

# 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

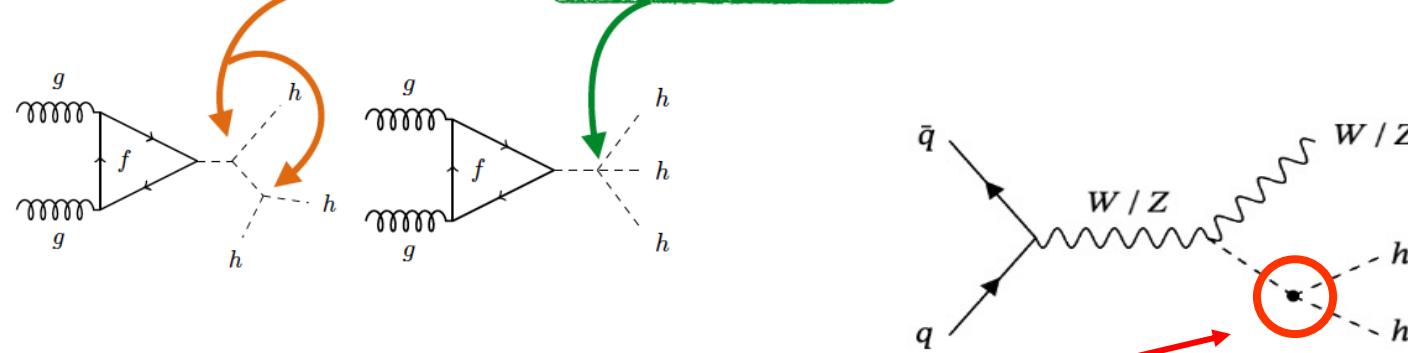
CEPC/FCC working group studies shows:

- 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

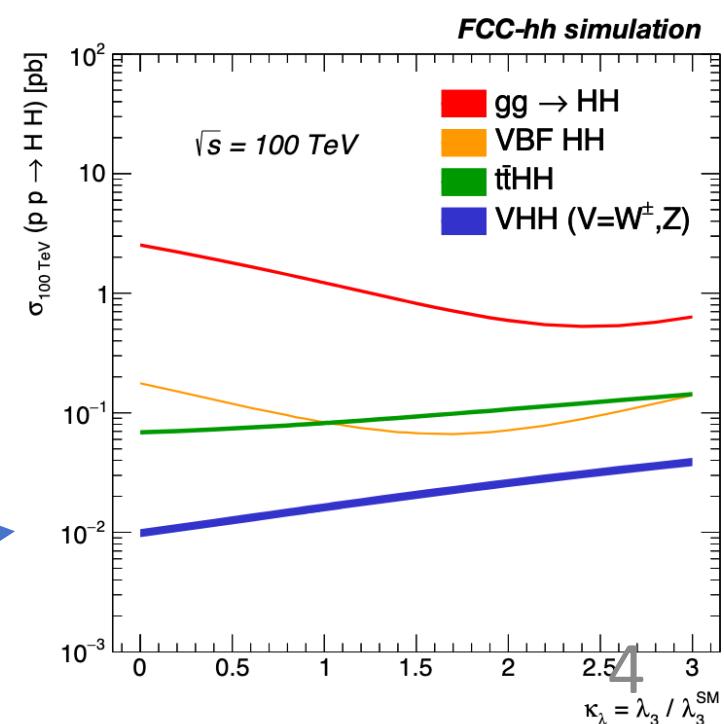
# Motivation

- HHH production: direct probe of quartic Higgs self-coupling  $\lambda_{hhh}$  and trilinear Higgs self-coupling  $\lambda_{hhh}$

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



- VHH can also contribute to the trilinear coupling  $\lambda_{hhh}$ 
  - 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  $\kappa_\lambda$



# Motivation

$hh \rightarrow$ final state	BR (%)	$\sigma$ (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  $30\text{ ab}^{-1}$  @ 100 TeV
- The golden  $4b2\gamma$  mode [ Papaefstathiou & Sakurai (JHEP'16) ]
  - Clean signature and excellent photon resolution
  - $2\sigma$  reachable in the SM case
- The  $2b2\ell 4j + \text{MET}$  mode [ Kilian, Sun, Yan, Zhao & Zhao (JHEP'17) ]
  - High-level variables (like MT2)
  - Challenging for the SM, potentially powerful for BSM
- The  $6b$  &  $4b2\tau$  mode [ Papaefstathiou, Robens & Teltlalmatzi-Xolocotzi (JHEP'21)], [BF, Kim & Lee (PLB'17)]
  - Require good b-tagging
  - High-level variables
  - $2\sigma$  reachable in SM case

# Theoretical framework

## Theoretical framework for HHH signal

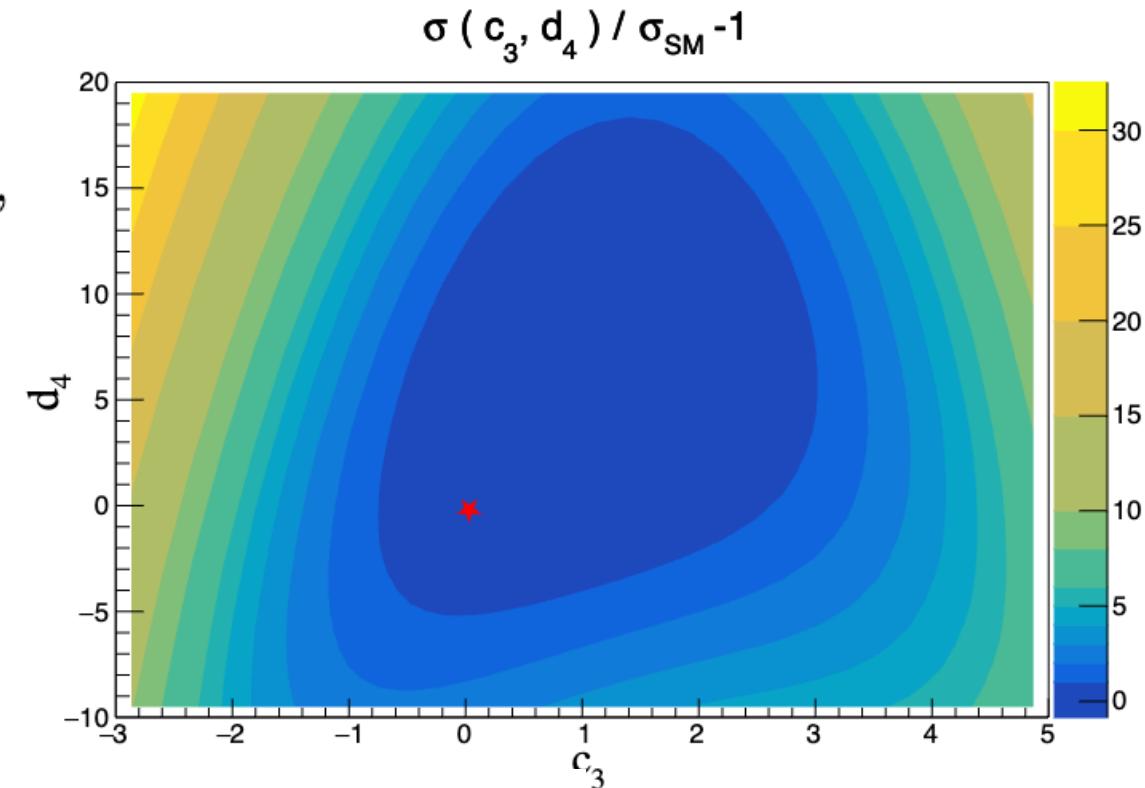
- Modified Higgs potential

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

- $c_3$  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:

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



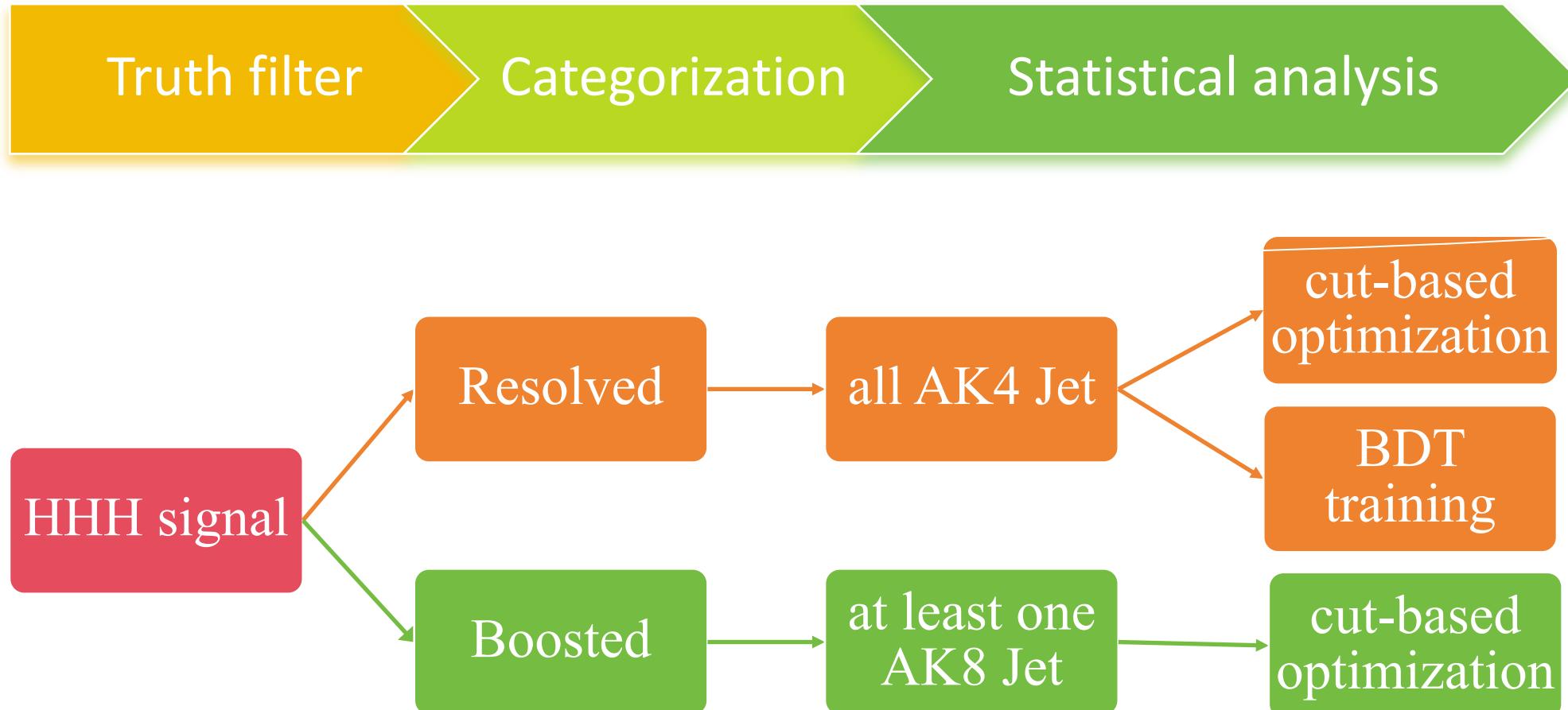
# Samples

- 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	$HHH \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h)$ , $c_3 = 0.0$ , $d_4 = 0.0$ (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	$HHZ \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\tau_h\tau_h)(\tau_h\tau_h)$ , $c_3 = 0.0$ (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	$t\bar{t}\tau\tau + \text{jets (LO)}$	$7.609 \times 10^4$
	$t\bar{t}H$ (LO)	$1.598 \times 10^4$
	$t\bar{t}\tau\tau\nu\nu + \text{jets (LO)}$	$5.381 \times 10^2$
	$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ (NLO)	$3.869 \times 10^2$
$X_{bb}Y_{\tau\tau}Y_{\tau\tau}$ samples	$Z\tau\tau\tau\tau (Z \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ (NLO)	$1.140 \times 10^2$
	$HZZ$ (NLO)	$0.518 \times 10^2$

**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

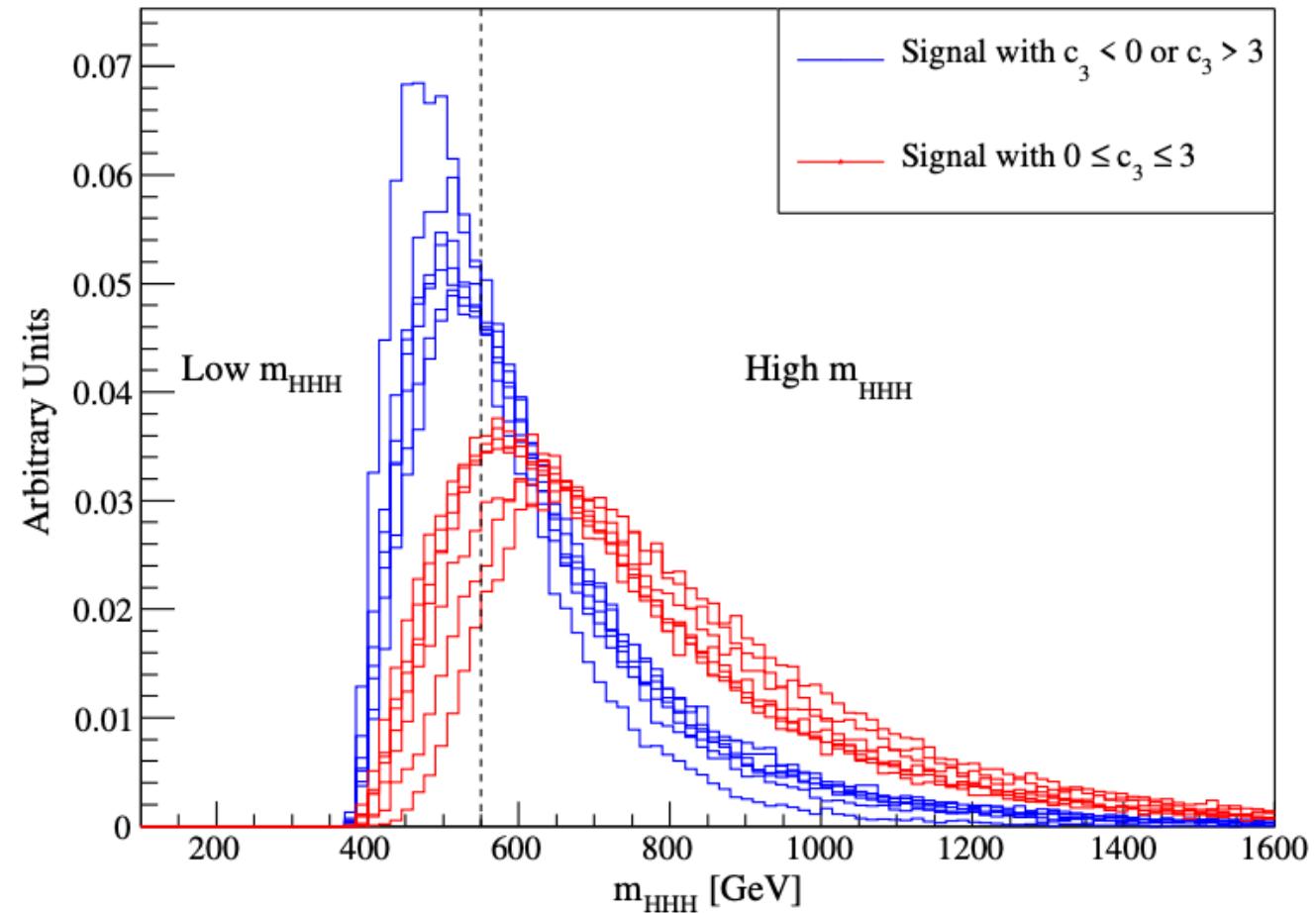
- These 4 tau jets are paired by a minimization of  $d_{HH}$

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

# 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

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

- $m_{T2}$  can significantly **reject the t/W related background**

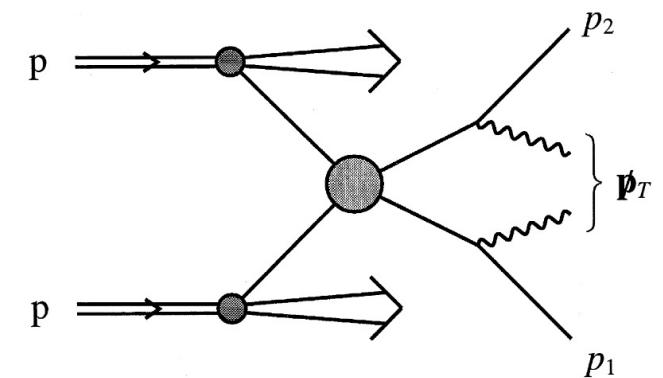
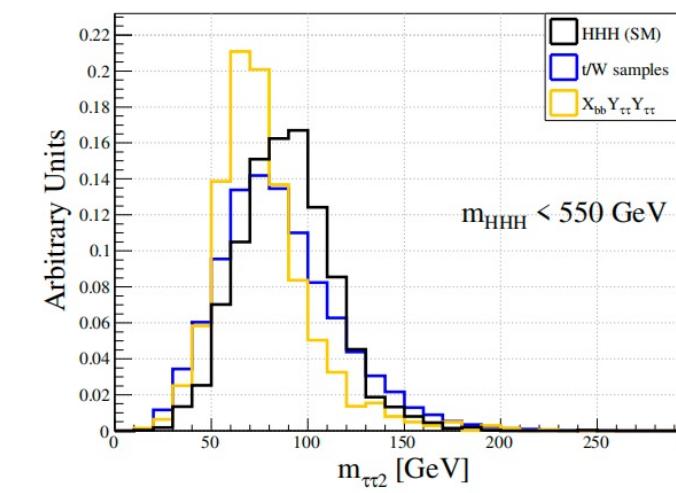
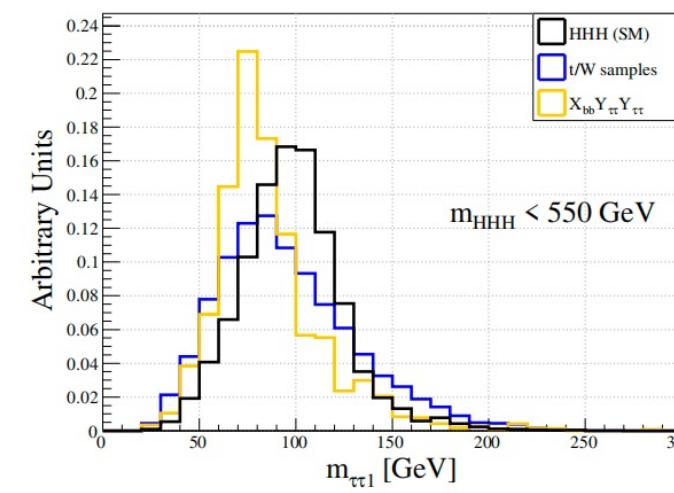
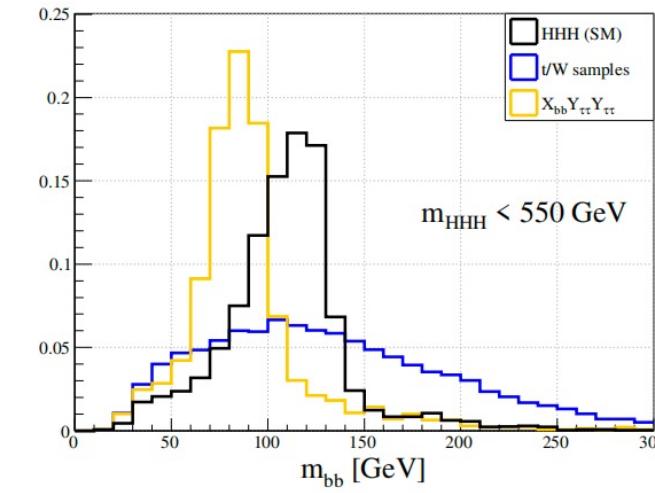


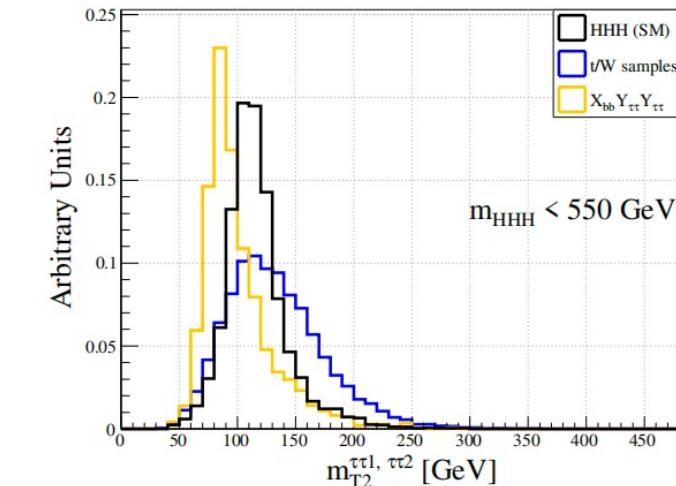
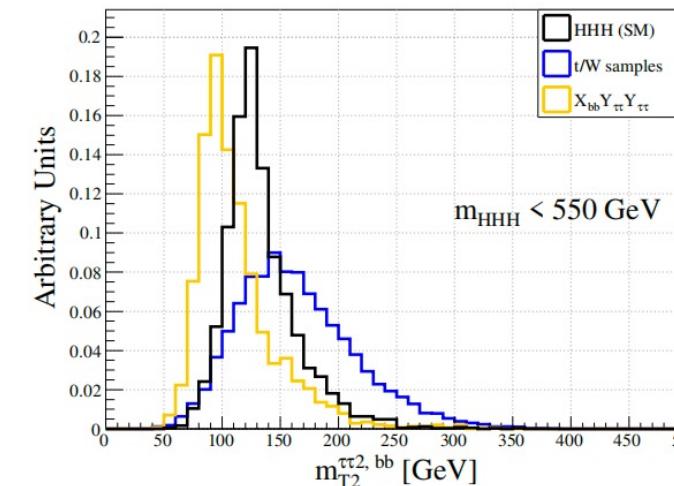
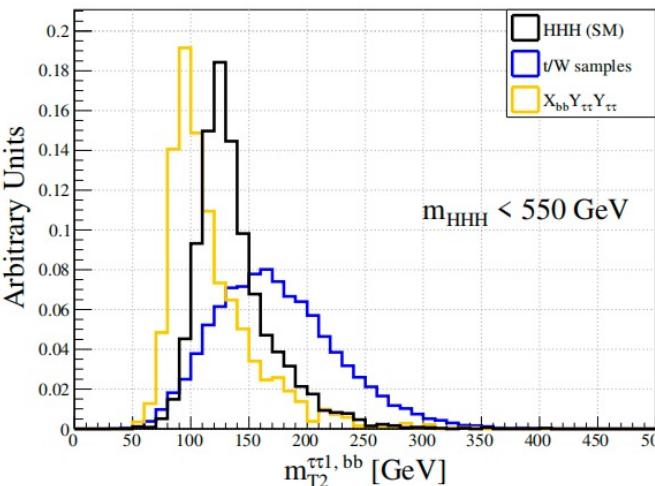
Fig. 1. Diagram of the generic process that we consider. A hadronic collision that leads to a pair of particles being produced, which each decay into one particle that is observed with momenta  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  respectively; and one particle (shown as a wavy lines) that is not directly detected, and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

# Event Selections

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



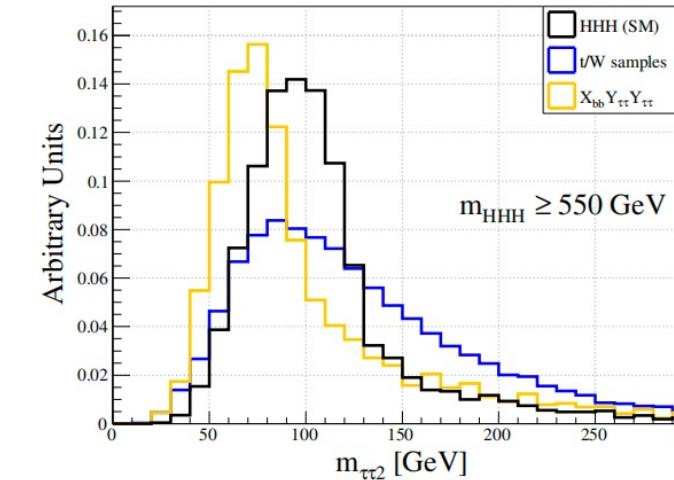
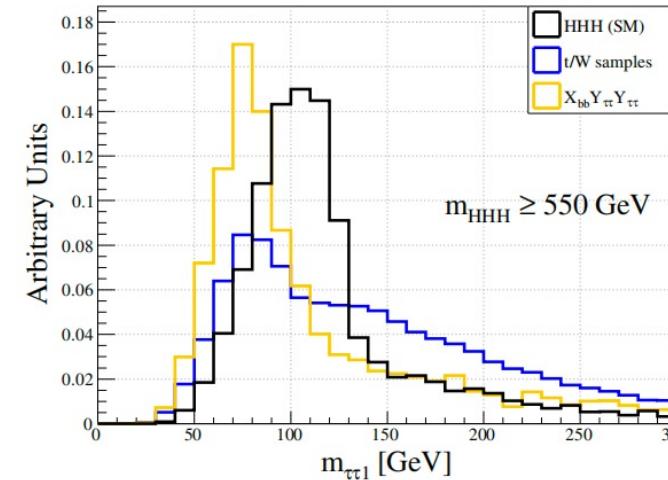
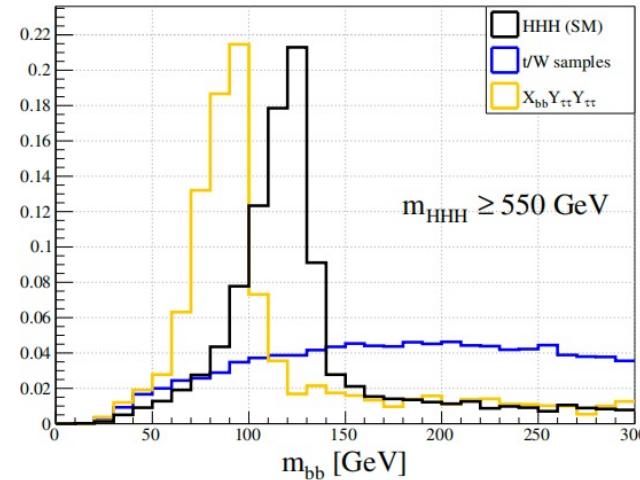
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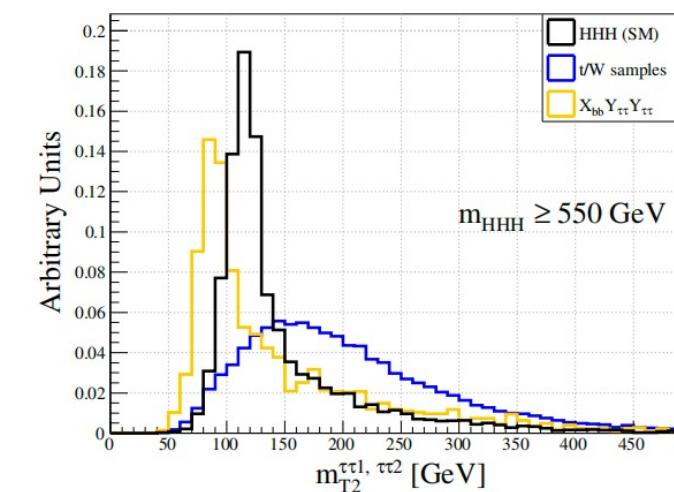
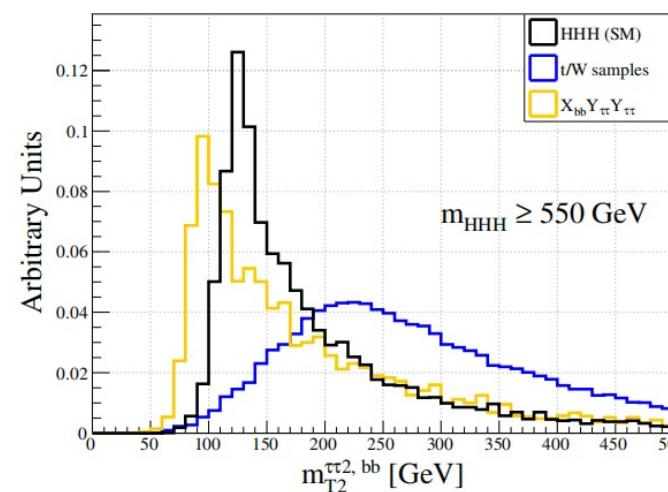
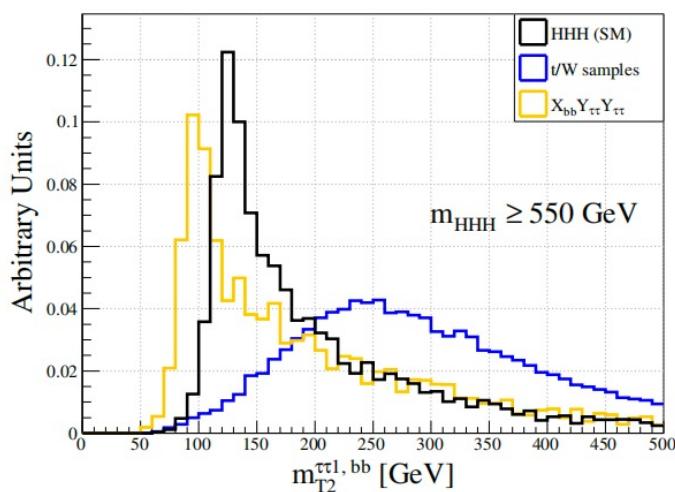
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# Event Selections

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



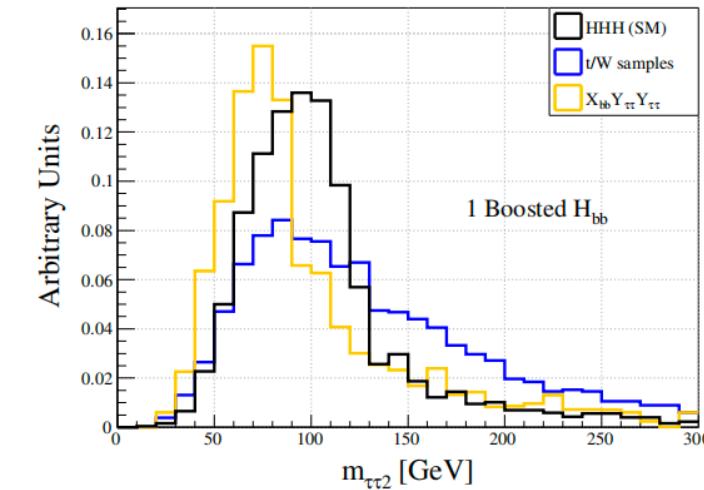
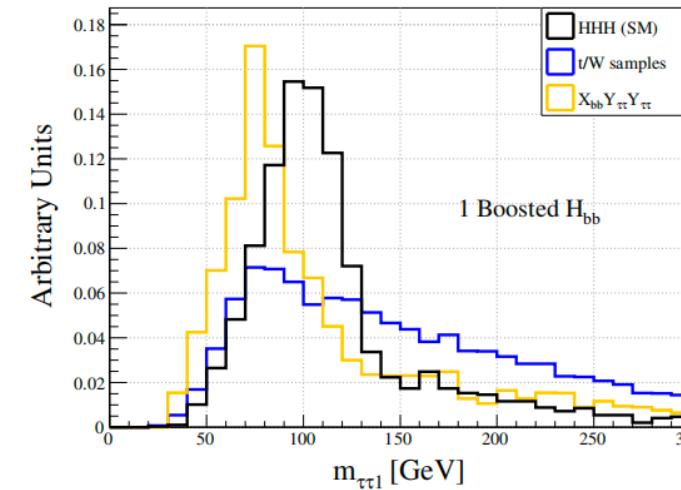
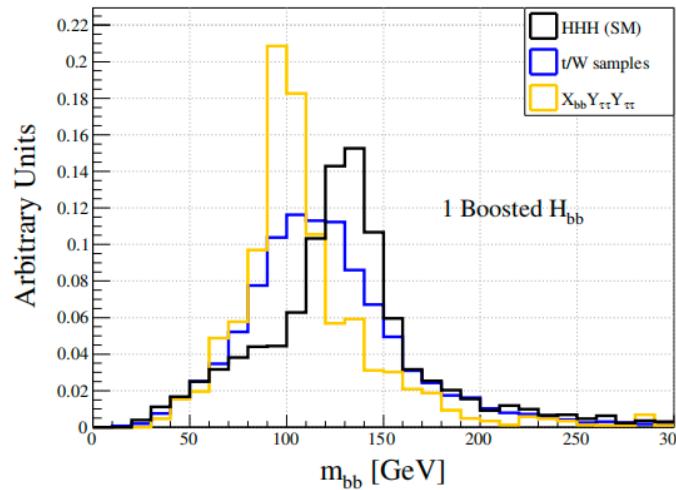
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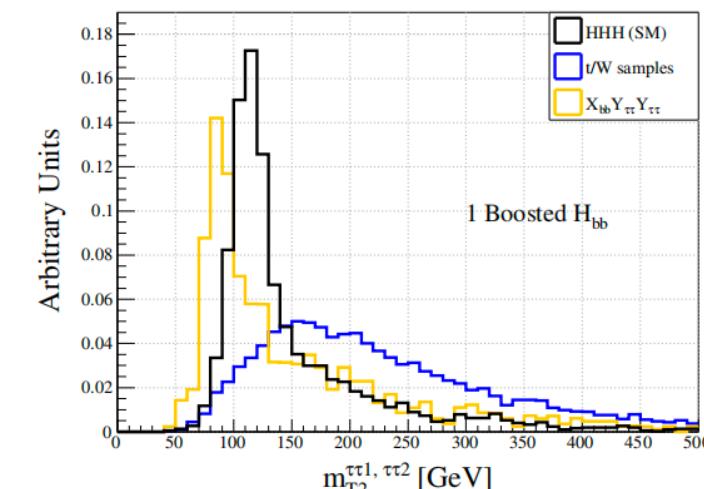
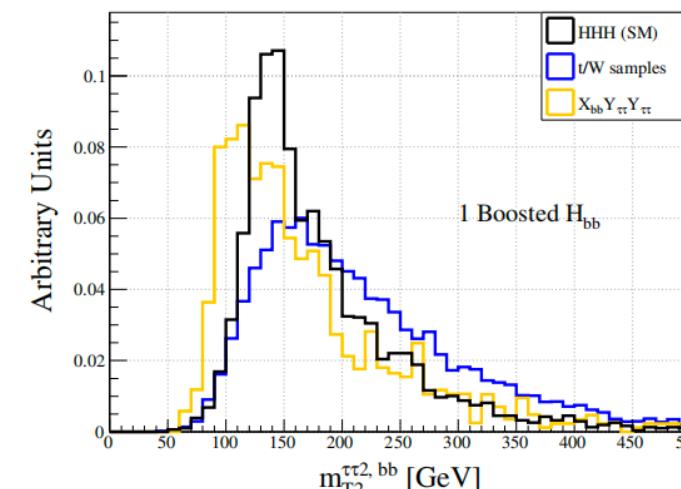
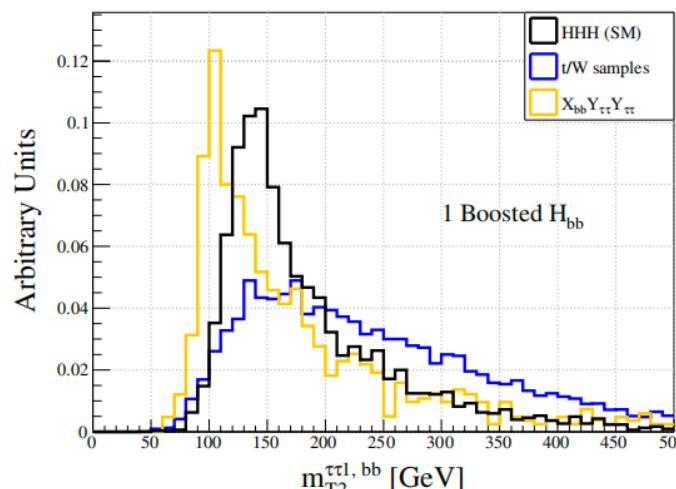
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# Event Selections

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



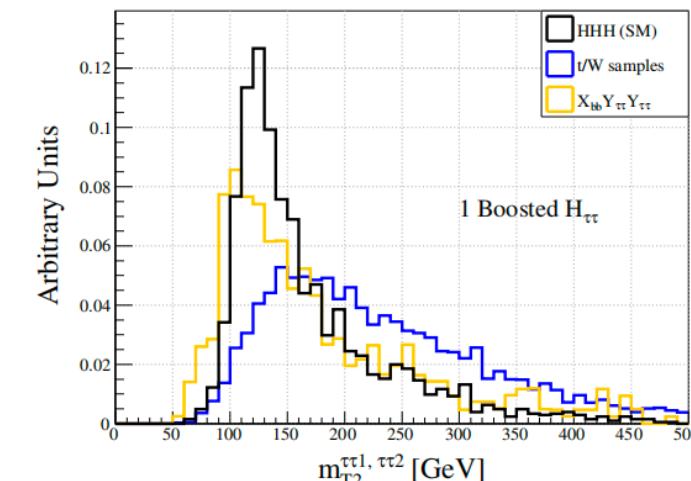
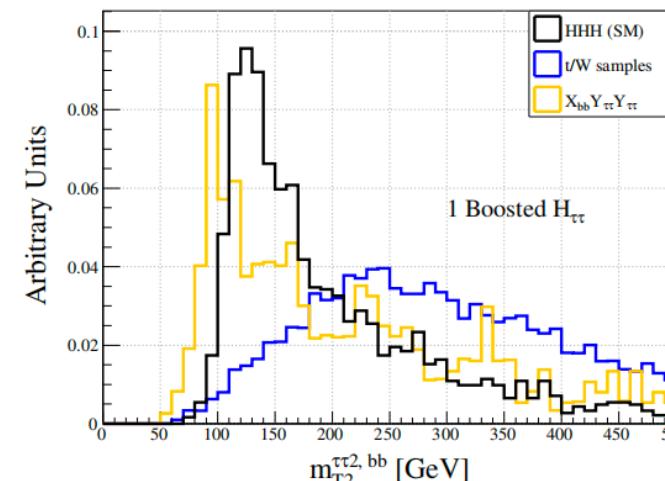
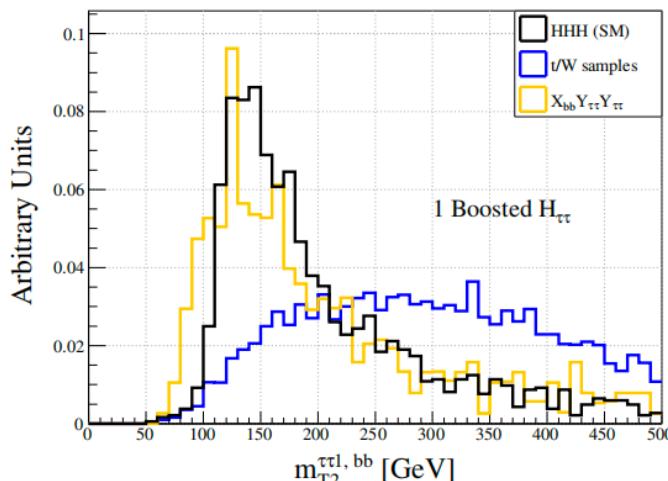
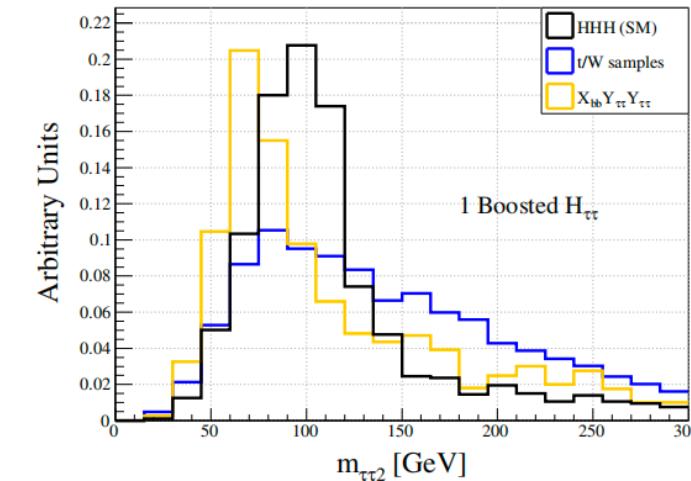
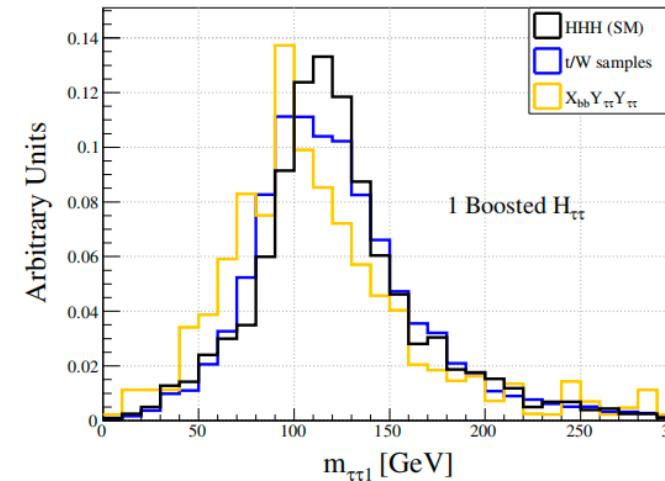
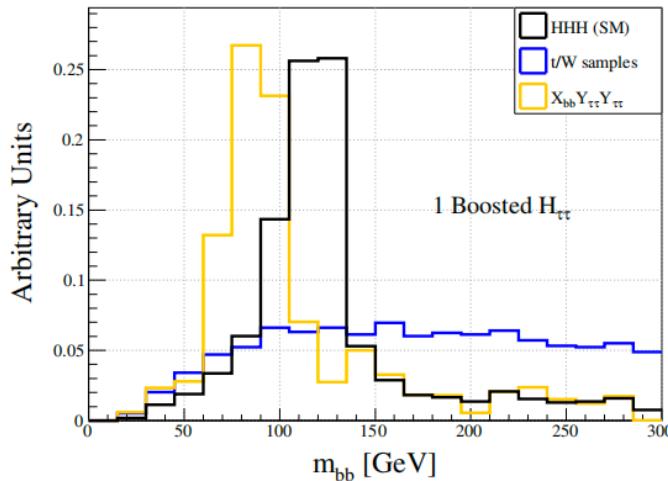
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$mT_2$

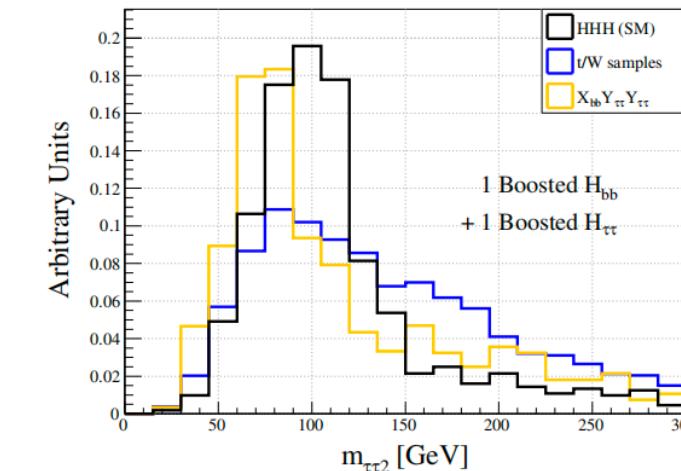
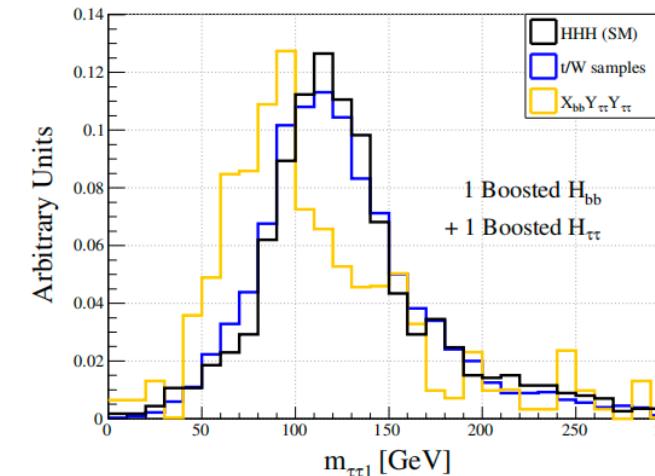
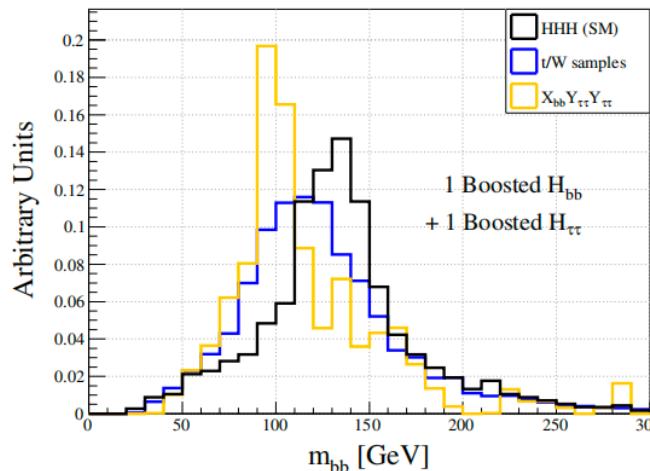
# Event Selections

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

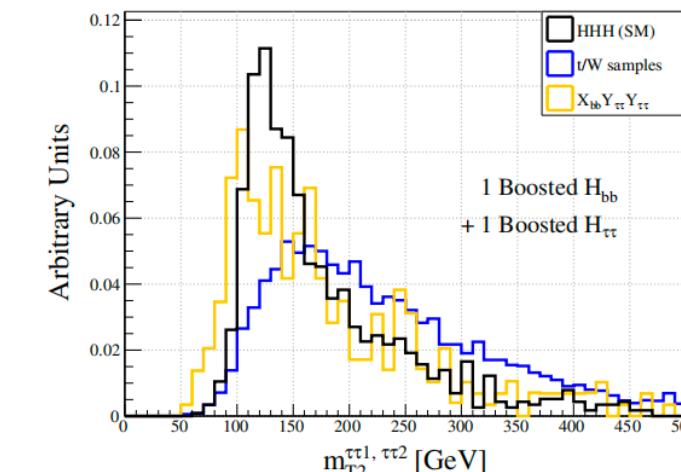
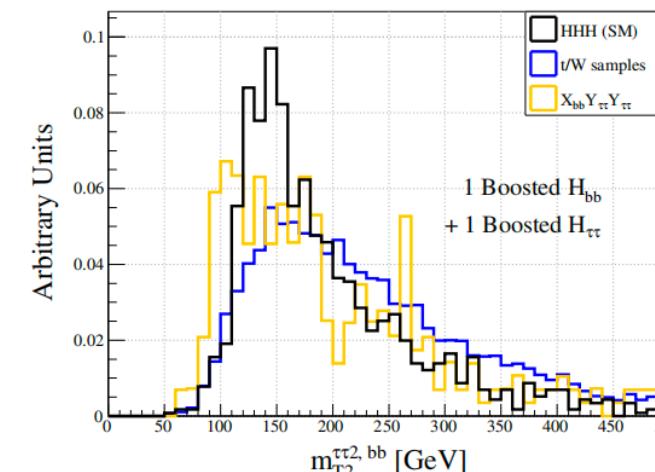
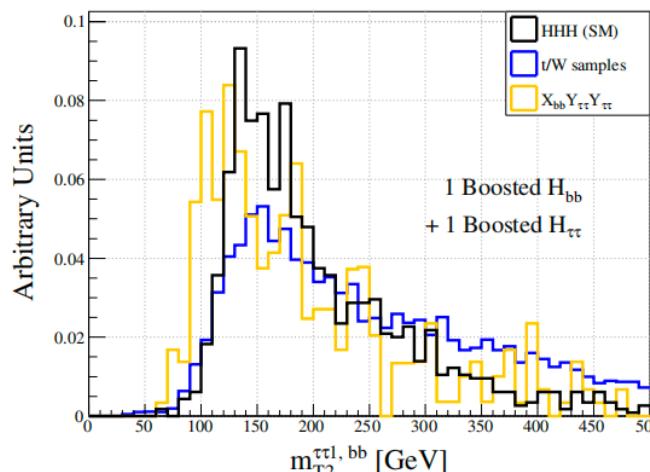


# Event Selections

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



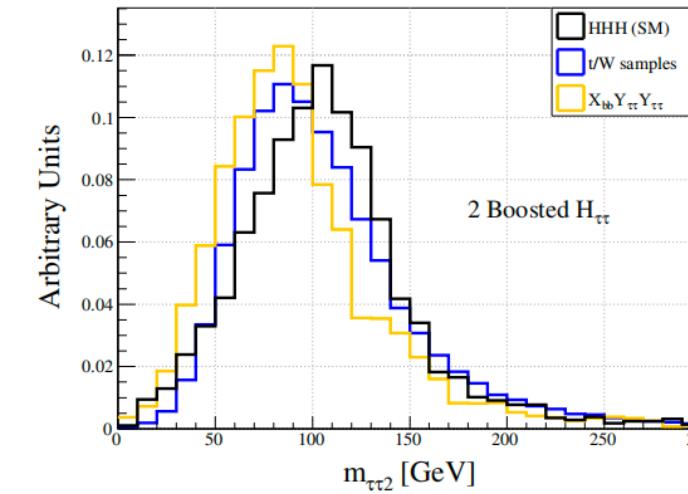
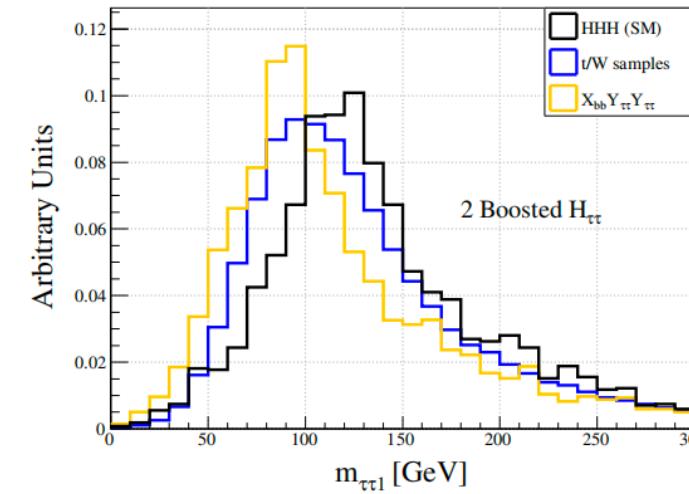
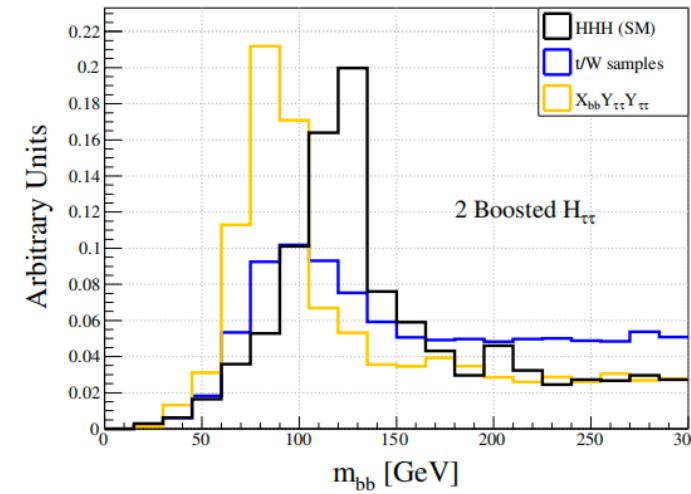
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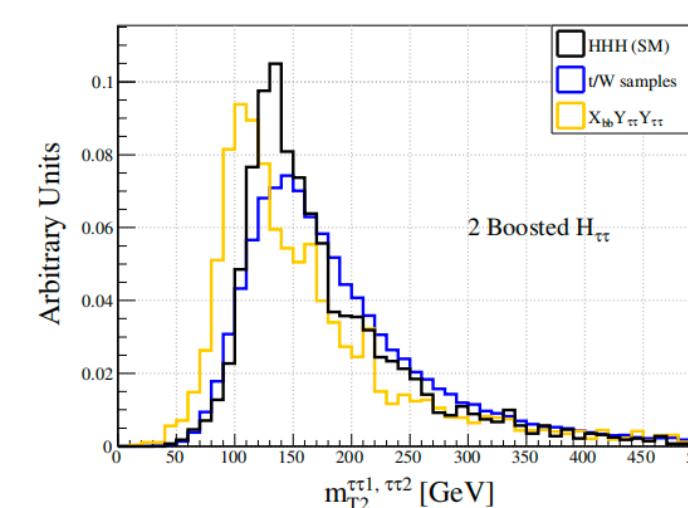
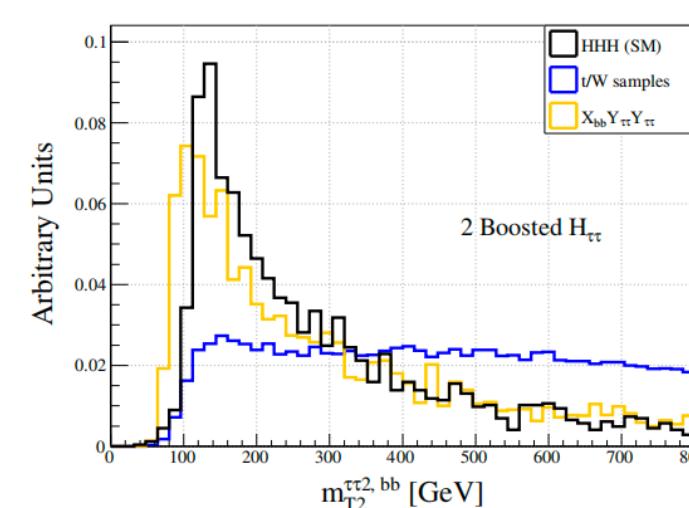
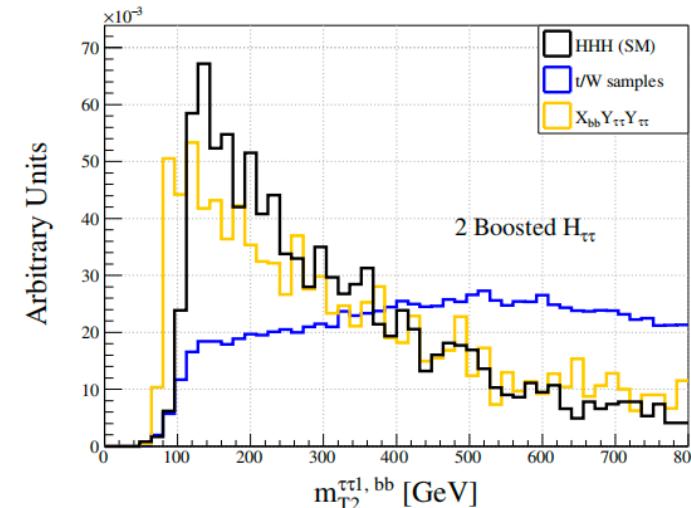
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# Event Selections

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



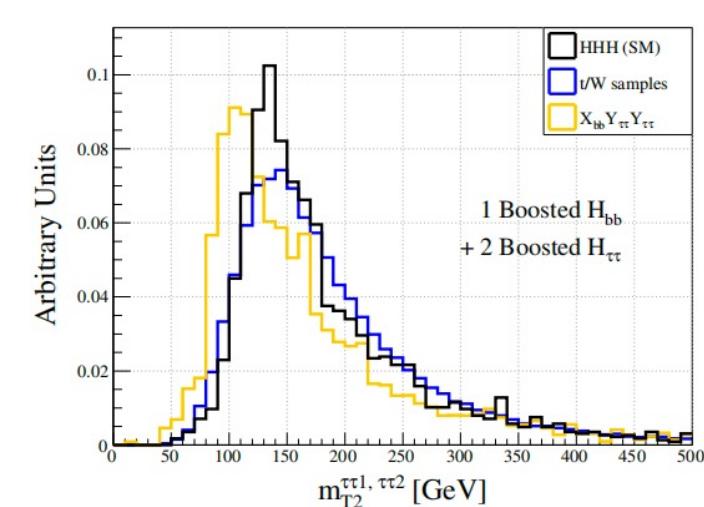
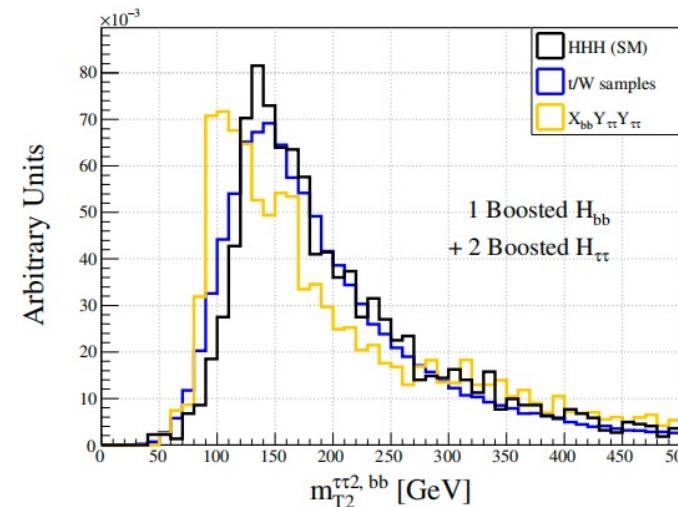
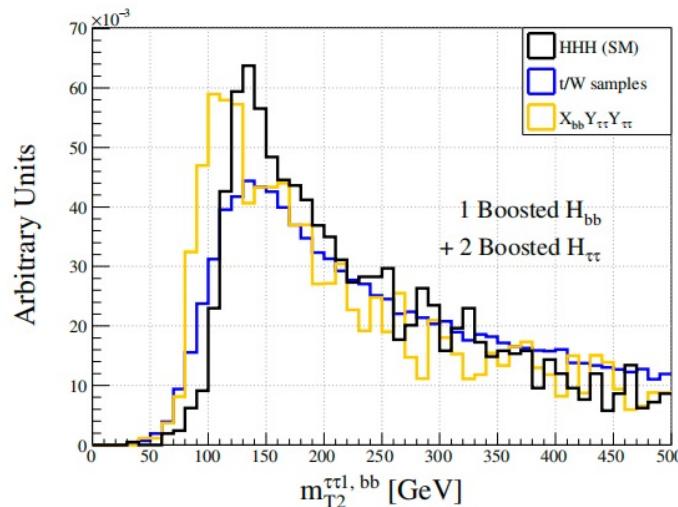
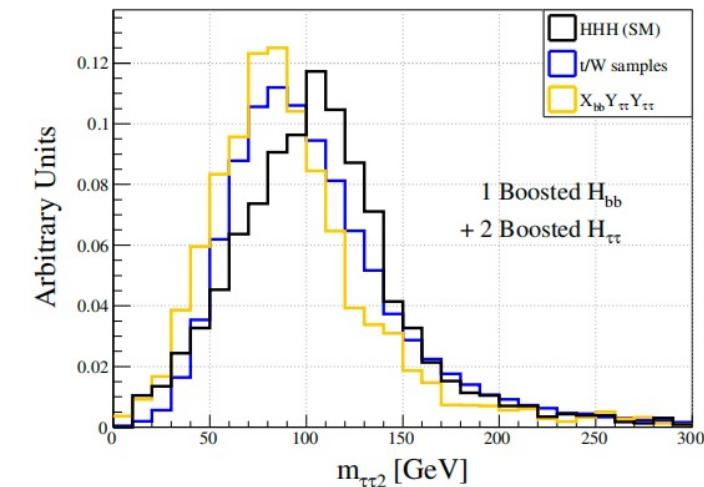
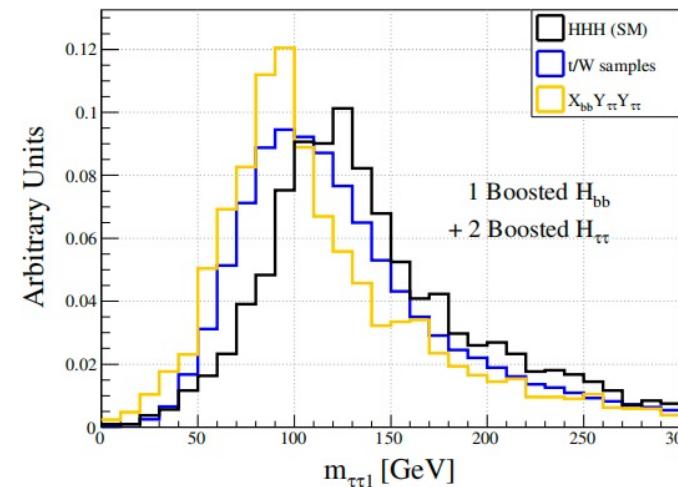
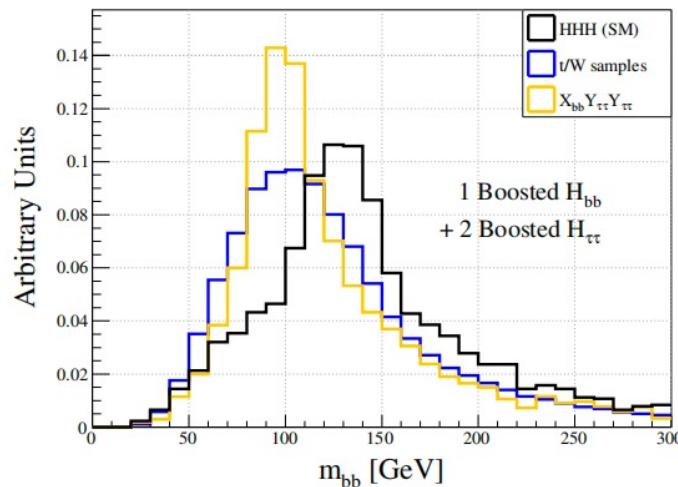
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# Event Selections

## 7. Three Boosted category: mass and mT2



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mT2

# Event Selections

## Final selections applied in the resolved categories

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

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# 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 $H_{\tau\tau}^{1,2}H_{bb}$
$p_T^{b,\tau}$				$> 20$ GeV	
$p_T^{H_i}$				$> 300$ GeV	
$ \eta $				$< 2.5$	
$m_{b\bar{b}}$	$\in [110, 200]$ GeV	$\in [110, 130]$ GeV	$\in [110, 300]$ GeV	$\in [100, 150]$ GeV	$\in [110, 300]$ GeV
$m_{\tau\tau 1}$	$\in [85, 135]$ GeV	$\in [100, 300]$ GeV	$\in [50, 300]$ GeV	$\in [50, 300]$ GeV	$\in [50, 300]$ GeV
$m_{\tau\tau 2}$	$\in [60, 200]$ GeV	$\in [70, 130]$ GeV	$\in [50, 130]$ GeV	$\in [50, 300]$ GeV	$\in [50, 300]$ GeV
$m_{T_2}^{\tau\tau 1, \tau\tau 2}$	$< 130$ GeV	$< 180$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV
$m_{T_2}^{\tau\tau 1, b\bar{b}}$	$< 300$ GeV	$< 150$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV
$m_{T_2}^{\tau\tau 2, b\bar{b}}$	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV	$< 300$ GeV

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## 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

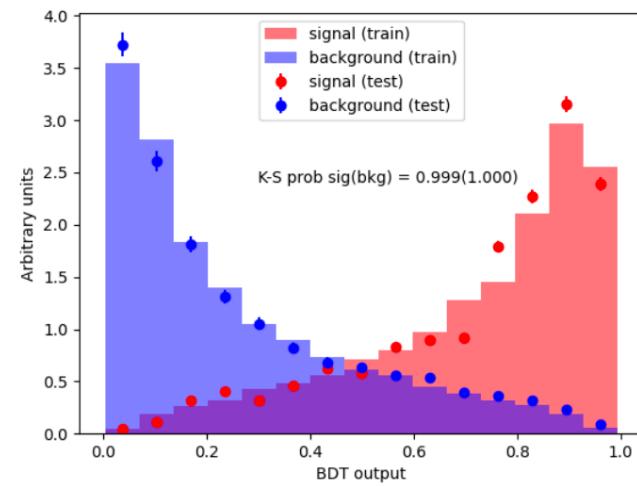
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## BDT analysis

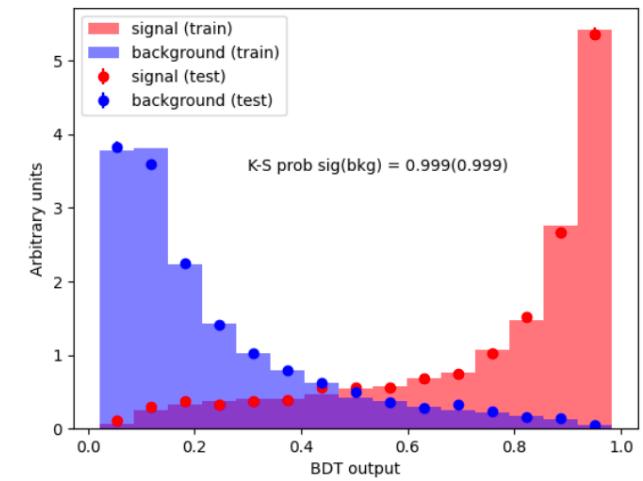
- In the Resolved category, the statistic is sufficient to employ a BDT training
- Summary of input variables for the XGBoost BDT training

Input variables	Description
$p_T^{b_{1,2}}, p_T^{\tau_{1,2,3,4}}, p_T^{bb}, p_T^{\tau\tau_1}, p_T^{\tau\tau_2}, p_T^{4\tau}, p_T^{4\tau 2b}$	Transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ) of the two b-jets, four $\tau$ , di-b-jets, two $\tau$ pairs, $4\tau$ and $4\tau 2b$ system.
$\eta_{b_{1,2}}, \eta_{\tau_{1,2,3,4}}, \eta_{bb}, \eta_{\tau\tau_1}, \eta_{\tau\tau_2}$	Pseudorapidity ( $\eta$ ) of the two b-jets, four $\tau$ , di-b-jets, two $\tau$ pairs.
$m_{bb}, m_{\tau\tau_1}, m_{\tau\tau_2}, m_{4\tau}, m_{4\tau 2b}$	Invariant mass of the di-b-jets, two $\tau$ pairs, $4\tau$ and $4\tau 2b$ system.
$\Delta R_{bb}, \Delta R_{\tau\tau_1}, \Delta R_{\tau\tau_2}, \Delta R_{bb,\tau\tau_1}, \Delta R_{bb,\tau\tau_2}, \Delta R_{\tau\tau_1,\tau\tau_2}$	Angular distance ( $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$ ) between the constituents of the di-b-jets, two $\tau$ pairs. $\Delta R$ between the di-b-jets and $\tau$ pairs ( $\tau\tau_1, \tau\tau_2$ ), $\Delta R$ between the two $\tau$ pairs
$\Delta\eta_{bb}, \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau_1}, \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau_2}, \Delta\eta_{bb,\tau\tau_1}, \Delta\eta_{bb,\tau\tau_2}, \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau_1,\tau\tau_2}$	Difference in pseudorapidity ( $\Delta\eta$ ) for the di-b-jets, two $\tau$ pairs. $\Delta\eta$ between the bb-system and each $\tau$ pairs, $\Delta\eta$ between two $\tau$ pairs
$\Delta\phi_{bb}, \Delta\phi_{\tau\tau_1}, \Delta\phi_{\tau\tau_2}, \Delta\phi_{bb,\tau\tau_1}, \Delta\phi_{bb,\tau\tau_2}, \Delta\phi_{\tau\tau_1,\tau\tau_2}$	Difference in azimuthal angle ( $\Delta\phi$ ) for the di-b-jets, two $\tau$ pairs. $\Delta\phi$ between the bb-system and $\tau$ pairs, $\Delta\phi$ between two $\tau$ pairs
$\frac{p_T^{\tau_{1,2}}}{m_{\tau\tau_1}}, \frac{p_T^{\tau_{3,4}}}{m_{\tau\tau_2}}, \frac{p_T^{b_{1,2}}}{m_{bb}}, \frac{p_T^{bb}}{m_{bb}}$	Ratios of the $p_T$ of single $\tau$ /b-jet/di-b-jets to the invariant mass of $\tau$ pairs /di-b-jets
$\frac{p_T^{\tau\tau_1,2}}{m_{4\tau}}, \frac{p_T^{\tau\tau_1,2}}{m_{4\tau 2b}}, \frac{p_T^{4\tau}}{m_{4\tau 2b}}, \frac{p_T^{2b}}{m_{4\tau 2b}}$	Ratios of the $p_T$ of $\tau$ pairs/ $4\tau$ system/ $4\tau 2b$ system to the invariant mass of $4\tau$ system/ $4\tau 2b$ system
$m_T^{\tau_{1,2,3,4}}, m_T^{\tau\tau_1,2}, m_T^{bb}, m_T^{total}$	Transverse mass ( $m_T$ ) of the single $\tau$ , $\tau$ pairs, di-b-jets and total $4\tau 2b$ system
$m_{T2}^{\tau\tau_1}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau_2}, m_{T2}^{bb}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau_1,bb}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau_2,bb}, m_{T2}^{\tau\tau_1,\tau\tau_2}$	Transverse mass ( $m_{T2}$ ) of $\tau$ pairs, di-b-jets, $m_{T2}$ between the $\tau$ pairs and di-b-jets, and between the two $\tau$ 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

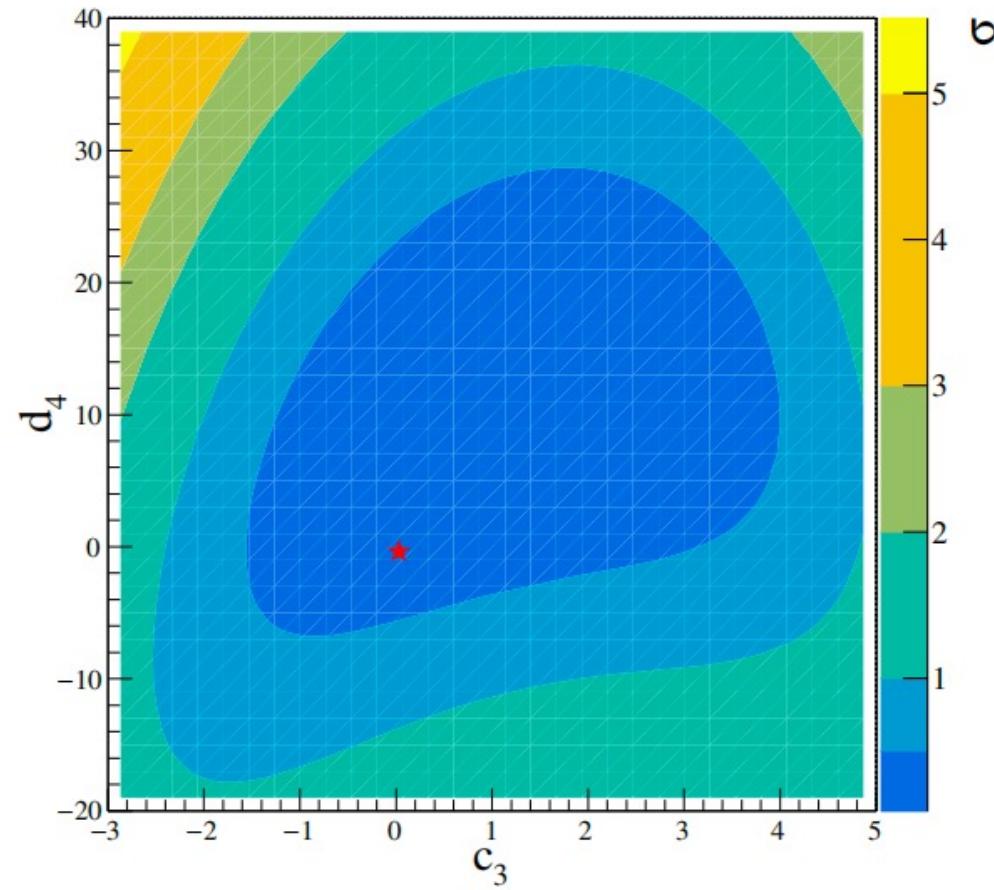
- BDT method consistently outperforms the cut-based approach
  - Improvements ranging from **60% to 150%**
- SM case:  $0.39\sigma$
- BSM case: can reach  $5\sigma$  in  $c_3 \lesssim -1$  and  $d_4 \gtrsim 10$  region

HHH signal	$\sigma$ (cut-based)	$\sigma$ (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%

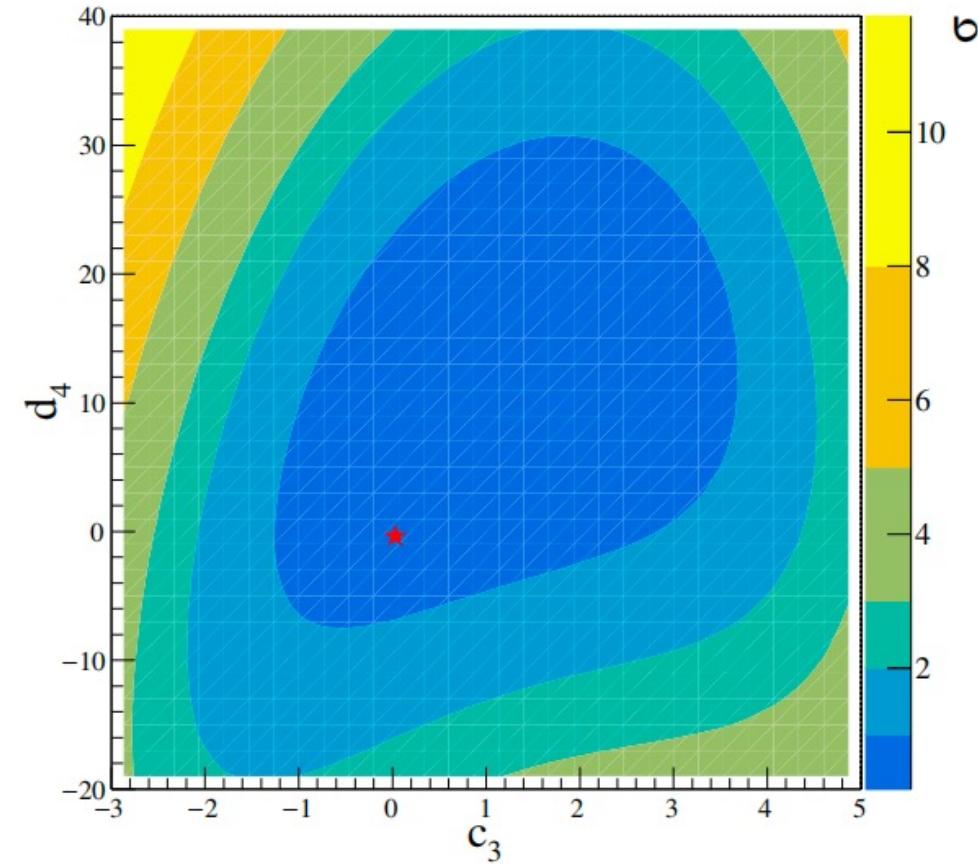
# Results

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

- VHH is considered as background in this case



Cut-based

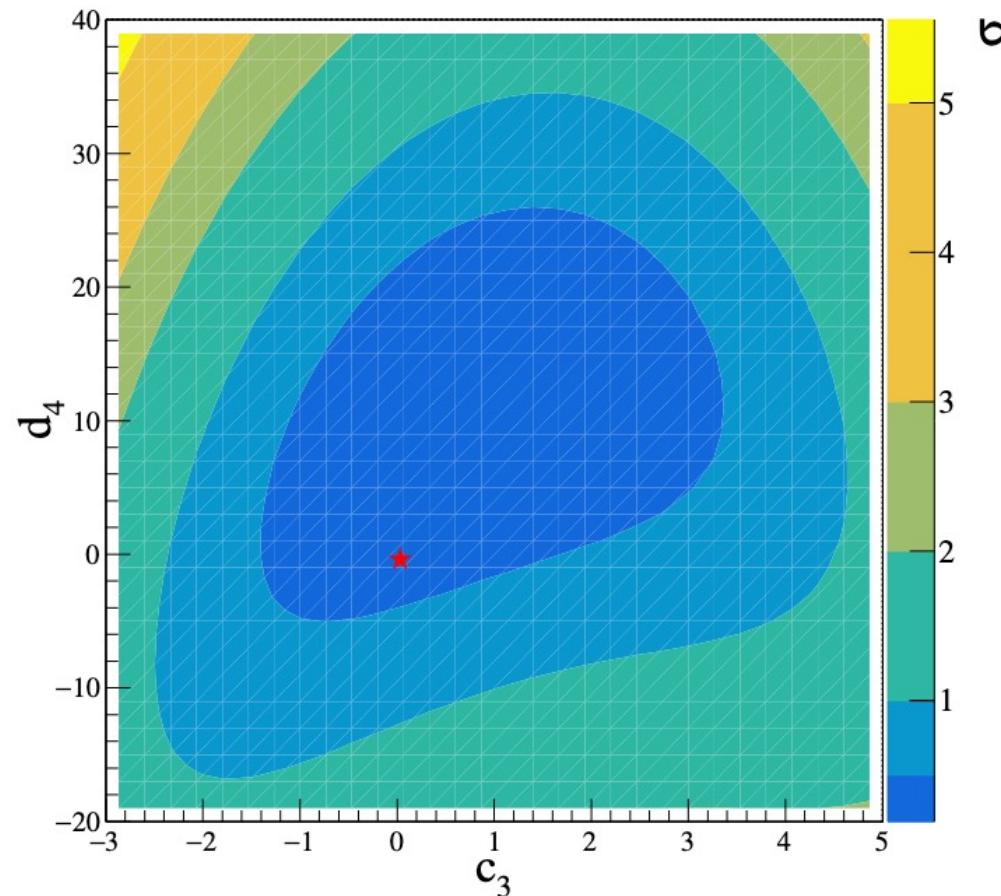


BDT

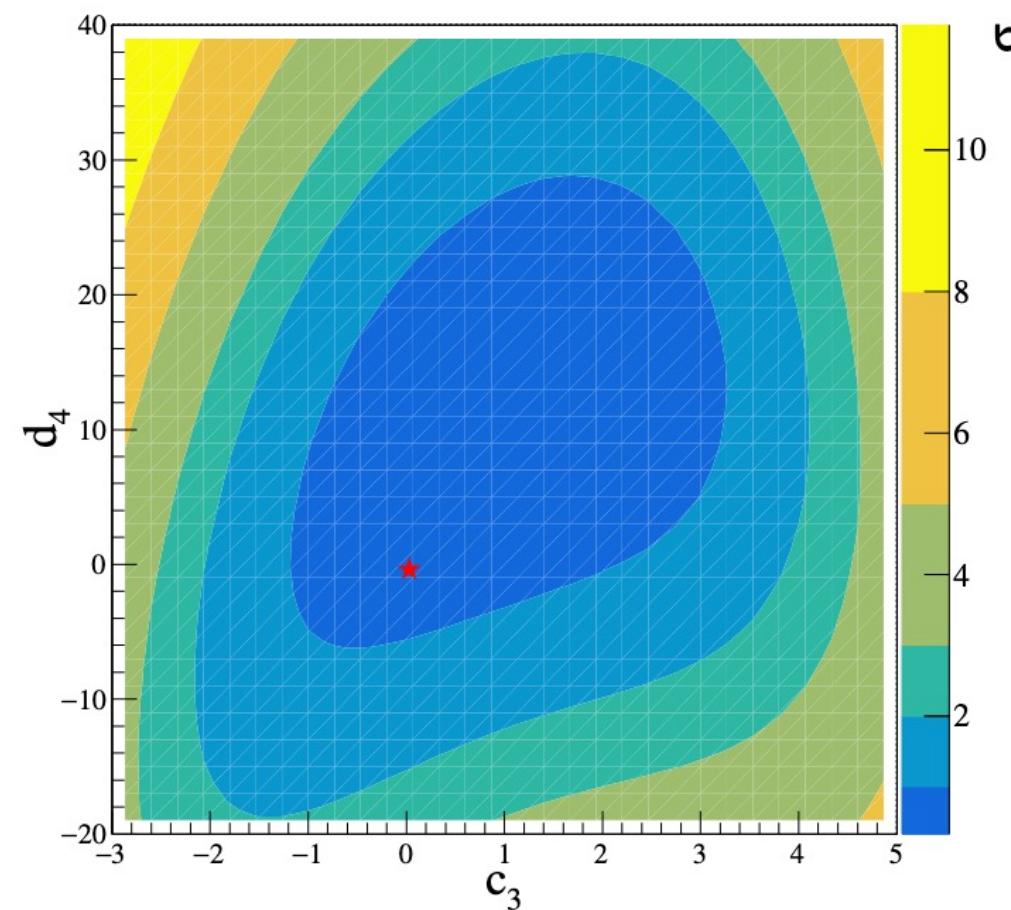
# Results

## 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

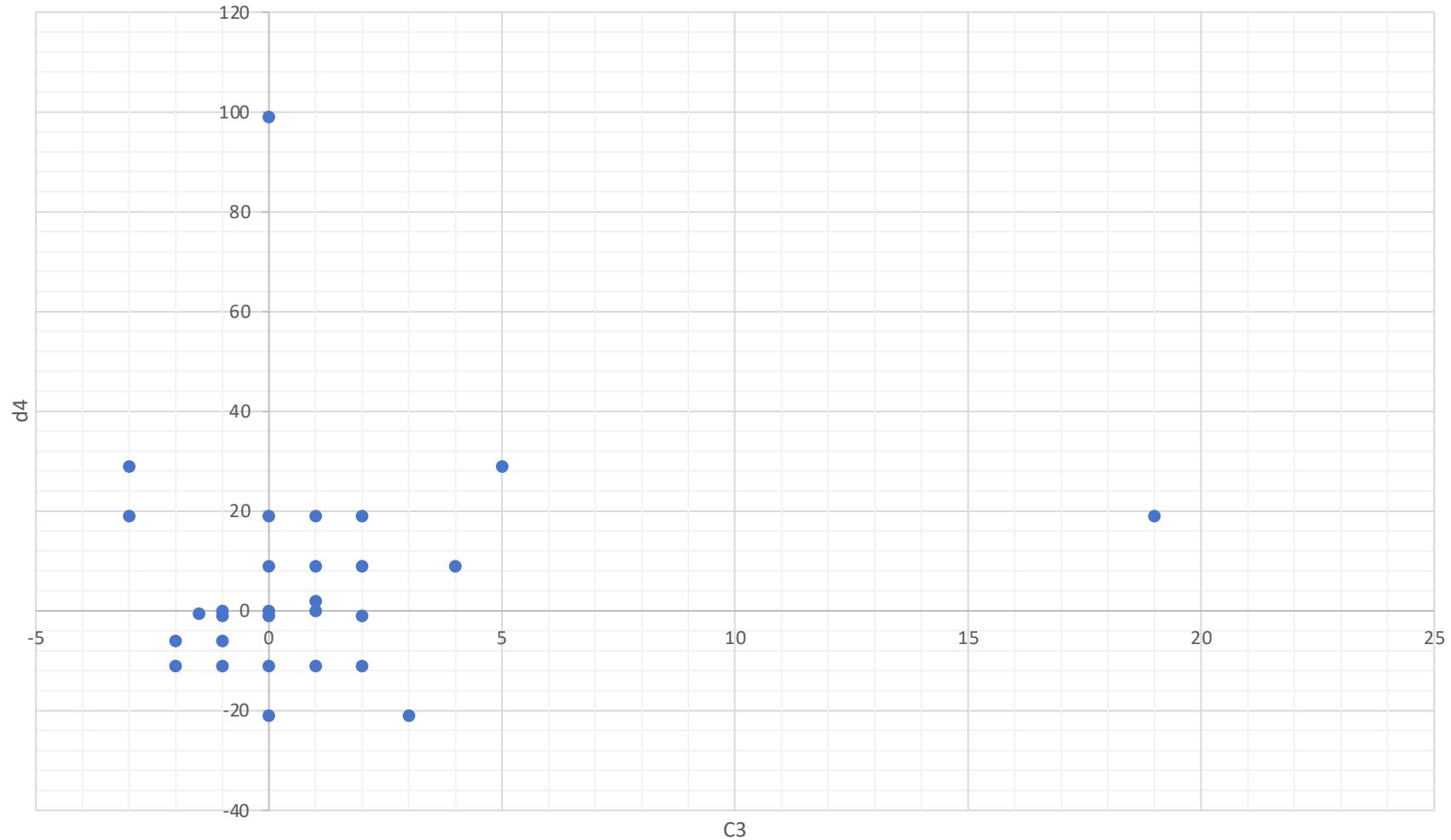
- First study of HHH production in the  $4\tau 2b$  channel at a 100 TeV collider, with both resolved and boosted reconstruction techniques.
- The  $4\tau 2b$  channel demonstrate the ability to achieve good sensitivity in this challenging final state, especially in  $c3 \lesssim -1$  and  $d4 \gtrsim 10$  BSM region where  $5\sigma$  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, bbtautau, bbtautautautau
- mT, mT2, MET
- $P_t$ \_over\_mass, deltaR

Use the most powerful: mass and mT2 to optimization

- Full cut scan For each category

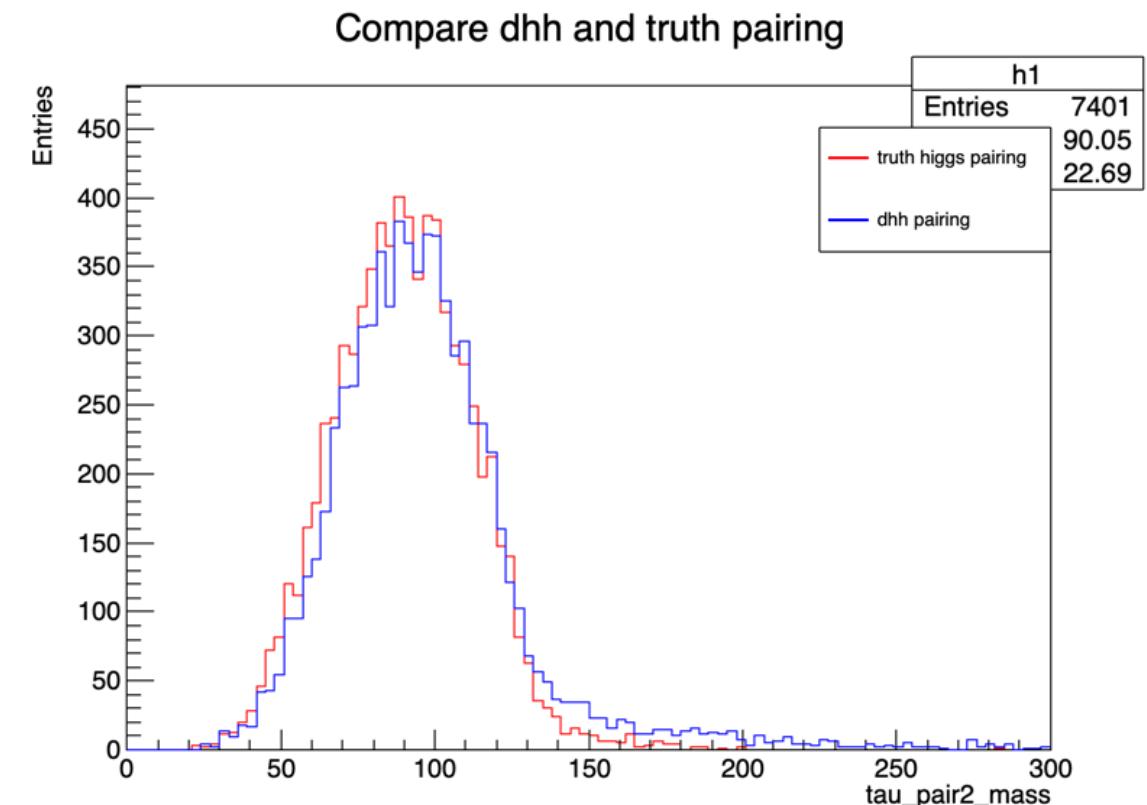
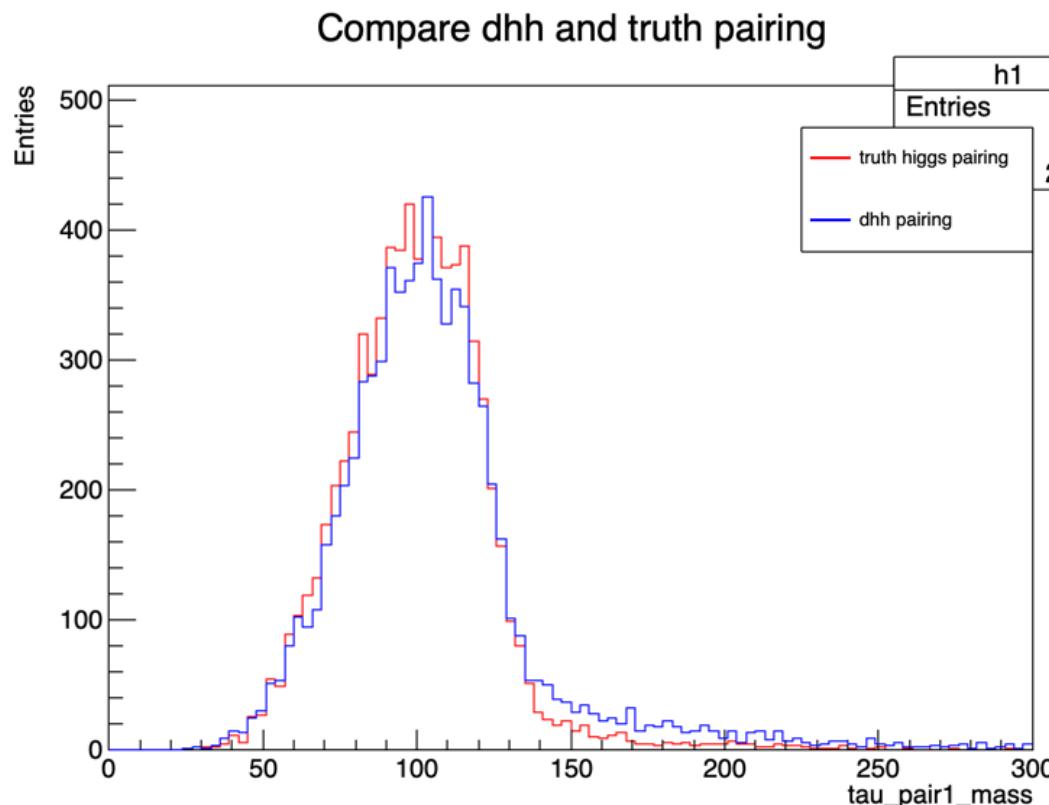
# Progress of $4\tau 2b$ channel

- 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**

test

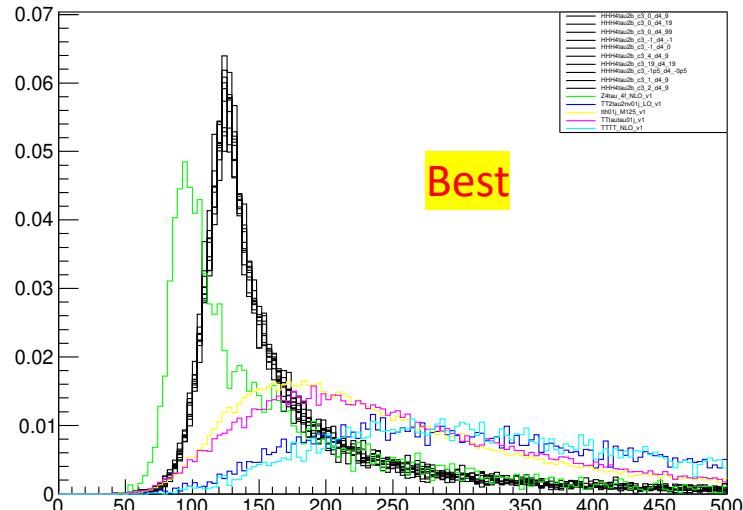
# Progress of $4\tau 2b$ channel

- tau pairing accuracy of 77.9%

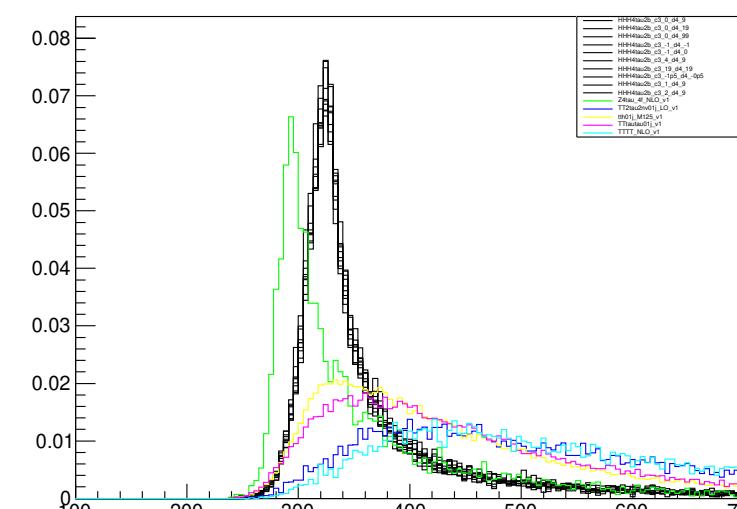
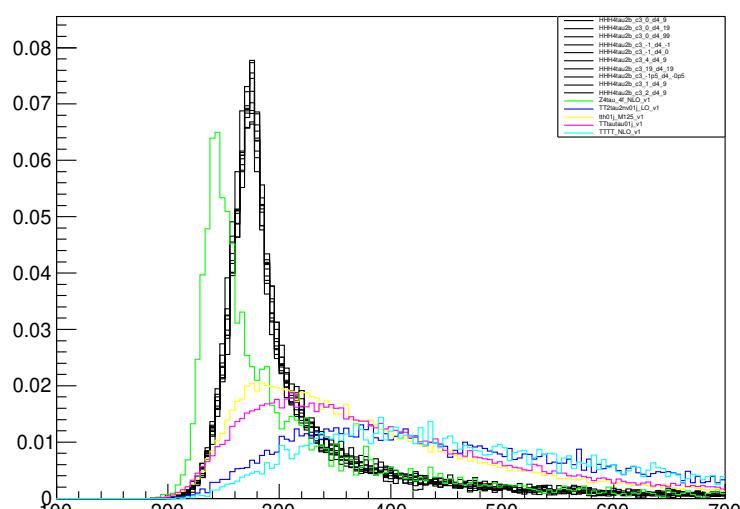
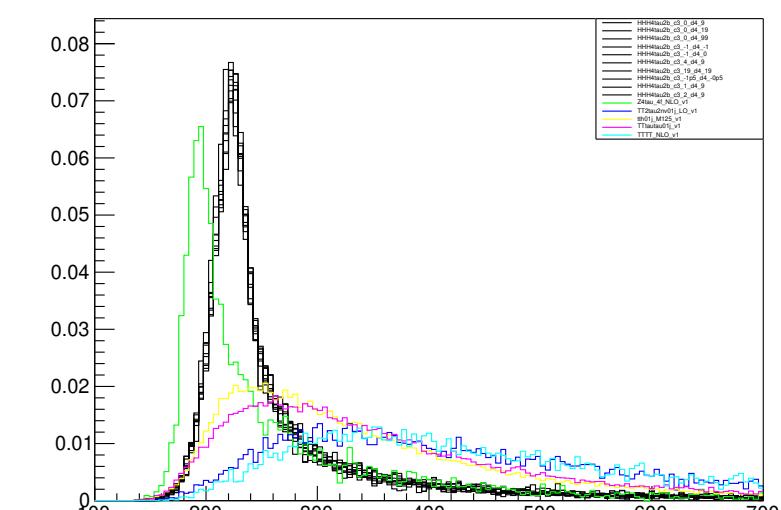
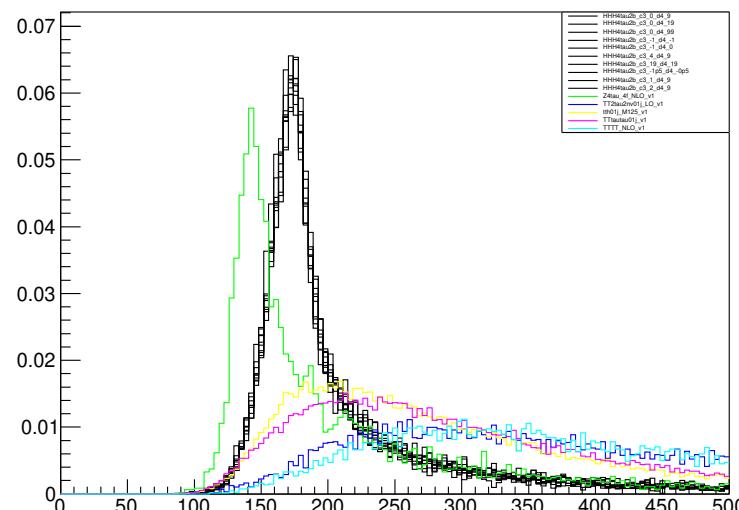


# Progress of $4\tau 2b$ channel

- Asymmetric MT2:

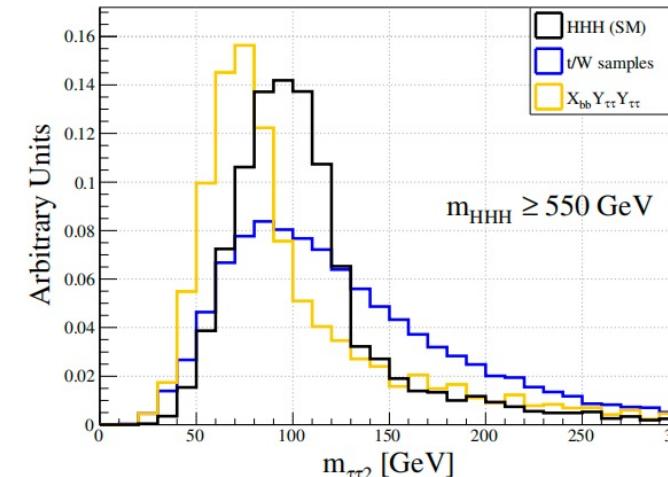
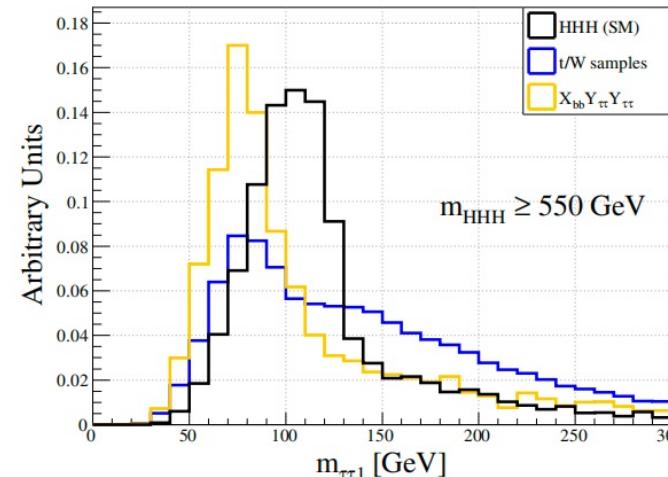
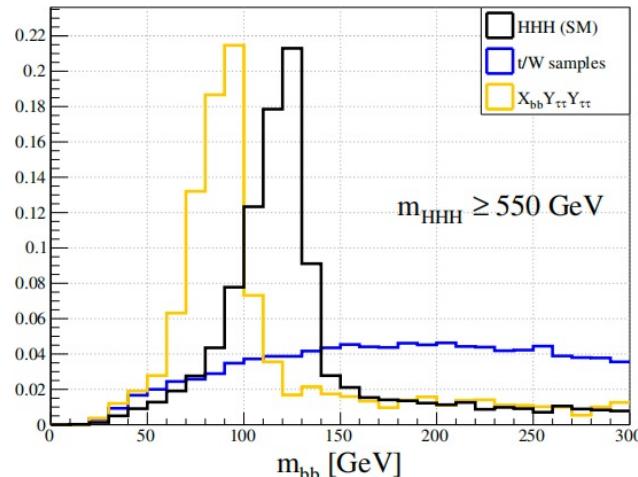
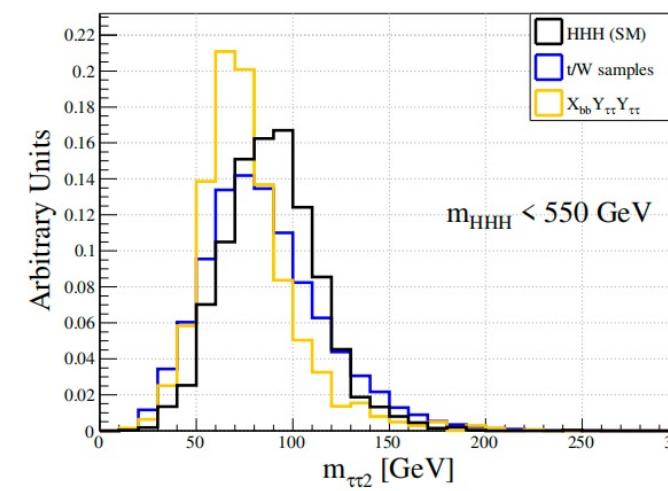
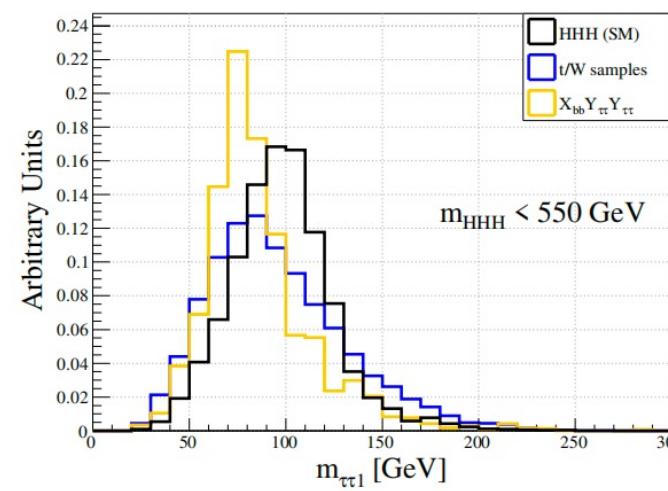
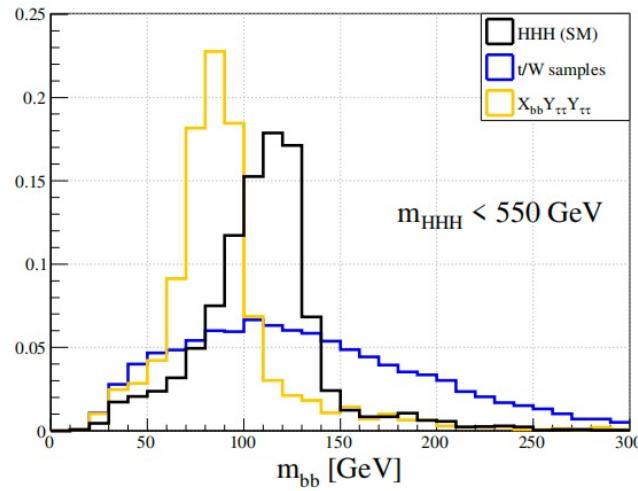


Best



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



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

