

# VBF $H \rightarrow bb$

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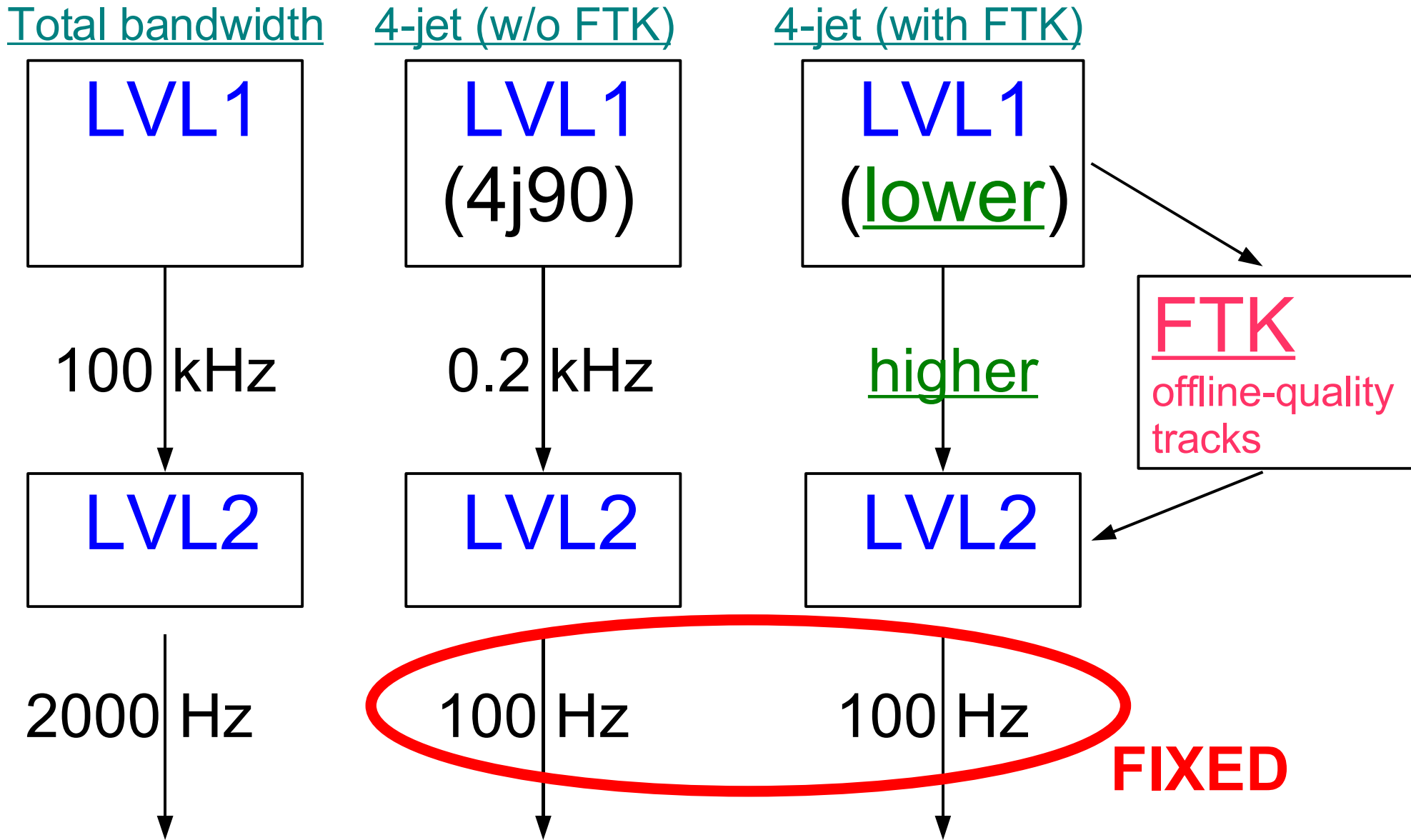
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# Plan

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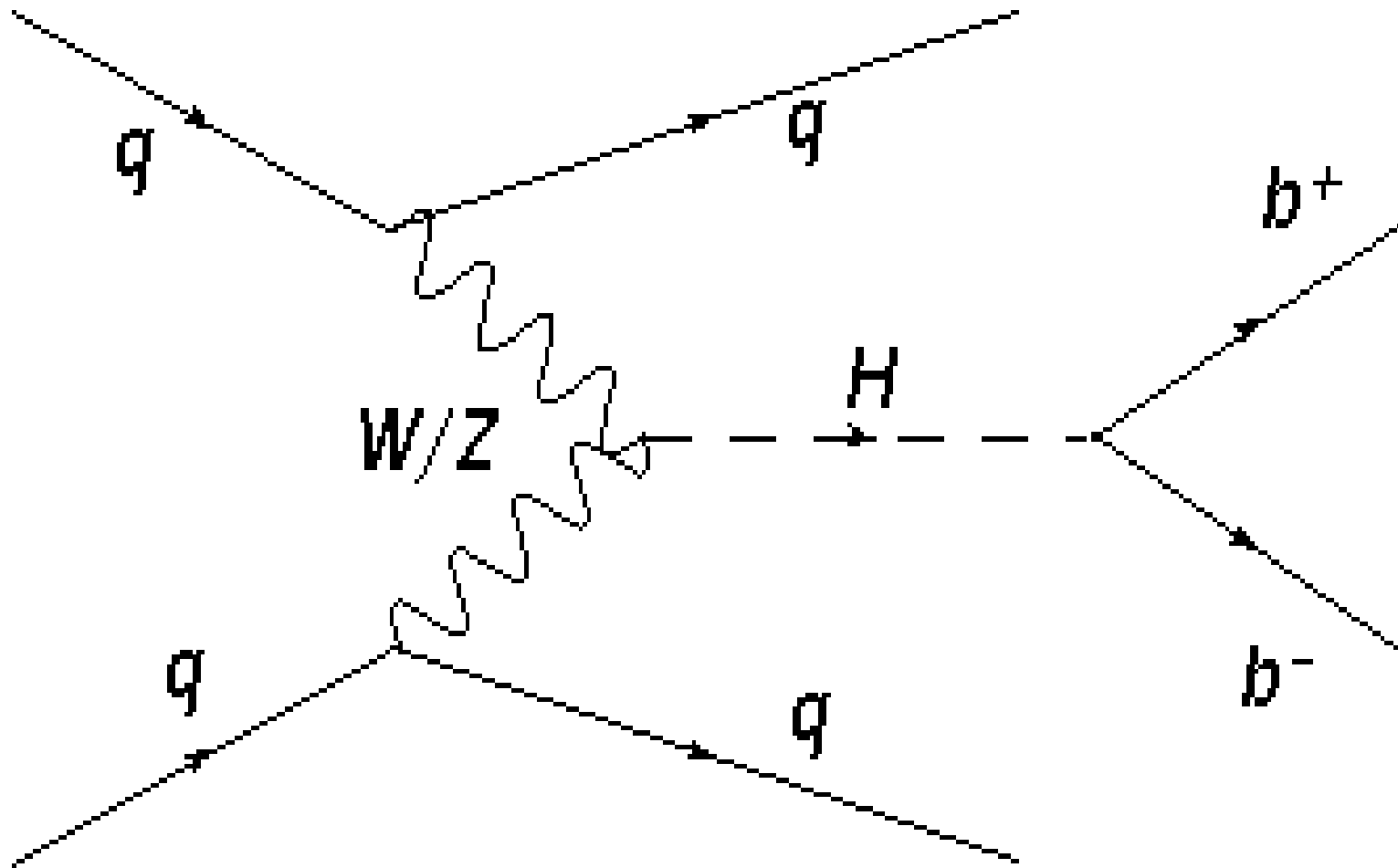
# Motivation: FTK physics case



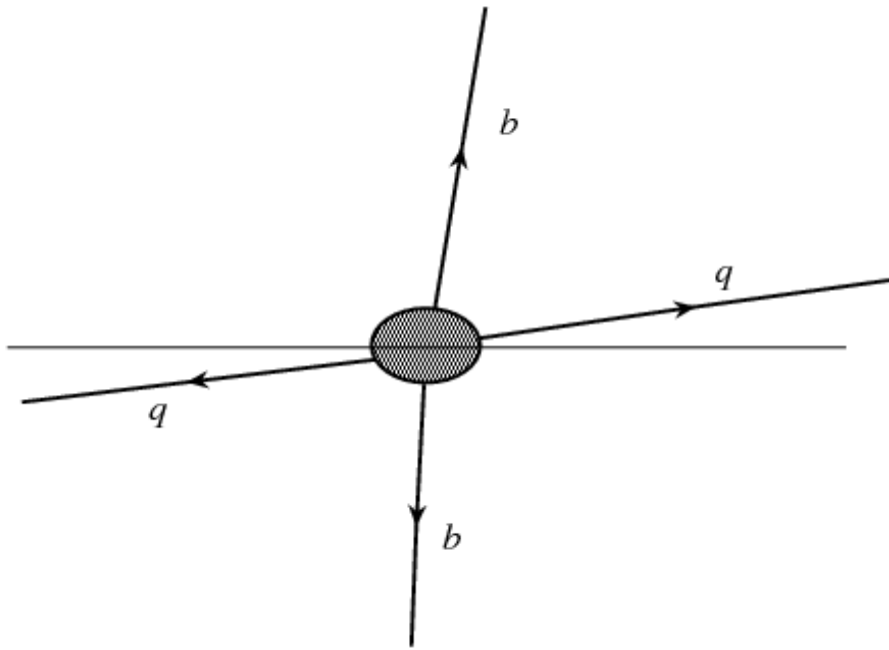
**FTK** { improves b-tagging  
allows to decrease LVL1 thresholds

# Physics process

- ★ Standard Model **Higgs decaying to b-bbar**.
- ★ Production mechanism: **Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)**



# Process details



No color exchange between interacting partons ==>

- Two *b*-jets in the central Eta-region
- Two *forward jets*
- Little activity in-between

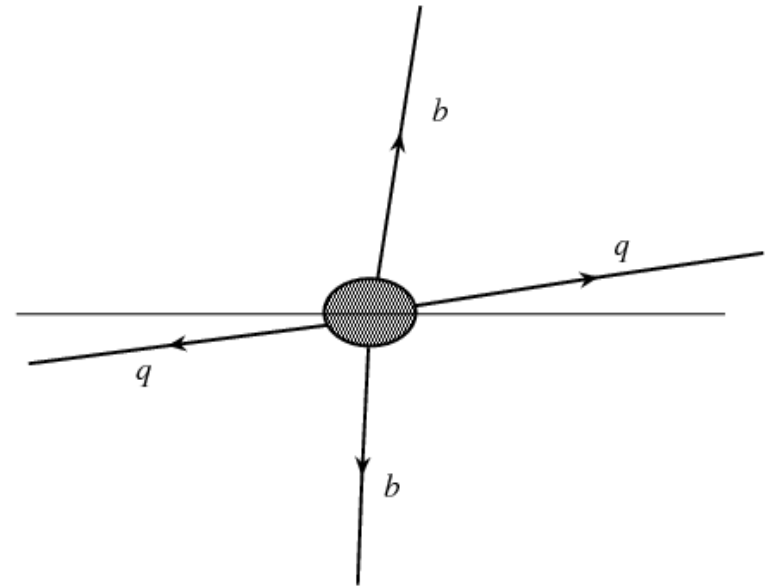
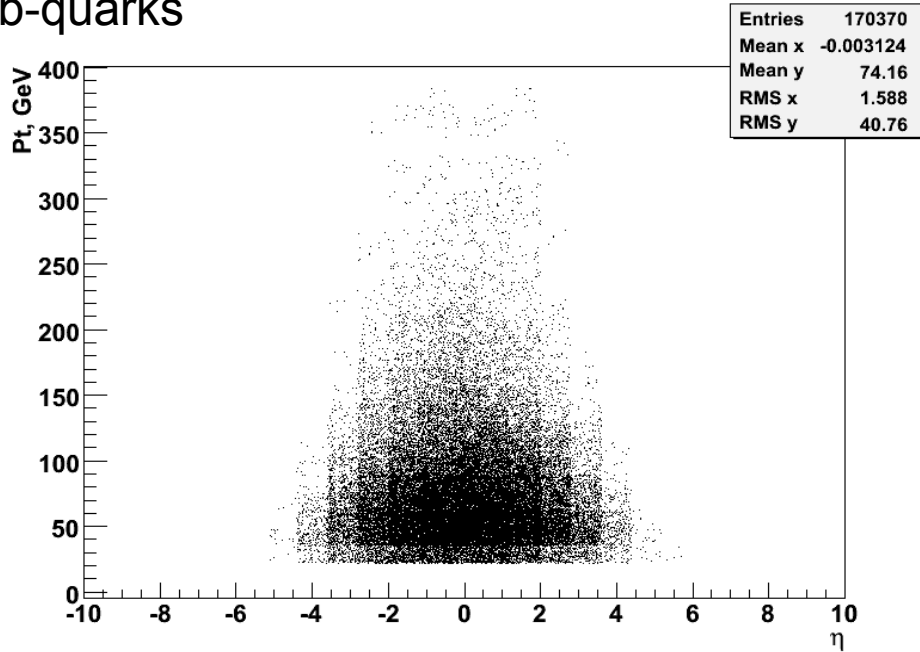
Mass range: 115 GeV to ~160 GeV (2x W mass)

In this talk: **115 GeV SM Higgs**

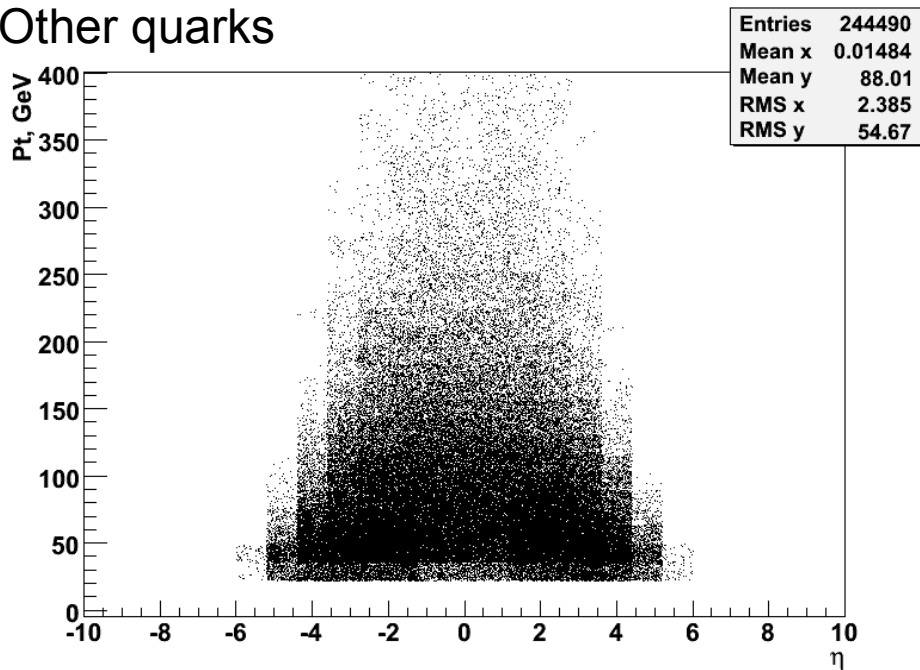
$\sigma_{\text{sec}} = 3.15 \text{ pb}$  (via Pythia 6.3) – very low

# MC truth

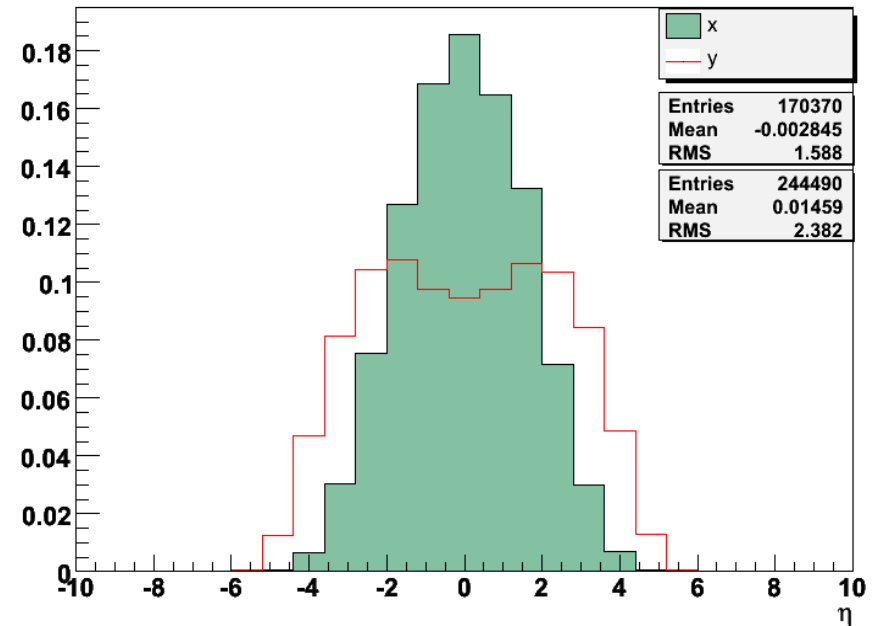
## b-quarks



## Other quarks



## Eta of b-quarks (green) & other quarks (red)



# Background

Generic QCD background: Erik's **Sherpa** samples.

Erik showed that 2->2 processes are negligible after trigger.

==> Using 2->3 only with  $y_t = 25, 40, 50$  GeV

$y_t = 25$  GeV:  $X_{\text{sec}} = 3.2\text{E}7$  pb

$y_t = 40$  GeV:  $X_{\text{sec}} = 3.8\text{E}6$  pb

$y_t = 50$  GeV:  $X_{\text{sec}} = 1.3\text{E}6$  pb

for signal :  $X_{\text{sec}} = 3.15$  pb



Looks pretty bleak!

# Generation & Simulation

**Signal:** 115 GeV VBF H->bbar

Generated in Athena 11.0.42  
(Pythia 6.3)

Fast-simulated in Atlfast  
(output to CBNT)

**Background:** generic QCD

Generated in Sherpa

Fast-simulated in Atlfast  
(output to CBNT)

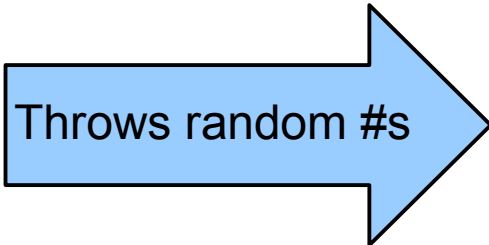


All analysis was done using AtlfastB kinematic variables:

- ✓ PTJETB/EEJETB 4-momenta (includes corrections)
- ✓ KFJET jet type (excludes b-tagging)

# b-tagging

**ATLFAST** – primitive b-tagging capability (*KFJETB*):

KFJET:	Tag prob		#A	# < tag prob	tagged?	KFJETB:
u	0.01		0.41	0.41 < 0.01	NO	u
d	0.01		0.91	0.91 < 0.01	NO	d
c	0.1		0.05	0.05 < 0.1	YES	<b>b</b>
b	0.6		0.24	0.24 < 0.6	YES	<b>b</b>

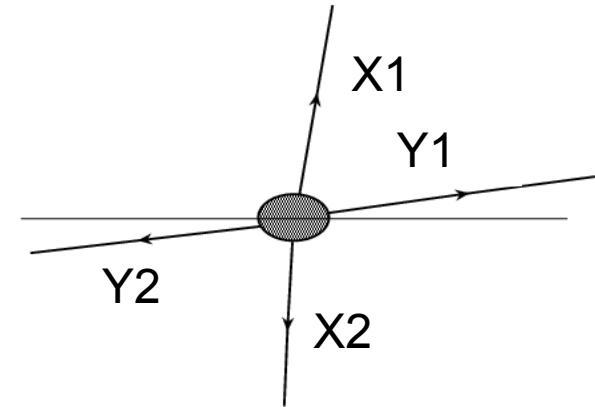
Losing a lot of statistics!

## MANUAL B-TAGGING:

We can construct a binomial decomposition of all b-tagging possibilities and consider **ALL** of them in our analysis. We can **gain a lot of statistics** compared to ATLFAST b-tagging!

KFJET:	KFJETB:	KFJETB:	KFJETB:	KFJETB:		
q	q	q	q	b	... $\left[ 2^{N_{JET}} \text{ terms} \right]$	} Adds up to 1.0
q	q	q	b	q		
q	q	b	b	q		
b	b	b	b	q		
Weight:	$0.99 \cdot 0.99^*$	$0.99 \cdot 0.99^*$	$0.99 \cdot 0.01^*$	$0.01 \cdot 0.99^*$		
	$0.9 \cdot 0.6$	$0.1 \cdot 0.6$	$0.1 \cdot 0.6$	$0.9 \cdot 0.4$		

# Choosing jets



For each event/tagging possibility:

- Find highest-Pt b-jet; call it **X1**
- Find second-highest-Pt b-jet; call it **X2**
- For  $\text{Eta} > 0$ , find the highest-Pt jet; call it **Y1**
- For  $\text{Eta} < 0$ , find the highest-Pt jet; call it **Y2**

If two X's (b-jets) and two Y's (forward jets) found, proceed with analysis; otherwise **fail the event**.

# Kinematic cuts - summary

A variety of **Eta**, **Pt**, and **Veto cuts** were applied depending on SIG-vs-BG distributions.

For instance, for  $y_t=25$  Gev sample, 4j40, I used:

- ◆ *Pt of X-jets > 30 GeV*
- ◆ *Pt of Y-jets > 40 GeV*
- ◆ *|Eta[Y1]-Eta[Y2]| > 2.8*
- ◆ *Myy (invariant mass of Y-jets) > 400 GeV*

# deltaEta>2.8; M<sub>YY</sub>>400GeV

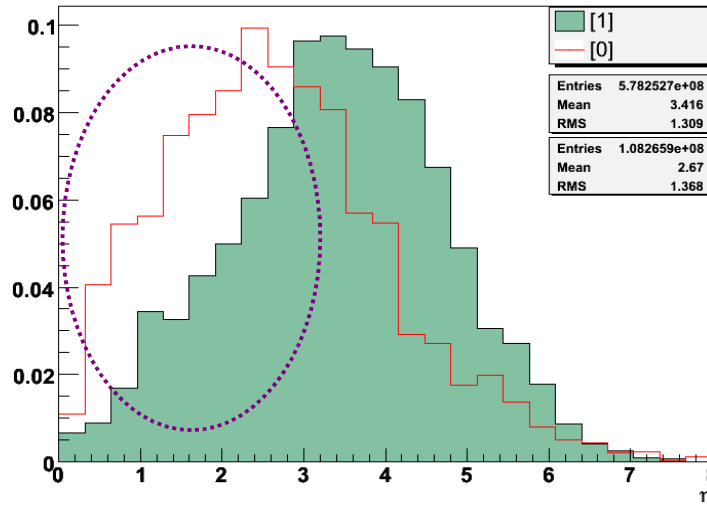
Blue=SIG  
Red=BG

deltaEta of Y-jets

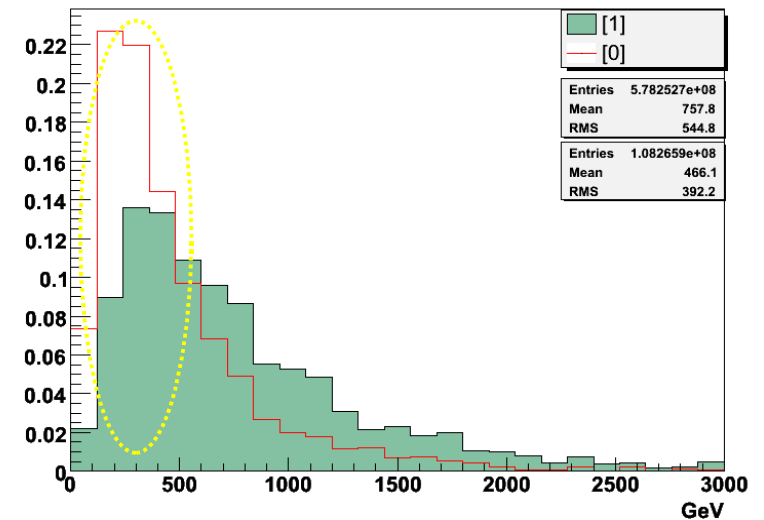
M<sub>YY</sub> of Y-jets

Before:

1. Delta-Eta between Y-jets, [1] and [0]

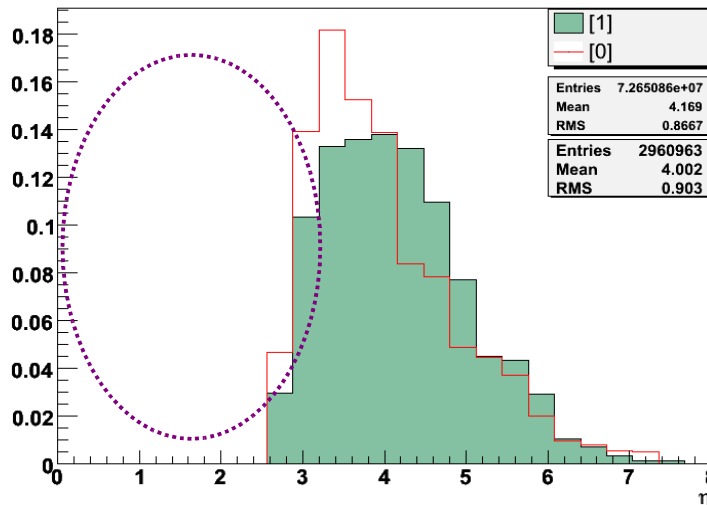


1. M<sub>YY</sub> distribution, [1] and [0]

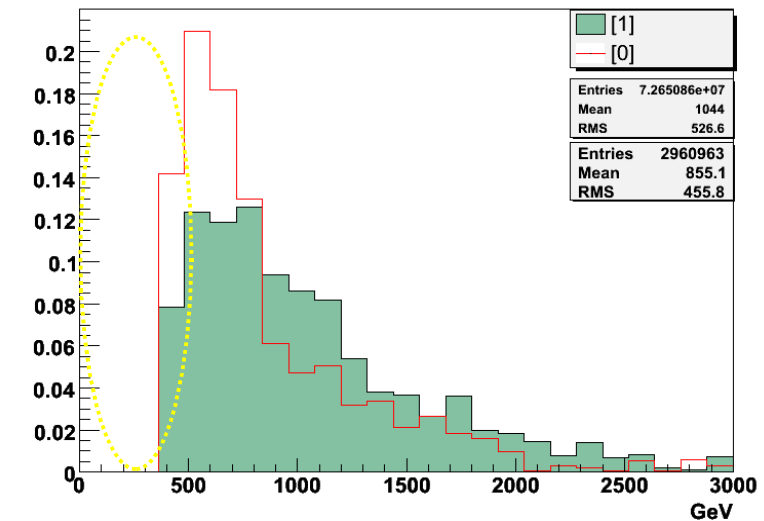


After:

1. Delta-Eta between Y-jets, [1] and [0]



1. M<sub>YY</sub> distribution, [1] and [0]



# Pt[X]>30GeV; Pt[Y]>40GeV

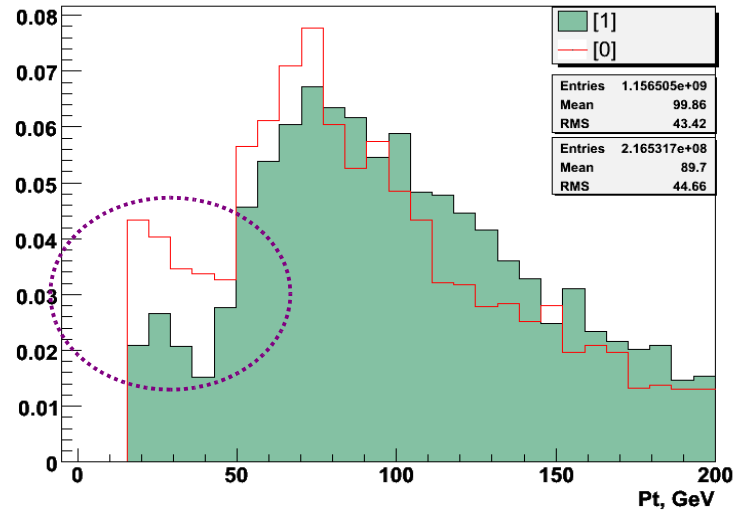
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Pt of X-jets (aka b-jets)

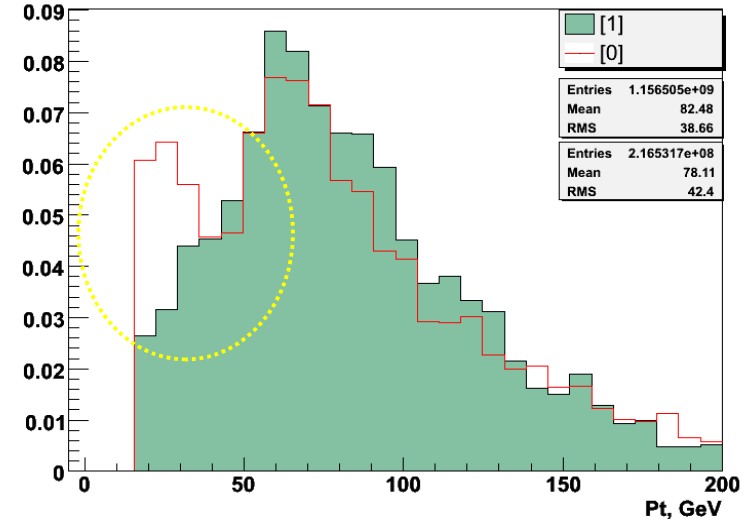
Pt of Y-jets (aka forward jets)

Before:

1. Pt of Y-jets, [1] and [0]

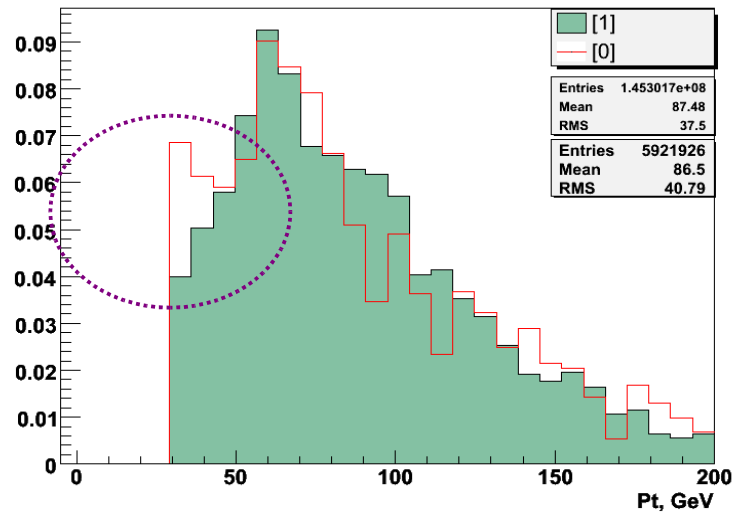


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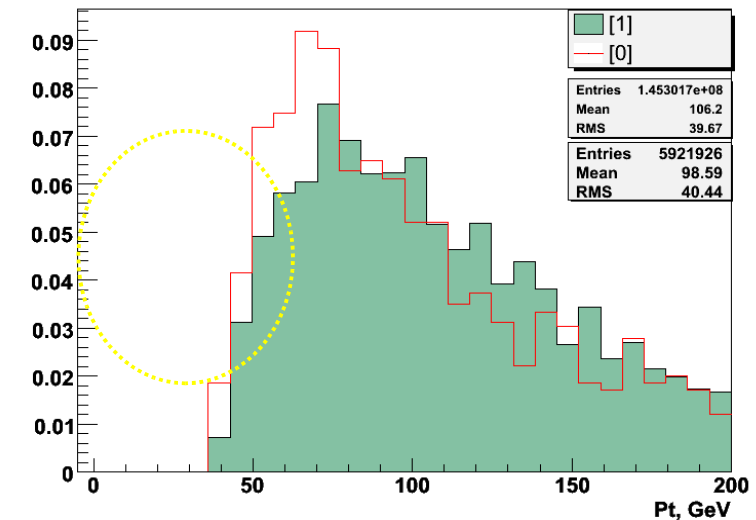


After:

1. Pt of X-jets, [1] and [0]



1. Pt of Y-jets, [1] and [0]



# LVL1 Trigger

Erik's parametrizations:

Atfast Jet Pt versus Full-Simulated 8x8 CaloCluster Et.

Kohei's studies of trigger rates:

With FTK, we can lower the 4JXX trigger by 20-30 GeV.

In this talk, the following triggers are considered:

**4j40, 4j50, 4j60**

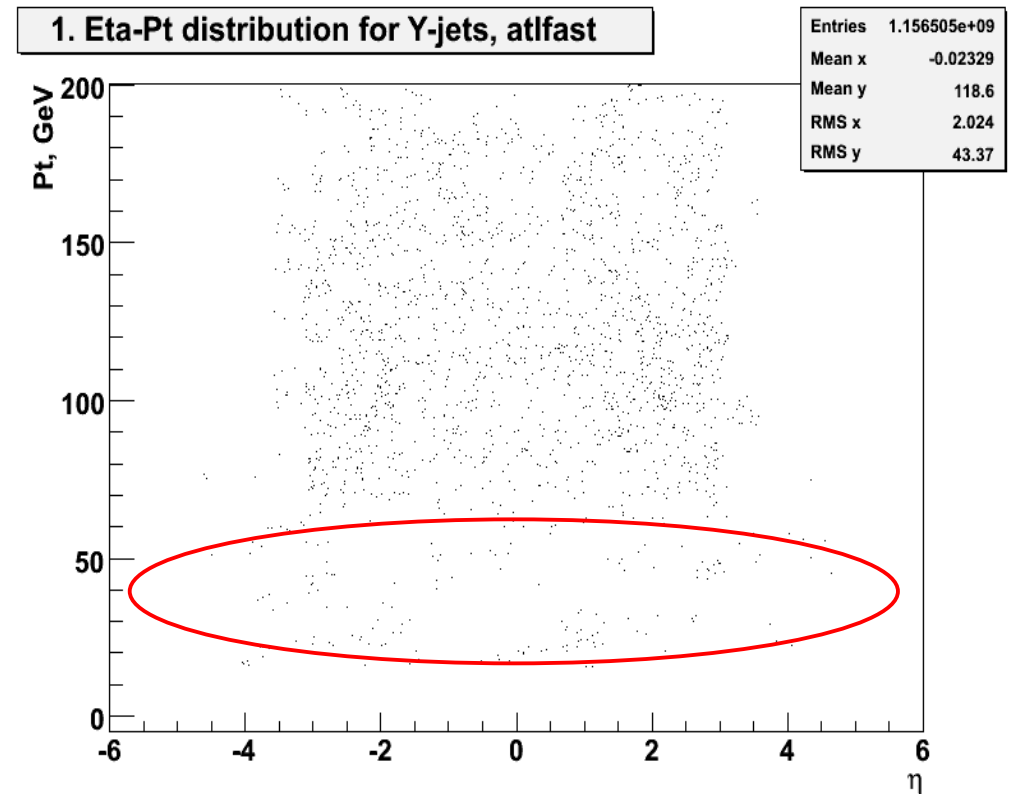
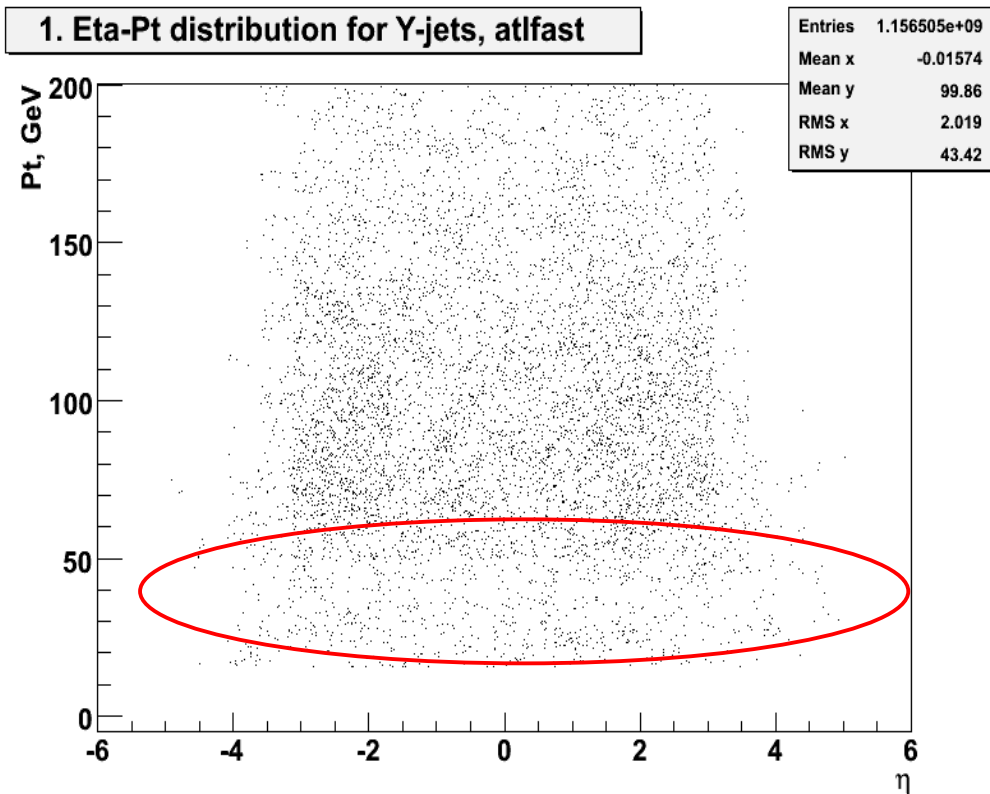
← 8x8 CaloCluster Et

Each event is **accepted with weight** given by probability to pass a trigger.

# 4j40 vs 4j60

## Forward jets; 4j40

## Forward jets; 4j60

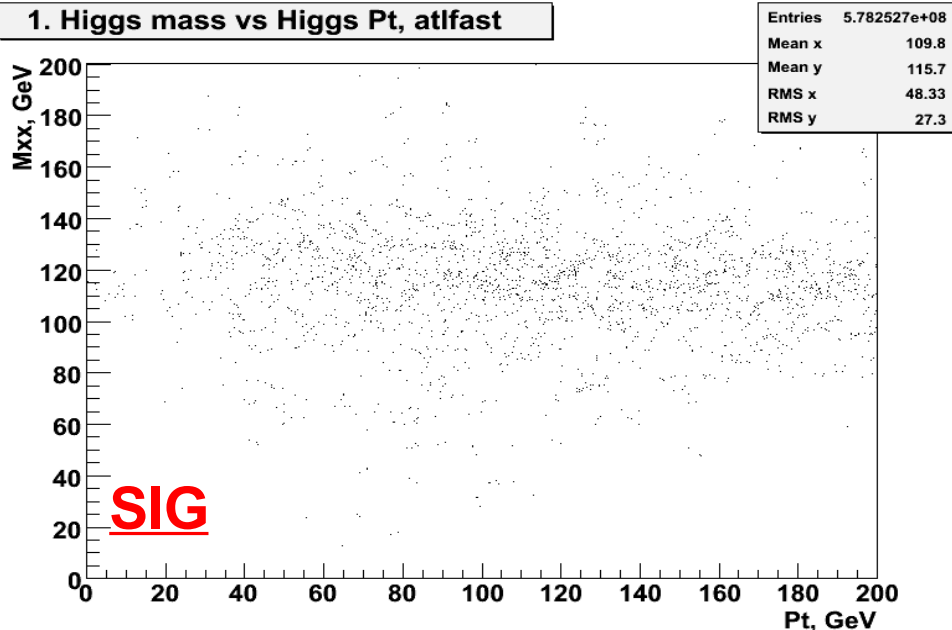


The region below  $Pt=60$  GeV got almost empty once trigger was increased to 60 GeV.

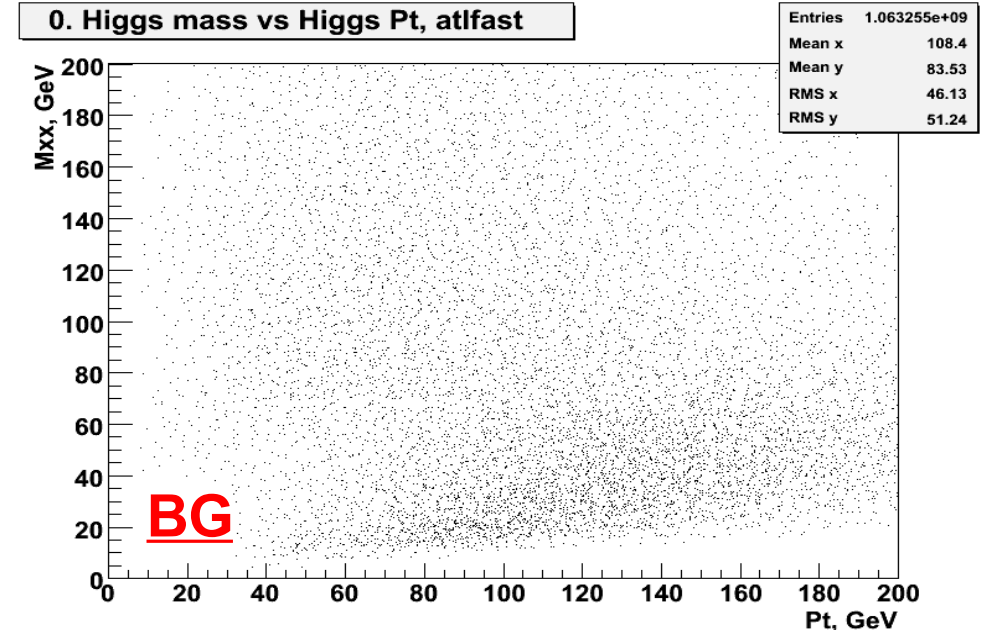
Why are there some jets left below 60 GeV? That's because the **trigger threshold = 8x8 CaloCluster Et**, while the vertical scale is **Atlfast Pt**. The two are related by Erik's parametrization.

# Mbb (115 GeV); yt=50; 4j40

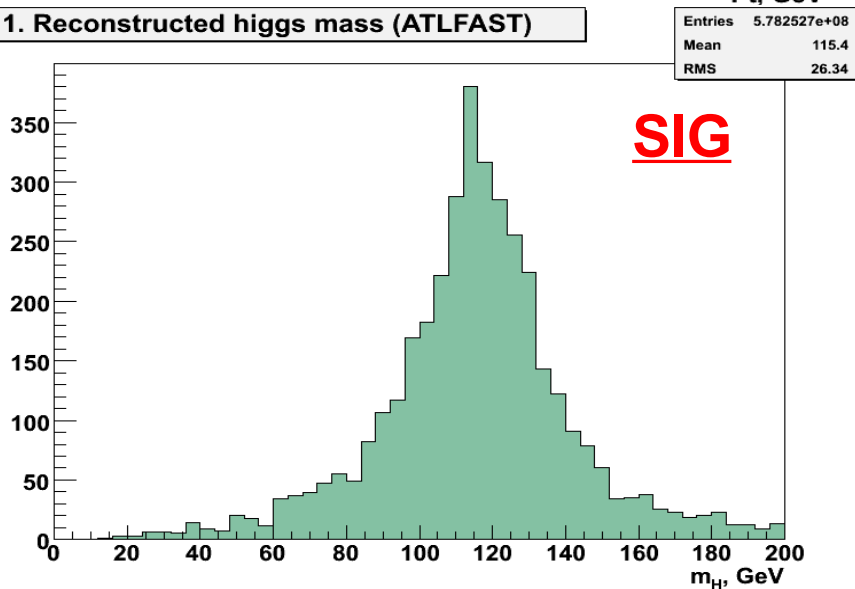
Reconstructed Higgs Mass-vs-Pt (**SIG**)  
(before kinematic cuts)



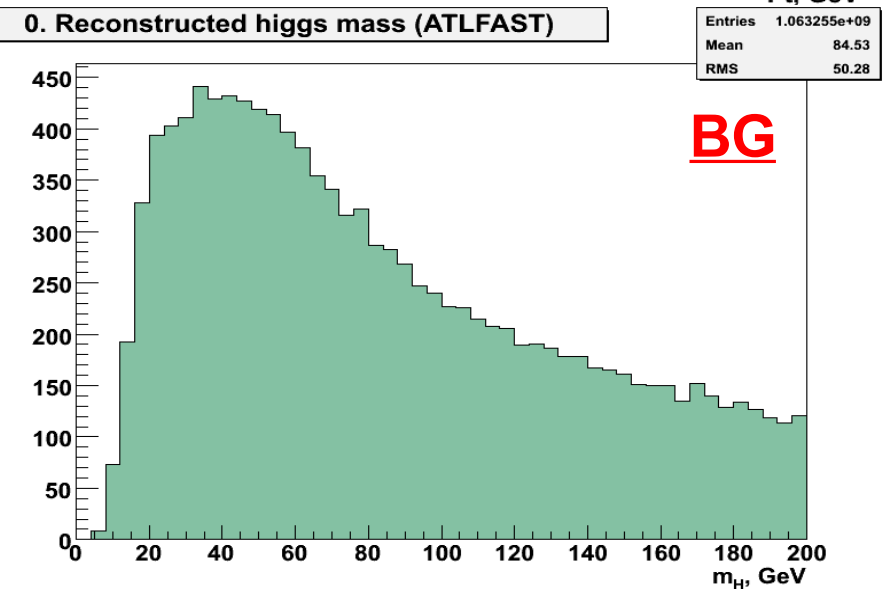
Reconstructed Higgs Mass-vs-Pt (**BG**)  
(before kinematic cuts)



1. Reconstructed higgs mass (ATLFAST)



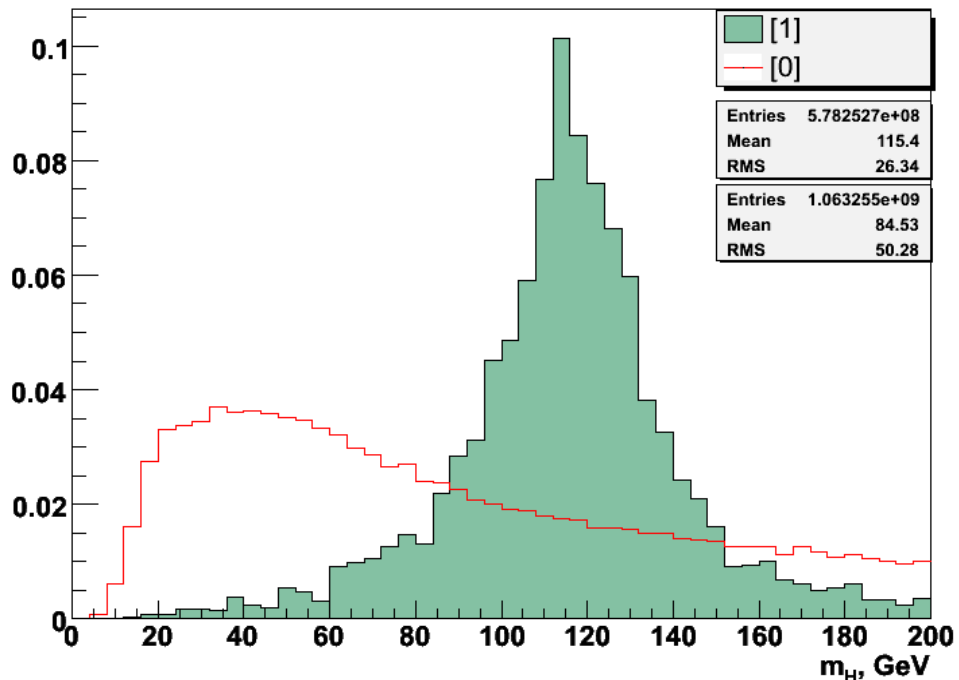
0. Reconstructed higgs mass (ATLFAST)



# Mbb; yt=50; 4j40

Before kinematic cuts:

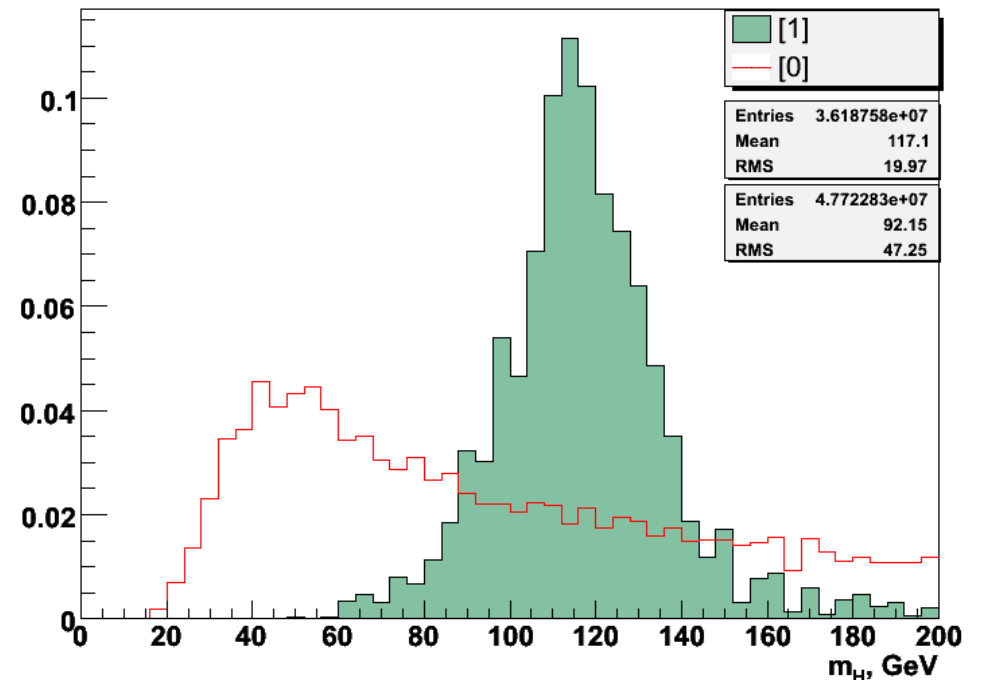
1. M\_XX for [1] and [0], norm to unity



~4k SIG events  
~16k BG events

After kinematic cuts:

1. M\_XX for [1] and [0], norm to unity



~1.5k SIG events  
~2k BG events

- Signal peaks close to 115 GeV
- Enough statistics to see the background shape (~falling exponent)

# Mbb; yt=50; 4j40 – jet Pt's

yt=50 GeV sets the Pt scale for the jets: Pt > 50 GeV

But we require the energy deposition of 40 GeV in 8x8 Calo cells

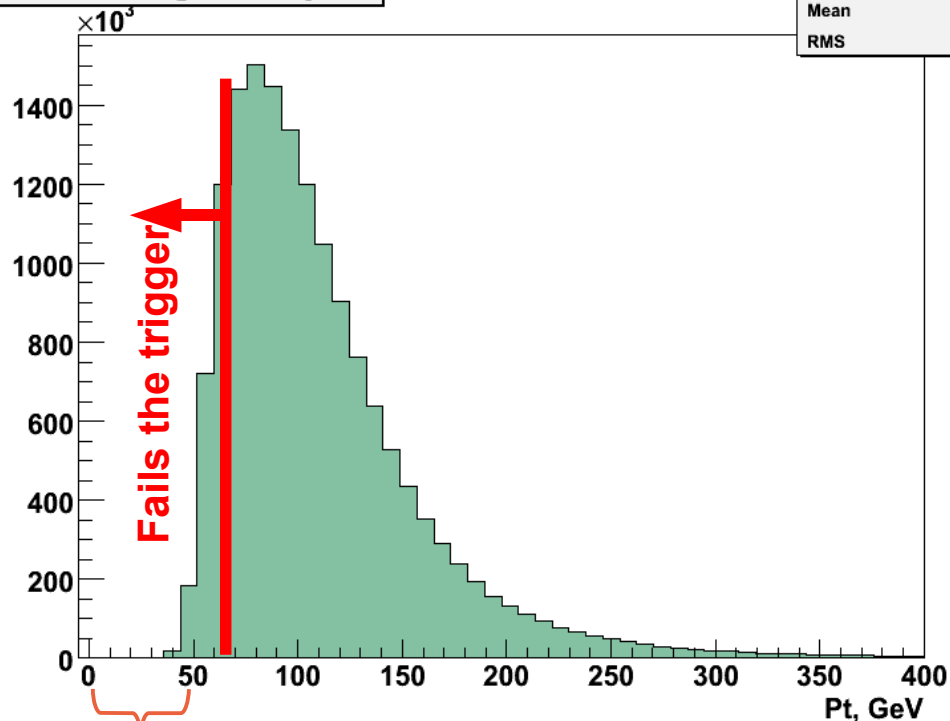
**Do we cover all of the phase space?** - the answer appears to be Yes

40 GeV 8x8 Et <--> 60-70 GeV Atleast Pt

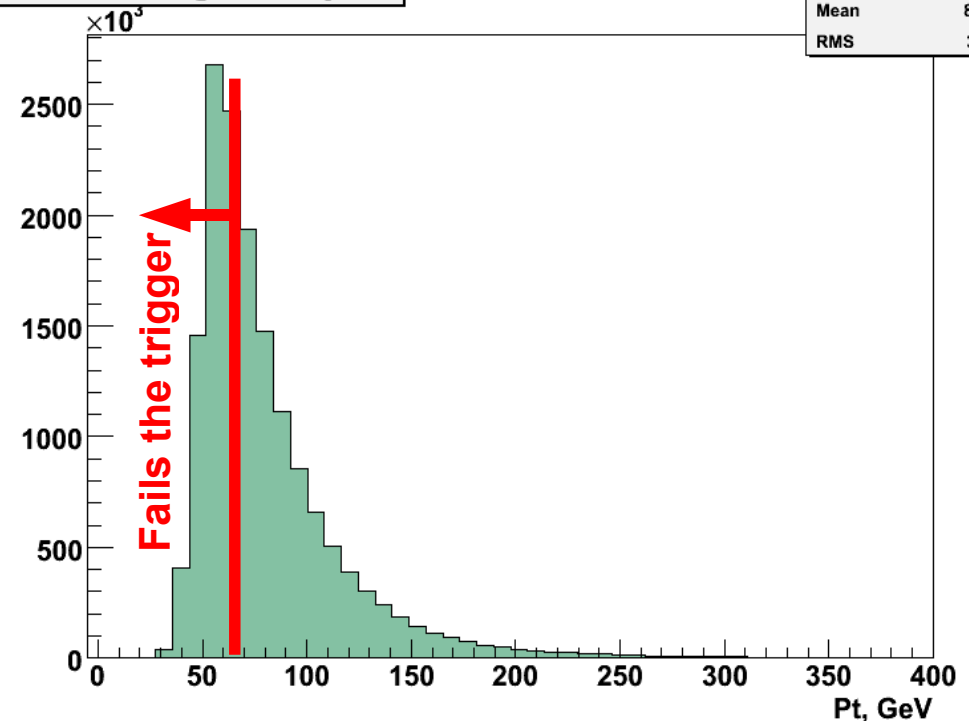
(via Erik's and Kohei's studies)

Transverse momentum of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest-Pt jets in the sherpa yt=50 sample

Pt of 1st-highest Pt jet



Pt of 2nd-highest Pt jet

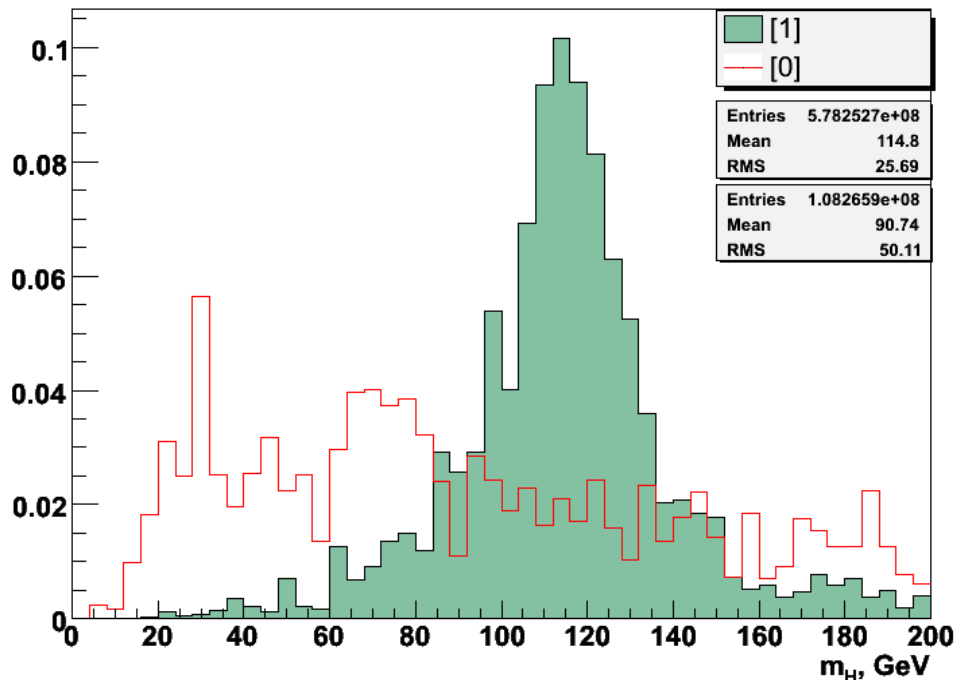


Missing phase space

# Mxx (b-bbar); yt=25; 4j60

Before kinematic cuts:

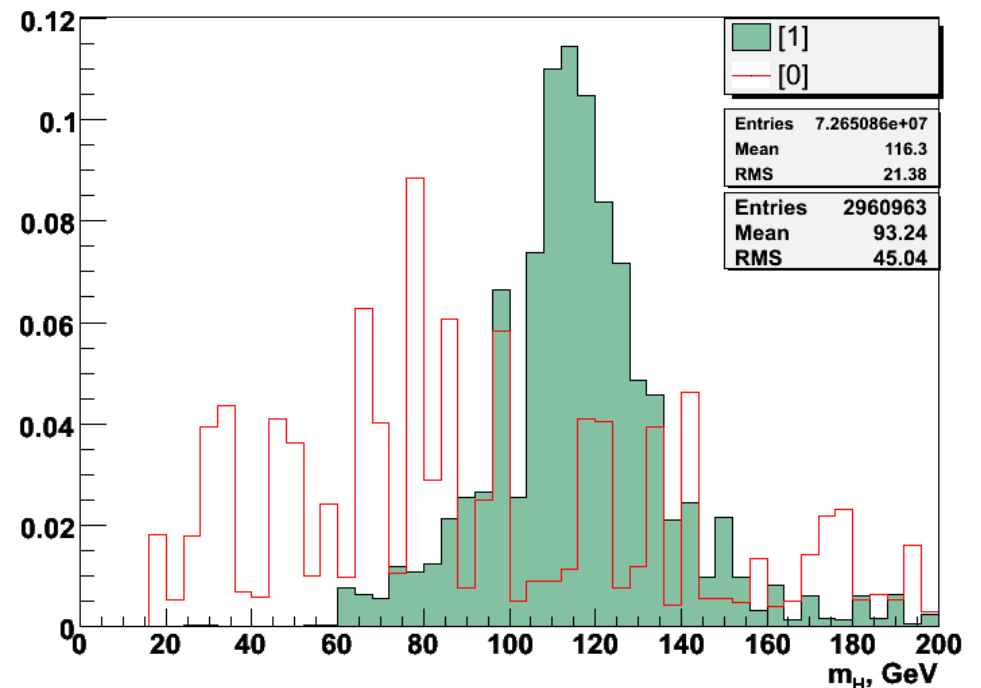
1. M\_XX for [1] and [0], norm to unity



~1482 SIG events  
~73 BG events

After kinematic cuts:

1. M\_XX for [1] and [0], norm to unity



~821 SIG events  
~16 BG events

- Signal still peaks close to 115 GeV
- **Not enough statistics** for BG (however, I've shown the worst case)

# Significance

Assuming 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> of LHC data (~3 years at full luminosity)

1<sup>st</sup> try:

$\frac{\#SIG}{\sqrt{\#BG}} = 2 \text{ to } 2.5$  (depending on trigger)

=> Looks **hopeless as a discovery channel!**

As a precision measurement channel:

We can exploit our approximate knowledge of Higgs Mass.

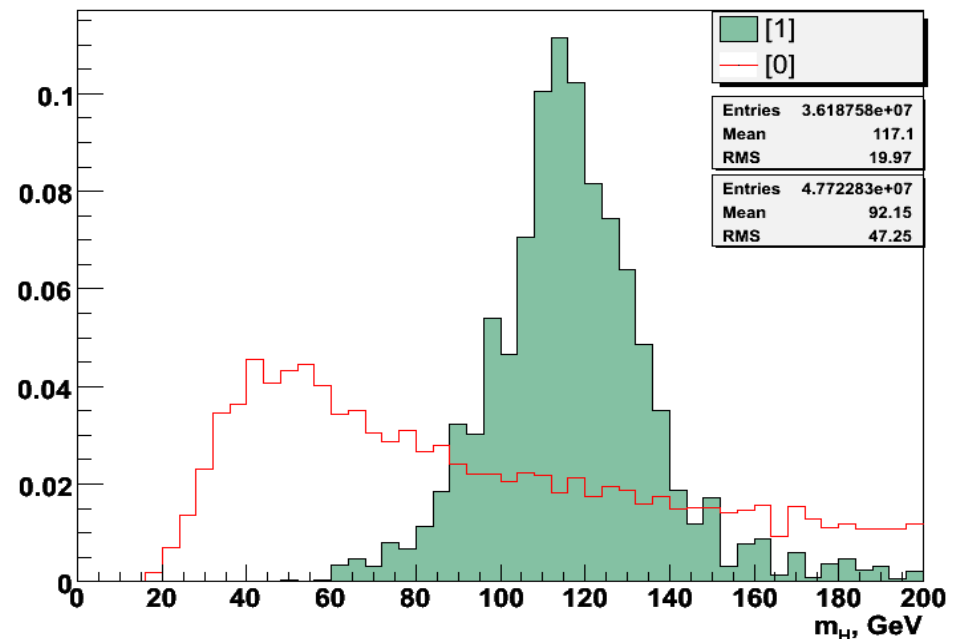
2<sup>nd</sup> try:

$\frac{\#SIG[80..140]}{\sqrt{\#BG[80..140]}}$

- nominator stays nearly the same;  
denominator reduces significantly  
=> significance improves

**Doesn't take into account  
quality of BG fit!**

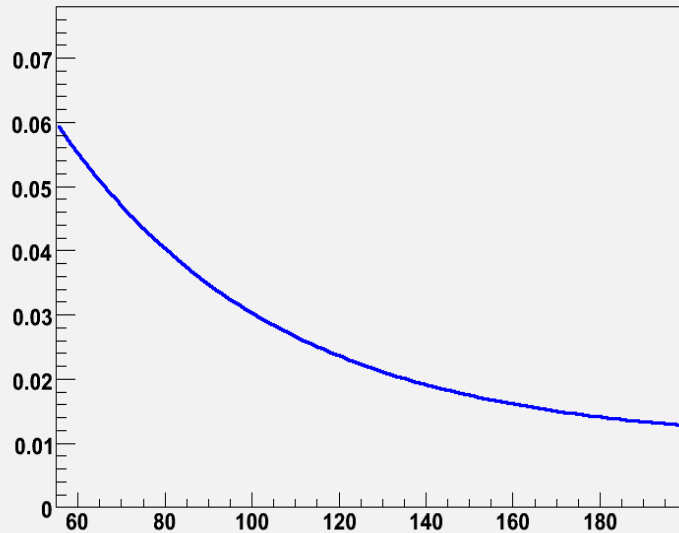
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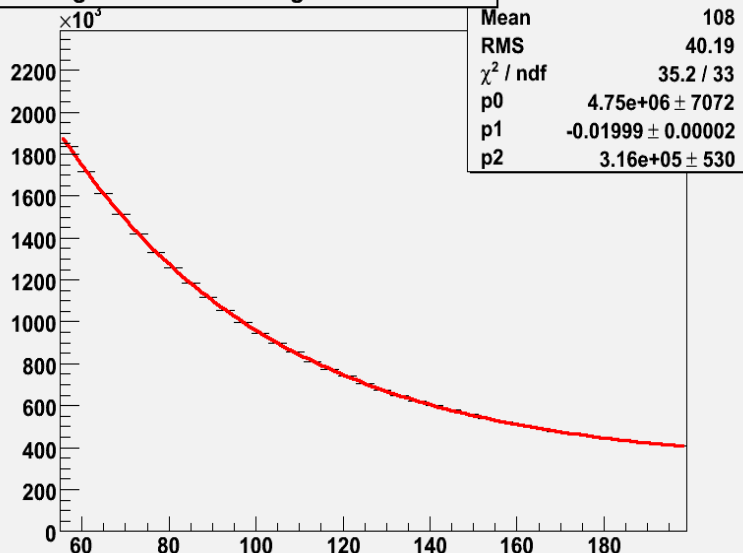
# Significance (improved)

3<sup>rd</sup> try:

$(0.15)*\exp((-0.02)*x)+(0.01)$



Data generated according to a function



1. Get enough BG data to deduce its shape. Suppose it follows a **falling exponential between 55..200 GeV**.

2. Generate random events whose distribution function is given by the above function. **#events generated = #BG events expected after 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> of LHC data** (calculated using pass prob and Xsection).

3. Fit the histogram to a given functional shape and obtain **errors on fit parameters** [red curve in the plot].

4. **Propagate these errors** to the **error on the integral under the fitted curve over the region where we expect higgs signal** (e.g 80..135). This value will be a denominator in  $\#SIG[80..135]/\text{delta}\{BG[80..135]\}$

**In the plots presented:** yt=50 GeV; trig=4j40

After 300fb<sup>-1</sup>:

#BG[0..200]=33M BG; #BG[55..200)=30M

**sqrt(#BG[55..200]) = 6330; delta{#BG[55..200]}=6329**

**sqrt(#BG[80..135]) = 2830; delta{#BG[80..135]}=3200**

**Red line** shows that over the whole range, this algorithm just gives  $\text{delta}\{BG\} \sim \text{sqrt}\{BG\}$



# Significance - results

Significance as a function of LVL1 (8x8) threshold (4jXX):

		4j60	4j50	4j40
yt=25	#SIG/sqrt(#BG)	2.0+/-0.3	2.2+/-0.3	2.4+/-0.3
	#SIG/delta(#BG)	<b>2.7+/-0.5</b>	<b>3.2+/-0.5</b>	<b>3.6+/-0.5</b>
yt=40	#SIG/sqrt(#BG)	2.1+/-0.3	2.3+/-0.3	2.5+/-0.3
	#SIG/delta(#BG)	<b>2.9+/-0.5</b>	<b>3.2+/-0.4</b>	<b>3.8+/-0.5</b>
yt=50	#SIG/sqrt(#BG)	1.9+/-0.2	2.1+/-0.2	2.3+/-0.3
	#SIG/delta(#BG)	<b>2.7+/-0.5</b>	<b>2.9+/-0.3</b>	<b>3.5+/-0.4</b>

## Summary:

- Results independent of yt cut => GOOD!
- **30% improvement in significance**
- Significance is still less than 5 :-)

# BUT

Not a discovery channel -> *significance not important*  
Interested in: **coupling of Higgs to b-quarks**

# Coupling strength - method

**In real life:**

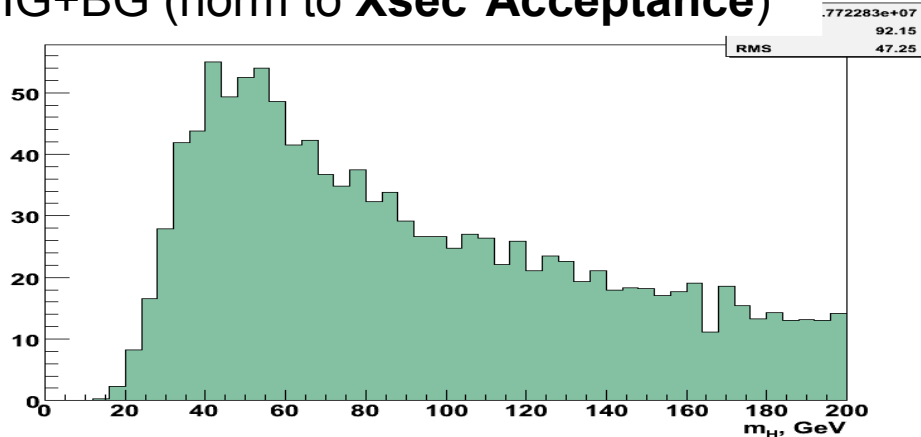
1. From another channel (e.g.,  $H \rightarrow \text{gamgam}$ ), we will get **higgs mass and width**.

2. **Fit the data to a function** (e.g., falling expo) between 50 GeV and 200 GeV. Exclude the expected higgs-region from the fit.

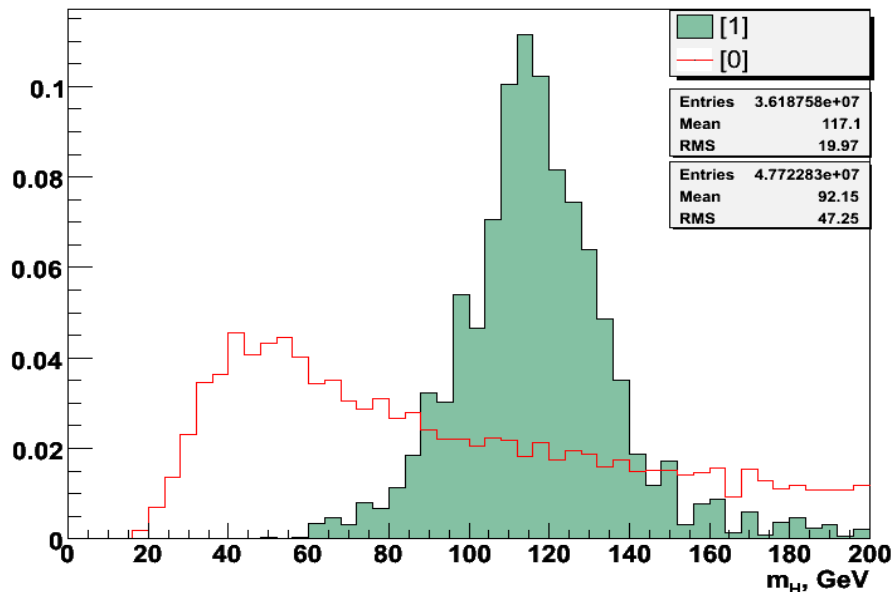
3. **Interpolate the fit** to the expected-higgs region and predict #BG.

4. Subtract #BG from #SIG+#BG to **get #SIG**

SIG+BG (norm to Xsec\*Acceptance)



SIG,BG (norm to unity)



**In this study:**

1. The signal is around 80..135 GeV. **Get #SIG and #BG from Atfast plots** (on the right).

2. Let #BG and #TOT=(#SIG+#BG) be **gaussian-distributed vars** with  $\sigma = \sqrt{\dots}$ .

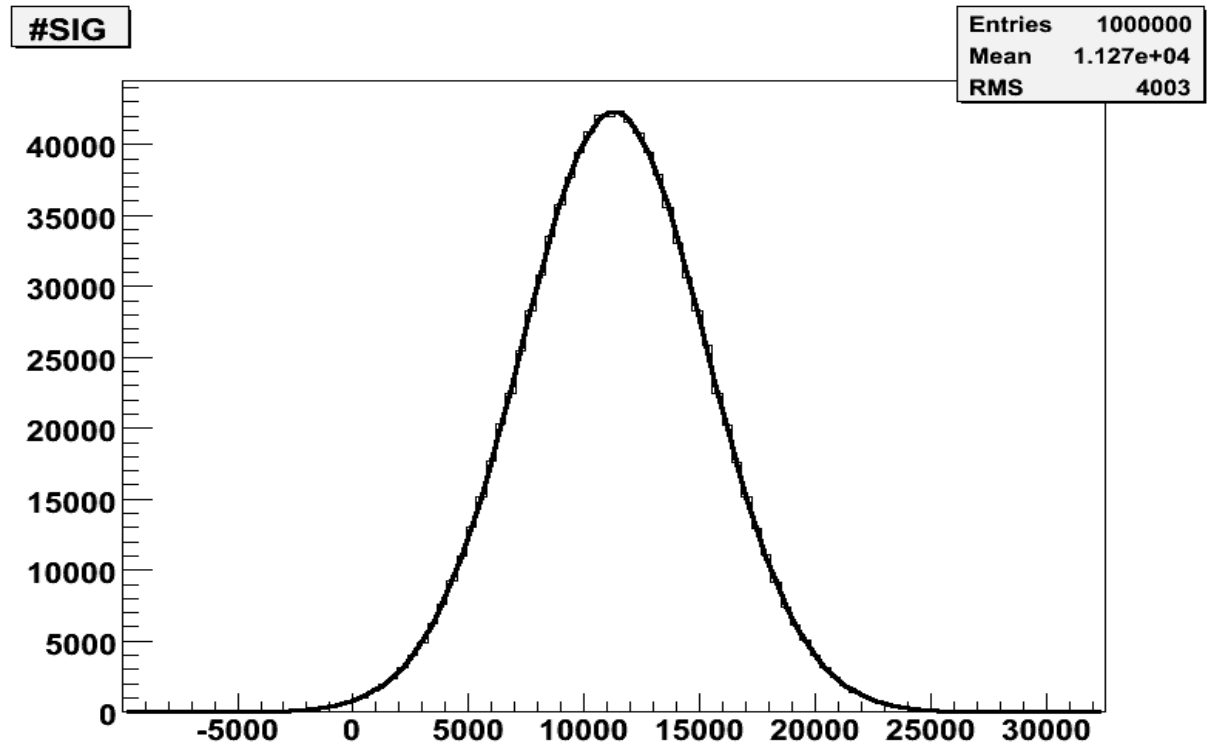
3. Run a **toy-MC** that gets #BG and #TOT from the gaussian and computes #SIG.

4. Fit the result to a gaussian; get **sigma of #SIG**.

# Coupling strength - results

#SIG=(#TOT-#BG)  
1M MC trials  
 (4j40)

In 80..135 GeV



Trigger	Via Atlfast reconstruction		#SIG+#BG	Monte-Carlo results		d(#SIG)/#SIG
	#SIG	#BG	#TOT	MC #SIG	MC d(#SIG)	% error
4j60	4412	2019241	2023653	4410	2011	<b>46%</b>
4j50	7175	4247721	4254896	7172	2916	<b>41%</b>
4j40	11271	8014561	8025832	11267	4004	<b>36%</b>

- ◆ Improved our knowledge of coupling by 10%
- ◆ However, we are still talking about ~40% uncertainty!

# Problems and TODO

- Ignoring pile-up; using  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and assuming high luminosity – don't really know acceptable LVL1 thresholds.
- Multi-threshold LVL1 – possibility of improvement (Kohei's work)
- Large Eta problem – FIXME.
- In significance estimation, do function fit to a combined SIG+BG
- Explicit reconstruction of SIG out of SIG+BG combined histo
- Understand how we'd translate #SIG events expected to the coupling strength (i.e. How to compare with other higgs couplings)

# Reinventing the wheel

**Dual purpose:**

study physics  $\leftrightarrow$  learn C++/ROOT

Designed a stand-alone analysis framework:

- Customizable collection of cuts (14 types)
- Extensible to other physics channels
- Athena-style job-options (>50 settings)
- Multiple stages (cuts; BG param; reco)
- Ability to resume from a previous stage
- Fully scriptable => easy to run via Condor

C++ stack with Atfast ntuples

Parser for jobOptions and CLI args

TRepo

TParser

Pointers to current TTree vars

Settings given by jobOptions

TVars

TSettings

Main loop; cuts; trigger

Trigger cuts (thanks to Erik)

Time monitor

TStopWatch

TAnalysis

Lvl1JetTrigResponse

Lvl1EventPass

Analysis results (histos and values)

Plotting routines; memory allocator

TPlotter

TPlotterSkeleton

BG parametrization; estimation of significance

Settings for BG parametrization

TCouplings

TFit

TFitData

Reconstruction of SIG out of combined SIG+BG histo (both parametrized)

TReconstruction