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# Summary and plans for WG3 activities

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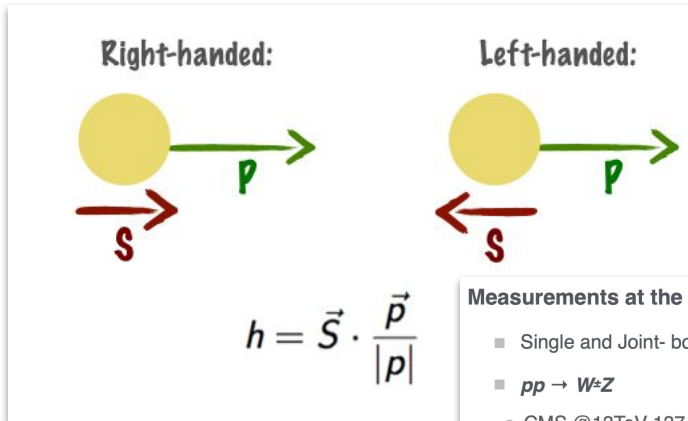
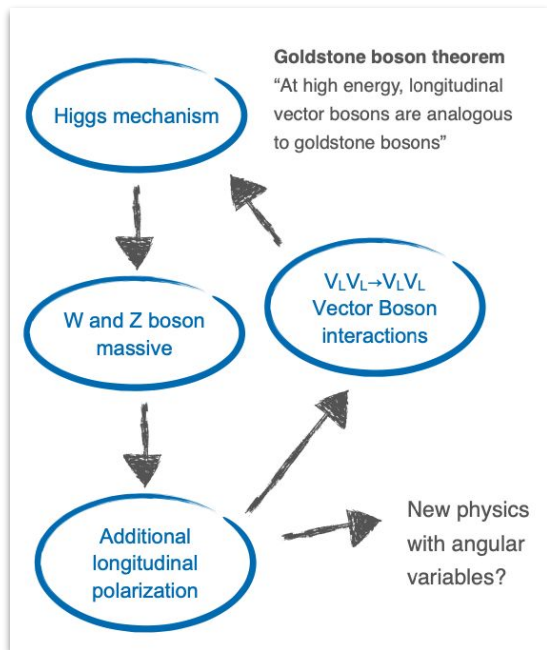
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**Huge THANK YOU to all the  
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# Polarizations measurements



## Measurements at the LHC:

- Single and Joint- boson polarization measurements
- $pp \rightarrow W^{\pm}Z$ 
  - CMS @13TeV 137 fb<sup>-1</sup> (inclusive phase space) [CMS-SMP-20-014](#)
  - ATLAS @13TeV 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> (inclusive phase space) [Phys. Lett. B 843 \(2023\) 137895](#)
  - ATLAS @13TeV 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> (high p<sub>T</sub>(Z) phase space) [Submitted to PRL](#) New!
- $pp \rightarrow ZZ$ 
  - ATLAS @13TeV 140 fb<sup>-1</sup> (inclusive phase space) [JHEP 12 \(2023\) 107](#)
- $pp \rightarrow W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj$ 
  - CMS @13TeV 137 fb<sup>-1</sup> (VBS phase space) [Phys. Lett. B 812 \(2020\) 136018](#)

From Q/A: interesting to compare outcomes of different generators.

- With our current data we are already able to probe the polarization fractions in VV production.
  - Results include the first evidence or observation of double longitudinally polarized gauge bosons in VV production
  - Big limiting factor for our measurements is the modelling of the polarization templates! → theory community is actively working on the topic!
  - VBS production still severely limited by data statistics, but already showing promise in same-sign WW production. A lot can be expected as we gather more data!

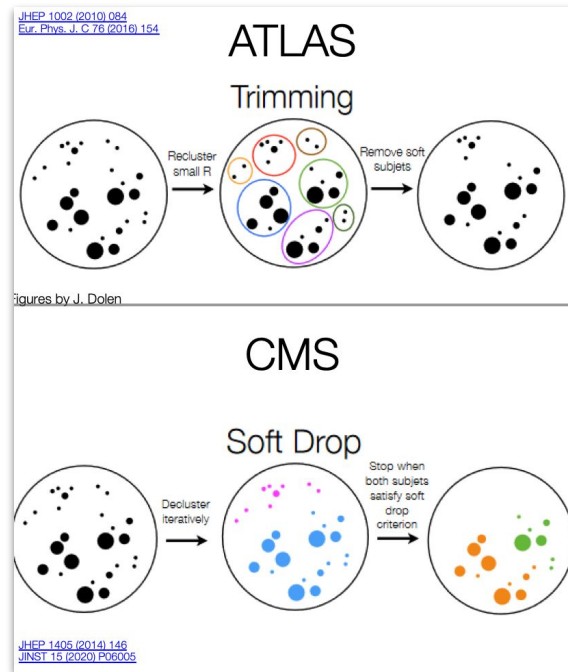
# Jet substructures in VBS/VBF

Key elements among various techniques

- Grooming →
- Mass
- Substructure moments
- Pile-up mitigation
- Quark-gluon tagging

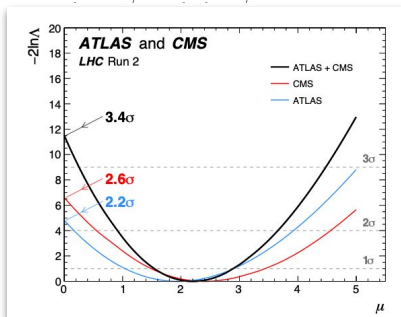
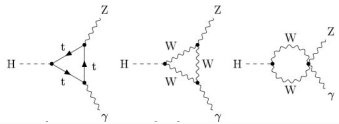
Usage in LHC Run 2 analyses:

CMS WW, WZ and ATLAS VV

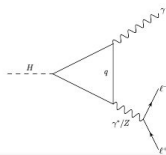


From Q/A: One of the issues in the future might be theory uncertainties, how to address it?  
Experiments typically look at comparison between generators for instance to check stability  
=> **to expand and elaborate during WG3 activities** (see also **session 3 panel** discussion)

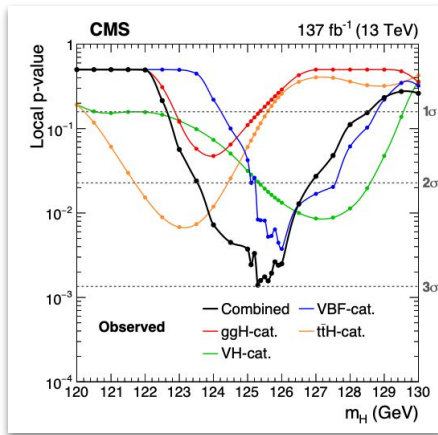
# Exotic Higgs (and rare Higgs decays)



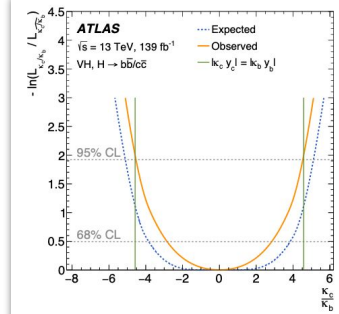
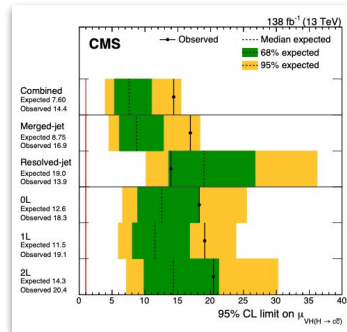
● ATLAS observed (expected) significance:  $3.2\sigma$  ( $2.1\sigma$ )  
 ●  $\mu = 1.5 \pm 0.5$



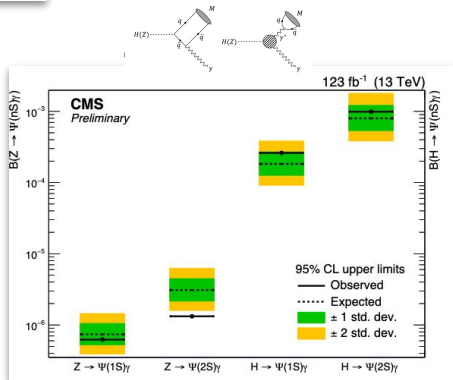
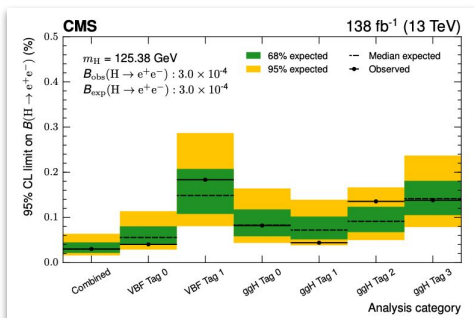
## H $\rightarrow$ $\mu\mu$



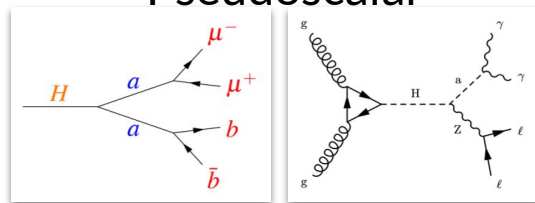
## H $\rightarrow$ $cc$



## H $\rightarrow$ $ee$



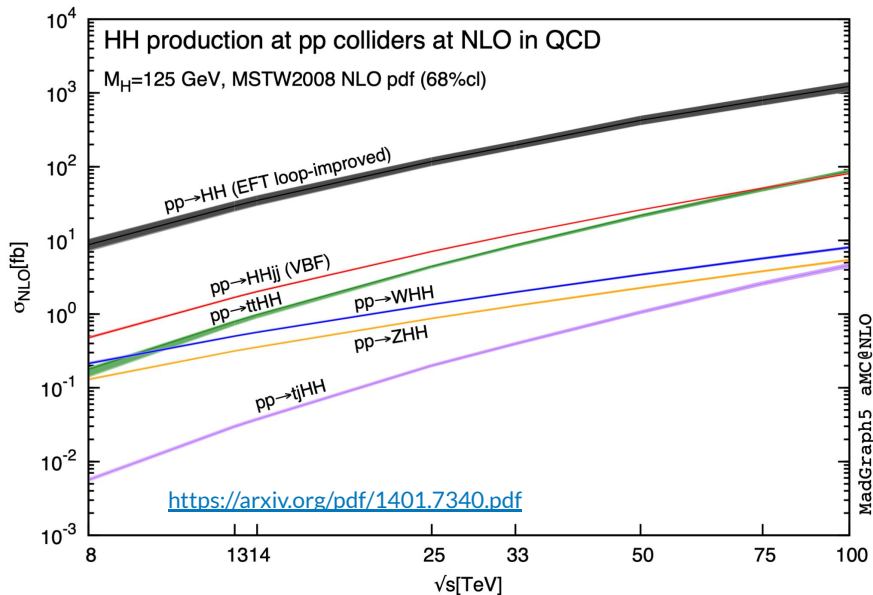
## Pseudoscalar



## LFV

- Some BSM theories allow LFV processes
- $H \rightarrow e\mu$ ,  $H \rightarrow e\tau$ ,  $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$  become possible

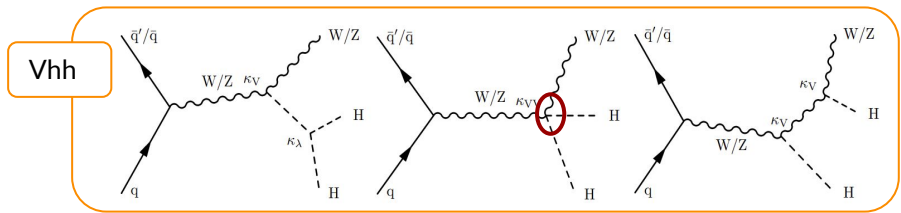
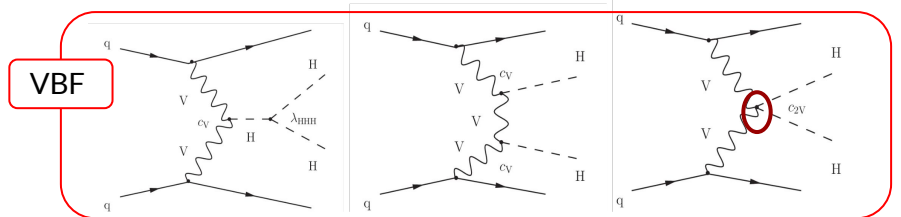
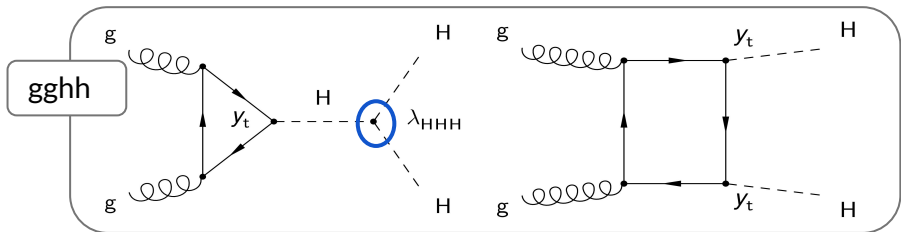
# hh production modes



With full Run 2, possible to target also **subdominant** production modes

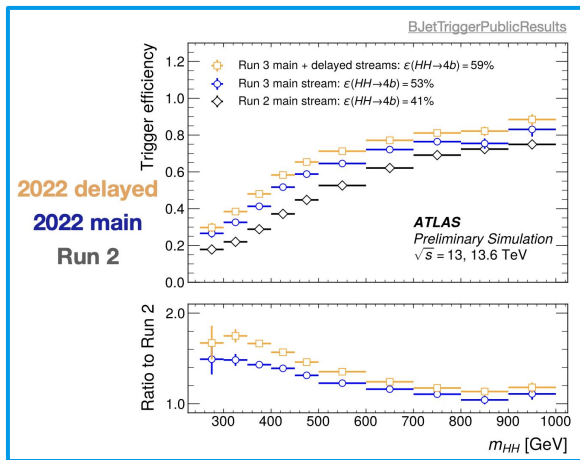
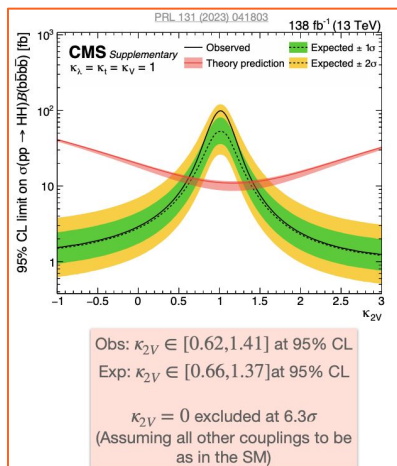
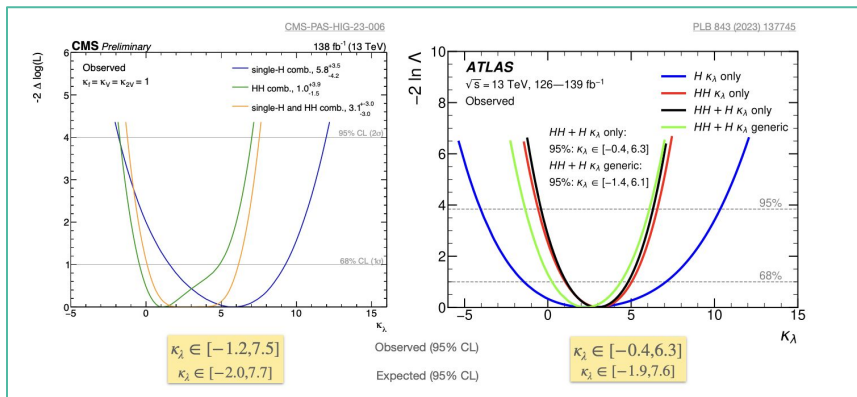
→ Diagrams also involve a different couplings

Exp. observation very hard, but small modifications to **VVhh** would lead to **big changes** in  $\sigma$



smaller xsec

# multi-Higgs

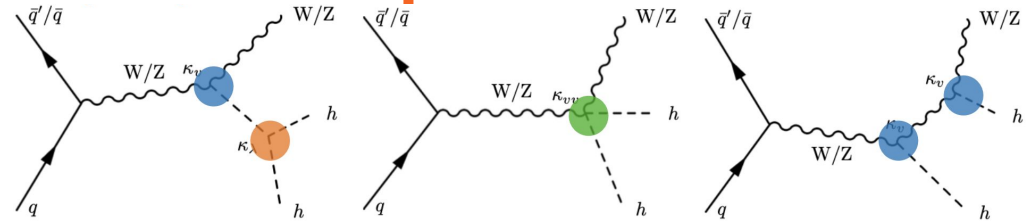


- Combined results: HH signal strength limit & Constraints on self-coupling
- highlights from ATLAS (  $HH \rightarrow bb \bar{\tau}\tau$ ,  $HH \rightarrow bb \bar{\gamma}\gamma$ ) and CMS ( $HH \rightarrow 4b$ )
- Trigger challenges and recent related developments in Run 3 (GN2 b-tagging - ATLAS, ParticleNet b-tagging - CMS)

# VVh, Vhh, and rarest multiboson processes

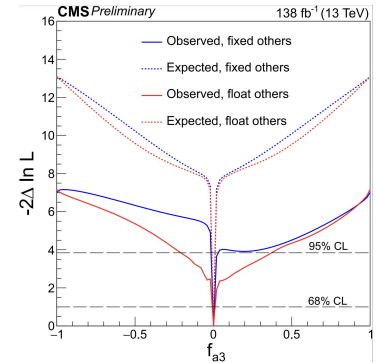
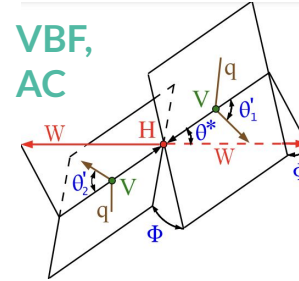
## → Rare Vhh production

- ◆ non-resonant => SM and k-framework
- resonant => sensitivity to specific BSM scenarios



## → Search for anomalous effects, in the tensor structure of the H interactions with electroweak bosons (HVV):

- ◆ matrix element likelihood approach &/or a neural network to optimize the measurement of anomalous couplings, as well as interpretation in terms of EFT scenarios



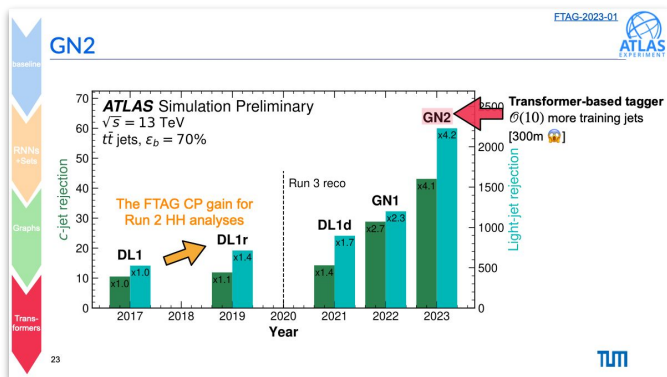
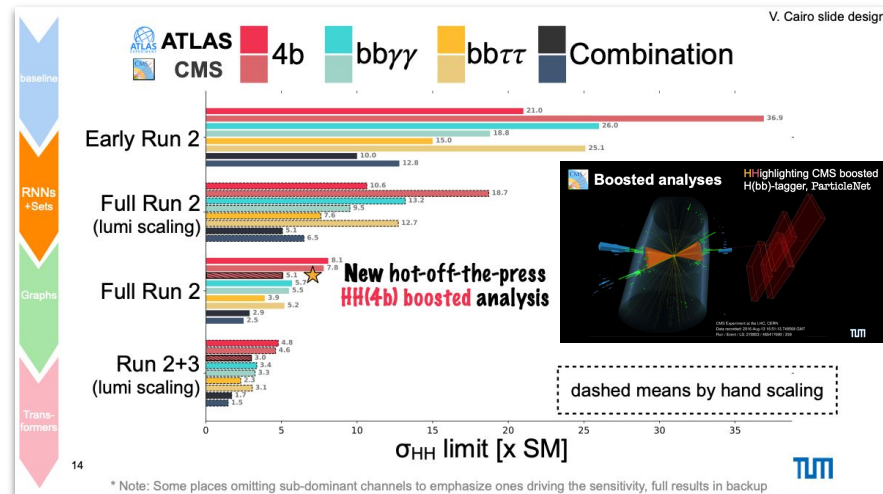
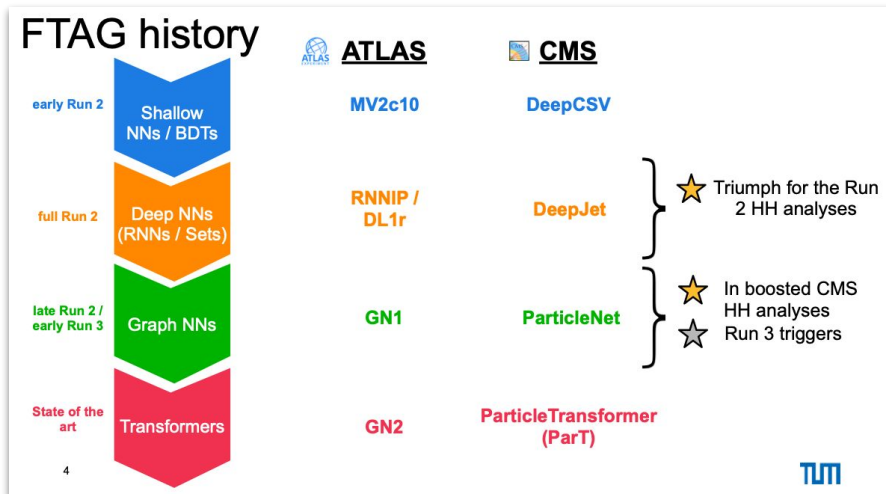
## → Novel approach to aQGC from VVhh

- ◆ competitive to traditional VBS probes
- ◆ new possible signatures to explore

Coeff.	VBS $W^{\pm}V$ semileptonic		VBF $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	
	no unitarity	w/ unitarity	no unitarity	w/ unitarity
$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.47,0.47]	[-0.96,1.02]	[-0.43,0.43]	[-0.90,0.87]
$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.5,1.5]	[-2.3,2.4]	[-1.7,1.7]	[-3.5,3.5]
$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.69,0.68]	[-2.1,2.1]	[-0.62,0.61]	[-1.7,1.7]
$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.5,2.4]	[-6.8,6.3]	[-2.4,2.4]	[-6.5,6.6]
$f_{M4}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.4,1.4]	[-2.4,2.5]	[-1.8,1.8]	[-3.9,4.0]
$f_{M5}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.0,2.0]	[-3.0,3.1]	[-3.2,3.2]	[-6.9,7.0]
$f_{M7}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.4,2.4]	[-3.5,3.5]	[-3.5,3.5]	[-7.1,7.1]
$f_{S0}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.8,2.0]	[-2.6,3.3]	[-14,13]	/
$f_{S1}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.4,2.4]	[-5.8,6.1]	[-5.1,4.5]	/
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# Flavor tagging performances



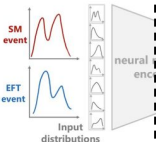
- Favour tagging: crucial ingredient for HH searches and active area of innovation
  - Any improvements in flavour tagging take us a step closer to HH evidence
- Large platform for Physics+ML interplay
- Boosted techniques unlocking searches in previously unexplored regimes

# inputs from other sessions

- Theory session
- Short-talks session

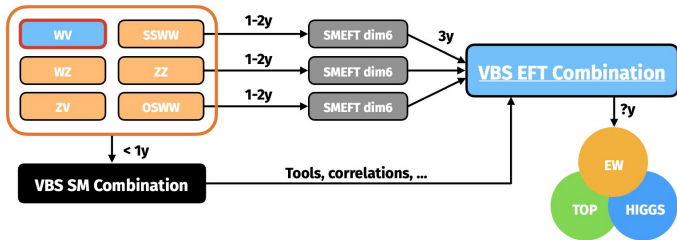
## Variational AutoEncoders for Anomaly Detection

Generative model: it learns to decode samples drawn from the same probability distribution of the  $\mathcal{O}$   
 → robust and variable



### This work lays the foundation for a global dim-6 interpretation of VBS processes in CMS

- ▶ The **first dim-6** interpretations of a VBS process with semileptonic final state
- ▶ The VBS SM combination: **starting point for a global EFT interpretation of VBS**



G. Boldrini, 29/02/2024, 1st COMETA General Meeting

How do we make our predictions useful for the experiment?

- Dominant  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^7)$  corrections expensive, can't be done with MCs like Madgraph5\_aMC@NLO
- MoCaNLO produces histograms for arbitrary observables  $\mathcal{O}$  into  $n$  bins:

$$\left\{ \mathcal{O}_L^i, \mathcal{O}_R^i, \frac{1}{\mathcal{O}_R^i - \mathcal{O}_L^i} \int_{\mathcal{O}_L^i}^{\mathcal{O}_R^i} d\mathcal{O} \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{O}} \right\}_{i=1}^n$$

- time-consuming, but straightforward: rerun for other cuts and bin limits
- MoCaNLO can't produce unweighted events: technical limitation

Possible avenues with Madgraph5\_aMC@NLO/SHERPA:

- run it with Sudakov logs [E. Bothmann, D. Napoletano] [D. Pagani, M. Zaro] [D. Pagani, T. Vitos, M. Zaro]
- compare against exact results
- if agreement is found, use it and reweight

Christopher Schwan

- ✓ first implementation of polarized cross sections in [Sherpa](#)
- ✓ higher order QCD corrections @NLO + PS & via multijet-merging
- first fully-realistic VB polarization samples including higher order QCD effects for VBS processes

Mareen Hoppe

What comes next ...

- ❑ Extension to NLO QCD and approximate NLO EW
- ❑ Applications in phenomenological analyses: BSM studies (UFO), full NLO effects for VBS processes



Thank

# WG3 activities

- Plans for next meeting:
  - kick-off of our activities on March 27th ( $\pm$ days), focusing on jet substructure developments. Target is to gather the experimental COMETA community first, including a report from this GM by one of us group leaders. Hybrid format with CERN room.
- Big overlap by definition with other working groups (but apparent smaller room for original exp. R&D outside collaborations) => our activity should focus in improving discussion and clarify various ambiguities and open issues, with an eye on possible new developments to push

highlight a criticality => stimulate discussion => promote R&D (also opening STSMs calls with pre-defined “titles”)

- Practically speaking:
  - **joint-hackathons with ML community**
    - prepare inputs from HEP open data or available simulations > “simplify” one of our topic of interest (e.g. optimization of a rare multiboson coupling measurement with delphes-based samples)
  - **Theory/Exp talks** (also ML/Exp talks) focused on the major aspects of the (similar to collider-cross-talks format)
    - sectors in which we already have expertise in COMETA (from this gm experience)
      - VHH resonant searches, new models, new sectors and more investigation on EFT/ACs/couplings modifiers interpretation (despite being something already covered by LHC Higgs WG)
      - New theory developments in the VBS physics/
      - Di-boson polarized from theory community
  - **Pheno studies on unexplored production HH/VV production and decay modes towards HL-LHC**
    - Would be an interesting input to the European Strategy update



**thank you!**