

Higgier Higgs Background/Signal MC

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Goals

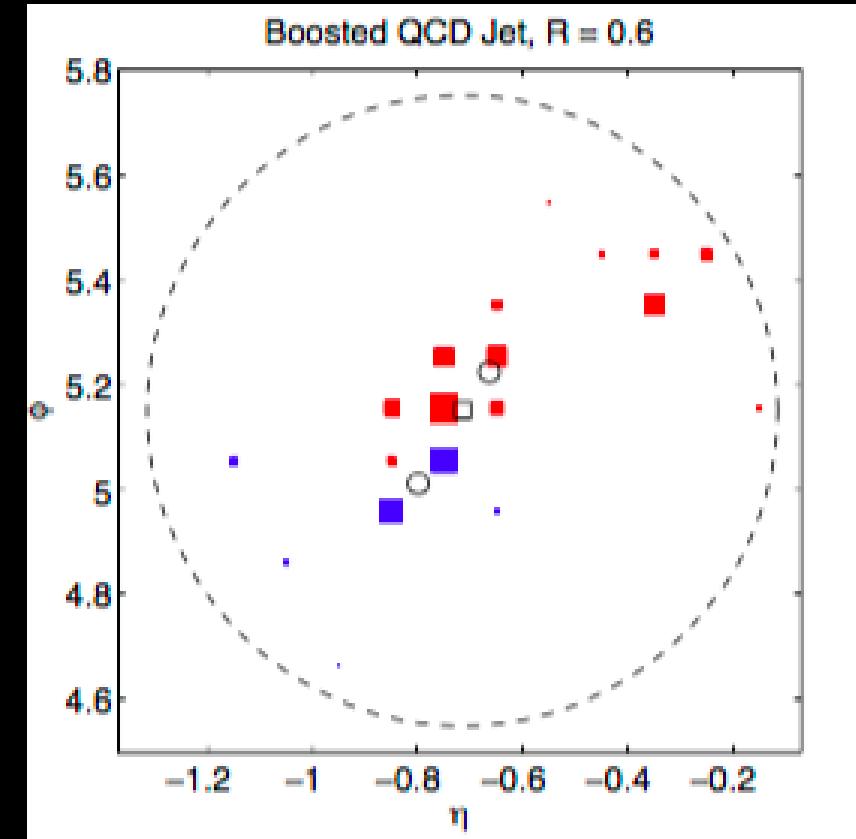
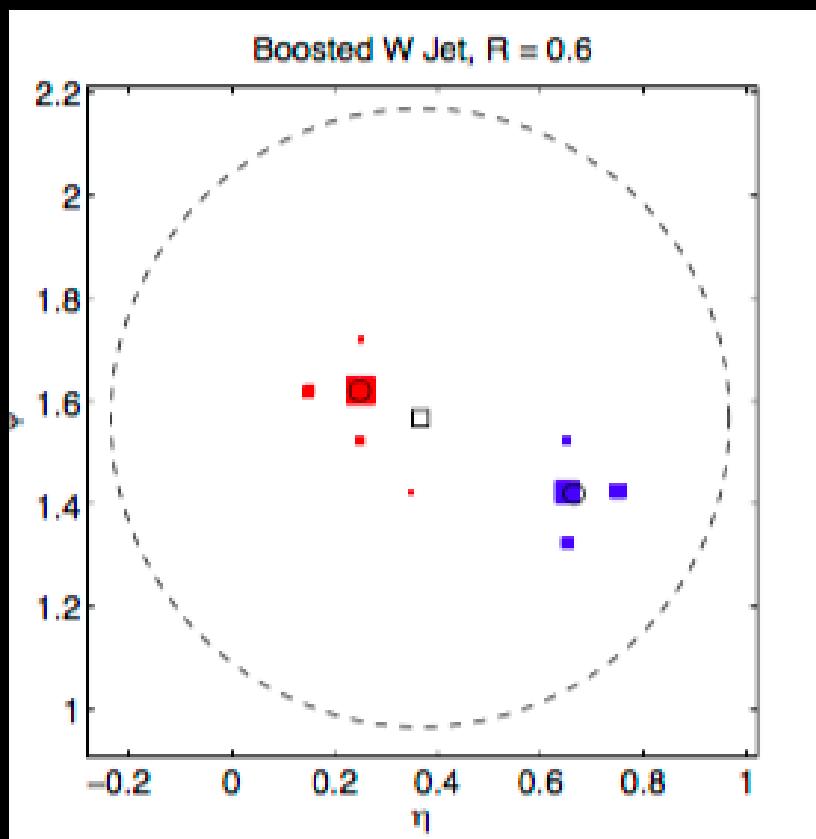
Optimize cuts to bring out WH/ZH signals,
specifically on Higgs D2 and Tau21 variables

Calculate significance versus mass channel
curves

Significance calculation: $NS/(1+\sqrt{NB})$

Jet Substructure Variables: N-subjettiness (Tau21WTA)

$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{d_0} \sum_k p_{T,k} \min \{ \Delta R_{1,k}, \Delta R_{2,k}, \dots, \Delta R_{N,k} \}.$$



Jet Substructure Variables: D2

$$\bar{D}_2^{(\beta)} \equiv \frac{e_3^{(\beta)}}{\left(e_2^{(\beta)}\right)^3}.$$

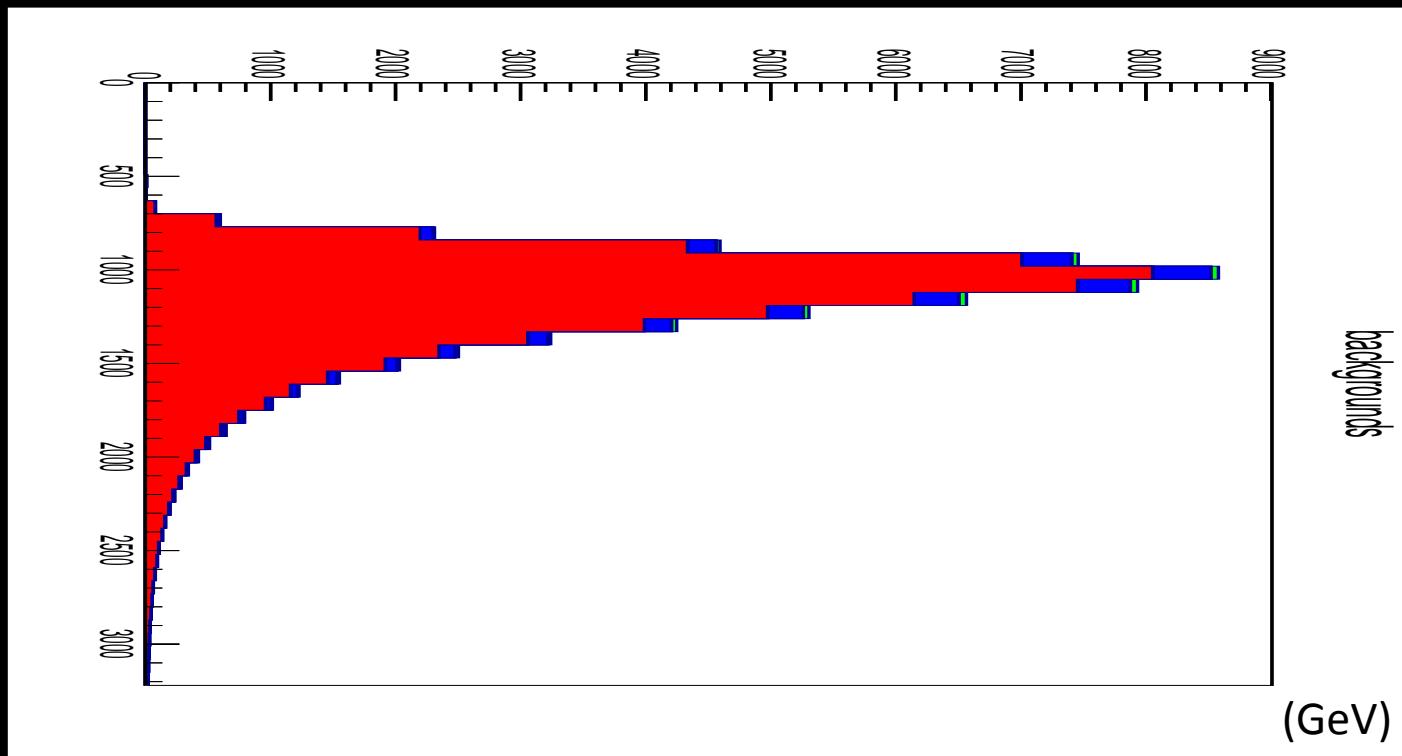
e_2 and e_3 are two and three point energy correlation functions

D2 can differentiate between one and two prong decays

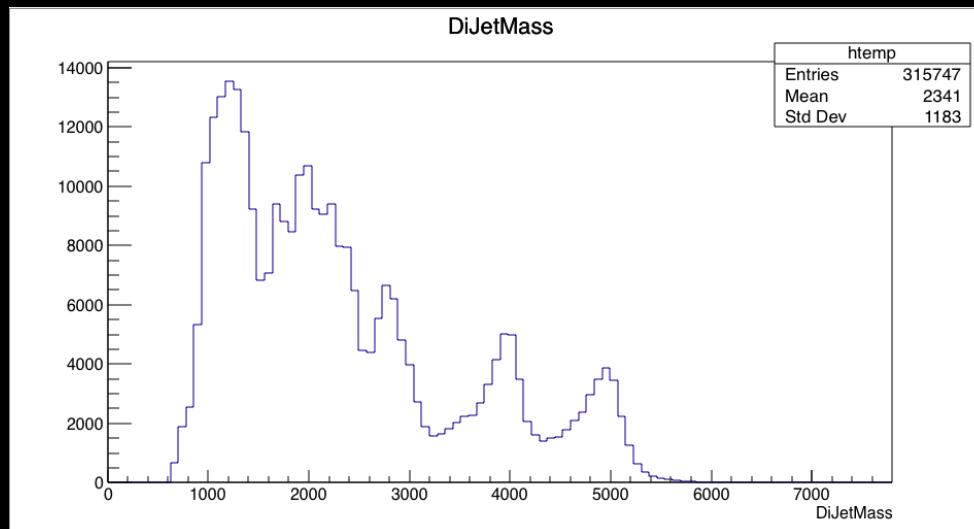
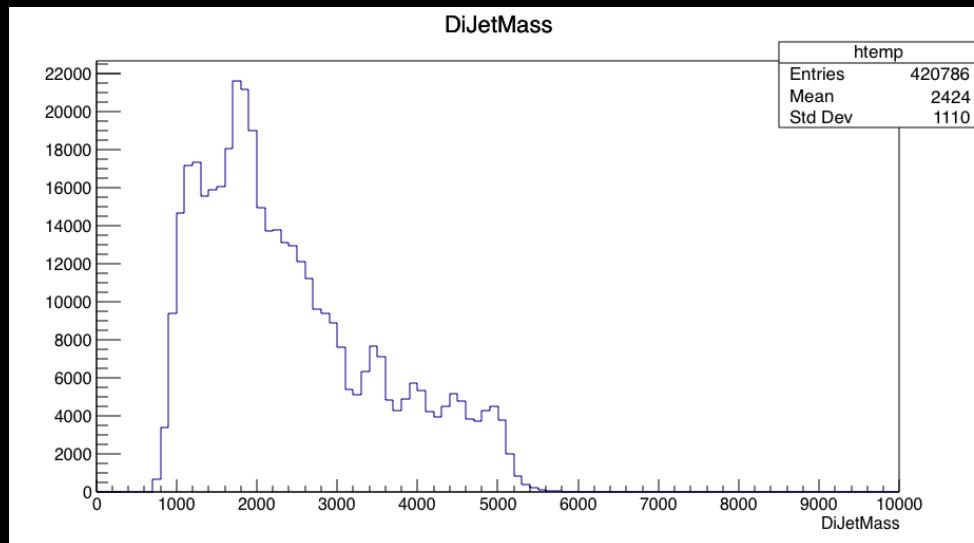
$X \rightarrow V(W/Z)H \rightarrow qqbb$

Signal $VH \rightarrow qqbb$

Backgrounds include **ttbar**, **W/Z jets**, **light quark**
QCD:

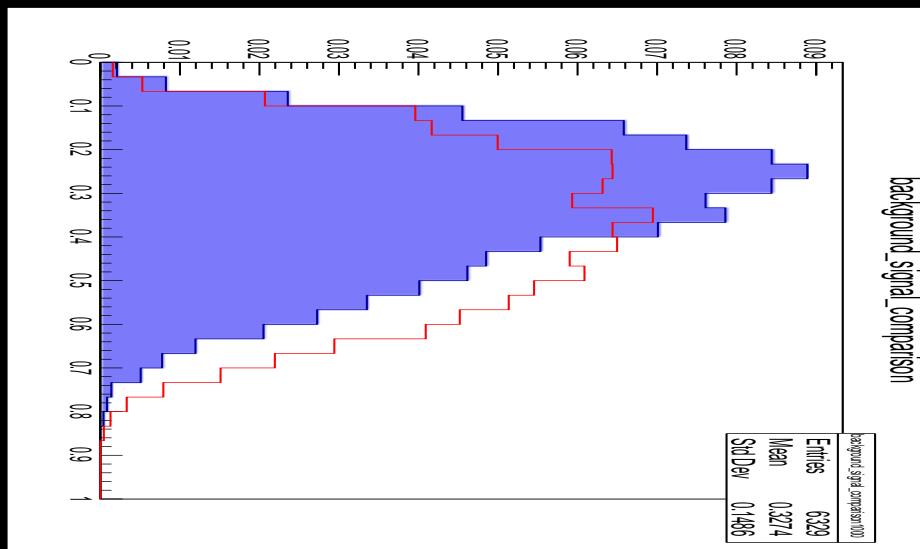


ZH/WH signals (top/bottom)

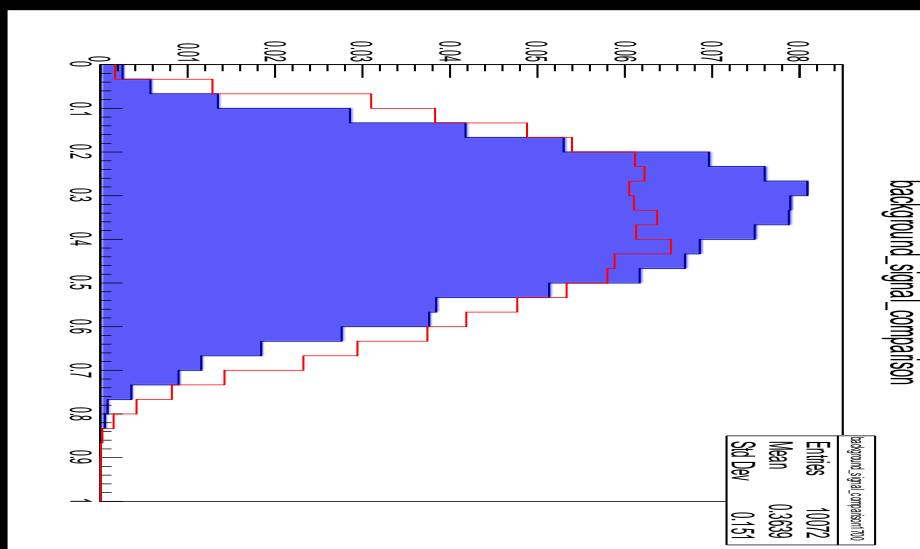


Tau21, different WH mass channels

1000 GeV



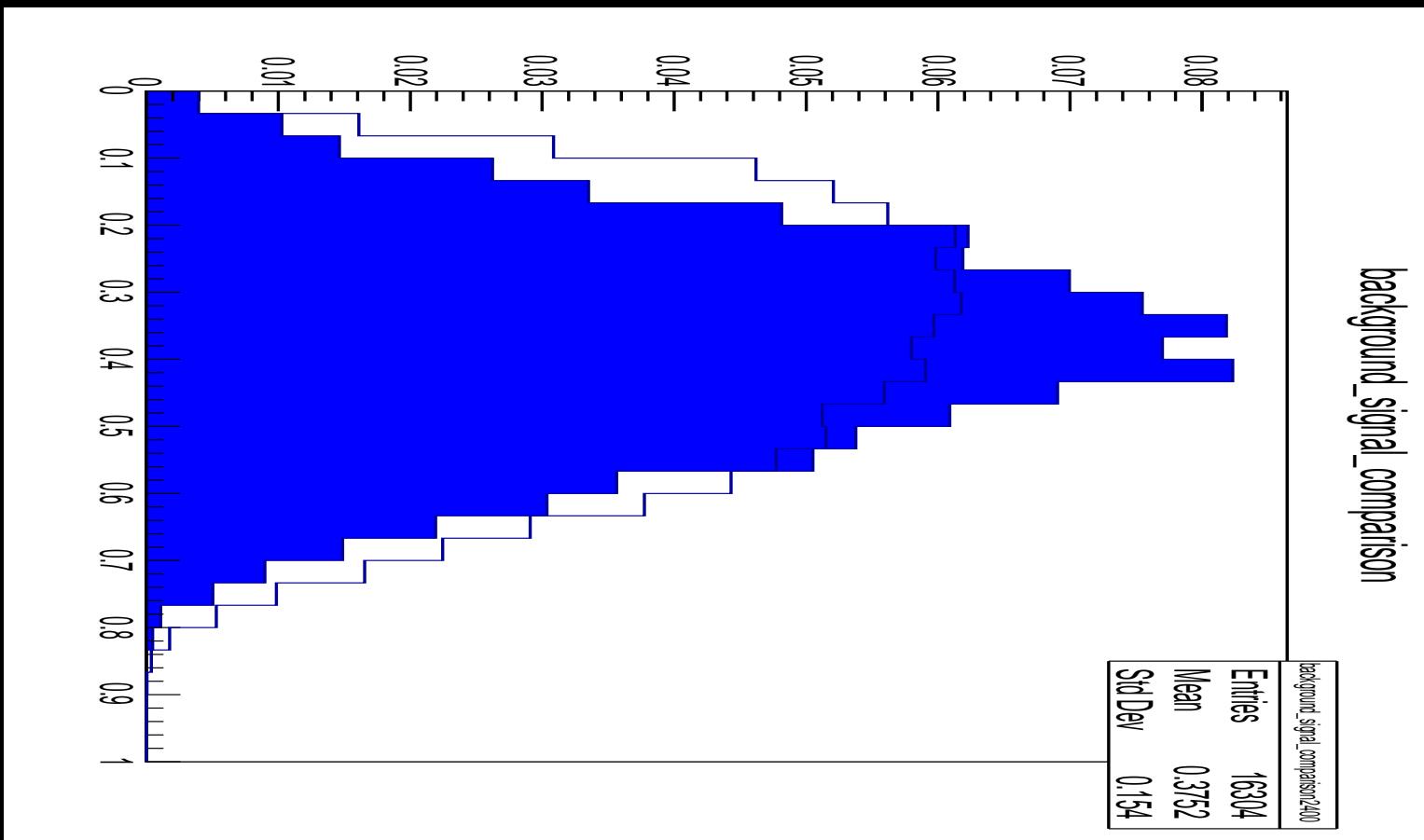
1700GeV



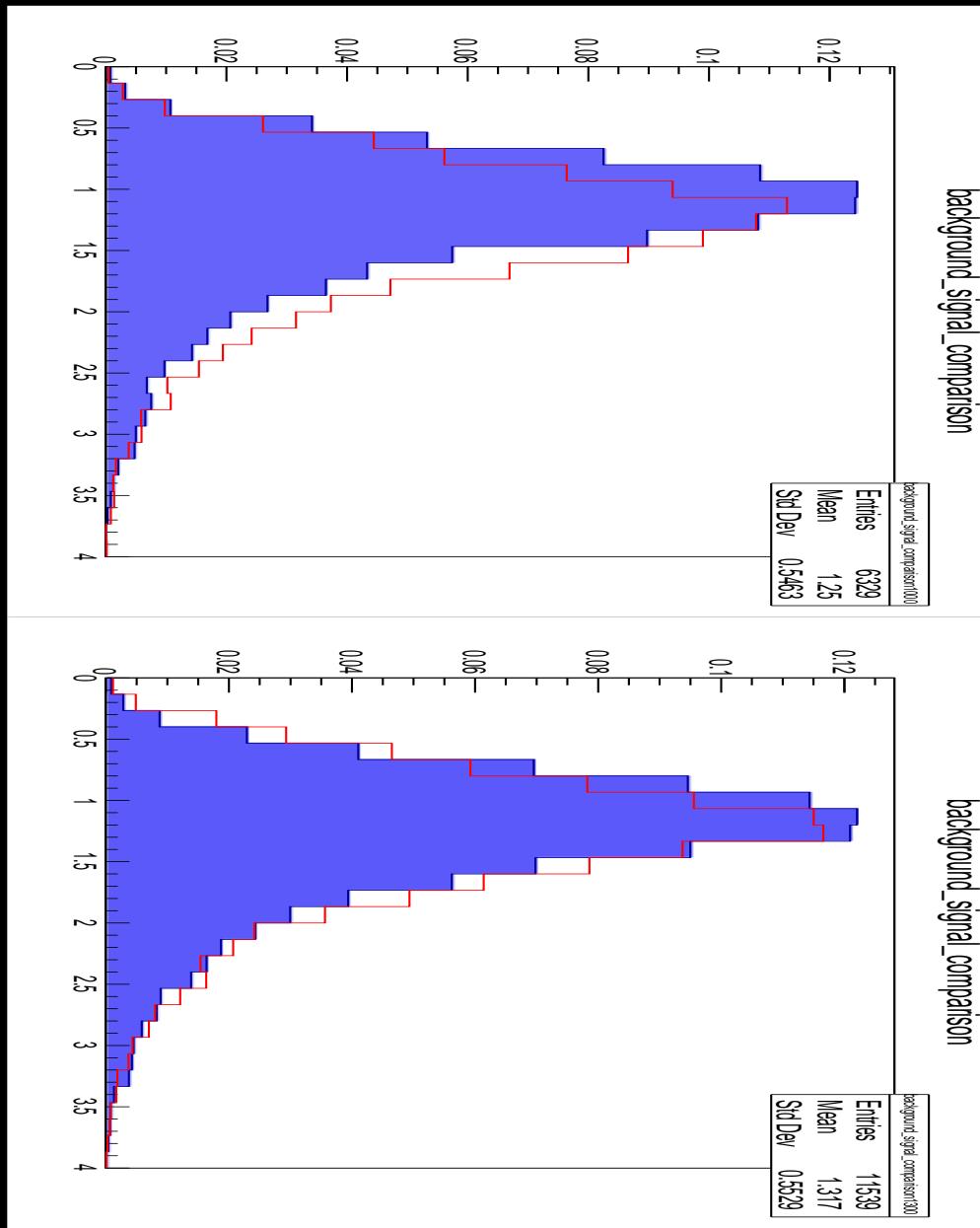
2400 GeV

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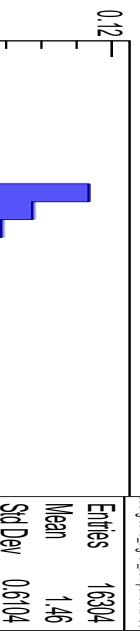
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Entries	16304
Mean	0.3752
StdDev	0.154



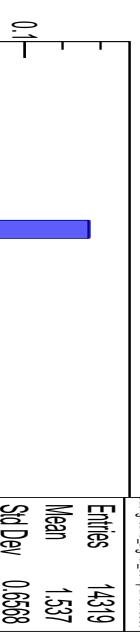
D2 mass channel cuts



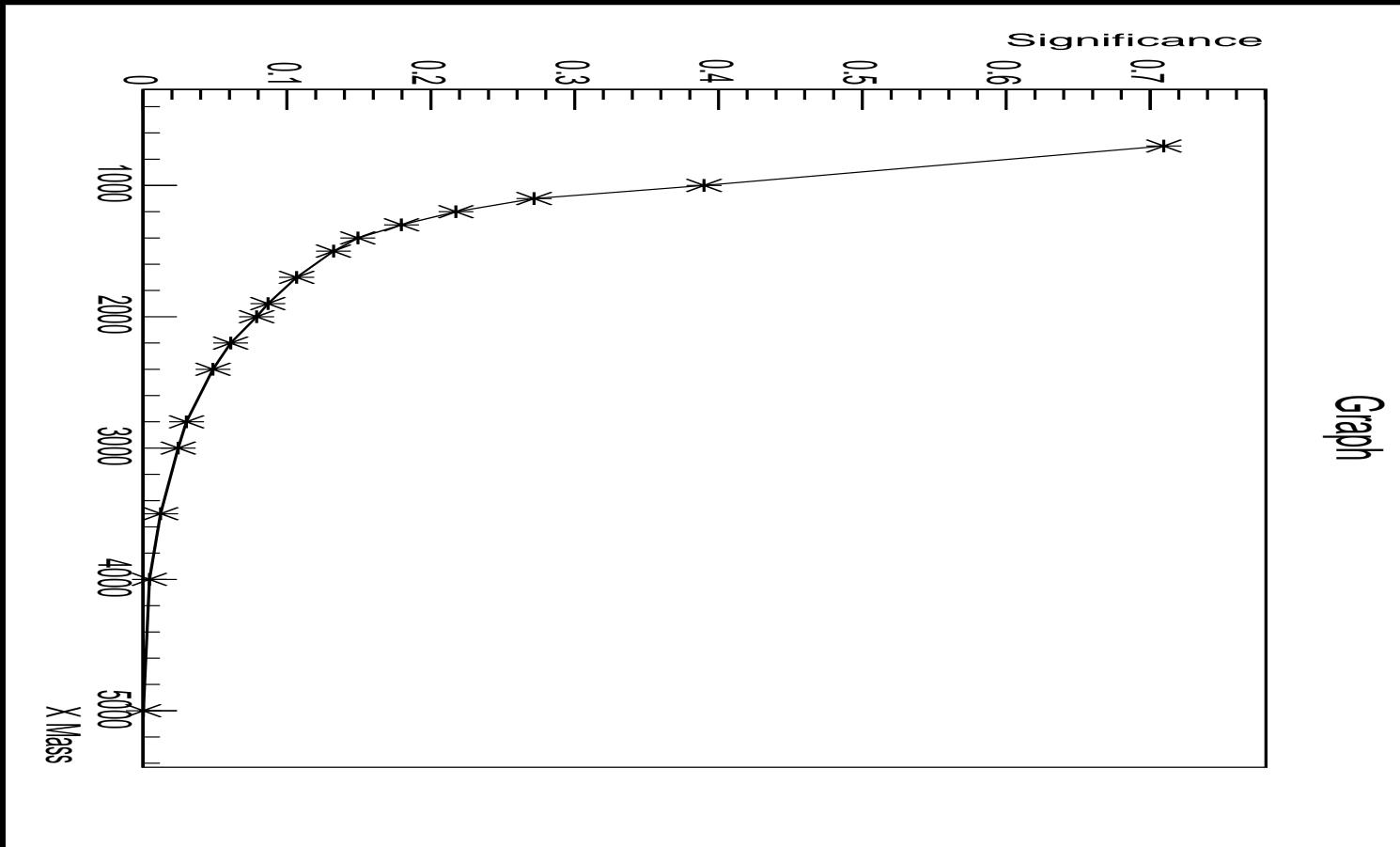
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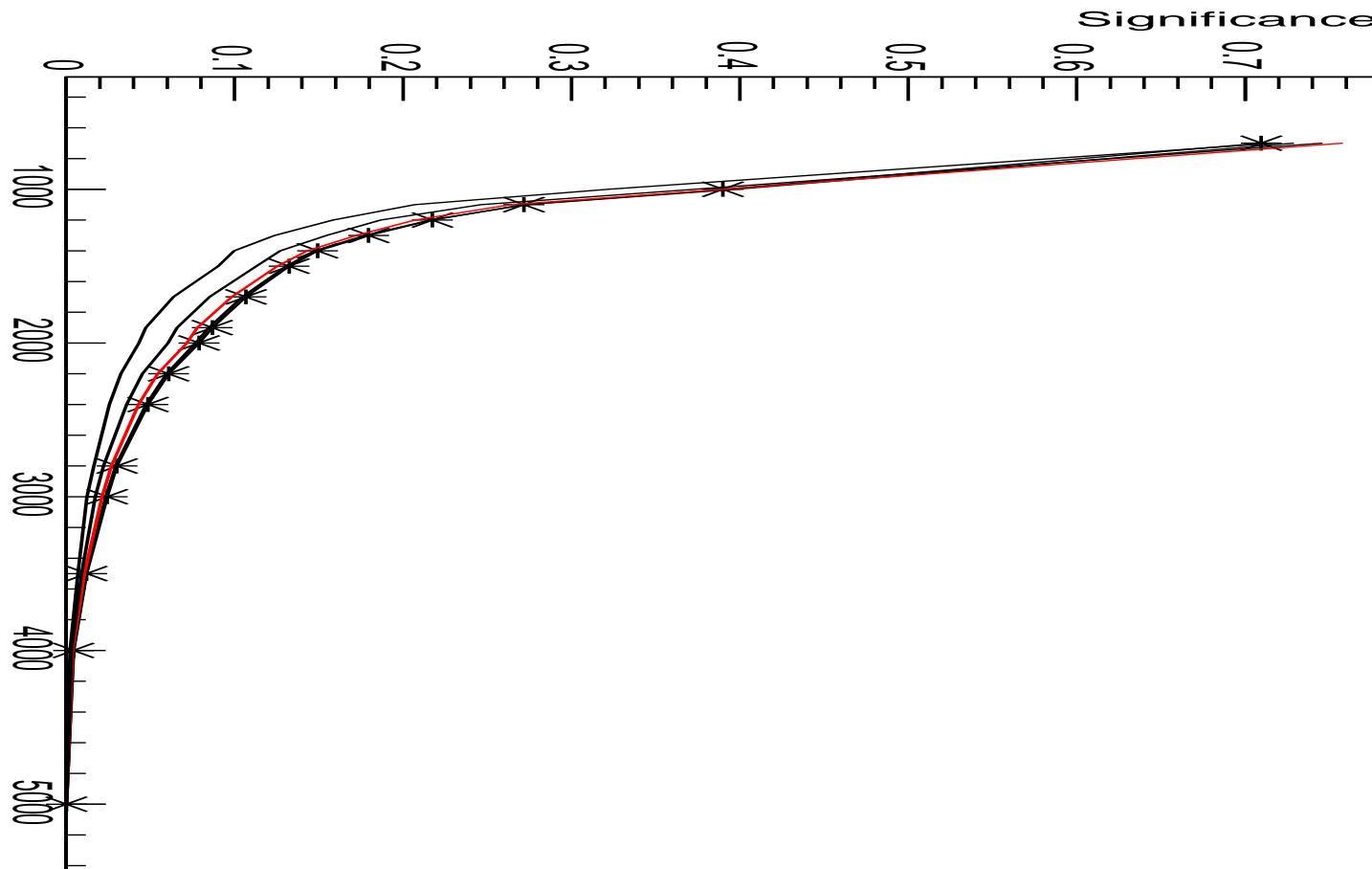
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X->WH Significance Curve



With incremental Tau21 cuts



Incremental D2 Cuts

