# A fully differential SMEFT analysis of the golden channel using the method of moments 

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Model independent description $\square \mathrm{EFT}$ at $E<\Lambda$

$$
\mathcal{L}_{E F T}(\varphi)=\mathcal{L}_{r e n}(\varphi)+\sum_{i, d>4} \frac{c_{i}^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_{i}^{(d)}(\varphi) .
$$



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$$
\sum_{\ell} \delta g_{\ell}^{Z} Z_{\mu} \bar{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} \ell
$$

Bounded at per-mille level at LEP1 $[\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \bar{\ell} \ell)]$


Neglected

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\ell} g_{Z \ell}^{h} \frac{h}{v} Z_{\mu} \bar{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} \ell \\
& \quad[\text { With D6 gauge invariant SMEFT] }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
g_{Z \ell}^{h}=\frac{2 g}{c_{\theta_{W}}} Y_{\ell} t_{\theta_{W}}^{2} \delta \kappa_{\gamma}+2 \delta g_{\ell}^{Z}-\frac{2 g}{c_{\theta_{W}}}\left(T_{3}^{\ell} c_{\theta_{W}}^{2}+Y_{\ell} s_{\theta_{W}}^{2}\right) \delta g_{1}^{Z}
$$

- $\delta g_{\ell}^{Z}$ bounded at per-mille level at LEP1
- $\delta g_{1}^{z}$ and $\delta \kappa_{\gamma}$ aTGCs bounded at per-mille level at HL-LHC


## Higgs Golden Channel in the SMEFT



$h \bar{\ell} \ell$ strongly bounded<br>(Altmannshofer et al. 1503.04830,<br>ATLAS coll. 2007.07830)



Affecting the total rate, but not the lepton angular distribution

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## Higgs Golden Channel in the SMEFT



## $h Z Z \leftarrow$ Our analysis

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta \mathcal{L} \supset \delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h} \frac{2 m_{Z}^{2}}{v} h \frac{Z^{\mu} Z_{\mu}}{2}+ & \rightarrow \text { Shift of the SM coupling } \\
+\kappa_{Z Z} \frac{h}{2 v} Z^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu}+\tilde{\kappa}_{Z Z} \frac{h}{2 v} Z^{\mu \nu} \tilde{Z}_{\mu \nu} & \rightarrow \text { New tensor structures }
\end{aligned}
$$

## D6 SMEFT with linearly realised $S U(2)_{L} \times U(1)_{Y}$

## Warsaw basis

$$
\delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h}=\frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(c_{H \square}+\frac{c_{H D}}{4}\right) \quad<\quad \begin{gathered}
\mathcal{O}_{H \square}=\left(H^{\dagger} H\right) \square\left(H^{\dagger} H\right) \\
\mathcal{O}_{H D}=\left(H^{\dagger} D_{\mu} H\right)^{*}\left(H^{\dagger} D_{\mu} H\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \kappa_{Z Z}=\frac{2 v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(c_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H W}+s_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H B}+s_{\theta_{W}} c_{\theta_{W}} c_{H W B}\right) \\
& \tilde{\kappa}_{Z Z}=\frac{2 v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(c_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H \tilde{W}}+s_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H \tilde{B}}+s_{\theta_{W}} c_{\theta_{W}} c_{H \tilde{W} B}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{O}_{H B}=|H|^{2} B_{\mu \nu} B^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H W B}=H^{\dagger} \sigma^{a} H W_{\mu \nu}^{a} B^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H W}=|H|^{2} W_{\mu \nu} W^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H \tilde{B}}=|H|^{2} B_{\mu \nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H \tilde{W} B}=H^{\dagger} \sigma^{a} H W_{\mu \nu}^{a} \tilde{B}^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H \tilde{W}}=|H|^{2} W_{\mu \nu}^{a} \tilde{W}^{a \mu \nu}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Angular distribution

- We compute the cross section $\sigma(p p \rightarrow h \rightarrow Z Z \rightarrow 4 \ell)$, in the $h$ rest frame, and its differential distribution in the lepton emission angles
$\rightarrow$ Towards the extraction of the maximal information from the measurements



## Angular dependence in helicity amplitudes



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- Convenient to analyse angular distribution for particles with definite helicity
- For $\bar{\ell}_{ \pm} \ell_{\mp}$ the dependence on the emission angles is determined by the angular momentum quantum numbers $(J, M)$ of the $\bar{\ell} \ell$ system, in the $\bar{\ell} \ell$ rest frame

Scattering amplitudes $\propto d_{M, \Delta \lambda}^{J}\left(\theta_{i}, \varphi_{i}\right)$

$$
-\ln Z_{\lambda_{\mathbf{z}}} \rightarrow \bar{\ell} \ell, \quad J=1, \quad \mathbf{M}=\lambda_{\mathbf{Z}}
$$

$$
\text { Angles of the lepton with } \lambda=+1 / 2
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d_{-1, \Delta \lambda=1}^{1}\left(\theta_{i}, \varphi_{i}\right)=\sin ^{2}\left(\theta_{i} / 2\right) e^{-i \varphi_{i}} \\
& d_{+1, \Delta \lambda=1}^{1}\left(\theta_{i}, \varphi_{i}\right)=\cos ^{2}\left(\theta_{i} / 2\right) e^{+i \varphi_{i}} \\
& d_{0, \Delta \lambda=1}^{1}\left(\theta_{i}, \varphi_{i}\right)=\frac{\sin \theta_{i}}{\sqrt{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

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A_{00} & =-2 \frac{\left(\delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h}+1\right) m_{z}^{2}}{v} \gamma_{a}-2 \frac{\kappa_{Z Z}}{v} \frac{1}{m_{Z} m_{Z^{*}}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \gamma_{a}=\frac{1}{m_{z} m_{Z^{*}}}\left(E_{1} E_{2}+|\vec{q}|^{2}\right)=\frac{1}{m_{z} m_{Z *}} q_{Z} \cdot q_{Z^{*}} \\
& \gamma_{b}=\frac{1}{m_{z} m_{Z^{*}}}|\vec{q}|\left(E_{1}+E_{2}\right)=\frac{1}{m_{z} m_{Z^{*}}}|\vec{q}| m_{h}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Helicity $h \rightarrow \mathbb{Z Z} \rightarrow \ell_{+} \ell_{-} \ell_{+} \ell_{-}$amplitudes

- Full helicity amplitude (with $h$ production factorised out)

$$
\begin{align*}
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- Breit-Wigner propagators (helicity independent) $\rightarrow$

Common factor in the angular distribution

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- BSM corrections in $h \rightarrow Z Z$ amplitudes (helicity dependent) $\rightarrow$

Modification of the angular distribution $\propto \delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h}, \kappa_{Z Z}, \tilde{\kappa}_{Z Z}$

## Visible angular modulation

- Angular distribution not for $\lambda=+1 / 2$ leptons

BUT for negatively charged leptons

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|\mathcal{M}\left(h \rightarrow \bar{\ell} \ell^{1} \bar{\ell}^{2} \ell^{2}\right)\right|^{2}= & \sum_{\lambda, \lambda^{\prime}}\left|\mathcal{M}\left(h \rightarrow \bar{\ell}_{-\lambda}^{1} \ell_{\lambda}^{1} \bar{\ell}_{-\lambda^{\prime}}^{2} \ell_{\lambda^{\prime}}^{2}\right)\right|^{2} \\
\mathrm{Q}=-1 \text { fermions } & -\mathrm{RH}: \lambda=+1 / 2 \\
& -\mathrm{LH}: \lambda=-1 / 2
\end{aligned} \begin{aligned}
\left|\mathcal{M}\left(h \rightarrow \overline{\ell^{1}} \ell^{1} \bar{\ell}^{2} \ell^{2}\right)\right|^{2}= & \left(g_{l_{R}}^{Z^{2}} g_{l_{R}}^{Z^{* 2}}\left|A\left(\theta_{1}, \theta_{2}, \phi\right)\right|^{2}+g_{l_{L}}^{Z} g_{l_{L}}^{Z^{* 2}}\left|A\left(\pi-\theta_{1}, \pi-\theta_{2}, \phi\right)\right|^{2}+\right. \\
& \left.+g_{l_{L}}^{Z}{ }^{2} g_{l_{R}}^{Z_{R}^{* 2}}\left|A\left(\pi-\theta_{1}, \theta_{2}, \pi+\phi\right)\right|^{2}+g_{l_{R}}^{Z_{R}}{ }^{2} g_{l_{L}^{* 2}}^{Z_{2}}\left|A\left(\theta_{1}, \pi-\theta_{2}, \pi+\phi\right)\right|^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Angular moments

- Angular differential distributions

$$
\begin{aligned}
f_{1} & =\sin ^{2}\left(\theta_{1}\right) \sin ^{2}\left(\theta_{2}\right) \\
f_{2} & =\left(\cos ^{2}\left(\theta_{1}\right)+1\right)\left(\cos ^{2}\left(\theta_{2}\right)+1\right) \\
f_{3} & =\sin \left(2 \theta_{1}\right) \sin \left(2 \theta_{2}\right) \cos (\phi) \\
f_{4} & =\left(\cos ^{2}\left(\theta_{1}\right)-1\right)\left(\cos ^{2}\left(\theta_{2}\right)-1\right) \cos (2 \phi) \\
f_{5} & =\sin \left(\theta_{1}\right) \sin \left(\theta_{2}\right) \cos (\phi) \\
f_{6} & =\cos \left(\theta_{1}\right) \cos \left(\theta_{2}\right) \\
f_{7} & =\left(\cos ^{2}\left(\theta_{1}\right)-1\right)\left(\cos ^{2}\left(\theta_{2}\right)-1\right) \sin (2 \phi) \\
f_{8} & =\sin \left(\theta_{1}\right) \sin \left(\theta_{2}\right) \sin (\phi) \\
f_{9} & =\sin \left(2 \theta_{1}\right) \sin \left(2 \theta_{2}\right) \sin (\phi),
\end{aligned}
$$

## Angular moments

- Angular differential distributions, modified in the EFT

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{1}=\mathcal{G}^{4}\left((1+\delta a)+\frac{b m_{Z^{*}} \gamma_{b}^{2}}{m_{Z} \gamma_{a}}\right)^{2} \\
& a_{2}=\mathcal{G}^{4}\left(\frac{(1+\delta a)^{2}}{2 \gamma_{a}^{2}}+\frac{2 c^{2} m_{Z^{*}}^{2} \gamma_{b}^{2}}{m_{Z}^{2} \gamma_{a}^{2}}\right) \\
& a_{3}=-\mathcal{G}^{4}\left(\frac{1+\delta a}{2 \gamma_{a}}+\frac{b m_{Z^{*}} \gamma_{b}^{2}}{2 m_{Z} \gamma_{a}}\right)^{2} \\
& a_{4}=\mathcal{G}^{4}\left(\frac{(1+\delta a)^{2}}{2 \gamma_{a}^{2}}-\frac{2 c^{2} m_{Z^{*}}^{2} \gamma_{b}^{2}}{m_{Z}^{2} \gamma_{a}^{2}}\right) \\
& a_{5}=-\epsilon^{2} \mathcal{G}^{4}\left(\frac{2(1+\delta a)^{2}}{\gamma_{a}}+\frac{2(1+\delta a) b m_{Z^{*}} \gamma_{b}^{2}}{m_{Z} \gamma_{a}^{2}}\right) \\
& a_{6}=\epsilon^{2} \mathcal{G}^{4}\left(\frac{2(1+\delta a)^{2}}{\gamma_{a}^{2}}+\frac{8 c^{2} m_{Z}^{2} \gamma_{b}^{2}}{m_{Z}^{2} \gamma_{a}^{2}}\right) \\
& a_{7}=\mathcal{G}^{4} \frac{2(1+\delta a) c m_{Z^{*}} \gamma_{b}}{m_{Z} \gamma_{a}^{2}} \\
& a_{8}=-\epsilon^{2} \mathcal{G}^{4}\left(\frac{4(1+\delta a) c m_{Z^{*}} \gamma_{b}}{m_{Z} \gamma_{a}}+\frac{4 b c m_{Z^{*}}^{2} \gamma_{b}^{3}}{m_{Z}^{2} \gamma_{a}^{2}}\right) \\
& a_{9}=\mathcal{G}^{4}\left(\frac{(1+\delta a) c m_{Z^{*}} \gamma_{b}}{m_{Z} \gamma_{a}}+\frac{b c m_{Z^{*}}^{2} \gamma_{b}^{3}}{m_{Z}^{2} \gamma_{a}^{2}}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

## Method of Moments

- Extraction of the $a_{i}$ 's coefficients with the Method of Moments
Dunietz et al., PRD43 (1991) 2193-2208;
James, Statistical methods in experimental physics, 2006
Beaujean et al., 1503.04100


## Transparent and advantageous when statistics is low

- Let's assume there exists a dual basis $\left\{w_{i}\right\}_{i}$ orthonormal to $\left\{f_{i}\right\}_{i}, \int d \Omega w_{j} f_{i}=\delta_{i j}$,
and such that $w_{i}=\lambda_{i j} f_{j}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \lambda=M^{-1}, \text { with } M_{i j}=\int d \Omega f_{i} f_{j} \\
& \int d \Omega \sum_{i}\left(a_{i} f_{i}\right) w_{j}=a_{j}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Method of Moments

- In our analysis

$$
M=\left(\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
\frac{512 \pi}{225} & \frac{128 \pi}{25} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\frac{128 \pi}{25} & \frac{6272 \pi}{225} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{256 \pi}{225} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{252 \pi}{225} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{16 \pi}{9} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{8 \pi}{9} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{256 \pi}{225} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{16 \pi}{9} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{256 \pi}{225}
\end{array}\right),
$$

- Diagonalisation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \hat{f}_{1}=\cos \beta f_{1}-\sin \beta f_{2} \\
& \hat{f}_{2}=\sin \beta f_{1}+\cos \beta f_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\tan \beta=-\frac{1}{2}(5+\sqrt{29})
$$

$$
\hat{M}=\hat{\lambda}_{i j}^{-1}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\frac{64 \pi}{225} \xi_{+}, \frac{64 \pi}{225} \xi_{-}, \frac{256 \pi}{225}, \frac{256 \pi}{225}, \frac{16 \pi}{9}, \frac{8 \pi}{9}, \frac{256 \pi}{225}, \frac{16 \pi}{9}, \frac{256 \pi}{225}\right) \quad \xi_{ \pm}=(53 \pm 9 \sqrt{29})
$$

## $\mathrm{pp} \rightarrow \mathrm{h} \rightarrow \mathrm{ZZ} \rightarrow 4 \ell$ @LHC <br> Simulated events

- Monte Carlo simulation (500k events) of $g g \rightarrow h \rightarrow 4 \ell$ (MadGraph, Pythia 8)
$@ 14 \mathrm{TeV} @ \mathrm{LO}\left[\mathrm{N}^{3} \mathrm{LO} k=3.155\right]$ in the scenarios: $\mathbf{S M}, \kappa_{\mathbf{Z Z}}= \pm \mathbf{0} .5, \tilde{\kappa}_{\mathbf{Z Z}}= \pm \mathbf{0 . 5}$
- Selection of $4 \ell$ final state, with 2 pairs of OSSF leptons (opposite sign, same flavour)

But also irreducible background $p p \rightarrow 4 \ell: q \bar{q} \rightarrow 4 \ell$ and $g g \rightarrow 4 \ell$

| Selection cut | SM $g g \rightarrow h$ | $q \bar{q} \rightarrow 4 \ell$ | $g g \rightarrow 4 \ell$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jet veto | 0.419 | 0.779 | 0.319 |
| $E_{T}<25 \mathrm{GeV}$ | 0.348 | 0.667 | 0.248 |
| 2 pairs of isolated OSSF leptons, |  |  |  |
| $\Delta R\left(\ell_{i}, \ell_{j}\right)>0.02$, | 0.127 | 0.036 | 0.130 |
| $M_{\ell^{+}, \ell^{\prime}-}>4 \mathrm{GeV}$ |  |  |  |
| $p_{T, \ell_{1}}>20 \mathrm{GeV}, p_{T, \ell_{2}}>10 \mathrm{GeV}, p_{T, \ell_{3}}>10 \mathrm{GeV}$ | 0.121 | 0.031 | 0.124 |
| $M\left(Z_{1}\right) \in[40,120] \mathrm{GeV}, M\left(Z_{2}\right) \in[12,120] \mathrm{GeV}$ | 0.110 | 0.021 | 0.112 |
| $M(4 \ell) \in[118,130] \mathrm{GeV}$ | 0.095 | 0.001 | 0.001 |

CMS, Tech. Rep. CMS-
PAS-HIG-19-001

Cut-flow showing the impact of each stage of the selection on the fraction of retained
Monte Carlo events for the SM-driven $g g \rightarrow h \rightarrow 4 \ell$ process, as well as on the $q \bar{q} \rightarrow 4 \ell$ and $g g \rightarrow 4 \ell$
irreducible backgrounds.

## $\mathrm{pp} \rightarrow \mathrm{h} \rightarrow \mathrm{ZZ} \rightarrow 4 \ell$ @LHC Some differential distributions


$m_{4 \ell}$ invariant mass distribution

Azimuthal distribution


## Moments estimates and bounds

- MC estimated moments:

$$
\begin{gathered}
a_{i}=\hat{N} \bar{w}_{i} \\
\hat{N} @ 3 a^{-1}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\chi^{2}\left(\delta g_{Z Z}^{h}, \kappa_{Z Z}, \tilde{\kappa}_{Z Z}\right)= \\
\sum_{i j}\left(a_{i}^{E F T}-a_{i}^{S M}\right) \Sigma_{i j}^{-1}\left(a_{j}^{E F T}-a_{j}^{S M}\right) \\
\Sigma_{i j}=\left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{\hat{N}_{S M}}}{\hat{N}_{S M}}\right)^{2}+\kappa_{\text {syst }}^{2}\right) a_{i}^{S M} a_{j}^{S M}+\hat{N}_{S M} \sigma_{i j}^{S M} .
\end{gathered}
$$

with

Systematic uncertainty: $\kappa_{s y s t}=0.02$ [ATLAS coll.]
4 Bounds @68\% C.L. on CP-even couplings
Angular Distribution allows to set bounds along a flat direction

## Moments estimates and bounds

- With $\kappa_{\text {syst }}=0,\left|\kappa_{Z Z}\right|<0.05$ for $\delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h}=0\left(\right.$ MELA $\left.\left|\kappa_{Z Z}\right|<0.04\right)$
- $\left|\tilde{\kappa}_{Z Z}\right|<0.5$ (Marginalising over $\kappa_{Z Z}$ and $\delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h}$ ) $\left[a_{7}, a_{8}, a_{9}\right.$ : small contribution to $\left.\chi^{2}\right]$
- $1 / \Lambda^{4}$ order negligible w.r.t. $1 / \Lambda^{2}$
- $\quad$ Blue: $p p \rightarrow h \rightarrow Z Z$
- Green: $p p \rightarrow V h$ [1912.07628]
- Combination
- Yellow ellipse: $+p p \rightarrow h \rightarrow W W$



## Summary and outlooks

- Angular differential study to probe the tensor structure of the Higgs coupling to gauge bosons
- Angular moments extracted with the method of moments

Strong bounds as in the ML techniques in a more
transparent way

- Angular analysis eliminates the flat direction in $\left(\delta g_{Z Z}^{h}, \kappa_{Z Z}\right)$



## Backup

## EFT Lagrangian

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta \mathcal{L}_{6} & \supset \delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h} \frac{2 m_{Z}^{2}}{v} h \frac{Z^{\mu} Z_{\mu}}{2}+\sum_{\ell} \delta g_{\ell}^{Z} Z_{\mu} \bar{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} \ell+\sum_{\ell} g_{Z \ell}^{h} \frac{h}{v} Z_{\mu} \bar{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} \ell \\
& +\kappa_{Z Z} \frac{h}{2 v} Z^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu}+\tilde{\kappa}_{Z Z} \frac{h}{2 v} Z^{\mu \nu} \tilde{Z}_{\mu \nu}
\end{aligned}
$$

## EFT parameters and Warsaw basis

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \delta g_{\ell}^{Z}=-\frac{g Y_{\ell} s_{\theta_{W}}}{c_{\theta_{W}}^{2}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} c_{H W B}-\frac{g}{c_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(\left|T_{3}^{\ell}\right| c_{H L}^{(1)}-T_{3}^{\ell} c_{H L}^{(3)}+\left(1 / 2-\left|T_{3}^{\ell}\right|\right) c_{H \ell}\right) \\
& +\frac{\delta m_{Z}^{2}}{m_{Z}^{2}} \frac{g}{2 c_{\theta_{W}} s_{\theta_{W}}^{2}}\left(T_{3} c_{\theta_{W}}^{2}+Y_{\ell} s_{\theta_{W}}^{2}\right) \\
& \delta \hat{g}_{Z Z}^{h}=\frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(c_{H \square}+\frac{c_{H D}}{4}\right) \\
& g_{Z \ell}^{h}=-\frac{2 g}{c_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(\left|T_{3}^{\ell}\right| c_{H L}^{(1)}-T_{3}^{\ell} c_{H L}^{(3)}+\left(1 / 2-\left|T_{3}^{\ell}\right|\right) c_{H \ell}\right) \\
& \kappa_{Z Z}=\frac{2 v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(c_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H W}+s_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H B}+s_{\theta_{W}} c_{\theta_{W}} c_{H W B}\right) \\
& \kappa_{G G}=\frac{2 v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} c_{H G} \\
& \tilde{\kappa}_{Z Z}=\frac{2 v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(c_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H \tilde{W}}+s_{\theta_{W}}^{2} c_{H \tilde{B}}+s_{\theta_{W}} c_{\theta_{W}} c_{H \tilde{W} B}\right), \\
& \delta g_{1}^{Z}=\frac{1}{2 s_{\theta_{W}}^{2}} \frac{\delta m_{Z}^{2}}{m_{Z}^{2}} \\
& \delta \kappa_{\gamma}=\frac{1}{t_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} c_{H W B} . \\
& \frac{\delta m_{Z}^{2}}{m_{Z}^{2}}=\frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\left(2 t_{\theta_{W}} c_{H W B}+\frac{c_{H D}}{2}\right), \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H \square}=\left(H^{\dagger} H\right) \square\left(H^{\dagger} H\right) \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H D}=\left(H^{\dagger} D_{\mu} H\right)^{*}\left(H^{\dagger} D_{\mu} H\right) \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H \ell}=i H^{\dagger} \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu} H \bar{e}_{R} \gamma^{\mu} e_{R} \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H L}^{(1)}=i H^{\dagger} \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu} H \bar{L} \gamma^{\mu} L \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H L}^{(3)}=i H^{\dagger} \sigma^{a} \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{D_{\mu}} H \bar{L} \sigma^{a} \gamma^{\mu} L \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H t G}=\bar{Q}_{3} \tilde{H} T^{A} \sigma_{\mu \nu} t_{R} G^{A \mu \nu} \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H b G}=\bar{Q}_{3} \tilde{H} T^{A} \sigma_{\mu \nu} b_{R} G^{A \mu \nu} \\
& \mathcal{O}_{H G}=\left(H^{\dagger} H\right) G_{\mu \nu}^{A} G^{A \mu \nu} \\
& \begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{O}_{H B}=|H|^{2} B_{\mu \nu} B^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H W B}=H^{\dagger} \sigma^{a} H W_{\mu \nu}^{a} B^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H W}=|H|^{2} W_{\mu \nu} W^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H \tilde{B}}=|H|^{2} B_{\mu \nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H \tilde{W} B}=H^{\dagger} \sigma^{a} H W_{\mu \nu}^{a} \tilde{B}^{\mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{H \tilde{W}}=|H|^{2} W_{\mu \nu}^{a} \tilde{W}^{a \mu \nu} \\
\mathcal{O}_{y_{b}}=|H|^{2}\left(\bar{Q}_{3} H b_{R}+\text { h.c }\right) . \\
\mathcal{O}_{y_{t}}=|H|^{2}\left(\bar{Q}_{3} H t_{R}+\text { h.c }\right) .
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

## $h Z \bar{\ell} \ell$ contact interaction

- $h Z \bar{\ell} \ell: \bar{\ell}_{ \pm} \ell_{\mp}$ with $J=1$ and $M=\lambda_{Z}$
$g_{Z \ell}^{h}$ contribution to $h \rightarrow Z 2 \ell \rightarrow 4 \ell$ can be expressed as a shift in $g_{\ell_{2}}^{Z^{*}}$ in $\mathscr{M}\left(h \rightarrow Z Z^{*} \rightarrow 4 \ell\right)$

$$
g_{\ell_{2}}^{Z^{*}} \rightarrow g_{\ell_{2}}^{Z^{*}}-g_{Z \ell_{2}}^{h} \frac{m_{Z}^{2}-m_{Z^{*}}^{2}-i \Gamma_{Z} m_{Z}}{2 m_{Z}^{2}}
$$

## Details of simulations

- MC: $g g \rightarrow h \rightarrow 4 \ell$ signal @14TeV @LO with MadGraph and NNPDF31_Io_as_0130 PDF set;
$q \bar{q} \rightarrow 4 \ell$ bkg @14TeV @NLO with POWHEG BOX V2 and NNPDF31_nlo_hessian_pdfas set;
$g g \rightarrow 4 \ell$ bkg (one-loop) with MCFM 7 and CTEQ6L PDF set;
$p p \rightarrow \ell \ell j j$ reducible bkg, with $j$ to $\ell$ fake rate $0.016(0.044)$ for jets with $\left|y^{j}\right|<1.48\left(1.48<\left|y^{j}\right|<2.5\right)$
- PYTHIA 8 for parton shower and hadronisation
- K-factors: $g g \rightarrow h$ with $\mathrm{N}^{3}$ LO $k=3.155$ (LHC HXSWG), $q \bar{q} \rightarrow 4 \ell$ with NNLO/NLO $k=1.1, g g \rightarrow 4 \ell$ with NNLO/LO $k=2.27, p p \rightarrow \ell \ell j j$ with $k=0.91$
- Gaussian smearing as implemented in RIVET to simulate the detector response
- Flat leptonic reconstruction efficiency of 0.92


## Backgrouds

- Reducible backgrounds:
jets as fake leptons $\rightarrow$ Mainly $Z / \gamma^{*}+$ jets $[t \bar{t}, W W, W Z+$ jets $]$
- Irreducible backgrounds:
$g g \rightarrow 4 \ell$ and $q \bar{q} \rightarrow 4 \ell$


## $M(Z)$ plots




Invariant mass distribution $M\left(Z_{i}\right)$ of the (left) $Z_{1}$ and (right) $Z_{2}$ candidates after defining the signal region $M(4 \ell) \in[118,130] \mathrm{GeV}$.

