

Results and plans from the FCC-hh physics performance WG

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Introduction

FCC-hh: Hadron collider phase of the FCC integrated programme

Main limitations for FCC-hh from dipole magnets, synchrotron radiation and extreme levels of pile-up → alternative FCC-hh running scenarios under study to the CDR baseline plan of 30 ab^{-1} @ 100 TeV

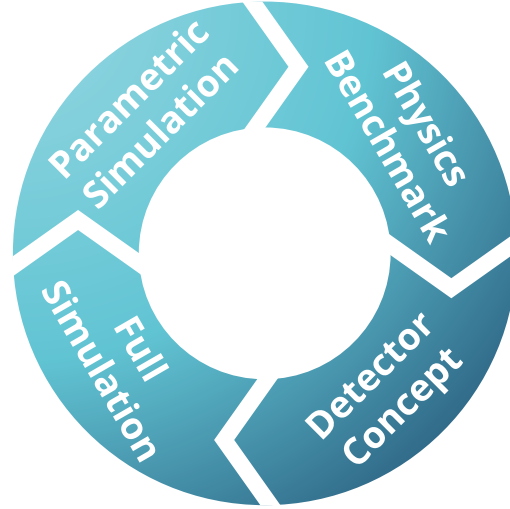
[FCC-hh ESPP2025 Physics & performance group](#) started last autumn as a common platform for all ongoing FCC-hh projection studies for the strategy update

	F12 scenarios*	F14	F17	F20	HL-LHC
CM energy / TeV	72	84	102	120	14
Dipole field / T	12	14	17	20	8.3
Init. pile-up	580 - 2820	590	732	141	135
Lumi/year / fb^{-1}	950 - 2000	920	920	370	240

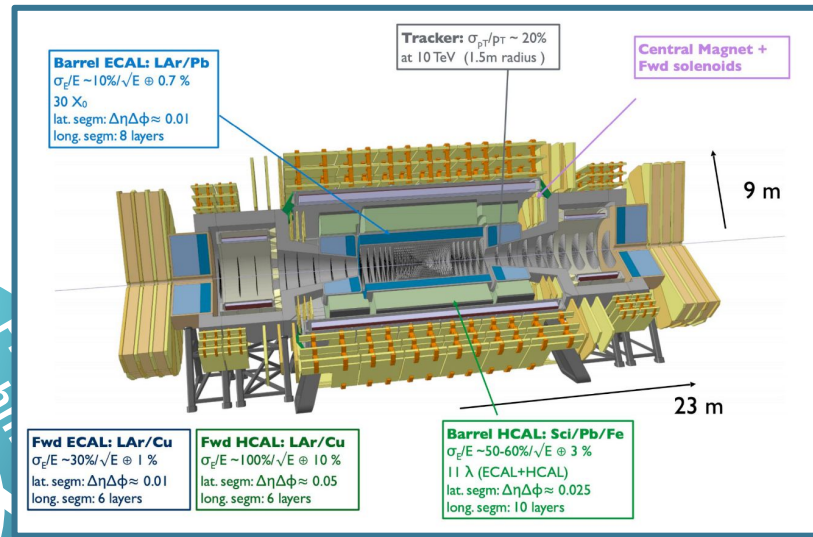
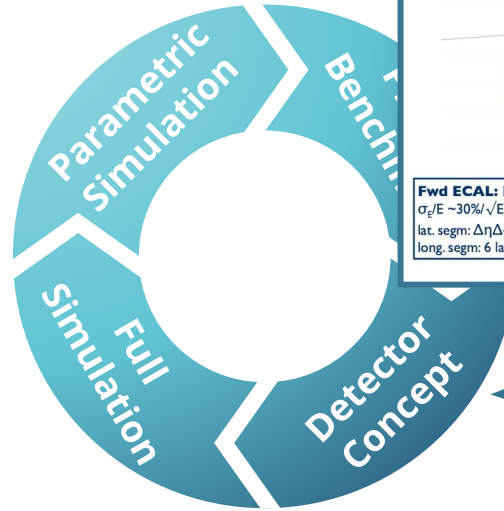
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*F12 includes 3 different scenarios for high, low lumi & low PU

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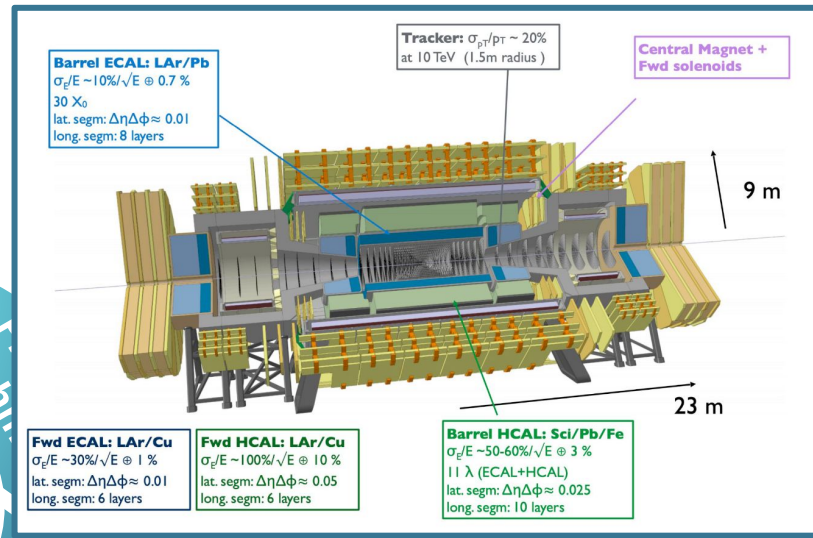
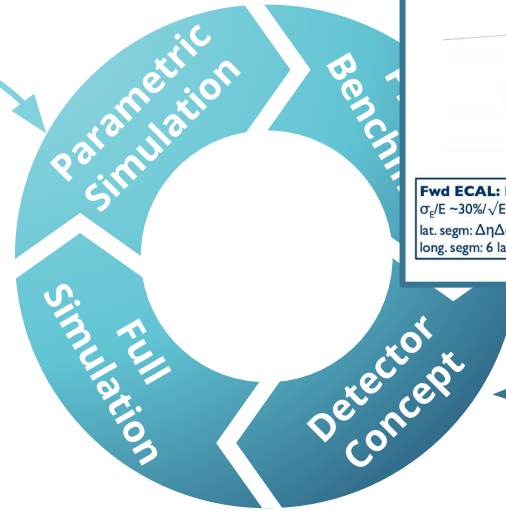
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Efficiencies & resolutions as functions of p_T and η

- [Official FCC-hh scenarios](#)
- Rely on common software stack: [key4hep](#)
- Note: No direct pile-up overlay, assume LHC levels in the parametrizations



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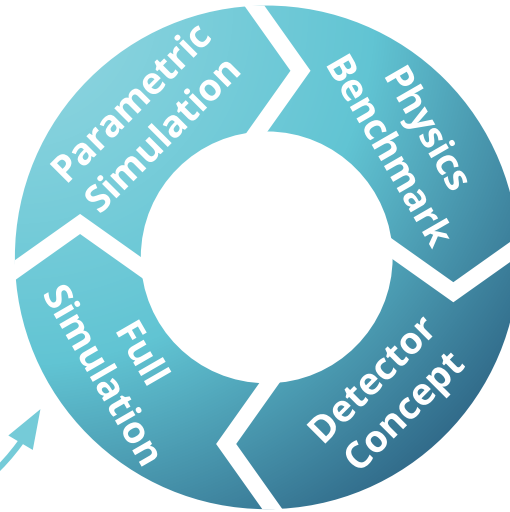
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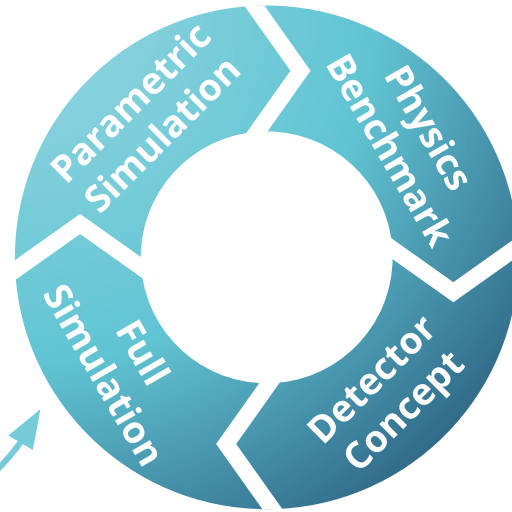
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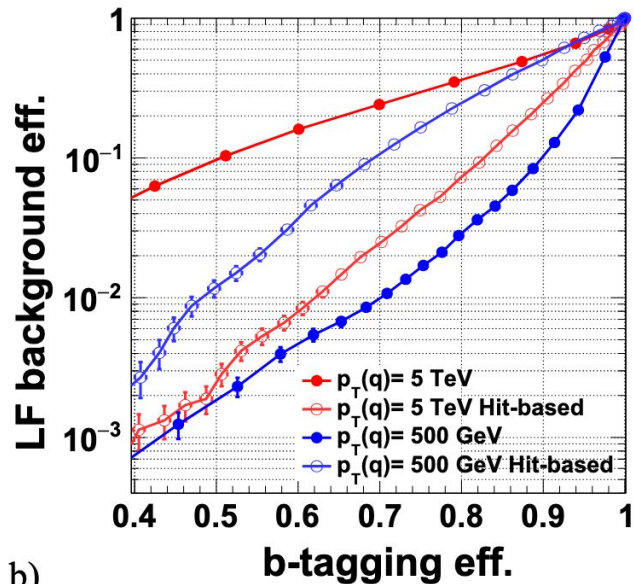
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 - ⚙️ **Ratio $H(\mu\mu)/H(4\mu)$**
- Top-Yukawa coupling
 - 💡 Ratio $\bar{t}tH(\bar{b}b)/\bar{t}tZ(\bar{b}b)$
 - 💡 $\bar{t}tH(\gamma\gamma)$ channel
- Higgs self-coupling
 - ★ **$\bar{b}b\gamma\gamma$ channel**
 - ⚙️ **$\bar{b}b\tau\tau$ channel**
 - ★ $\bar{b}bll+E_T^{miss}$ channel
- 💡 Higgs width measurement through VBF HWW off-shell
- 💡 **Differential cross-sections as input to global fits**
 - High pT ttbar production
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Jet Flavour Tagging with transformer architecture

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Motivation for the study:

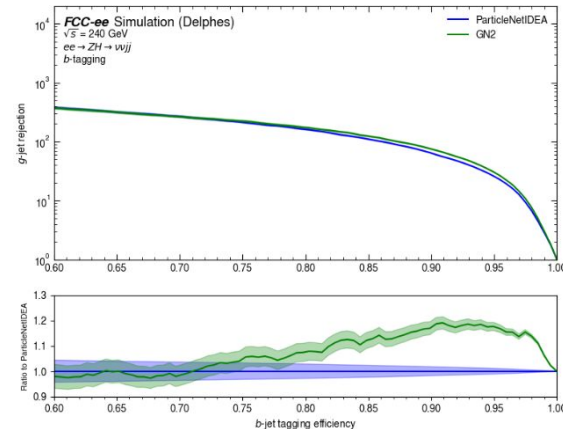
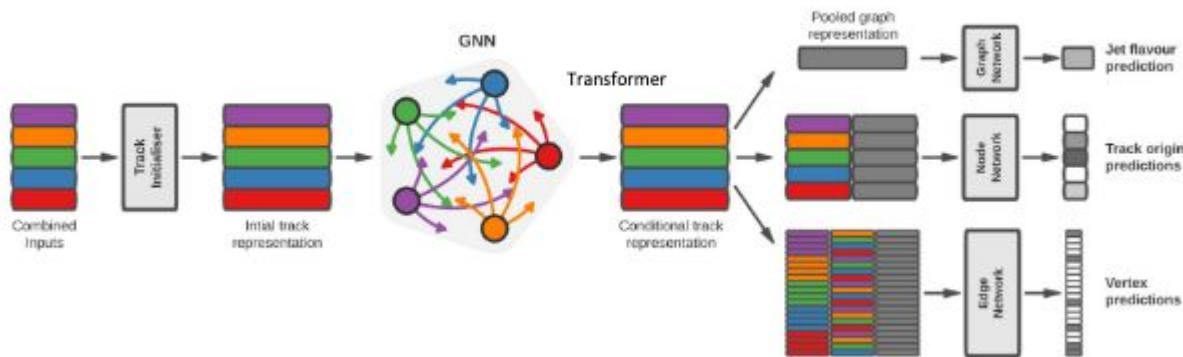
- Current FCC-hh Delphes scenarios use assume flavour tagging efficiencies (at least as) good as latest CMS performance with ParticleNET
 - Can we actually reach this?
- CDR included initial studies into flavour tagging efficiencies with the FCC-hh tracker layout relying on calculation of the track covariance matrix



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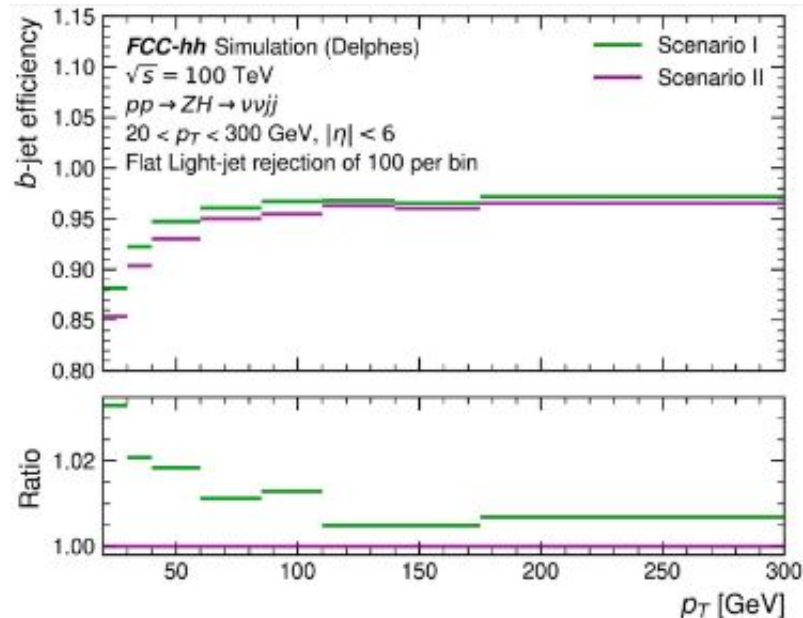
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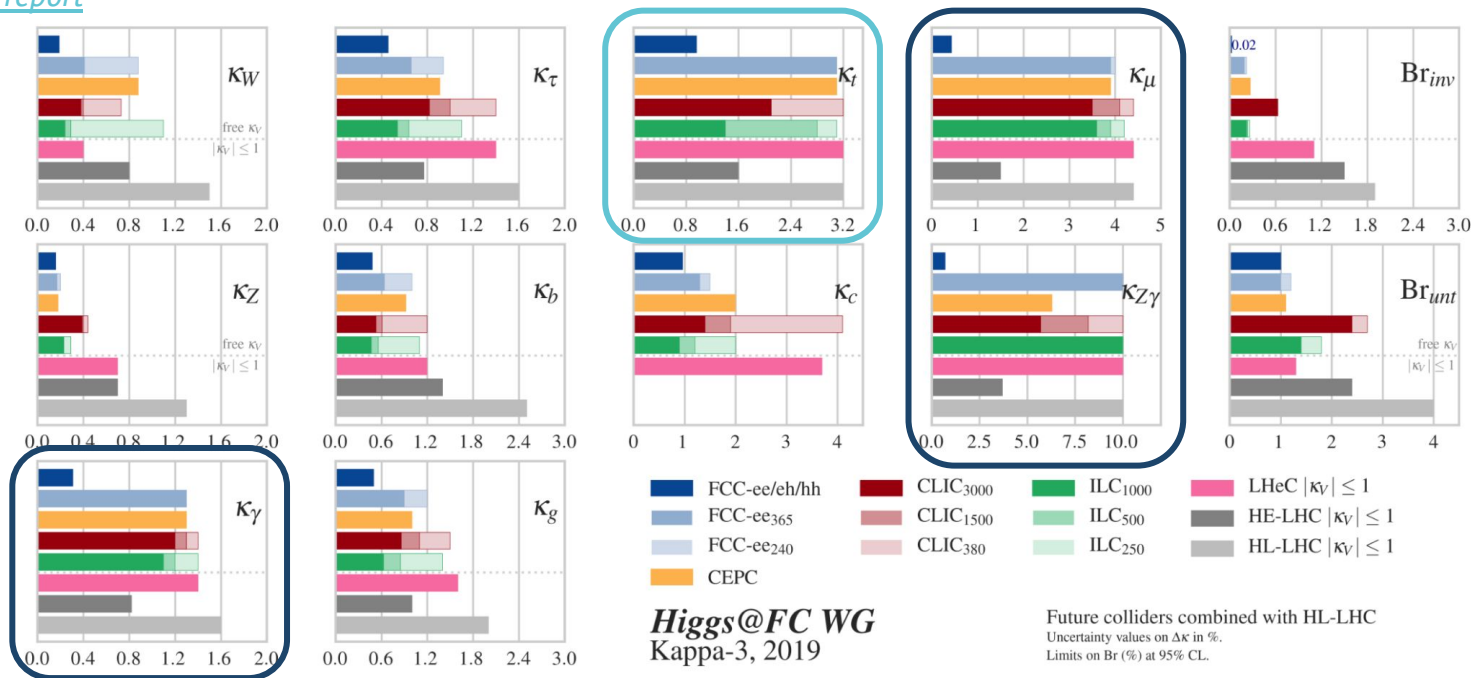
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- Performance study of transformer model (GN2), with Delphes TrackCovariance module implementing tracker layout
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- Find b-tagging efficiencies > 95% (70%) with 1% mis-tagging at rates in moderate (high) p_T range, maintained up to $|\eta| < 5$
- Next steps: Further study impact of pile-up? Connect with tracking with timing studies?



Higgs couplings precision measurements

Granada report

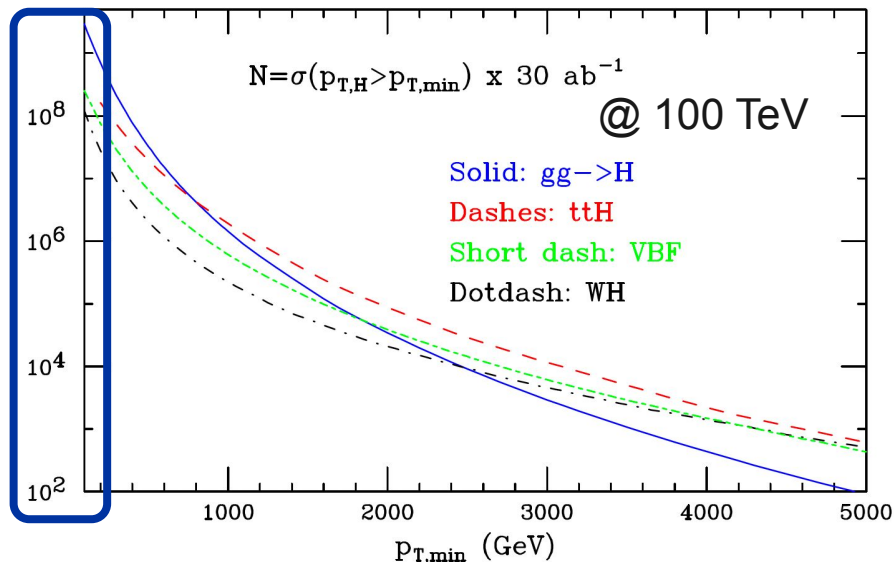


Significant precision improvements in couplings measurements in rare decay modes that remain (statistically) limited at **FCC-ee/HL-LHC**, or are **not directly accessible** at **FCC-ee**

Higgs couplings: Analysis strategy

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Expected number of Higgses



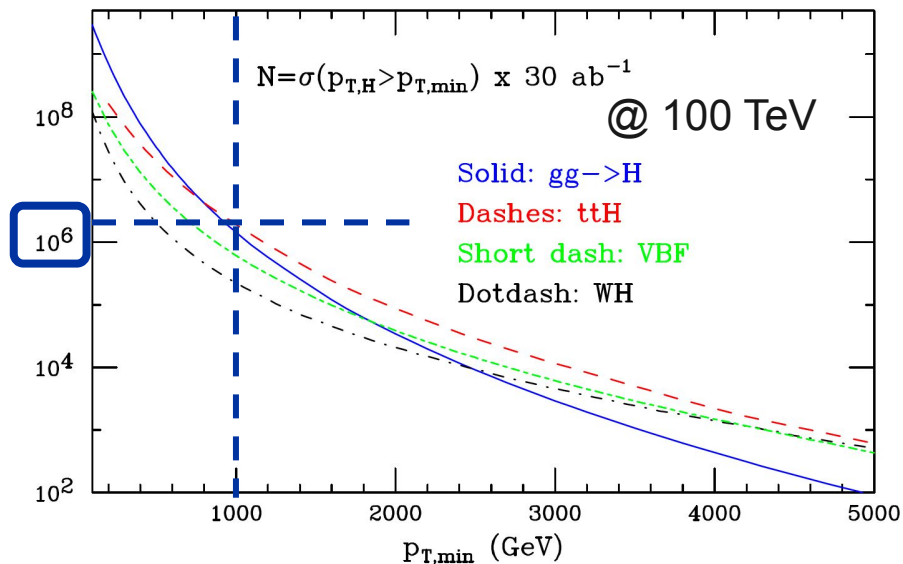
In total $\sim 10^{10}$ single Higgs (and $\sim 10^7$ Higgs pair) events expected

Cross-section and integrated luminosity both increase by $\times 10$ compared to HL-LHC

→ Factor 10 reduction of statistical uncertainties, systematic uncertainties will dominate even in rare channels

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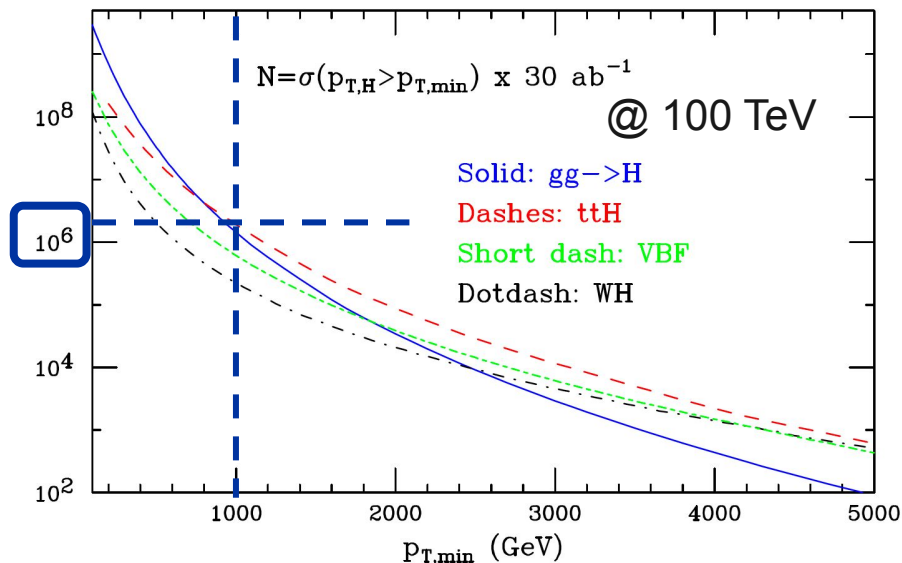
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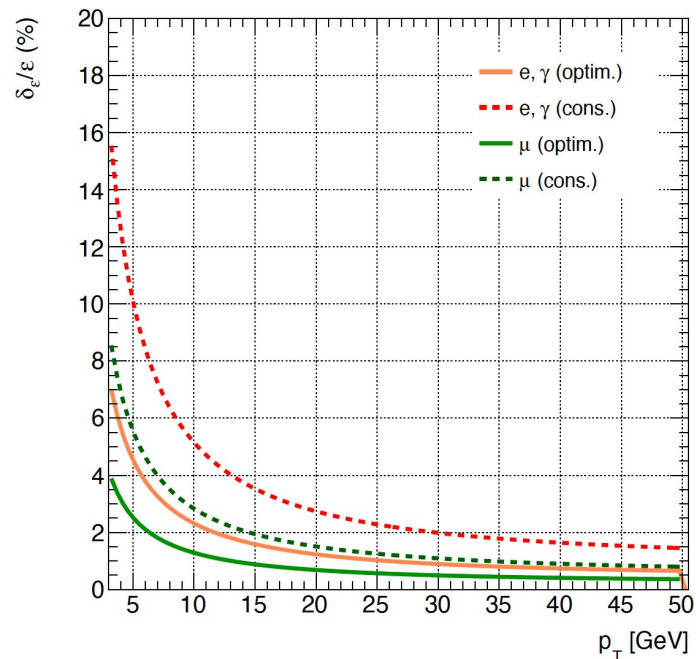
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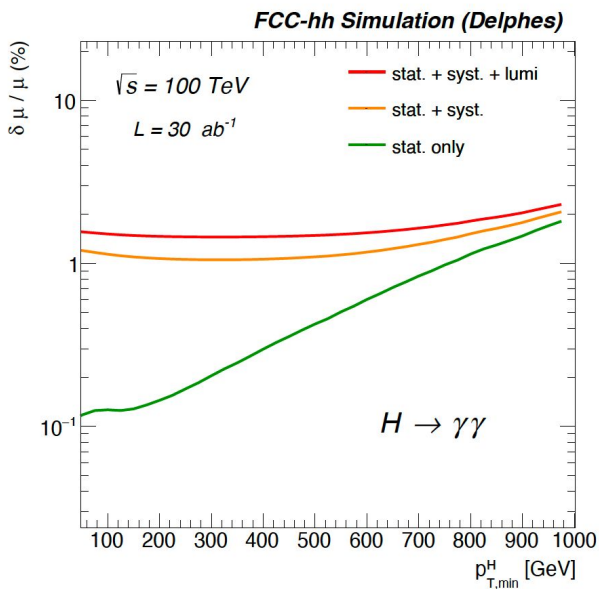


... where experimental systematic uncertainties on efficiencies are smaller

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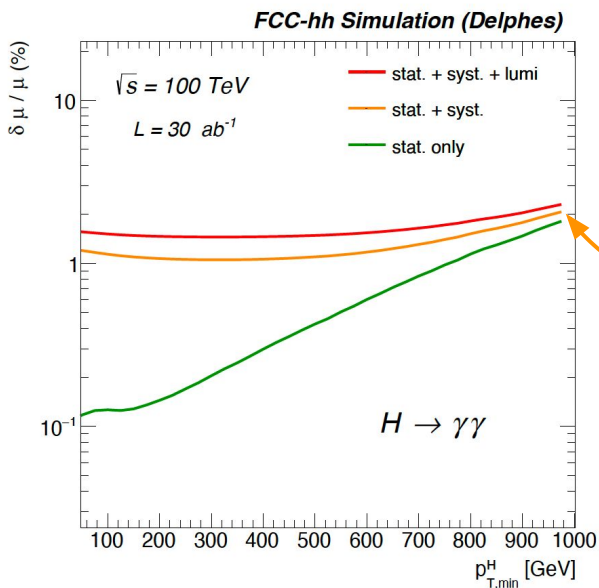
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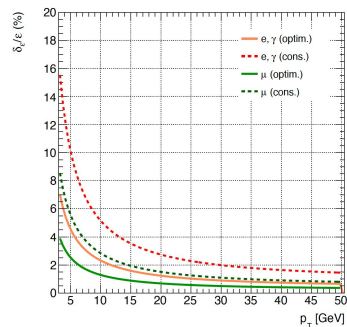
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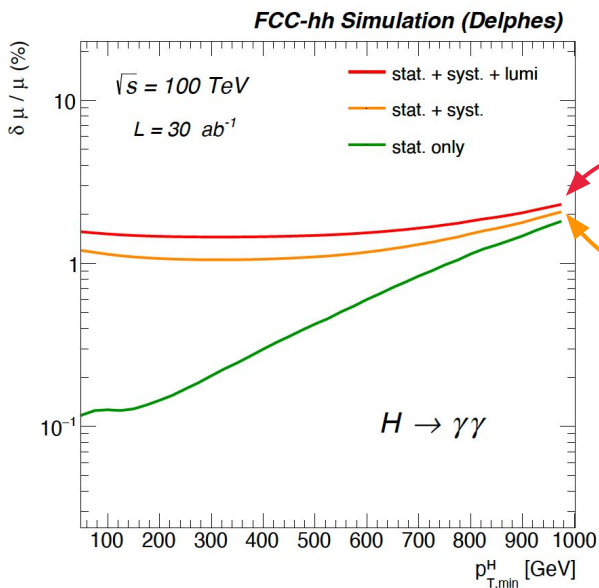
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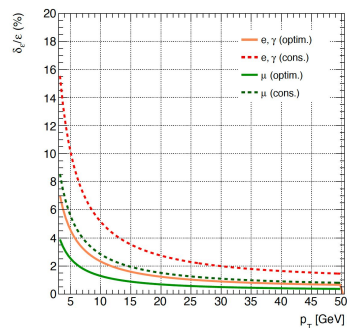
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With additional flat uncertainties

- 1% on luminosity
- 1% on σ_{prod}

With efficiency uncertainties

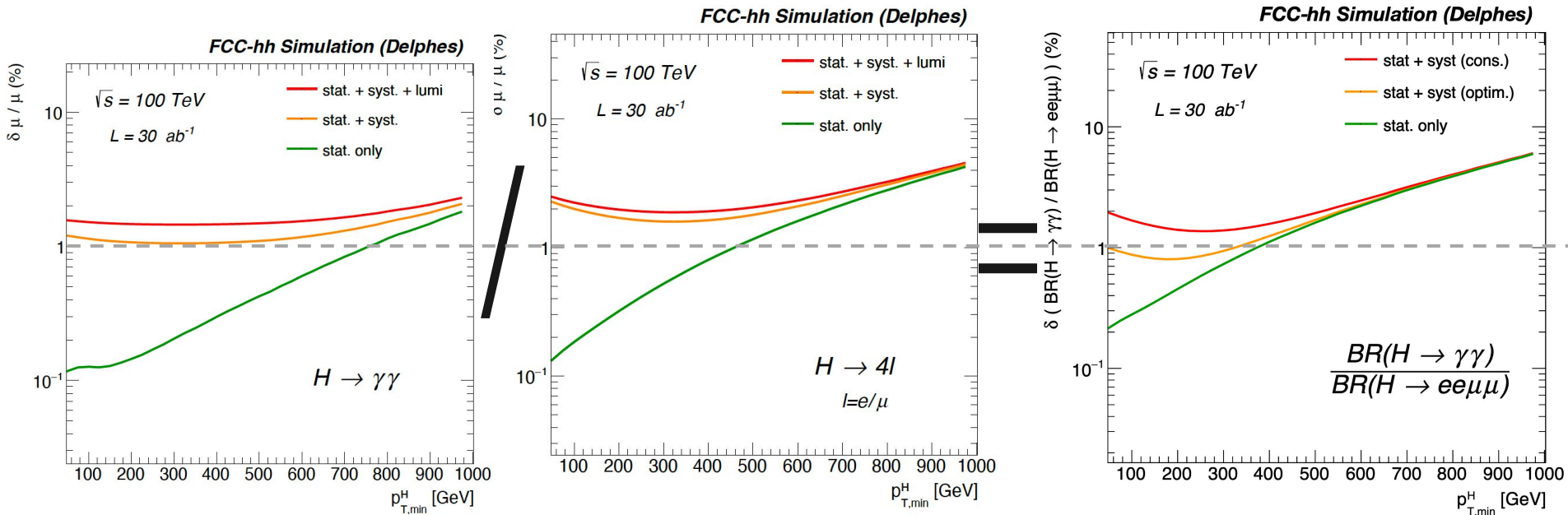


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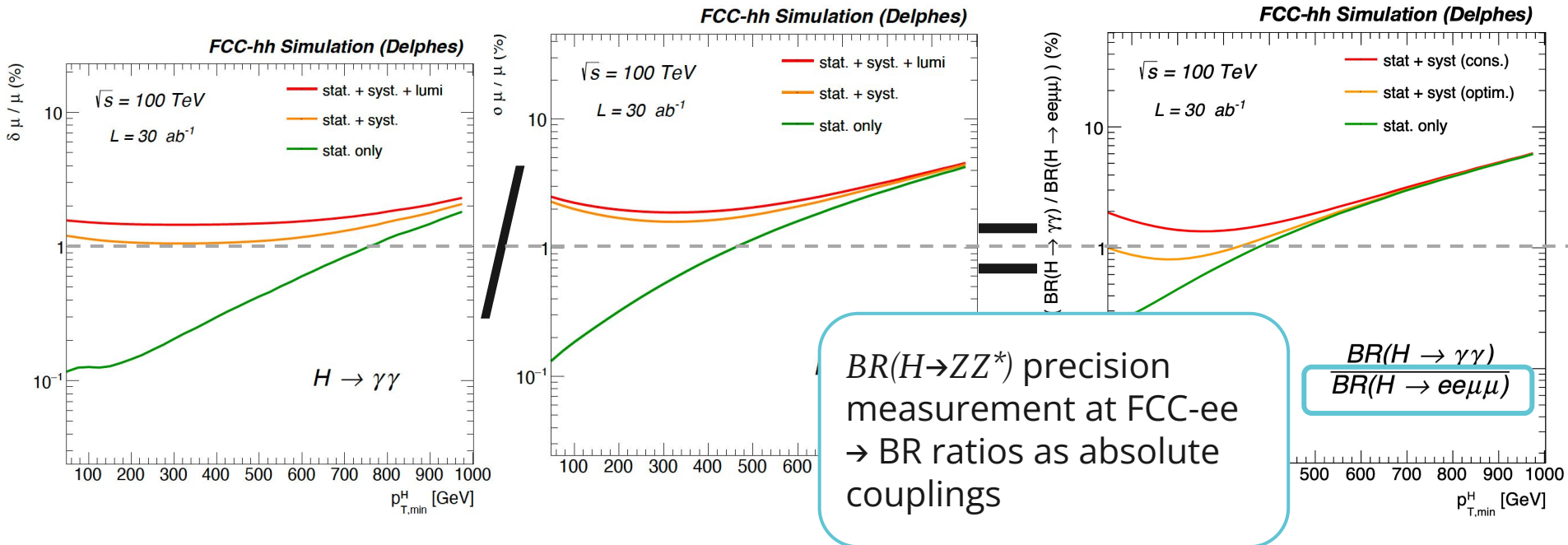
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$BR(H \rightarrow ZZ^*)$ precision measurement at FCC-ee
→ BR ratios as absolute couplings

$$\frac{\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\text{BR}(H \rightarrow ee\mu\mu)}$$

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Higgs couplings: Previous results

Michelangelo Mangano at last year's FCC physics workshop

First estimate of precision at alternative energies by rescaling statistical uncertainties:

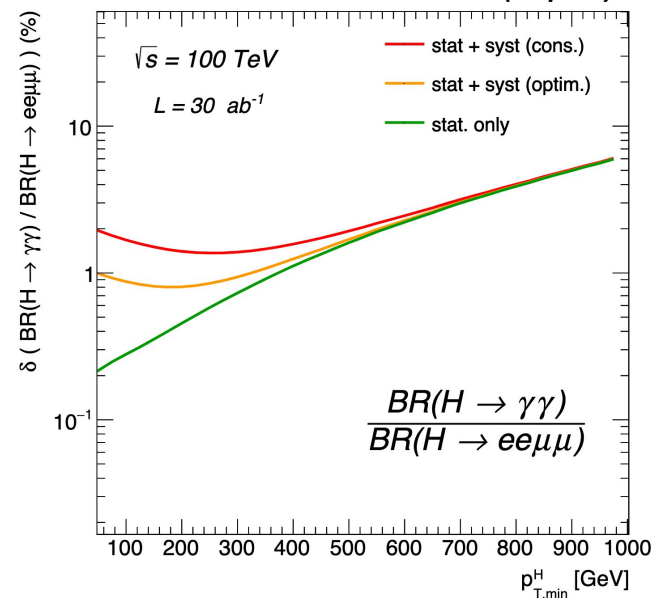
- With ± 20 TeV : $\sigma_{prod} \pm 30\%$

Coupling	Precision in %		
	80 TeV	100 TeV	120 TeV
$\delta g_{H\gamma\gamma} / g_{H\gamma\gamma}$	0.4	0.4	0.4
$\delta g_{H\mu\mu} / g_{H\mu\mu}$	0.7	0.65	0.6
$\delta g_{HZ\gamma} / g_{HZ\gamma}$	1.0	0.9	0.8

Rerunning the analyses is a work in progress

BR ratio precision

FCC-hh Simulation (Delphes)

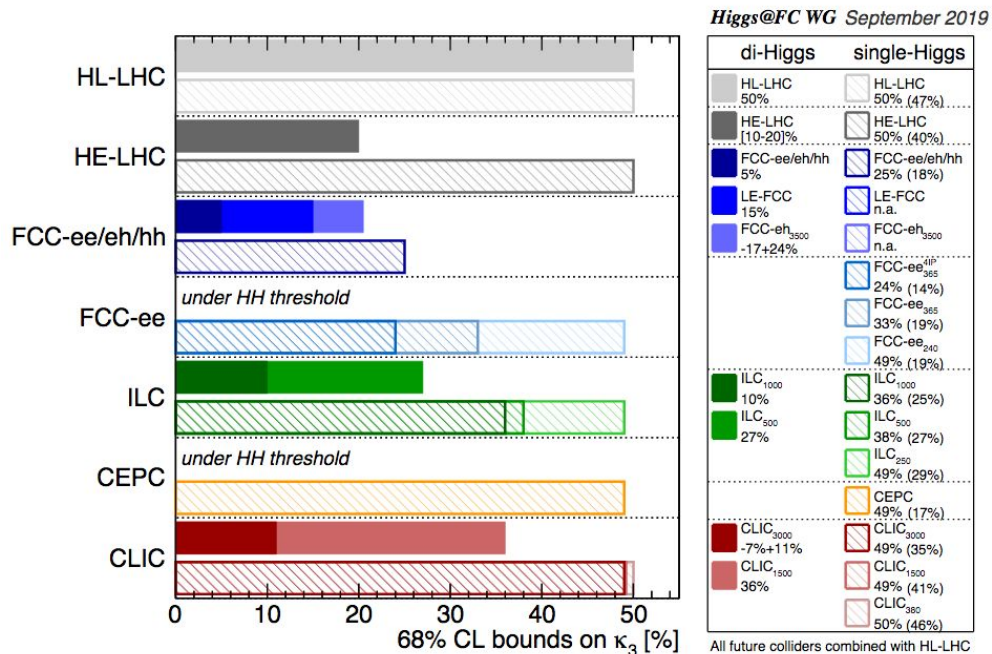


Higgs couplings: First results from $H(\mu\mu)/H(4\mu)$



Higgs self-coupling precision measurements

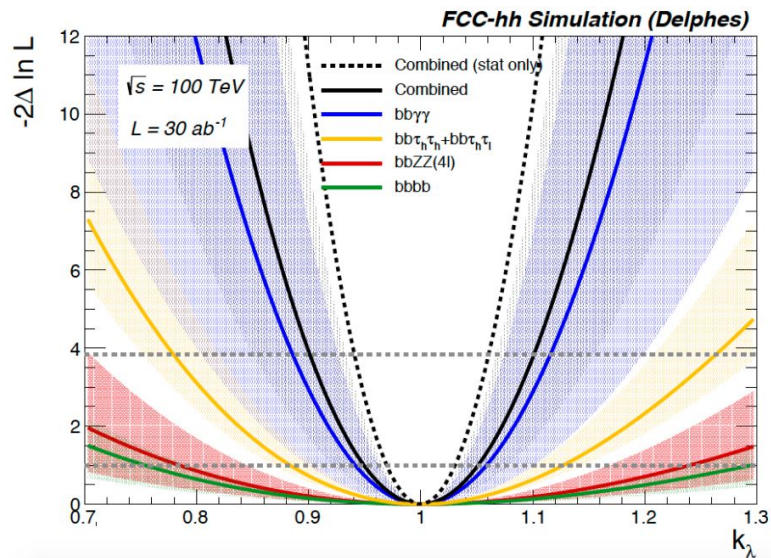
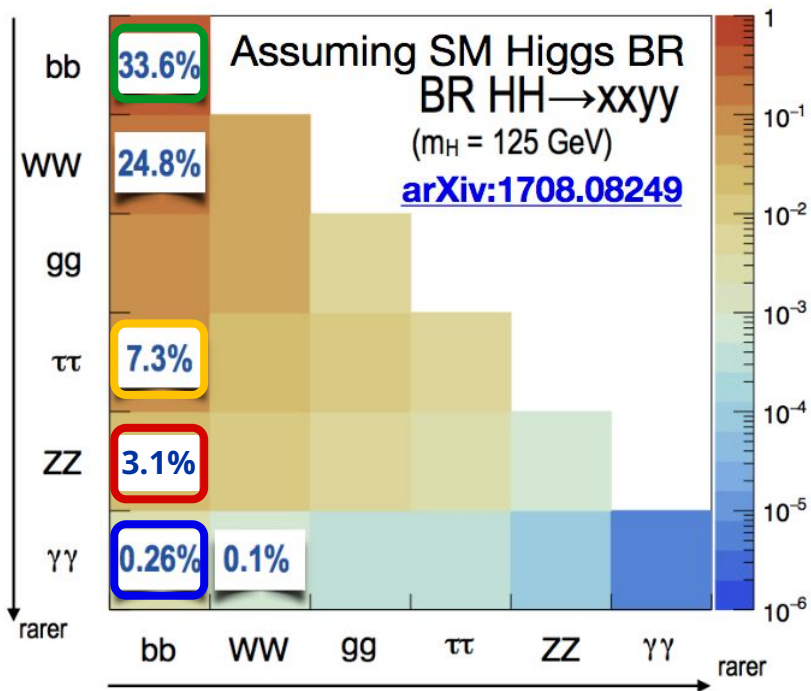
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Large dataset & increased cross-section at baseline CDR FCC-hh offers %-level κ_λ precision

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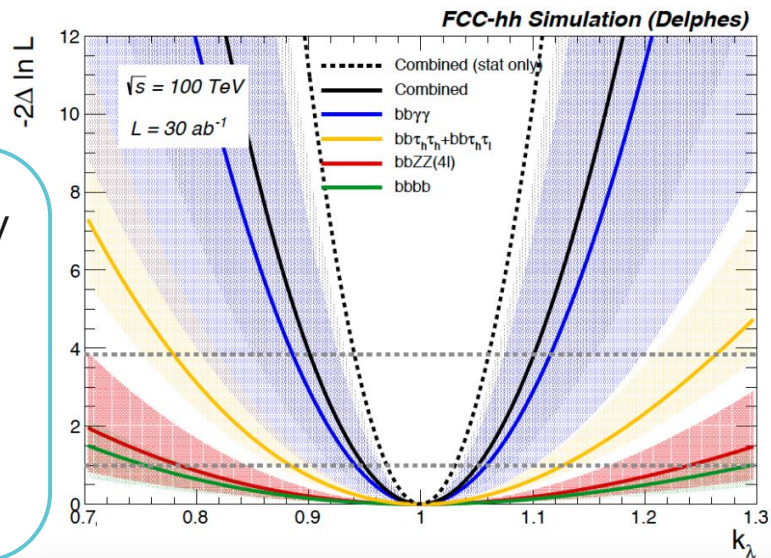
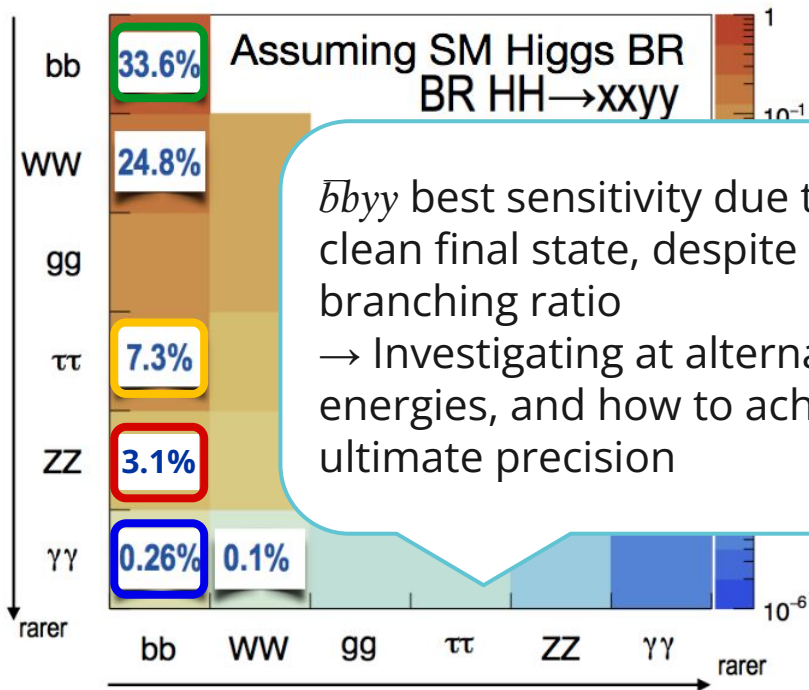
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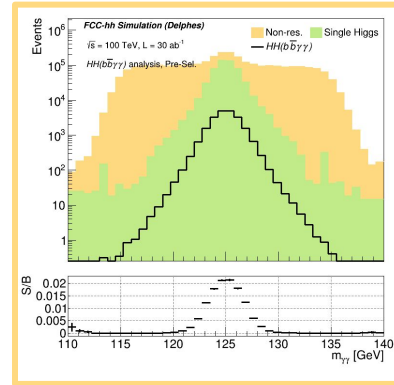
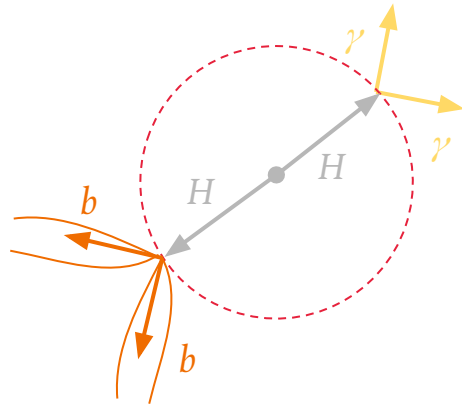
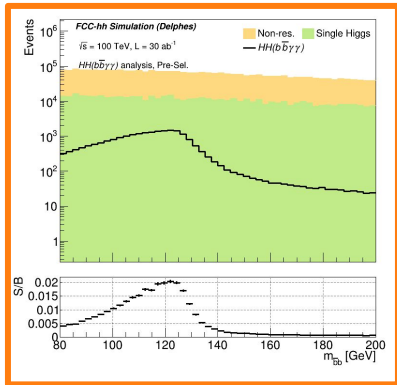
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Pre-selected events

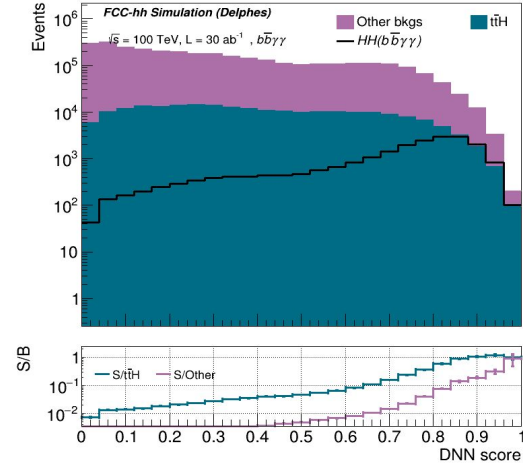


DNNs categorization to suppress the bkg



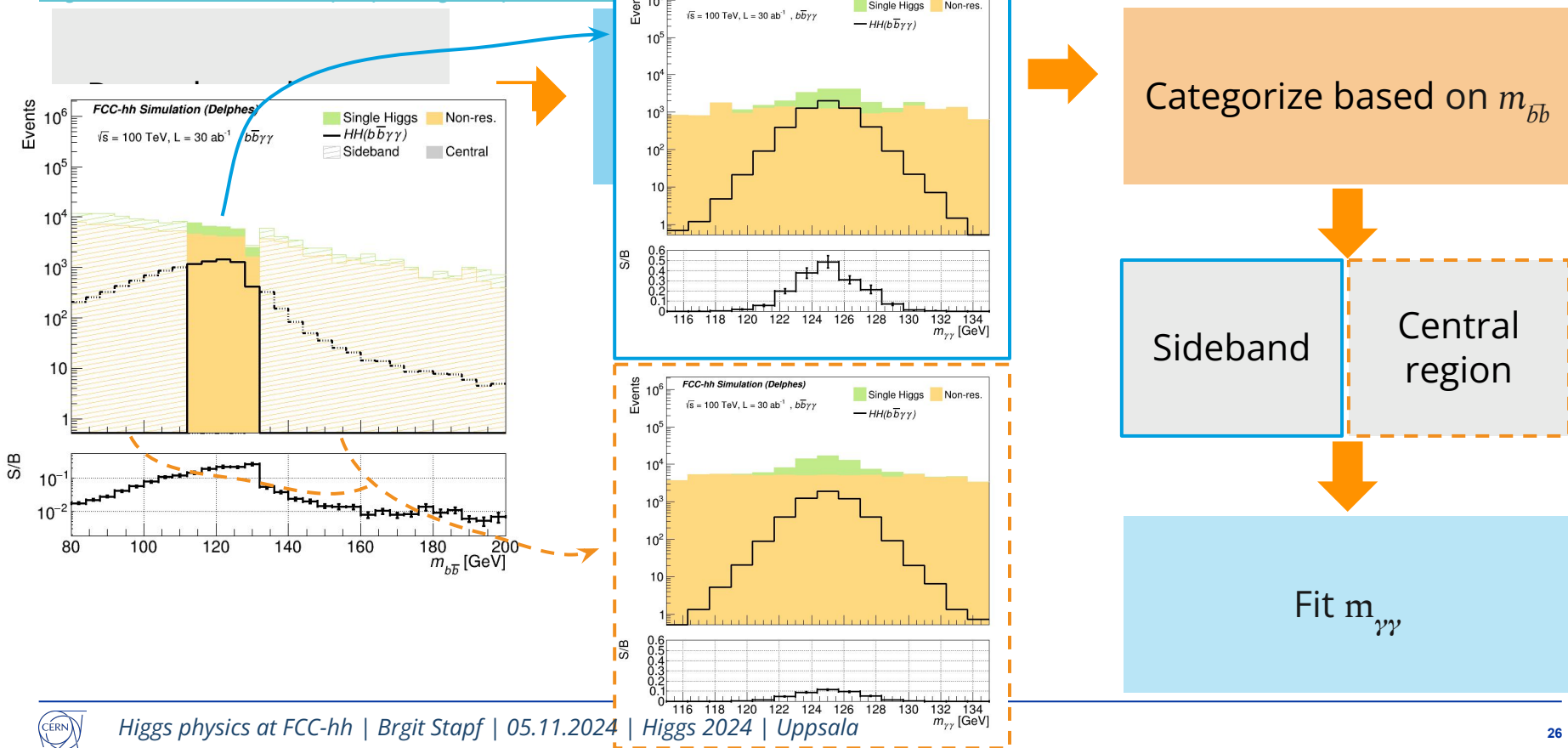
• Backgrounds:

- Non-resonant QCD: $\gamma\gamma$ +jets and γ +jets
- Single Higgs production



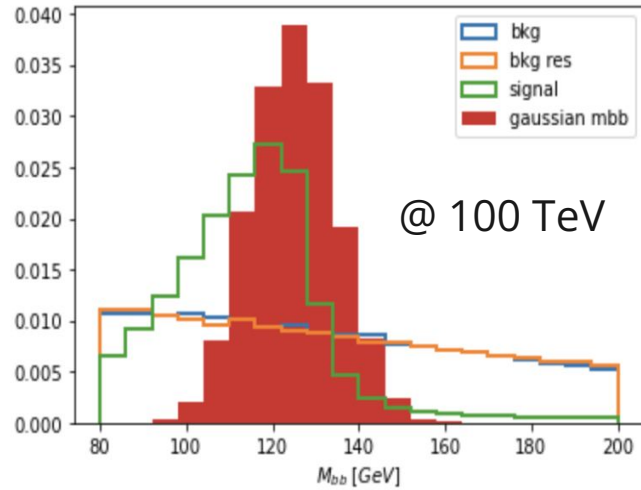
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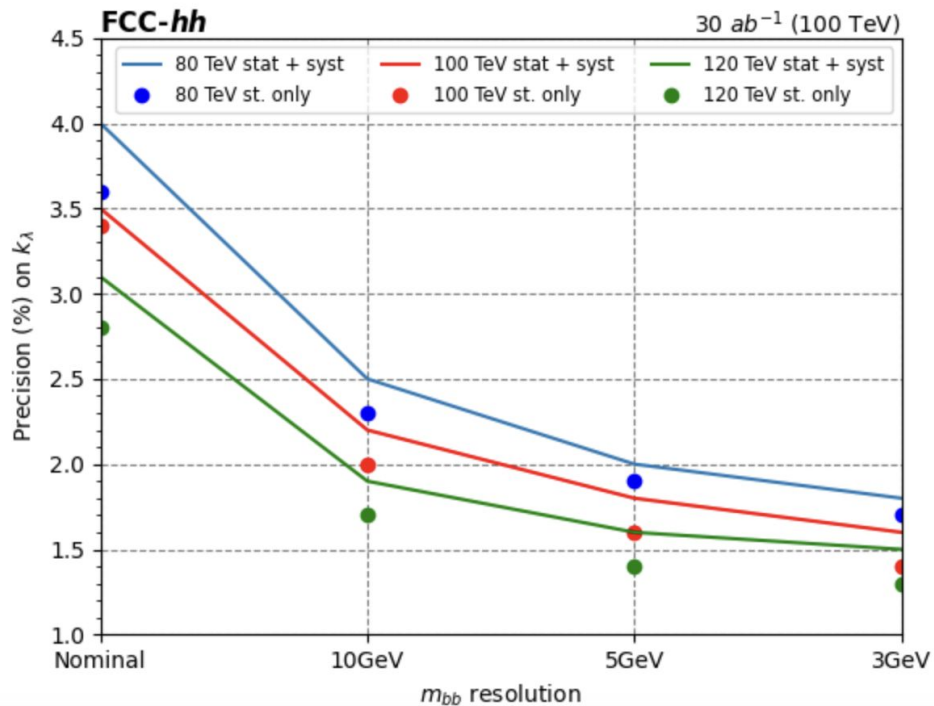
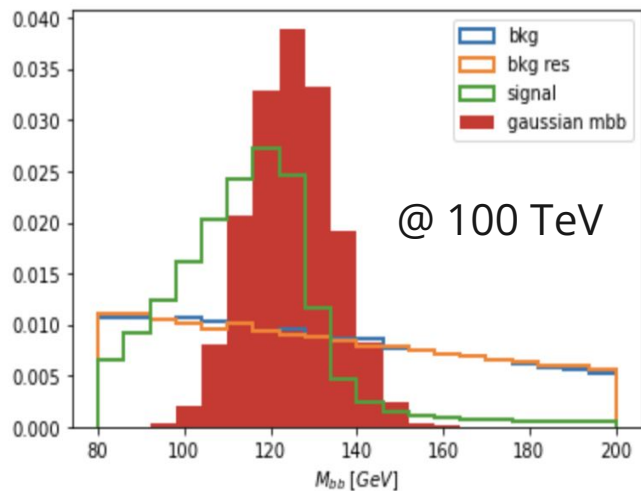
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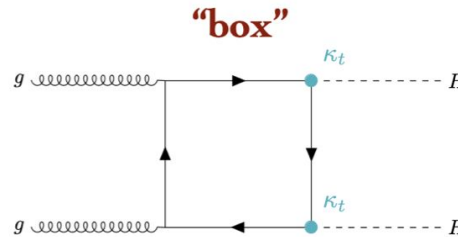
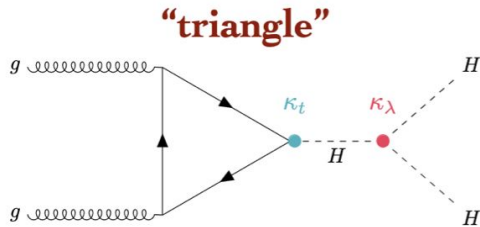
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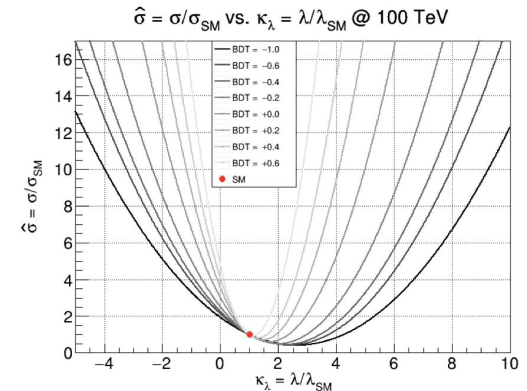
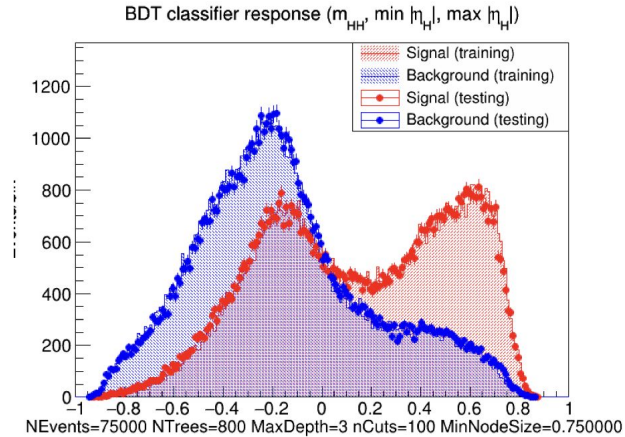
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Next step for $\bar{b}b\gamma\gamma$ analysis: Separating triangle vs box diagrams

Bastien Voirin, Claude Charlot, [Angela Taliervo, Paola Mastrapasqua, Birgit Stapf]

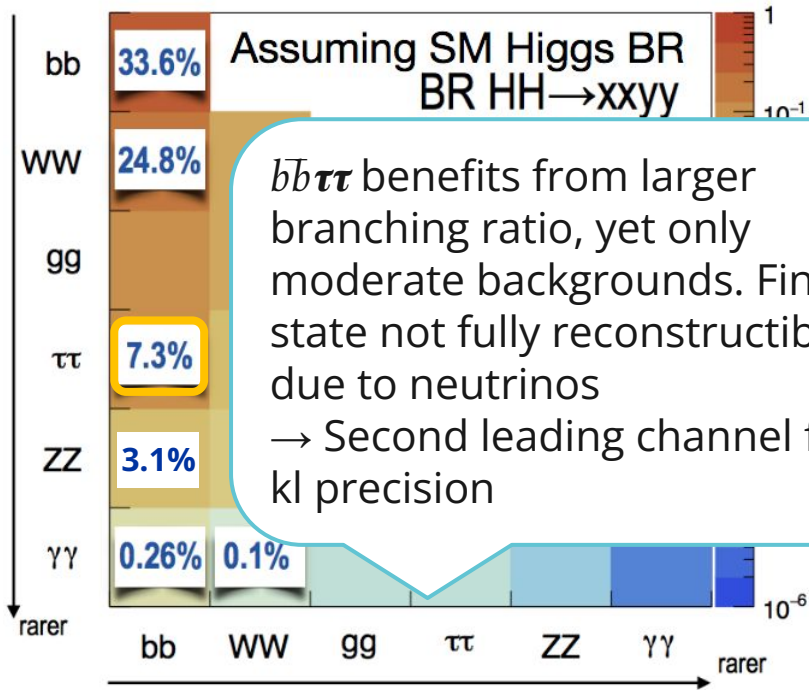


- Dominant mode of gluon-gluon Higgs pair production has two (interfering) diagrams
- Only the triangle diagram contribution contains a Higgs-self coupling vertex
- Ongoing work to apply Bastien Voirin’s BDT classifier which separates the triangle from the box contribution based on the Higgs’ kinematics to the $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ analysis to further boost sensitivity

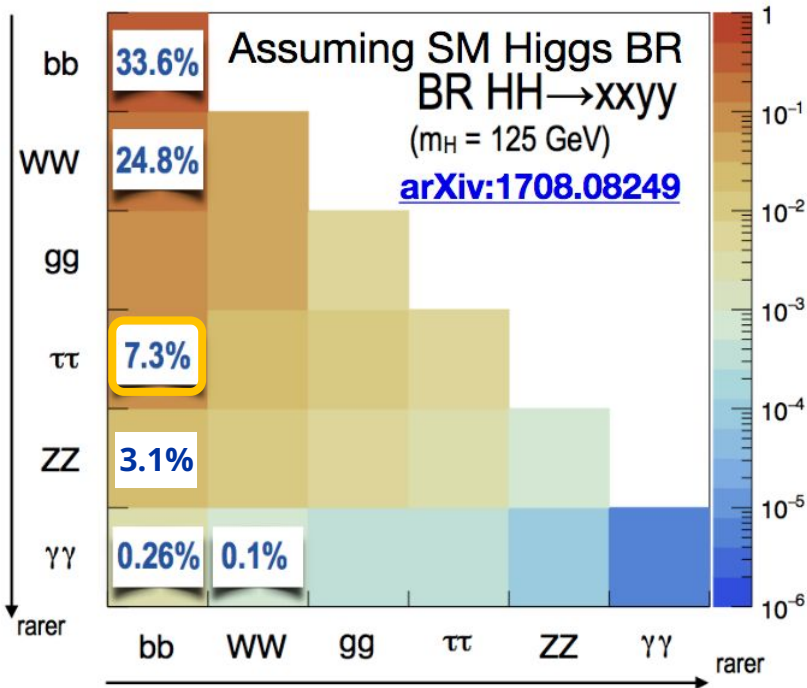


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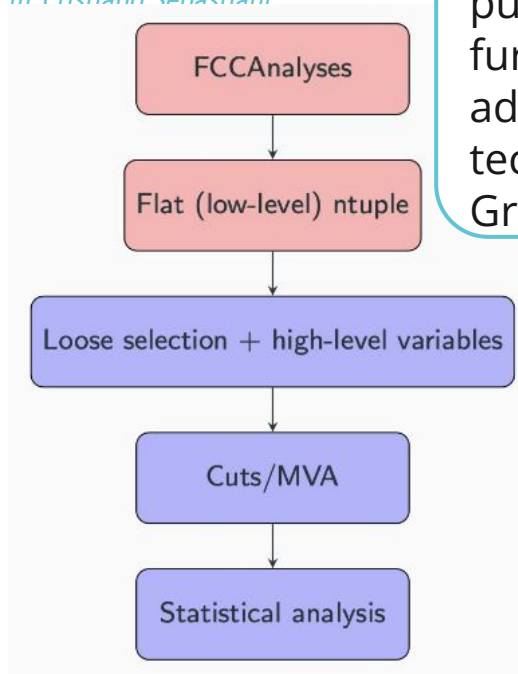
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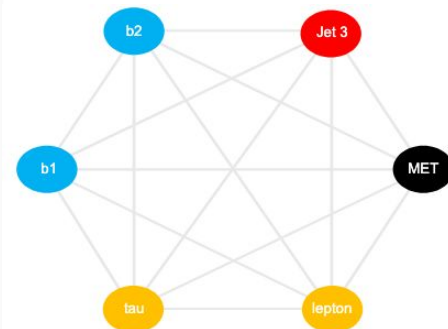
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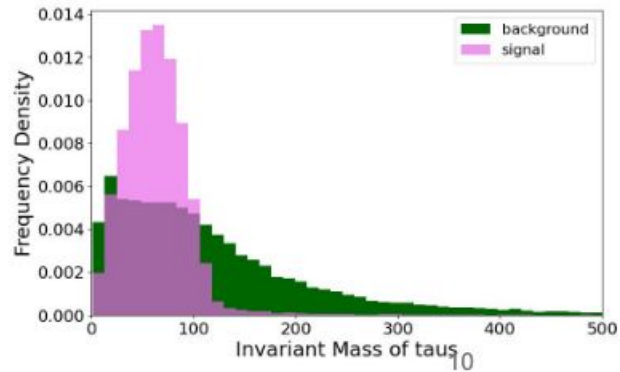


⚙️ Ongoing work to push sensitivity even further by employing advanced ML techniques, such as Graph Neural Net (GNN)



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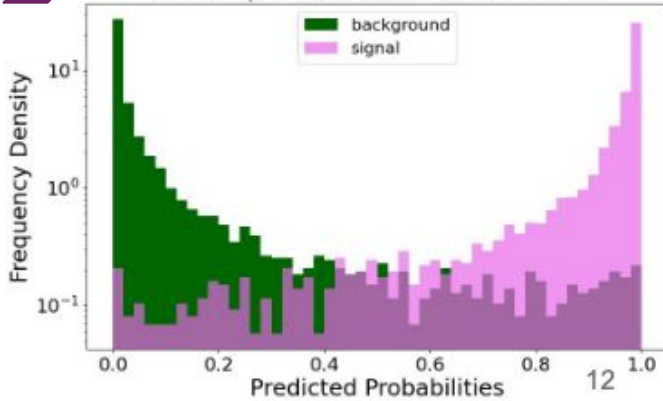
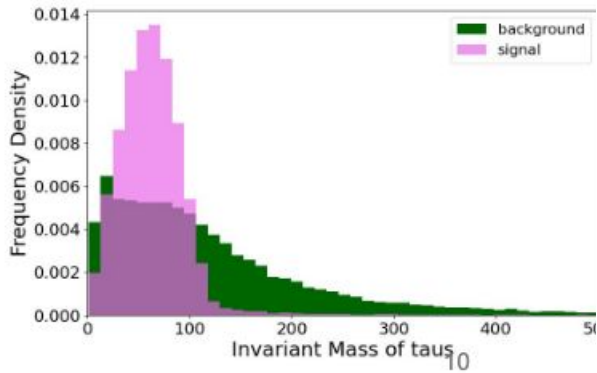
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GNN performance



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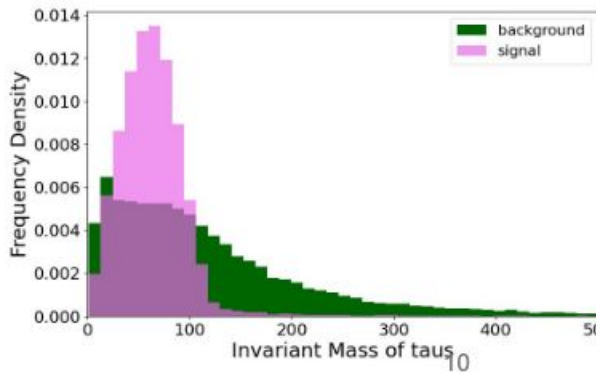
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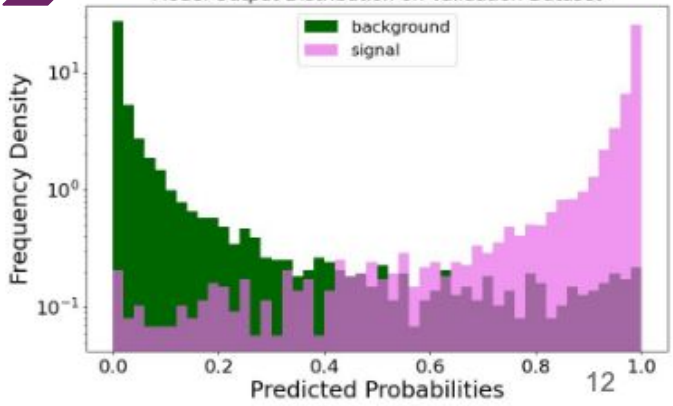
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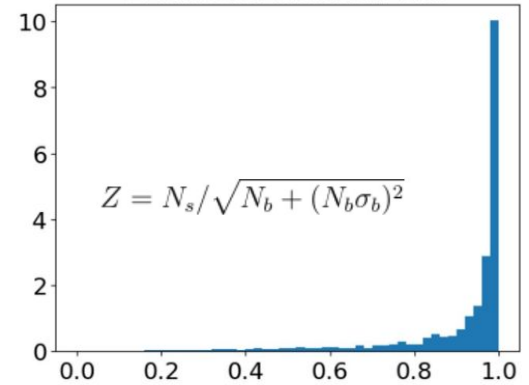


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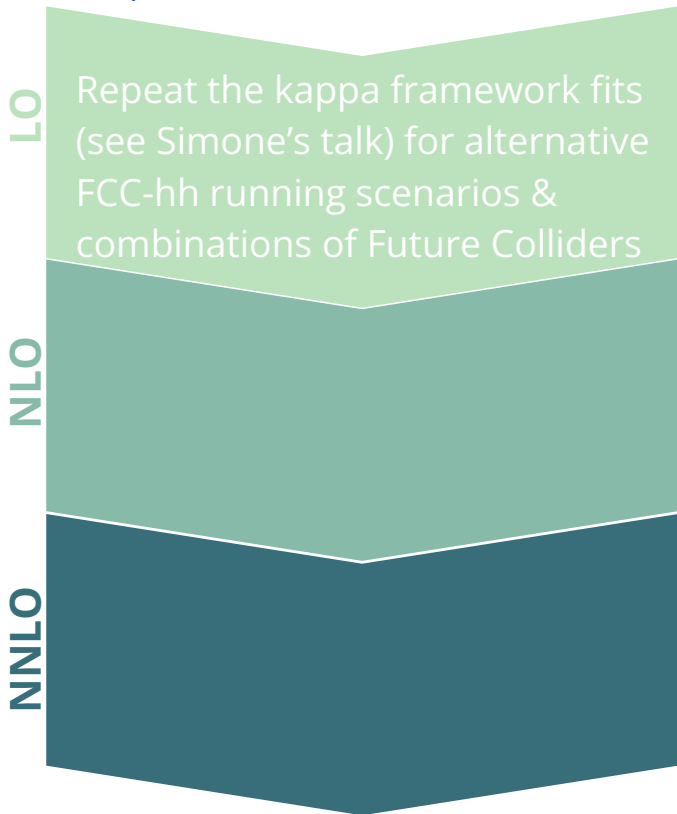
Sensitivity
Z values for individual bins



- First estimate of significance binned in GNN output shows improvement of ~ factor 2 over previous BDT analysis

Outlook: Towards global fits with updated FCC-hh projections

Juan Rojo



kappa-0	HL-LHC	LHeC	HE-LHC		ILC			CLIC			CEPC	FCC-ee		FCC-ee/eh/hh
			S2	S2'	250	500	1000	380	15000	3000		240	365	
κ_W [%]	1.7	0.75	1.4	0.98	1.8	0.29	0.24	0.86	0.16	0.11	1.3	1.3	0.43	0.14
κ_Z [%]	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.29	0.23	0.22	0.5	0.26	0.23	0.14	0.20	0.17	0.12
κ_g [%]	2.3	3.6	1.9	1.2	2.3	0.97	0.66	2.5	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.0	0.49
κ_γ [%]	1.9	7.6	1.6	1.2	6.7	3.4	1.9	98*	5.0	2.2	3.7	4.7	3.9	0.29
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ [%]	10.	—	5.7	3.8	99*	86*	85*	120*	15	6.9	8.2	81*	75*	0.69
κ_c [%]	—	4.1	—	—	2.5	1.3	0.9	4.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.8	1.3	0.95
κ_t [%]	3.3	—	2.8	1.7	—	6.9	1.6	—	—	2.7	—	—	—	1.0
κ_b [%]	3.6	2.1	3.2	2.3	1.8	0.58	0.48	1.9	0.46	0.37	1.2	1.3	0.67	0.43
κ_μ [%]	4.6	—	2.5	1.7	15	9.4	6.2	320*	13	5.8	8.9	10	8.9	0.41
κ_τ [%]	1.9	3.3	1.5	1.1	1.9	0.70	0.57	3.0	1.3	0.88	1.3	1.4	0.73	0.44

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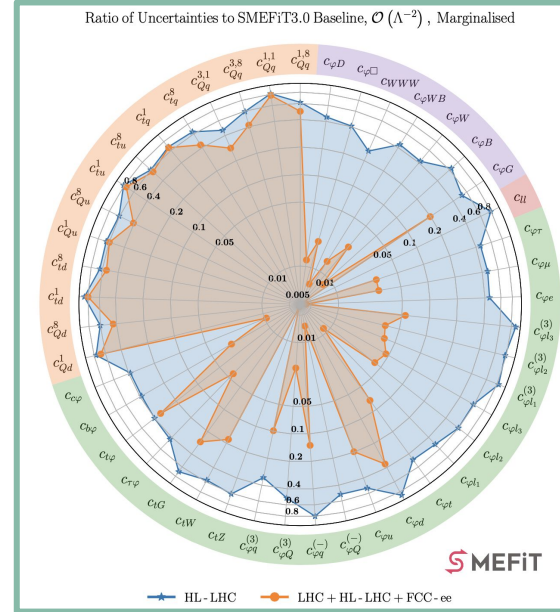
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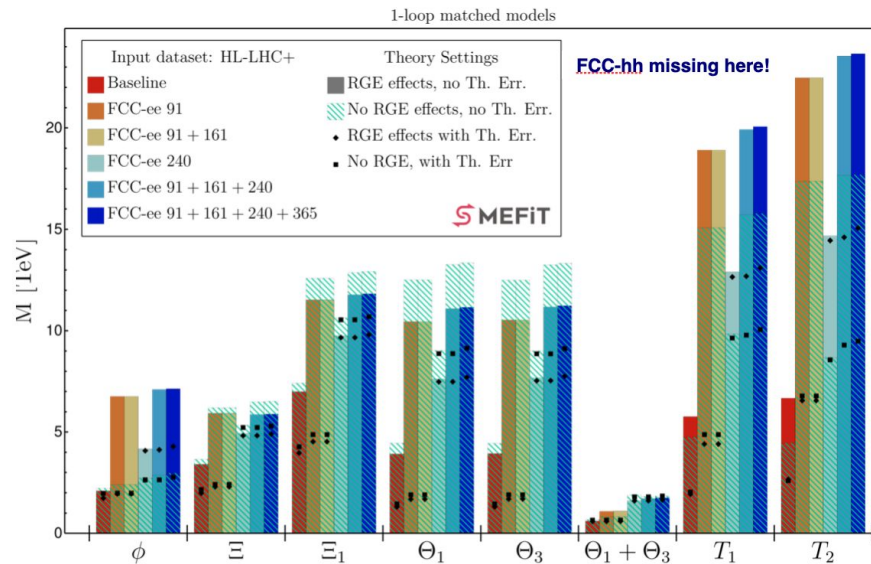
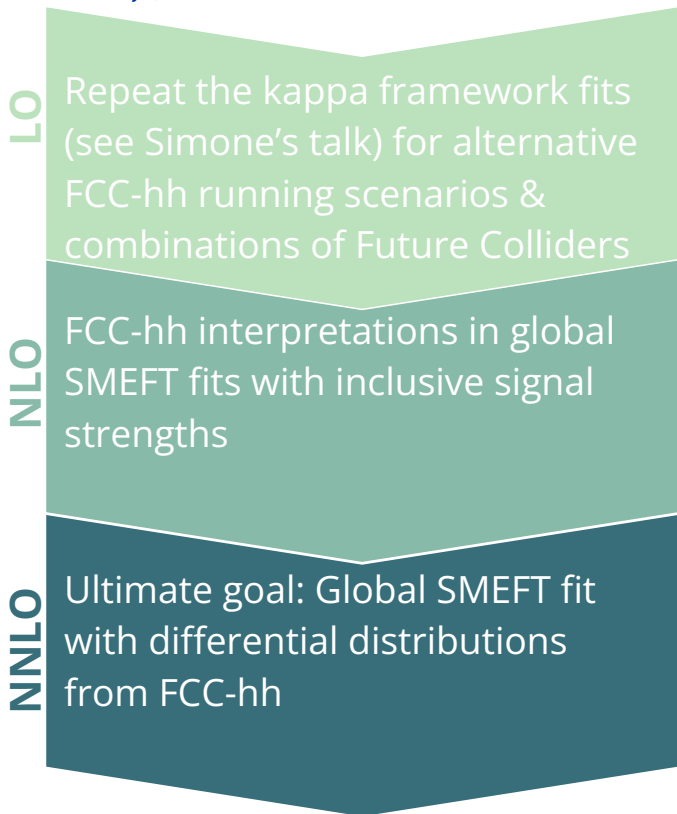
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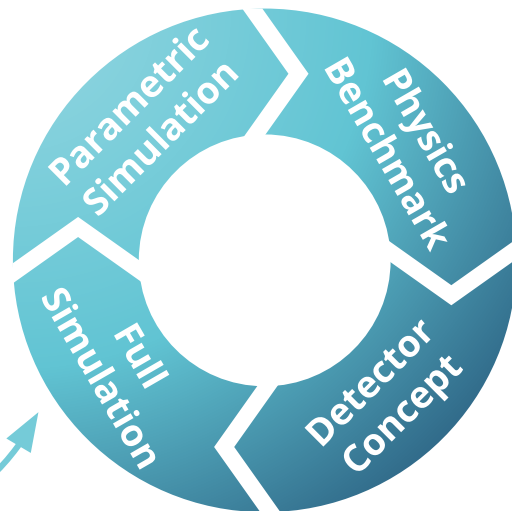
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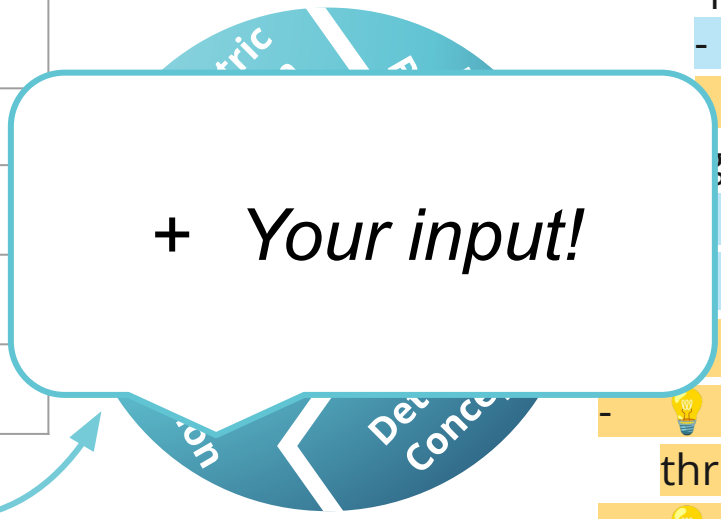


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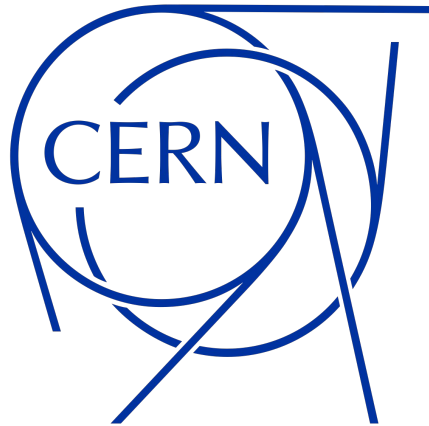
Organisation, resources & links

If you are interested, join our FCC-hh physics & performance group!

- Monthly (zoom) meetings Thursday's at 4PM (CERN time)
 - **Next meeting? Increase frequency?**
- Mailing lists: *fcc-ped-hh-espp25* , *fcc-ped-hh-physicsperformance-espp25*
- Mattermost:

Resources available on common software frameworks and tools

- [FCC-hh P&P working group documentation page](#)
- **LINK TO RECORDING OF HANDS ON TUTORIAL**
- **LINK TO DATABASE OF EVENTS**



Higgs couplings: Top Yukawa coupling

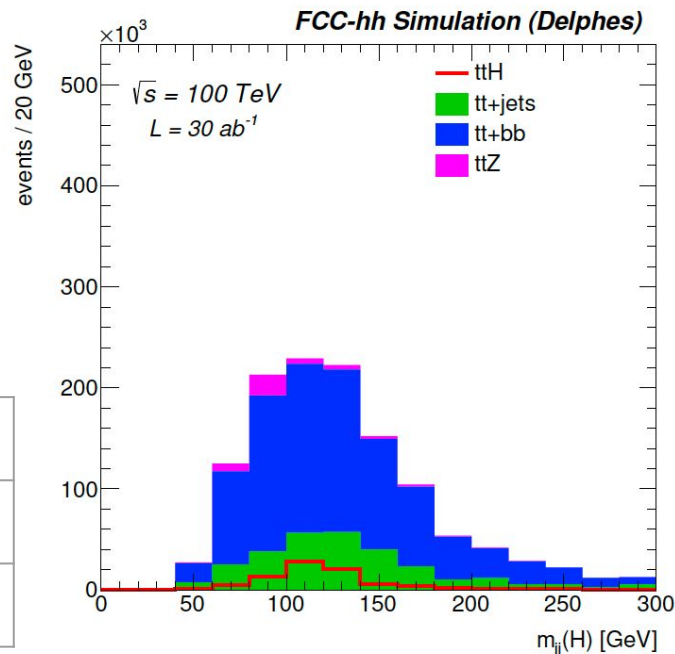
[CERN-ACC-2018-0045](#) & [M. Mangano at FCC physics workshop](#)

Exploit the ratio of $t\bar{t}H$ over $t\bar{t}Z$ for syst. cancellation

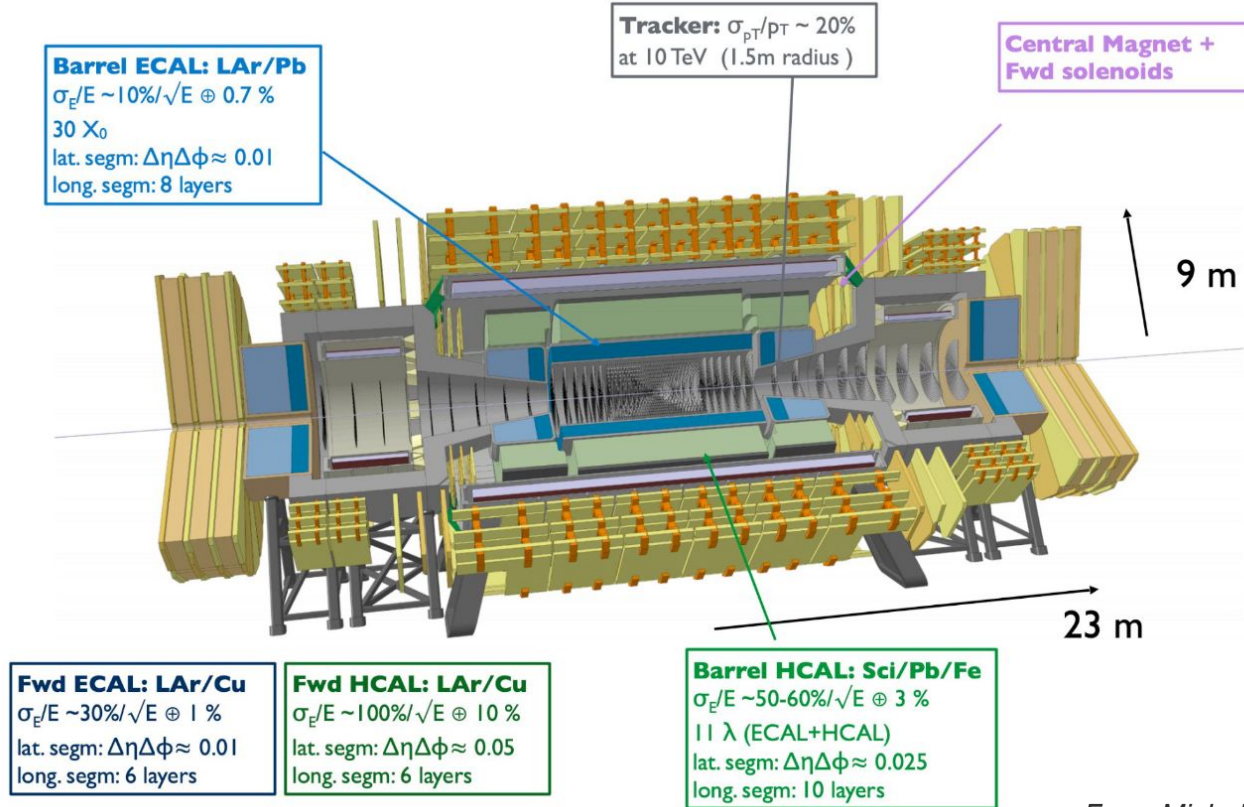
- Boosted top, $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decays, $p_T(H,t) > 250$ GeV
- Fit $t\bar{t}H$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ simultaneously with m_{jj} templates
- Assume precise measurement of $t\bar{t}Z$ from FCC-ee, and of backgrounds from control regions

	Precision in %		
Coupling	80 TeV	100 TeV	120 TeV
$\delta g_t / g_t$	1.2	1	0.85

Same uncertainty scaling as on previous slide

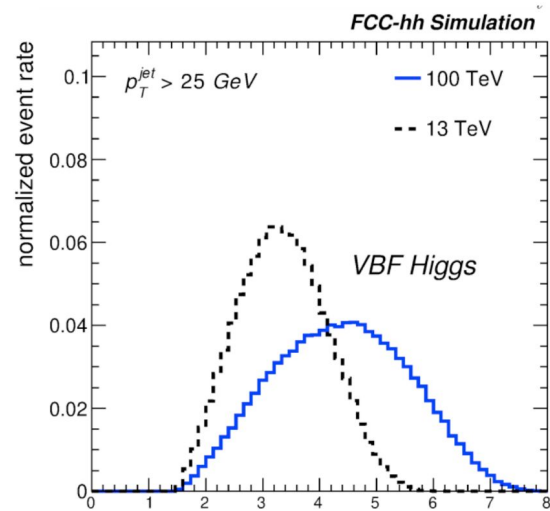
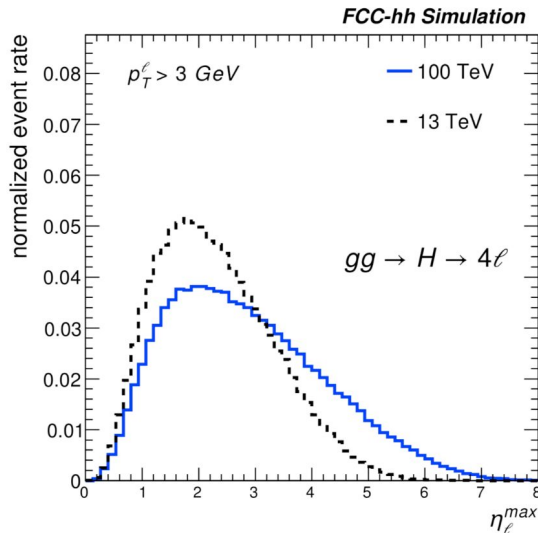


FCC-hh baseline detector concept



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SM physics more forward at 100 TeV

→ Precision spectroscopy and calorimetry up to $|\eta| < 4$

→ Tracking and calorimetry up to $|\eta| < 6$

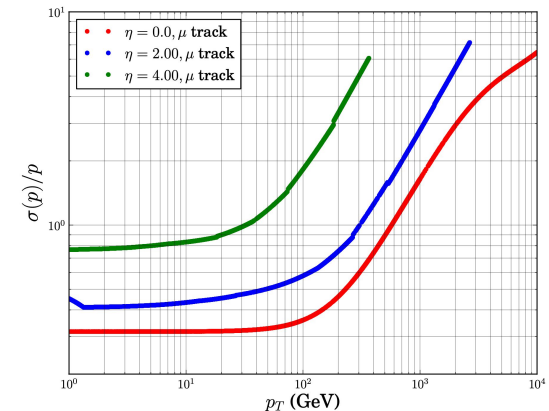
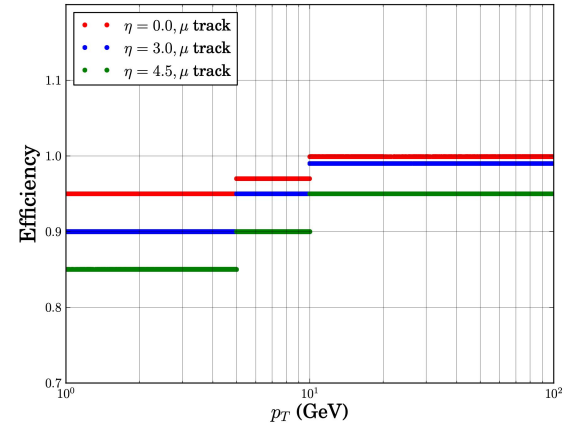
Delphes scenarios for FCC-hh

- Two current Delphes scenarios for FCC-hh:
 - Scenario I: Idealistic scenario for ultimate precision
 - Scenario II: Baseline scenario based on FCC-hh detector concept from CDR

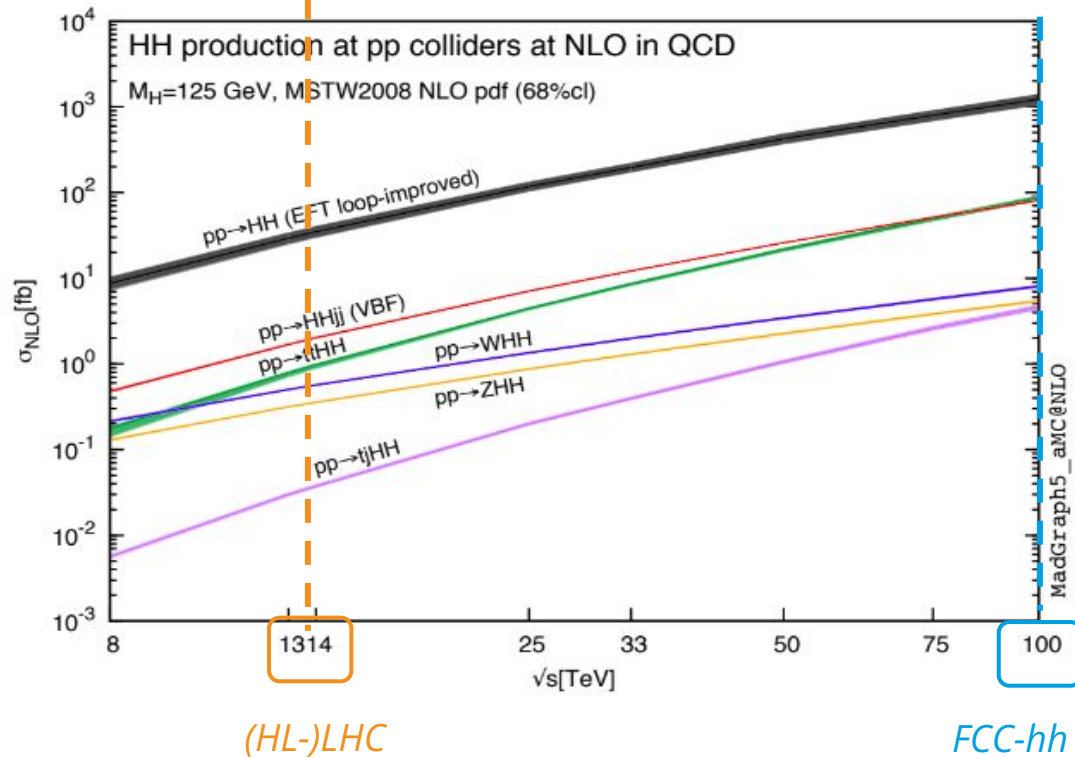
	Relative p resolution		Efficiency	
	Scenario I	Scenario II	Scenario I	Scenario II
Electrons	0.4-1%	0.8-3%	76-95%	72-90%
Muons	0.5-3%	1-6%	90-99%	88-97%
Medium b-tagging			80-90%	76-86%

Note: Both scenarios implement fixes w.r.t the original, e.g. bremsstrahlung for electrons, multiple scattering, resolutions in forward region

Example parametrization for muons



Higgs self-coupling: Cross-sections at FCC-hh



Higgs self-coupling projections: Systematic uncertainties

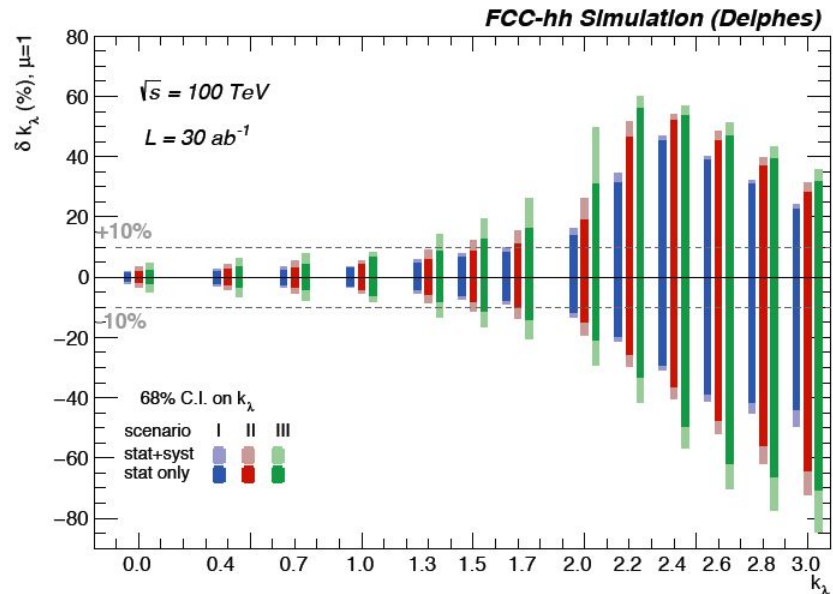
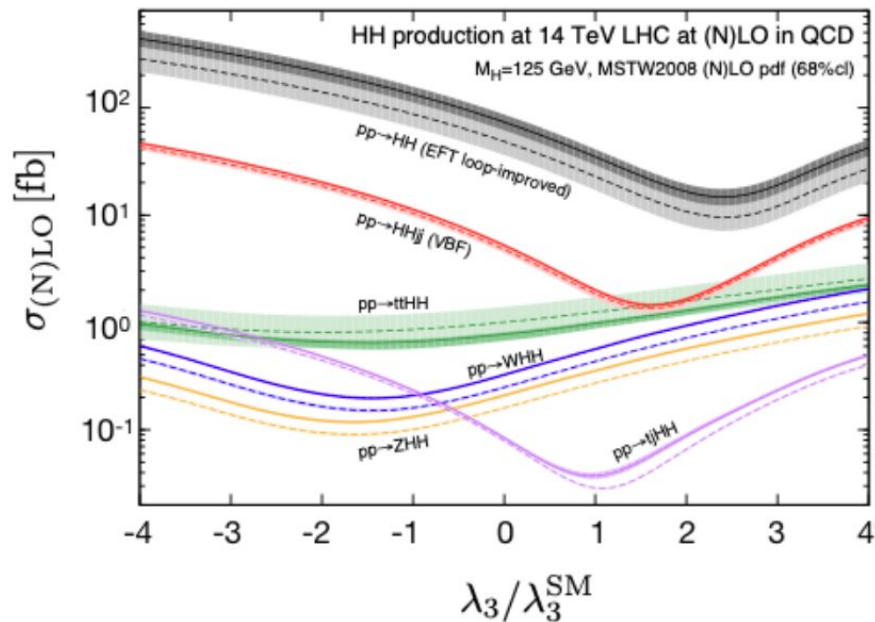
Source of uncertainty	Syst. 1	Syst. 2	Syst. 3	Applies to	Correlated
Common systematics					
b-jet ID / b-jet	0.5%	1%	2%	Signals, MC bkg.	✓
Luminosity	0.5%	1%	2%	Signals, MC bkg.	✓
Signal cross-section	0.5%	1%	1.5%	Signals, MC bkg.	✓
<i>bb̄γγ</i> systematics					
γ ID / γ	0.5%	1%	2%	Signals, MC bkg.	✗
<i>bb̄ll + E_T^{miss}</i> systematics					
Lepton ID / lepton	0.5%	1%	2%	Signals, MC bkg.	✗
Data-driven bkg. est.	-	1%	1%	V + jets	✗
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- Following [previous di-Higgs studies@FCC-hh](#)
- Applied as rate systematics only, no shape effect

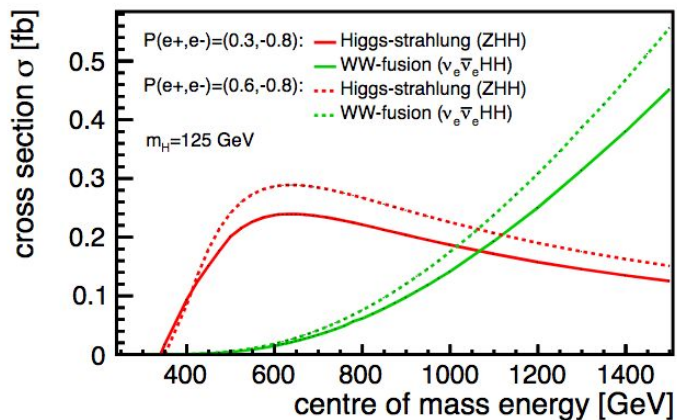
$\bar{b}b\gamma$ analysis: Center of mass energy scan

	80 TeV	100 TeV	120 TeV
No assumption on mbb	4.0% - st. only 3.6%	3.5% - st. only 3.4%	3.1% - st. only 2.8%
mbb res 10 GeV	2.5% - st. only 2.3%	2.2% - st. only 2.0%	1.9% - st. only 1.7%
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mbb res 3 GeV	1.8% - st. only 1.7%	1.6% - st. only 1.4%	1.5% - st. only 1.3%

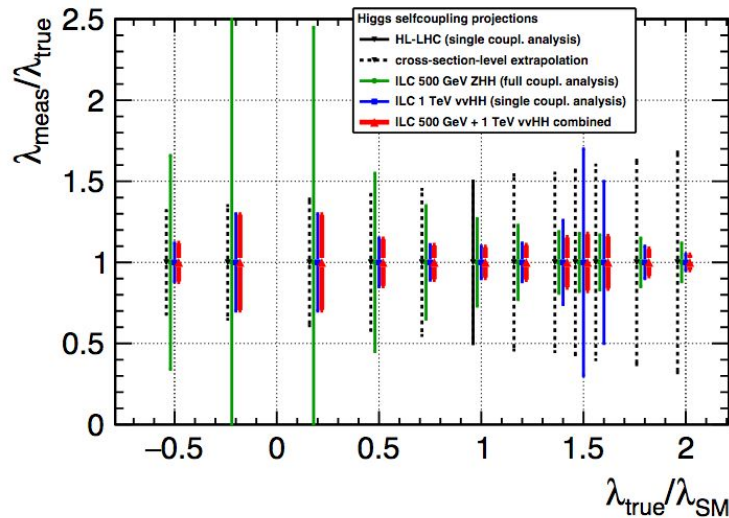
Di-Higgs cross-section dependence on κ_λ in pp -collisions



Higgs self-coupling @ ILC



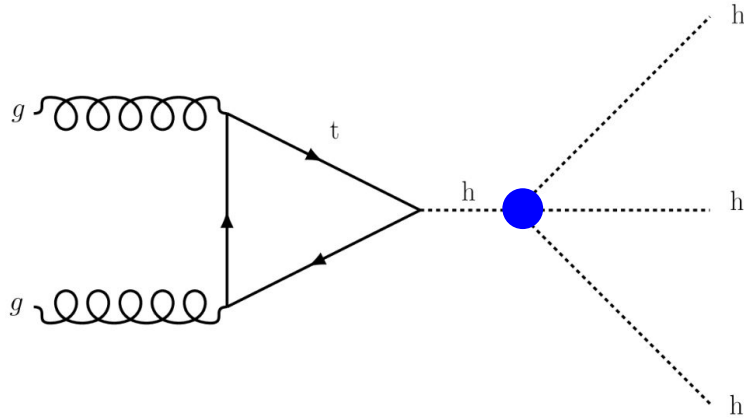
- Two production modes:
 - Higgsstrahlung, peaks ~ 500 GeV
 - WW-fusion, above ~ 1 TeV
 - \rightarrow need runs at both energies for maximum κ_λ precision



- Studied dominant channels $4b$ and $bbWW$
- Advantage of e -collider: ZHH cross-section increases with κ_λ , hence better constraints at values $\kappa_\lambda > 1$ than pp -colliders

Quartic Higgs self-coupling

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



Triple Higgs production measurements will remain challenging, even at FCC-hh due to very low cross-section

Again $\sim O(100)$ smaller than the HH cross-section

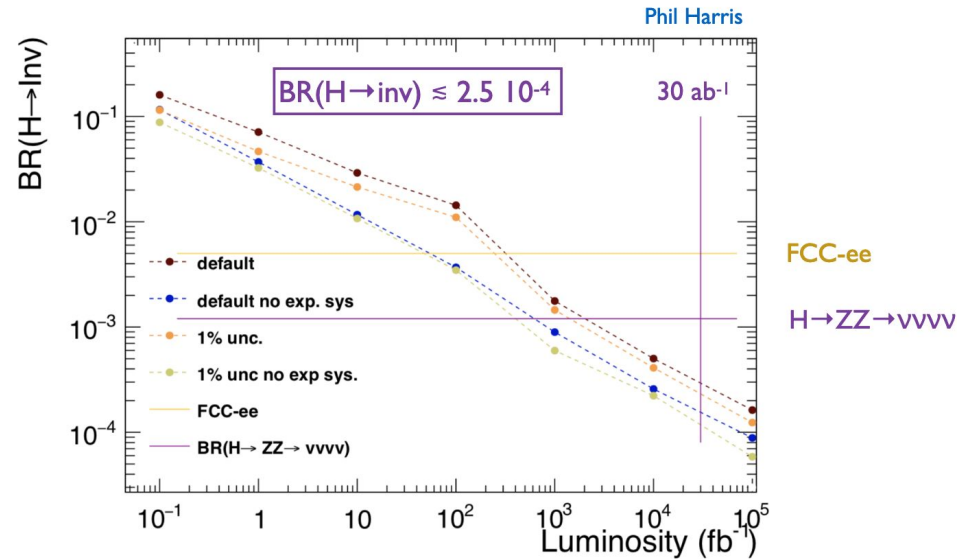
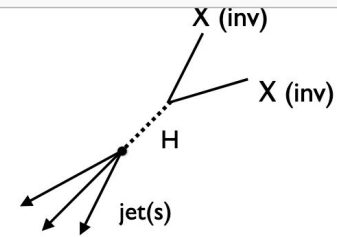
Studies in final states with 4bs, [tau pairs](#) and [photon pairs](#) and [more recently 6b](#)

Number of selected signal events $\sim O(100)$

Combining several channels 3σ may be reached

H → invisible

- Measure it from H + X at large $p_T(H)$
- Fit the E_T^{miss} spectrum
- Constrain background p_T spectrum from $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ to the % level using NNLO QCD/EW to relate to measured Z,W and γ spectra (low stat)
- Estimate $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ ($W \rightarrow l\nu$) from $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$ ($W \rightarrow l\nu$) control regions (high stat).



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