STXS Beyond Stage 1.2.

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Separating Measurement from Interpretation.



Goals

- Maximize sensitivity (combining decay channels)
- While at the same time minimizing theory dependence in measurements
 - Dependence on (SM) theory uncertainties
 - Dependence on (BSM) model specifics
- Measurements stay long-term useful
- Allow for "easy" (re)interpretation with different theory inputs/assumptions
 - Improved theory predictions/uncertainties
 - Different BSM scenarios, treatments (specific models, EFT, ...)



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- Stage 1.2
 - Add high-p_T^H bins in ggF
 - Add ttH binning

Organizing Different Theory Dependences.



SM: Resolution variables

- Examples: $p_T^H \ll m_H, p_T^{Hjj}, p_T^{Hj}/p_T^H$
- Sensitivity to additional QCD emissions
 - Typically dominant SM theory uncertainties
 - Please also measure "vertical" splits (in particular undashed ones)

BSM sensitivity: Kinematics of underlying Born-process

- Examples: $p_T^H \gtrsim m_H, \, m_{jj}, \, p_T^V$
- Sensitivity to BSM effects

Boundary Conditions.

Experimentally

- Should be close to experimental selection/sensitivity
 - Allow for some acceptance corrections, but avoid large extrapolations
 - Example: p_T^V instead of m_{VH} in VH production
- Needs to be viable for all (possibly) contributing decay channels
 - Use proxy-variable as a compromise
 - Example: p_T^{Hjj} as resolution variable for 3rd emission/jet

Theoretically

- Should be well-controlled theoretically
 - Resolution variables that are (in principle) resummable to higher orders (beyond parton showers)
- Should sufficiently correlate with BSM sensitivity
 - Choice of binning tends to be more important than precise choice of variable

To Bin or Not to Bin.

"Split-if-you-can": Important to have sufficiently many bins

- Residual in-bin uncertainties should be subdominant
- Enough bins to resolve/distinguish BSM effects
- At highest p_T , limits are also very useful

• "Merge-if-you-can": Important to keep number of bins manageable

- Too many unconstrained/almost empty bins pose problems for fits
- A priori, for maximum consistency all bins have to be implemented internally by all analyses even if individual analyses typically only target a small subset
- Phase-space edges can also pose problems for theory predictions
- ⇒ Binning choice is always compromise between both constraints
 - What is the smallest number of bins to capture dominant theory effect?
 - What is the largest number of bins that can realistically be constrained in full combination?

- STXS are defined at truth-level for an undecayed Higgs
 - $\blacktriangleright H
 ightarrow bar{b}$ are not counted as jets
- Binning evolution should be backward compatible
 - Certainly over the course of a run
 - Perhaps not a strict requirement with new E_{cm}
- Like to make informed binning decisions
 - Ideally based on concrete studies
- ⇒ In the past, we have leaned toward more than less bins (my personal feeling)
 - Merging is easier than splitting but only to a point
 - Premature bins are also bad, since we cannot (easily) change/move a bin boundary later

Discussion.

Where To Go Next?

Thinking about possible targets

- LHC Run 3
 - Stage 1.3: (Smaller) evolution/update from stage 1.2
 - Should happen immediately
- HL-LHC
 - Stage 2.0: 1000/fb
 - Stage 2.1: ...
 - A bit more time for studies, but starting now
- ⇒ Specify and keep in mind target of different ideas
 - Assignments in the following are my initial feeling

Ideas for Binning.

gg ightarrow H

- More low-p^H_T bins (1.3)
- More high-p^H_T bins (2?)
- Generalize/clarify to mean hadronic production $gg + q\bar{q} \rightarrow H$
- Split in $\Delta \phi_{jj}$ (2?)



$\mathsf{EW} \, qqH$

- Boosted VBF: More p_T^H bins (1.3)
 - Keep m_{jj} splits only in lower p_T^H
- $V(\rightarrow q\bar{q})H$: Split into p_T^H bins (1.3)
 - Check where it ends up
- Add ∆φ_{jj} bins for CP: Where?
- Add VBF+ γ ?
 - Split into 0γ and $\geq 1\gamma$ bins



Ideas for Binning.

VH

- More *p*^{*V*}_{*T*} bins (1.3)
- Additional 2nd variable? (2?)
 - lacksquare $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$
 - $m_{T,\mathrm{tot}}$
- *p*^H_T instead of *p*^V_T? (not unless strong motivation)

$t\bar{t}H$

- Generalize to include *tH* (1.3)
- More p_T^H bins?
- Useful second variable? (2?)

Decays (\rightarrow see Michael's slides)

How to multiply with production bins





Backup Slides.

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