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

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Model independent description \blacksquare EFT at $E < \Lambda$

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT}(\varphi) = \mathcal{L}_{ren}(\varphi) + \sum_{i,d>4} \frac{c_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}(\varphi) \,.$$



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

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



Neglected

- δg_{ℓ}^{Z} bounded at per-mille level at LEP1
- δg_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 (Altmannshofer *et al.* 1503.04830, ATLAS coll. 2007.07830)



Affecting the total rate, but not the lepton angular distribution

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Higgs Golden Channel in the SMEFT



$$\Delta \mathcal{L} \supset \delta \hat{g}_{ZZ}^{h} \frac{2m_{Z}^{2}}{v} h \frac{Z^{\mu} Z_{\mu}}{2} +$$

$$+ \kappa_{ZZ} \frac{h}{2v} Z^{\mu\nu} Z_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\kappa}_{ZZ} \frac{h}{2v} Z^{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu}$$

 \rightarrow Shift of the SM coupling

$$\rightarrow$$
 New tensor structures

D6 SMEFT with linearly realised $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

Warsaw basis

$$\delta \hat{g}_{ZZ}^{h} = \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \left(c_{H\Box} + \frac{c_{HD}}{4} \right)$$

 $\mathcal{O}_{H\Box} = (H^{\dagger}H)\Box(H^{\dagger}H)$ $\mathcal{O}_{HD} = (H^{\dagger}D_{\mu}H)^{*}(H^{\dagger}D_{\mu}H)$

$$\kappa_{ZZ} = \frac{2v^2}{\Lambda^2} (c_{\theta_W}^2 c_{HW} + s_{\theta_W}^2 c_{HB} + s_{\theta_W} c_{\theta_W} c_{HWB})$$

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Angular distribution

- We compute the cross section $\sigma(pp \to h \to ZZ \to 4\ell)$, 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



2 pairs of opposite-charge and opposite-helicity leptons

Angular dependence in helicity amplitudes



- 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 $\propto d_{M,\Delta\lambda}^J(\theta_i,\varphi_i)$

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$$\ln Z_{\lambda_Z} \to \bar{\ell} \ell \ell, J = 1, \mathbf{M} = \lambda_{\mathbf{Z}}$$

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

$$d^{1}_{-1,\Delta\lambda=1}(\theta_i,\varphi_i) = \sin^2(\theta_i/2)e^{-i\varphi_i}$$

$$d^{1}_{+1,\Delta\lambda=1}(\theta_{i},\varphi_{i}) = \cos^{2}(\theta_{i}/2)e^{+i\varphi_{i}},$$
$$d^{1}_{0,\Delta\lambda=1}(\theta_{i},\varphi_{i}) = \frac{\sin\theta_{i}}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

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Helicity $h \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell_+ \ell_- \ell_+ \ell_-$ amplitudes

• Full helicity amplitude (with *h* production factorised out)

$$\mathcal{M}(h \to ZZ^* \to \ell_+^1 \ell_-^1 \ell_+^2 \ell_-^2) = g_{\ell_1}^Z g_{\ell_2}^{Z^*} A(h \to ZZ^* \to \ell_+^1 \ell_-^1 \ell_+^2 \ell_-^2) \sim (3.7)$$

$$\sum_{\bar{\lambda}\bar{\lambda}'} A(h \to Z_{\bar{\lambda}} Z_{\bar{\lambda}'}^*) \frac{-g_{\ell_1}^Z}{q_Z^2 - m_Z^2 + i\Gamma_Z m_Z} A(Z_{\bar{\lambda}} \to \ell_+^1 \ell_-^1) \frac{-g_{\ell_2}^{Z^*}}{q_{Z^*}^2 - m_Z^2 + i\Gamma_Z m_Z} A(Z_{\bar{\lambda}'}^* \to \ell_+^2 \ell_-^2)$$

$$(3.8)$$

$$\propto \sum_{\bar{\lambda}\bar{\lambda}'} A(h \to Z_{\bar{\lambda}} Z_{\bar{\lambda}'}^*) \frac{-g_{\ell_1}^Z}{q_{\ell_1}^2 - m_Z^2} d_{\bar{\lambda}}^1 \to (\theta_1, \varphi_1) \frac{-g_{\ell_2}^{Z^*}}{q_{\ell_2}^2 - m_Z^2} d_{\bar{\lambda}}^1 \to (\theta_2, -\varphi_2)$$

$$\propto \sum_{\bar{\lambda}} A(h \to Z_{\bar{\lambda}} Z_{\bar{\lambda}}^*) \frac{-g_{\ell_1}}{q_Z^2 - m_Z^2 + i\Gamma_Z m_Z} d_{\bar{\lambda}, \Delta \lambda = 1}^1(\theta_1, \varphi_1) \frac{-g_{\ell_2}}{q_{Z^*}^2 - m_Z^2 + i\Gamma_Z m_Z} d_{\bar{\lambda}, \Delta \lambda = 1}^1(\theta_2, -\varphi_2)$$

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• Breit-Wigner propagators (helicity independent) \rightarrow

Common factor in the angular distribution

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• BSM corrections in $h \rightarrow ZZ$ amplitudes (helicity dependent) \rightarrow

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

Visible angular modulation

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

BUT for negatively charged leptons

$$|\mathcal{M}(h \to \bar{\ell}^1 \ell^1 \bar{\ell}^2 \ell^2)|^2 = \sum_{\lambda,\lambda'} |\mathcal{M}(h \to \bar{\ell}^1_{-\lambda} \ell^1_{\lambda} \bar{\ell}^2_{-\lambda'} \ell^2_{\lambda'})|^2$$

$$Q=-1 \text{ fermions} \qquad \bullet \qquad = RH: \lambda = +1/2$$

$$- H: \lambda = -1/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{M}(h \to \bar{\ell}^1 \ell^1 \bar{\ell}^2 \ell^2)|^2 &= \left(g_{l_R}^{Z^2} g_{l_R}^{Z^{*2}} |A(\theta_1, \theta_2, \phi)|^2 + g_{l_L}^{Z^2} g_{l_L}^{Z^{*2}} |A(\pi - \theta_1, \pi - \theta_2, \phi)|^2 + g_{l_L}^{Z^2} g_{l_R}^{Z^{*2}} |A(\pi - \theta_1, \theta_2, \pi + \phi)|^2 + g_{l_R}^{Z^2} g_{l_L}^{Z^{*2}} |A(\theta_1, \pi - \theta_2, \pi + \phi)|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Angular moments

• Angular differential distributions

$$f_{1} = \sin^{2}(\theta_{1}) \sin^{2}(\theta_{2})$$

$$f_{2} = (\cos^{2}(\theta_{1}) + 1)(\cos^{2}(\theta_{2}) + 1)$$

$$f_{3} = \sin(2\theta_{1}) \sin(2\theta_{2}) \cos(\phi)$$

$$f_{4} = (\cos^{2}(\theta_{1}) - 1)(\cos^{2}(\theta_{2}) - 1)\cos(2\phi)$$

$$f_{5} = \sin(\theta_{1}) \sin(\theta_{2}) \cos(\phi)$$

$$f_{6} = \cos(\theta_{1}) \cos(\theta_{2})$$

$$f_{7} = (\cos^{2}(\theta_{1}) - 1)(\cos^{2}(\theta_{2}) - 1)\sin(2\phi)$$

$$f_{8} = \sin(\theta_{1}) \sin(\theta_{2}) \sin(\phi)$$

$$f_{9} = \sin(2\theta_{1}) \sin(2\theta_{2}) \sin(\phi),$$

Angular moments

• Angular differential distributions, modified in the EFT

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

$$1 \rightarrow SM$$

$$\delta a = \delta \hat{g}_{ZZ}^{h} - \kappa_{ZZ} \gamma_{a} \frac{m_{Z^{*}}}{m_{Z}} \frac{m_{Z}^{2} - m_{Z^{*}}^{2}}{2m_{Z}^{2}}$$

$$b = \kappa_{ZZ}$$

$$c = -\frac{\tilde{\kappa}_{ZZ}}{2}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{G}^4 &= ((g_{l_L}^Z)^2 + (g_{l_R}^Z)^2)((g_{l_L}^{Z^*})^2 + (g_{l_R}^Z)^2) \\ \epsilon^2 \mathcal{G}^4 &= ((g_{l_L}^Z)^2 - (g_{l_R}^Z)^2)((g_{l_L}^{Z^*})^2 - (g_{l_R}^Z)^2), \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbf{Small} \to a_5, \, a_6 \text{ and } a_8 \text{ suppressed} \end{split}$$

$$a_7, a_8, a_9$$
 CP-odd

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 $\{w_i\}_i$ orthonormal to $\{f_i\}_i$, $\int d\Omega w_j f_i = \delta_{ij}$,

and such that
$$w_i = \lambda_{ij} f_j$$

$$\lambda = M^{-1}, \text{ with } M_{ij} = \int d\Omega f_i f_j$$

$$\int d\Omega \sum_i (a_i f_i) w_j = a_j$$

Method of Moments

• In our analysis

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{512\pi}{225} & \frac{128\pi}{25} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{128\pi}{25} & \frac{6272\pi}{225} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{256\pi}{225} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{256\pi}{9} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{16\pi}{9} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{8\pi}{9} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{256\pi}{225} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{16\pi}{9} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{256\pi}{225} \end{pmatrix},$$

• Diagonalisation $\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_1 &= \cos\beta f_1 - \sin\beta f_2, \\ \hat{f}_2 &= \sin\beta f_1 + \cos\beta f_2, \end{aligned} \qquad \qquad \tan\beta &= -\frac{1}{2}(5 + \sqrt{29}). \end{aligned}$

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

$pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell @LHC$ Simulated events

• Monte Carlo simulation (500k events) of $gg \rightarrow h \rightarrow 4\ell$ (MadGraph, Pythia 8)

@14TeV @LO [N³LO k = 3.155] in the scenarios: **SM**, $\kappa_{ZZ} = \pm 0.5$, $\tilde{\kappa}_{ZZ} = \pm 0.5$

• Selection of 4ℓ final state, with **2 pairs of OSSF leptons** (opposite sign, same flavour)

But also irreducible background $pp \to 4\ell$: $q\bar{q} \to 4\ell$ and $gg \to 4\ell$

Selection cut	SM $gg \to h$	$q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\ell$	$gg \to 4\ell$
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,			
$\Delta R(\ell_i, \ell_j) > 0.02,$	0.127	0.036	0.130
$M_{\ell^+,\ell^{\prime-}}>4~{ m GeV}$			
$p_{T,\ell_1} > 20 \text{GeV}, p_{T,\ell_2} > 10 \text{GeV}, p_{T,\ell_3} > 10 \text{GeV}$	0.121	0.031	0.124
$M(Z_1) \in [40, 120] \text{ GeV}, M(Z_2) \in [12, 120] \text{ GeV}$	0.110	0.021	0.112
$M(4\ell) \in [118, 130] \text{ GeV}$	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 $gg \to h \to 4\ell$ process, as well as on the $q\bar{q} \to 4\ell$ and $gg \to 4\ell$ irreducible backgrounds.

$pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ @LHC Some differential distributions



Moments estimates and bounds

with

 $a_i = \hat{N}\bar{w}_i$

 \hat{N} @3ab⁻¹

MC estimated moments:



$$\bar{w}_i = \frac{1}{N_{MC}} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{MC}} w_i(\theta_{1,n}, \theta_{2,n}, \phi_n) ,$$

$$\chi^2(\delta g^h_{ZZ},\kappa_{ZZ},\tilde{\kappa}_{ZZ}) =$$

$$\sum_{ij} (a_i^{EFT} - a_i^{SM}) \Sigma_{ij}^{-1} (a_j^{EFT} - a_j^{SM})$$

with

 $\Sigma_{ij} = \left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{\hat{N}_{SM}}}{\hat{N}_{SM}} \right)^2 + \kappa_{\text{syst}}^2 \right) a_i^{\text{SM}} a_j^{\text{SM}} + \hat{N}_{SM} \sigma_{ij}^{\text{SM}}.$

Systematic uncertainty: $\kappa_{syst} = 0.02$ [ATLAS coll.]

Bounds @68% C.L. on CP-even couplings

Angular Distribution allows to set bounds along a flat direction

Moments estimates and bounds

- With $\kappa_{syst} = 0$, $|\kappa_{ZZ}| < 0.05$ for $\delta \hat{g}^h_{ZZ} = 0$ (MELA $|\kappa_{ZZ}| < 0.04$)
- $|\tilde{\kappa}_{ZZ}| < 0.5$ (Marginalising over κ_{ZZ} and $\delta \hat{g}^h_{ZZ}$) $[a_7, a_8, a_9$: small contribution to χ^2]





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 $(\delta g_{ZZ}^h, \kappa_{ZZ})$





EFT Lagrangian

$$\begin{split} \Delta \mathcal{L}_6 &\supset \delta \hat{g}_{ZZ}^h \frac{2m_Z^2}{v} h \frac{Z^\mu Z_\mu}{2} + \sum_{\ell} \delta g_{\ell}^Z Z_\mu \bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell + \sum_{\ell} g_{Z\ell}^h \frac{h}{v} Z_\mu \bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell \\ &+ \kappa_{ZZ} \frac{h}{2v} Z^{\mu\nu} Z_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\kappa}_{ZZ} \frac{h}{2v} Z^{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} \end{split}$$

EFT parameters and Warsaw basis

$$\begin{split} \delta g^{Z}_{\ell} &= -\frac{gY_{\ell}s_{\theta_{W}}}{c^{2}_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} c_{HWB} - \frac{g}{c_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} (|T_{3}^{\ell}|c^{(1)}_{HL} - T_{3}^{\ell}c^{(3)}_{HL} + (1/2 - |T_{3}^{\ell}|)c_{H\ell}) \\ &+ \frac{\delta m^{2}_{Z}}{m^{2}_{Z}} \frac{g}{2c_{\theta_{W}}s^{2}_{\theta_{W}}} (T_{3}c^{2}_{\theta_{W}} + Y_{\ell}s^{2}_{\theta_{W}}) \\ \delta \hat{g}^{h}_{ZZ} &= \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \left(c_{H\Box} + \frac{c_{HD}}{4} \right) \\ g^{h}_{Z\ell} &= -\frac{2g}{c_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} (|T_{3}^{\ell}|c^{(1)}_{HL} - T_{3}^{\ell}c^{(3)}_{HL} + (1/2 - |T_{3}^{\ell}|)c_{H\ell}) \\ \kappa_{ZZ} &= \frac{2v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} (c^{2}_{\theta_{W}}c_{HW} + s^{2}_{\theta_{W}}c_{HB} + s_{\theta_{W}}c_{\theta_{W}}c_{HWB}) \\ \kappa_{GG} &= \frac{2v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} (c^{2}_{\theta_{W}}c_{HW} + s^{2}_{\theta_{W}}c_{H\bar{B}} + s_{\theta_{W}}c_{\theta_{W}}c_{H\bar{W}B}), \\ \delta g^{Z}_{1} &= \frac{1}{2s^{2}_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{\delta m^{2}_{Z}}{m^{2}_{Z}} \\ \delta \kappa_{\gamma} &= \frac{1}{t_{\theta_{W}}} \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} c_{HWB} . \\ \frac{\delta m^{2}_{Z}}{m^{2}_{Z}} &= \frac{v^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} (2t_{\theta_{W}}c_{HWB} + \frac{c_{HD}}{2}), \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{O}_{H\Box} &= (H^{\dagger}H)\Box(H^{\dagger}H) \\ \mathcal{O}_{HD} &= (H^{\dagger}D_{\mu}H)^{*}(H^{\dagger}D_{\mu}H) \\ \mathcal{O}_{H\ell} &= iH^{\dagger}\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu}H\bar{e}_{R}\gamma^{\mu}e_{R} \\ \mathcal{O}_{HL}^{(1)} &= iH^{\dagger}\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu}H\bar{L}\gamma^{\mu}L \\ \mathcal{O}_{HL}^{(3)} &= iH^{\dagger}\sigma^{a}\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu}H\bar{L}\sigma^{a}\gamma^{\mu}L \\ \mathcal{O}_{HL}^{(3)} &= iH^{\dagger}\sigma^{a}\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu}H\bar{L}\sigma^{a}\gamma^{\mu}L \\ \mathcal{O}_{HtG} &= \bar{Q}_{3}\tilde{H}T^{A}\sigma_{\mu\nu}t_{R}G^{A\mu\nu} \\ \mathcal{O}_{HG} &= (H^{\dagger}H)G^{A}_{\mu\nu}G^{A\mu\nu} \\ \end{split}$$

hZll contact interaction

•
$$hZ\overline{\ell}\ell$$
: $\overline{\ell}_{\pm}\ell_{\mp}$ with $J = 1$ and $M = \lambda_Z$

 $g^h_{Z\ell}$ contribution to $h \to Z2\ell \to 4\ell$ can be expressed as a

shift in
$$g_{\ell_2}^{Z^*}$$
 in $\mathcal{M}(h \to ZZ^* \to 4\ell)$

$$g_{\ell_2}^{Z^*} \to g_{\ell_2}^{Z^*} - g_{Z\ell_2}^h \frac{m_Z^2 - m_{Z^*}^2 - i\Gamma_Z m_Z}{2m_Z^2}$$

Details of simulations

• **MC**: $gg \rightarrow h \rightarrow 4\ell$ signal @14TeV @LO with MadGraph and NNPDF31_lo_as_0130 PDF set;

 $q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\ell$ bkg @14TeV @NLO with POWHEG BOX V2 and NNPDF31_nlo_hessian_pdfas set;

 $gg \rightarrow 4\ell$ bkg (one-loop) with MCFM 7 and CTEQ6L PDF set;

 $pp \rightarrow \ell \ell j j$ reducible bkg, with j to ℓ fake rate 0.016 (0.044) for jets with $|y^j| < 1.48$ (1.48 < $|y^j| < 2.5$)

- PYTHIA 8 for parton shower and hadronisation
- **K-factors**: $gg \to h$ with N³LO k = 3.155 (LHC HXSWG), $q\bar{q} \to 4\ell$ with NNLO/NLO $k = 1.1, gg \to 4\ell$

with NNLO/LO k = 2.27, $pp \rightarrow \ell \ell j j$ with k = 0.91

- Gaussian smearing as implemented in RIVET to simulate the detector response
- Flat leptonic reconstruction efficiency of 0.92



• Reducible backgrounds:

jets as fake leptons \rightarrow Mainly Z/γ^* +jets [$t\bar{t}$, WW, WZ+jets]

• Irreducible backgrounds:

 $gg \to 4\ell$ and $q\bar{q} \to 4\ell$

M(Z) plots



Invariant mass distribution $M(Z_i)$ of the (left) Z_1 and (right) Z_2 candidates after defining the signal region $M(4\ell) \in [118, 130]$ GeV.