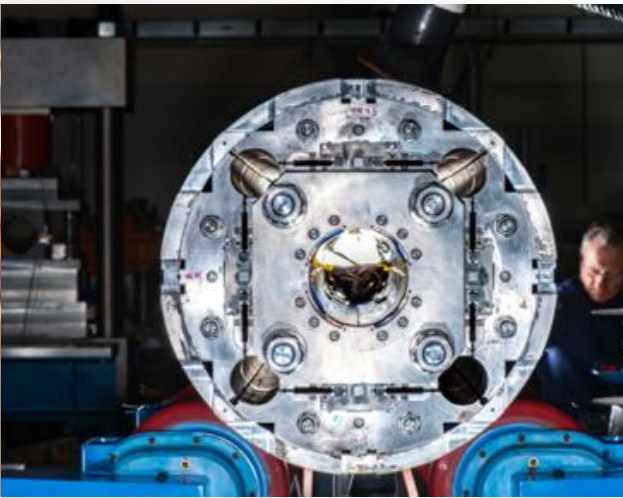




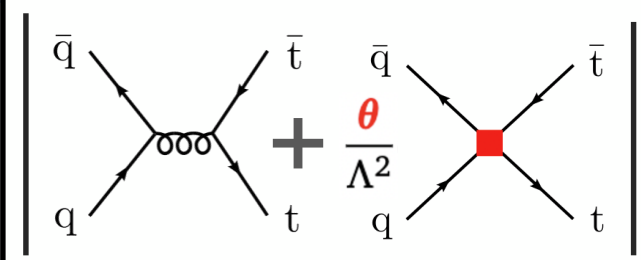
# REFINABLE ~~PRECISION~~ SYSTEMATICS FOR UNBINNED HYPOTHESIS TESTS

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# THE LHC AS A MICROSCOPE

- At low energies, QCD is **non-perturbative**
- LHC elevates the proton bound state to the perturbative regime, exposing the **constituents' dynamics**
  - Access to **POIs -  $\theta$**

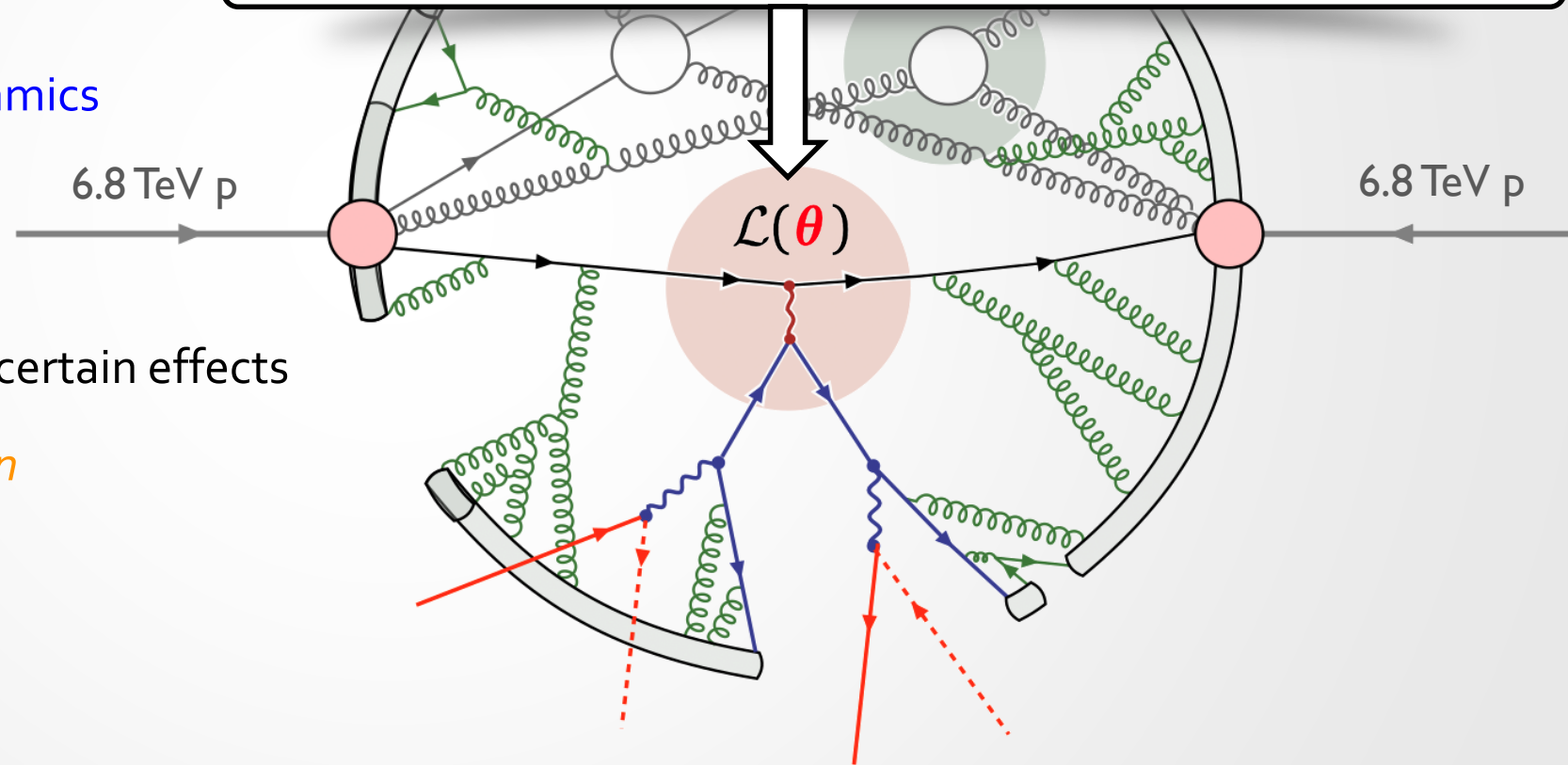


$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \bar{q} \quad \bar{t} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \text{loop} \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ q \quad t \end{array} + \frac{\theta}{\Lambda^2} \begin{array}{c} \bar{q} \quad \bar{t} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \text{red square} \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ q \quad t \end{array} \right]^2$$

Standard Model Effective Theory

$$= d\sigma(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\theta}{\Lambda^2} d\sigma_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\theta^2}{\Lambda^4} d\sigma_{\text{quad}}(\mathbf{x})$$

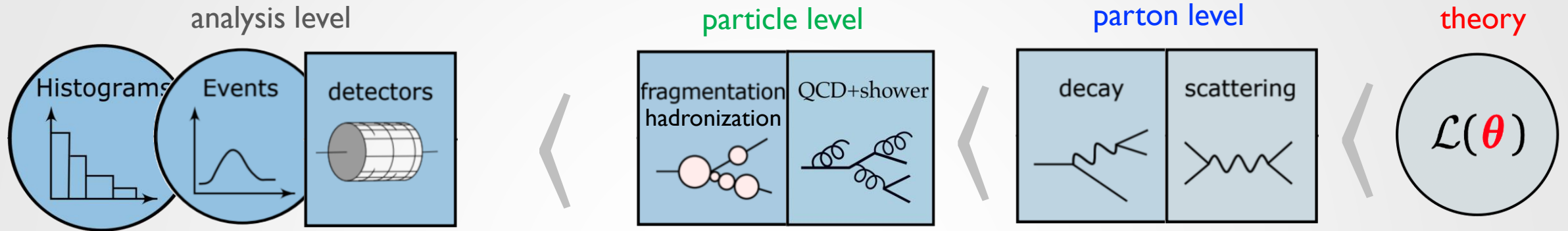
**59 POIs [JHEP10(2010)085]**



- After the hard scatter, many uncertain effects
- Model in **staged event simulation**

# A CONDITIONAL SEQUENCE

adapted from [arXiv:2211.01421](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.01421)



$$p(x_{\text{det}}|\theta) = \int dz_{\text{ptl}} \int dz_p [\dots] p(x_{\text{det}}|z_{\text{ptl}}) p(z_{\text{ptl}}|z_p) p(z_p|\theta)$$

Likelihood ratio test statistic

$$\text{LR}(x_{\text{det}}|H_1, H_2) \equiv \frac{p(x_{\text{det}}|H_1 = \theta, \nu)}{p(x_{\text{det}}|H_2 = \text{SM}, \nu = 0)}$$

Use (un)binned parametrizations in  $\theta, \nu$ .

1. Generators run in 'forward mode'
2. More uncertainties  
 $p(z_{\text{ptl}}|z_p, \nu_{\text{th.}})$   
 $p(x_{\text{det}}|z_{\text{ptl}}, \nu_{\text{exp.}})$

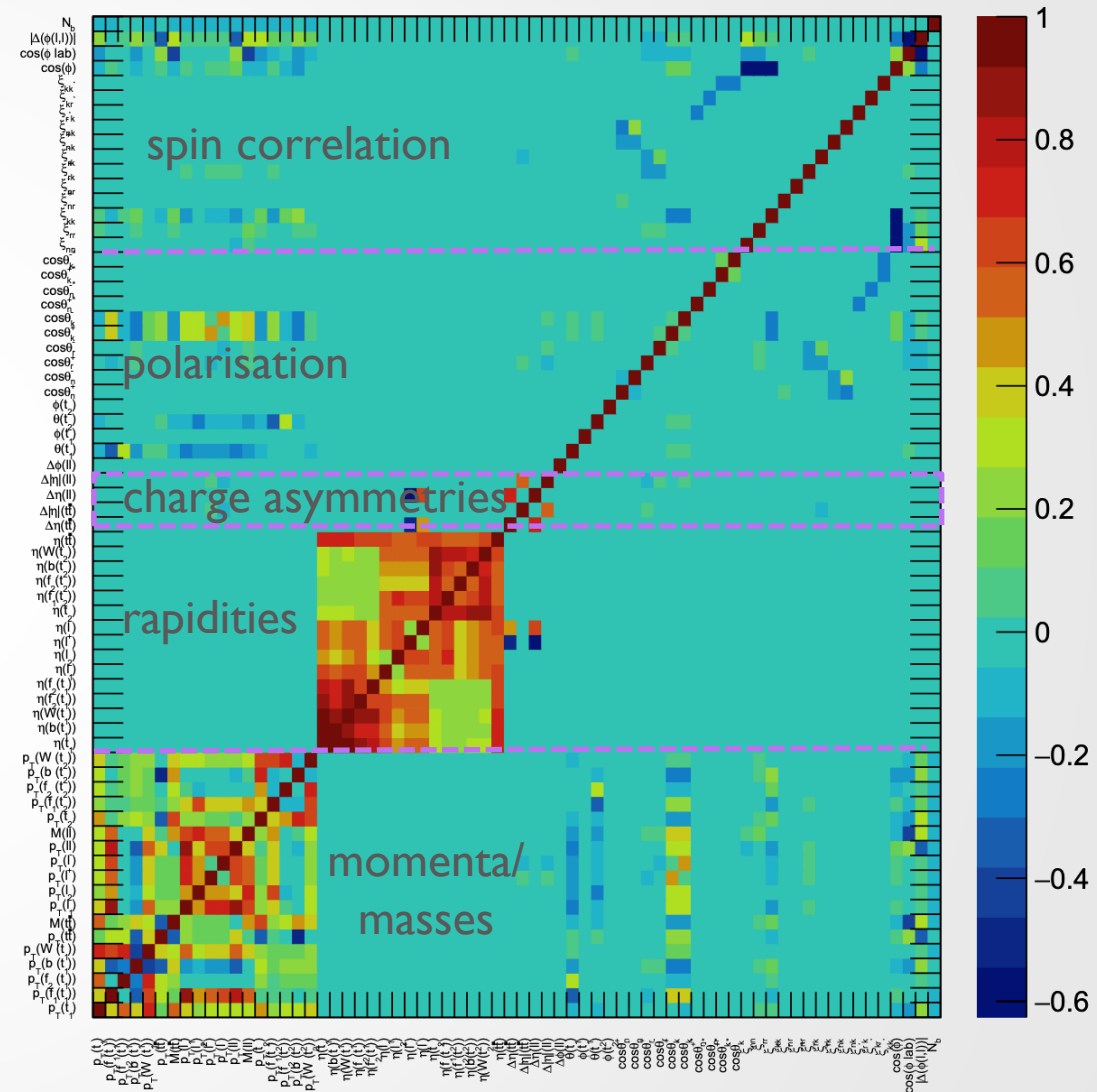
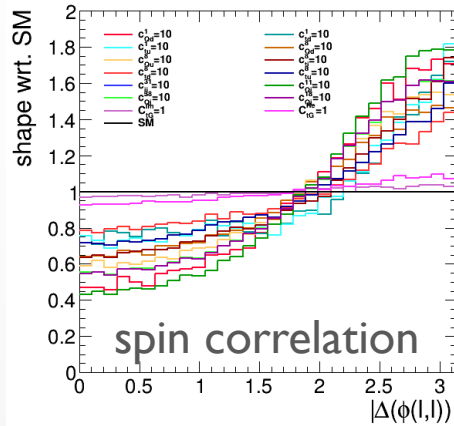
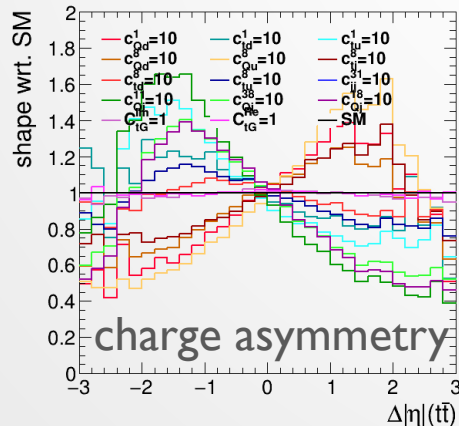
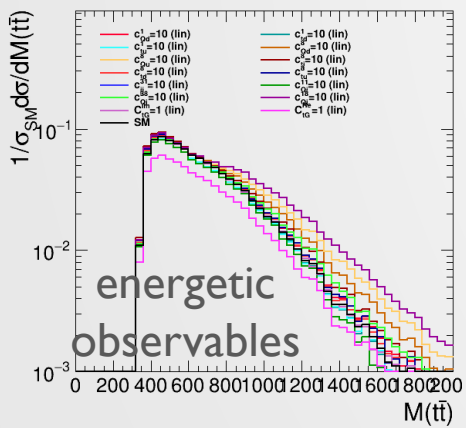
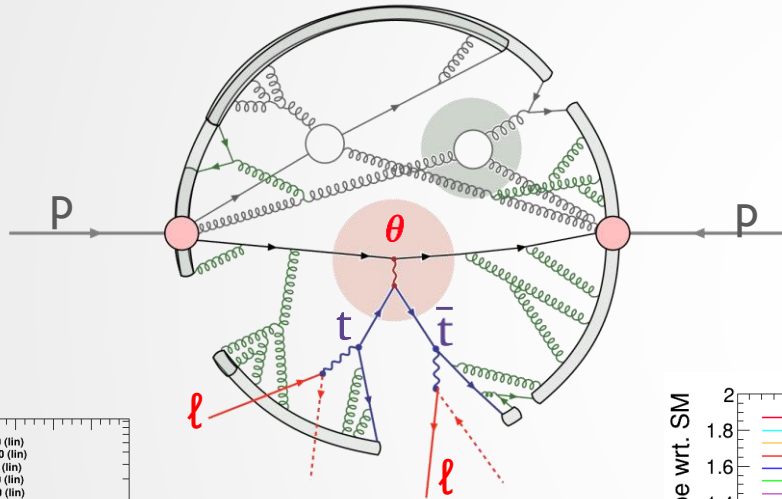
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\theta, \nu_{\text{th.}}}} \frac{d\sigma_{\theta, \nu_{\text{th.}}}}{dz_p} = p(z_p|\theta, \nu_{\text{th.}})$$

parton-level  
differential cross section  
 $\nu_{\text{th}}$  ... scale unc., PDF

~~$p(\theta)$~~   
 $\theta$  NOT stochastic;  
 Frequentist

# TOP QUARK PAIRS IN THE $2\ell$ CHANNEL

- Top quark pair production with  $2\ell$ :
  - Clean probes of new physics in a messy environment



$\approx 72$  features  
 $\approx 15$  SMEFT POIs

linear feature correlation in  $tt(2\ell)$   
 Typically use only 1 or 2 features!

# HARD-SCATTER MODELING

Madminer [[1506.02169](#)] [[1805.00013](#)] [[1805.00020](#)]  
[[1805.12244](#)] [[1907.10621](#)] [[1908.06980](#)] [[2109.10414](#)]

1. Analytic predictions for the **SMEFT predictions** at the **parton level** - easily recalculable

$$d\sigma_{\text{SMEFT}}(\mathbf{z}_p | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \nu_R, \nu_F, \nu_{\text{PDF}}) \propto \sum_{f_1, f_2} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SMEFT}}(\mathbf{z}_p | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mu_R(\nu_R), \mu_F(\nu_F))|^2 \\ \times \text{PDF}(f_1, \mathbf{x}_{\text{Bjorken},1}, \mu_F(\nu_F), \nu_{\text{PDF}}) \text{PDF}(f_2, \mathbf{x}_{\text{Bjorken},2}, \mu_F(\nu_F), \nu_{\text{PDF}}) d\mathbf{z}_p$$

2. Phenomena at lower energy scales largely factorize:

→ Conditional probabilities factor out [*Madminer*, full Refs. in backup]

→ Access to the 'joint likelihood' ratio for **POIs** and some **systematic effects**.

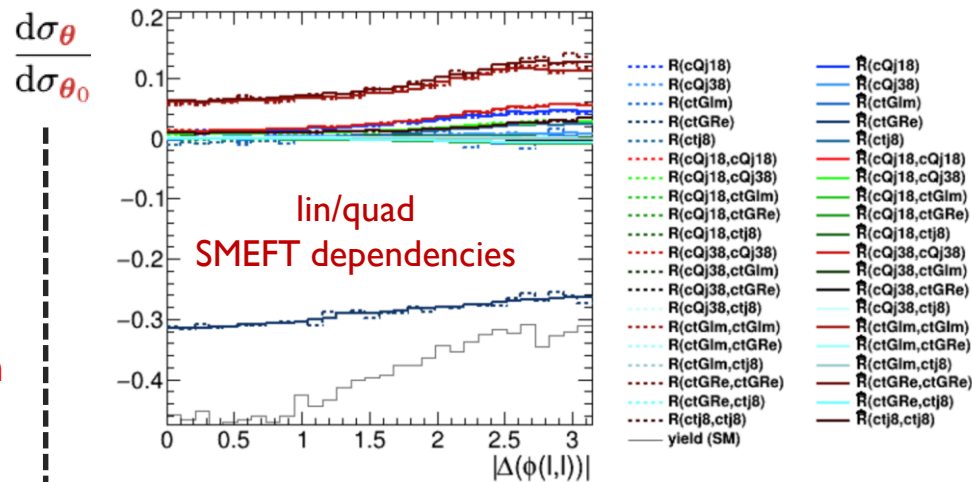
$$r(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \frac{\sigma(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) p(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{\text{reco},i}, \mathbf{z}_{\text{ptl},i}, \mathbf{z}_{p,i} | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu})}{\sigma(\text{SM}) p(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{\text{reco},i}, \mathbf{z}_{\text{ptl},i}, \mathbf{z}_{p,i} | \text{SM})} = \frac{\sigma(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}_{\text{reco}}) p(\mathbf{z}_{\text{reco}} | \mathbf{z}_{\text{ptl}}) p(\mathbf{z}_{\text{ptl}} | \mathbf{z}_p) p(\mathbf{z}_{p,i} | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu})}{\sigma(\text{SM}) p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}_{\text{reco}}) p(\mathbf{z}_{\text{reco}} | \mathbf{z}_{\text{ptl}}) p(\mathbf{z}_{\text{ptl}} | \mathbf{z}_p) p(\mathbf{z}_{p,i} | \text{SM})} \sim \frac{|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{z}_{p,i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu})|^2}{|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{z}_{p,i}, \text{SM})|^2}$$

# LEARNING PARAMETER DEPENDENCIES

$$L = \left\langle \left( r(x_{\text{det}}, z_{\text{pt1}}, \dots, z_p | \theta) - \hat{f}_\theta(x_{\text{det}}) \right)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{SM}}$$

Only nominal simulation

- ML fit of SMEFT dependence: A solved problem  
[Madminer / P. Classifiers / ML<sub>4</sub>EFT / Boosted Information Tree → Refs in backup]



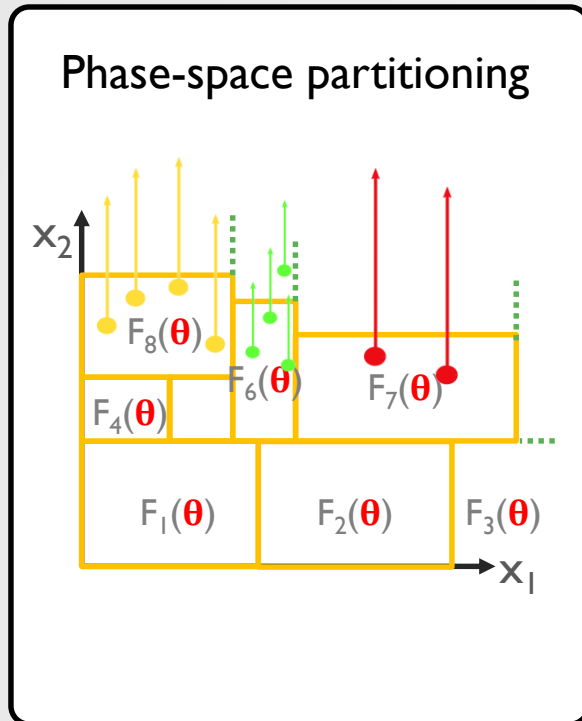
SMEFT dependence:  $\mathbb{R}^{72} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{136}$   
(learned with Boosted Information Tree)

- Can now compute parametrized (unbinned) test statistic

$$q_{\theta, \nu}(\mathcal{D}) \equiv \log \frac{L(\mathcal{D} | \theta, \nu)}{L(\mathcal{D} | \theta_0, \nu_0)} = -\mathcal{L}(\nu) \sigma(\theta, \nu) + \mathcal{L}(\nu_0) \sigma(\theta_0, \nu_0) + \sum_{i=1}^{N(\mathcal{D})} \log \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}(\nu)}{\mathcal{L}(\nu_0)} \frac{d\sigma_{\theta, \nu}}{d\sigma_{\theta_0, \nu_0}}(x_i) \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{nuis.}}} \log \frac{C_k(\nu_k)}{C_k(\nu_{0,k})}$$

# TREE ALGORITHM FOR SMEFT LEARNING

[arXiv:2107.10859, arXiv:2205.12976]



A simple tree

$$\hat{F}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mathbb{1}_j(\mathbf{x}) F_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

non-linearity

phase space partitioning  $\mathcal{J}$

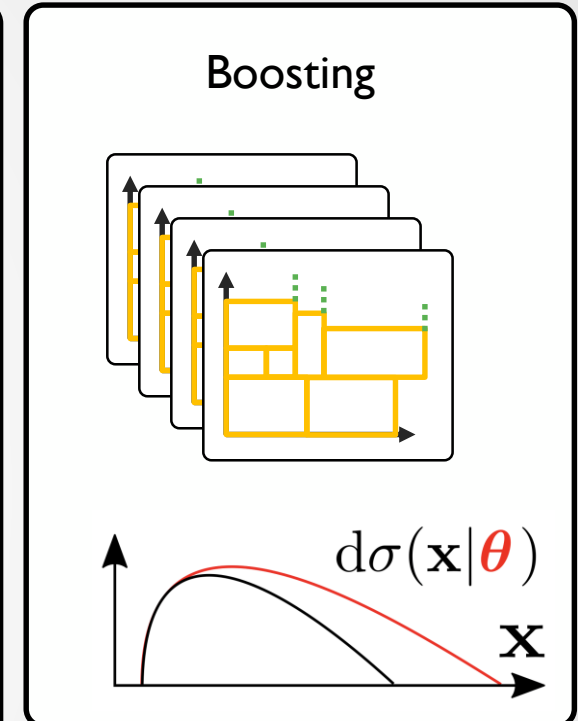
prediction  $F_j$

Cart algorithm

$$F_j(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in j} w_j(\text{SM}) r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in j} w_j(\text{SM})}$$

$$= \frac{\int dz \frac{d\sigma_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{d(x,z)}}{\int dz \frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{d(x,z)}}$$

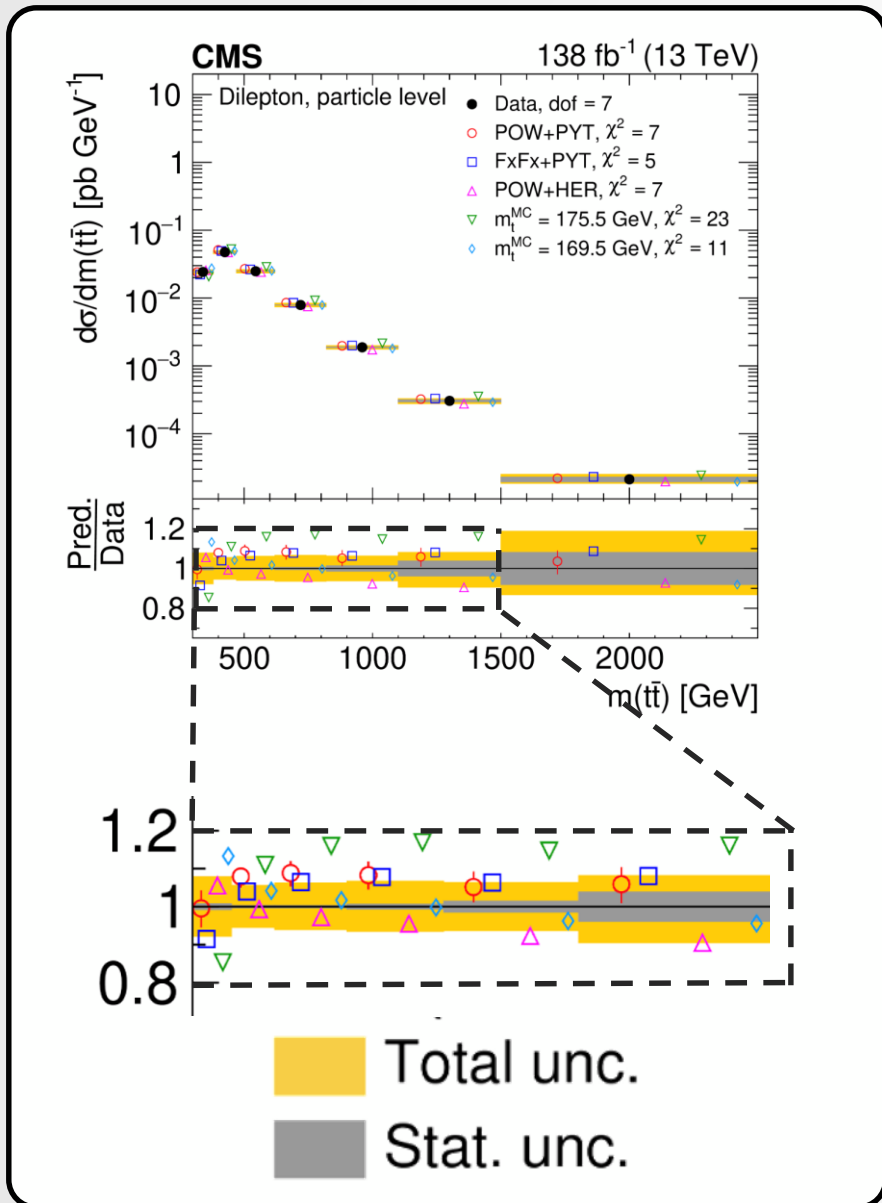
“magic” (Kyle C.)



- A tree is a hierarchical phase-space partitioning
  - Boosted Information Tree: Associate each region  $j$  with a polynomial  $F_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})$
  - The non-linearity is in the change across node positions
  - Fitting tree: Optimize “node split positions” on some loss. Can compute  $F_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  from events in node.
- Boosting elevates tree to an arbitrarily expressive regressor for  $d\sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$  - ratios



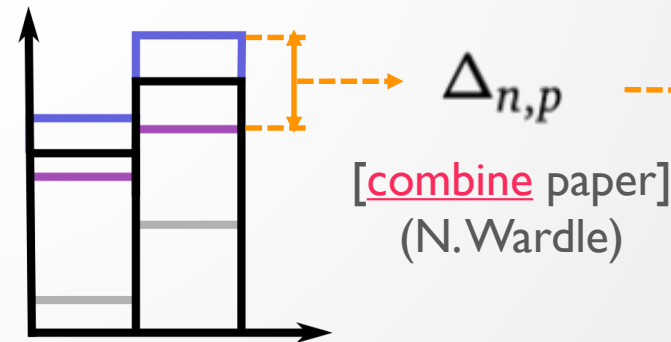
# BACK TO REALITY!



- **Systematics** dominate in many/most applications
- Binned analyses? Use additive model with exponentials

$$\text{prediction}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{v}) = \sum_{p=1}^{N_p} R_{n,p}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \exp(\boldsymbol{v}^T \Delta_{n,p,1} + \boldsymbol{v}^T \Delta_{n,p,2} \boldsymbol{v}) \sigma_{n,p}(\text{SM})$$

- How to find the parameters  $\Delta$ ?
  - “Vary simulation”  $\leftrightarrow$  Generate synthetic datasets
  - shift JEC, scale b-tagging efficiencies, PS weights, hDamp



- Decades of experience with modeling choices

# REFINABLE MODELING IN 3-STEPS

1. Let's write an unbinned *additive* model

$$d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \sum_{p=1}^{N_p} \underbrace{R_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}_{\text{SMEFT normalisation ("k-factors")}} \underbrace{\alpha_p^{\nu_p} \exp\{\boldsymbol{\nu}^\top \Delta_{n,p,1}(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\nu}^\top \Delta_{n,p,2}(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\nu} + \dots\}}_{\text{systematics } S_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu})} d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})$$

2. The experimentalist (not the framework) decides on further specification

TT(2ℓ) has 90% purity: We have a single EFT process and a number of small backgrounds (DY, non-prompt,...)

$$d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = R_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) S_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) d\sigma_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM}) + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \alpha_p^{\nu_p} S_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})$$

3. Form the ratio & learn the factors!

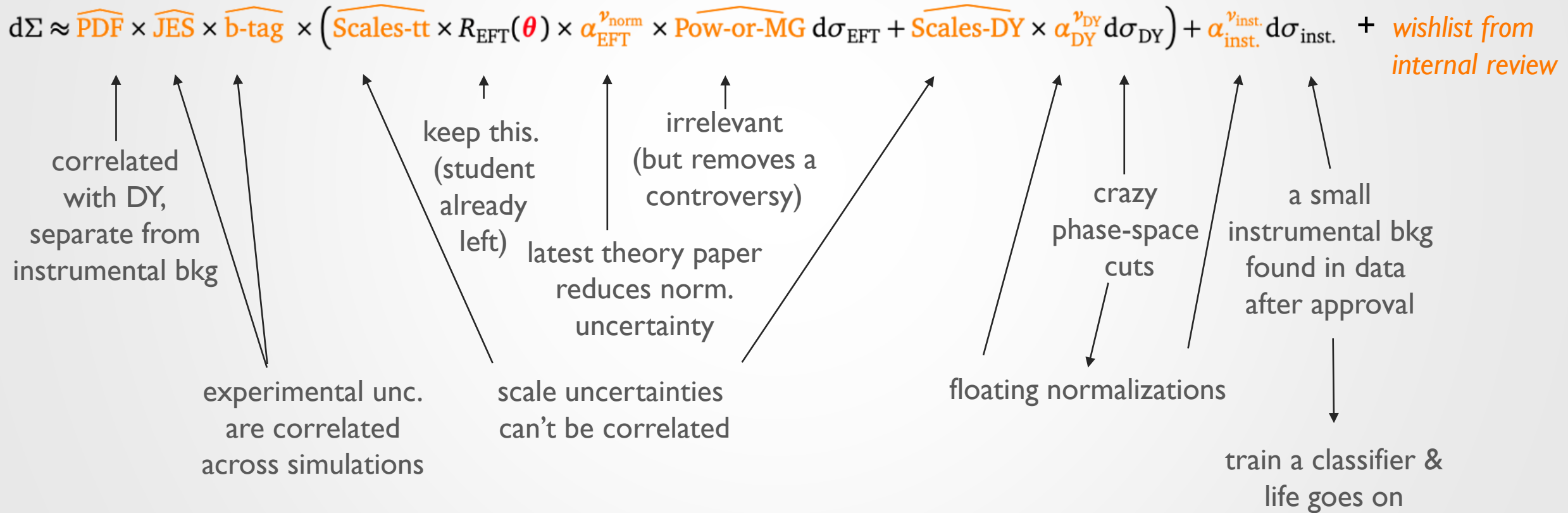
$$\frac{d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu})}{d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})} = \frac{R_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) S_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \alpha_p^{\nu_p} S_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) \frac{d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}{d\sigma_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}}{1 + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \frac{d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}{d\sigma_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}} \approx \frac{\hat{R}_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \hat{S}_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \alpha_p^{\nu_p} \hat{S}_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) \hat{g}_p(\mathbf{x})}{1 + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \hat{g}_p(\mathbf{x})}$$

1) SMEFT learning    2) systematics learning

3) classifiers

Adding systematics or processes *doesn't invalidate* partial training!

# REFINING THE INDUCTIVE BIAS



- Stay flexible. Reduce model mis-specification.

# LEARNING SYSTEMATICS

## Autalops Die Antilope



lepton  
efficiencies

**D**ie meisten mittelalterlichen Darstellungen der Antilope sind in Bestiarien und Enzyklopädien zu finden. Außerdem sind einige wenige Antilopen auf den Seitenrändern von Handschriften abgebildet. Den Beschreibungen zufolge besitzt die Antilope Hörner in Form einer Säge, mit der sie Büsche fällen kann. Auch habe sie die Angewohnheit, ihren Durst an den Ufern des Euphrat zu löschen, wo ein Strauch namens Hieracium wächst, dessen Zweige lang, dünn und gewunden sind. Wenn die Antilope diesen Strauchwerk sieht, kann sie nicht widerstehen, darin zu spielen, und verheddert sich unweigerlich mit ihren Hörnern in den Zweigen. Illustrationen, die vom Physiologus inspiriert sind, dem ersten christlichen „moralisierenden“ Bestiarium, dessen griechische Urversion Ende des 2. oder Anfang des 3. Jhs. in Alexandria entstand, zeigen das Tier, wie es, einmal gefangen, kämpft und Schreie ausstößt, was ihm jedoch nur weitere Aufmerksamkeit des Jägers einbringt.

Moralisierende Bestiarien inszenieren die Antilope als Sinnbild für den gottgefälligen Menschen, der sich um ein regelhaftes Leben bemüht. Die beiden Hörner stehen für

das Alte und Neue Testament, durch die der Christ Laster von Körper und Seele abstreuen kann, so wie die Antilope Büsche klopft, die ihr den Weg versperren. Doch darf sich der Christ nicht in diese Laster verstricken, will er nicht riskieren, dass der Teufel sich seiner bemächtigt. In anderen Fassungen werden die Hörner, die ihrem Besitzer bei unachtsamem Gebrauch zum Nachteil gereichen können, zum Bild für Versuchungen: Wollust und Ehebruch, Verleumdung und Vergiftungsgeheimnisse, oder auch – wie im moralisierenden Bestiarium von Pierre de Beauvais – Weisheit und Frauen.

Laet Armand Zschokk illustriert die Antilope dem Einhorn, jedoch ist sie noch schwieriger zu fassen als die Einhorn, denn im Gegensatz zu diesem lässt sie sich nicht mithilfe einer Jungfrau einfangen, sondern man muss abwarten, bis sie sich in den Zweigen eines Strauchs verfangt (Abb. 5, 346). Nach dem Prinzip der formalen Analogie wurde die Antilope mit dem Sigmundus verglichen, einem imaginären Tier, das zu seiner Verteidigung dieselbe Waffe zur Verfügung hat wie der schnelle Verbeißer, was ihm überliche moralisierende Wertungen einbrachte.



jet energy  
& resolution



b-tagging



renormalization  
and factorization  
scales

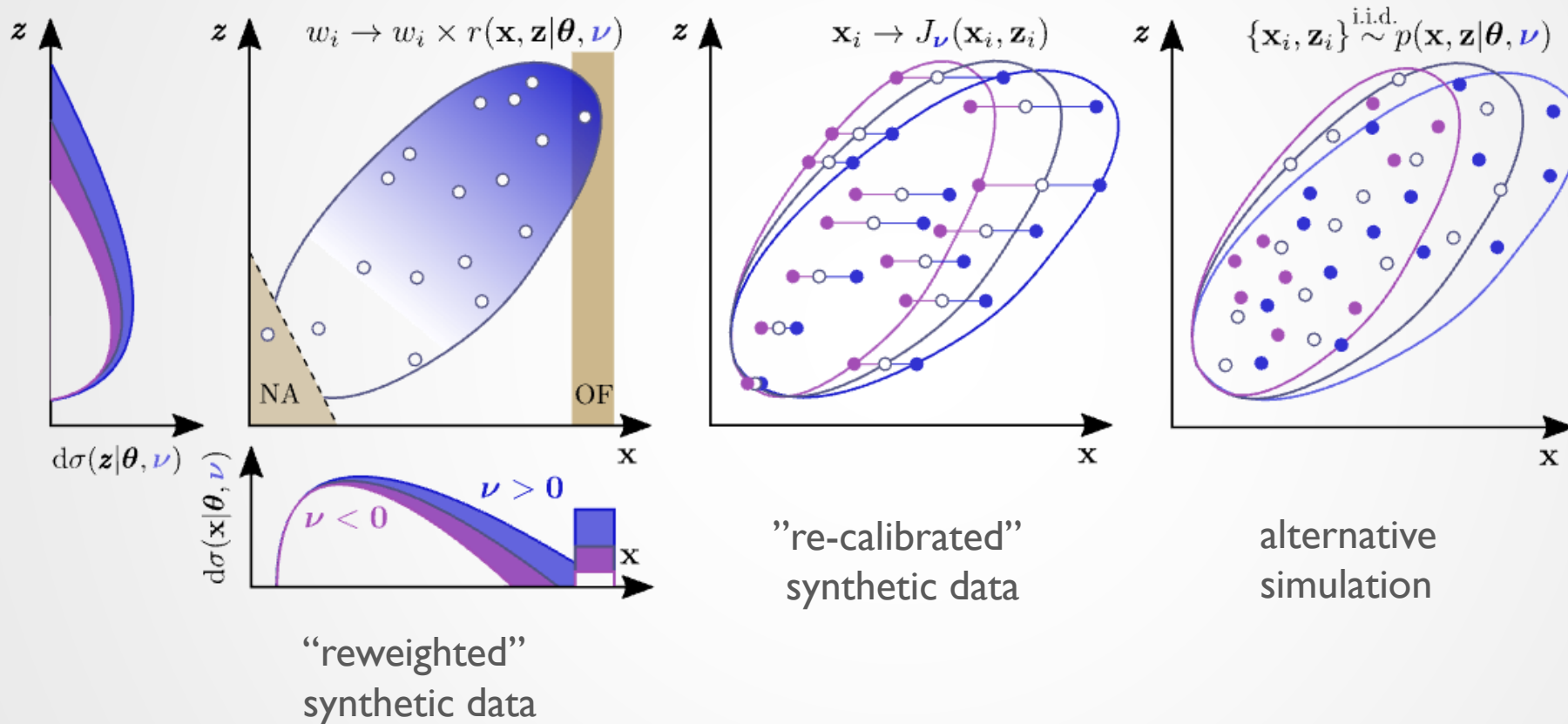
# BESTIARY OF SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTY MODELING

Uncertainty prescription	Weights?	Calibration?	Per-object?	Parametric?	Latent dependent?	To be learned?
Trigger	✓	⊖	✓	⊖	⊖	( ✓ )
Pileup/MinBias	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	( ✓ )
Lepton efficiency	✓	⊖	✓	⊖	⊖	( ✓ )
Lepton scale	⊖	✓	✓	⊖	⊖	✓
Jet energy scale	⊖	✓	✓	✓	⊖	✓
Jet energy resolution	⊖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
B-tagging	✓	(⊖)	✓	✓	✓	✓
τW/DY/diboson normalization	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	✓
QCD scales	✓	⊖	⊖	✓	✓	✓
TT generator modeling	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	✓
Top pt	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	✓
Color rec.	⊖	⊖	⊖	(⊖)	✓	✓
α <sub>s</sub> in PS	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	✓
hdamp	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖/✓	✓	✓
PDF	✓	⊖	⊖	(✓)	✓	✓
Luminosity						⊖

ATLAS & CMS  
systematic uncertainties  
from the differential  
xsec-combination

# SYNTHETIC DATA SETS

- Let's view simulation as a sampling of the "joint space", spanned by latent and observed features



- Well established procedures for "synthetic" data sets that model systematic variations
- From now on: assume we have simulated data for a limited set of **nuisance parameter values  $\nu$**

# LEARNING PARAMETERIZATIONS

- “Likelihood ratio trick”

$$L_{\boldsymbol{\nu}, \text{CE}}[\hat{f}] = -\langle \log \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \text{SM}} - \langle \log(1 - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x})) \rangle_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\nu}}$$

$$f_{\text{CE}}^*(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{d\sigma(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\nu})}{d\sigma(\mathbf{x} | \text{SM})}}$$

- Parametric ansatz:

$$\hat{f}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\hat{g}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(\mathbf{x}))}$$

$$\hat{g}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\Delta}_1, \hat{\Delta}_2, \dots) = \boldsymbol{\nu}^\top \hat{\Delta}_1(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\nu}^\top \hat{\Delta}_2(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\nu} + \dots$$

Implement coefficient functions  $\Delta(\mathbf{x})$  as NNs or trees:  $\hat{\Delta}_{1,2,\dots}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \mathbb{1}_j(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\Delta}_{j;1,2,\dots}$

- Sufficiently many synthetic data sets

$$L[\hat{\Delta}] = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathcal{V}} L_{\boldsymbol{\nu}, \text{CE}}[\hat{f}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}] \longrightarrow \exp(g_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^*(\mathbf{x})) \approx \frac{d\sigma(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\nu})}{d\sigma(\mathbf{x} | \text{SM})}$$

# WHY DOES NOBODY LIKE TREE BOOSTING?

**Algorithm 1** Boosting parametric tree for learning of systematics

**Require:** base points  $\nu \in \mathcal{V}$ , sample  $\mathcal{D}_0$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\nu$  for all  $\nu \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  
boosting iterations  $B$ , learning rates  $0 \leq \eta^{(b)} \leq 1$  for  $b = 1, \dots, B$ .

**Ensure:**  $\sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \nu_A \nu_B$  has full rank

$$G_\nu^{(0)*}(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow 0$$

$$\hat{g}_\nu^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow 0$$

$$\mathcal{D}_\nu^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_\nu \text{ for all } \nu \in \mathcal{V}$$

**for**  $b = 1, \dots, B$  **do**

$$\mathcal{D}_\nu^{(b)} \leftarrow \left\{ w_i^{(b)} \leftarrow \exp(-\eta^{(b-1)} G_\nu^{(b-1)*}(\mathbf{x}_i)) w_i^{(b-1)}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i \right\} \text{ for all } \{w^{(b-1)}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i\} \in \mathcal{D}_\nu^{(b-1)}$$

$$\mathcal{J}^{(b)} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\mathcal{J}} L[\mathcal{J}] \text{ with } \mathcal{D}_0^{(b)} \text{ and } \mathcal{D}_\nu^{(b)} \text{ using CART or TAO}$$

**for all**  $j \in \mathcal{J}^{(b)}$  **do**

$$\lambda_{j,0} \leftarrow \sum_{(\mathbf{x}_i, w_i) \in \mathcal{D}_0 \cap j} w_i$$

$$\lambda_{j,\nu} \leftarrow \sum_{(\mathbf{x}_i, w_i) \in \mathcal{D}_\nu^{(b)} \cap j} w_i \text{ for all } \nu \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$\hat{\Delta}_{A,j}^{(b)} \leftarrow \left[ \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \nu \nu^T \right]_{AB}^{-1} \left[ \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \nu \log \frac{\lambda_{j,\nu}}{\lambda_{j,0}} \right]_B$$

**end for**

$$G_\nu^{(b)*}(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{(b)}} \mathbb{1}_j(\mathbf{x}) \left( \nu_A \hat{\Delta}_{A,j}^{(b)} \right)$$

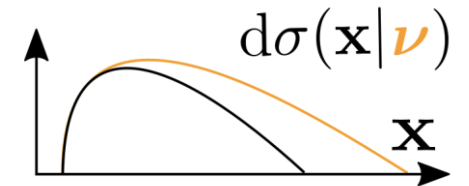
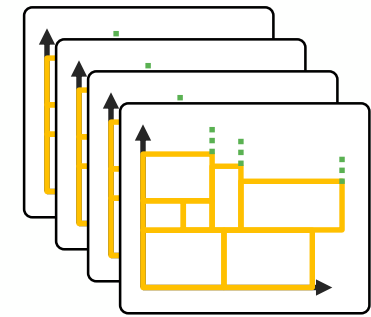
$$\hat{g}_\nu^{(b)}(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow \hat{g}_\nu^{(b-1)}(\mathbf{x}) + \eta^{(b)} G_\nu^{(b)*}(\mathbf{x})$$

**end for**

$$\text{return } \hat{g}_\nu^{(B)}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{b=1}^B \eta^{(b)} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{(b)}} \mathbb{1}_j(\mathbf{x}) \nu_A \hat{\Delta}_{A,j}^{(b)}$$

→ A tree node is a bin.  
→ Same parametrization  
as in [\[combine paper\]](#)

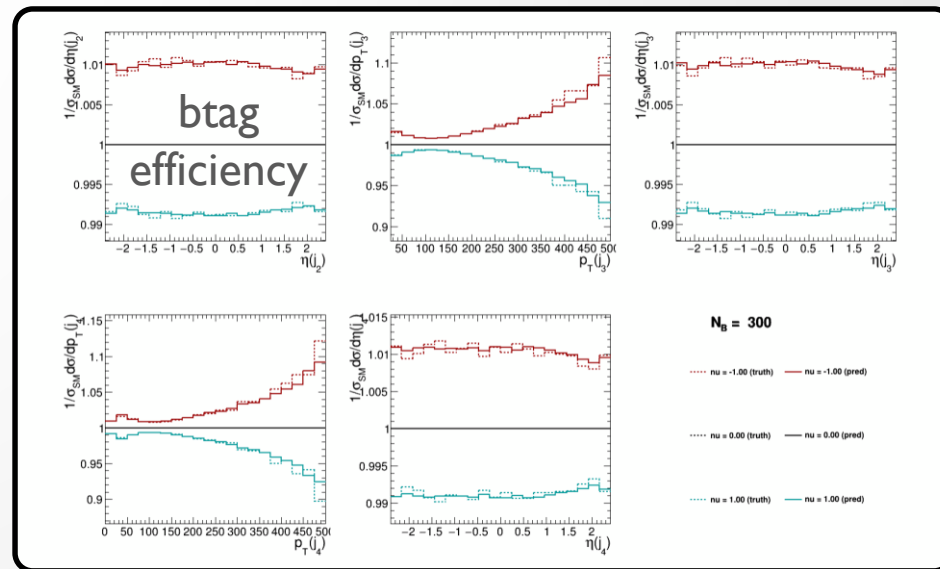
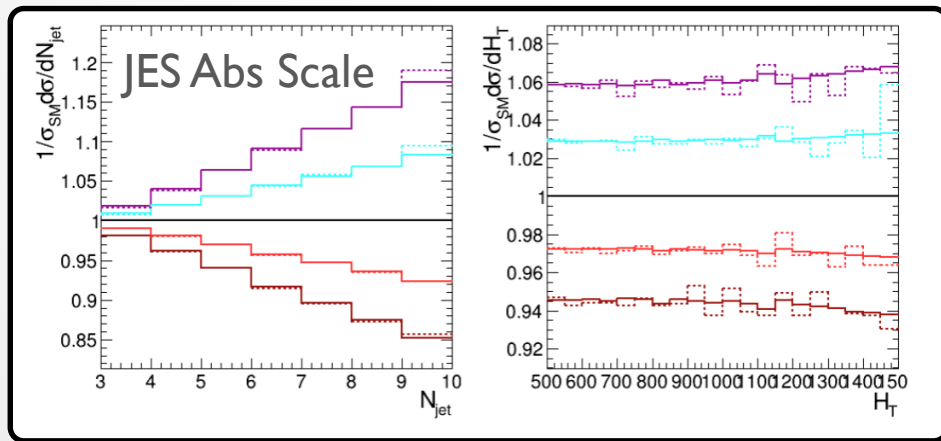
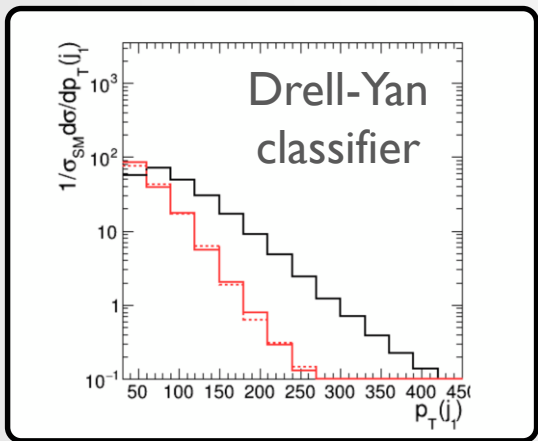
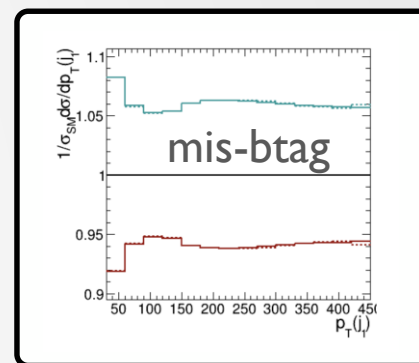
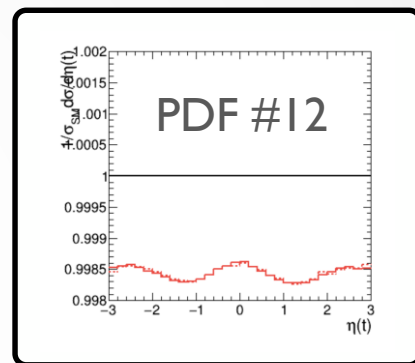
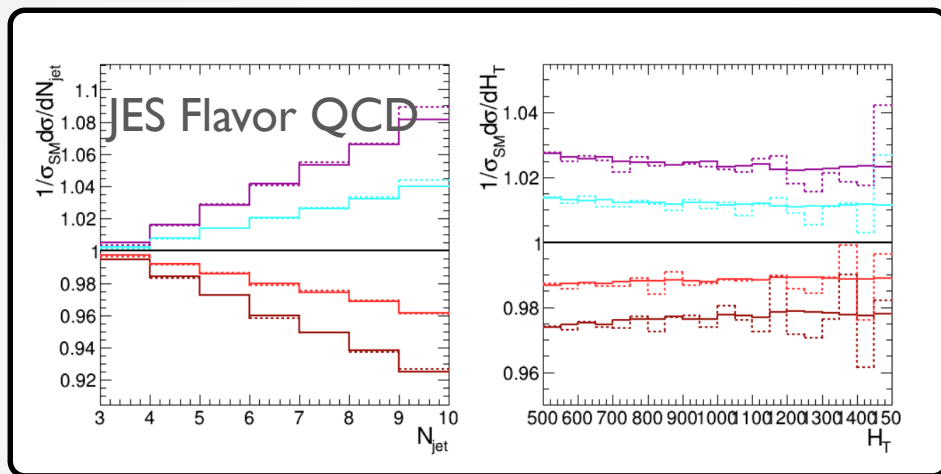
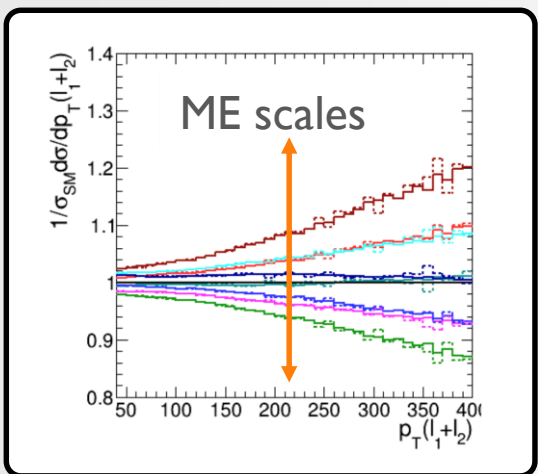
Boosted *Parametric* Tree



implements  
x-dependent model  
of cross section ratio

# EXAMPLES!

- 1D projections for a few values of  $\nu$ . Available parametrically as  $g_\nu(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Semi-realistic toy study (Delphes) with publicly available information

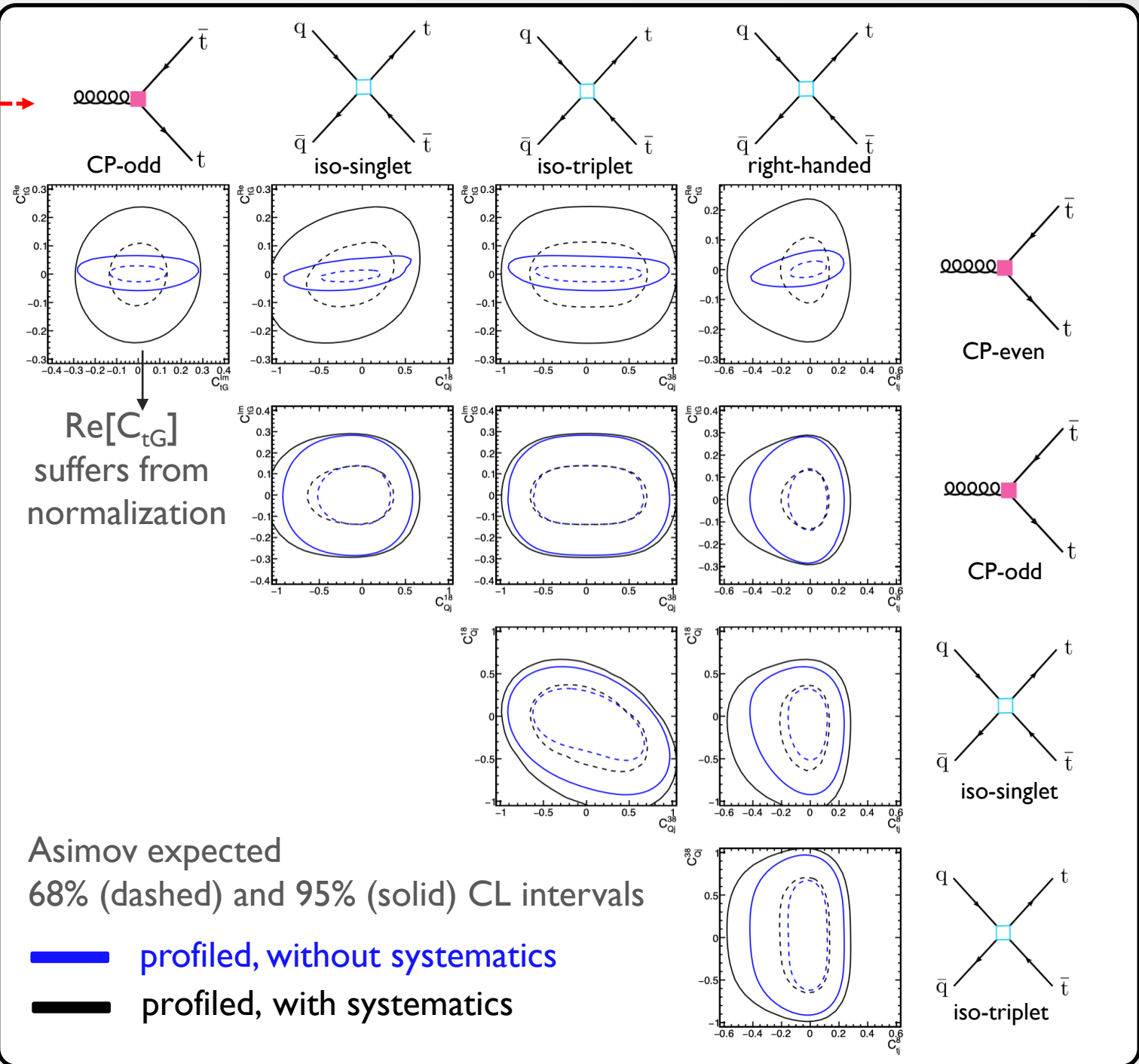


# RESULTS

- TT(2ℓ) + DY background

$$d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = S_{\text{common}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) \left( R_{t\bar{t}(2\ell)}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + S_{\text{DY}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) \alpha_{\text{DY}}^{\nu_{\text{DY}}} g_{\text{DY}}(\mathbf{x}) \right) d\sigma_{t\bar{t}(2\ell)}(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})$$

Uncertainty	Nuisances	size
Lepton efficiency	1	<1%
Jet energy scale	6	~2-15%
Jet energy resolution	1	~2-3%
B-tagging	5	1-10%
DY normalization	1	floating
TT(2ℓ) normalization	1	20%
Powheg vs. MG	1	~5%
$\alpha_s$ in PS	2	<1%
ME scales	2	2-20%
PDF	100	< 0.1%
Luminosity	1	5%



# SUMMARY

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- We're getting ready for *systematically dominated* unbinned analyses.
- **SMEFT learning** is "done" – many options.
- Trees are great.
  - Latent-space integration at the level of the terminal node, large training speed-up
  - "Boosted Information Tree" – learn quadratic SMEFT polynomial [[arXiv:2107.10859](#), [arXiv:2205.12976](#)]
  - "Boosted Parametric Tree" – a fully parametric tree-based regressor for uncertainty-learning
- Doing physics is even better.
  - Retain our decades of modeling-experience for constructing incrementally improvable likelihood(-ratios).

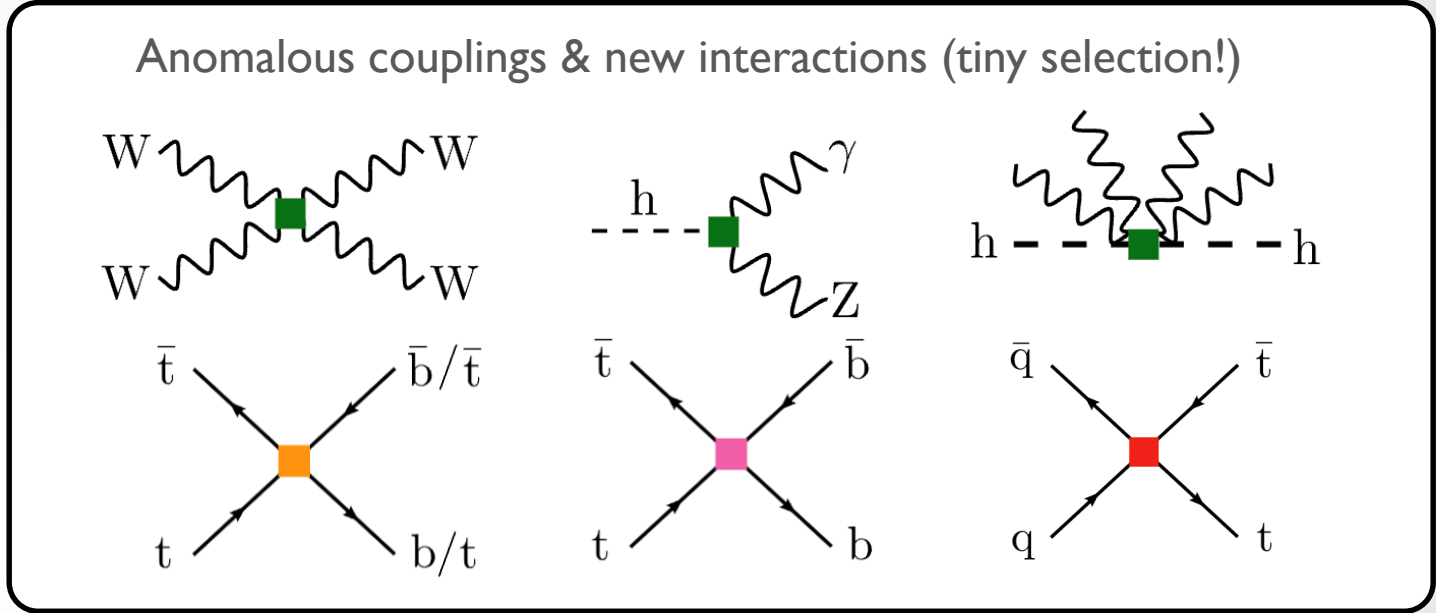
# WHAT PARAMETERS ARE OF INTEREST?

- No signals beyond SM so far
  - Parametrize possible deviations

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \frac{C_{\phi W}}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) W_I^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^I \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{known SM} \\ \text{particles} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{C_{qq}^{(8)}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu T^A q) (\bar{q} \gamma_\mu T^A q)$$

$$\frac{C_{qq}^{(3)}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q) (\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \tau^I q) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{known SM} \\ \text{symmetries} \end{array}$$



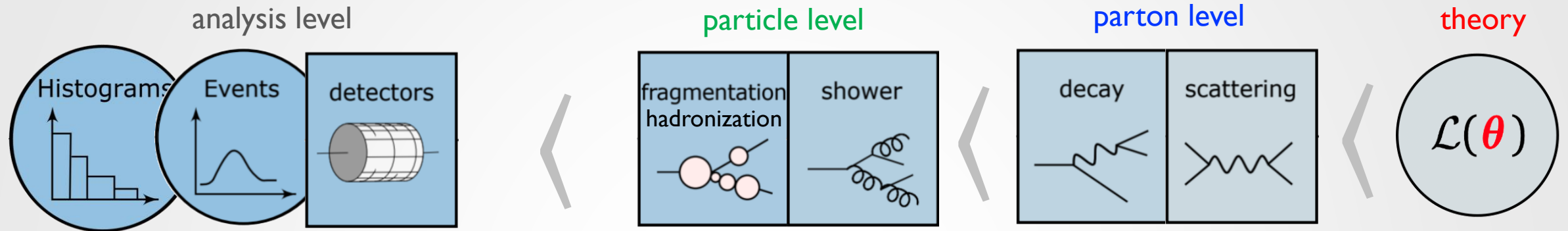
- “Standard model effective field theory”
  - 59 operators at d=6 [[JHEP10\(2010\)085](#)]
  - Modifications affect all processes

- We predict rates from “squared” diagrams:

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{t} \\ q \rightarrow t \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{SM} \\ \text{loop} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{t} \\ q \rightarrow t \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{EFT} \\ \text{vertex} \end{array} \right|^2 = d\sigma(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\theta}{\Lambda^2} d\sigma_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\theta^2}{\Lambda^2} d\sigma_{\text{quad}}(\mathbf{x})$$

# A CONDITIONAL SEQUENCE

adapted from [arXiv:2211.01421](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.01421)



$$p(x_{\text{det}}|\theta) = \int dz_{\text{ptl}} \int dz_p [\dots] p(x_{\text{det}}|z_{\text{ptl}}) p(z_{\text{ptl}}|z_p) p(z_p|\theta)$$

Likelihood ratio is the optimal statistic  
(Neyman-Pearson Lemma)

$$\text{LR}(x_{\text{det}}|H_1, H_2) \equiv \frac{p(x_{\text{det}}|H_1 = \theta, \nu)}{p(x_{\text{det}}|H_2 = \text{SM}, \nu = 0)}$$

Use (un)binned parametrizations in  $\theta, \nu$ .

1. Generators run in 'forward mode'
2. More uncertainties  
 $p(z_{\text{ptl}}|z_p, \nu_{\text{th.}})$   
 $p(x_{\text{det}}|z_{\text{ptl}}, \nu_{\text{exp.}})$

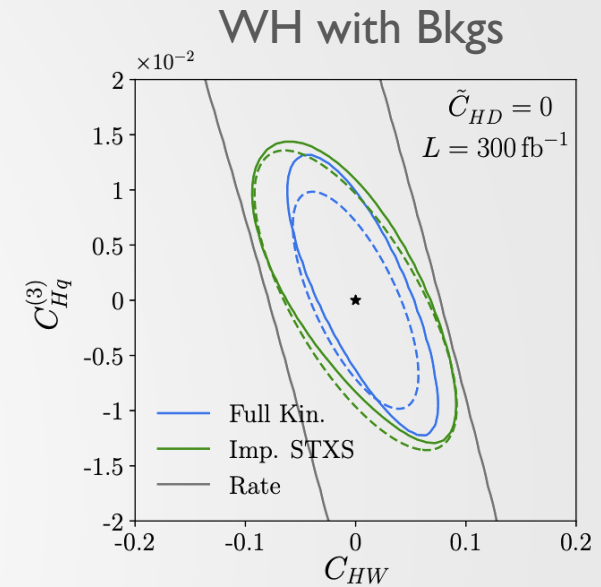
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\theta, \nu_{\text{th.}}}} \frac{d\sigma_{\theta, \nu_{\text{th.}}}}{dz_p} = p(z_p|\theta, \nu_{\text{th.}})$$

parton-level  
differential cross section  
 $\nu_{\text{th}}$  ... scale unc., PDF

~~$p(\theta)$~~   
 $\theta$  NOT stochastic;  
Frequentist

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my practical  
experience

→ talk later today

# PARAMETRIC TREES FOR SMEFT

[arXiv:2107.10859, arXiv:2205.12976]

Want to regress in  $r$ , exploiting its the polynomial  $\theta$  dependence

$$r(x, z|\theta) = \frac{d\sigma(\mathbf{x}, \theta)/d\mathbf{x}}{d\sigma(\mathbf{x}, \text{SM})/d\mathbf{x}}$$

→ will allow to compute the optimal LLR test statistic  $q(\mathcal{D})$

$$L = \sum_{\theta \in \mathcal{B}} \int d\mathbf{x} dz p(\mathbf{x}, z|\text{SM}) \left( r(x, z|\theta) - \hat{F}(\mathbf{x}, \theta) \right)^2$$

Tree ansatz

$F_j(\theta)$  polynomial with const. coeff.  
(per node)

$$\hat{F}(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_j(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{find optimal partitioning}} \underbrace{F_j(\theta)}_{\text{find optimal predictor}}$$

Eliminate the predictive function

$$F_j(\theta) = \frac{\sum_{i \in j} w_i(\theta)}{\sum_{i \in j} w_i(\theta_0)} = \frac{\int dz \frac{d\sigma_\theta}{d(x,z)}}{\int dz \frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{d(x,z)}} \quad \text{NP!}$$

The latent space integration happens at the node-level and removes learnable parameters

Solve for optimal partitioning with greedy CART algorithm

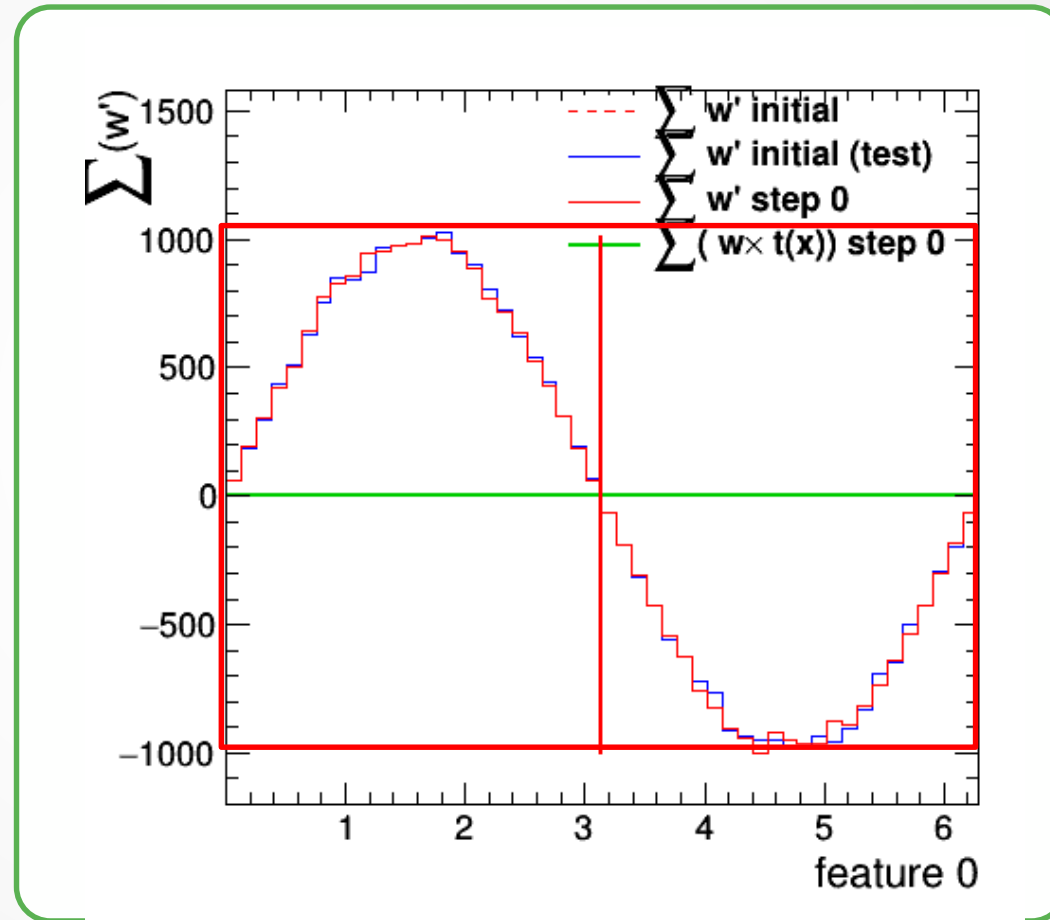
$$L = - \sum_{\theta \in \mathcal{B}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \frac{w_j^2(\theta)}{w_j(\theta_0)} = - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{\theta \in \mathcal{B}} \theta^a \theta^b I_{ab}^{(j)} + \mathcal{O}(\theta - \theta_0)^3$$

We're optimizing the Fisher information!

We'll find an optimized tree.  
→ boost

# 1D TOY EXAMPLE

- $\text{pdf}(x|\theta) = 1/(2\pi) - \theta \sin(x)$
- We predict the first derivative of the pdf wrt. to the parameter



GIF animation not showing in pdf