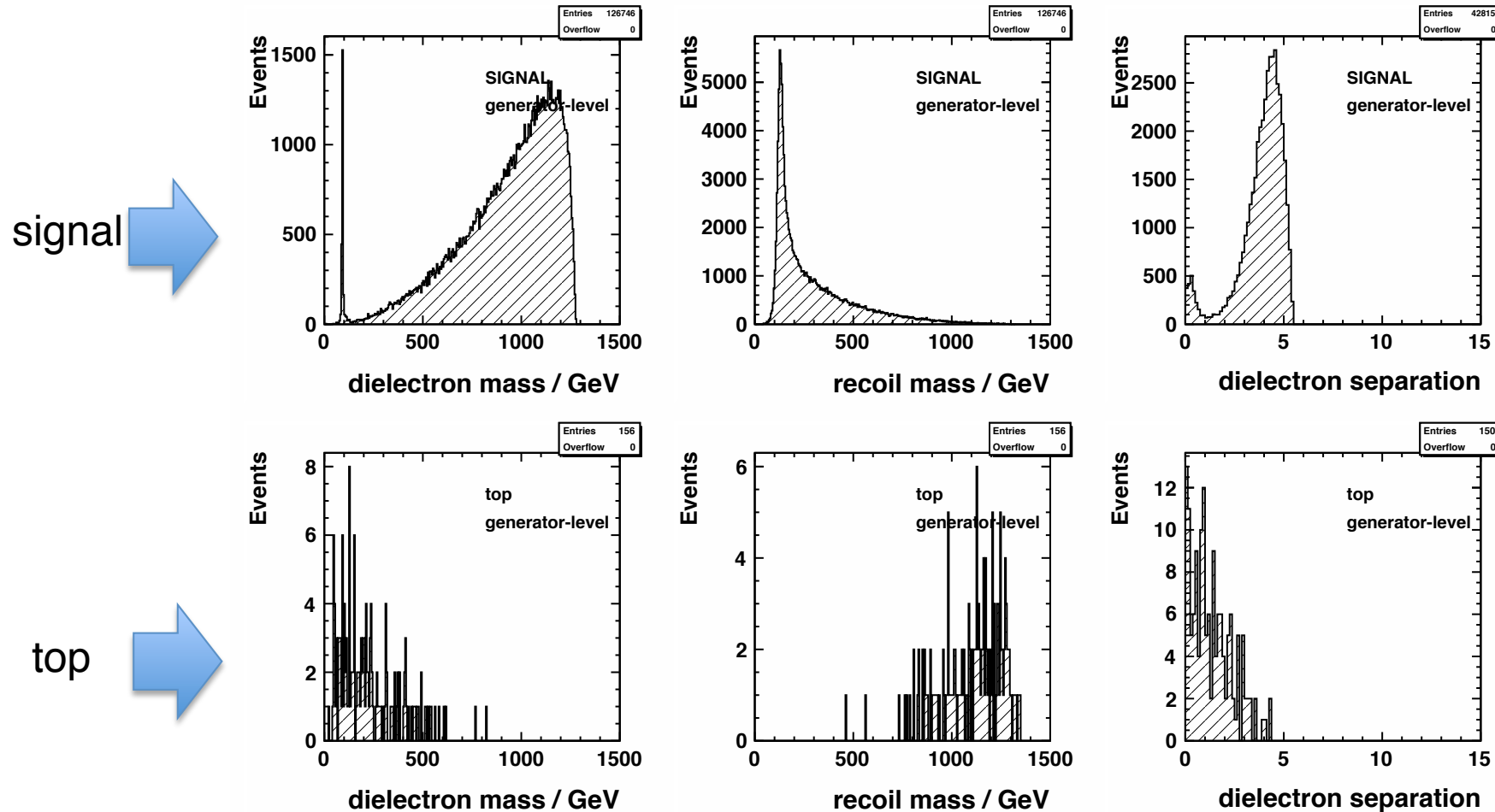
(normalised to 1 – btag yields still to be understood)



# Other backgrounds



Other backgrounds with two electrons, two jets:  $e\gamma$  top



-> separation straightforward

- ◆ Still to look at  $e\gamma$  and  $\gamma\gamma$ -induced backgrounds

# Extracting physics



- ◆ Had hoped to avoid selecting final state so that sensitivity would be to  $g_{HZZ}$  (and  $\Gamma_H$ ) only
- ◆ Also bad: selecting bb final state increases statistical uncertainty from  $\sim 1\%$  to  $\sim 1.5\%$  in 1.5/ab.
- ◆ Systematic uncertainty on cross-section measurement fairly large because detector acceptance truncates electron  $\eta$  distribution.
- ◆ Ratio of  $\sigma(ee \rightarrow eeH) \cdot \text{Br}(H \rightarrow bb)$  to  $\sigma(ee \rightarrow \nu\nu H) \cdot \text{Br}(H \rightarrow bb)$  gives the ratio  $g_{HZZ}/g_{HWW}$  without  $g_{Hbb}$  or  $\Gamma_H$ 
  - but large acceptance systematic doesn't cancel
- ◆ Not clear that lcal / bcal help, since want electron energy measurement not just tag.

## Since last update:

- ◆ studied main backgrounds
- ◆ developed likelihood separation
- ◆ studied final state and implemented LCFI b-tagging
- ◆ obtained good signal : background
- ◆ included photon radiation in electron reco

## Need to:

look at  $\gamma$ -induced backgrounds  
understand recoil shape  
-> try smarter final-state-indep approach  
fix LCFI yield