

Search for Higgs decaying to exotic scalars at the ILC

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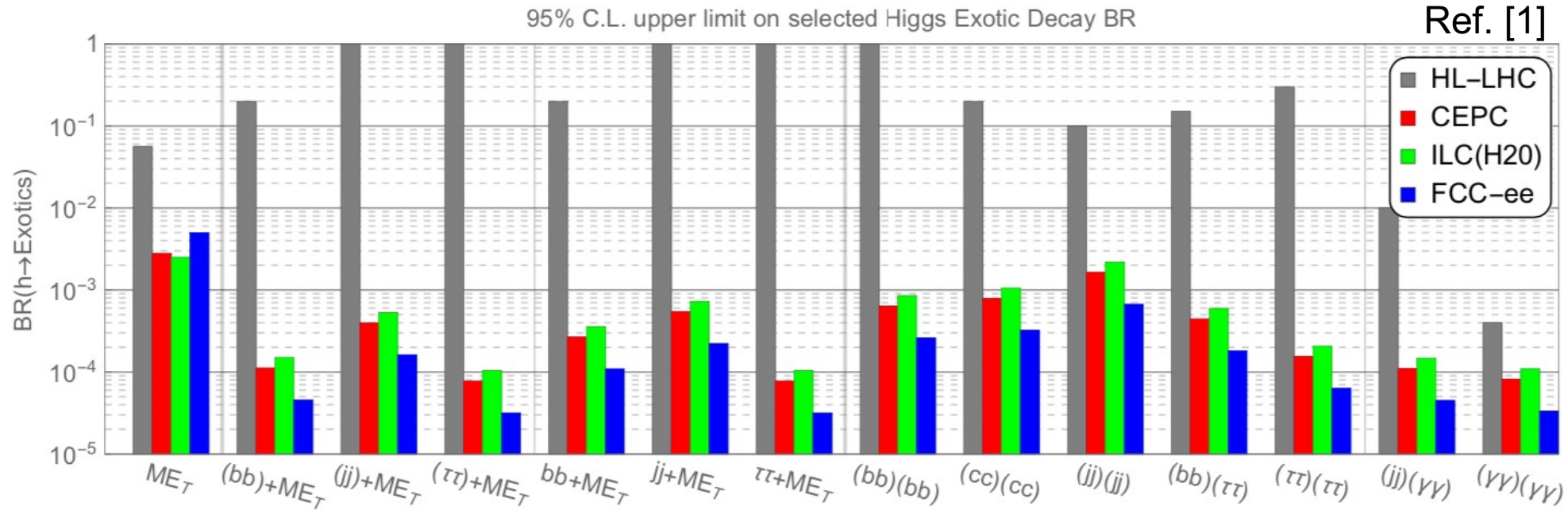
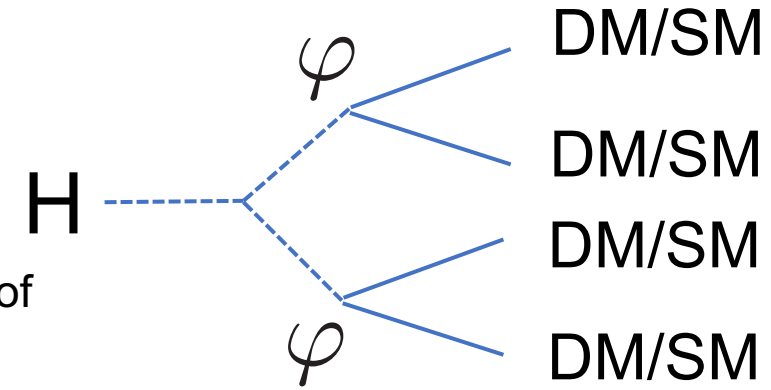
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*This work was carried out in the framework of the **ILD** concept group.*



Higgs exotic decay through scalar mediators

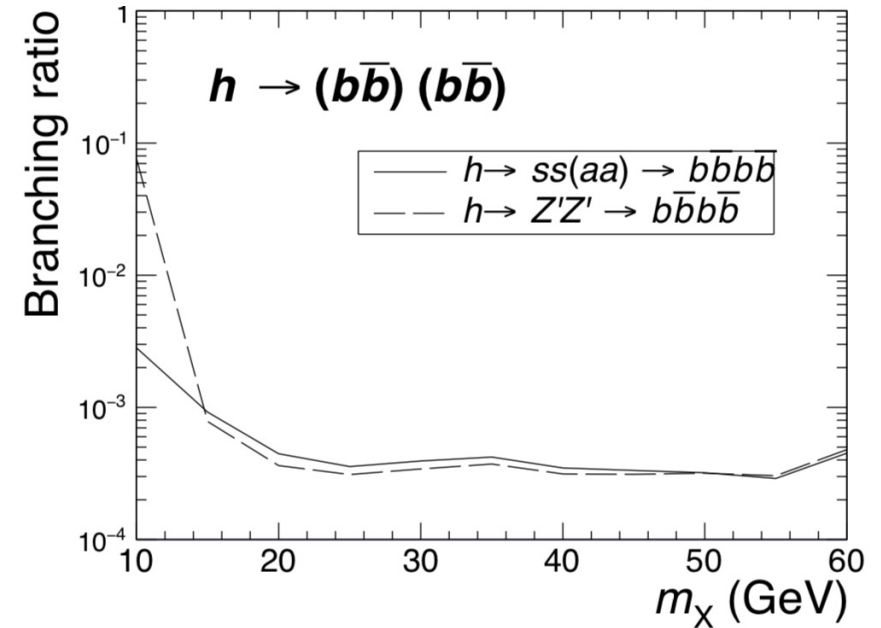
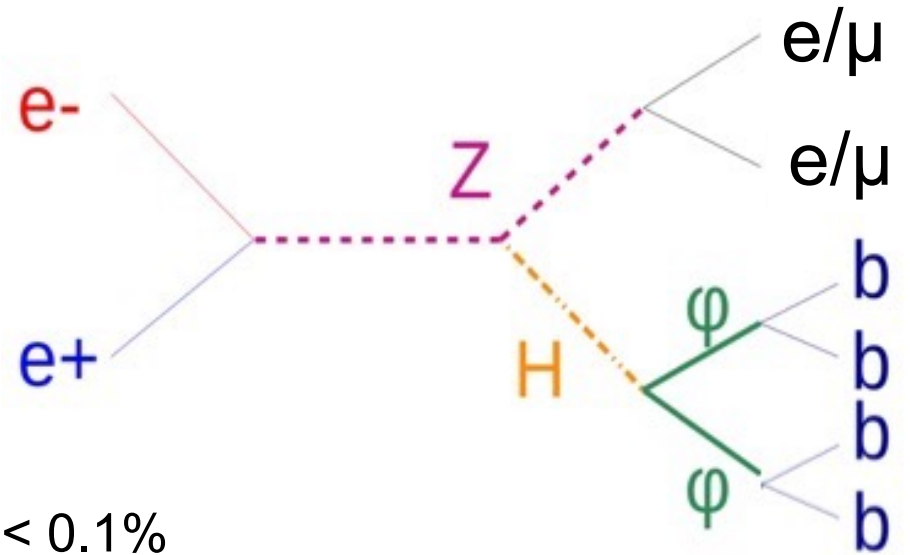
- Higgs can couple to WIMP DM through the scalar mediator.
- The mediator appears as the Higgs exotic decay.
- This study is **the first “full simulation” analysis** for $H \rightarrow \phi\phi$ at the ILC.
 - The below plot is the prospects from the previous phenomenological study of Higgs exotic decays at future collider experiments^[1].



[1] Zhen Liu, Lian-Tao Wang, Hao Zhang, “Exotic decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson at future $e+e-$ lepton colliders”, *Chinese Phys. C* **41** 063102, 2017, [arXiv:1612.09284 [hep-ph]]

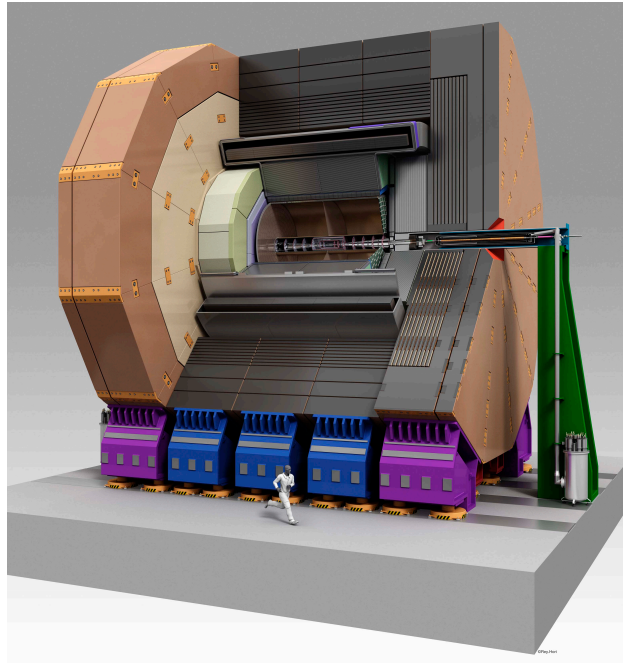
Search for Higgs $\rightarrow \varphi\varphi \rightarrow 4b$

- Target of this study:
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH, Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu, H \rightarrow \varphi\varphi \rightarrow 4b$
 - with **ILD full detector simulation**
 - Mediator mass range: 15 - 60 GeV
 - Previous study^[1]: 95% C.L. upper limit on $BR(H \rightarrow 4b) < 0.1\%$
- This study is a part of more general study of $H \rightarrow \varphi\varphi$ which includes invisible and partially invisible decays.

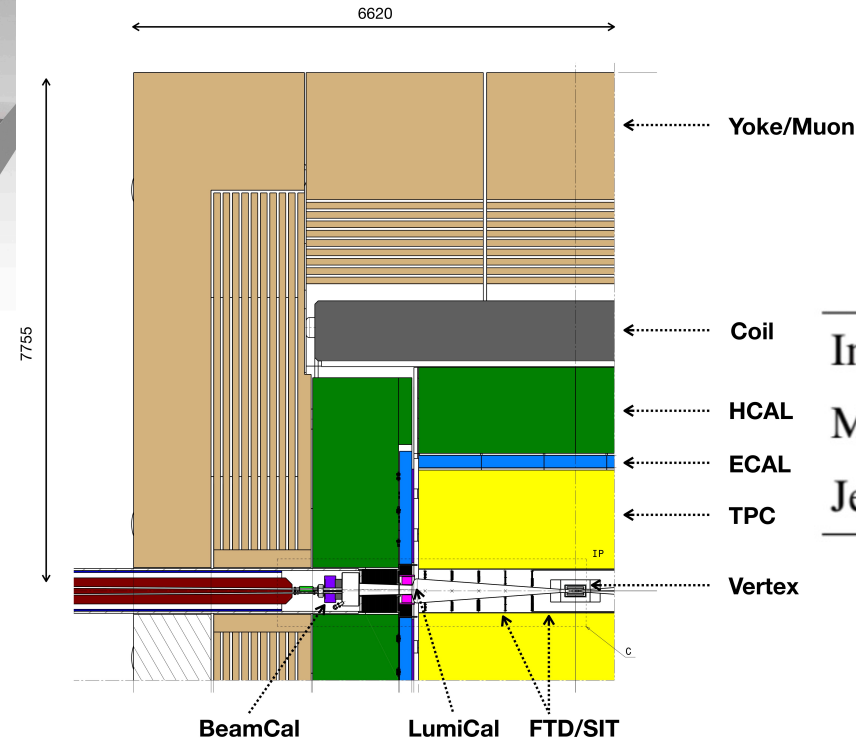


Ref. [1], CEPC 5 ab^{-1} scenario

International Large Detector



- One of the detector concepts at the ILC
- Optimized for **Particle Flow Algorithm**
 - Reconstruct & identify all the particles, especially hadron jets in this study (see details in backup)



Resolutions as the key detector performance

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Impact parameter | $\sigma_{r\phi} = 5 \oplus 10/p \cdot \sin^{3/2} \theta$ [μm] |
| Momentum | $\sigma_{1/p_T} \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$ [GeV^{-1}] |
| Jet energy | $\sigma_{E_{\text{jet}}}/E_{\text{jet}} \sim 3\%$ ($E_{\text{jet}} < 100\text{GeV}$) |

Simulation setup

- Generator: WHIZARD 2.8.5
 - Signal production
 - Assumption of ϕ mass: 15, 30, 45, 60 [GeV]
- Collider parameters:
 - ILC H20 scenario of $\sqrt{s} = 250$ GeV, Luminosity = 2 ab^{-1}
 - Polarization: $P(e^-, e^+) = \{ (-80\%, +30\%), (+80\%, -30\%) \}$

- Detector: Full simulation of latest ILD model

- Samples

- Signal: 20K events / ϕ mass / polarization
- Main backgrounds: Full events of mc-2020 production

[mc-2020: https://ild.ngt.ndu.ac.jp/mc-prod/prodmon/prodsum-mc2020.html](https://ild.ngt.ndu.ac.jp/mc-prod/prodmon/prodsum-mc2020.html)

- Other 2f, 4f, 6f backgrounds are used in small statistics (~100K).

Main backgrounds

$\mu\mu + 4b$

- $\mu\mu H$ (e2e2h)
- $llqq$ (4f_zz_sl)
- qqH (qqh)
- $\tau\tau H$ (e3e3h)
- $llqqqq$

(6f_llxyyx,
6f_llyyyy)

$ee + 4b$

- eeH (e1e1h)
- $eeqq$ (4f_sze_sl)
- qqH (qqh)
- $\tau\tau H$ (e3e3h)
- $eeqqqq$

(6f_eeyyyy)

Analysis flow

Event reconstruction

1. Particle reconstruction: PandoraPFA
2. Isolated lepton selection: IsolatedLeptonTaggingProcessor
3. Jet clustering & Flavor tagging: LCFIPlus
Durham forced to 4 jets
4. Jet pairing
Requiring the combination of which invariant masses of paired jets are closest.

Event selection

- The number of isolated [muons / electrons] = 2
 - The sum of b-probabilities of 4 jets > 3
 - The recoil mass within (124, [160 / 180]) GeV
- We assume $BR(H \rightarrow \phi\phi \rightarrow 4b) = 1\%$ for the event selection.

Isolated Lepton Tagging

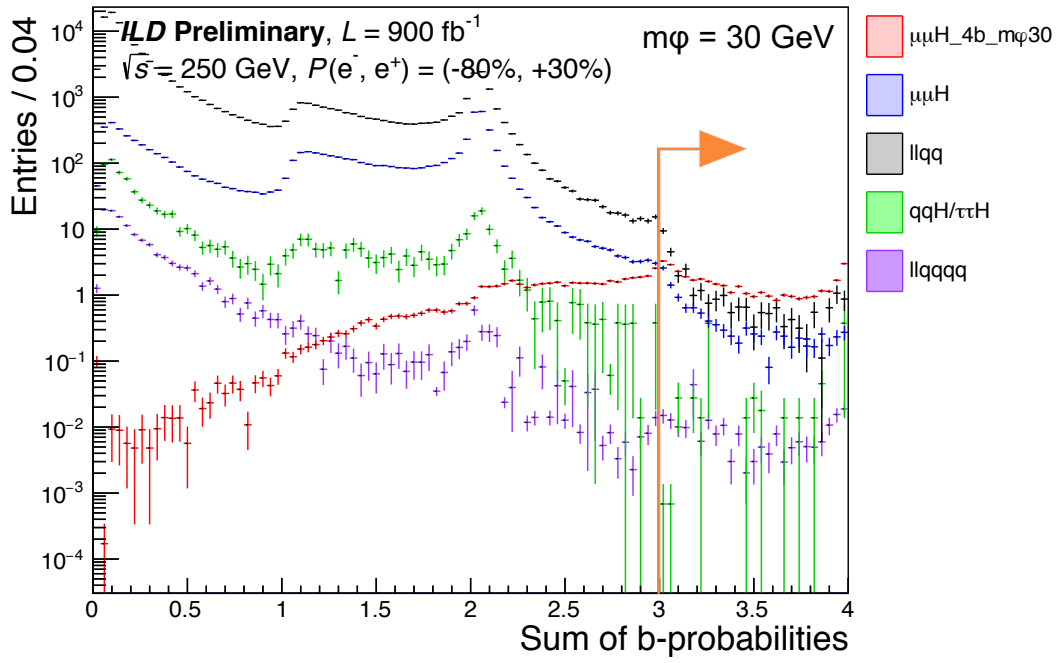
- Processor: MarlinReco/Analysis/IsolatedLeptonTaggingProcessor
 - Standard parameters

| parameter | requirement | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| | e | μ |
| $\cos\theta_L$ | 0.95 | 0.95 |
| $\cos\theta_S$ | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| E_{Cal} / p | 0.5 - 1.3 | < 0.3 |
| $E_{\text{ECal}} / E_{\text{total}}$ | > 0.9 | - |
| E_{Yoke} | - | > 1.2 |
| p | > 5 | > 5 |
| d0 significance | < 50 | < 20 |
| z0 significance | < 50 | < 20 |
| MVA cut | 0.5 | 0.7 |

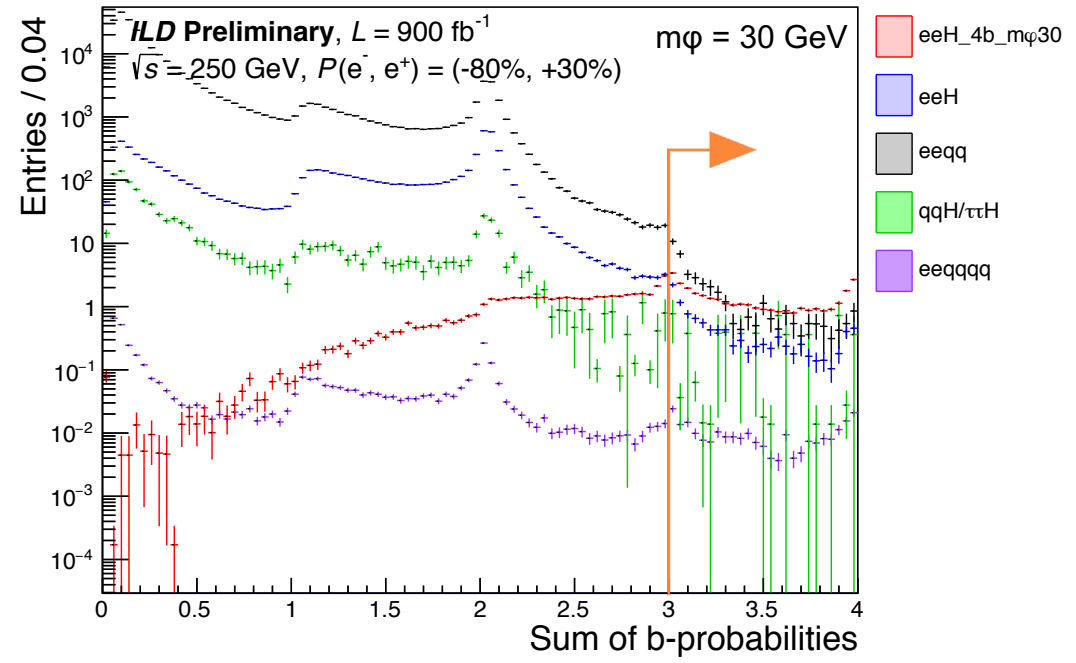
- Selection efficiency for signal samples ($P(e^-,e^+) = (-80\%,+30\%)$, $m_\phi = 30 \text{ GeV}$)
 - $\mu\mu$: 93.6%
 - ee : 86.4%

Event selection: b-probability

$\mu\mu + 4b$



$ee + 4b$



b-probability:

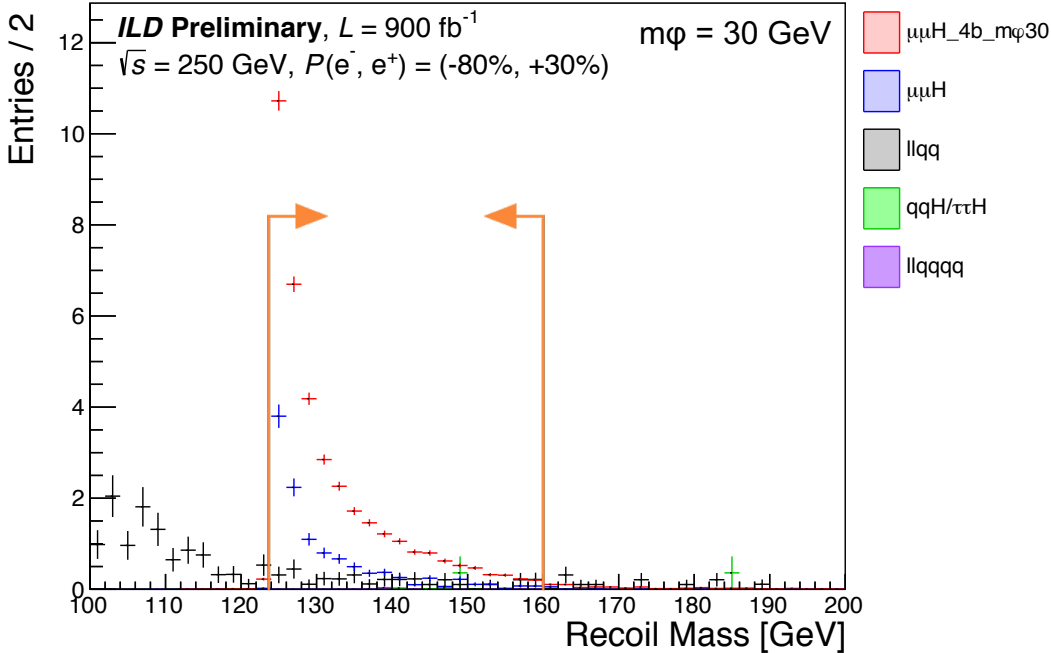
- output from LCFIPlus flavor tagging processor
- defined by each jet

Cut condition:

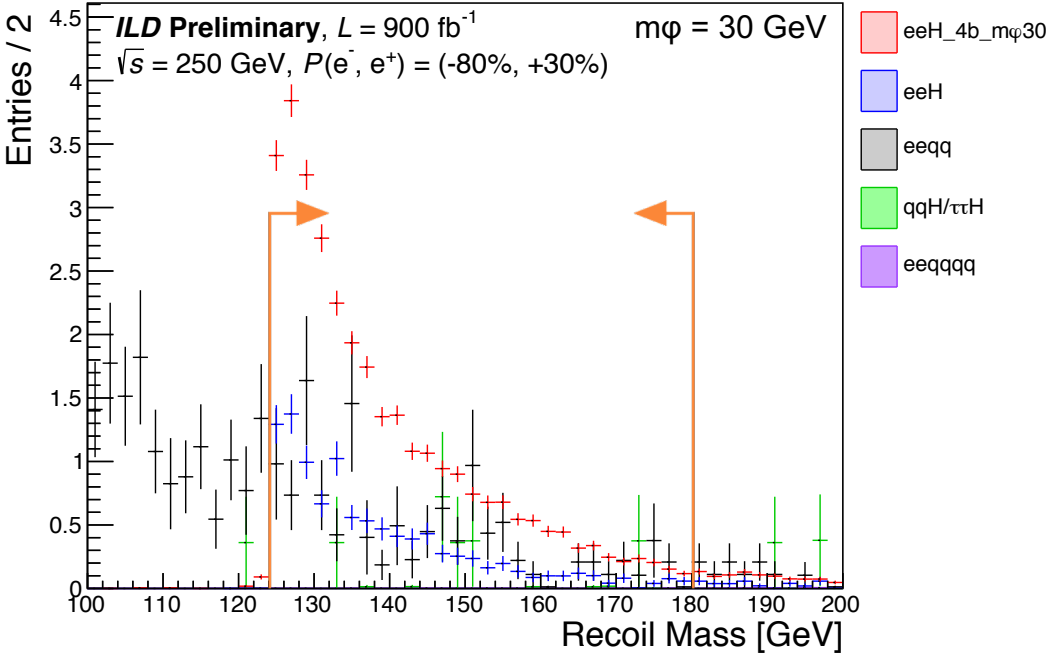
“Sum of b-probabilities” > 3

Event selection: Recoil mass

$\mu\mu + 4b$



$ee + 4b$



Recoil mass:

$$M_{recoil} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{s} - E_{ll})^2 - |\vec{p}_{ll}|^2}$$

Cut conditions:

Muon: 124 GeV < Recoil mass < 160 GeV
 Electron: 124 GeV < Recoil mass < 180 GeV

Cut table

$\mu\mu + 4b$, $m\phi = 30$ GeV, $P(e^-,e^+) = (-80\%,+30\%)$, $\sqrt{s} = 250$ GeV, $L = 900$ fb $^{-1}$, **ILD Preliminary**

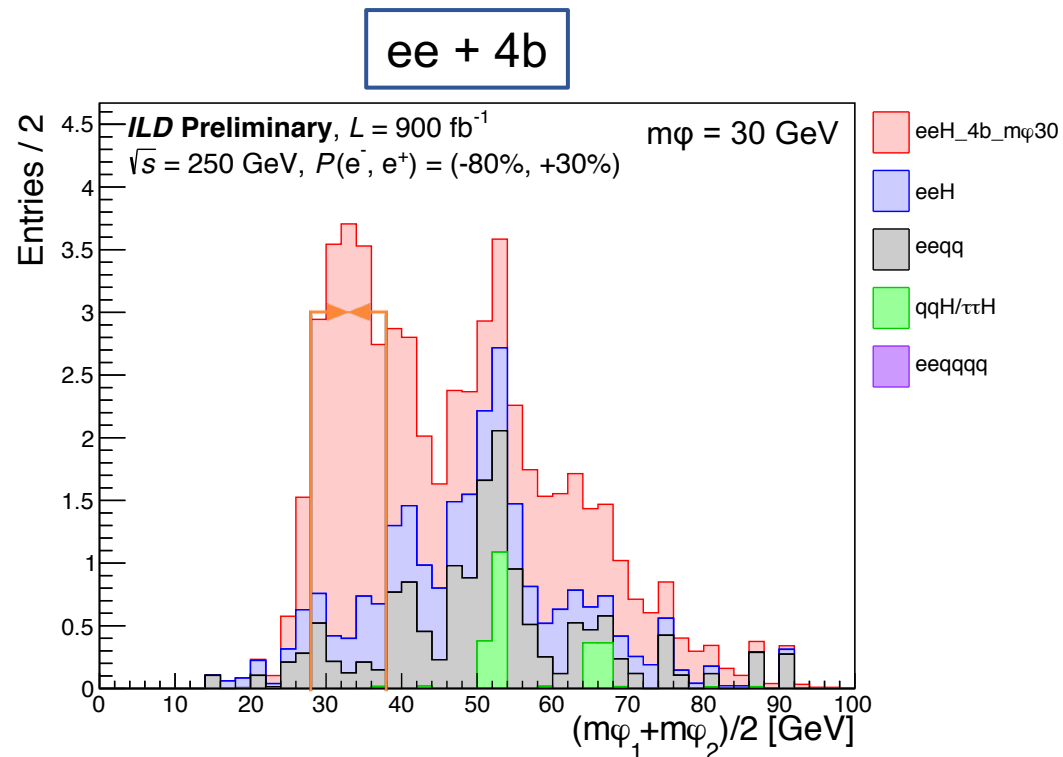
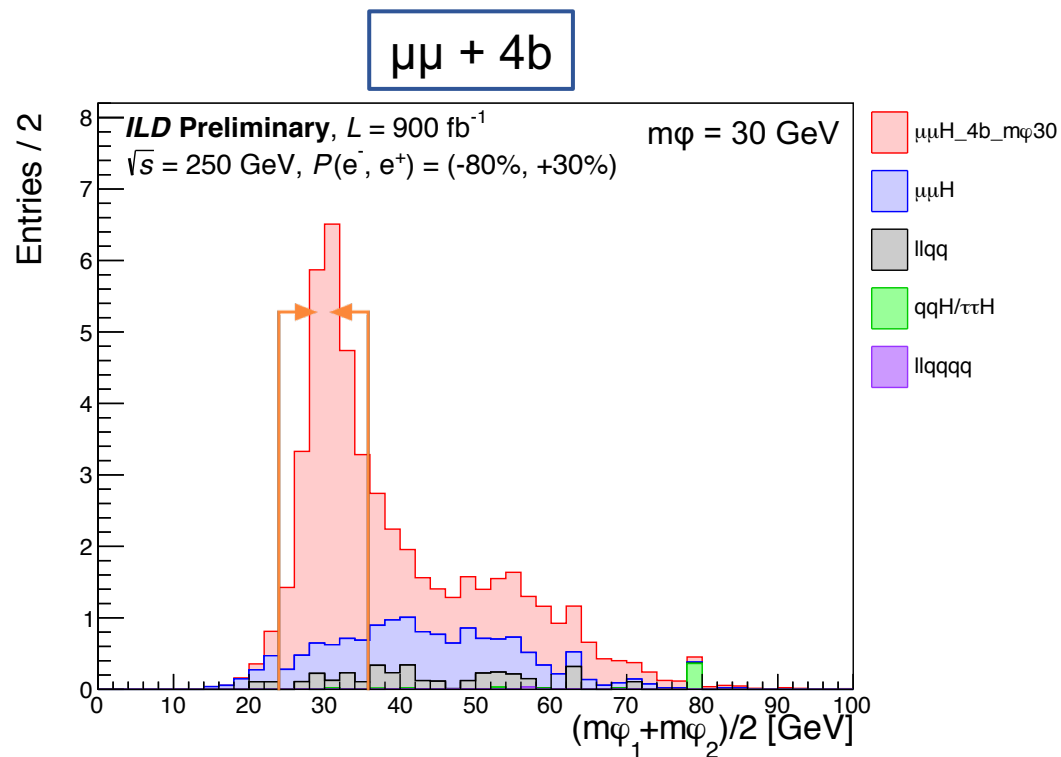
| | $\mu\mu H$ | llqq (4f_zz_sl) | qqH/ $\tau\tau H$ | llqqqq (6f_llxyyx, 6f_llyyyy) | Signal | Efficiency | Significance |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|--------------|
| No Cut | 9277.43 | 455954 | 196780 | 645.21 | 92.81 | | |
| 2 isolated leptons | 7894.98 | 116545 | 3008.86 | 122.82 | 86.92 | 0.937 | 0.243 |
| 2 isolated muons | 7861.08 | 113424 | 735.64 | 120.83 | 86.84 | 0.936 | 0.248 |
| Σ b-prob. > 3. | 11.28 | 31.60 | 0.97 | 0.24 | 37.33 | 0.402 | 4.137 |
| $M_{\text{recoil}} \in (124,160)$ GeV | 11.10 | 3.40 | 0.46 | 0.07 | 36.45 | 0.393 | 5.081 |

$ee + 4b$, $m\phi = 30$ GeV, $P(e^-,e^+) = (-80\%,+30\%)$, $\sqrt{s} = 250$ GeV, $L = 900$ fb $^{-1}$, **ILD Preliminary**

| | eeH | eeqq (4f_sze_sl) | qqH/ $\tau\tau H$ | eeqqqq (6f_eeyyyy) | Signal | Efficiency | Significance |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------|--------------|
| No Cut | 9868.15 | 1183160 | 196780 | 8.78 | 92.95 | | |
| 2 isolated leptons | 7792.59 | 267326 | 3008.86 | 4.56 | 80.38 | 0.865 | 0.152 |
| 2 isolated electrons | 7708.17 | 263831 | 989.17 | 4.54 | 80.26 | 0.864 | 0.154 |
| Σ b-prob. > 3. | 10.64 | 40.63 | 5.42 | 0.24 | 33.07 | 0.356 | 3.486 |
| $M_{\text{recoil}} \in (124,180)$ GeV | 10.21 | 12.45 | 2.27 | 0.05 | 31.79 | 0.342 | 4.220 |

- Other backgrounds are removed at the end of the selection.

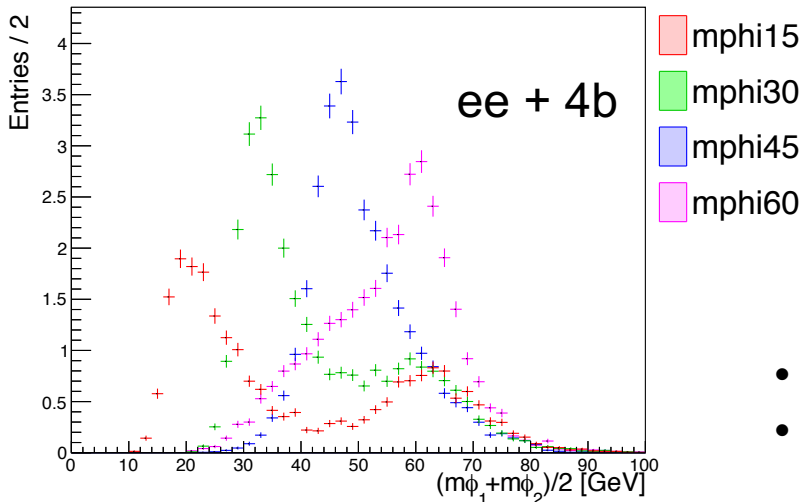
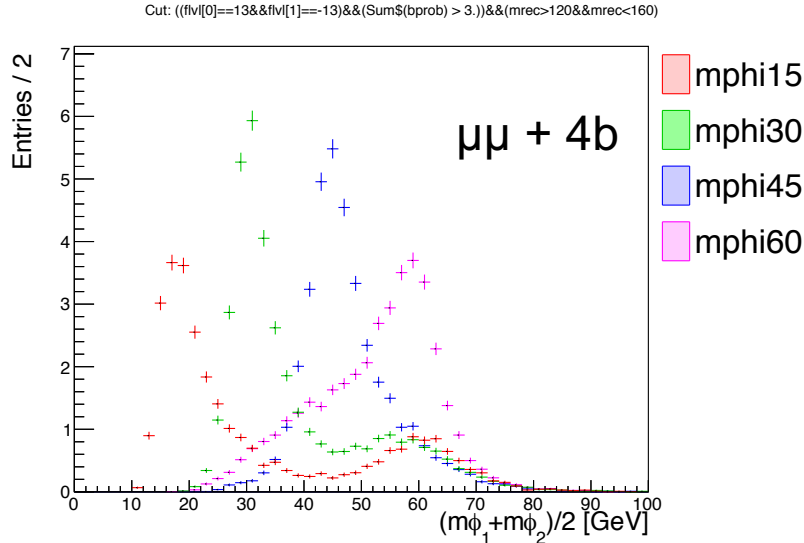
Stacked histogram of mediator mass



- After the event selection, a clear peak can be seen in the mediator mass distribution on the assumption of $BR(H \rightarrow 4b) = 1\%$.
- The final cut conditions of mediator mass are determined to optimize the significance.
 - See details in backup

Comparison of ϕ mass and Combined results

ILD Preliminary



$\mu\mu + 4b$

| 95% C.L. upper limit on BR(H \rightarrow 4b) | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|
| $m\phi$ | (-0.8,+0.3) | (+0.8,-0.3) | combined |
| 15 | 0.11% | 0.14% | 0.09% |
| 30 | 0.14% | 0.17% | 0.11% |
| 45 | 0.15% | 0.20% | 0.12% |
| 60 | 0.14% | 0.19% | 0.11% |

$ee + 4b$

| 95% C.L. upper limit on BR(H \rightarrow 4b) | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|
| $m\phi$ | (-0.8,+0.3) | (-0.8,+0.3) | combined |
| 15 | 0.19% | 0.24% | 0.15% |
| 30 | 0.21% | 0.25% | 0.16% |
| 45 | 0.24% | 0.26% | 0.18% |
| 60 | 0.22% | 0.26% | 0.17% |

| $m\phi$ | $ee + \mu\mu$ |
|---------|---------------|
| 15 | 0.07% |
| 30 | 0.09% |
| 45 | 0.10% |
| 60 | 0.09% |

- We obtained 95% C.L. upper limit on BR(H \rightarrow 4b) \sim 0.1% for all $m\phi$.
- The smaller peaks would be due to mis-pairing of jets.
 - See details in backup

Summary and Prospects

- The ILC has the possibility to search for Higgs exotic decays to the scalar mediators.
- We performed **the first full simulation study of $H \rightarrow \varphi\varphi$ at the 250 GeV ILC using ILD concept.**
- The target channels of this talk are **$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$, $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$, $H \rightarrow \varphi\varphi \rightarrow 4b$.**
- We obtained **95% C.L. upper limit on $BR(H \rightarrow \varphi\varphi \rightarrow 4b) \sim 0.1\%$ in the range of m_φ from 15 - 60 GeV** which is consistent with the previous phenomenological study.
- Prospects:
 - Include the partially invisible decay of Higgs, $H \rightarrow bb + \text{invisible}$
 - Add the neutrino channel $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ and the hadronic channel $Z \rightarrow qq$

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The ILD Concept



From key requirements from **physics**:

- **p_t resolution** (total ZH x-section)

$$\sigma(1/p_t) = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \oplus 1 \times 10^{-3} / (p_t \sin^{1/2} \theta)$$

≈ CMS / 40

- **vertexing** ($H \rightarrow bb/cc/\tau\tau$)

$$\sigma(d_0) < 5 \oplus 10 / (p[\text{GeV}] \sin^{3/2} \theta) \mu\text{m}$$

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- **jet energy resolution** 3-4%
($H \rightarrow$ invisible)

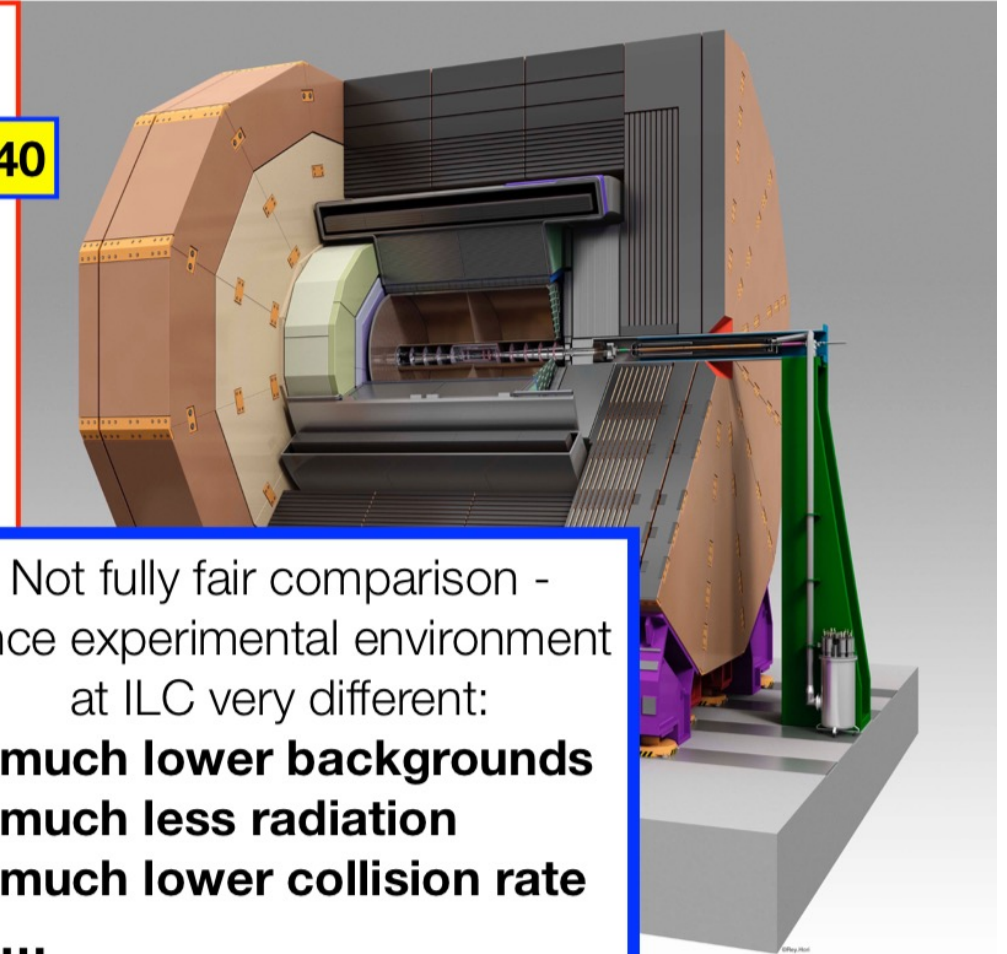
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- **hermeticity** $\theta_{\min} = 5 \text{ mrad}$
($H \rightarrow$ invis, BSM)

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To key features of the **detector**:

- **low mass tracker**:
 - main device: **Time Projection Chamber** (dE/dx !)
 - add. silicon: eg VTX: 0.15% rad. length / layer)
- **high granularity calorimeters**
optimised for particle flow



Not fully fair comparison -
since experimental environment
at ILC very different:

- **much lower backgrounds**
- **much less radiation**
- **much lower collision rate**
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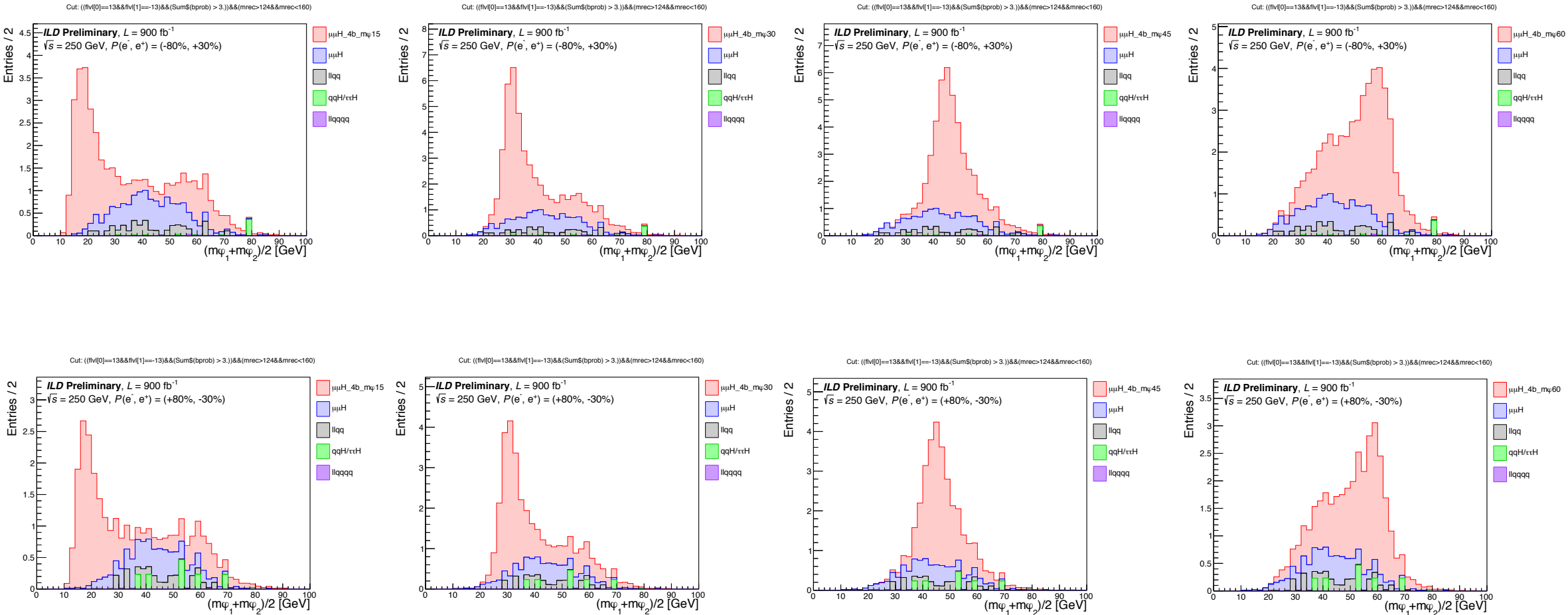
Jenny List, LCWS2018

Parameters for Isolated Lepton Tagging

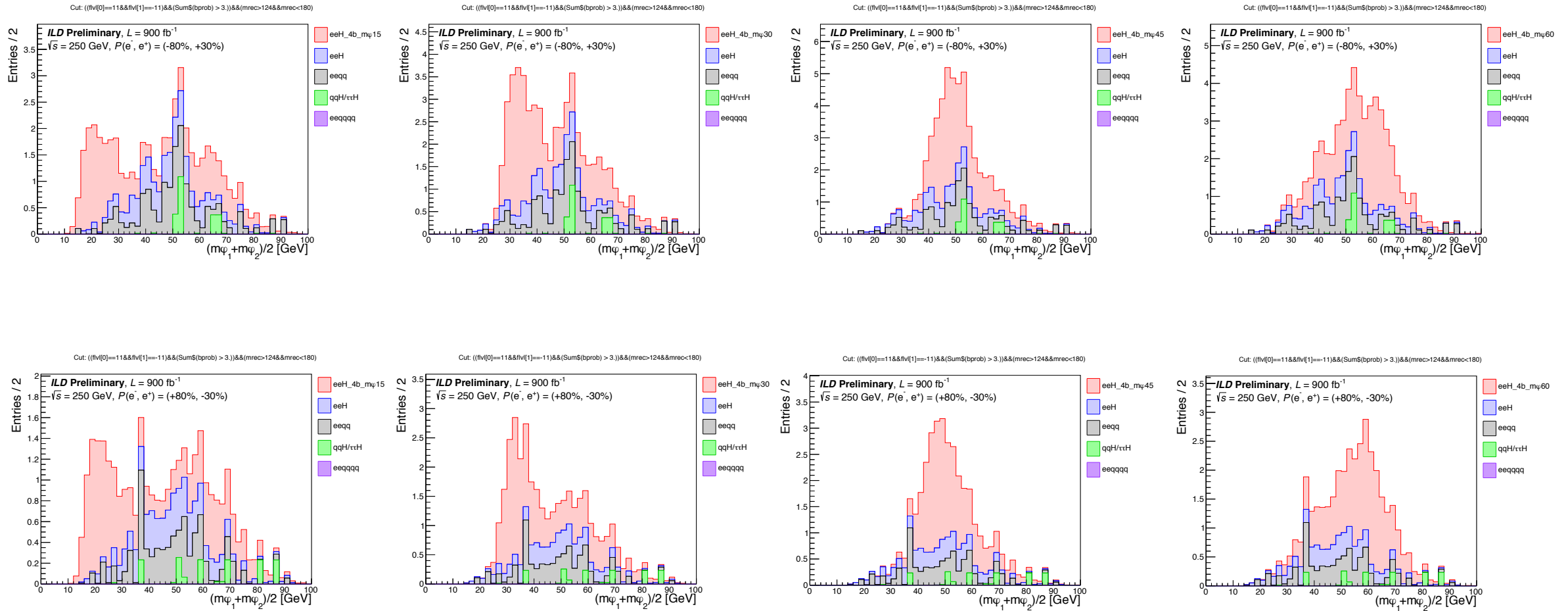
- Processor: MarlinReco / Analysis / IsolatedLeptonTaggingProcessor

| parameter | value | description |
|-----------------------------|-------|--|
| CosConeLarge | 0.95 | cosine of the larger cone |
| CosConeSmall | 0.98 | cosine of the smaller cone |
| MaxEOverPForElectron | 1.3 | maximum ratio of energy in calorimeters over momentum for electron |
| MaxEOverPForMuon | 0.3 | maximum ratio of energy in calorimeters over momentum for muon |
| MinEOverPForElectron | 0.5 | minimum ratio of energy in calorimeters over momentum for electron |
| MinEecalOverTotEForElectron | 0.9 | minimum ratio of energy in ecal over energy in ecal+hcal |
| MinEyokeForMuon | 1.2 | minimum energy in yoke for electron |
| MinPForElectron | 5 | minimum momentum for electron |
| MinPForMuon | 5 | minimum momentum for muon |
| MaxD0SigForElectron | 50 | maximum d0 significance for electron |
| MaxD0SigForMuon | 20 | maximum d0 significance for muon |
| MaxZ0SigForElectron | 50 | maximum z0 significance for electron |
| MaxZ0SigForMuon | 20 | maximum z0 significance for muon |
| CutOnTheISOElectronMVA | 0.5 | cut on the MVA output of isolated electron selection |
| CutOnTheISOMuonMVA | 0.7 | cut on the MVA output of isolated muon selection |

Mediator mass: muon channel



Mediator mass: electron channel



The final cut conditions of mediator mass

| $\mu\mu, (-0.8,+0.3)$ | xl | xu | Ns | Nb | UL |
|-----------------------|----|----|------|-----|------|
| 15 GeV | 10 | 26 | 17.0 | 1.3 | 0.11 |
| 30 | 24 | 36 | 21.7 | 3.4 | 0.14 |
| 45 | 38 | 78 | 33.9 | 9.3 | 0.15 |
| 60 | 52 | 78 | 21.9 | 3.6 | 0.14 |

| $\mu\mu, (+0.8,-0.3)$ | xl | xu | Ns | Nb | UL |
|-----------------------|----|----|------|-----|------|
| 15 GeV | 10 | 30 | 13.0 | 1.3 | 0.14 |
| 30 | 24 | 36 | 14.3 | 2.3 | 0.17 |
| 45 | 38 | 58 | 20.5 | 6.1 | 0.20 |
| 60 | 54 | 68 | 11.9 | 1.9 | 0.19 |

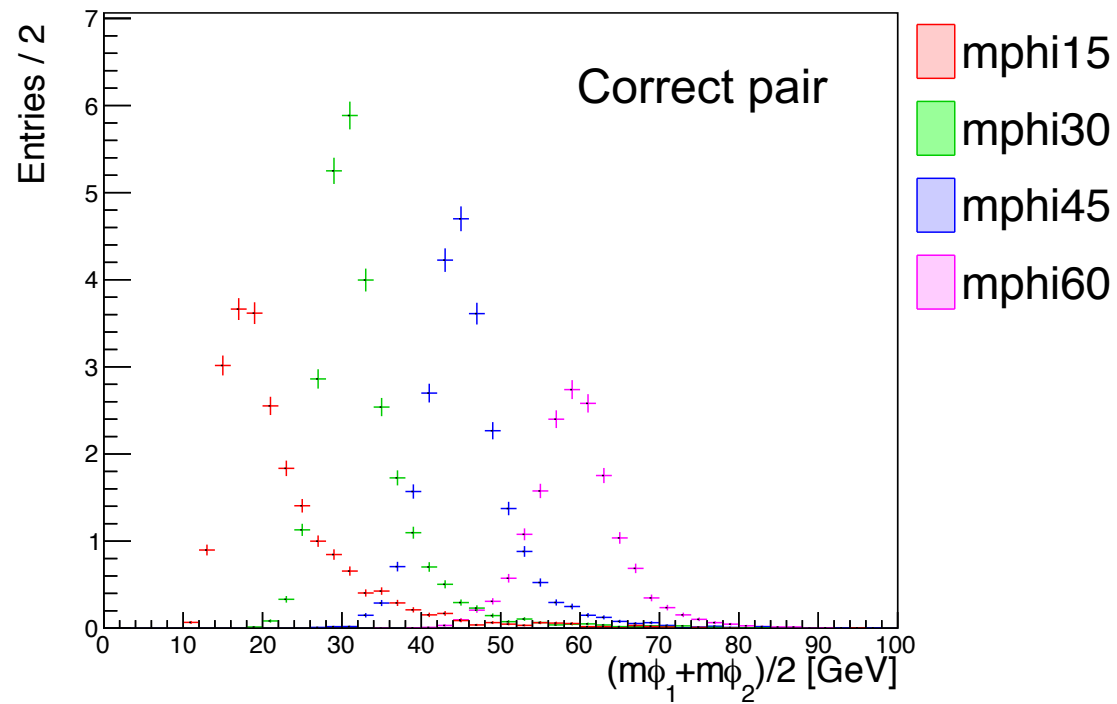
| ee, (-0.8,+0.3) | xl | xu | Ns | Nb | UL |
|-----------------|----|----|------|------|------|
| 15 GeV | 10 | 28 | 10.4 | 1.4 | 0.19 |
| 30 | 28 | 38 | 13.5 | 3.0 | 0.21 |
| 45 | 40 | 86 | 30.3 | 18.6 | 0.24 |
| 60 | 56 | 74 | 17.0 | 5.0 | 0.22 |

| ee, (+0.8,-0.3) | xl | xu | Ns | Nb | UL |
|-----------------|----|----|------|------|------|
| 15 GeV | 10 | 30 | 7.6 | 1.2 | 0.24 |
| 30 | 28 | 36 | 7.7 | 1.4 | 0.25 |
| 45 | 38 | 80 | 21.2 | 11.0 | 0.26 |
| 60 | 42 | 80 | 19.6 | 9.6 | 0.26 |

Jet pairing effect

Muon channel

Cut: $((|f_{lv}[0]|=13 \& \& f_{lv}[1]|=13) \& \& (\text{Sum}(b_{\text{prob}}) > 3.)) \& \& (m_{\text{rec}} > 120 \& \& m_{\text{rec}} < 160) \& \& (\text{pairid}[0] = \text{pairidtrue})$



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