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The Higgs Boson in the Golden Channel

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Outline

- Discovering the Higgs in $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\,\ell$
  - General information
  - The Matrix Element Method
- Measuring Higgs Properties
  - Geolocation
  - Interference

Why look at $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$?

The Standard Model Higgs

- A major motivation for the Higgs is to give mass to the W and Z bosons.

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_2 + i\theta_1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v+H) - i\theta_3 \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\theta_a(x)\tau^a(x)/v} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v+H(x)) \end{pmatrix}$$

- The $|D_\mu \Phi|^2$ term in the Lagrangian gives both

cf. Djouadi, (2005); Dawson, Gunion, Haber, Kane (1989)

$$-\frac{\sqrt{g_1^2+g_2^2}}{8} v^2 g_{\mu\nu} Z^\mu Z^\nu = -\frac{1}{2} M_Z^2 g_{\mu\nu} Z^\mu Z^\nu$$

and

$$-\frac{\sqrt{g_1^2+g_2^2}}{8} (2vH) g_{\mu\nu} Z^\mu Z^\nu = -\frac{M_Z^2}{v} g_{\mu\nu} H Z^\mu Z^\nu$$

similar story for WW

- unsuppressed tree level HZZ coupling-- strength determined by M_Z

The Standard Model Higgs

- In the Standard Model, the Higgs is also the source of fermion masses

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_F &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\lambda_e\left(\bar{\nu}_e, \bar{e}_L\right)\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+H \end{pmatrix} e_R + \cdots \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\lambda_e\left(v+H\right)\bar{e}_L e_R + \cdots\end{aligned}$$

- Since the fermion mass comes from v, the coupling of a massive fermion to the Higgs is given by

$$\lambda_f = y_f = \frac{\sqrt{2}m_f}{v}$$

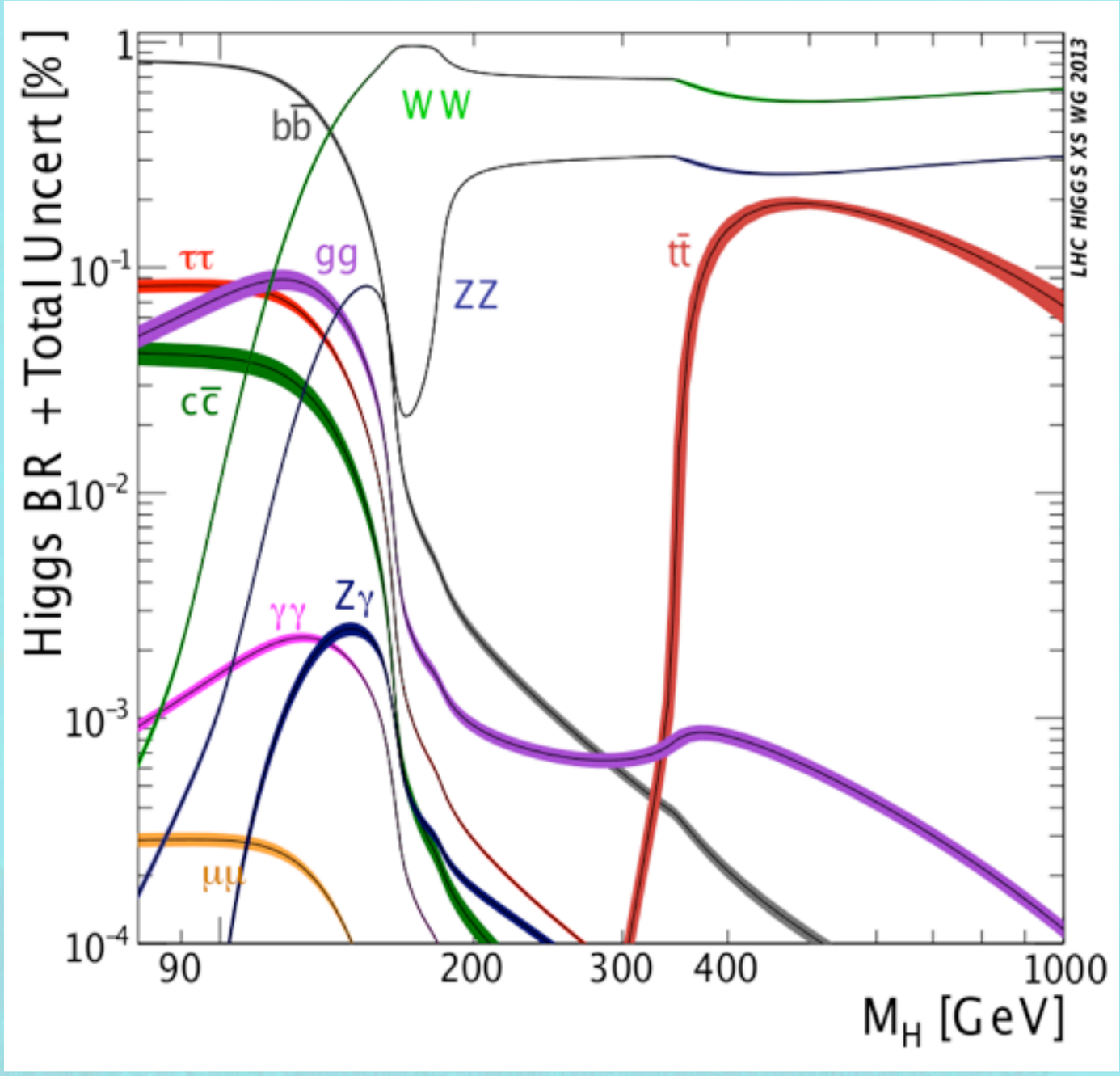
- v = 246 GeV, so other than the top quark, all SM fermions couple relatively weakly to the Higgs

- So "if" $2\,M_Z < M_H < 2\,m_t$, (i.e. the Higgs has an on-shell two body decays into Zs but not tops) **$H \rightarrow ZZ$ sizable** (actually even if $M_H > 2\,m_t$).

SM Higgs Branchings

- If $M_H \gtrsim 200$ GeV, decays to WW and ZZ dominate, even above 2 m_t

- For $M_H \lesssim 2\,M_W$, decays to WW^* and ZZ^* still important because with $H \to b\bar{b}$ one has to contend with huge QCD backgrounds



Time Machine to 2011

- We're going to pretend that we haven't discovered the Higgs
- Don't worry, we'll re-discover it in about 15 minutes.
  - Really I want to introduce the study of the Higgs with the 4ℓ final state without assuming $m_H \approx 125$ GeV

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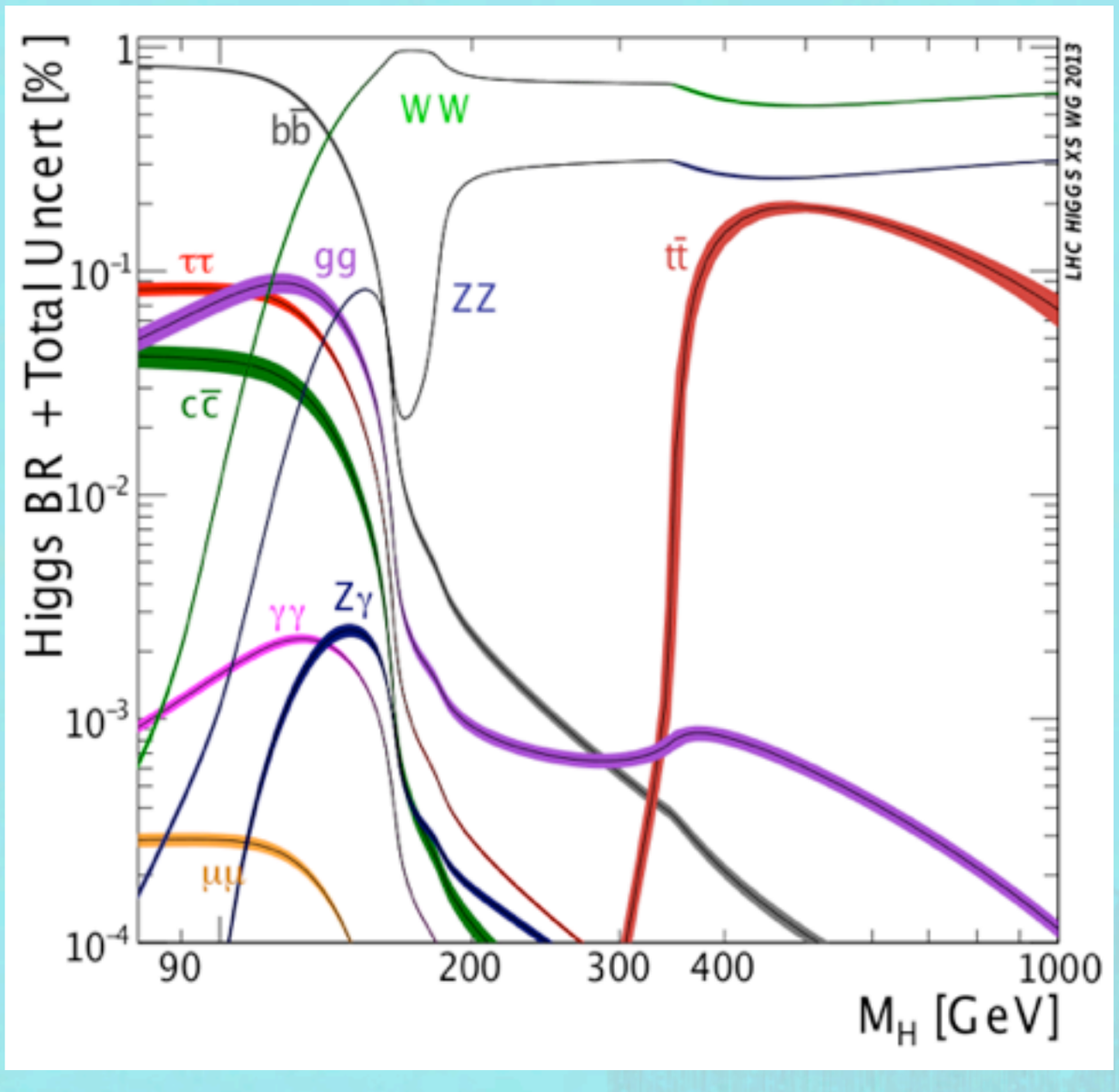

- Clearly, if $M_H \gtrsim 200$ GeV, we should focus on ZZ, WW final states
- Of these, $H \to ZZ \to 4\,\ell$ is the unique fully leptonic, fully reconstructable final state

The Golden Channel

- Leptons are comparatively easy to reconstruct and measure in detectors (QCD makes life hard)
- Downside is $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ (ℓ = e, μ) is only ≈ 1/16, so leptonic branching fractions cost us a factor of ≈ 260
- So what do S and S/B look like, taking into account the irreducible (LO) $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z\,(Z/Z^*/g^*) \rightarrow 4\,\ell$ background?

	m_h(GeV)	σ(fb)	ϵ	$\langle N \rangle$
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	200	1.26	0.594	1.87
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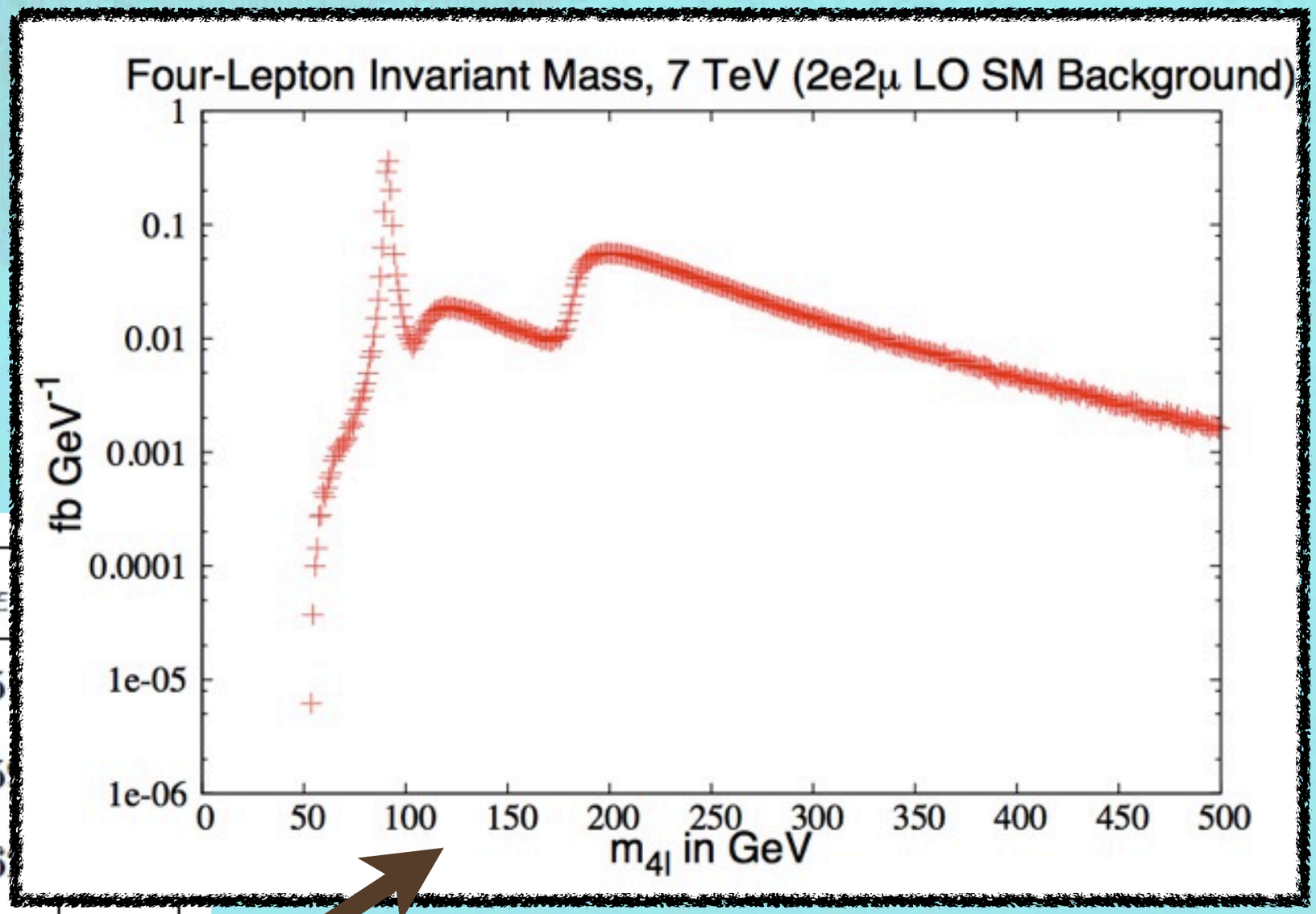

8.78 fb is spread over wide range of m_{4l}.
Relevant background cross section for a given Higgs mass is substantially smaller.

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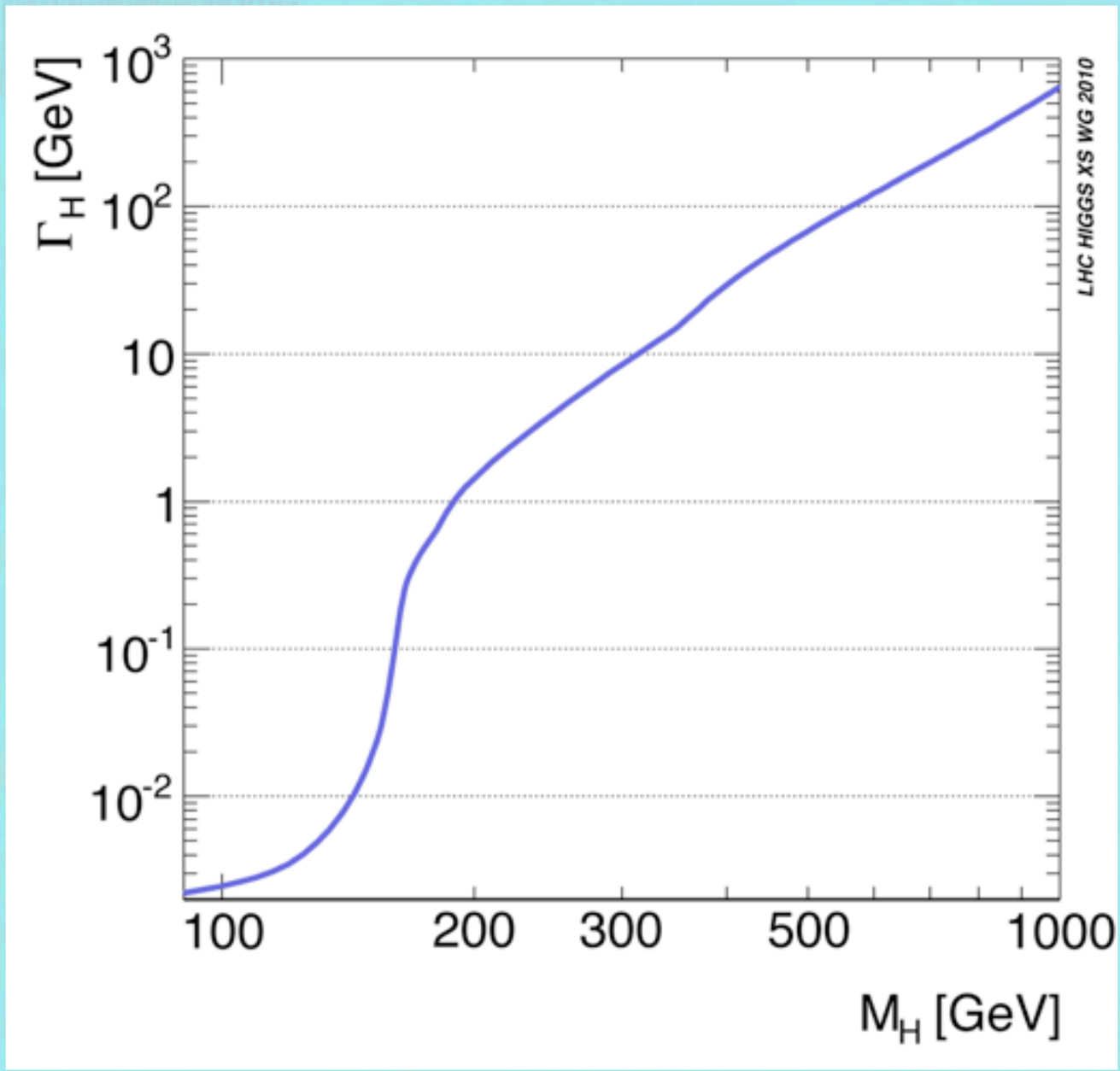

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Taking background with m_{4l} within $2\Gamma_H$ of M_H

	m_h(GeV)	B	S/B	$S/B^{1/2}$
Background	220	0.94	1.9	1.9
	250	1.1	1.4	1.5
	300	1.1	1.1	1.2
	350	1.1	0.98	1.0

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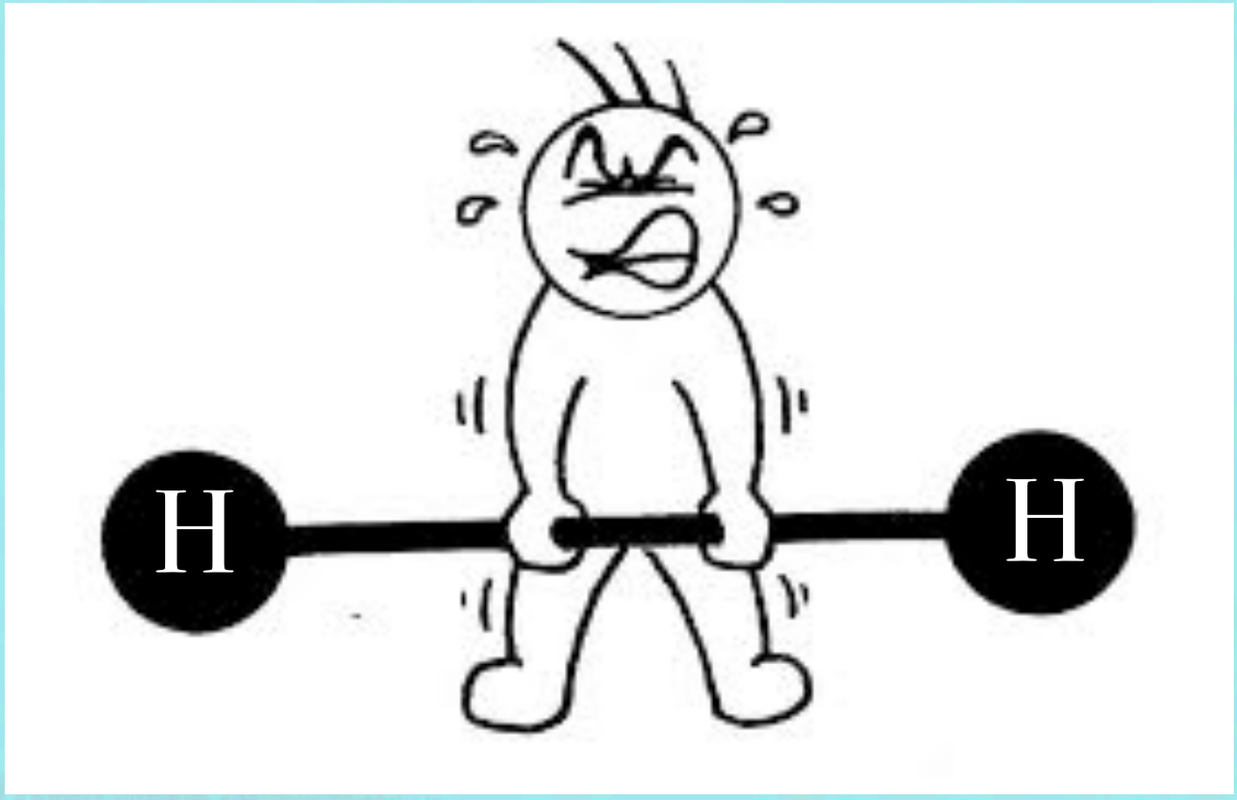
High Higgs Masses

- For a heavy SM Higgs S/ B is fine (~1)
- But S is small



- How can we get the most significance from a small number of events, if M_H is large?

- Use the "**Matrix Element Method**"

- Technique which uses likelihood for all kinematic variables calculated from theory

- Uses all available information in an optimal way

Likelihood Methods

- In general, assume we have N events $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$
- and we have a model for the process that generates the events $P(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{x})$, where $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ are parameters of the model
- Then we can find best fit values for the parameters by maximizing the likelihood function (also P) with respect to the parameters, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$
- i.e. we maximize
  $P(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}_1) \times P(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}_2) \times P(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}_3) \ldots \times P(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}_N)$
  with respect to the parameters $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$
- (Really people use 2 × log likelihood since it translates more directly to p-values, σ, etc.)

Matrix Element Method

- In particle physics, the likelihood/ probability function P(**α**, **x**) is the differential cross section

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Only LO here: for extension to extra radiation/ NLO/ parton showers see
Alwall, Freitas, Mattelaer (2010)
Soper, Spannowsky (2011) (2012)
Campbell, Giele, Williams (2012)[2]
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- Normalized by the total cross section after acceptances and efficiencies

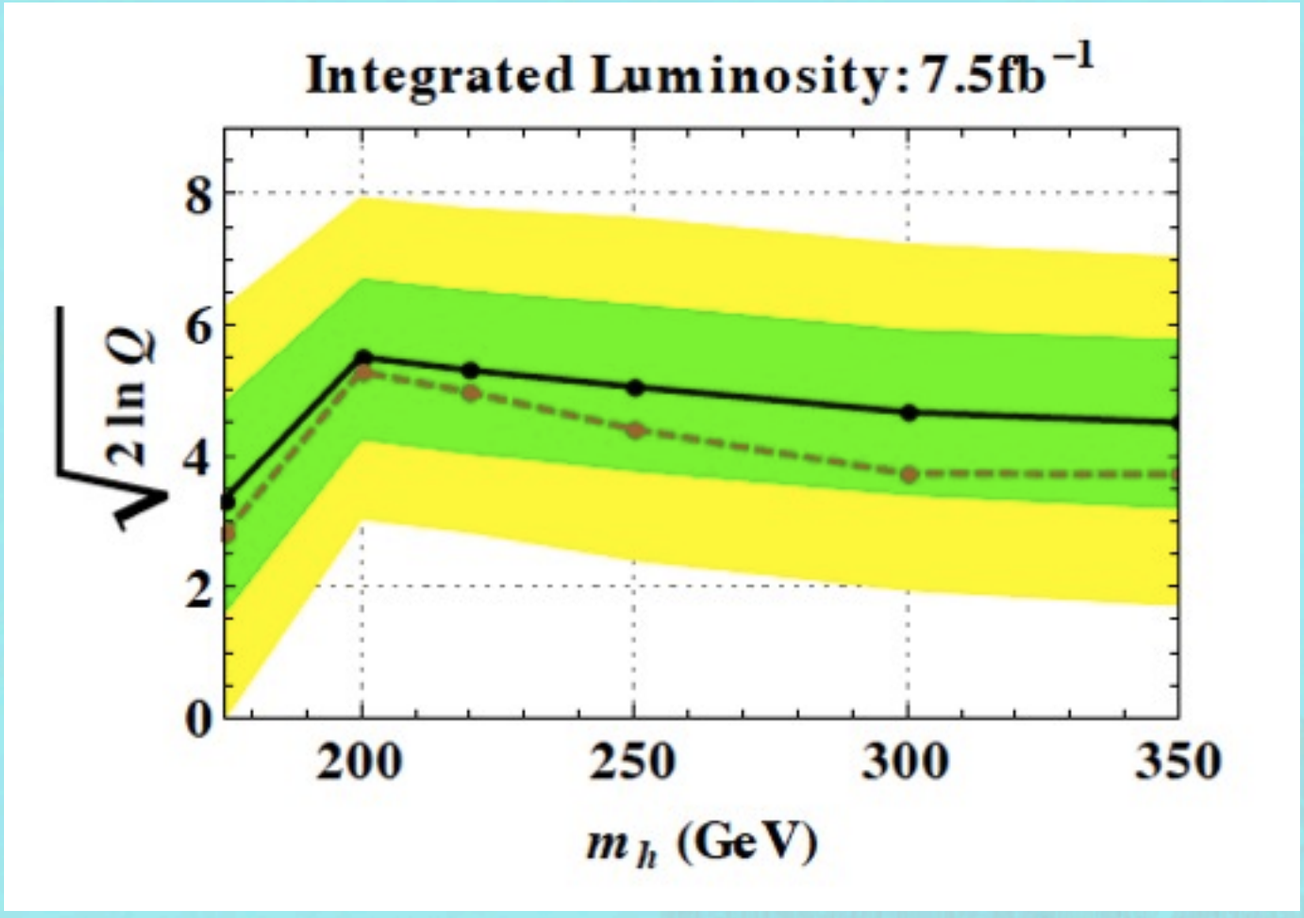
- So that the integral over kinematic variables gives 1.

Matrix Element Method

- In general need to integrate over momentum of invisible particles (neutrinos, neutralinos)
- and take into account finite detector resolution by integrating over "transfer functions" that describe how likely the observed momenta is given the true momenta
- For $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$, we can ignore these complications (except possibly for m_{4l})

Improving the Sensitivity of Higgs Boson Searches in the Golden Channel

- Quantified the extent to which sensitivity in Golden Channel could be increased using the Matrix Element Method



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- To calculate differential cross section in a way that also gives a qualitative understanding, we used helicity amplitudes

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- i.e. we broke the calculation up into the amplitude for qq (or gg -> H) -> ZZ for each choice of Z helicity
- and the amplitude for Zs of a given helicity to decay to a fermion of specified helicity and angles in the Z rest frame

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- Values shown are for general M_1, M_2

  (Zs not necessarily on-shell)

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(Hagiwara, Hikasa, Peccei, Zeppenfeld, 1986)

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- The on-shell limit of our expressions reproduces the above results
- In high energy limit +- and -+ dominate
- All amplitudes are, in general, non-vanishing

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- For signal, only ++, --, and 00 are non-zero (due to spin-zero nature of Higgs)
- 00 dominates in high energy limit

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- So additional ability to distinguish signal from background (beyond m_{4l}) comes from differences in helicity amplitudes

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Moving forward to July 2012…

Discovery Plots in 4 ℓ

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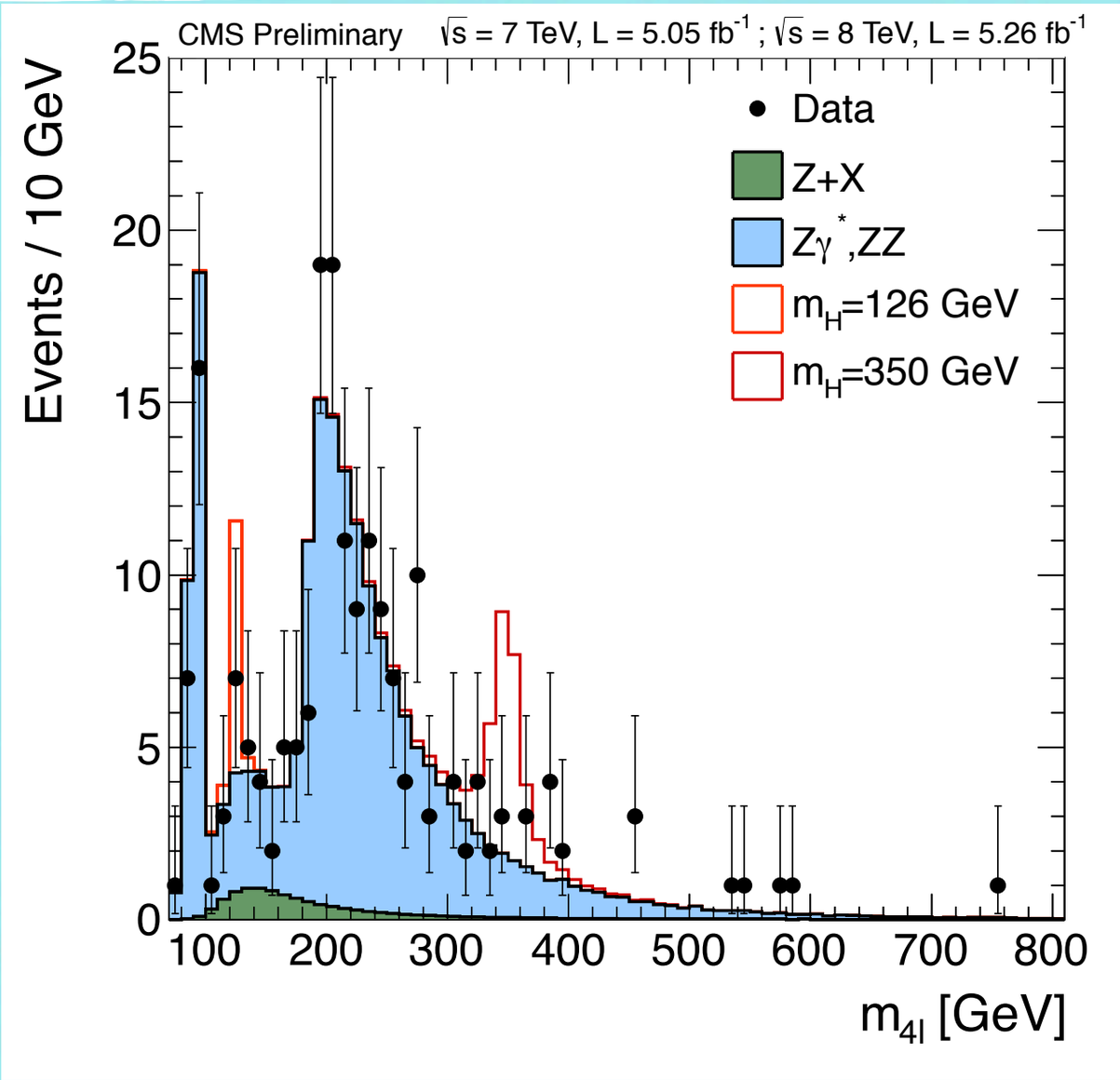

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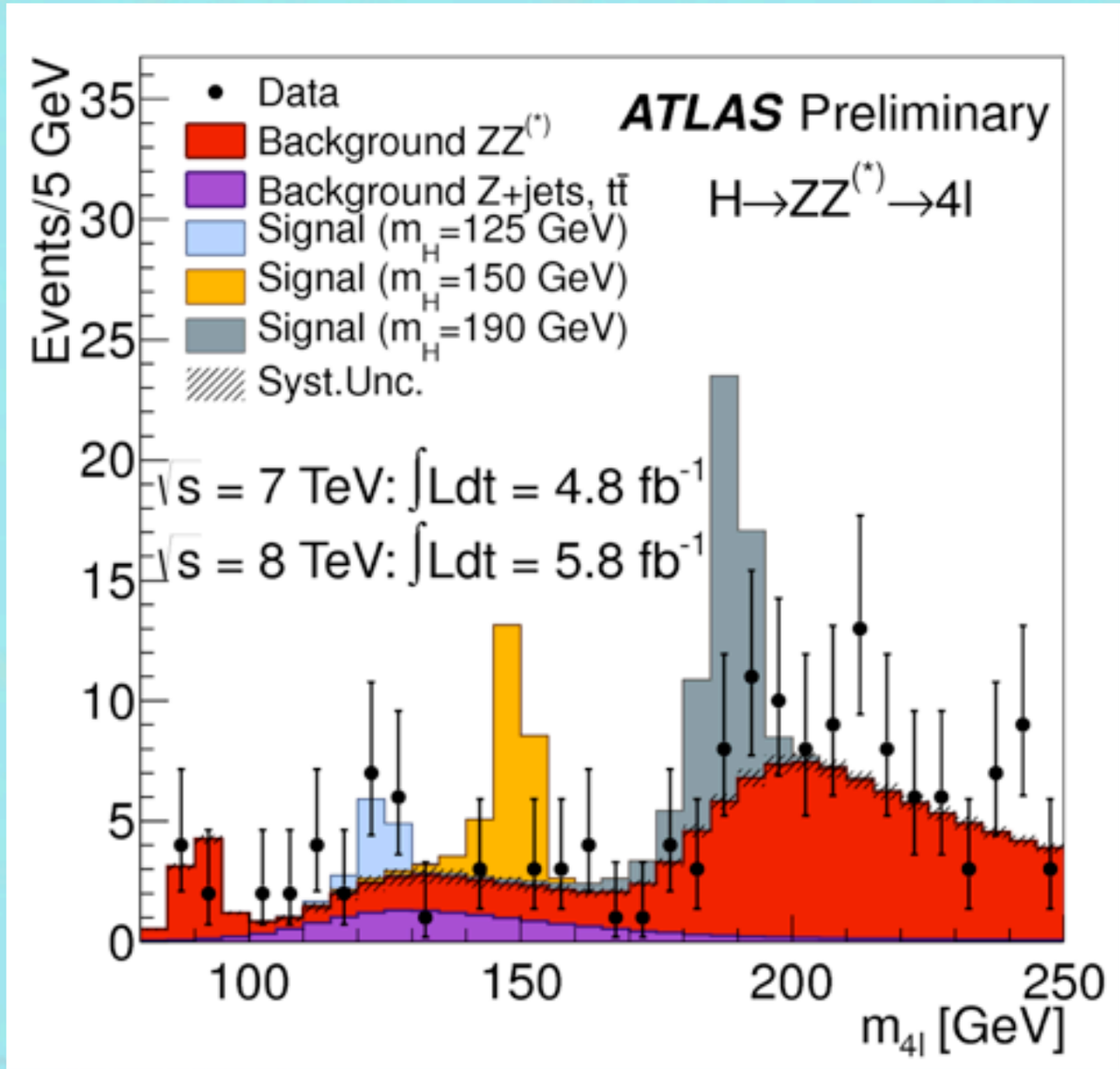
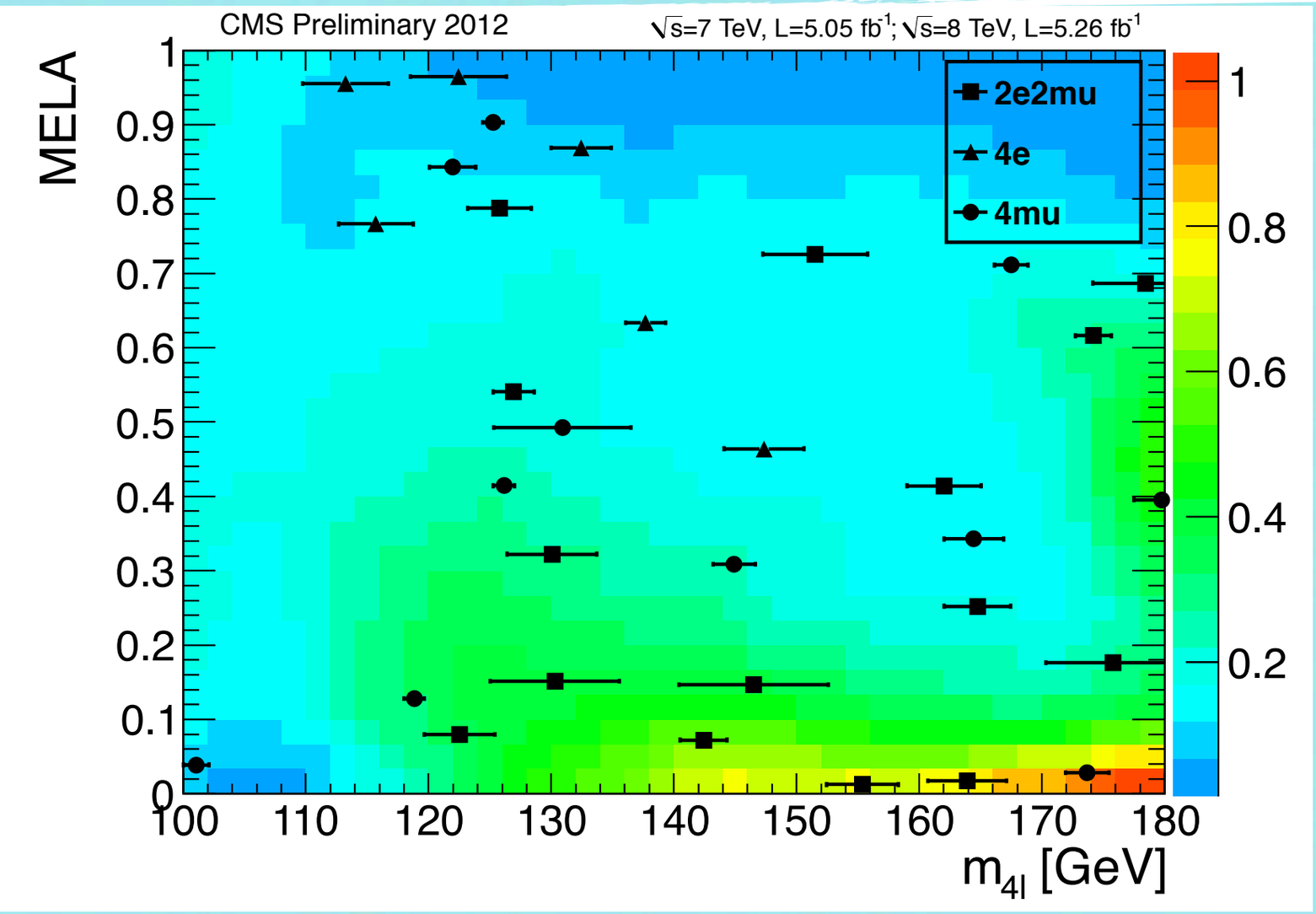


- **Discovery!!!**
- **S/B is in the 1-2 range.**

Matrix Element Method/ MELA



CMS-PAS-HIG-12-016

- CMS used MELA KD
- MELA = Matrix Element Likelihood Analysis
- KD = Kinematic Discriminant: ratio involving signal and background likelihoods
- Quantifies how "signal-like" events are.
- Contours give expected distribution for background events

MELA

- Used analytic expressions for signal

- POWHEG templates for background < 2 M_Z (at discovery time-- now use analytic expressions from Chen, Tran, and Vega-Morales (2012))

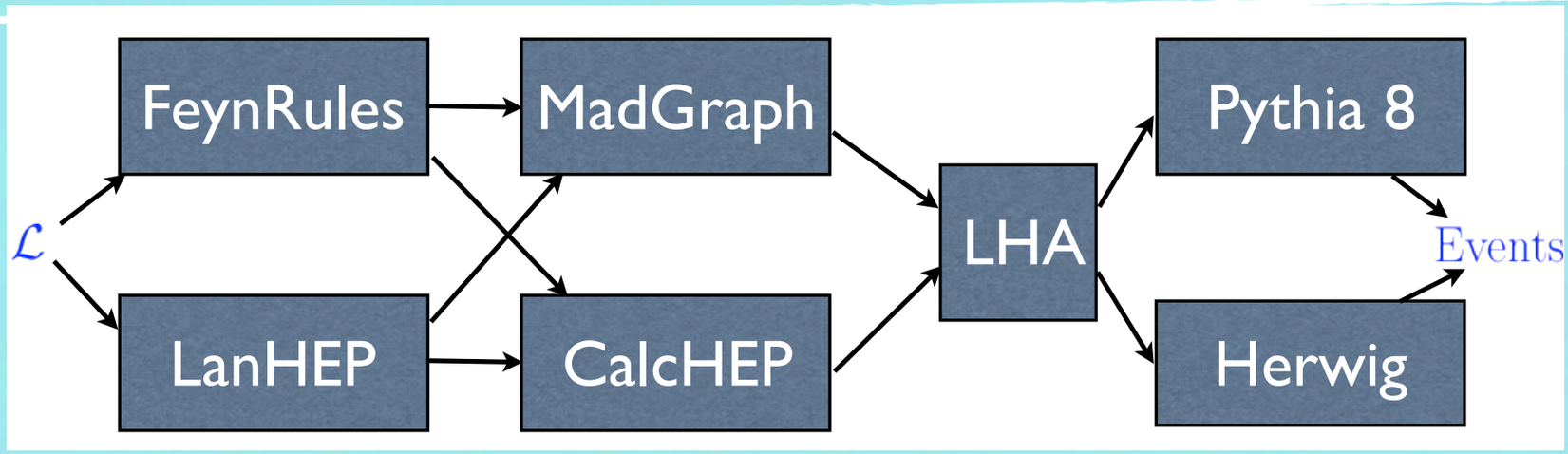
- Our analytic expressions (from **1108.2274**) for background > 2 M_Z!

- Success of MELA motivates the use of the MEM in experimental analyses

- Not always best to use totally analytic expressions for likelihoods

- Is there a safe (from bugs!), efficient way to develop codes for performing the Matrix Element Method in any given channel?

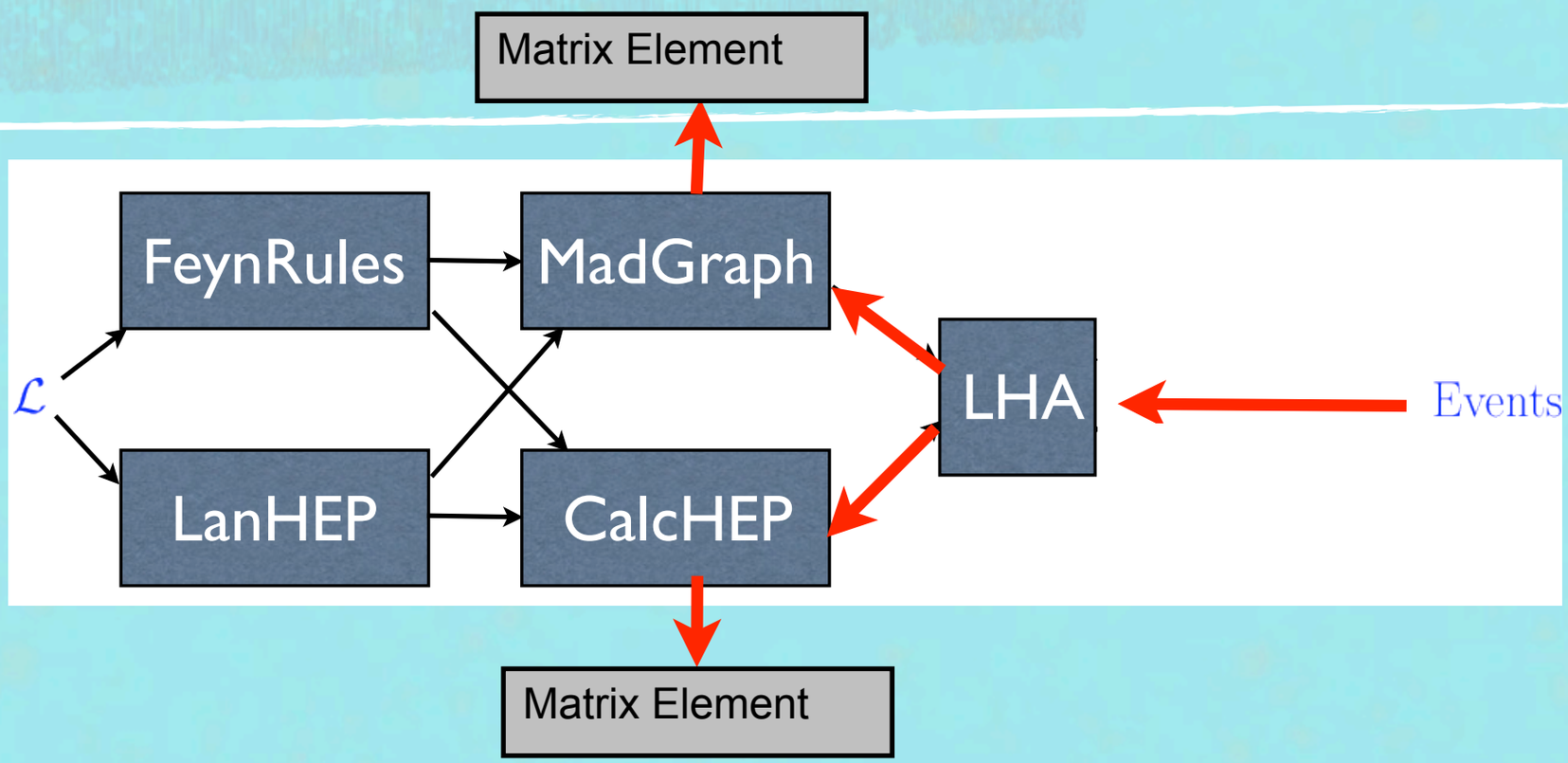
Progress in MC Simulation Tools



From Lagrangian to Events

- There has been a major effort in the theory community toward the automatization and generalization of the MC tools
- Increasingly one can go automatically from Lagrangian to events (calculating matrix elements along the way) for an arbitrary model

From events to … matrix elements

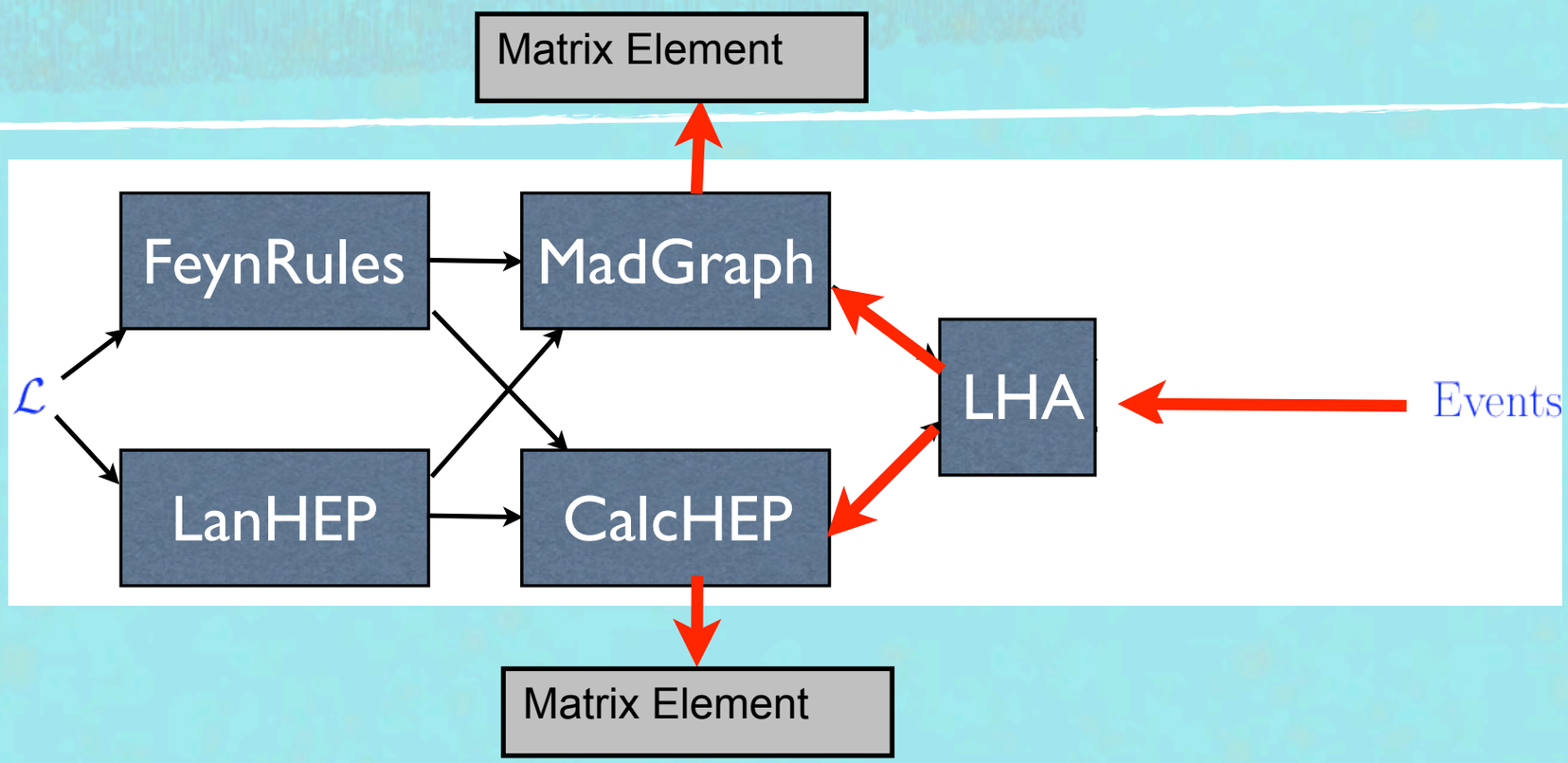


- The same chain of tools can be run in a different direction:

  We can use standard tools to automatically generate code which finds the signal and background squared matrix elements.

- Can be done for an arbitrary signal hypothesis and virtually any background

From events to … matrix elements



- MadWeight is an existing tool along these lines
- Artoisenet, Mattelaer (2008)

  Artoisenet, Lemaitre, Maltoni, Mattelaer (2010)
- Good for many processes, but currently cannot do H -> ZZ -> 4 ℓ

MEKD

- With members of the UF CMS group and Myeonghun Park, created a **publicly available** tool (MEKD) to calculate differential cross sections, etc. for performing the Matrix Element Method in the Golden Channel

- Using well-verified, publicly available packages to automatically generate the matrix-element calculating code

- With as many options/ features relevant to analyses involving the golden channel as possible.

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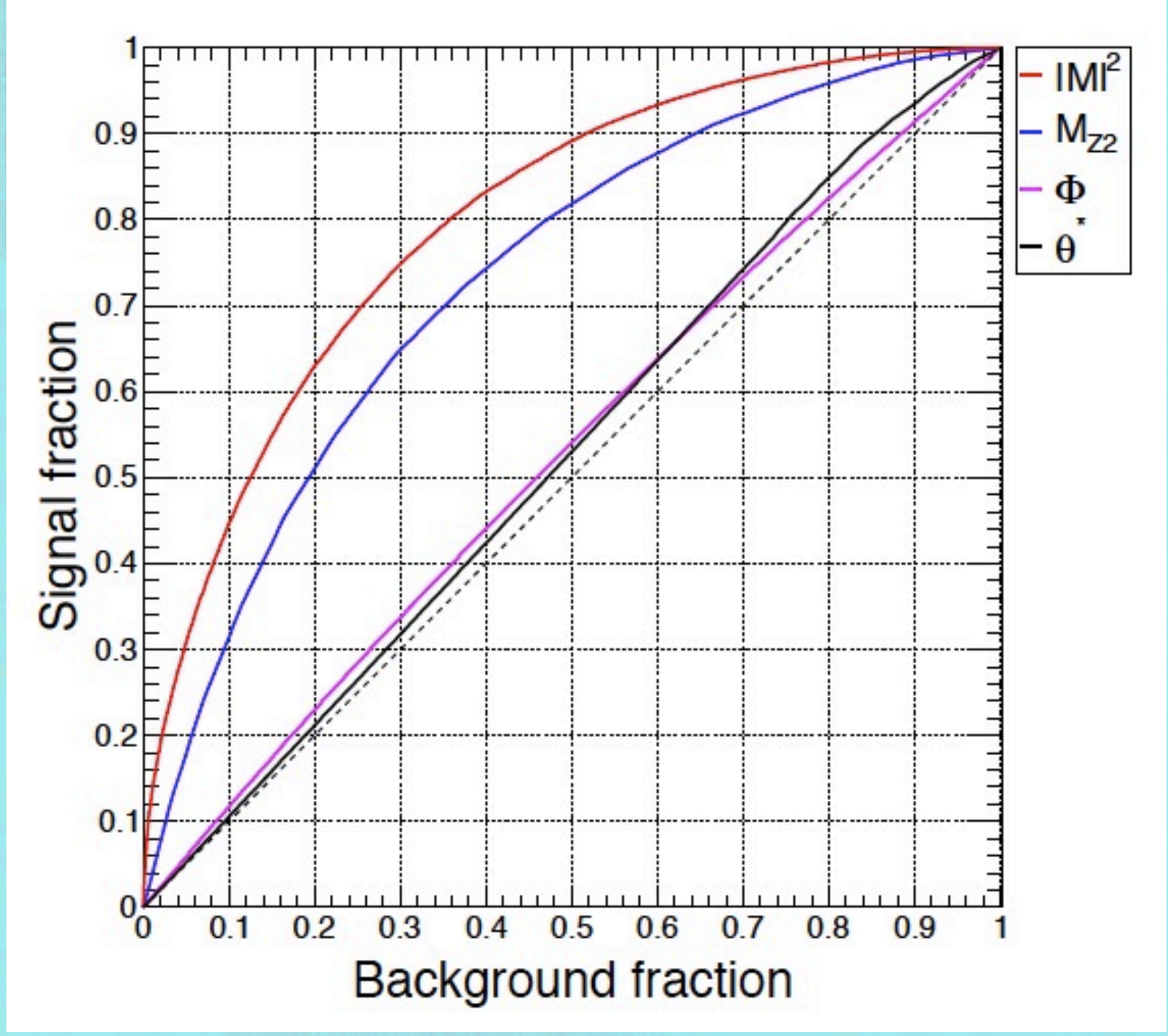

M_2 is a very good variable, though the Matrix Element Method outperforms all single variable analyses

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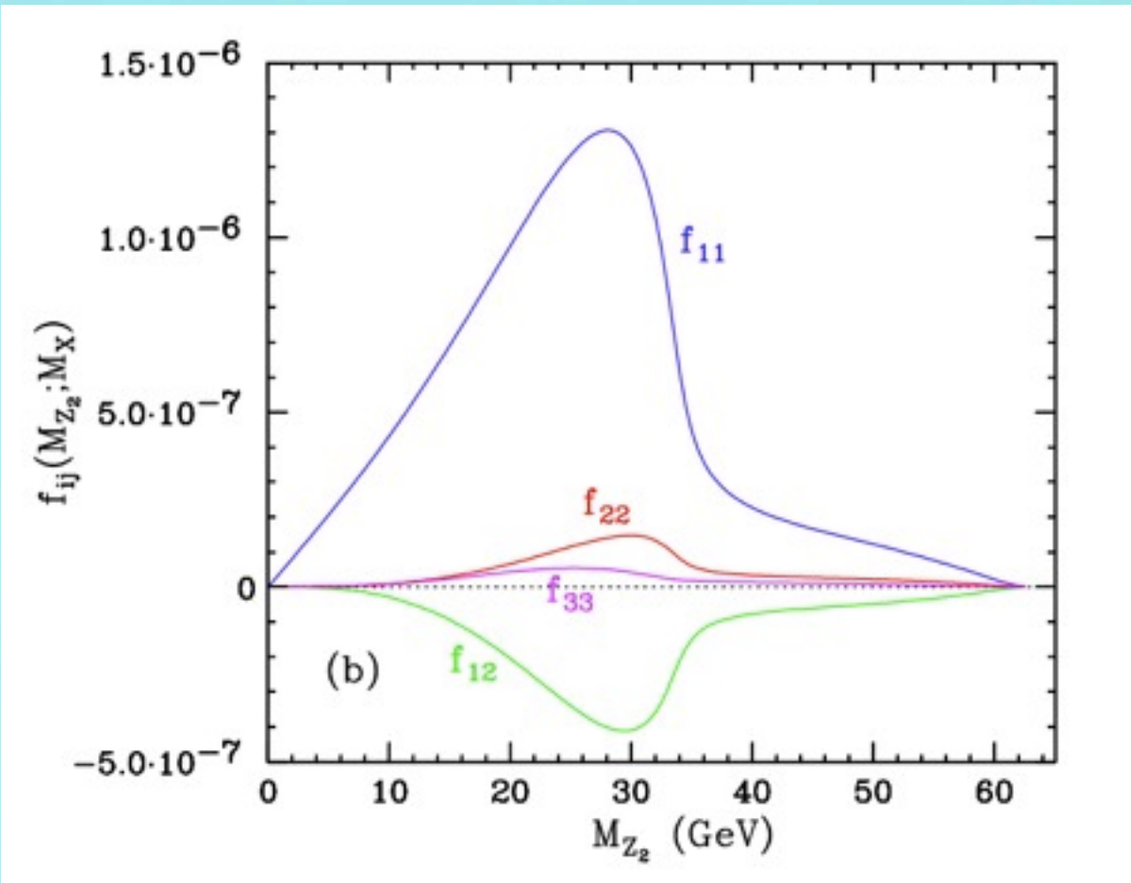
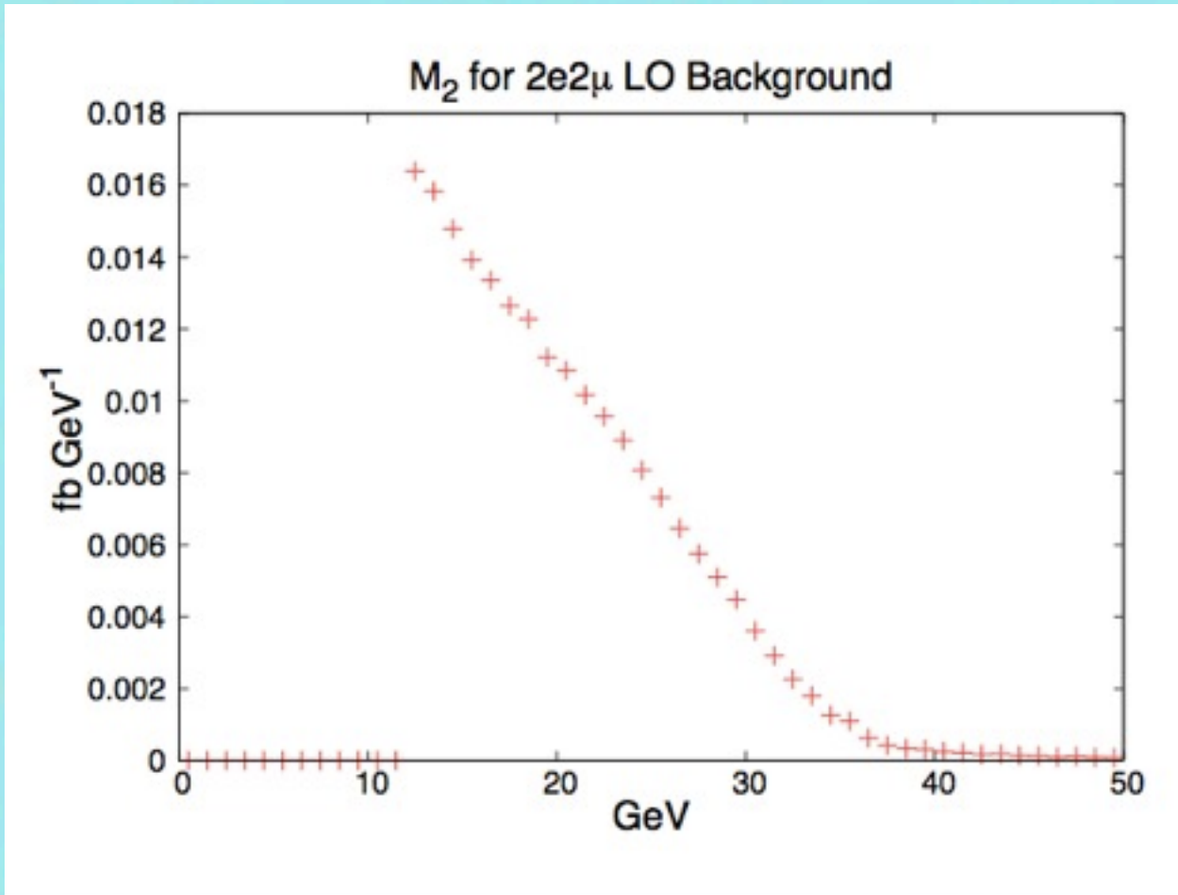
Why M_2 is a Good Variable





f_{11} is SM Higgs

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$M_2 > 12$ GeV from cuts,
without cuts, would be singular
in limit of massless leptons

Back to the Future…

Moving Forward: Motivation

- Having discovered "a Higgs", we want to measure its properties, in particular its couplings to Z bosons
- **Goal 1**: Be as general as possible (reduce model dependence)
- **Goal 2**: Use as few parameters as possible (keep things manageable)
- To provide a useful framework for presenting experimental results, projections, etc.

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Preliminaries

- We consider a scalar, X, which is a linear combination of CP eigenstates H (0^+) and A (0^-)

$$X \equiv H \cos\alpha + A \sin\alpha$$

- In general, X is not a CP eigenstate
  - $\alpha = 0$ corresponds to pure 0+
  - $\alpha = \pi/2$ corresponds to pure 0-
- We assume that the other mass eigenstate is heavy and can be ignored

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Effective Theory

- We write down general CP-conserving couplings of the H and the A to two Z's
  (CP violation will come from mixing)

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{M_Z^2}{v} H Z^\mu \hat{f}^{(H)}_{\mu\nu} Z^\nu - \frac{1}{2} H F^{\mu\nu} \hat{f}^{(H)}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} A F^{\mu\nu} \hat{f}^{(A)}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma}$$

The f are form factors which generate operators with different symmetry properties.

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Form Factors

- CP even couplings which must violate gauge invariance

$$\hat{f}^{(H)}_{\mu\nu} \equiv g_1 g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_5}{\Lambda^2}\left(\vec{\partial}_\mu \overleftarrow{\partial}_\nu + g_{\mu\nu}\vec{\partial}^\rho \overleftarrow{\partial}_\rho\right) + \frac{g_6}{\Lambda^2} g_{\mu\nu}\left(\overleftarrow{\Box} + \overrightarrow{\Box}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^4}\right)$$

Note: g_5, g_6 operators are dimension-5 *

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- CP Odd Couplings (which preserve gauge invariance)

$$\hat{f}^{(A)}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \frac{g_4}{\Lambda}\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^5}\right)$$

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Couplings

- Keeping only the lowest dimensional terms from each of the three form factors we obtain the following Lagrangian for the coupling of the mass eigenstate X to two Z bosons.

$$\mathcal{L} = X\left[\boxed{\kappa_1 \frac{m_Z^2}{v} Z_\mu Z^\mu} + \boxed{\frac{\kappa_2}{2v} F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}} + \boxed{\frac{\kappa_3}{2v} F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}}\right]$$

- These operators cover all possible Lorentz structures in the amplitude

$$A(X \to V_1 V_2) = v^{-1}\epsilon_1^{*\mu}\epsilon_2^{*\nu}\left(a_1 g_{\mu\nu} m_x^2 + a_2\, q_\mu q_\nu + a_3 \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\, q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta\right)$$

Gao, Gritsan, Guo, Melnikov, Schulze, Tran (2010)
De Rújula, Lykken, Pierini, Rogan, Spiropulu (2010)
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Keeping it Real

- Lagrangians must be real, so the $\varkappa$'s must be real
- The amplitude receives corrections from loops
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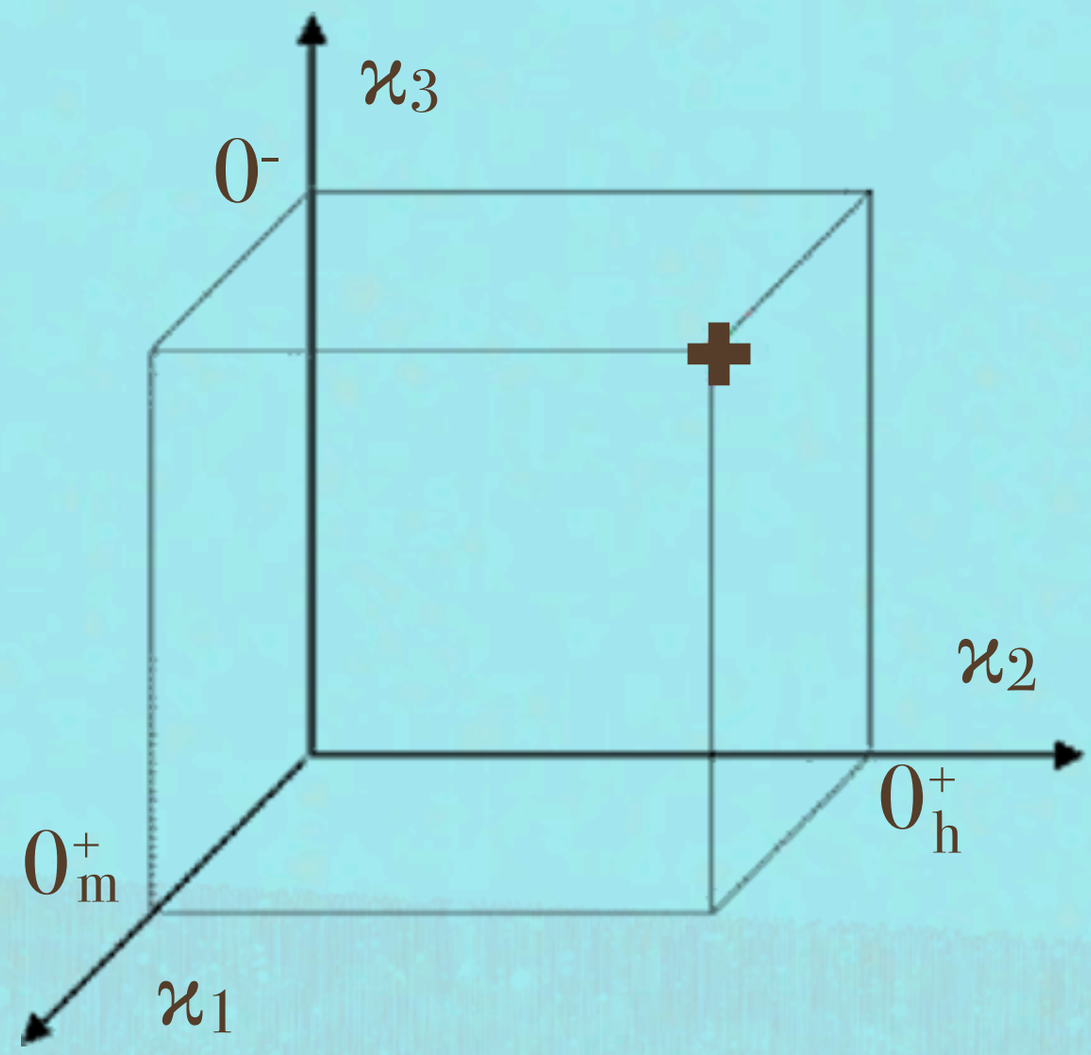
    - These complex contributions can be mimicked with complex $\varkappa$'s



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Real or Complex? That is the Question

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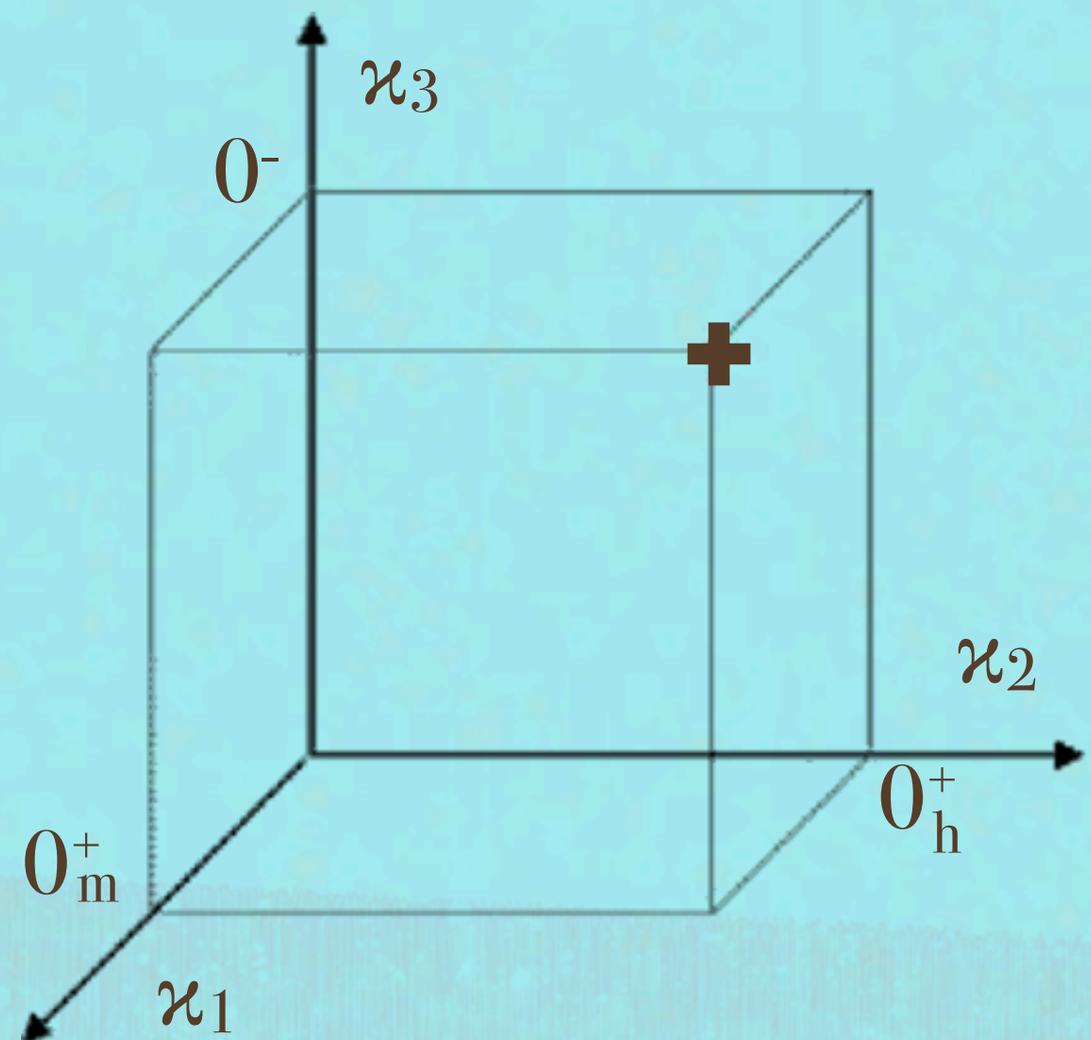

Generally these contributions are subdominant! (see **1310.1397**)

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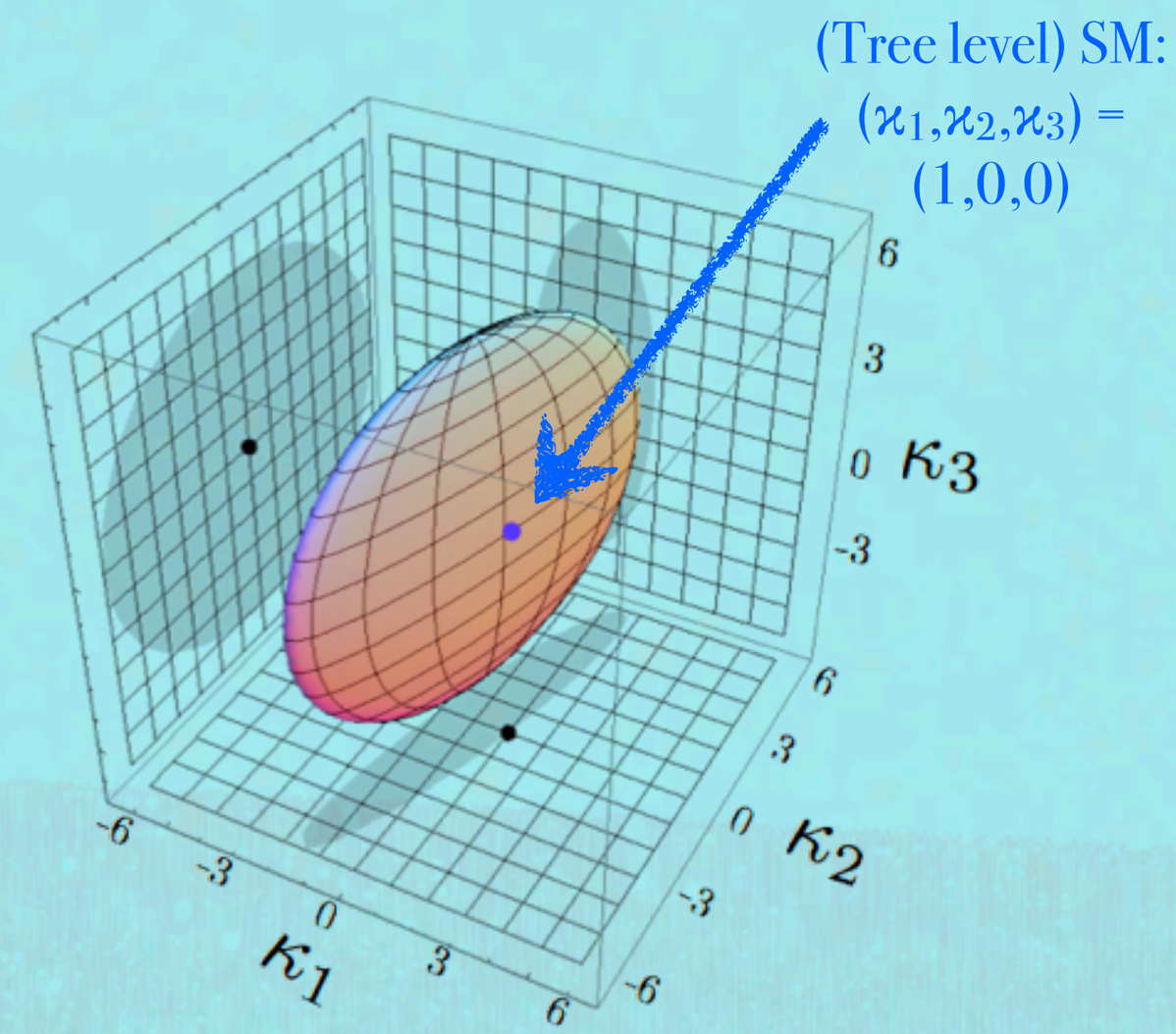
Rate Constraint

- Consider $\varkappa 1, \varkappa 2, \varkappa 3$ real
- Measured rate implies correlations among couplings
- Defines an ellipsoidal "pancake" in $\varkappa$ space
- Larger (smaller) total rate: pancake inflated (deflated), but shape stays the same
- Removes one degree of freedom

$$\Gamma(X \to ZZ) = \Gamma_{SM} \sum_{i,j} \gamma_{ij} \kappa_i \kappa_j$$



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- Helpful when maximizing likelihoods

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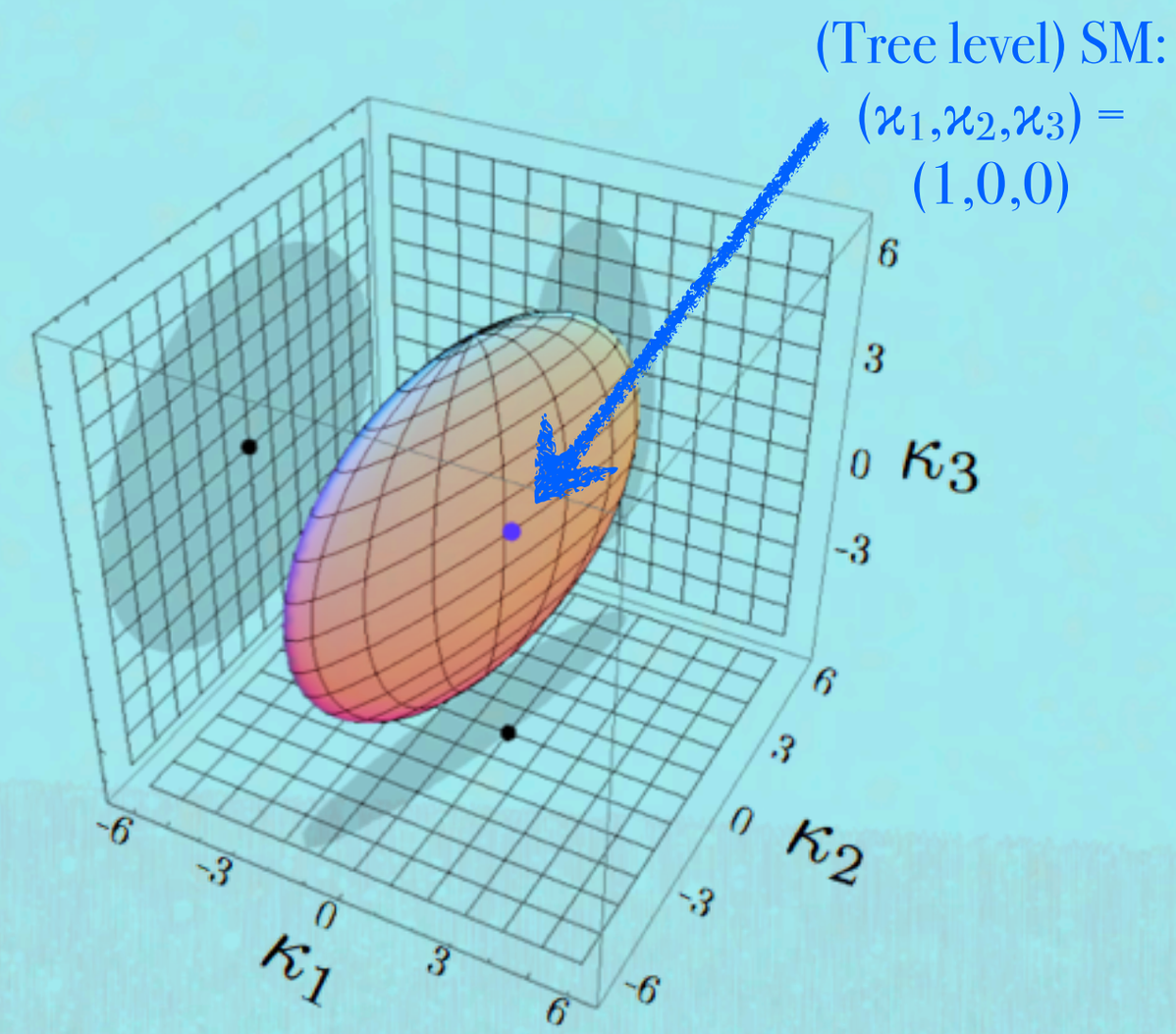

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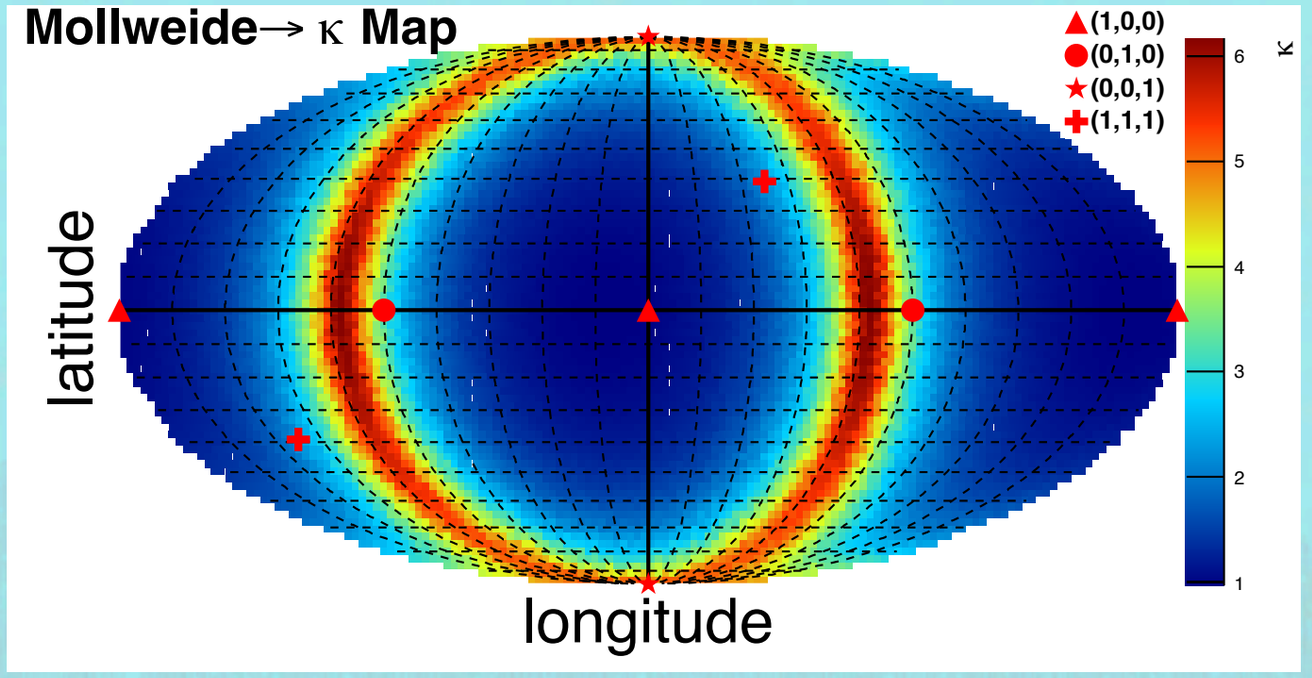
Parametrizing the Pancake 1

- Different points on the pancake correspond to different admixtures of Higgs couplings, but constant rate
- How should we parametrize the surface of the pancake?
- One choice: spherical coordinates in $\varkappa$ space

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1 &= \kappa \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ \kappa_2 &= \kappa \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ \kappa_3 &= \kappa \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

Map of $\varkappa$ as function of θ and ϕ



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Parametrizing the Pancake 2

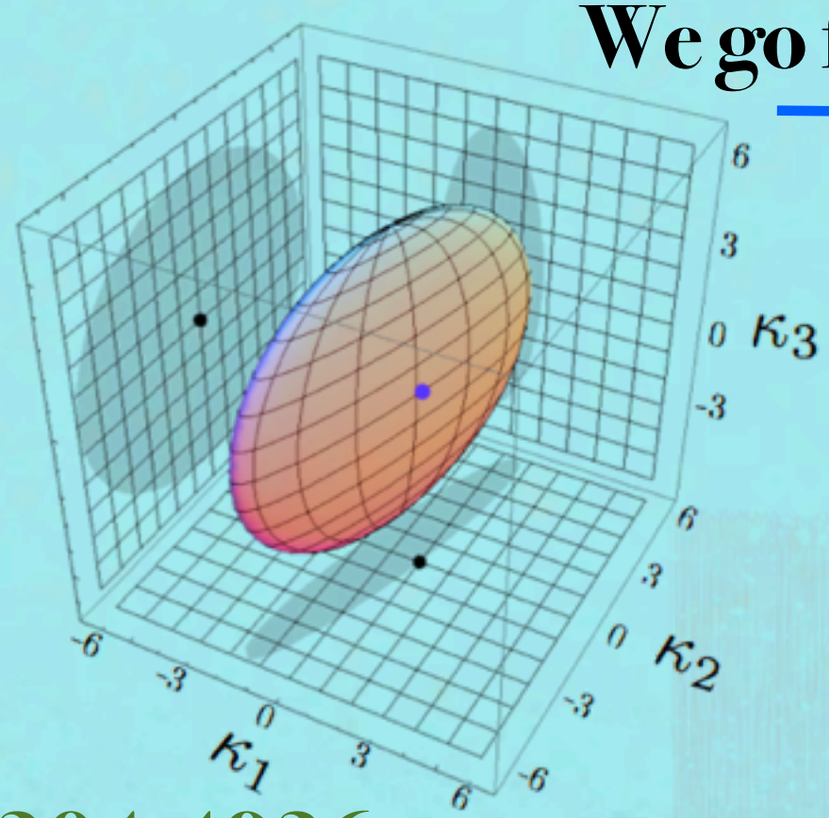
- Alternatively one can change variables to deform the pancake into an "equal rate sphere"
- This involves a linear transformation:

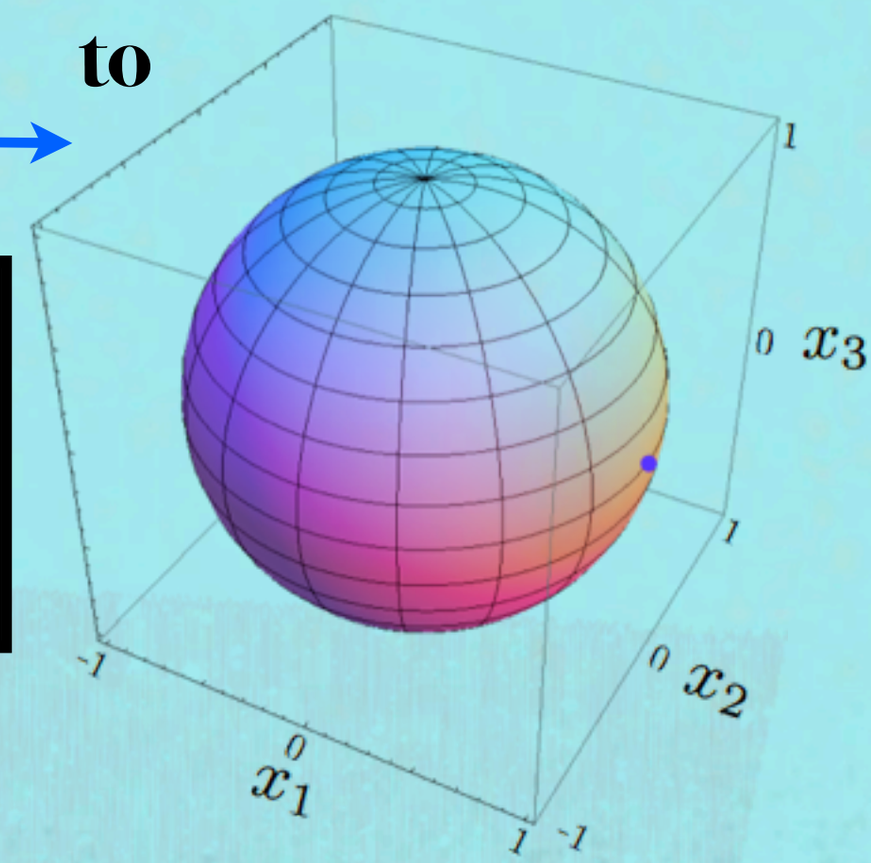
We go from **to**

using

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \kappa_1 - 0.25\ \kappa_2 \\ x_2 &= 0.17\ \kappa_2 \\ x_3 &= 0.19\ \kappa_3 \end{aligned}$$

DF, before cuts





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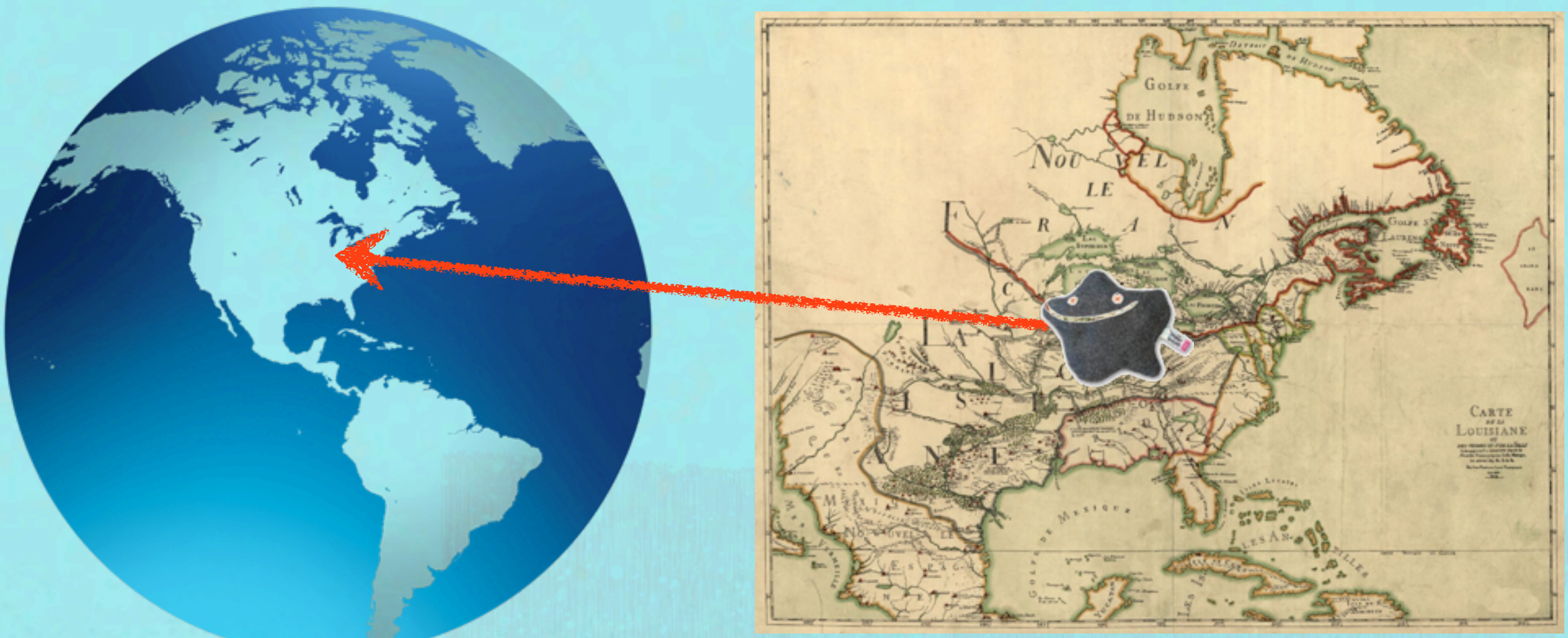
Geolocating the Higgs

- Any given value of $(\varkappa_1, \varkappa_2, \varkappa_3)$, corresponding to a given rate, maps to a point on the sphere



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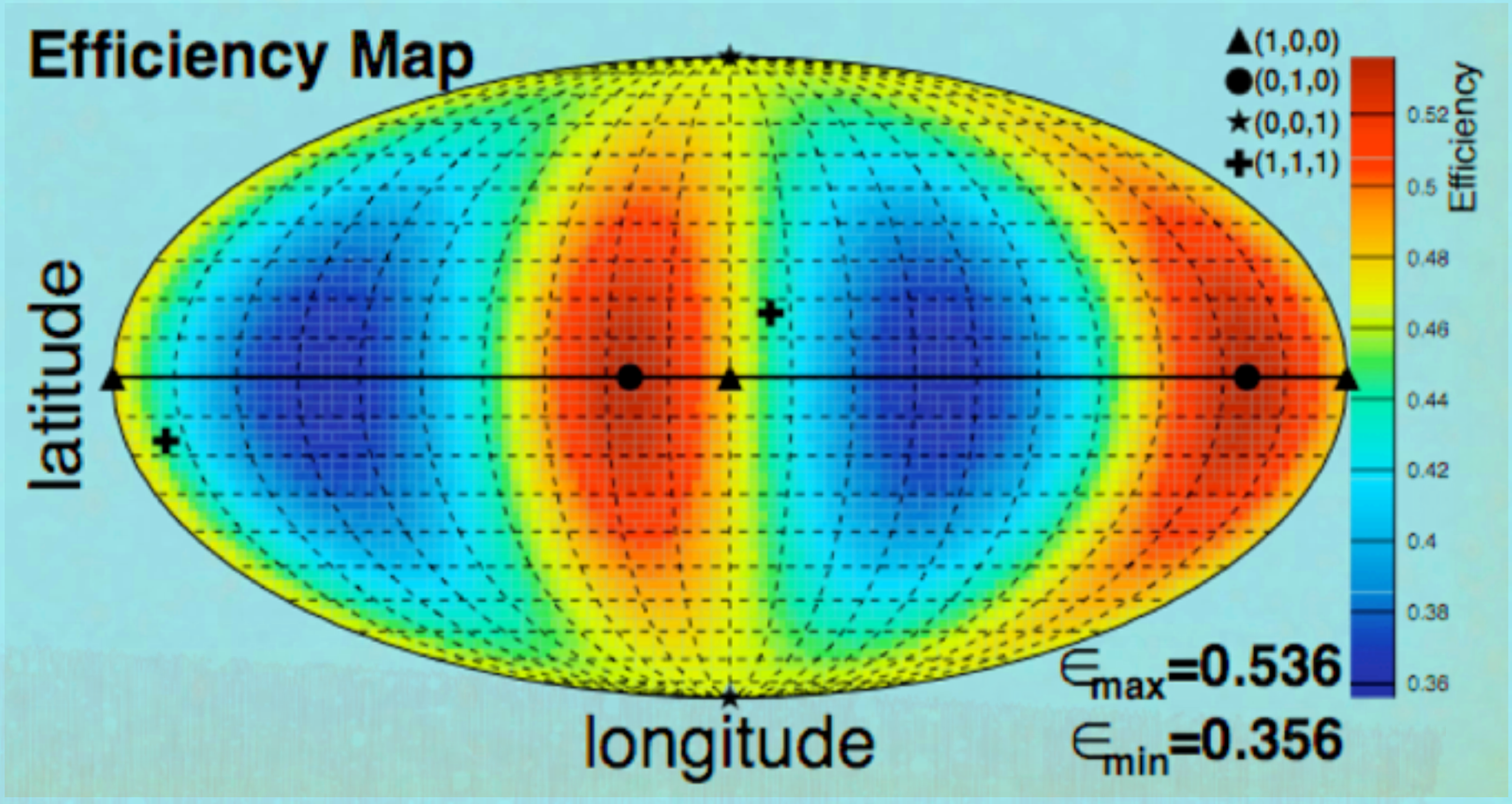
Cuts and Efficiencies

- If we use the values of γ_{ij} before cuts to construct our sphere, then we find significant variation in the acceptance x efficiency at different points on the sphere.

- Efficiency varies from ~35% to ~55%
- pT > 7 GeV
  $|\eta| < 2.5$ for electrons
- pT > 5 GeV
  $|\eta| < 2.4$ for muons
- $M_1 > 40$ GeV
- $M_2 > 12$ GeV



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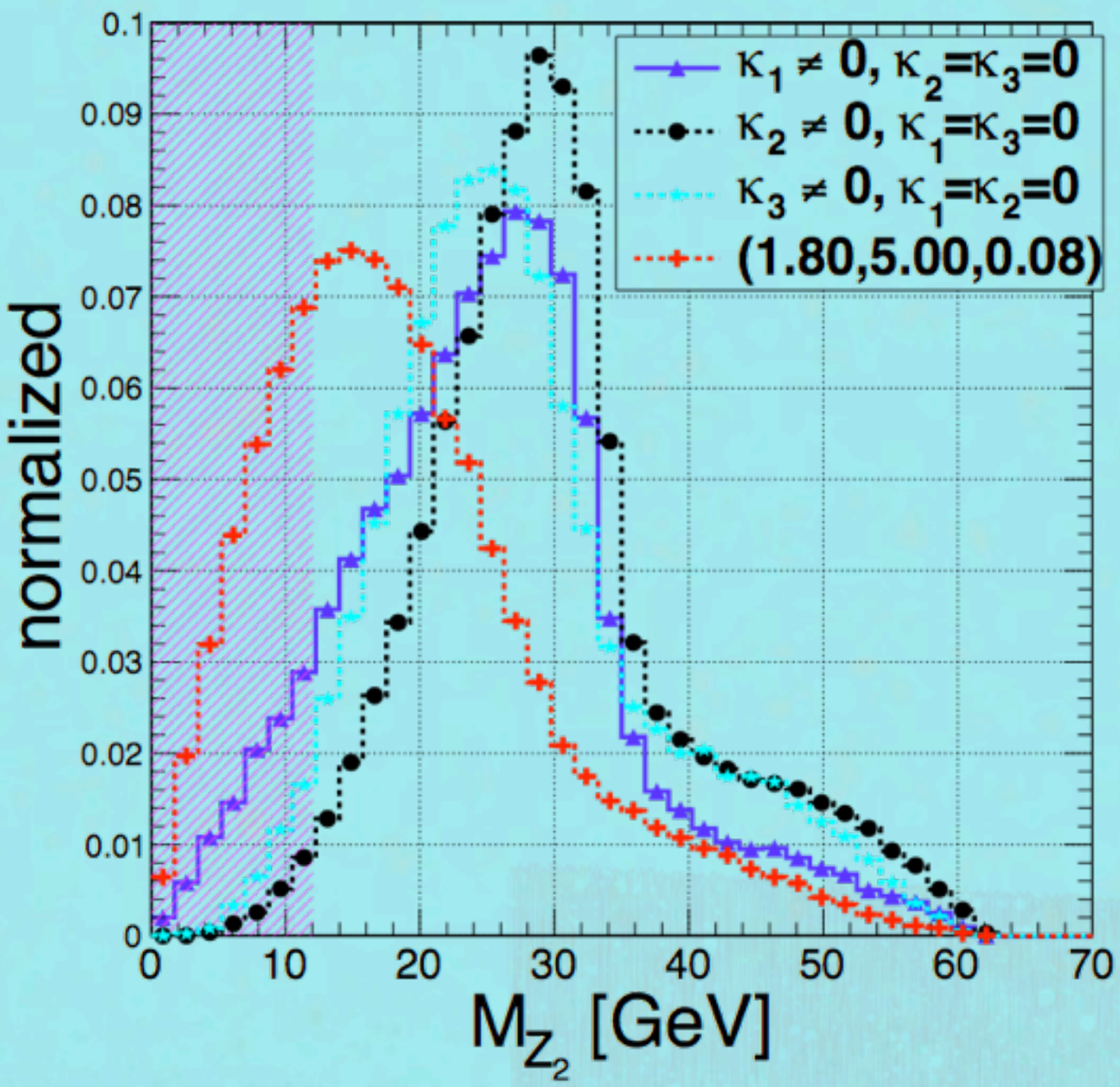

- The main driver of the changes in efficiency on the sphere seems to be the invariant mass of the less massive intermediate Z^* (M_2)
- (Choi, Miller, Muhlleitner, and Zerwas, 2003), (Godbole, Miller, and Muhlleitner, 2007), (Boughezal, LeCompte, and Petriello, 2012), etc.
- I'll say more about M_2 distributions later!

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Example Analysis

- We illustrate the use of the sphere for displaying results with a toy analysis
- We generate 1000 pseudoexperiments
  - 300 DF signal events for each of 4 benchmark points (~300 fb^{-1} at 14 TeV): three pure states and one completely mixed state
  - Impose cuts (p_T, $|\eta|$, M_{Z1}, M_{Z2})
  - Find the point on the sphere that maximizes the likelihood for each pseudoexperiment and plot

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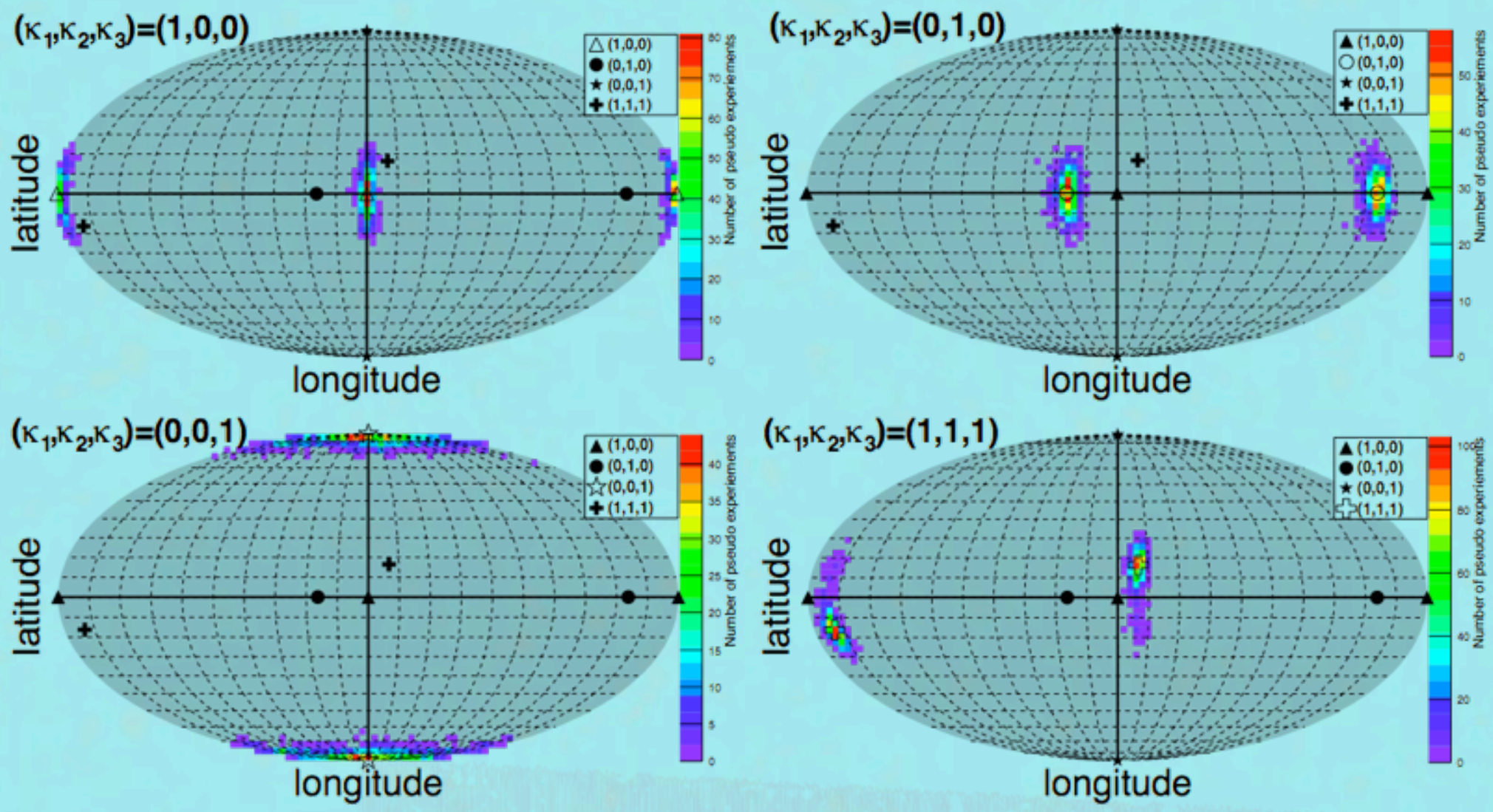
Example Analysis



✳ Note: a point and its antipode are effectively equivalent

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Other Spheres

$$\mathcal{L} = X\left[\boxed{\kappa_1 \frac{m_Z^2}{v} Z_\mu Z^\mu} + \boxed{\frac{\kappa_2}{2v} F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}} + \boxed{\frac{\kappa_3}{2v} F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}}\right]$$

- **Scenario 1**: $\varkappa_1 = 0$. $\varkappa_2$ and $\varkappa_3$ arbitrary and complex.

  Coupling can be gauge invariant.

  Example: X is SM singlet.

- **Scenario 2**: $\varkappa_2 = 0$. Mixing of SM scalar and pseudoscalar.

- **Scenario 3**: $\varkappa_3 = 0$. Arbitrary CP-even scalar.

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Example: Scenario 2

- Now we allow $\varkappa 1$, $\varkappa 3$ to be complex

$$\mathcal{L} = X\left[\kappa_1 \frac{m_Z^2}{v} Z_\mu Z^\mu + \frac{\kappa_2}{2v} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa_3}{2v} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\right]$$

- Degrees of freedom: 2 magnitudes and 2 phases
- One overall phase is irrelevant
- We can call relative phase ϕ_{13}
- Rate restricts overall magnitude of couplings
- Remaining degree of freedom is ratio of couplings

$$x_{13} = \frac{|\kappa_3|^2}{|\kappa_1|^2 + |\kappa_3|^2} = \sin^2\theta_{13}$$

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Geolocating Conclusions

- While many operators may affect the coupling of a scalar to bosons, it is reasonable to focus on three lowest dimensional operators from each class of couplings
- Overall rate eliminates one degree of freedom
- We propose the following scenarios all of which involve two degrees of freedom:
  - Three real couplings (general mixture of 0^+_m, 0^+_h, 0^-)
  - $\varkappa_1 = 0$, $\varkappa_2$, $\varkappa_3$ complex: θ_{23}, ϕ_{23}
  - $\varkappa_2 = 0$, $\varkappa_1$, $\varkappa_3$ complex: θ_{13}, ϕ_{13}
  - $\varkappa_3 = 0$, $\varkappa_1$, $\varkappa_2$ complex: θ_{12}, ϕ_{12}

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Importance of Interference

- We saw from the above that it is important to look for the Higgs on the entire Earth, not just along the Prime Meridian or the Equator

- Interference effects between operators can increase sensitivity to non-SM couplings, give sensitivity to sign of couplings (relative to SM)

- If non-SM coupling are discovered, can study if there is one particle with e.g. scalar and pseudoscalar couplings, or
two not-quite-degenerate CP-eigenstates.

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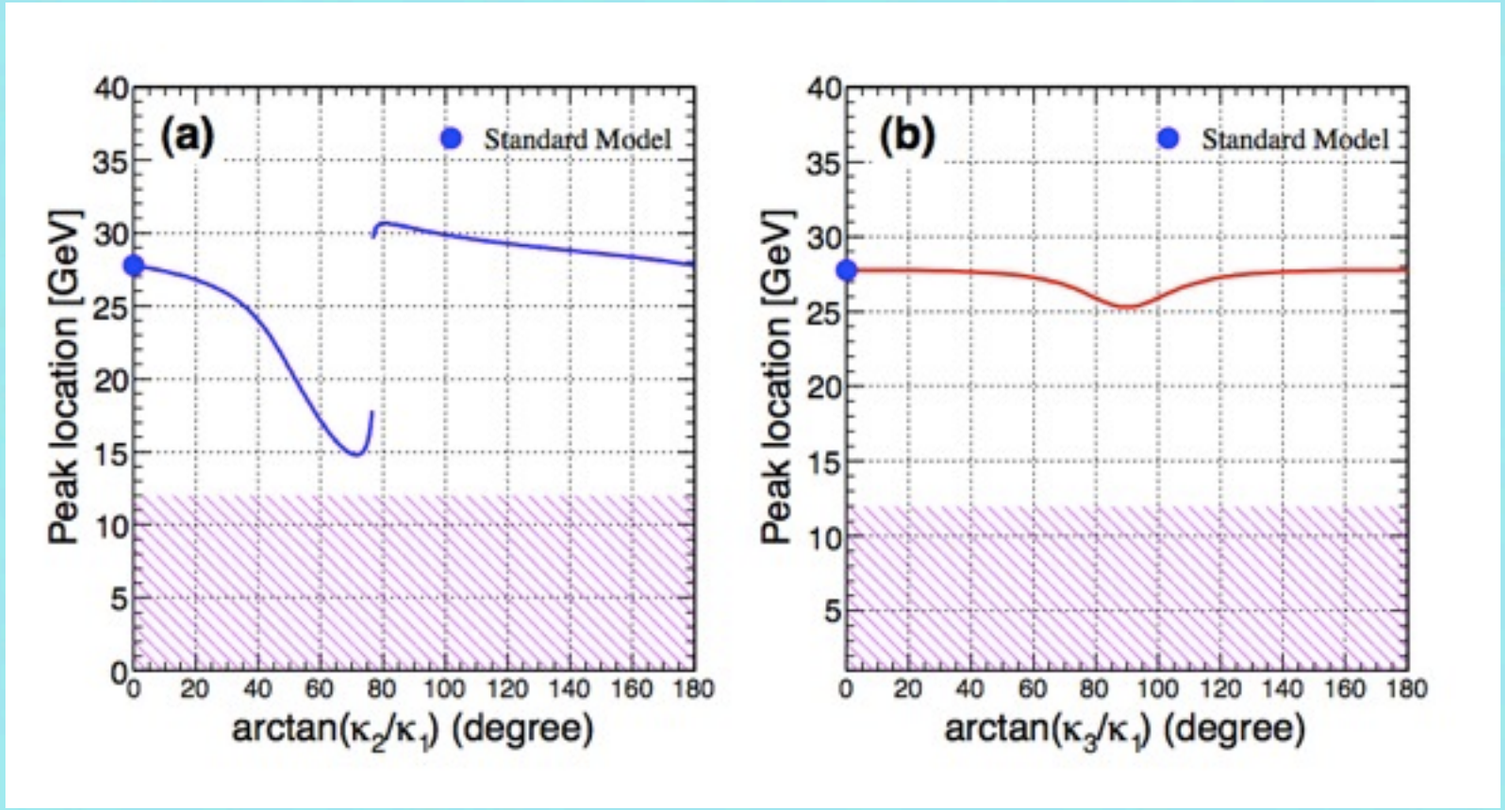
Importance of Interference

- One thing we've found is that the M_2 distribution changes dramatically as we vary $\varkappa_1$ and $\varkappa_2$ due to the effect of interference:



Peak of M_2 distribution displays "first order phase transition" from $\varkappa_1$-$\varkappa_2$ interference , no such feature when considering $\varkappa_1$ and $\varkappa_3$

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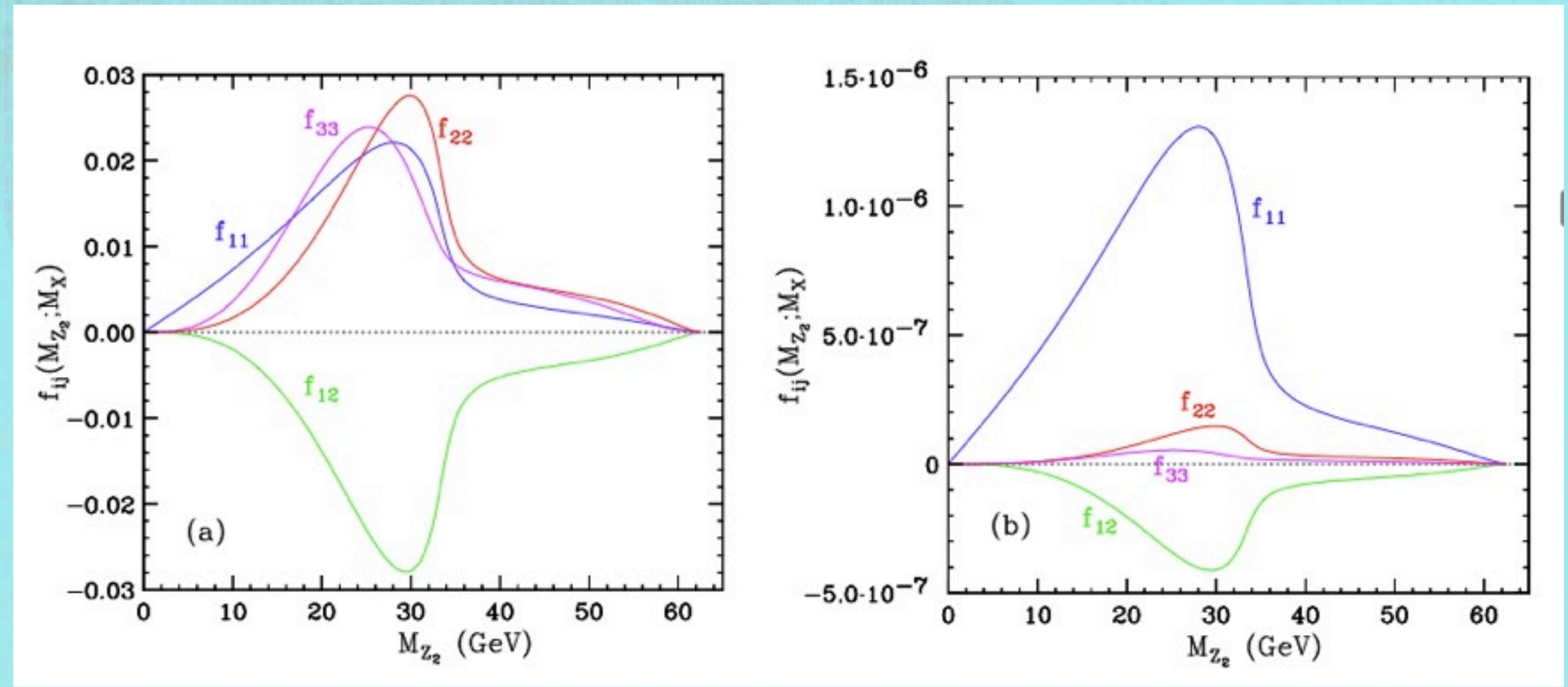
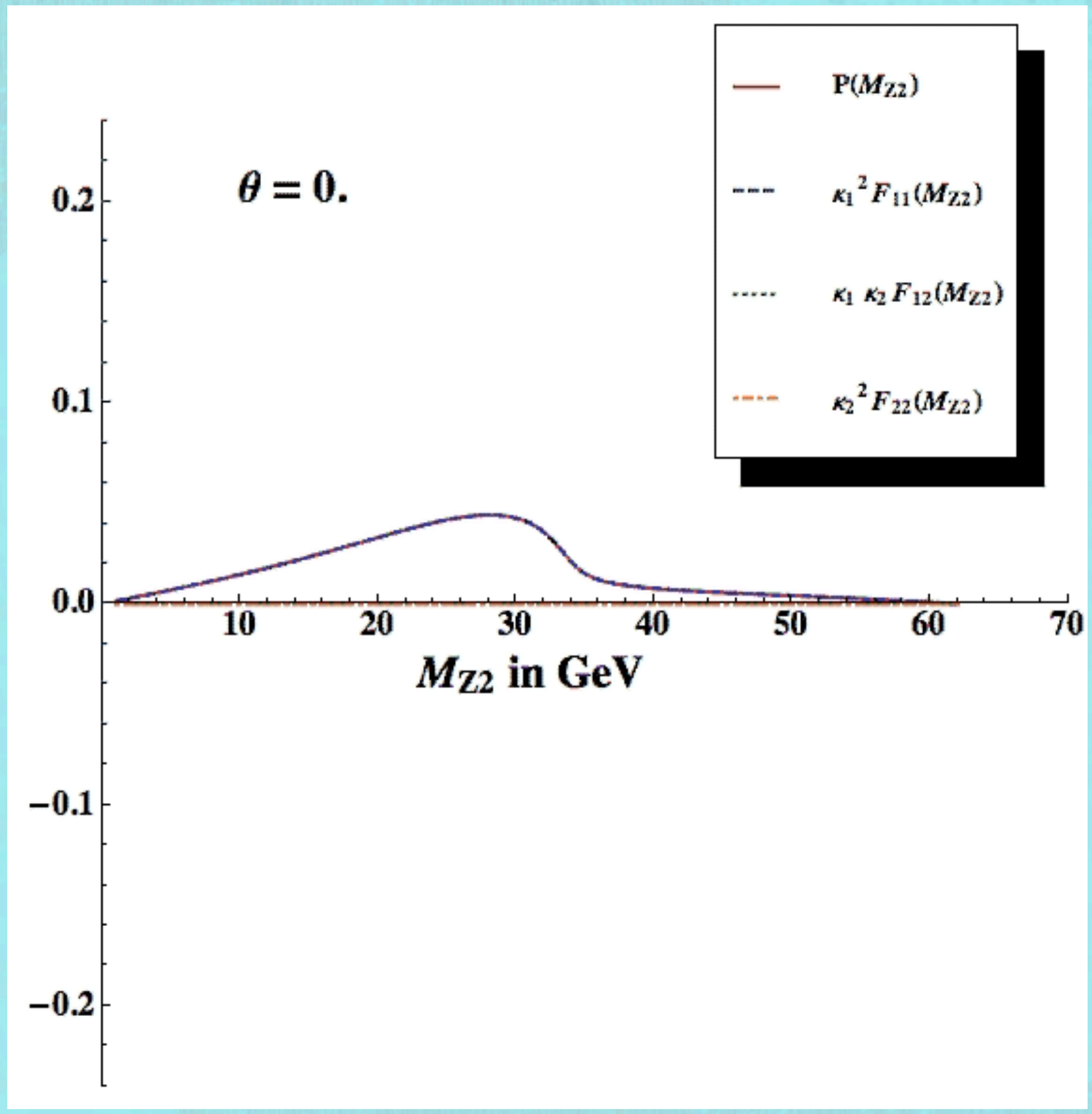


- Distribution (unit normalized on left) of M_2 due to pure $\varkappa_i$ (f_{ii}) and from $\varkappa_1$-$\varkappa_2$ interference (f_{12})

- Note: f12 relatively large, negative.

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dM_{Z_1}dM_{Z_2}} = \frac{1}{v}\sum_{i,j}\kappa_i\kappa_j F_{ij}(M_{Z_1}, M_{Z_2}; M_X)$$



$$\theta = \arctan(\varkappa_2/\varkappa_1)$$

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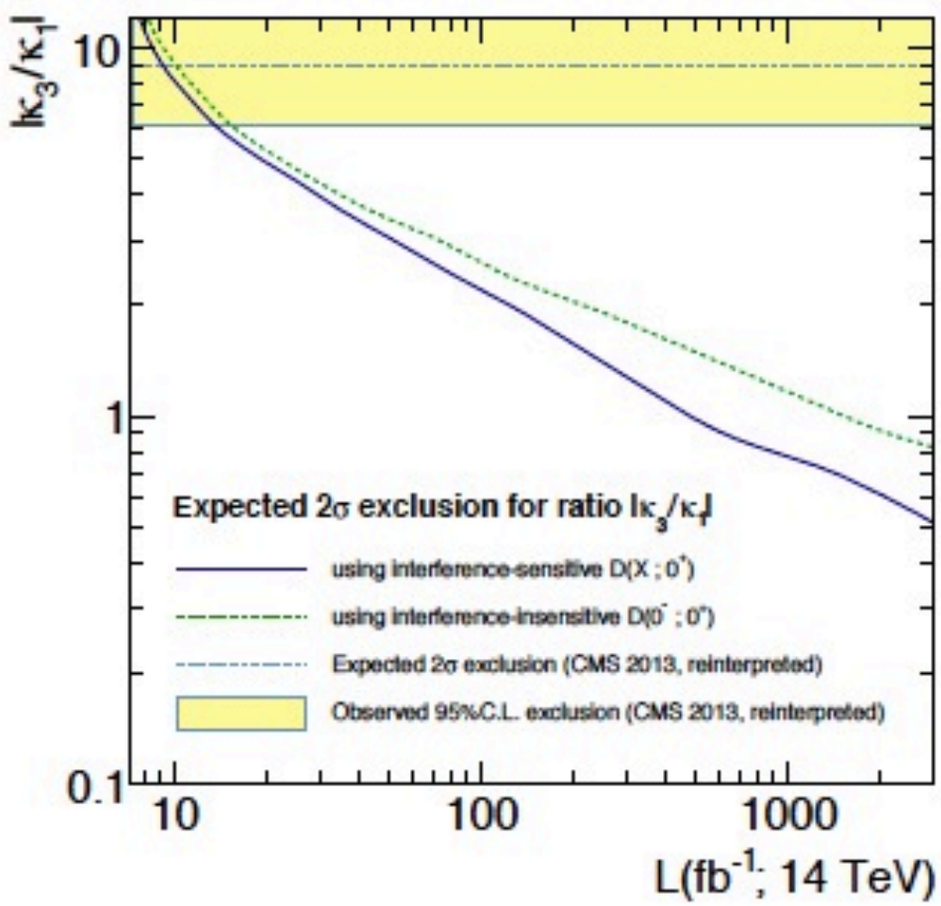

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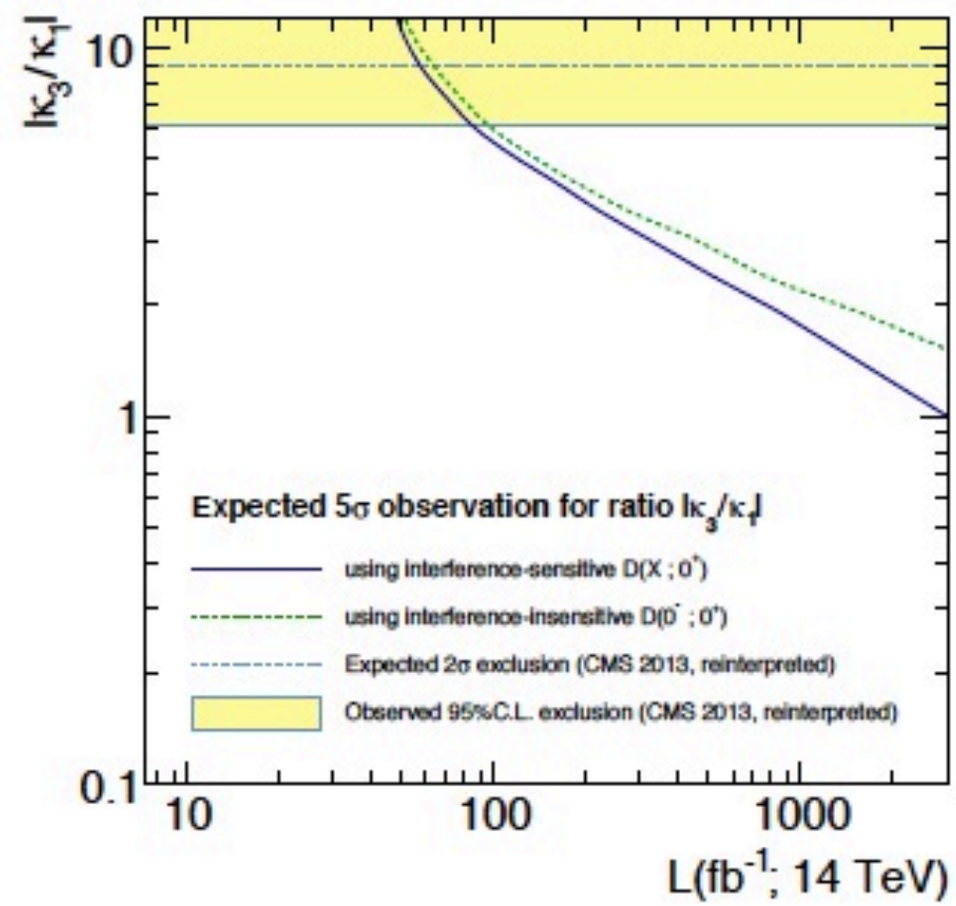

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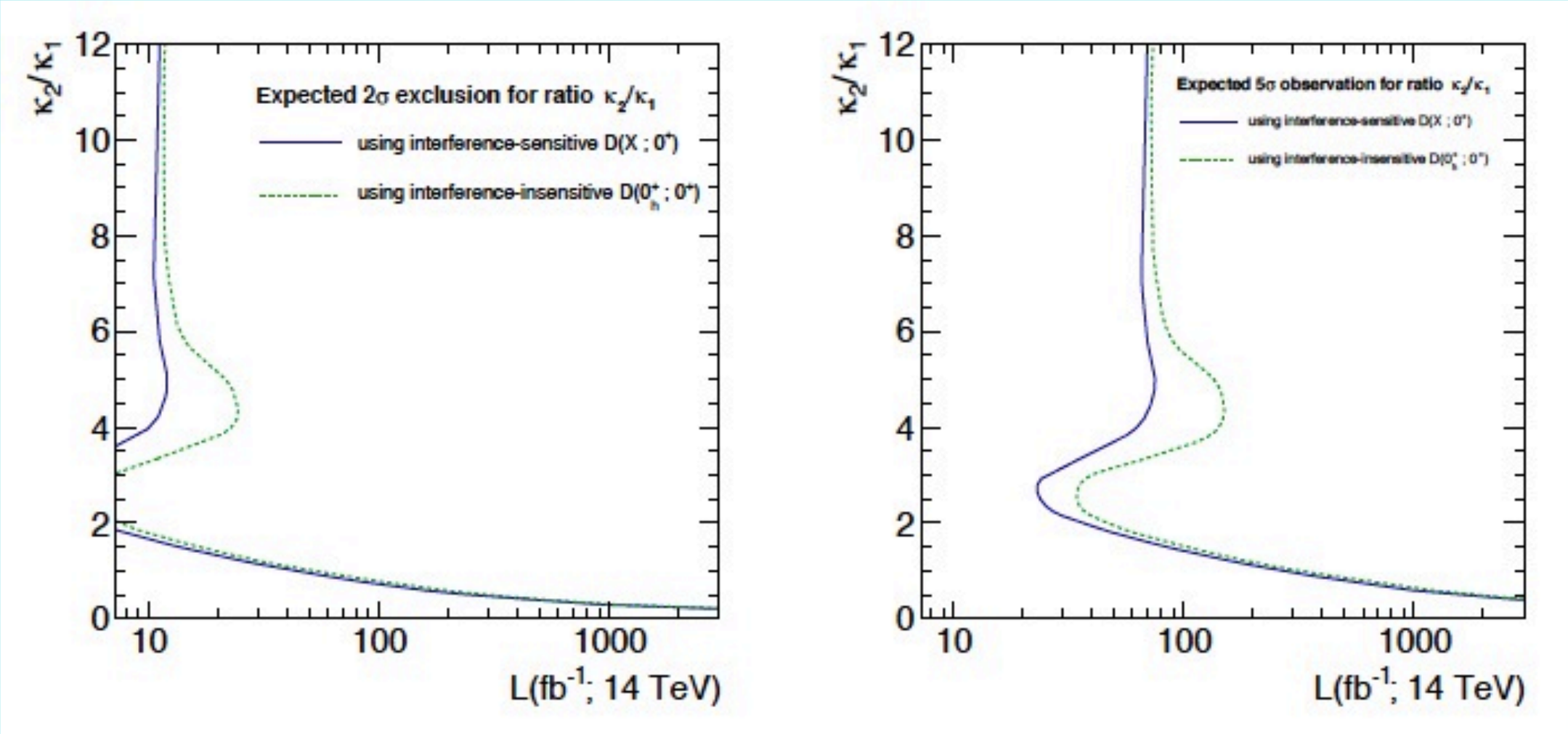

Brief Conclusions

- "Golden" $H \to ZZ^* \to 4\,\ell$ useful channel both in Higgs discovery and in the measurement of Higgs properties
- The Matrix Element Method has been useful for optimizing sensitivity in this channel. Physically transparent (for an MVA).
- I've described a public tool for golden channel analyses and presented a useful framework for the interpretation of results
- Exciting times are also ahead as we measure the couplings of the Higgs!

Thanks!!!

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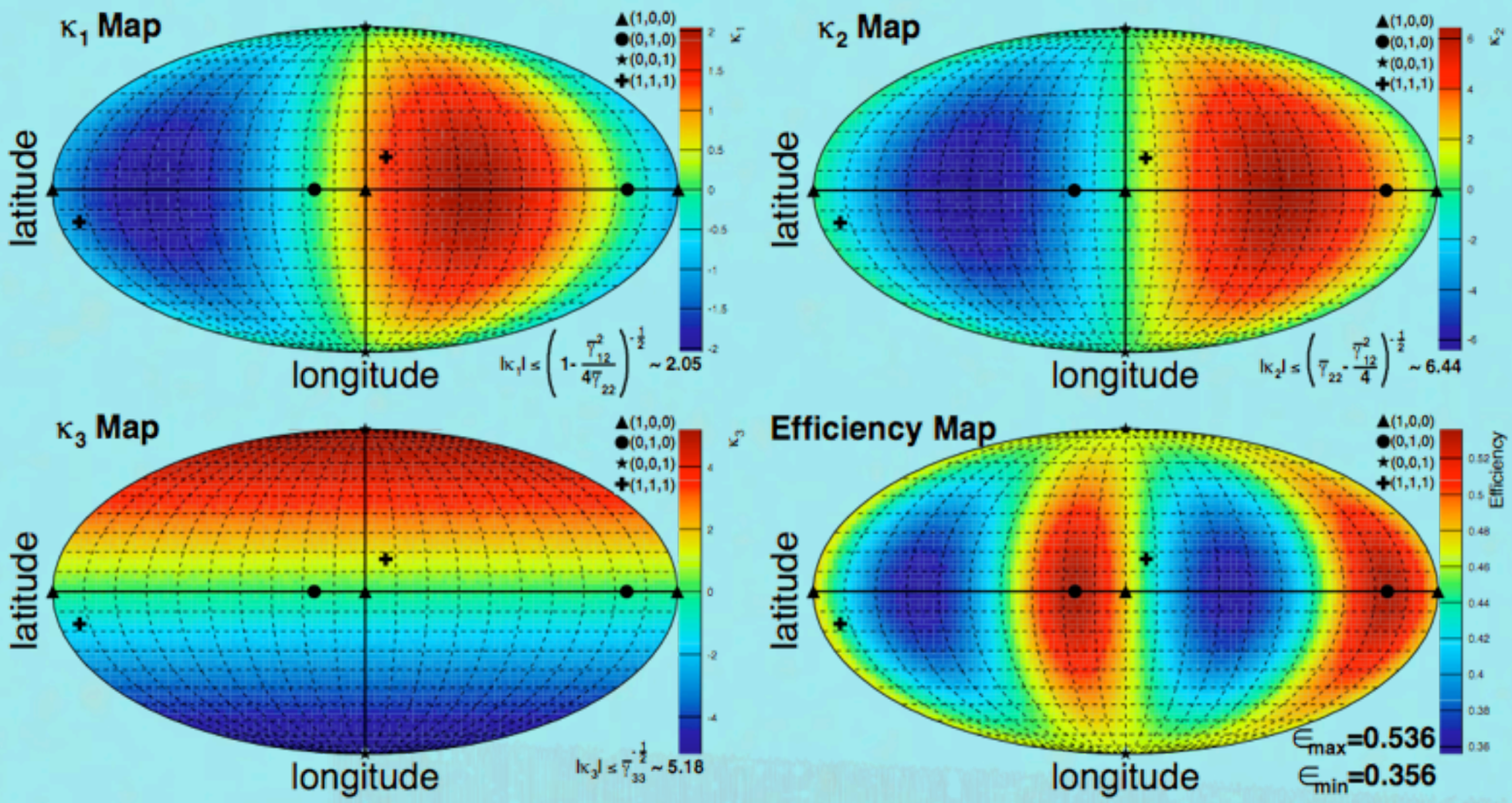
Expressions for change of variables

$$x_i = \sum_j O_{ij}\kappa_j$$

where $O_{21} = O_{31} = O_{32} = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
O_{1i} &= \gamma_{1i}/\sqrt{\gamma_{11}}, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \\
O_{2i} &= \frac{\gamma_{11}\gamma_{2i} - \gamma_{12}\gamma_{1i}}{\sqrt{(\gamma_{11}\gamma_{22} - \gamma_{12}^2)\gamma_{11}}}, \quad (i = 2, 3) \\
O_{33} &= \sqrt{\det ||\gamma_{ij}||/(\gamma_{11}\gamma_{22} - \gamma_{12}^2)}
\end{aligned}$$

More Mollweide



Top two and bottom left plots show $\varkappa$ values on the sphere.

Rates for various processes

Process	γ_{11}	γ_{22}	γ_{33}	γ_{12}
$X \to ZZ$ (DF)	1	0.090	0.038	-0.250
$X \to ZZ$ (SF)	1	0.081	0.032	-0.243
$X \to \gamma\gamma$	0	1	1	0
$X \to WW$	1	0.202	0.084	-0.379
		after cuts		
$X \to ZZ$ (DF)	1	0.101	0.037	-0.277

- Avoid variable efficiencies: use γ_{ij} after cuts
- Note also that γ_{ij} are substantially different in the same flavor and different flavor cases