

Probing HHH production via $4\tau 2b$ channel at a 100 TeV hadron collider

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Motivation

Triple Higgs production at future colliders -- a growing interest

- Pioneering works in the early 2000s:
 - SM prospects very limited rates
 - BSM rates more appealing
- SM rates: between 100 ab @ 13 TeV to a few fb @ 100 TeV

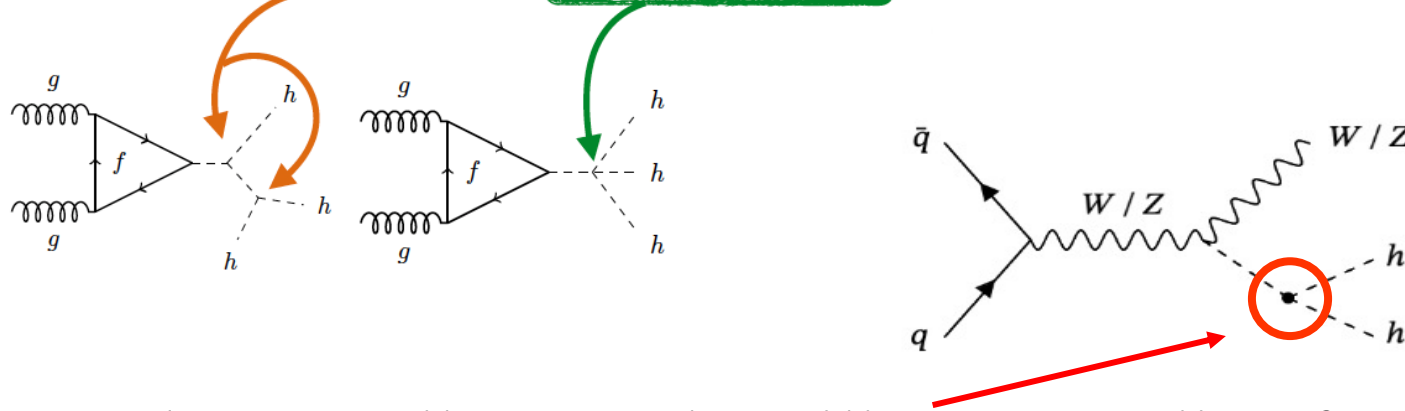
CEPC/FCC working group studies shows:

- Large rates can be reached in many BSM models
 - Extra resonant contributions
 - Coupling modifiers
- Multiple Higgs production measurements are available at CEPC/FCC given its high luminosity and high energy

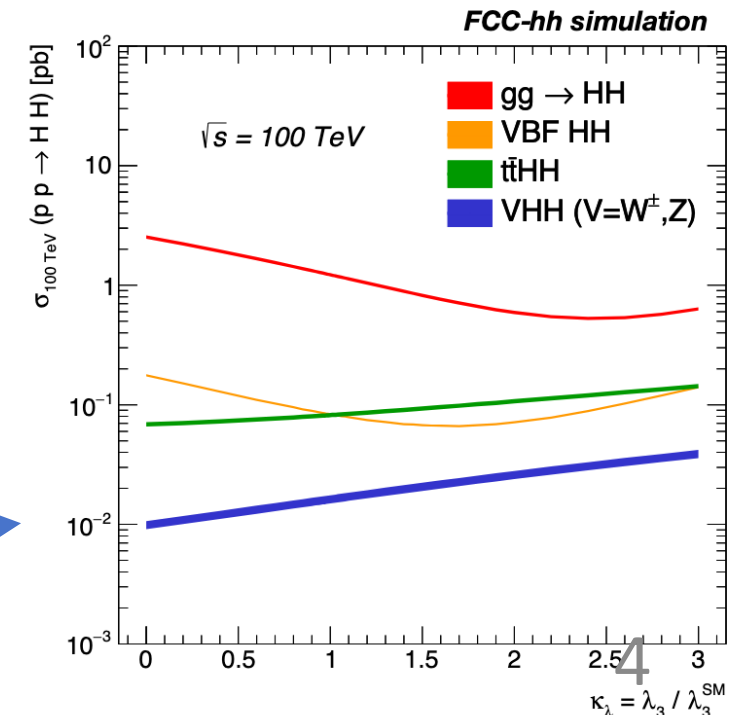
Motivation

- HHH production: direct probe of **quartic Higgs self-coupling** λ_{hhhh} and **trilinear Higgs self-coupling** λ_{hhh}

$$V_h = \frac{1}{2}m_h^2 h^2 + (1 + \kappa_3)\lambda_{hhh} v h^3 + \frac{1}{4}(1 + \kappa_4)\lambda_{hhhh} h^4$$



- VHH can also contribute to the trilinear coupling λ_{hhh}
 - Hard to distinguish from HHH in our final states
 - Treated as part of signal in our study
 - Provide **extra constraints on the positive side of κ_λ**



Motivation

$hhh \rightarrow$ final state	BR (%)	σ (ab)	$N_{30\text{ab}^{-1}}$
$(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})$	19.21	1110.338	33310
$(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})(WW_{1\ell})$	7.204	416.41	12492
$(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})(\tau\bar{\tau})$	6.312	364.853	10945
$(b\bar{b})(\tau\bar{\tau})(WW_{1\ell})$	1.578	91.22	2736
$(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})(WW_{2\ell})$	0.976	56.417	1692
$(b\bar{b})(WW_{1\ell})(WW_{1\ell})$	0.901	52.055	1561
$(b\bar{b})(\tau\bar{\tau})(\tau\bar{\tau})$	0.691	39.963	1198
$(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})(ZZ_{2\ell})$	0.331	19.131	573
$(b\bar{b})(WW_{2\ell})(WW_{1\ell})$	0.244	14.105	423
$(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})(\gamma\gamma)$	0.228	13.162	394
$(b\bar{b})(\tau\bar{\tau})(WW_{2\ell})$	0.214	12.359	370
$(\tau\bar{\tau})(WW_{1\ell})(WW_{1\ell})$	0.099	5.702	171
$(\tau\bar{\tau})(\tau\bar{\tau})(WW_{1\ell})$	0.086	4.996	149
$(b\bar{b})(ZZ_{2\ell})(WW_{1\ell})$	0.083	4.783	143
$(b\bar{b})(\tau\bar{\tau})(ZZ_{2\ell})$	0.073	4.191	125

[Papaefstathiou & Sakurai (JHEP'16)]

Our $4\tau 2b$ channel

- Though suffer from lower signal yield
- Clean backgrounds relative to b-riched channel

HHH decay table main channels:

- At least 100 events with 30 ab^{-1} @ 100 TeV
- The golden $4b2\gamma$ mode [Papaefstathiou & Sakurai (JHEP'16)]
 - Clean signature and excellent photon resolution
 - 2σ reachable in the SM case
- The $2b2\ell 4j + \text{MET}$ mode [Kilian, Sun, Yan, Zhao & Zhao (JHEP'17)]
 - High-level variables (like MT_2)
 - Challenging for the SM, potentially powerful for BSM
- The $6b$ & $4b2\tau$ mode [Papaefstathiou, Robens & Tetlalmatzi-Xolocotzi (JHEP'21)], [BF, Kim & Lee (PLB'17)]
 - Require good b-tagging
 - High-level variables
 - 2σ reachable in SM case

Theoretical framework

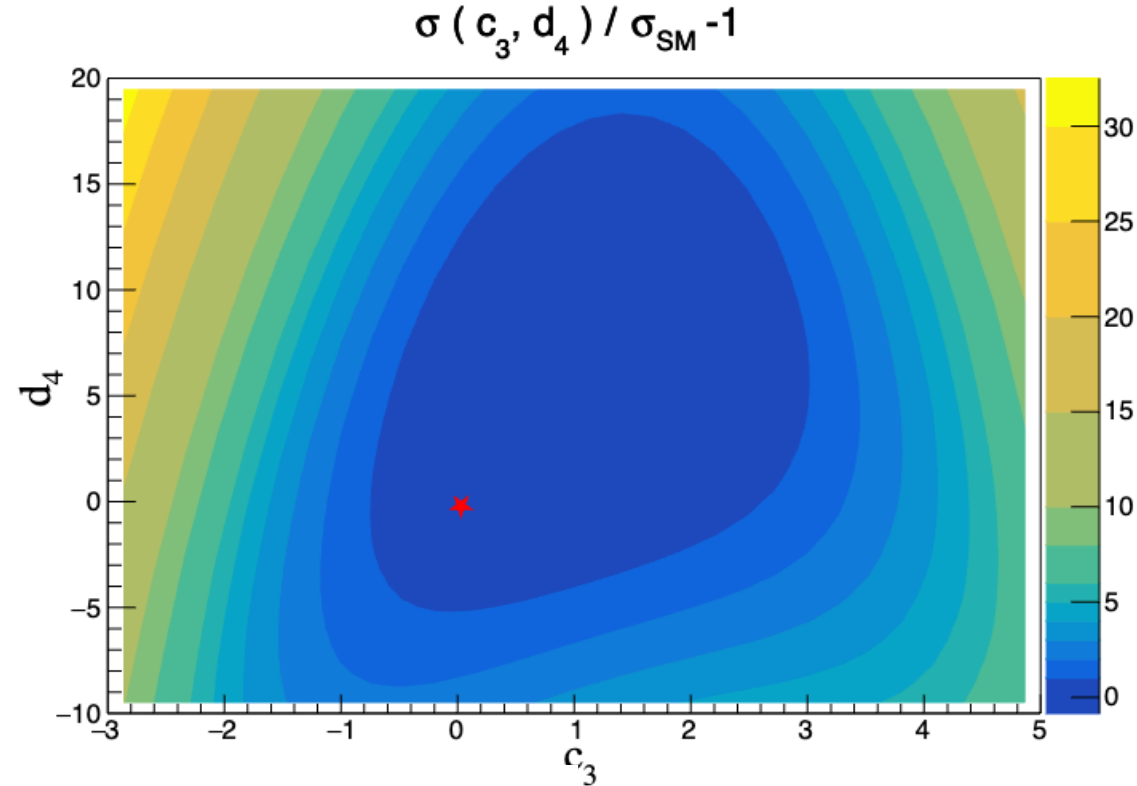
Theoretical framework for HHH signal

- Modified Higgs potential

$$V(h) = \frac{1}{2}m_H^2 h^2 + \lambda_{\text{SM}}(1 + c_3)v_0 h^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{\text{SM}}(1 + d_4)h^4,$$

- c_3 and d_4 provide a parametric framework to **investigate deviations from the SM predictions**
- Cross section of HHH production in the (c_3, d_4) plane
- Fitting result:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma_{\text{HHH}}(c_3, d_4)}{\sigma_{\text{HHH}}(\text{SM})} - 1 = & 0.0297 \times c_3^4 - 0.2017 \times c_3^3 + 0.0395 \times c_3^2 d_4 + 0.7236 \times c_3^2 \\ & + 0.0154 \times d_4^2 - 0.1409 \times c_3 d_4 - 0.6658 \times c_3 - 0.1119 \times d_4, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$



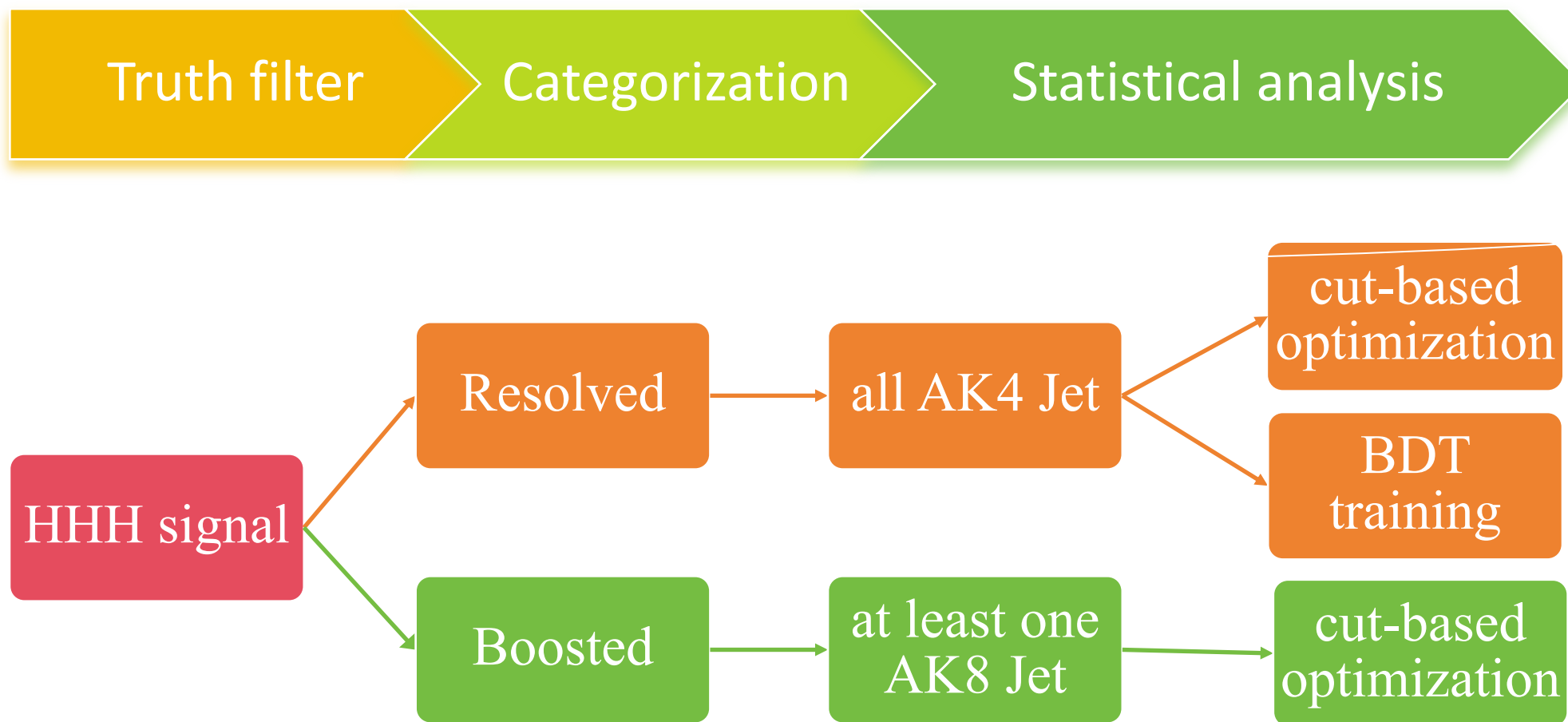
Samples

- Signal
 - HHH: scan (c3, d4) plane
 - Consider VHH as part of signal which is sensitive to c3
- Two groups of background
 - t/W related samples
 - $X_{bb}Y_{\tau\tau}Y_{\tau\tau}$ (including H_{bb} , Z_{bb} , $H_{\tau\tau}$, $Z_{\tau\tau}$, DY ...)

Class	Process	$\sigma \times \text{BR. (ab)}$
HHH signal	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = 0.0, d_4 = 0.0 \text{ (SM)}$	3.0
	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = 1.0, d_4 = 0.0$	2.6
	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = 1.0, d_4 = 9.0$	0.67
	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = 2.0, d_4 = 19.0$	7.6
	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = -1.0, d_4 = 0.0$	7.9
	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = -1.0, d_4 = -6.0$	8.3
	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = -2.0, d_4 = -11.0$	16.7
VHH signal	$HHZ \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = 0.0 \text{ (SM)}$	2.7
	$HHZ \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = 1.0$	4.2
	$HHZ \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = 2.0$	6.1
	$HHZ \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = -1.0$	1.8
	$HHZ \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h), c_3 = -2.0$	1.3
t/W samples	$t\bar{t}\tau\tau + \text{jets (LO)}$	7.609×10^4
	$t\bar{t}H \text{ (LO)}$	1.598×10^4
	$t\bar{t}\tau\tau\nu\nu + \text{jets (LO)}$	5.381×10^2
	$t\bar{t}t\bar{t} \text{ (NLO)}$	3.869×10^2
$X_{b\bar{b}}Y_{\tau\tau}Y_{\tau\tau}$ samples	$Z\tau\tau\tau\tau(Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \text{ (NLO)}$	1.140×10^2
	$HZZ \text{ (NLO)}$	0.518×10^2

Table 1: Cross sections for gluon fusion triple Higgs production, VHH production (only ZHH is considered in the $4\tau 2b$ final state) and SM background processes in the $4\tau 2b$ final state at a 100 TeV proton-proton collider. Signal processes with different Higgs self-coupling parameters are considered.

Analysis Strategy



Event Selections

Jet selections

Resolved AK4 Jet		Boosted AK8 Jet	
Variables	Selections	Variables	Selections
p_T	$> 20 \text{ GeV}$	p_T	$> 300 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta $	< 2.5	$ \eta $	< 2.5

- B tagging efficiency: 70%
- Tau tagging efficiency: 80%

Hadronic Tau selections

- Electron veto:
 - $p_T > 12 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Muon veto:
 - $p_T > 8 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.4$

Tau pairing selections

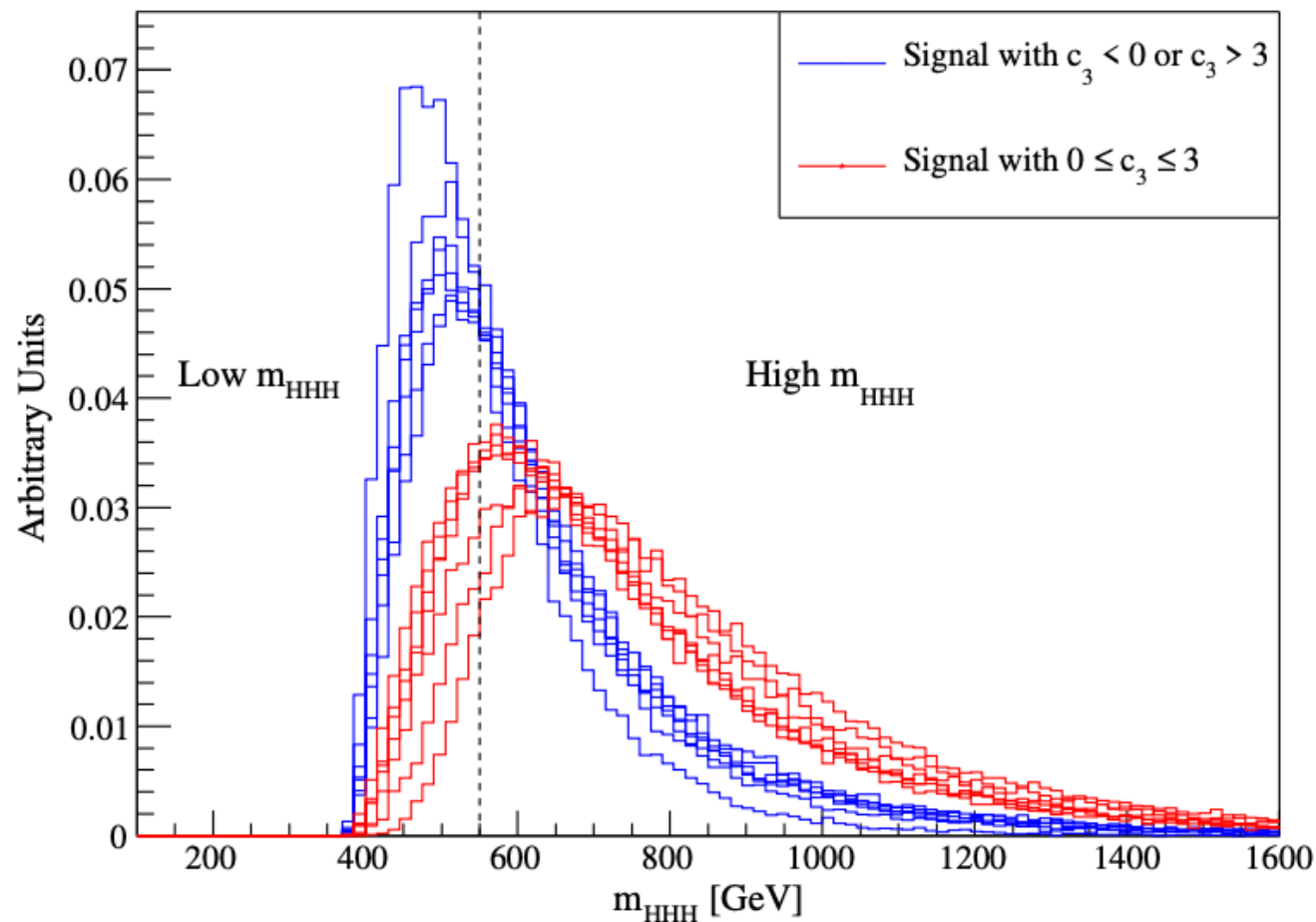
- These 4 tau jets are paired by a minimization of d_{HH}

$$d_{HH} = \frac{|m_{H1} - km_{H1}|}{\sqrt{1+k^2}}, k = 1.08$$

Event Selections

Truth level m_{HHH} spectrum

- Varies with trilinear coupling c_3
- Signal of $0 \leq c_3 \leq 3$
 - Tend to a higher mass region
- Signal of $c_3 < 0$ or $c_3 > 3$
 - Tend to a lower mass region
- Define two categories according to m_{HHH}



Event Selections

Overall categorization method

- Resolved category:
 - Apply subcategorization by m_{HHH}

Group	Category
Resolved	$m_{HHH} \leq 550 \text{ GeV}$
	$m_{HHH} > 550 \text{ GeV}$
1 Boosted Higgs	$\frac{1 \text{ boosted } H_{bb}}{1 \text{ boosted } H_{\tau\tau} \text{ (leading } \tau\tau \text{ pair)}}$
2 Boosted Higgs	$\frac{1 \text{ boosted } H_{bb} + 1 \text{ boosted } H_{\tau\tau} \text{ (leading } \tau\tau \text{ pair)}}{2 \text{ boosted } H_{\tau\tau}}$
3 Boosted Higgs	$2 \text{ boosted } H_{\tau\tau} + 1 \text{ boosted } H_{bb}$

- Boosted category:
- Due to the indistinct m_{HHH} distribution in boosted events
- No m_{HHH} based categorization is applied
- Apply subcategorization by number of AK8 Jet

Event Selections

Cut based optimization

- Use a modified $\frac{s}{\sqrt{b}}$: $Z_A = \sqrt{2 \left[(s + b) \ln \left(1 + \frac{s}{b} \right) - s \right]}$,
- Variables: m_{bb} , $m_{\tau\tau 1}$, $m_{\tau\tau 2}$ and m_{T2}

$$M_{T2}(m_s, \vec{s}, m_t, \vec{t}, \vec{p}; \chi_1, \chi_2) = \min_{\substack{\vec{p}, \vec{q} \text{ s.t.} \\ \vec{p} + \vec{q} = \vec{p}}} \left\{ \max \left[M_T(m_s, \vec{s}, \chi_1, \vec{p}), M_T(m_t, \vec{t}, \chi_2, \vec{q}) \right] \right\} \quad (1.1)$$

where the *transverse mass* is given by

$$M_T(m, \vec{v}, \chi, \vec{p}) = \sqrt{m^2 + \chi^2 + 2\sqrt{m^2 + |\vec{v}|^2}\sqrt{\chi^2 + |\vec{p}|^2} - 2\vec{v} \cdot \vec{p}},$$

- mT2 can significantly reject the t/W related background

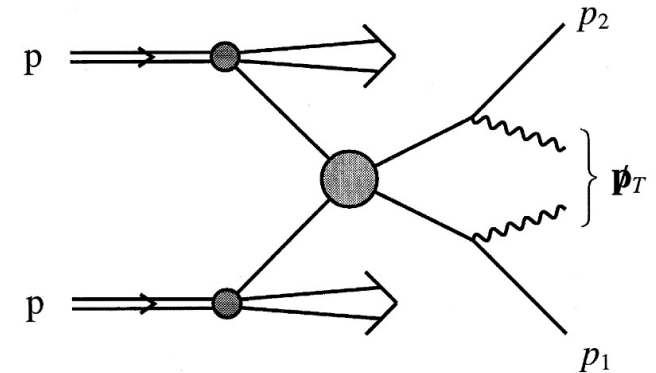
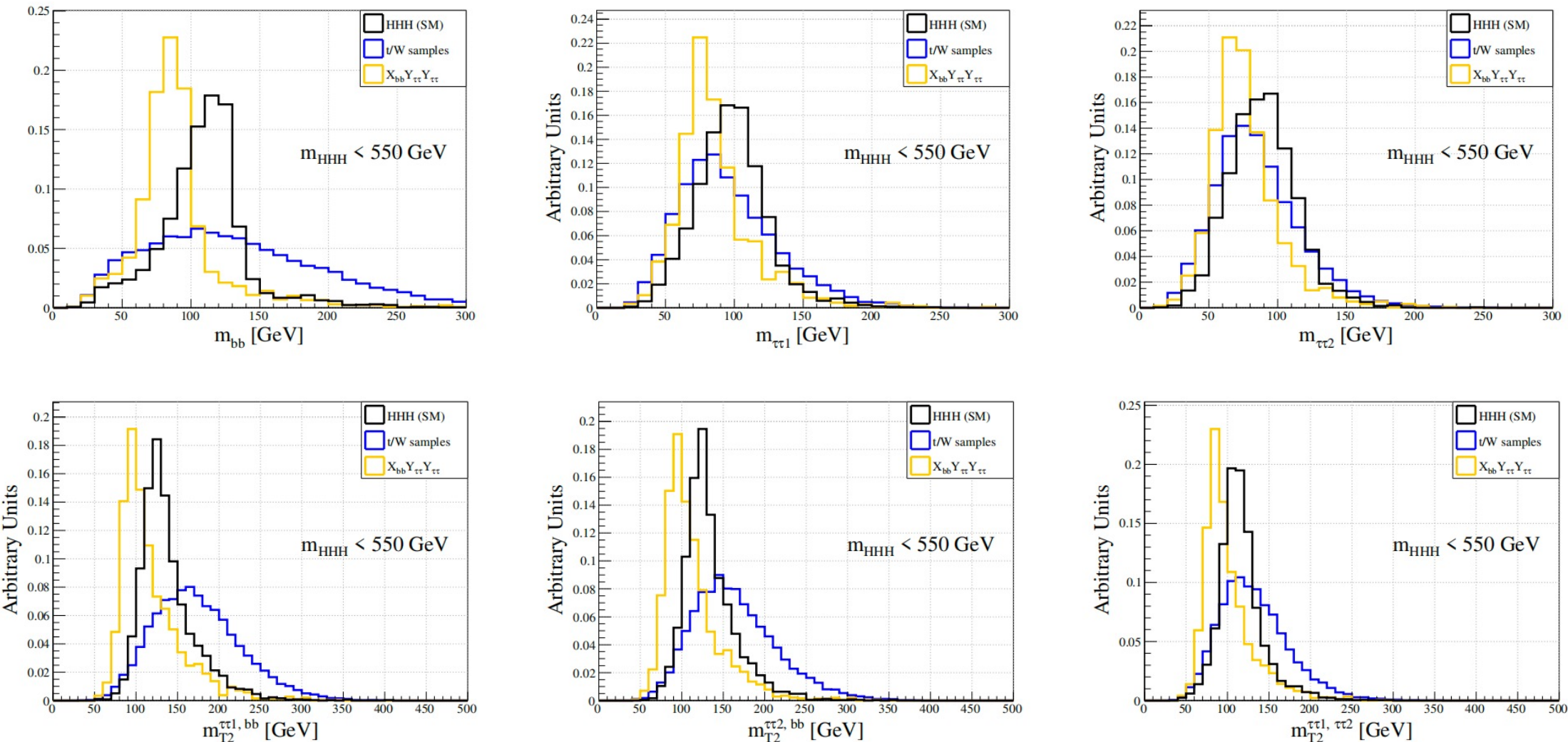


Fig. 1. Diagram of the generic process that we consider. A hadronic collision that leads to a pair of particles being produced, which each decay into one particle that is observed with momenta p_1 and p_2 respectively; and one particle (shown as a wavy lines) that is not directly detected, and whose presence can only be inferred from the missing transverse momentum, \cancel{p}_T .

Event Selections

1. Resolved Low m_{HHH} category: mass and mT2

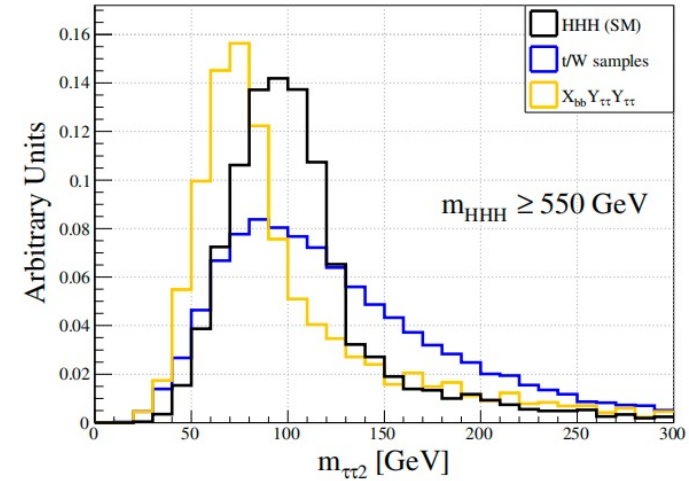
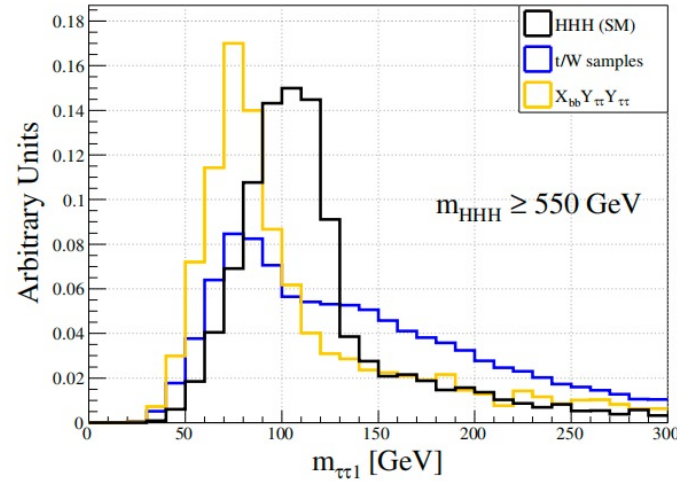
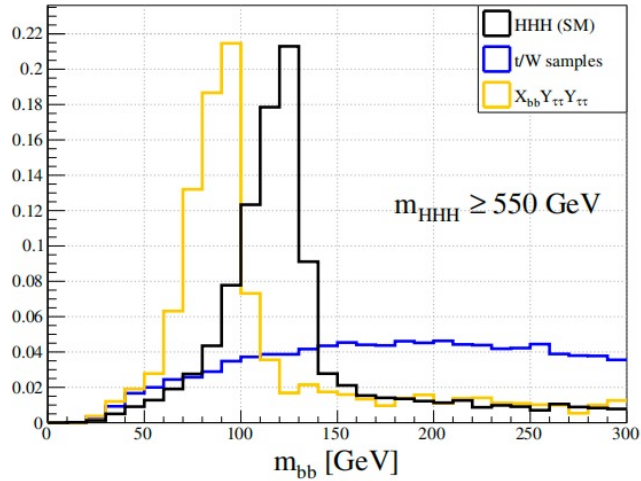


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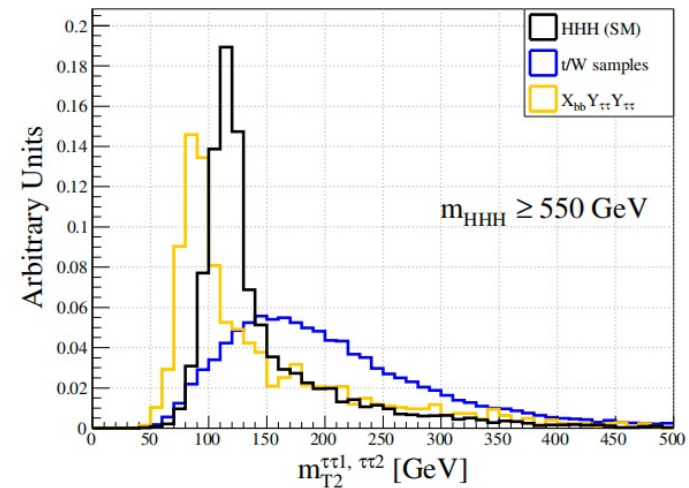
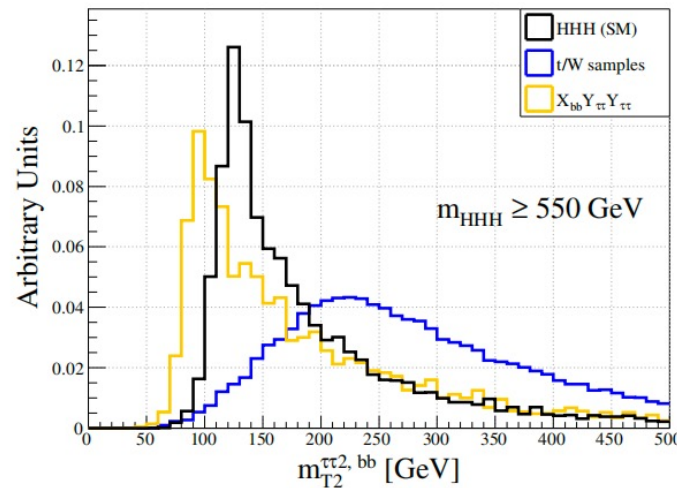
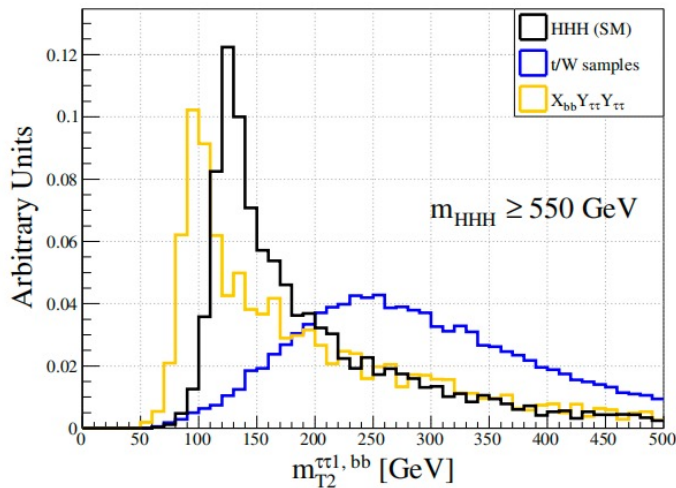
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Event Selections

2. Resolved High m_{HHH} category: most powerful category!



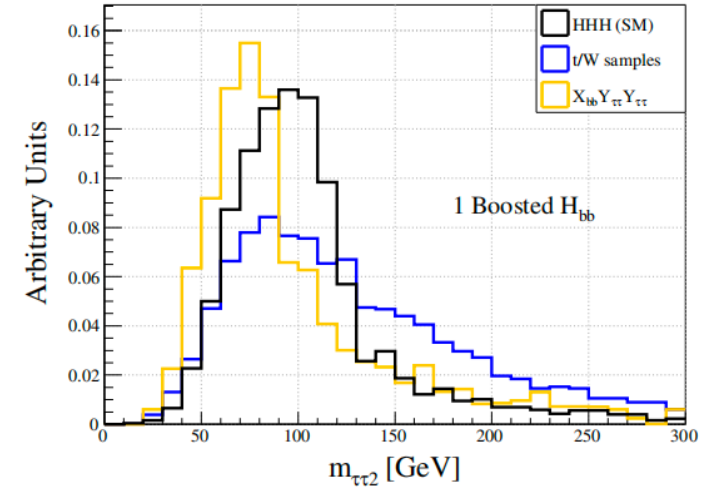
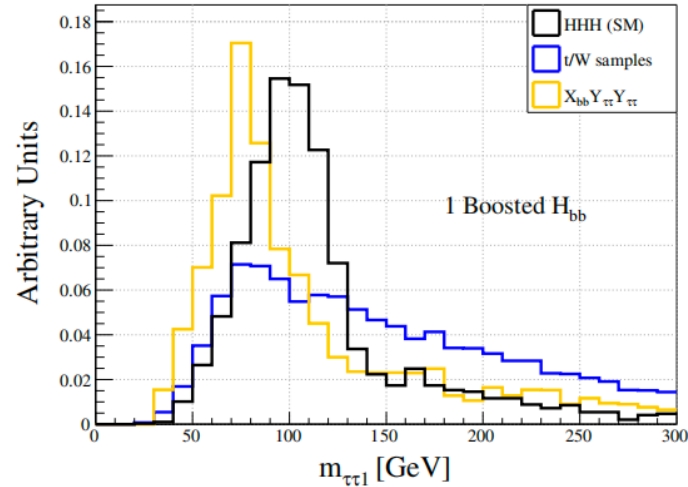
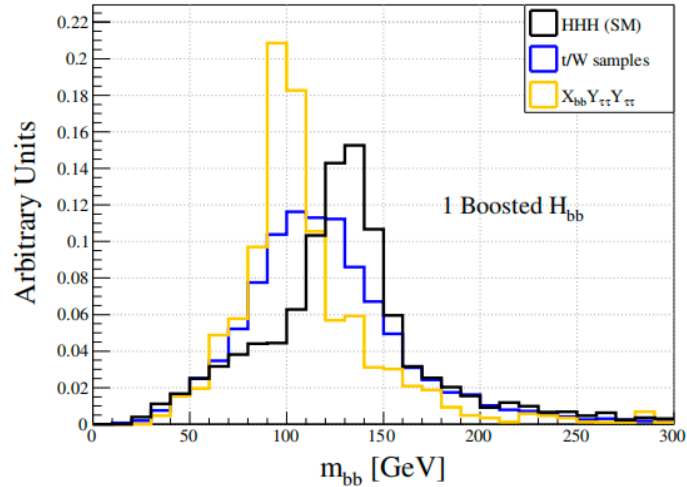
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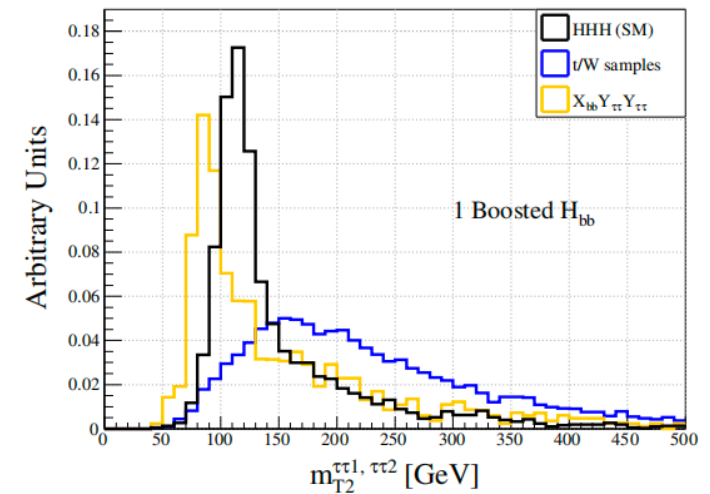
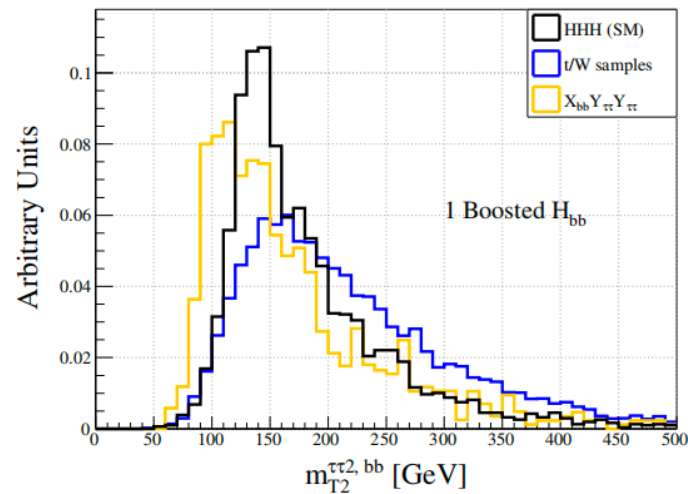
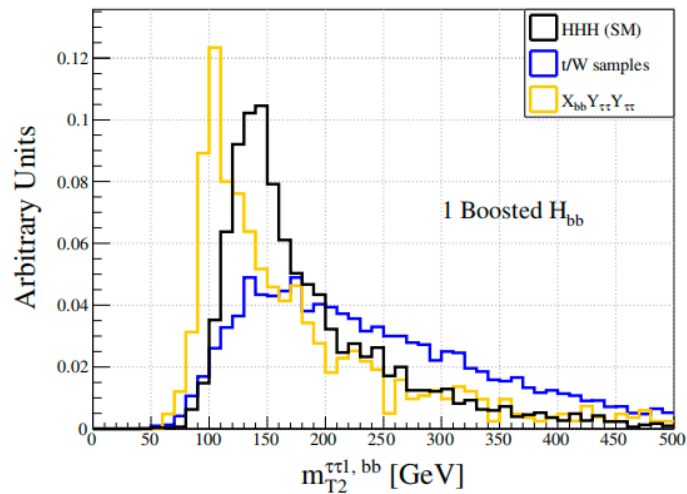
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Event Selections

3. One Boosted H_{bb} category: mass and mT2



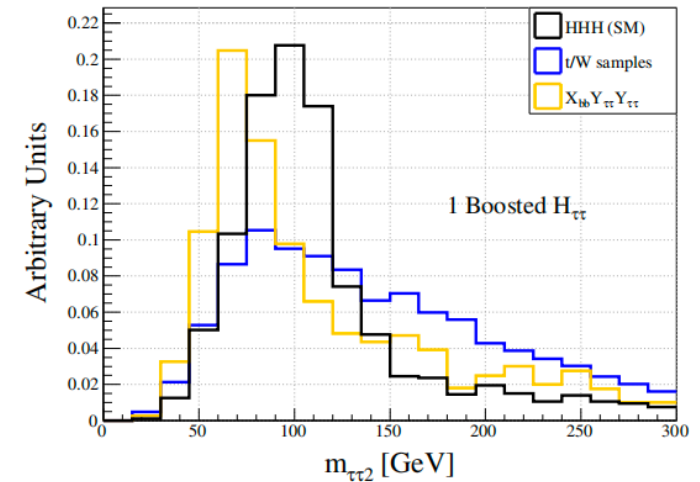
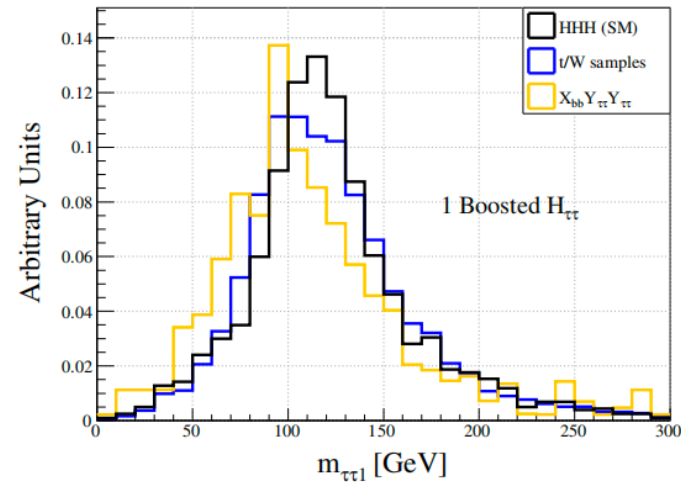
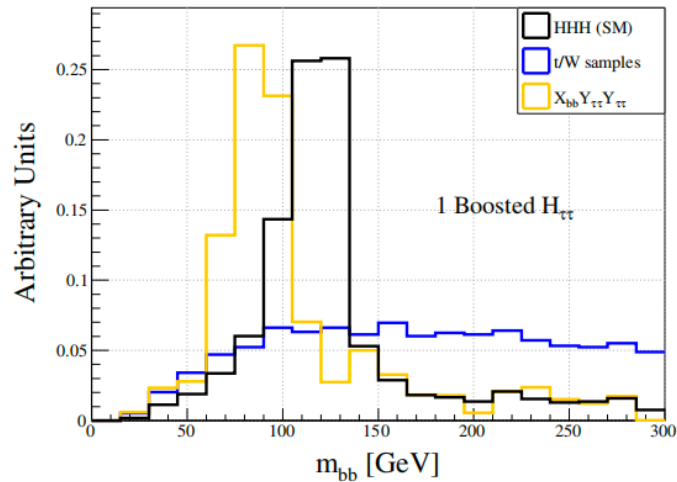
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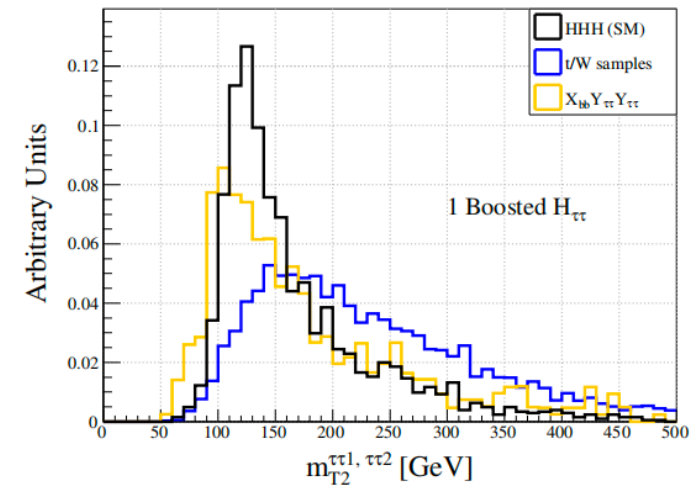
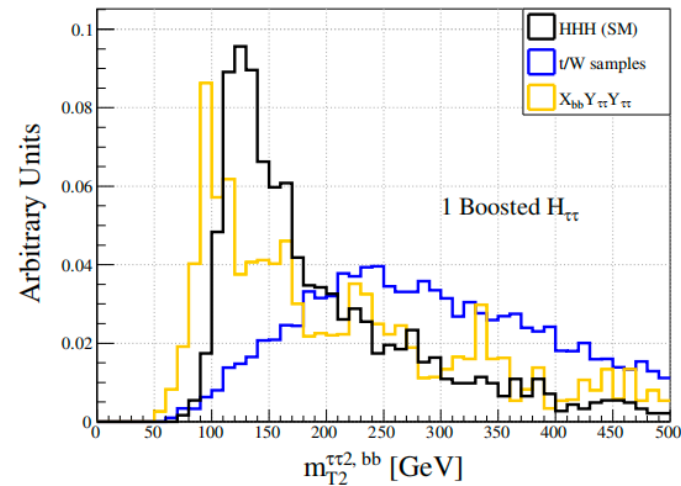
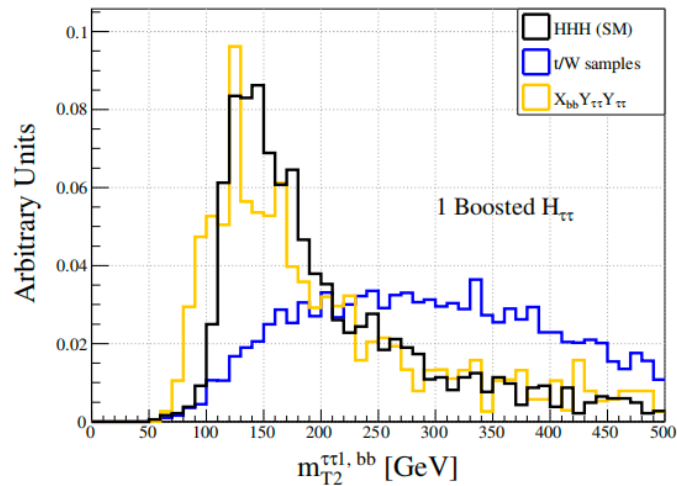
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Event Selections

4. One Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}$ category: mass and mT2



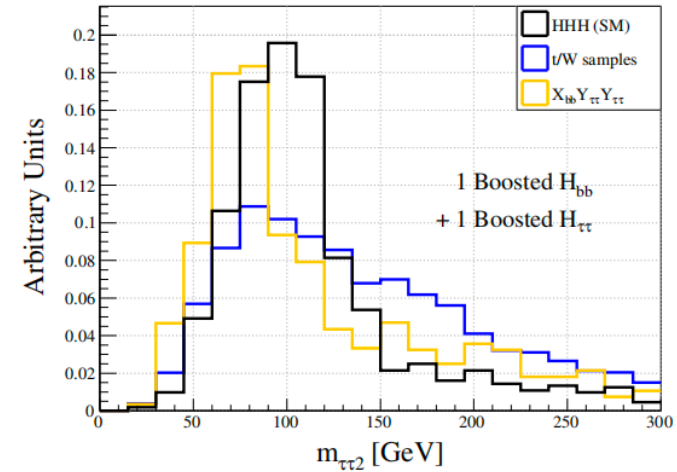
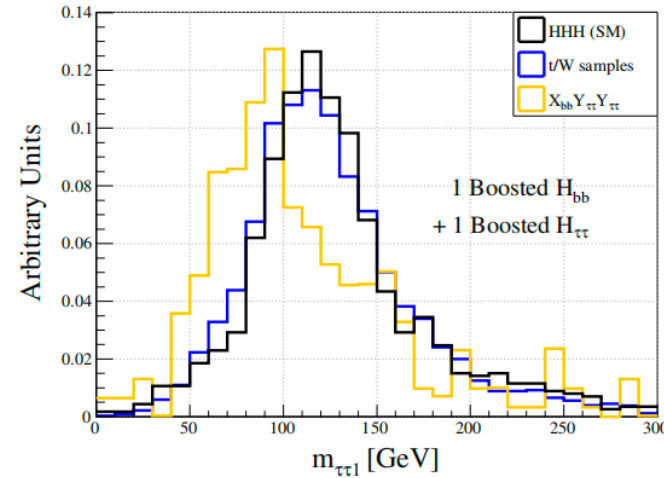
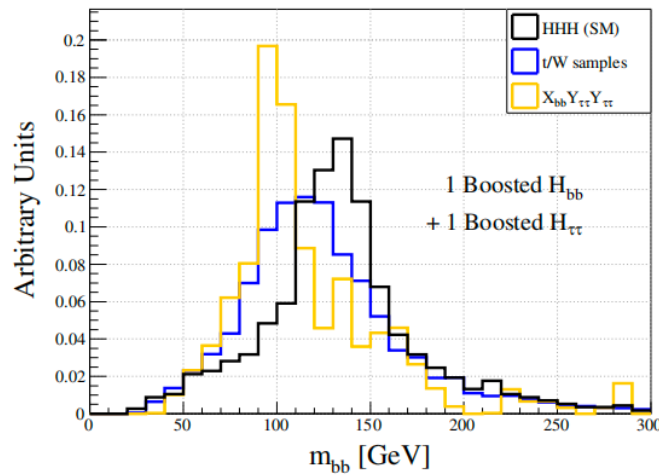
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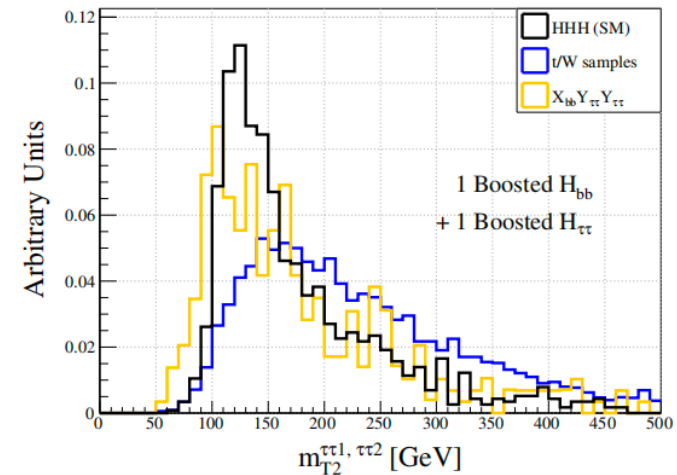
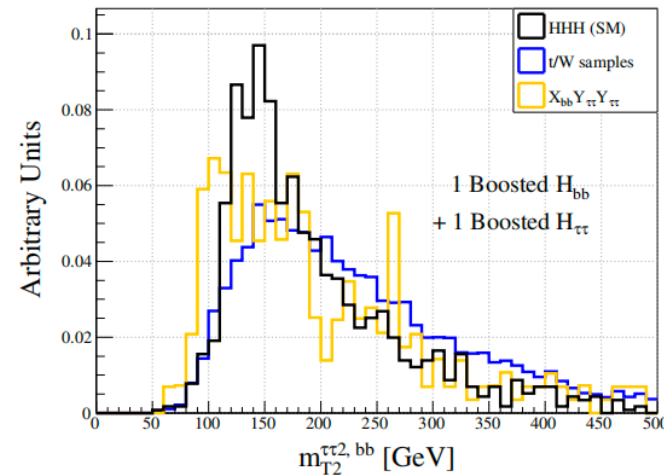
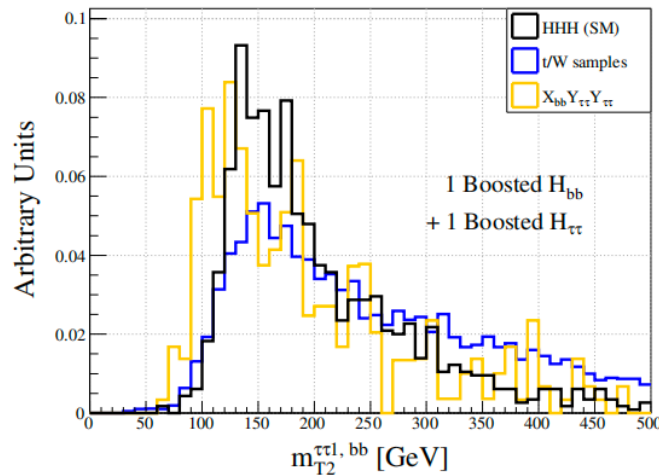
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Event Selections

5. Two Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}$ & H_{bb} category: mass and mT2



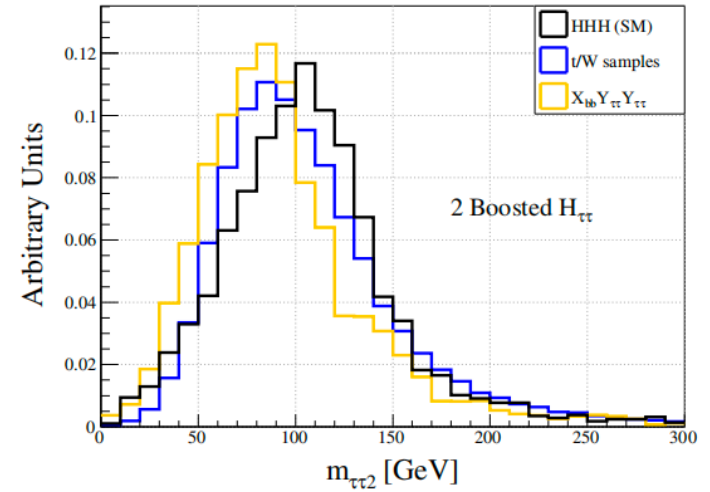
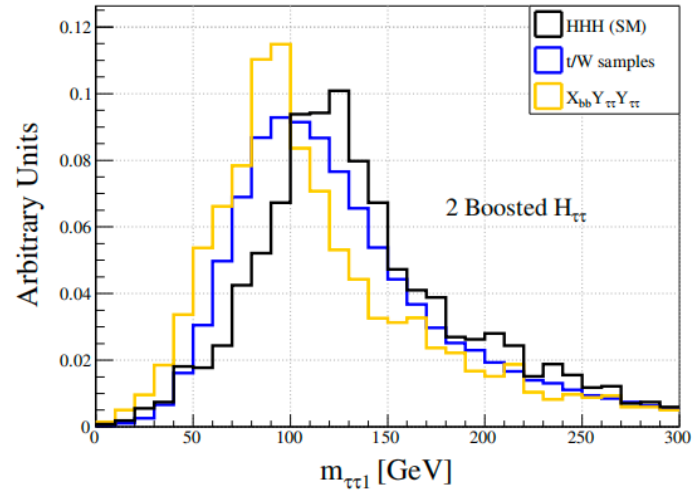
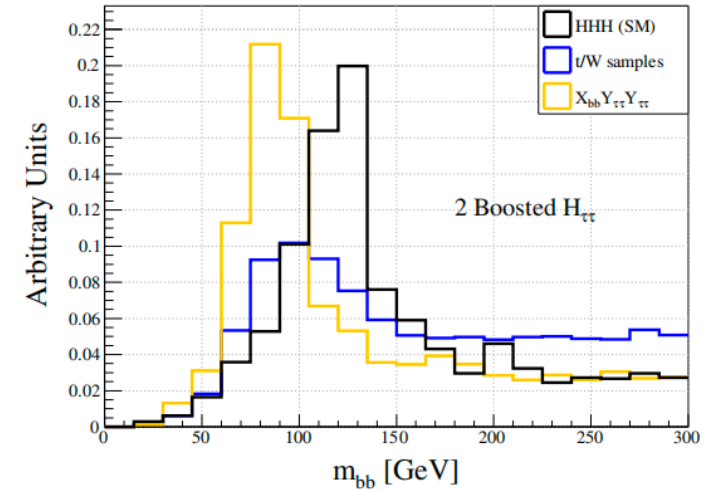
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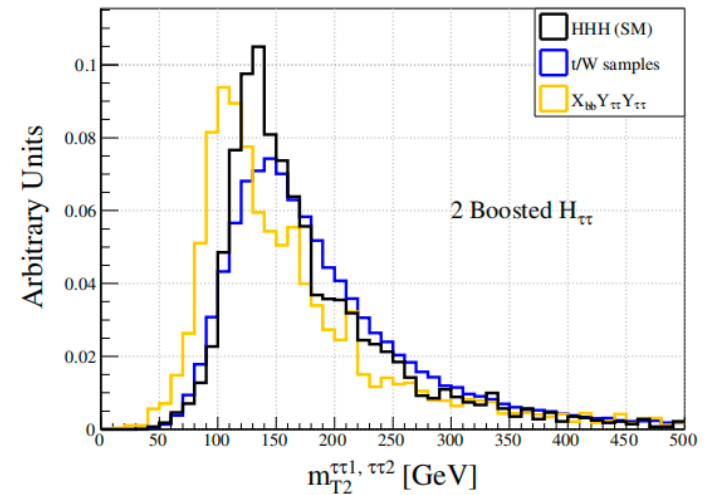
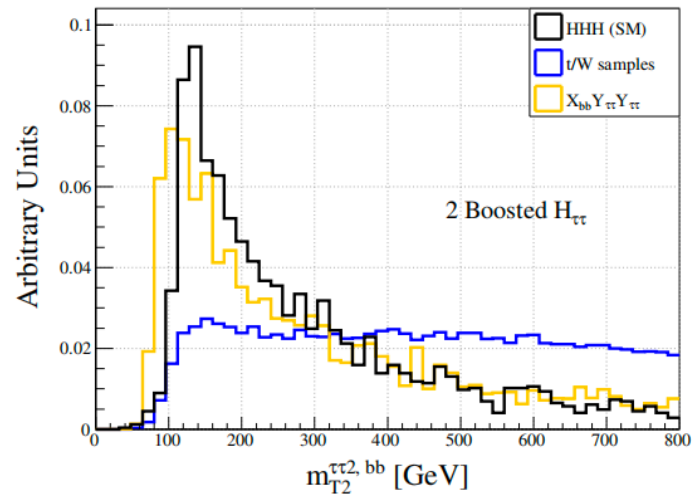
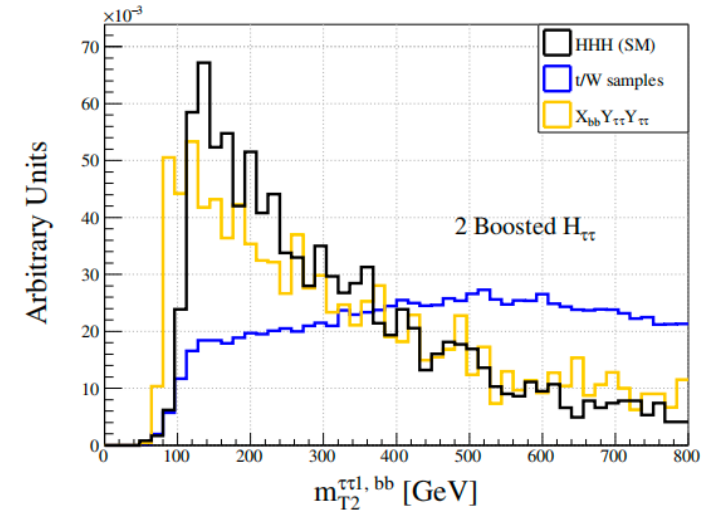
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Event Selections

6. Two Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}$ category: mass and mT2



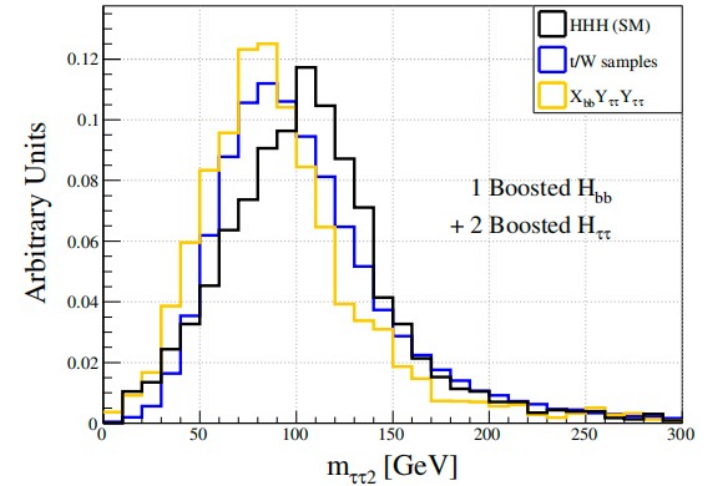
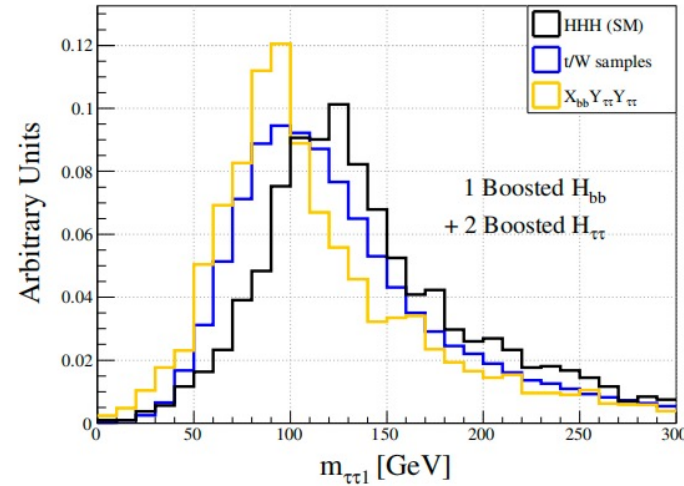
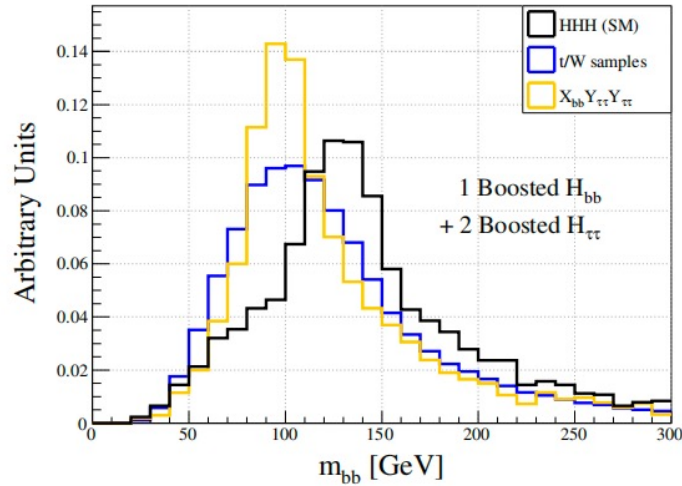
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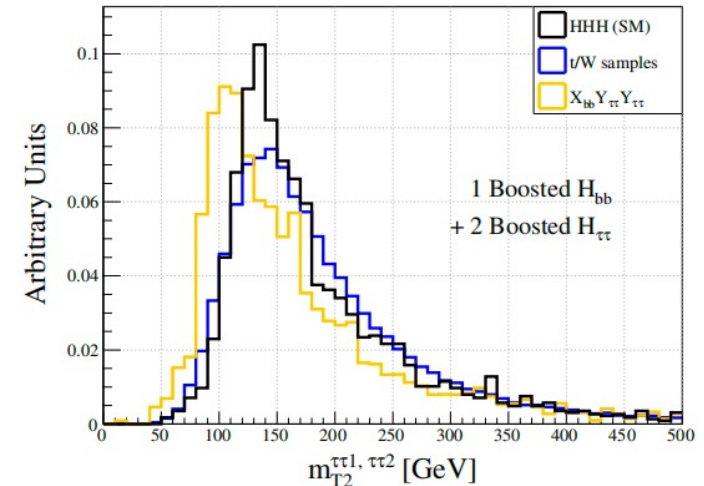
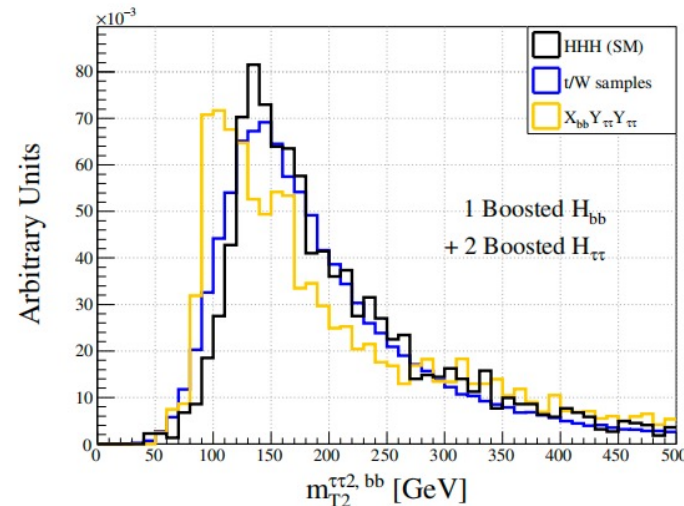
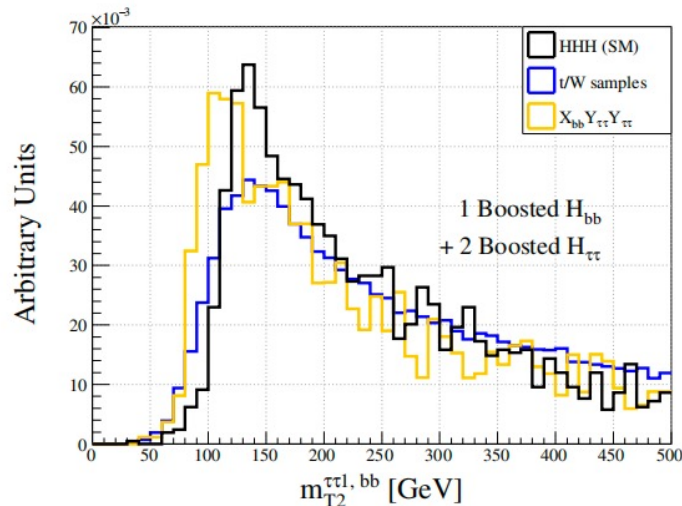
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Event Selections

7. Three Boosted category: mass and mT2



mass



mT2

Event Selections

Final selections applied in the resolved categories

Observable	Low m_{HHH} category	High m_{HHH} category
$p_T^{b,\tau}$	$> 20 \text{ GeV}$	$> 20 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta $	< 2.5	< 2.5
$m_{b\bar{b}}$	$\in [80, 135] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [90, 135] \text{ GeV}$
$m_{\tau\tau 1}$	$\in [80, 135] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [90, 135] \text{ GeV}$
$m_{\tau\tau 2}$	$\in [70, 145] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [70, 200] \text{ GeV}$
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau 1, \tau\tau 2}$	$< 130 \text{ GeV}$	$< 130 \text{ GeV}$
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau 1, b\bar{b}}$	$< 150 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau 2, b\bar{b}}$	$< 180 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$

Event Selections

Final selections applied in the boosted categories

Observable	1 Boosted H_{bb}	1 Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}^1$	2 Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}H_{bb}$	2 Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}^{1,2}$	3 Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}^{1,2}H_{bb}$
$p_T^{b,\tau}$			$> 20 \text{ GeV}$		
$p_T^{H_i}$			$> 300 \text{ GeV}$		
$ \eta $			< 2.5		
$m_{b\bar{b}}$	$\in [110, 200] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [110, 130] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [110, 300] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [100, 150] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [110, 300] \text{ GeV}$
$m_{\tau\tau 1}$	$\in [85, 135] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [100, 300] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [50, 300] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [50, 300] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [50, 300] \text{ GeV}$
$m_{\tau\tau 2}$	$\in [60, 200] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [70, 130] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [50, 130] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [50, 300] \text{ GeV}$	$\in [50, 300] \text{ GeV}$
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau 1, \tau\tau 2}$	$< 130 \text{ GeV}$	$< 180 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau 1, b\bar{b}}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 150 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau 2, b\bar{b}}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$	$< 300 \text{ GeV}$

Event Selections

Event yields and significance after sequential cuts

Category	Cut flow	HHH (SM)	HHH+VHH (SM)	t/W samples	$X_{b\bar{b}}Y_{\tau\tau}Y_{\tau\tau}$	$Z_A(S_1)$	$Z_A(S_2)$
Resolved low m_{HHH}	Baseline	1.72	2.86	6437.39	5.86	0.02	0.03
	Mass window	0.72	1.13	741.15	1.01	0.03	0.04
	m_{T2}	0.51	0.82	228.40	0.80	0.04	0.06
Resolved high m_{HHH}	Baseline	3.53	5.14	13560.52	8.37	0.03	0.04
	Mass window	0.99	1.23	222.69	0.40	0.08	0.09
	m_{T2}	0.72	0.90	37.74	0.24	0.22	0.23
1 Boosted $H_{b\bar{b}}$	Baseline	1.48	2.13	3740.43	3.23	0.03	0.03
	Mass window	0.54	0.67	438.26	0.30	0.03	0.03
	m_{T2}	0.37	0.46	70.45	0.17	0.04	0.05
1 Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}$	Baseline	0.95	1.43	2954.61	0.04	0.03	0.03
	Mass window	0.16	0.17	33.23	0.02	0.03	0.03
	m_{T2}	0.06	0.06	2.26	< 0.01	0.04	0.04
2 Boosted $H_{b\bar{b}}H_{\tau\tau}$	Baseline	0.53	0.80	1823.57	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Mass window	0.28	0.37	483.37	0.02	0.02	0.02
	m_{T2}	0.25	0.32	264.86	0.18	0.02	0.02
2 Boosted $H_{\tau\tau}^{1,2}$	Baseline	1.36	3.78	30653.17	10.22	< 0.01	0.02
	Mass window	0.36	0.69	1680.29	1.00	< 0.01	0.02
	m_{T2}	0.27	0.49	1021.44	0.68	< 0.01	0.02
3 Boosted $H_{b\bar{b}}H_{\tau\tau}^{1,2}$	Baseline	1.12	3.38	33788.98	8.22	< 0.01	0.02
	Mass window	0.68	1.85	15968.47	3.02	< 0.01	0.01
	m_{T2}	0.41	0.89	6110.52	0.04	< 0.01	0.01

- The **resolved high m_{HHH} category** provide the **strongest sensitivity**
- The m_{T2} variable shows great performance
- Events with **one boosted Higgs** provide **complementary sensitivity**
- Multiple boosted Higgs events** shows **negligible contribution** to the overall sensitivity

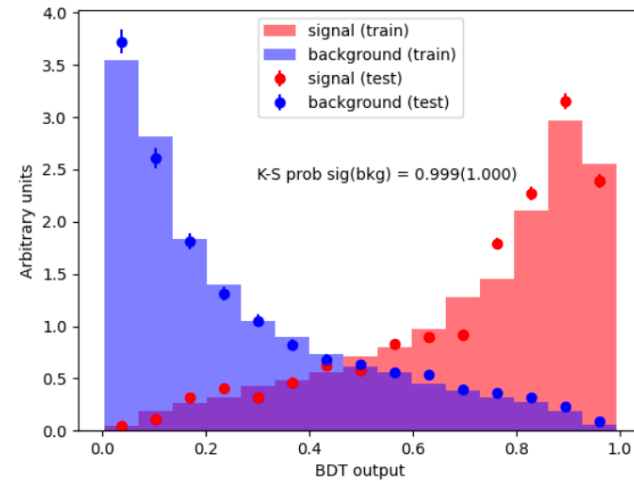
Event Selections

BDT analysis

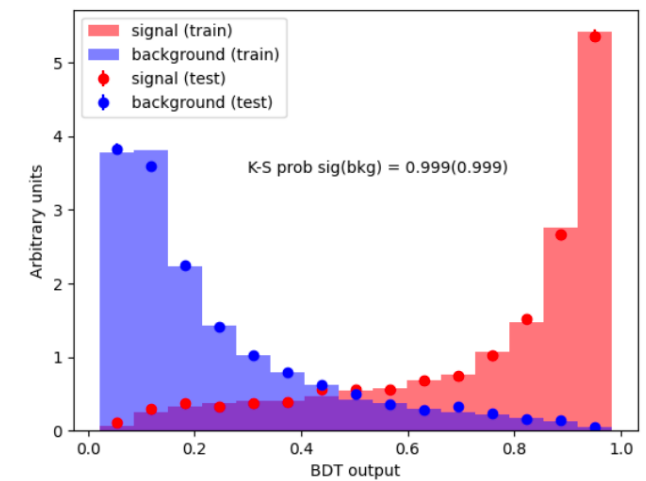
- In the Resolved category, the statistic is sufficient to employ a BDT training
- Summary of input variables for the XGBoost BDT training

Input variables	Description
$p_T^{b1,2}, p_T^{\tau1,2,3,4}, p_T^{bb}, p_T^{\tau\tau1}, p_T^{\tau\tau2}, p_T^{4\tau}, p_T^{4\tau2b}$	Transverse momentum (p_T) of the two b-jets, four τ , di-b-jets, two τ pairs, 4 τ and 4 $\tau2b$ system.
$\eta_{b1,2}, \eta_{\tau1,2,3,4}, \eta_{bb}, \eta_{\tau\tau1}, \eta_{\tau\tau2}$	Pseudorapidity (η) of the two b-jets, four τ , di-b-jets, two τ pairs.
$m_{bb}, m_{\tau\tau1}, m_{\tau\tau2}, m_{4\tau}, m_{4\tau2b}$	Invariant mass of the di-b-jets, two τ pairs, 4 τ and 4 $\tau2b$ system.
$\Delta R_{bb}, \Delta R_{\tau\tau1}, \Delta R_{\tau\tau2}, \Delta R_{bb,\tau\tau1}, \Delta R_{bb,\tau\tau2}, \Delta R_{\tau\tau1,\tau\tau2}$	Angular distance ($\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$) between the constituents of the di-b-jets, two τ pairs. ΔR between the di-b-jets and τ pairs ($\tau\tau1, \tau\tau2$), ΔR between the two τ pairs
$\Delta\eta_{bb}, \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau1}, \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau2}, \Delta\eta_{bb,\tau\tau1}, \Delta\eta_{bb,\tau\tau2}, \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau1,\tau\tau2}$	Difference in pseudorapidity ($\Delta\eta$) for the di-b-jets, two τ pairs. $\Delta\eta$ between the bb-system and each τ pairs, $\Delta\eta$ between two τ pairs
$\Delta\phi_{bb}, \Delta\phi_{\tau\tau1}, \Delta\phi_{\tau\tau2}, \Delta\phi_{bb,\tau\tau1}, \Delta\phi_{bb,\tau\tau2}, \Delta\phi_{\tau\tau1,\tau\tau2}$	Difference in azimuthal angle ($\Delta\phi$) for the di-b-jets, two τ pairs. $\Delta\phi$ between the bb-system and τ pairs, $\Delta\phi$ between two τ pairs
$\frac{p_T^{\tau1,2}}{m_{\tau\tau1}}, \frac{p_T^{\tau3,4}}{m_{\tau\tau2}}, \frac{p_T^{b1,2}}{m_{bb}}, \frac{p_T^{bb}}{m_{bb}}$	Ratios of the p_T of single τ /b-jet/di-b-jets to the invariant mass of τ pairs /di-b-jets
$\frac{p_T^{\tau1,2}}{m_{4\tau}}, \frac{p_T^{\tau1,2}}{m_{4\tau2b}}, \frac{p_T^{4\tau}}{m_{4\tau2b}}, \frac{p_T^{2b}}{m_{4\tau2b}}$	Ratios of the p_T of τ pairs/4 τ system/4 $\tau2b$ system to the invariant mass of 4 τ system/4 $\tau2b$ system
$m_T^{\tau1,2,3,4}, m_T^{\tau\tau1,2}, m_T^{bb}, m_T^{total}$	Transverse mass (m_T) of the single τ , τ pairs, di-b-jets and total 4 $\tau2b$ system
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau1}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau2}, m_{T2}^{bb}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau1,bb}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau2,bb}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau1,\tau\tau2}$	Stransverse mass (m_{T2}) of τ pairs, di-b-jets, m_{T2} between the τ pairs and di-b-jets, and between the two τ pairs

- Train two models separately for low and high m_{HHH} categories
- Good performance without overfitting



(a) Low m_{HHH} category



(b) High m_{HHH} category

Results

Significance of cut-based and BDT-based analyses

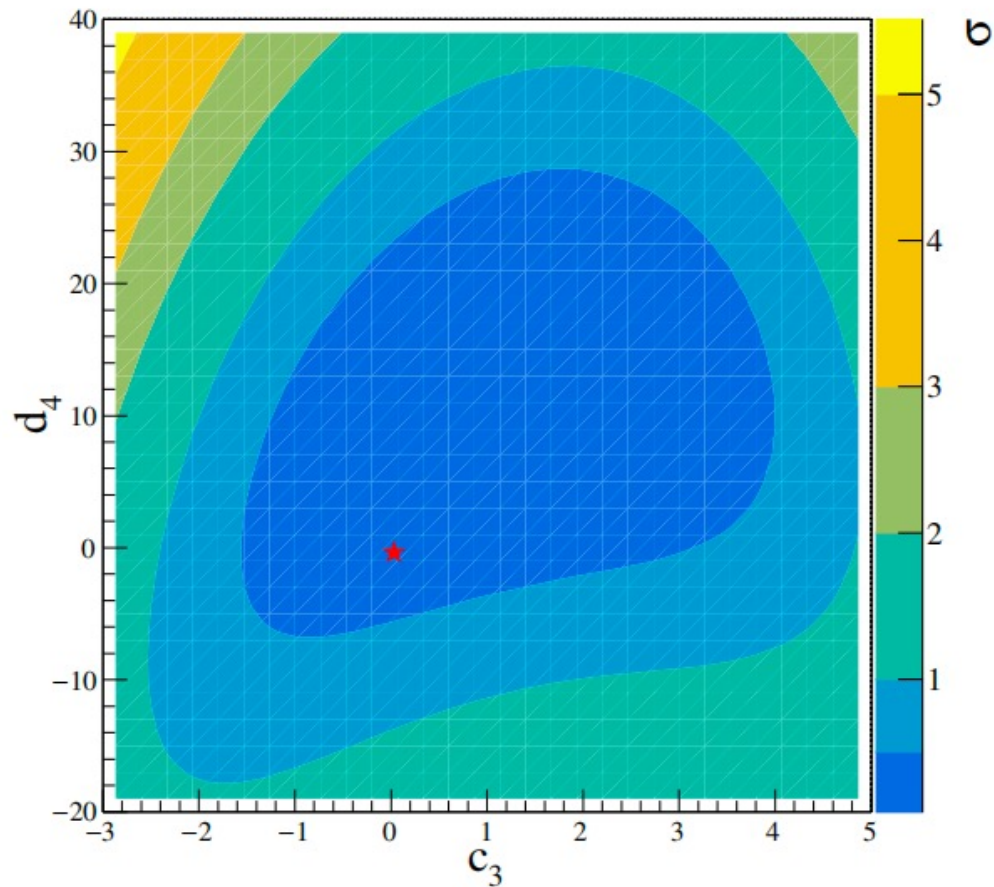
- BDT method consistently outperforms the cut-based approach
 - Improvements ranging from 60% to 150%
- SM case: 0.39σ
- BSM case: can reach 5σ in $c_3 \lesssim -1$ and $d_4 \gtrsim 10$ region

HHH signal	σ (cut-based)	σ (BDT)	Improvement
SM $c_3 = 0, d_4 = 0$	0.239	0.385	61.44%
BSM $c_3 = 4, d_4 = 9$	0.478	1.237	158.82%
BSM $c_3 = -2, d_4 = -11$	0.806	1.825	126.42%
BSM $c_3 = 3, d_4 = -21$	2.140	4.095	91.34%
BSM $c_3 = 0, d_4 = -21$	1.714	3.139	83.21%
BSM $c_3 = -2, d_4 = 19$	1.548	3.622	134.1%
BSM $c_3 = -3, d_4 = 9$	2.171	5.504	153.4%
BSM $c_3 = -3, d_4 = 14$	2.578	6.327	145.4%

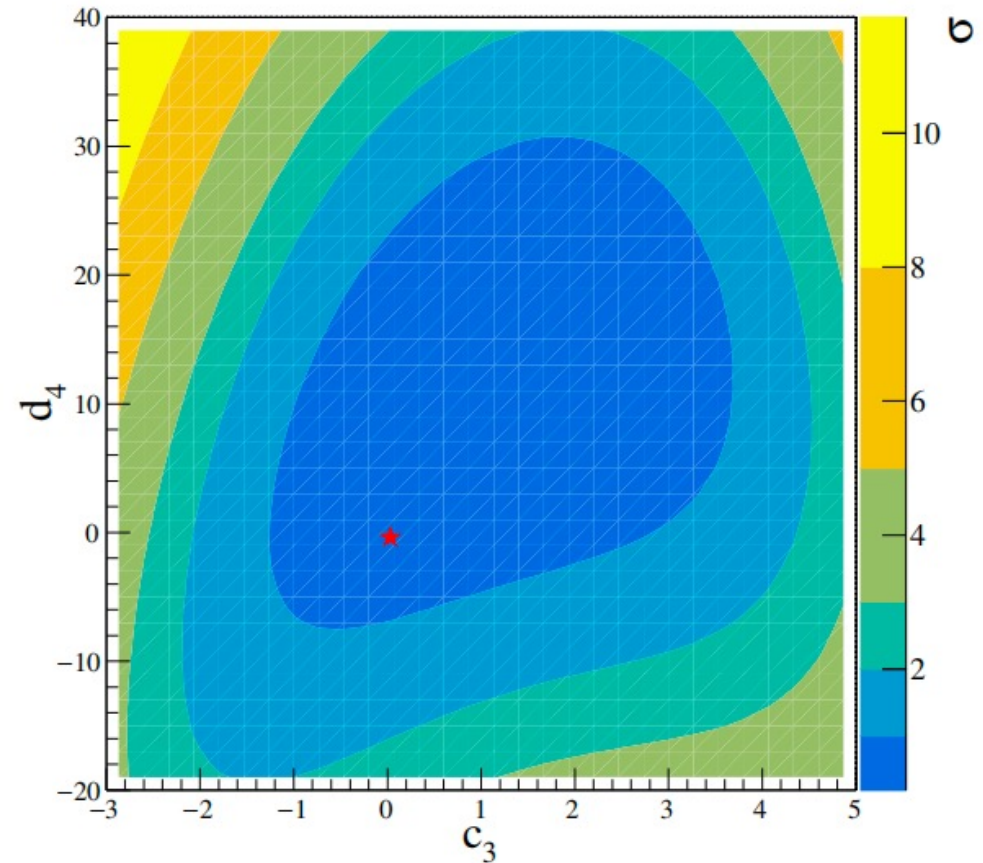
Results

Scenario1 Pure HHH signal: Significance contour on (c_3 , d_4) plane

- VHH is considered as background in this case



Cut-based

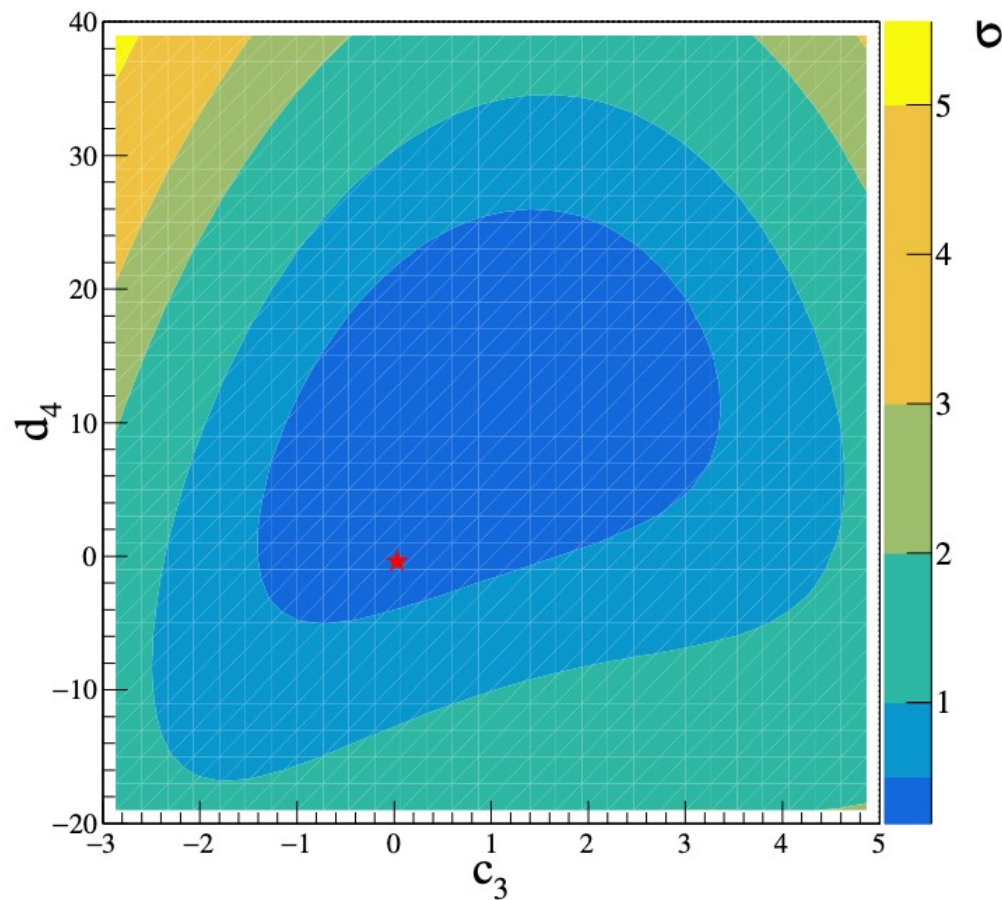


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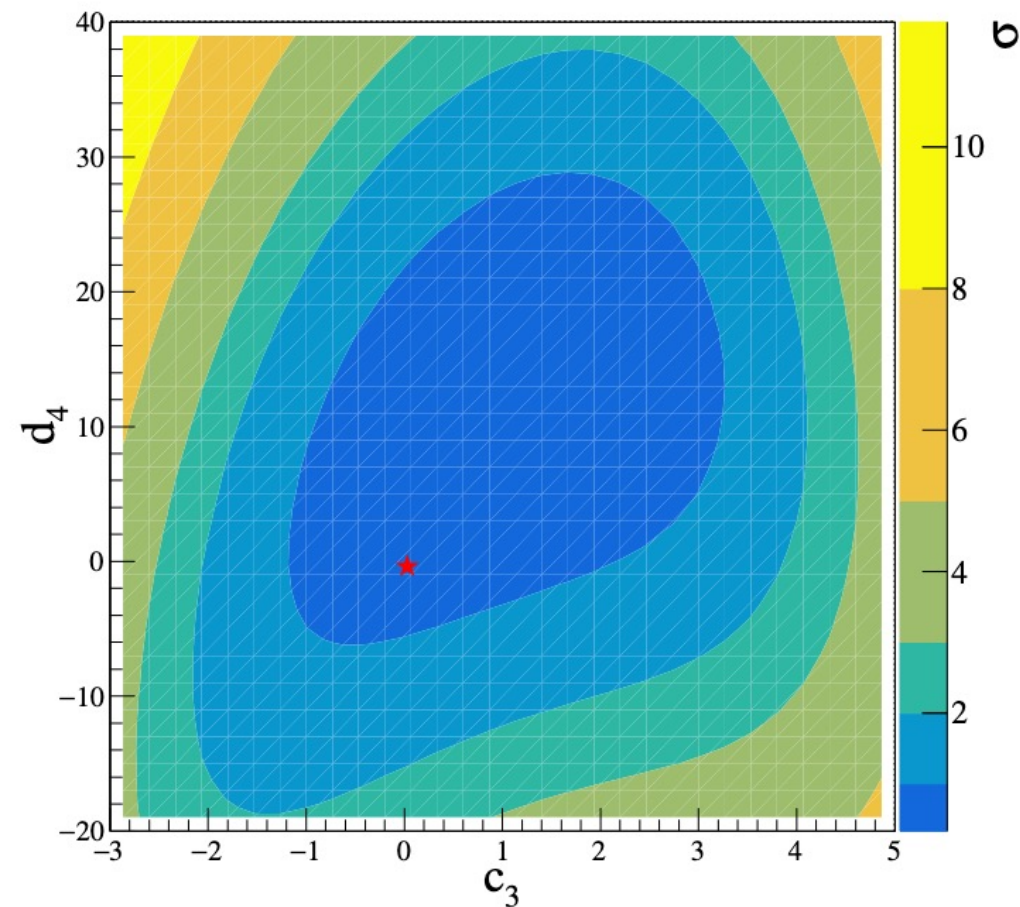
Results

Scenario2 HHH+VHH signal: Significance contour on (c_3 , d_4) plane

- VHH exhibits a non-linear dependence on c_3 , provide extra constraints on positive c_3 region



Cut-based



BDT

Summary

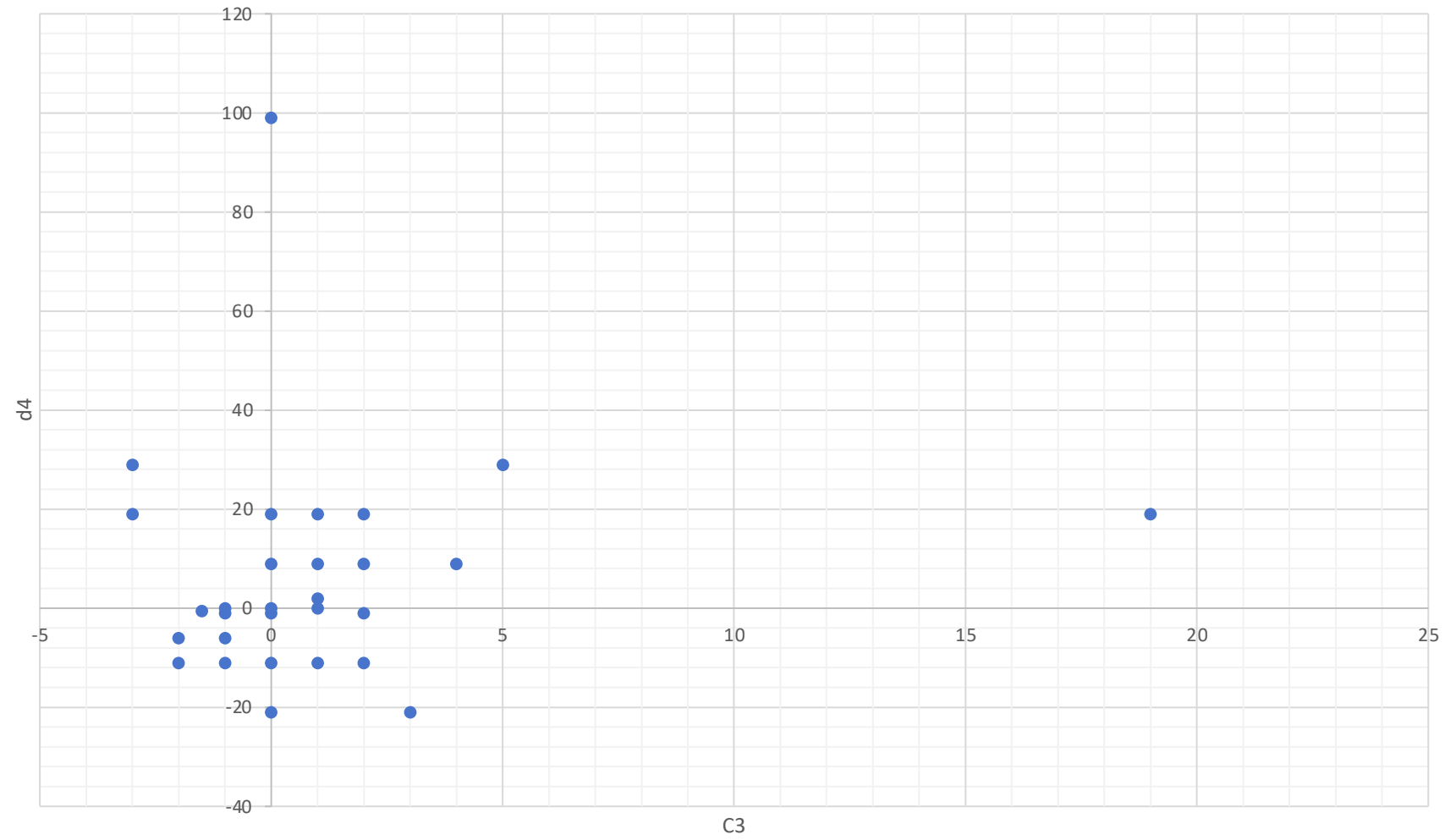
- First study of HHH production in the $4\tau 2b$ channel at a 100 TeV collider, with both resolved and boosted reconstruction techniques.
- The $4\tau 2b$ channel demonstrate the ability to achieve good sensitivity in this challenging final state, especially in $c3 \lesssim -1$ and $d4 \gtrsim 10$ BSM region where 5σ in significance could be reached.
- The coupling-dependent categorization of the m_{HHH} phase space proved particularly effective.
- Employed two complementary approaches: a traditional cut-based optimization and an advanced BDT-based analysis. The BDT training shows significant improvements in sensitivity.
- This work has been published in JHEP. For more details, see:
- [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP08\(2025\)040](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP08(2025)040)

Thanks

Back up

Progress of $4\tau 2b$ channel

- Signal scan list



Optimization

Estimate different variables, including:

- mass of bb, taupair, bbtatau, bbtautautatau
- m_T , m_{T2} , MET
- $P_{t_over_mass}$, ΔR

Use the most powerful: mass and m_{T2} to optimization

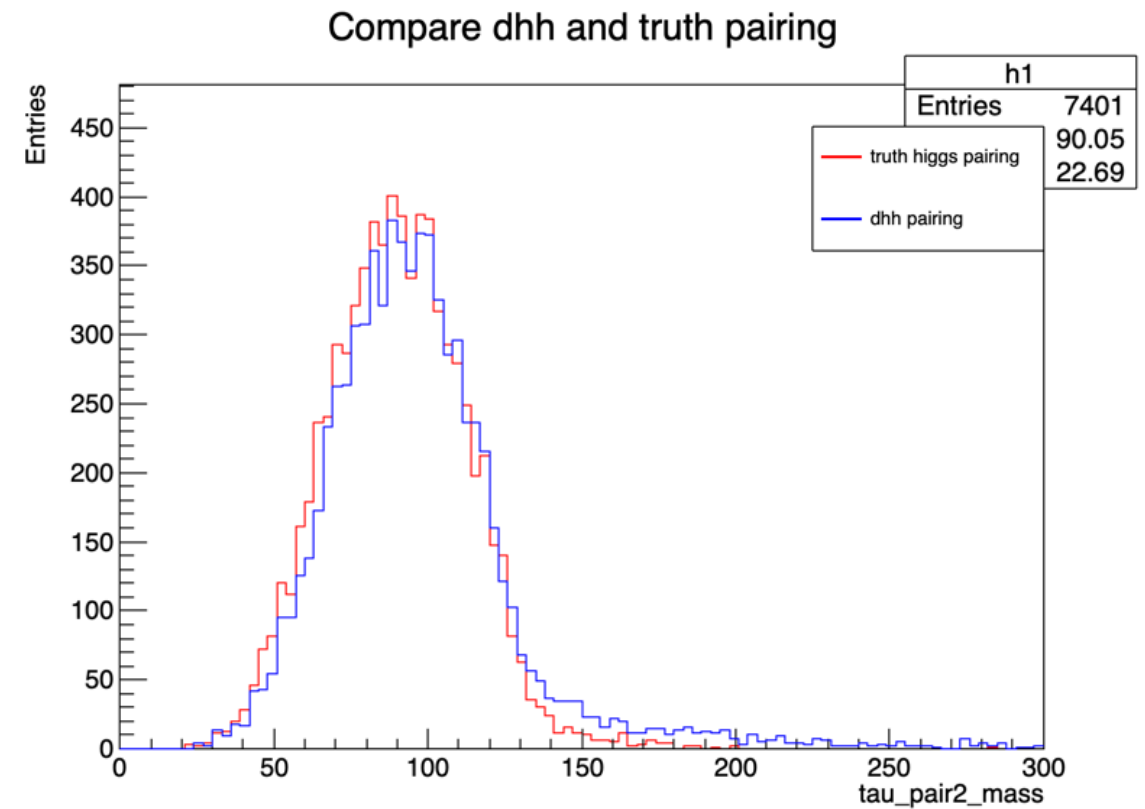
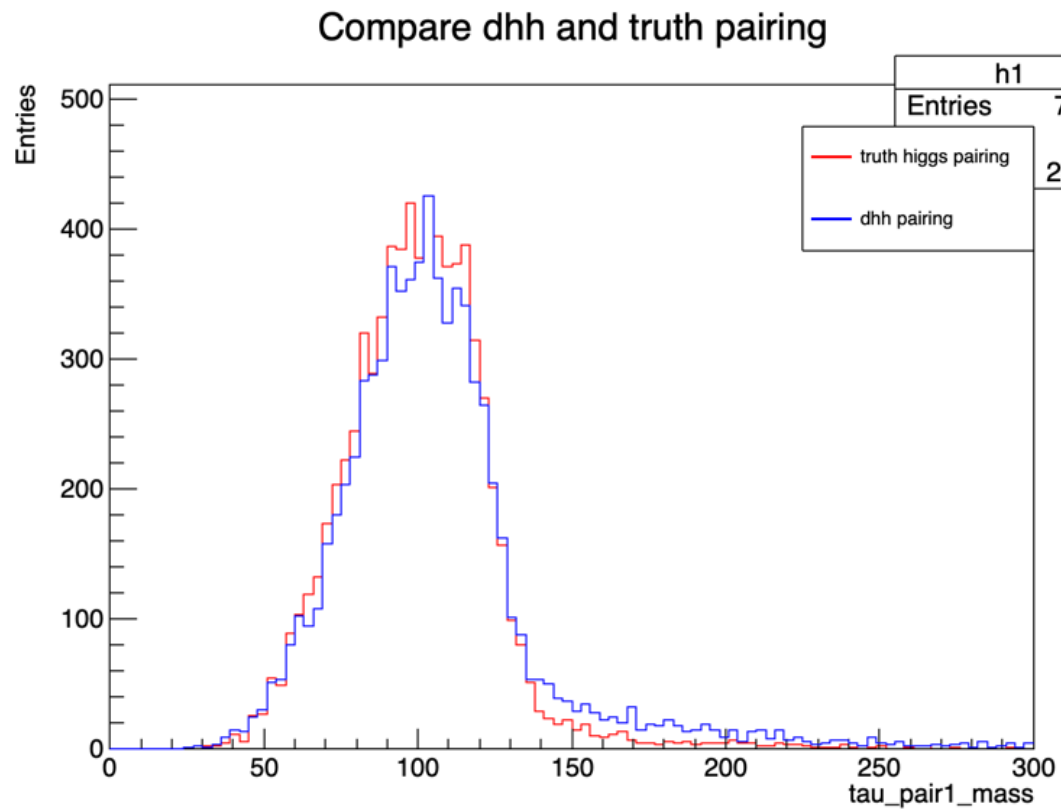
- Full cut scan For each category

Progress of $4\tau 2b$ channel

- HHH Truth filter
- 50000 events
- After truth filter (4tau 2b) : 22306 events 44.4%
 - 4 Tau hadron decay filter : $(0.65)^4 = 17.8\%$ 3955 events expected **3998**
 - 3 Tau hadron 1 tau lep : $C_4^1(0.65)^3(0.35)^1 = 38.4\%$ 8533 events expected **8658**
 - 2 Tau hadron 2 tau lep : $C_4^2(0.65)^2(0.35)^2 = 31.1\%$ 6911 events expected **6851**
 - 1 Tau hadron 3 tau lep : $C_4^3(0.65)^1(0.35)^3 = 11.1\%$ 2466 events expected **2493**
 - 4 Tau lep decay filter. : $(0.35)^4 = 1.5\%$ 333 events expected **306**

Progress of $4\tau 2b$ channel

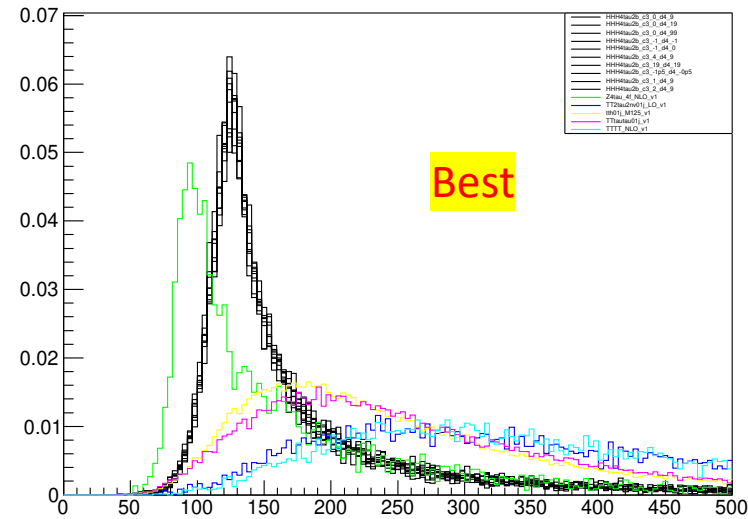
- tau pairing accuracy of 77.9%



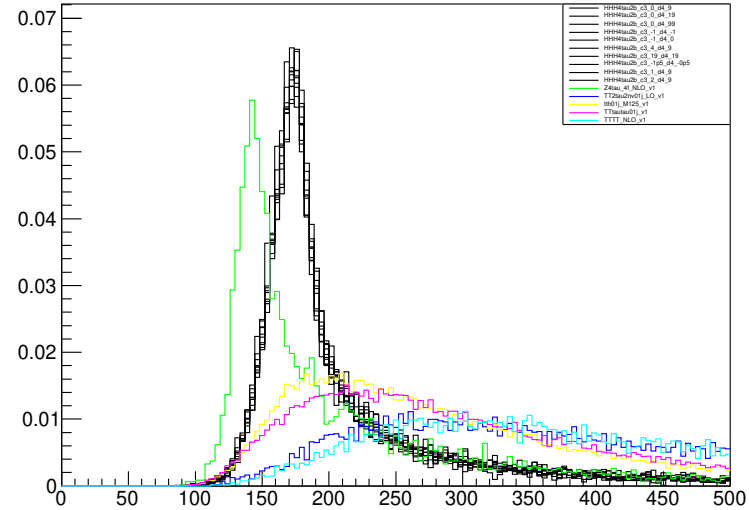
Progress of $4\tau 2b$ channel

- Asymmetric MT2:

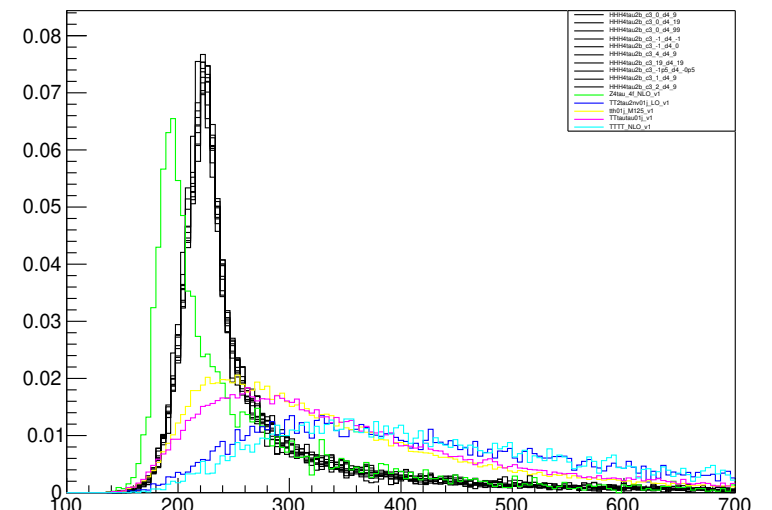
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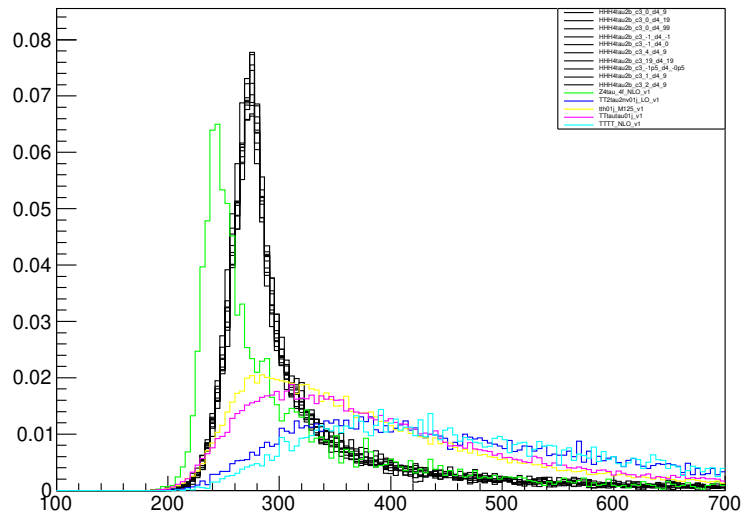
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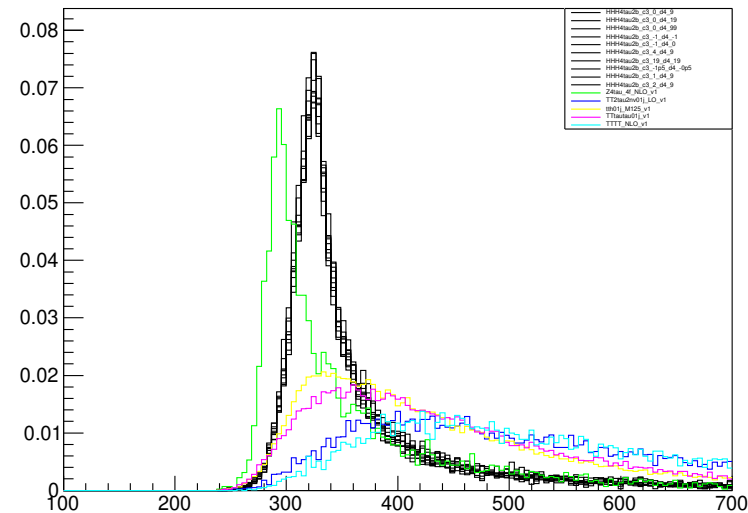
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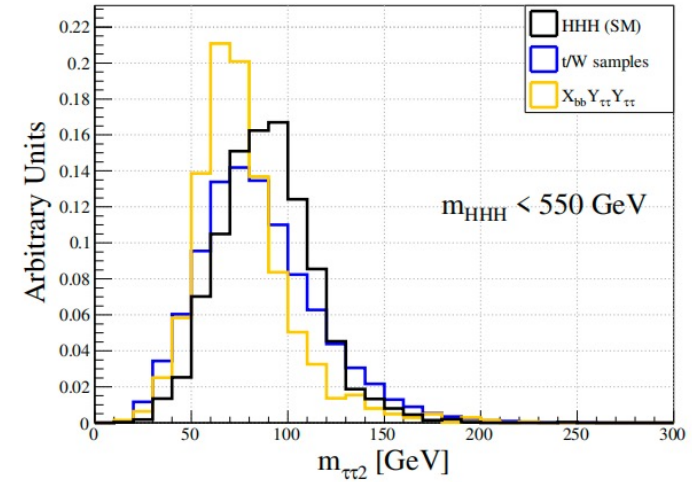
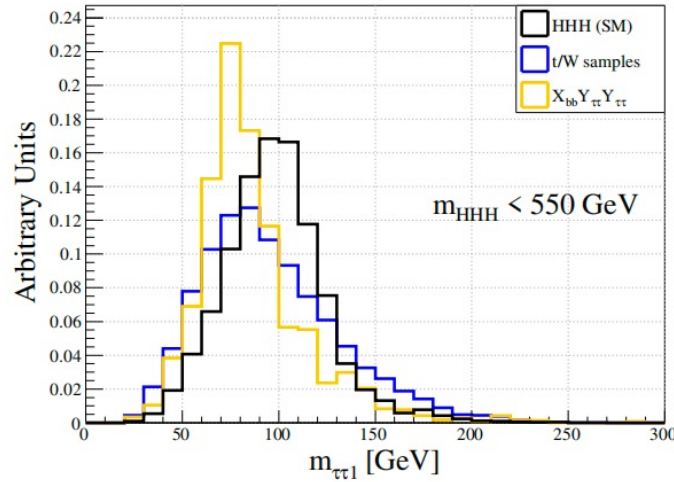
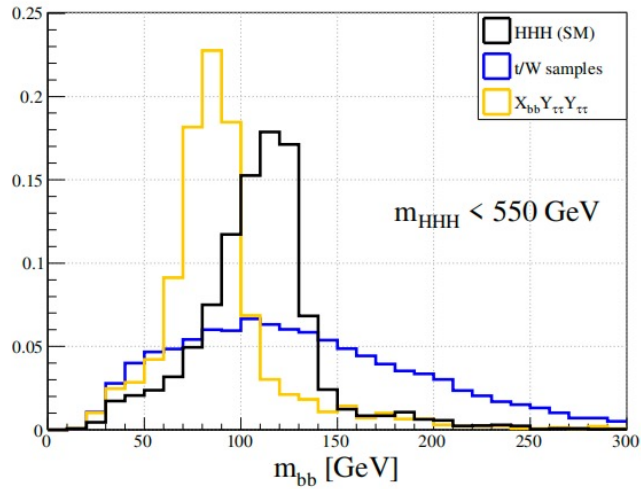


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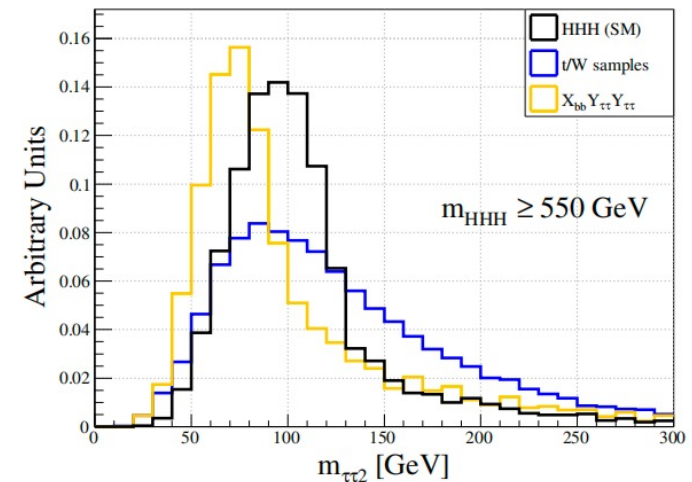
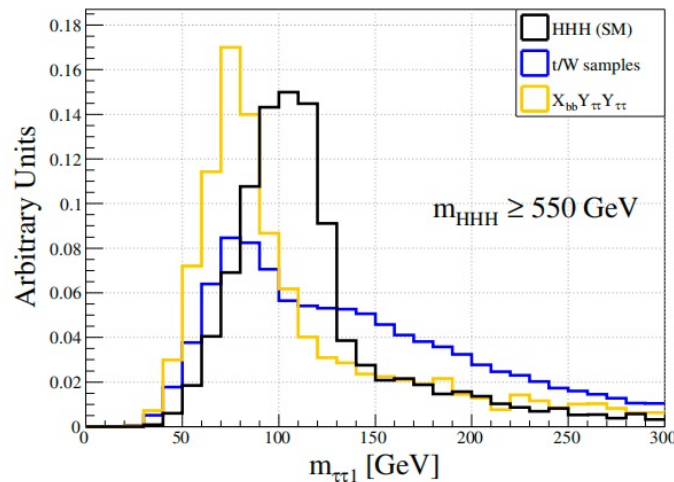
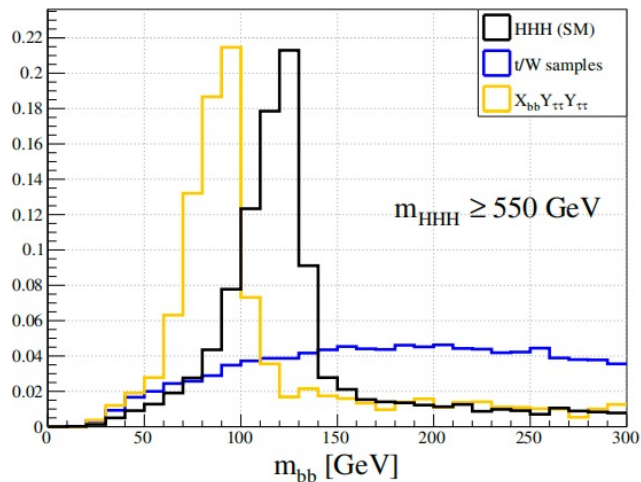


Event Selections

Resolved categories: m_{bb} , $m_{\tau\tau 1}$, $m_{\tau\tau 2}$



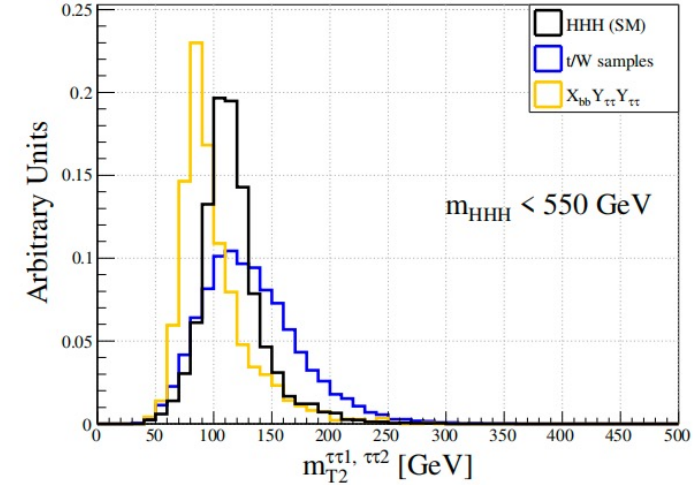
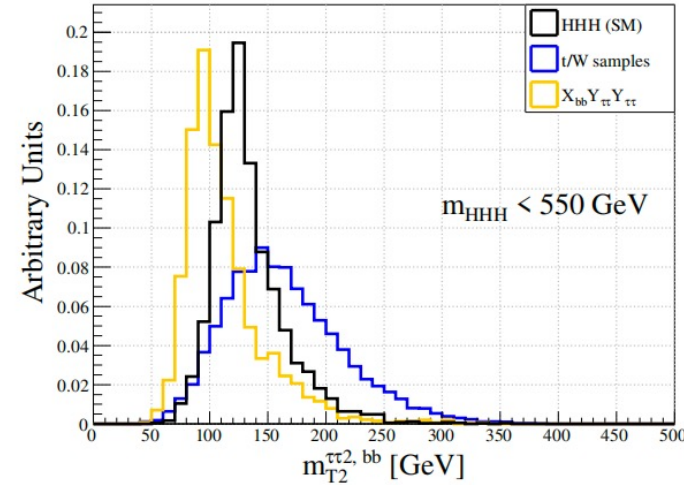
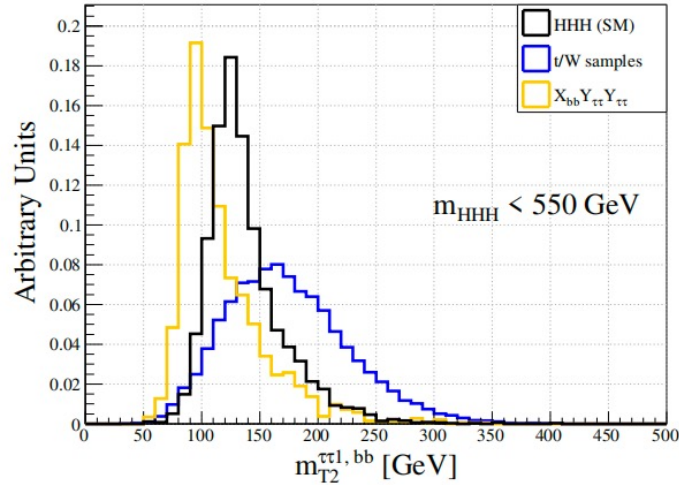
Low m_{HHH}



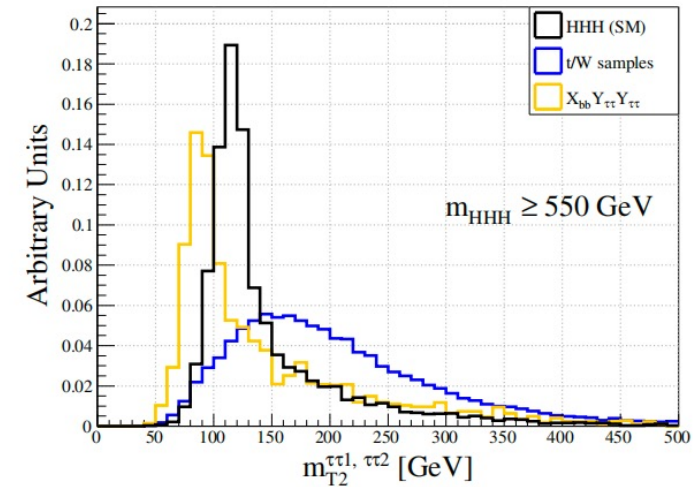
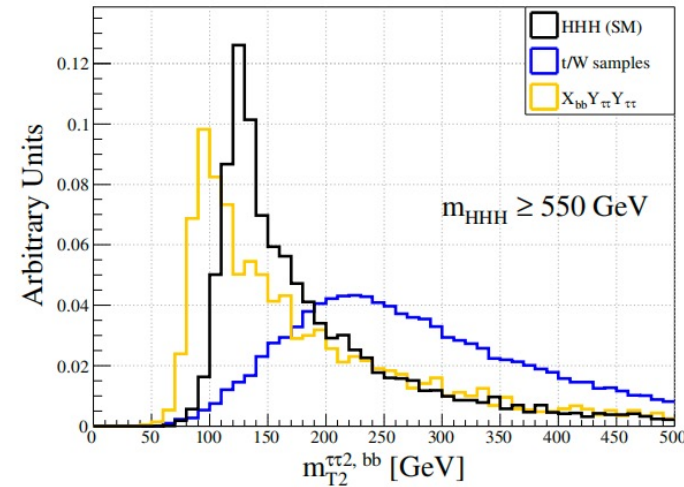
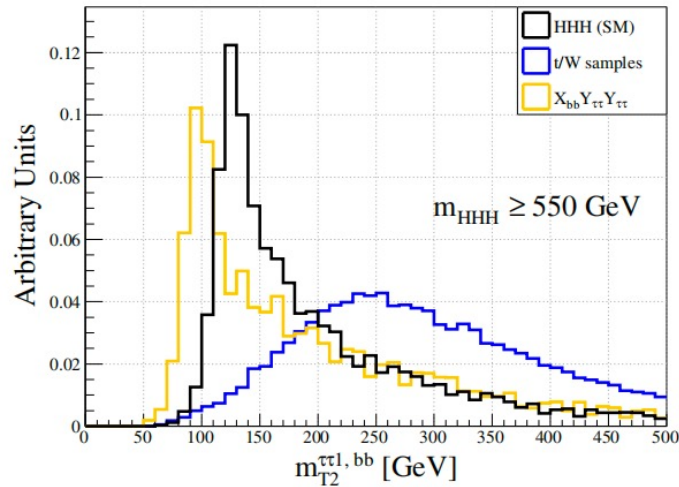
High m_{HHH}

Event Selections

Resolved categories: $m_{T2}^{bb,\tau\tau 1}$, $m_{T2}^{bb,\tau\tau 2}$, $m_{T2}^{\tau\tau 1,\tau\tau 2}$



Low m_{HHH}



High mass