# 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



# 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*



## 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  $x_{theo}$  is (to good approximation) independent of the value  $x_{theo}$  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  $m_{th}$ , from a reconstructed invariant mass  $m_{inv}$ 



- Note: probability model for observed minu 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") - \text{v} = (w.va)("e", 'var("e"), 1000);
RooFitResult* r = w.pdf("conv") - >fitTo(*d, Save());
```
 $ex18.$ 



**CPU time of fit = 400msec (1000 events, 53 likelihood evaluations)**  $\text{QHEF}$ 

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

- In some cases kernel function (resolution model) depends on other observables y, but not on  $x \rightarrow C$ an also model try to model that.
- Example per-event errors *Resolution kernel depends on 2nd observable δt*

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



- 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  $\bullet$ for every reconstructed vertex  $\rightarrow$  the 'per-event error'
	- Can take this into account: well-reconstructed events carry more information
- How? Scale assumed resolution with per-event error

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



#### 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  $x_{reco}$ 

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

• Example 2: Convolution kernel constant in  $x_{reco}$ , but depends on  $y_{reco}$ 

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

- What happens if resolution also varies in  $x_{\text{reco}}$ ?
	- 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<sub>reco</sub>, x<sub>theo</sub>)* becomes a matrix
	- Can no longer fit, but perform an unfolding procedure to obtain f(x<sub>theo</sub>)

# 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  $\rightarrow$  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  $W(x,y)$  maps *parton kinematics* onto *reco kinematics f* α(  $\vec{x}$ ) =  $\frac{1}{\sigma} \int M_a \vec{r}$ <sup>2</sup> (  $\overrightarrow{ }$ *y*)⋅*W* (  $\rightarrow$ *x*,  $\overrightarrow{ }$  $\int$  $\left|M_{\alpha}\right|^2(\vec{y})\cdot W(\vec{x},\vec{y})\cdot d\varphi(\vec{y})$ 



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.  $pp\rightarrow H\rightarrow WW\rightarrow qqdv$ )
- With MEM models for multiple hypothesis, can do hypothesis testing (event selection) in an Neyman-Pearson optimal way



#### 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

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

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



• 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 Note of the Contract of Alternative Contract of Alternative Contract of Alternative MikhEF** 

# What can you do MEM models?

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

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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  $\rightarrow$  factorization is widely possible!
- Simplest (trivial) case: signal + background model  $\rightarrow$  factorization
- General case: signal(s) + background(s) + interference term(s)







#### 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  $\rightarrow$  ability to selectively enable/disable individual amplitudes
	- Amplitudes can be negative  $\rightarrow$  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!)

 $c_i \cdot H_i$ (



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# Generating a probability model from a Lagrangian

- Given a Lagrangian describing a Field Theory  $\rightarrow$  can now model any transition amplitude (pp  $\rightarrow$  X  $\rightarrow$  Y) as a sum of real-valued amplitudes
- Consider example with two operators labeled SM and BSM, with strengths  $g<sub>SM</sub>$  and  $g<sub>BSM</sub>$  respectively. Matrix Element is

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

Transition amplitude is  $|M|^2$ :

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

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



# The mapping of templates to operators

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

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

• For 2 operator, any three independent pairs of  $g_{\rm SM}$ ,  $g_{\rm BSM}$  values can generate templates that will span the whole parameter space. E.g.

$$
T_{in}(1,0) \propto |O_{SM}|^{2}
$$
\n
$$
T_{in}(0,1) \propto |O_{BSM}|^{2}
$$
\n
$$
T_{in}(1,1) \propto |O_{SM}|^{2} + |O_{BSM}|^{2} + 2R(O_{SM}^{*}O_{BSM})
$$
\n
$$
g_{SM},g_{BSM})|^{2} = (g_{SM}^{2} - g_{SM}g_{BSM})T_{in}(1,0) + (g_{BSM}^{2} - g_{SM}g_{BSM})T_{in}(0,1) + g_{SM}g_{BSM}T_{in}(1,1)
$$

The  
\nnote that in this choice for T<sub>in</sub> there are  
\nno templates corresponding to pure interference terms  
\n→ All templates are positive definite!  
\neven though the underlying templates are not (necessarily)  
\n→ This result is general: for any amplitude sum there is  
\nalways a configuration of templates that are all positive  
\n
$$
T_{in}(1,0) \propto |O_{SM}|^2
$$
  
\n $T_{in}(1,1) \propto |O_{BSM}|^2$   
\n $T_{in}(1,1) \propto |O_{BSM}|^2$   
\n $T_{in}(1,1) \propto |O_{BSM}|^2 + |O_{BSM}|^2 + 2R(O_{SM}^*O_{BSM})$   
\n $|M(g_{SM},g_{BSM})|^2 = (g_{SM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(1,0) + (g_{BSM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM}) T_{in}(0,1) + g_{SM}g_{BSM} T_{in}(1,1)$ 



#### 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  $(g<sub>SM</sub>, g<sub>BSM</sub>)$  parameter space



The output probability model then takes the general form

$$
T_{out}(g_{SM}, g_{BSM}) = \underbrace{(g_{SM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{=w_1} T_{in}(1,0) + \underbrace{(g_{BSM}^2 - g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{=w_2} T_{in}(0,1) + \underbrace{g_{SM}g_{BSM}}_{=w_3} T_{in}(1,1).
$$
\n
$$
T_{out}(g_{SM}, g_{BSM}) = \underbrace{(a_{11}g_{SM}^2 + a_{12}g_{BSM}^2 + a_{13}g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{w_1} T_{in}(g_{SM,1}, g_{BSM,1}) + \underbrace{(a_{21}g_{SM}^2 + a_{22}g_{BSM}^2 + a_{23}g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{w_2} T_{in}(g_{SM,2}, g_{BSM,2}) + \underbrace{(a_{31}g_{SM}^2 + a_{32}g_{BSM}^2 + a_{33}g_{SM}g_{BSM})}_{w_3} T_{in}(g_{SM,3}, g_{BSM,3}).
$$
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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

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

$$
|\mathcal{M}(g_{SM}, g_{BSM})|^2 = (g_{SM}O_{SM,p} + g_{BSM}O_{BSM,p})^2 \cdot (g_{SM}O_{SM,d} + g_{BSM}O_{BSM,d})^2
$$
  
\n
$$
= g_{SM}^4 \cdot O_{SM,p}^2 O_{SM,d}^2 + g_{BSM}^4 \cdot O_{BSM,p}^2 O_{BSM,d}^2
$$
  
\n
$$
+ g_{SM}^3 g_{BSM} \cdot (O_{SM,p}^2 \mathcal{R}(O_{SM,d}^* O_{BSM,d}) + \mathcal{R}(O_{SM,p}^* O_{BSM,p})O_{SM,d}^2)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ g_{SM}^2 g_{BSM}^2 \cdot (O_{SM,p}^2 O_{BSM,d}^2 + O_{BSM,p}^2 O_{SM,d}^2)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ g_{SM}^2 g_{BSM}^2 \cdot (O_{BSM,p}^2 \mathcal{R}(O_{SM,d}^* O_{BSM,d}) + \mathcal{R}(O_{SM,p}^* O_{BSM,p})O_{BSM,d}^2).
$$

• And the template model can be written as

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

#### 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  $\rightarrow$  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
	- $\rightarrow$  if interpolated states (e.g. measured minimum) is far from important samples then large scale factors might be applied
	- $\rightarrow$  If so, blow-up of MC statistical fluctuations occurs...



# Choosing optimal observables in amplitude models

 $\mathsf{All}$  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  $\rightarrow$  NBSI

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



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

- **A**: **For i>2, there is generally not a single optimal observable to descriminate between all operator terms Thing**
- Effect: **Sensitivity** to constrain parameters κ *reduced for values of κ≠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  $\kappa$  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:  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow H^+H^-$  production in the offshell mass range, l 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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# Optimal sensitivity for amplitude models  $\rightarrow$  Likelihood ratios

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**Likelihood ratio** formulation of the same problem

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

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

• Comparison: template morphing histogram analysis vs neural inference model with optimal observables *on the same data*



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#### Implementation challenges of Neural SBI method

- Skipped over a very large amount of important details
	- **Calibration of NN is crucial**  $\rightarrow$  output is directly used in calculation of confidence intervals  $\rightarrow$  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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