# Model building 6

Advanced signal modeling: convolutions, matrix element methods, amplitude-based morphing models

#### Roadmap of this course

• Start with basics, gradually build up to complexity



#### Goal of *measurement* – inference on a theory parameter

- So far a lot of the material discussed modeling of background, general modeling uncertainties, and extract of a signal (discovery or limit setting)
- For established signals, the main goal is usually to measure as precisely as possible the value of parameter of the model, which connects to an underlying physics theory.
- In many cases, measured model parameters (e.g. mean of invariant mass) don't map *exactly* to underlying theory parameters (pole mass) because of smearing and bias effects in the detector.
- In this section we cover some examples of techniques to infer the underlying theory parameters

# The great smearing machine



m<sub>4l</sub> [GeV]

# Can we invert this proces?



#### The detector as convolution

• The effect of the detector (and analysis machinery) on the theory parameter can be expressed as a *convolution* 



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### The detector as convolution

• For a perfect detector the Kernel K is delta function

$$f(x_{reco}) = \int f(x_{theo}) \delta(x_{reco} - x_{theo}) dx_{theo}$$

But if detector response function to x<sub>theo</sub> is (to good approximation) independent of the value x<sub>theo</sub> over a wide enough range, can then also represent problem as

$$f(x_{reco}) = \int f(x_{theo}) R(x_{reco} - x_{theo}) dx_{theo}$$

• Here R is a resolution model, typically a Gaussian (or sum of Gaussians)

# Explicit modeling of the detector convolution

Example: reconstruction of a particle theory mass m<sub>th</sub>, from a reconstructed invariant mass m<sub>inv</sub>



- Note: probability model for observed m<sub>inv</sub>
   now directly describes parameter M of underlying theory
  - Can also introduce parameters of resolution model as fittable model parameters
  - But not always sensitivity (e.g. bias b is inseparable from M in above model)

# FFT Convolutions in RooFit

• Fourier convolution implement in FCONV operator

```
RooWorkspace w("w") ;
w.factory("Landau::phys(e[0,150],mean[30,0,60],sigma[5,1,10])") ;
w.factory("Gaussian::resol(e,0,sigma_gauss[10,0.1,20])") ;
w.factory("FCONV::conv(e,phys,resol)") ;
RooDataSet* d = w.pdf("conv")->generate(*w.var("e"),1000) ;
RooFitResult* r = w.pdf("conv")->fitTo(*d,Save()) ;
```

`ex18.C'



CPU time of fit = 400msec (1000 events, 53 likelihood evaluations) <hr/>

#### A more ambitious example – per-event errors

- In some cases kernel function (resolution model) depends on other observables y, but not on  $x \rightarrow$  Can also model try to model that.
- Example per-event errors Resolution kernel depends on  $2^{nd}$  observable  $\delta t$

$$f(t \mid \delta t) = \int f(t_{theo}) \cdot Gaussian(t - t_{theo}, b, \sigma \cdot \delta t) dt_{theo}$$

#### Case study - per-event errors

- Another common variant of this type of modeling problem is the so-called 'per-event' error
- Example: observable = decay time distribution, measured from reconstructed vertex.
  - In absence of a detector resolution, exponential decay distribution
  - In real life, distribution is convoluted with (Gaussian) reconstruction resolution



- But vertex reconstruction gives also estimate of uncertainty for every reconstructed vertex → the 'per-event error'
  - Can take this into account: well-reconstructed events carry more information
- How? Scale assumed resolution with per-event error

 $f(t \mid \delta t) = Decay(t) \otimes Gaussian(t, 0, \sigma \cdot \delta t)$ 



#### Case study - per-event errors

• Visualization of decay function with variable resolution



# A more ambitious example - per-event errors

• Example fit with resolution kernel using per-event errors



# But it quickly gets very complicated

• Example 1: Convolution kernel constant in x<sub>reco</sub>

$$f(x_{reco}) = \int Gaussian(x_{reco} - x_{theo}) \cdot f(x_{theo}) dx_{theo}$$

• Example 2: Convolution kernel constant in x<sub>reco</sub>, but depends on y<sub>reco</sub>

$$f(t \mid \delta t) = \int Gaussian(t - t_{theo}, b, \sigma \cdot \delta t) \cdot f(t_{theo}) dt_{theo}$$

- What happens if resolution also varies in x<sub>reco</sub>?
  - E.g. mass resolution depends on mass..
  - Then in very quickly becomes numerically very complex (hard-to-solve)
  - Numeric precision issues due to possible degeneracies.
- Solution in that case is discretize model for  $x_{reco}$  in which case convolution kernel  $K(x_{reco}, x_{theo})$  becomes a matrix
  - Can no longer fit, but perform an unfolding procedure to obtain  $f(x_{theo})$

# Unfolding – basic idea

• Unfolding basic idea – from simulation you know for each event both  $x_{reco}$  and  $x_{theo} \rightarrow$  Use this to populate a **response matrix K** 



- Essence of unfolding:  $f(x_{reco}) = \int f(x_{theo}) K(x_{reco}, x_{theo}) dx_{theo} \rightarrow f(X_{theo}) = K^{-1} f(X_{reco})$
- Easy in concept, but difficult in practice
   → response inversion is numerically unstable
- Solutions to stabilize exist ('regularization') but invariably trade improved stability ('reduced variance') for bias ('systematic effects')
- Traditional solutions largely restricted to 1D histograms for this reason, but many new developments in recent years, driven by ML/AI
- Unfolding is a large and complex topic  $\rightarrow$  See dedicated lecture by Lydia

# The experiment as convolution – one step back...



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# The detector as convolution

• Then convolution can be written in terms of parton kinematics



### The detector as convolution – matrix element methods

• The transfer function  $W(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})$  maps parton kinematics onto reco kinematics  $f_{\alpha}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int |M_{\alpha}|^2(\vec{y}) \cdot W(\vec{x},\vec{y}) \cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$ 



 The transfer function factorizes by parton. Usually it is further approximated to also kinematically factorize in terms for E,φ,y

$$W(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \prod_{partons} W_i(\vec{x}_i, \vec{y}_i) = \prod_{partons} W_i^E (E_i^{reco}, E_i^{part}) \cdot W_i^E (\varphi_i^{reco}, \varphi_i^{part}) \cdot W_i^E (y_i^{reco}, y_i^{part})$$

$$typically Gaussian models$$
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#### What can you do MEM models?

- The output of the Matrix Element Method is a probability model for events of a fixed reco-level topology (e.g. 2 jets, 1 lepton, MET) under a physics process hypothesis (e.g.  $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qqlv$ )
- With MEM models for multiple hypothesis, can do hypothesis testing (event selection) in an Neyman-Pearson optimal way



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#### Separate signal from background, or spin-0 from spin-2

- Ratio of MEM probability models is Neyman-Pearson optimal discriminant between two hypothesis
  - Can be signal vs background
  - Can also be two different types of signal
- Example MEM applications in HEP: ATLAS  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  decays:
  - Comparison between pairs in Higgs spin/parity states 0+, 0-, 2+



# What can you do MEM models?

- Given the computational complexity of MEM models, application largely restricted to discriminating between two simple hypothesis
- For example Higgs Spin-2 vs Higgs Spin-0, or CP states of Higgs
- What about testing theories with parameters?
- Option 1 **brute-force** modeling in MEM process

 $f(\vec{x}|\vec{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int |M|^2 (\vec{y}|\vec{\alpha}) \cdot W(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$ 

very significant increase in numerical computations, validation difficult (does it work well for all  $\alpha$ ?)



ATLAS Preliminary

7 TeV: [Ldt = 4.6 fb]

 $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$ 

-Data

Signal hypothesi

m =125 GeV)

• Option 2 – **factorize** parametric dependence (if possible)

$$f(\vec{x}|\vec{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{\sigma} m(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\alpha}_0) \int |M|^2 (\vec{y}|\vec{\alpha}_0) \cdot W(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$$

for example when only magnitude of M depends on a, and not the differential distribution in y Wouter Verkerke, NIKHEF

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- Option 2 **factorize** parametric dependence (if possible)  $f(\vec{x}|\vec{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{\sigma}m(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\alpha}_{ref}) \int |M|^2 (\vec{y}|\vec{\alpha}_{ref}) \cdot W(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$ 
  - → Can also model certain parameters that effect distributions in y, in case M consists of multiple amplitudes and parameters only affect rates of amplitudes

$$M = \alpha_0 M_0 + \alpha_1 M_1$$
  

$$|M|^2 = \alpha_0^2 |M_0|^2 + \alpha_0 \alpha_1 |M_0 M_1| + \alpha_1^2 |M_1|^2$$
  

$$T(\vec{x} | \vec{\alpha}) = \alpha_0^2 \int |M_0|^2 (\vec{y}) \cdot W(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$$
  

$$+ \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \int |M_0 M_1| (\vec{y}) \cdot W(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$$
  

$$+ \alpha_1^2 \int |M_1|^2 (\vec{y}) \cdot W(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$$
  
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### Amplitude extraction – exploiting quantum mechanics

- Theory parameters *entangled with the detector response* are difficult as some form deconvolution is needed, e.g. particle masses, particle lifetimes etc...
- But also plenty of theory parameters are effectively scaling amplitudes → factorization is widely possible!
- Simplest (trivial) case: signal + background model  $\rightarrow$  factorization
- General case: signal(s) + background(s) + interference term(s)





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### Amplitude modeling – the basics

• When it's possible to formulate p.d.f.s for observable distributions analytically, constructing probability models that sum physics amplitudes with interference effects is straightforward



# Amplitude modeling – amplitudes from MC generators

- In many LHC analyses, observable distributions can only be obtained from MC simulation chain. If so, this is also true for amplitudes
- How can we simulate observable distributions corresponding to individual amplitudes?
  - Requires some support in MC generators → ability to selectively enable/disable individual amplitudes
  - Amplitudes can be negative → How does this translate to an MC event sample? Potential difficulty (e.g. allow for negative event weights)
- But otherwise straightforward no complex deconvolution or template morphing needed to deform template histograms
  - Every physics model with (only) amplitude parameters can always be described as a weighted sum of amplitude templates (histograms!)



$$f(x \mid \vec{c}) = \frac{\sum_{i} c_i \cdot H_i(x)}{\sum_{i} c_i \cdot \int H_i(x) dx}$$

# Generating a probability model from a Lagrangian

- Given a Lagrangian describing a Field Theory → can now model any transition amplitude (pp → X → Y) as a sum of real-valued amplitudes
- Consider example with two operators labeled SM and BSM, with strengths  $g_{SM}$  and  $g_{BSM}$  respectively. Matrix Element is

$$\mathcal{M}(g_{ ext{SM}},g_{ ext{BSM}})=g_{ ext{SM}}O_{ ext{SM}}+g_{ ext{BSM}}O_{ ext{BSM}}$$

• Transition amplitude is |M|<sup>2</sup>:

$$T(g_{\text{SM}}, g_{\text{BSM}}) \propto |\mathcal{M}(g_{\text{SM}}, g_{\text{BSM}})|^2$$

 $|\mathcal{M}(g_{\text{SM}},g_{\text{BSM}})|^2 = g_{\text{SM}}^2 |O_{\text{SM}}|^2 + g_{\text{BSM}}^2 |O_{\text{BSM}}|^2 + 2g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{BSM}}\mathcal{R}(O_{\text{SM}}^*O_{\text{BSM}})$ 



# The mapping of templates to operators

• Note that templates do not need to correspond one-to-one to single operators or pure interference terms

 $|\mathcal{M}(g_{\text{SM}},g_{\text{BSM}})|^2 = g_{\text{SM}}^2|\mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}|^2 + g_{\text{BSM}}^2|\mathcal{O}_{\text{BSM}}|^2 + 2g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{BSM}}\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}^*\mathcal{O}_{\text{BSM}})$ 

• For 2 operator, any three independent pairs of g<sub>SM</sub>,g<sub>BSM</sub> values can generate templates that will span the whole parameter space. E.g.

$$T_{in}(1,0) \propto |O_{SM}|^{2}$$

$$T_{in}(0,1) \propto |O_{BSM}|^{2}$$

$$T_{in}(1,1) \propto |O_{SM}|^{2} + |O_{BSM}|^{2} + 2\mathcal{R}(O_{SM}^{*}O_{BSM})$$

$$\mathcal{M}(g_{SM},g_{BSM})|^{2} = (g_{SM}^{2} - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(1,0) + (g_{BSM}^{2} - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(0,1) + g_{SM}g_{BSM} T_{in}(1,1)$$

$$T_{in}(1,0) = (g_{SM}^{2} - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(1,0) + (g_{BSM}^{2} - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(0,1) + g_{SM}g_{BSM} T_{in}(1,1)$$

Note that in this choice for 
$$T_{in}$$
 there are  
no templates corresponding to pure interference terms  
All templates are positive definite!  
even though the underlying templates are not (necessarily)  
This result is general: for any amplitude sum there is  
always a configuration of templates that are all positive  
 $T_{in}(1,0) \propto |O_{SM}|^2$   
 $T_{in}(0,1) \propto |O_{BSM}|^2$   
 $T_{in}(1,1) \propto |O_{BSM}|^2 + |O_{BSM}|^2 + 2\mathcal{R}(O_{SM}^*O_{BSM})$   
 $|\mathcal{M}(g_{SM}, g_{BSM})|^2 = (g_{SM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(1,0) + (g_{BSM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(0,1) + g_{SM}g_{BSM} T_{in}(1,1)$ 



#### Rearranged amplitude sums



# The mapping of templates to operators

• Generalizing further, we will now work with 3 templates  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  that are sampled at arbitrary points in the ( $g_{SM}, g_{BSM}$ ) parameter space



• The output probability model then takes the general form

$$T_{out}(g_{SM}, g_{BSM}) = \underbrace{(g_{SM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{=w_1} T_{in}(1,0) + \underbrace{(g_{BSM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{=w_2} T_{in}(0,1) + \underbrace{g_{SM}g_{BSM}}_{=w_3} T_{in}(1,1).$$

$$T_{out}(g_{SM}, g_{BSM}) = \underbrace{(a_{11}g_{SM}^2 + a_{12}g_{BSM}^2 + a_{13}g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{w_1} T_{in}(g_{SM,1}, g_{BSM,1})$$

$$+ \underbrace{(a_{21}g_{SM}^2 + a_{22}g_{BSM}^2 + a_{23}g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{w_2} T_{in}(g_{SM,2}, g_{BSM,2})$$

$$+ \underbrace{(a_{31}g_{SM}^2 + a_{32}g_{BSM}^2 + a_{33}g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{w_2} T_{in}(g_{SM,3}, g_{BSM,3}).$$

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# The mapping of templates to operators



## A more realistic physics example

 In many scenarios new physics can enter amplitudes in both the production and decay vertex of a t-channel process



#### A more realistic physics example

• A little math shows we now need 5 independent templates

 $\mathcal{M}(g_{\text{SM}}, g_{\text{BSM}}) = \left(g_{\text{SM}} \cdot O_{\text{SM}, p} + g_{\text{BSM}} \cdot O_{\text{BSM}, p}\right) \cdot \left(g_{\text{SM}} \cdot O_{\text{SM}, d} + g_{\text{BSM}} \cdot O_{\text{BSM}, d}\right).$ 

$$+ g_{\text{SM}}^3 g_{\text{BSM}} \cdot \left( O_{\text{SM},p}^2 \Re(O_{\text{SM},d}^* O_{\text{BSM},d}) + \Re(O_{\text{SM},p}^* O_{\text{BSM},p}) O_{\text{SM},d}^2 \right) \quad \Leftarrow 3$$

$$+ g_{\text{SM}}^2 g_{\text{BSM}}^2 \cdot \left( O_{\text{SM},p}^2 O_{\text{BSM},d}^2 + O_{\text{BSM},p}^2 O_{\text{SM},d}^2 \right) \qquad \leftarrow 4$$
  
+  $g_{\text{SM}} g_{\text{BSM}}^3 \cdot \left( O_{\text{BSM},p}^2 \Re(O_{\text{SM},d}^* O_{\text{BSM},d}) + \Re(O_{\text{SM},p}^* O_{\text{BSM},p}) O_{\text{BSM},d}^2 \right). \qquad \leftarrow 5$ 

And the template model can be written as

$$T_{\text{out}}(g_{\text{SM}}, g_{\text{BSM}}) = \underbrace{\left(a_{11}g_{\text{SM}}^{4} + a_{12}g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{BSM}} + a_{13}g_{\text{SM}}^{2}g_{\text{BSM}}^{2} + a_{14}g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3} + a_{15}g_{\text{BSM}}^{4}}\right) T_{\text{in}}(g_{\text{SM},1}, g_{\text{BSM},1})$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(a_{21}g_{\text{SM}}^{4} + a_{22}g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{BSM}} + a_{23}g_{\text{SM}}^{2}g_{\text{BSM}}^{2} + a_{24}g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3} + a_{25}g_{\text{BSM}}^{4}}\right) T_{\text{in}}(g_{\text{SM},2}, g_{\text{BSM},2})$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(a_{31}g_{\text{SM}}^{4} + a_{32}g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{BSM}} + a_{33}g_{\text{SM}}^{2}g_{\text{BSM}}^{2} + a_{24}g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3} + a_{35}g_{\text{BSM}}^{4}}\right) T_{\text{in}}(g_{\text{SM},2}, g_{\text{BSM},2})$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(a_{31}g_{\text{SM}}^{4} + a_{32}g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{BSM}} + a_{33}g_{\text{SM}}^{2}g_{\text{BSM}}^{2} + a_{34}g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3} + a_{35}g_{\text{BSM}}^{4}}\right) T_{\text{in}}(g_{\text{SM},3}, g_{\text{BSM},3})$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(a_{41}g_{\text{SM}}^{4} + a_{42}g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{BSM}} + a_{43}g_{\text{SM}}^{2}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3} + a_{45}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3}}\right) T_{\text{in}}(g_{\text{SM},4}, g_{\text{BSM},4})$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(a_{51}g_{\text{SM}}^{4} + a_{52}g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{BSM}} + a_{53}g_{\text{SM}}^{2}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3} + a_{54}g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{BSM}}^{3} + a_{55}g_{\text{BSM}}^{4}}\right) T_{\text{in}}(g_{\text{SM},5}, g_{\text{BSM},5}).$$

$$\underbrace{\left(a_{11} a_{12} a_{13} a_{14} a_{15} \\ a_{21} a_{22} a_{23} a_{24} a_{25} \\ a_{31} a_{32} a_{33} a_{34} a_{35} \\ a_{41} a_{42} a_{43} a_{44} a_{45} \\ a_{51} a_{52} a_{53} a_{54} a_{55} \\ \end{array}\right) \cdot \underbrace{\left(g_{\text{SM},1}^{g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{SM},1}^{2}g_{\text{SM},2}^{2}g_{\text{BSM},2}^{2} g_{\text{SM},3}^{2}g_{\text{BSM},3} g_{\text{SM},4}^{2}g_{\text{SM},5}g_{\text{BSM},5}\right) \\ = \underbrace{\left(a_{11} a_{12} a_{13} a_{14} a_{15} \\ a_{11} a_{22} a_{23} a_{23} a_{34} a_{35} \\ a_{14} a_{42} a_{43} a_{44} a_{45} \\ a_{51} a_{52} a_{53} a_{54} a_{55} \\ \end{array}\right) + \underbrace{\left(g_{\text{SM},1}^{g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{SM},2}g_{\text{BSM},1} g_{\text{SM},2}^{2}g_{\text{BSM},2} g_{\text{SM},3} g_{\text{SM},4}g_{\text{BSM},4} g_{\text{SM},5}g_{\text{SM},5}g_{\text{BSM},5}\right) \\= \underbrace{\left(a_{11} a_{12} a_{13} a_{14} a_{15} \\ a_{11} a_{22} a_{23} a_{33} a_{34} a_{35} \\ a_{14} a_{22} a_{23} a_{34} a_{35} \\ a_{14} a_{22} a_{23} a_{34} a_{35} \\ \end{array}\right) + \underbrace{\left(g_{\text{SM},1}^{g_{\text{SM}}^{3}g_{\text{SM},2}g_{\text{BSM},1} g_{\text{SM}$$

#### A concrete example VBH $\rightarrow$ H $\rightarrow$ WW

3 shared parameters  $\rightarrow$  15 terms in  $|M|^2$  expression  $\rightarrow$  15 input distributions needed



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#### Summary on amplitude models

- Amplitude sum models work (in terms of mathematics) exactly the same as template interpolation models.
  - But have difference choice of coefficient (polynomials instead of linear terms)
  - Appropriate choice results in interpolation mechanism that is physically meaningful
     → no approximation in interpolation (beyond assumption of LO physics)
  - Freedom of choice in sampling points ensures that all sampled distributions are positive definite (no interference-only terms)
  - Computationally fast & efficient process
- But need to watch configuration of sampled points
  - → if interpolated states (e.g. measured minimum) is far from important samples then large scale factors might be applied
  - → If so, blow-up of MC statistical fluctuations occurs...



# Choosing optimal observables in amplitude models

• All templates in morphing models describe the same observable (here  $\Delta \phi_{ii}$ )



$$T_{out}(\Delta \phi_{jj} | \kappa_{SM}, \kappa_{HWW}, \kappa_{AWW})$$
$$= \sum w_i(\kappa_{SM}, \kappa_{HWW}, \kappa_{AWW}) \cdot T_{in,i}(\Delta \phi_{jj})$$

- What observable has the most statistical power? In this example, a strategically chosen detector-level observable was used  $(\Delta \phi_{ii})$
- General answer: use the Neyman-Pearson Lemma to construct an optimal observable (as was done for the earlier Higgs Spin MEM example)



# Amplitude models & optimal observables → NBSI

• **Q**: What is the optimal observable in amplitude model with many terms  $T_{in,i}$ 



 $T_{out}(\Delta \phi_{jj} | \kappa_{SM}, \kappa_{HWW}, \kappa_{AWW})$  $= \sum w_i(\kappa_{SM}, \kappa_{HWW}, \kappa_{AWW}) \cdot T_{in,i}(\Delta \phi_{jj})$ 

E.g.  $\Delta \phi_{jj}$  might be optimal to distinguish  $|O_{SM}|^2$  from  $|O_{BSM}|^2$ but it is automatically optimal to distinguish between  $|O_{SM}|^2$  and  $|O_{SM}O_{BSM}|^2$ ?

- A: For i>2, there is generally <u>not</u> a single optimal observable to descriminate between all operator terms T<sub>in,i</sub>
- Effect: **Sensitivity** to constrain parameters  $\kappa$  *reduced* for values of  $\kappa \neq 0$ .
  - Close to SM,  $\kappa = 0$ , where  $T_{in,SM}$  will dominate all other terms it can still be close to optimal
  - Notably weak measurements (with interval boundaries on κ far from 0), are further weakened

# Optimal sensitivity for amplitude models $\rightarrow$ NSBI

- You can regain optimal sensitivity with a (small) paradigm change: instead of aiming to model the likelihood, model the likelihood ratio
- Example case:  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow I^+I^-I^+I^-$  production in the offshell mass range, which has significant S-B interference contributions
  - 14 observables that describe
     Higgs production and decay kinematics

- **Likelihood** in any observable x for signal strength µ



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- Likelihood ratio formulation of the same problem

$$\frac{p(x|\mu)}{p'(x)} = \frac{1}{\sigma(\mu)} \left[ (\mu - \sqrt{\mu}) \sigma_{\rm S} \frac{P_{\rm S}(x)}{p'(x)} + \sqrt{\mu} \sigma_{\rm SBI} \frac{P_{SBI}(x)}{p'(x)} + (1 - \sqrt{\mu}) \sigma_{\rm B} \frac{P_{\rm B}(x)}{p'(x)} + \sigma_{qqZZ} \frac{P_{qqZZ}(x)}{p'(x)} \right]$$

Now free to model each ratio with a separate optimal observable

# Estimation Likelihood / Density ratios $\rightarrow$ ML/AI methods

- Constructing the optimal observables:
  - Use modern ML techniques to 'learn' the best way to model the density ratios in the 14-dimensional observable space
  - Train separate ML networks for each relevant pair of amplitudes



# Effect of optimal observables – Higgs offshell example

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### Implementation challenges of Neural SBI method

- Skipped over a very large amount of important details
  - Calibration of NN is crucial → output is directly used in calculation of confidence intervals → no correction mechanism to account for data/simulation mismatches in formalism
  - Choice of denominator likelihood is crucial it must be positive-definite in the entire analyzed region (otherwise ratio is ill-defined)
  - Systematic uncertainties implemented with a morphing-like approach using nuisance parameters and profiling over these
  - Computation times huge training took 4000 hours on a NVidia A100 GPU
- But bottom line is clear optimal observable models based on NSBI estimates on MEM-like density ratio have great potential
  - Excellent use case for Effective Field Theory measurements, now very ubiquitous at the LHC
  - At present only a single LHC analysis has implement the method in full

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