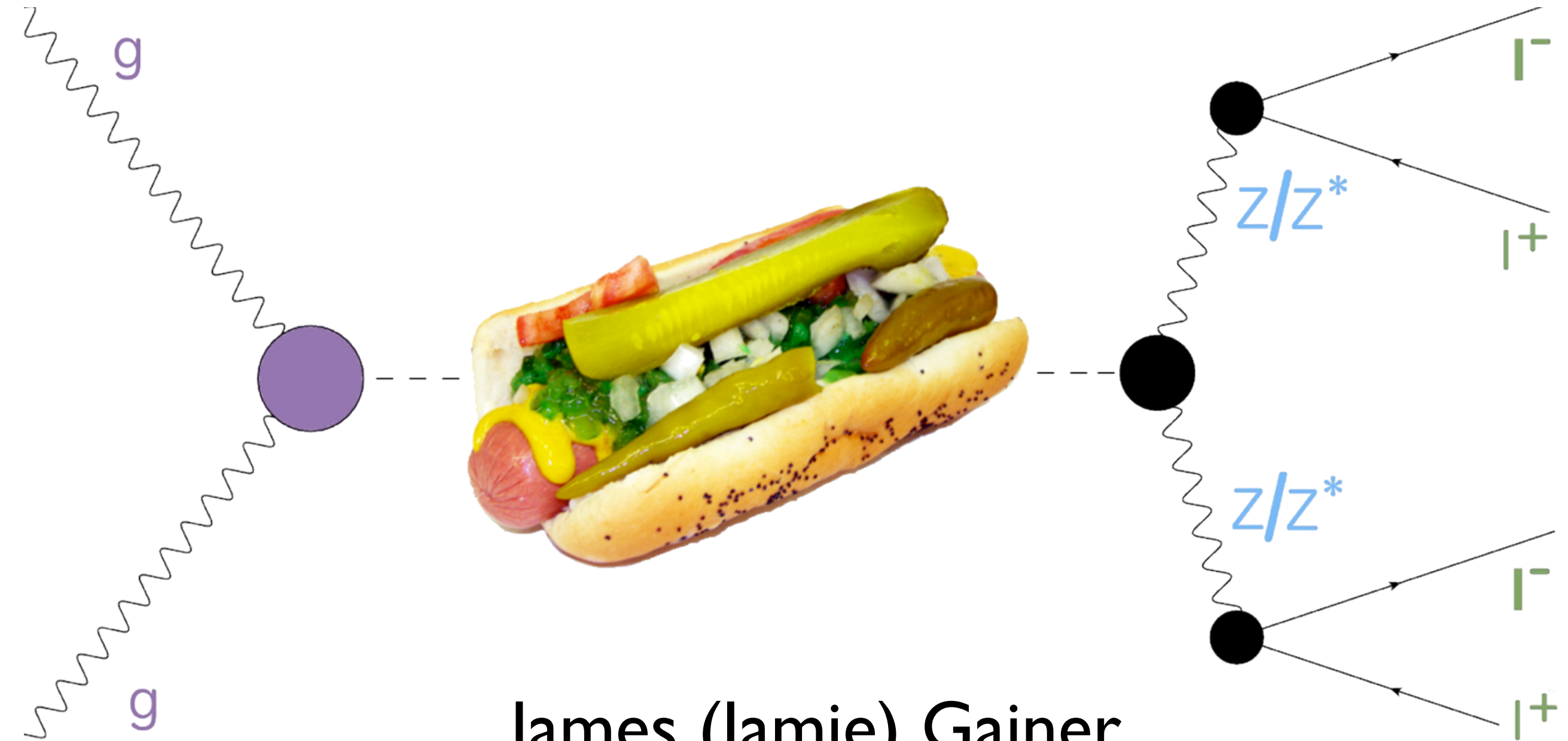


MEKD: A Tool for MEM Analyses in the Higgs Golden Channel

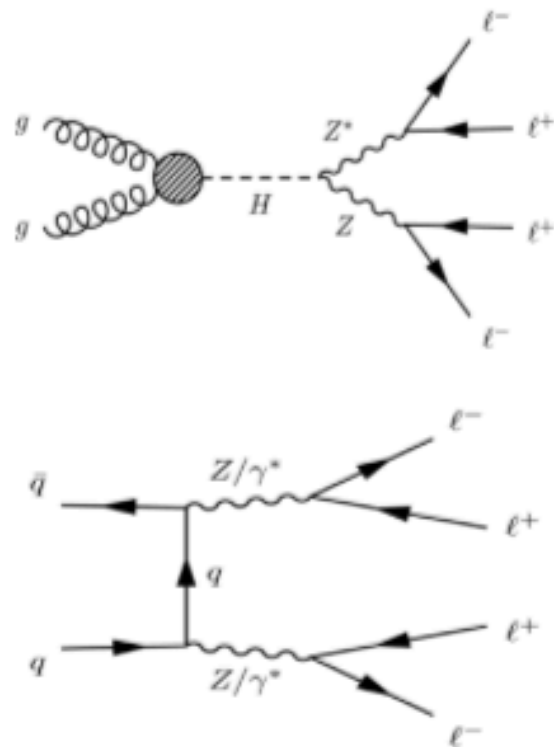


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What is “MEKD”?

- **M**atrix **E**lement **K**inematic **D**iscriminant
- Tool for performing Matrix Element Method- based analyses in the Higgs Golden Channel- $h \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$
- Based on code generated from publicly-available, automatized programs (MadGraph, CalcHEP also available)

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MEKD People

- A team of experimentalists and theorists at Florida (+1 at CERN)
- Paul Avery, Dimitri Bourilkov, Mingshui Chen, Tongguang Cheng, Alexey Drozdetskiy, JSG, Andrey Korytov, Konstantin T. Matchev, Predrag Milenovic, Guenakh Mitselmakher, Myeonghun Park, Aurelijus Rinkevicius, Matthew Snowball
- Doubled my career number of co-authors (excluding workshop proceedings :)

Matrix Element Method (MEM)

- What is the Matrix Element Method?
- The use of the likelihood computed using all kinematic variables (essentially, the differential cross section) to determine significance
- Why is this useful?

More Information Helps

- Especially when distinguishing similar hypotheses...

More Information Helps

- For example, both of the following objects is a pizza.



More Information Helps

- But there are important differences!



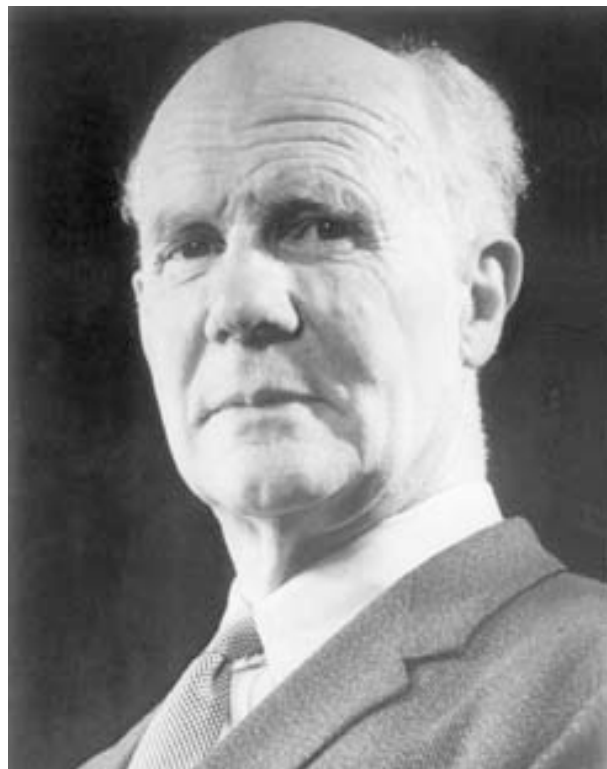
Thin Crust



Deep Dish!!!

Advantages of the MEM

- Uses all available information.
- In some sense, optimal in that the true likelihood is used.
(Neyman - Pearson lemma)



Advantages of the MEM

- **Transparent:**

Unlike e.g. neural net weights, ME has clear physical meaning

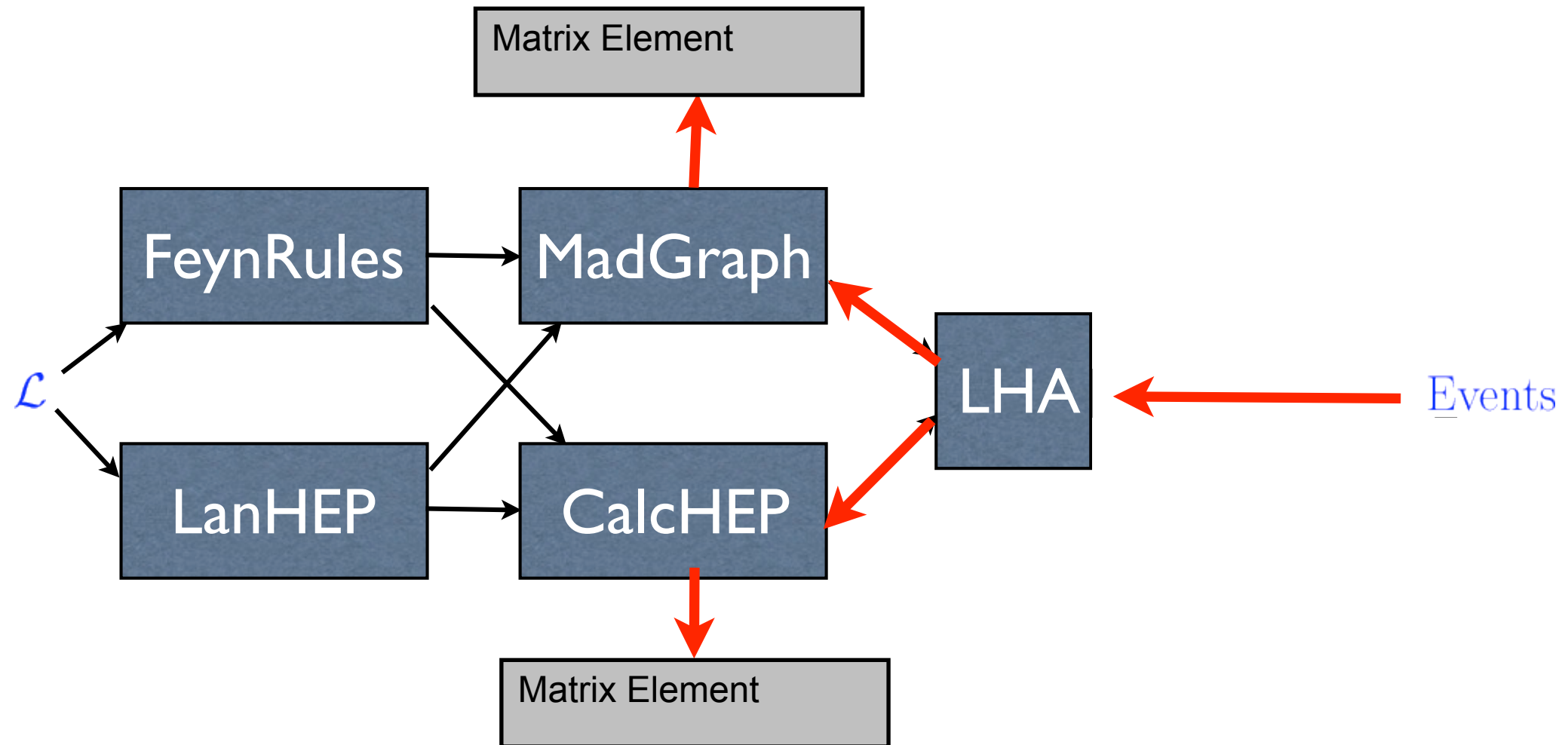
Results independent of training sample.

- **Theorist Input (Mostly) Useful**

Method based on cross section calculations.

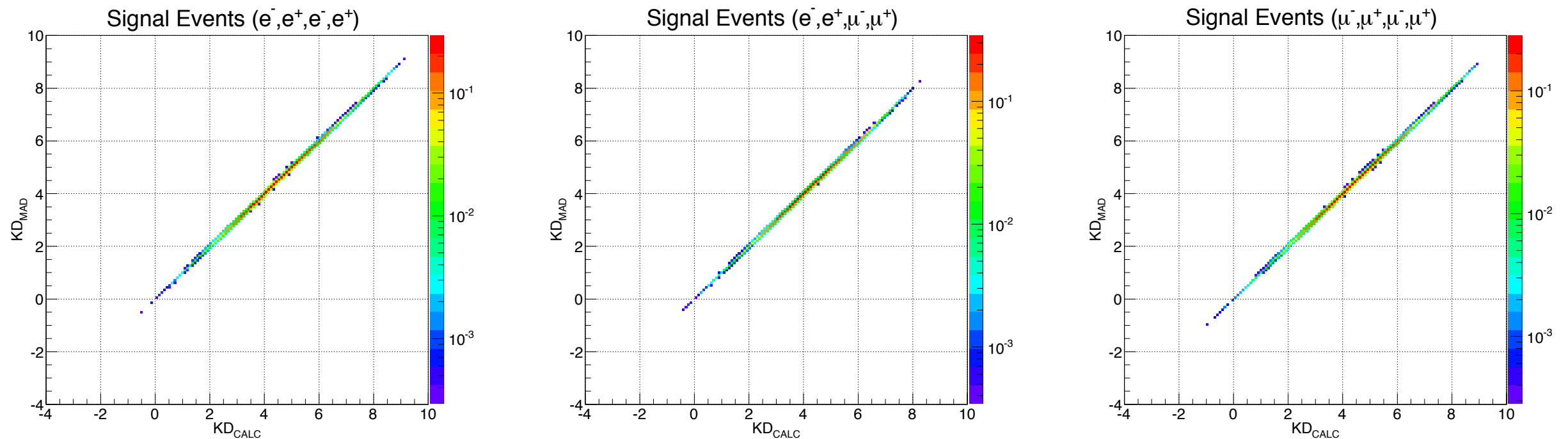
Calculating cross sections is what we do!

From events to ... matrix elements



- As a community, we have developed a standard set of tools for automatically going from Lagrangians to event generation and cross section calculations
- Well-validated, redundant (allows cross checks)
- Can use the same chain to generate matrix elements for events!

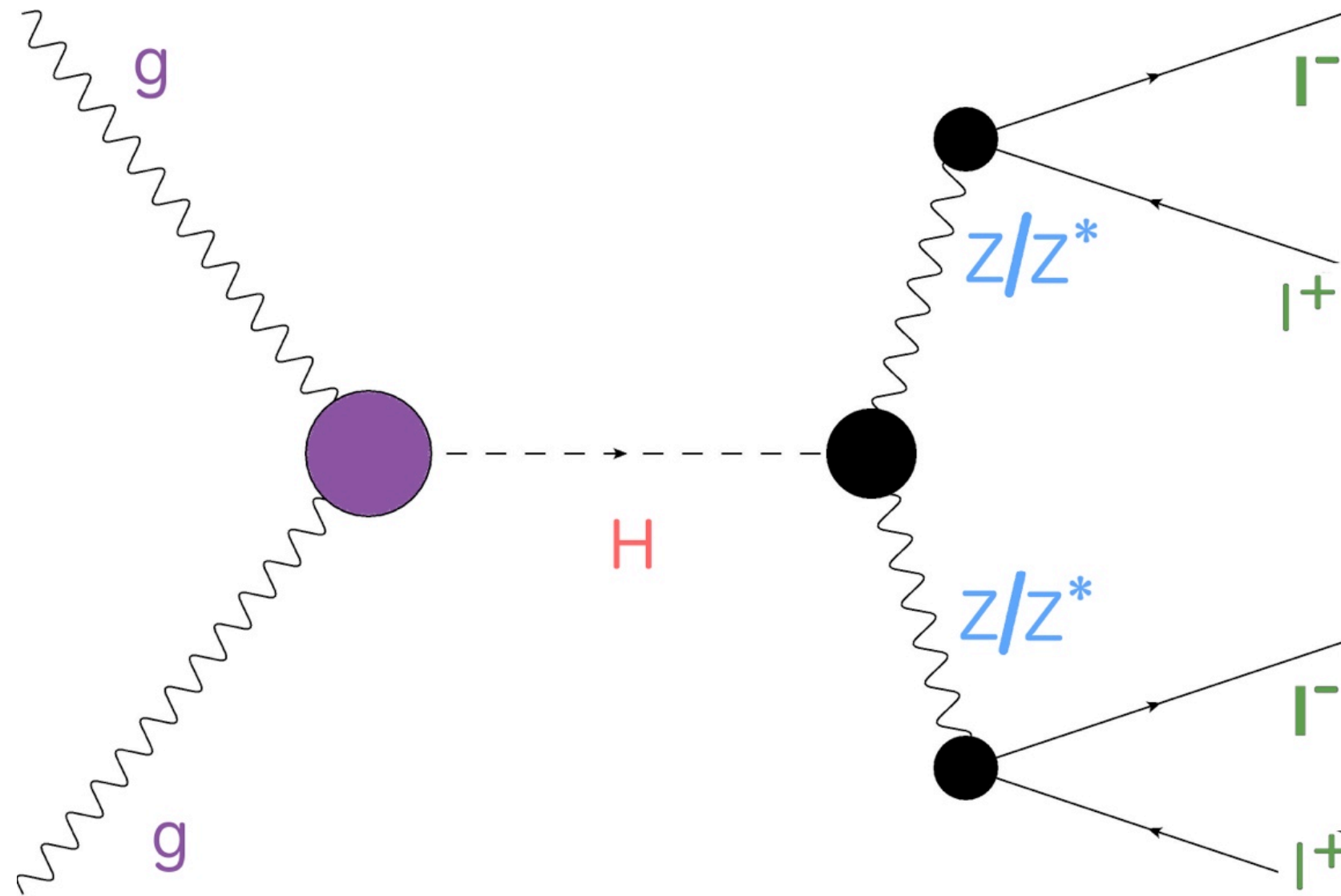
Validation: MadGraph vs. CalcHEP



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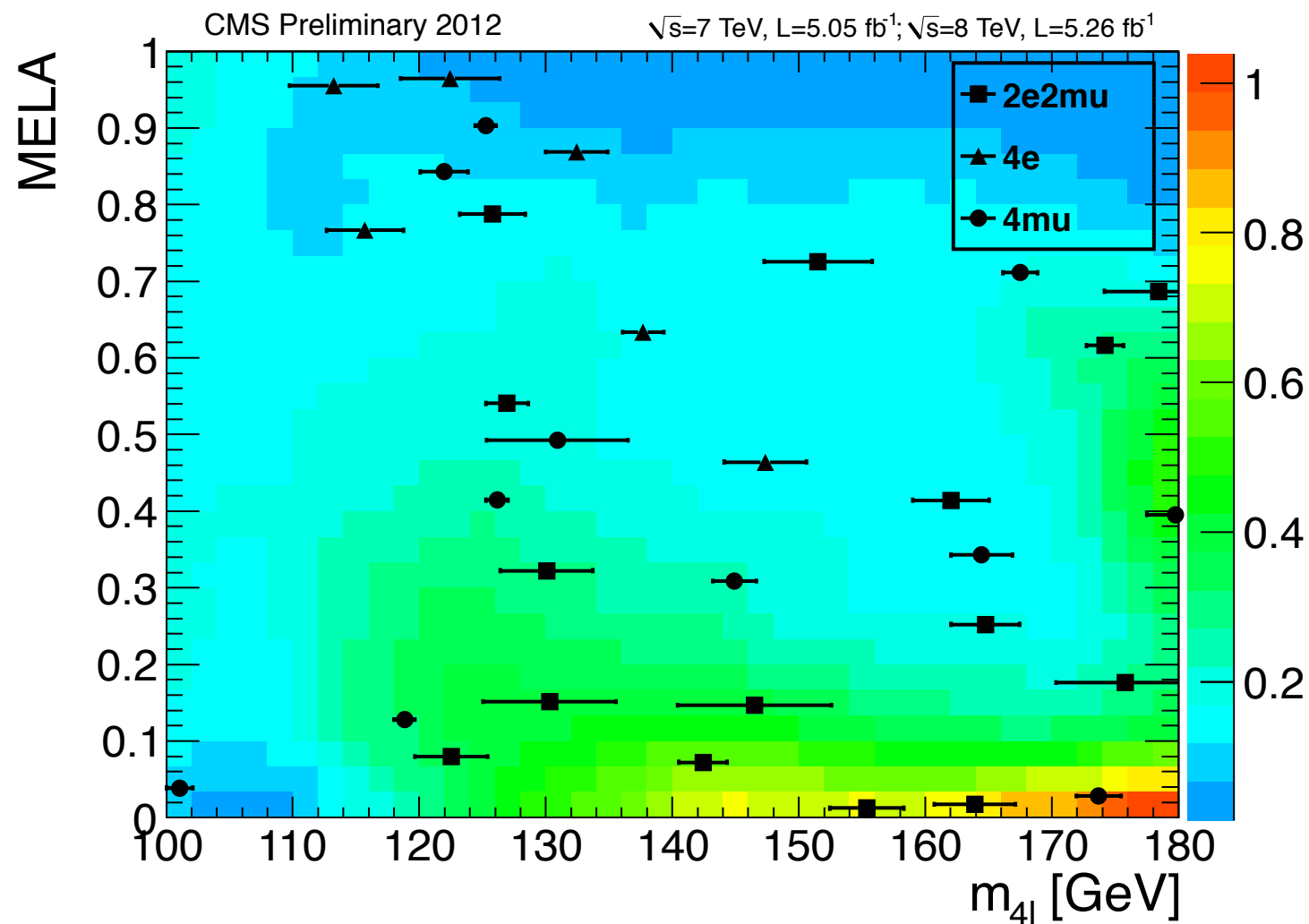
- MEKD is essentially a wrapper (with features) that runs standalone code from MadGraph
- We also have a CalcHEP version and compared the two for validation.

The Golden Channel



- Total Cross Section x Branching Ratio x Detector Efficiencies ~ 1 fb.
- $S/B \sim 1-2$.

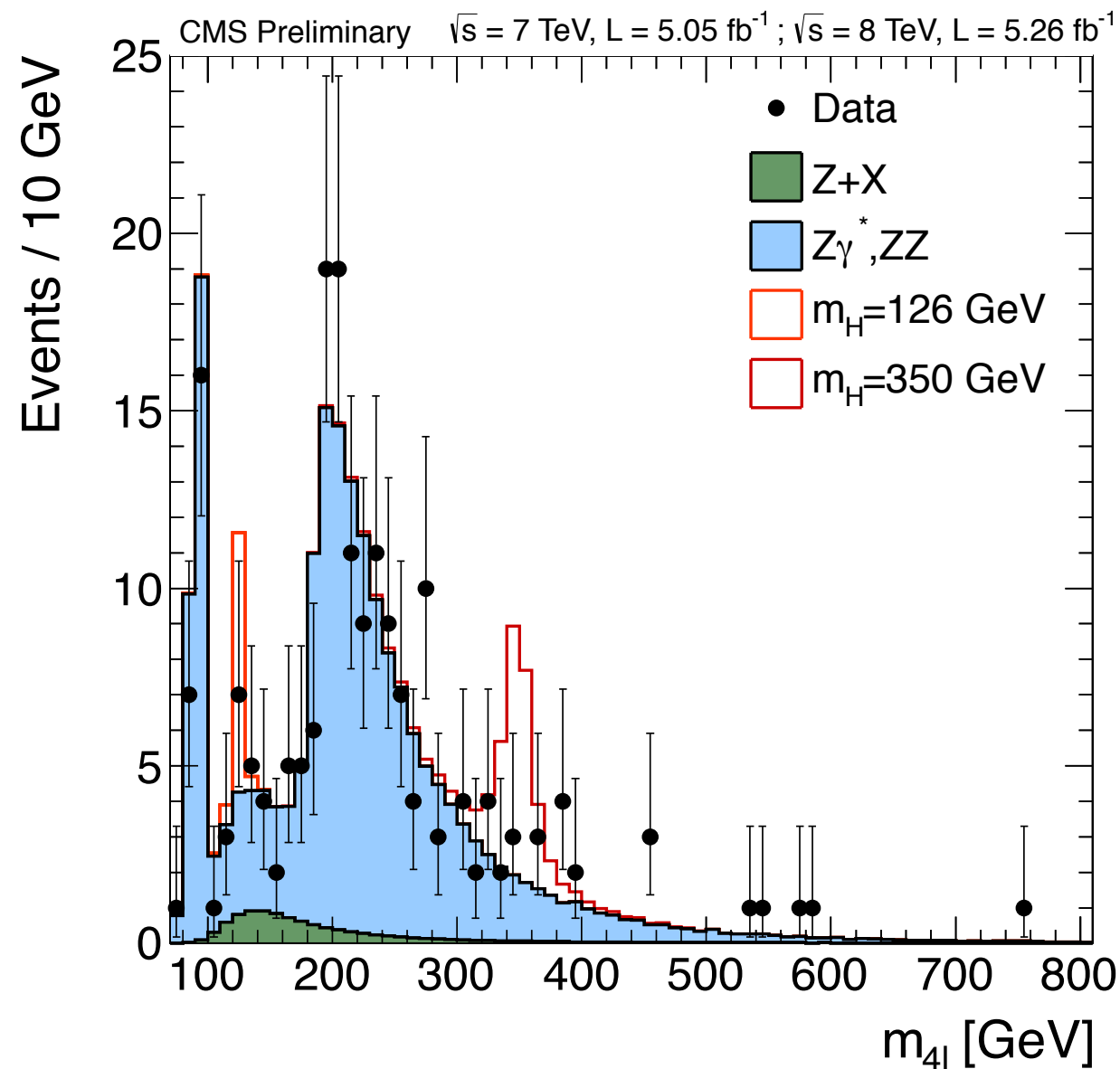
Matrix Element Method/ MELA



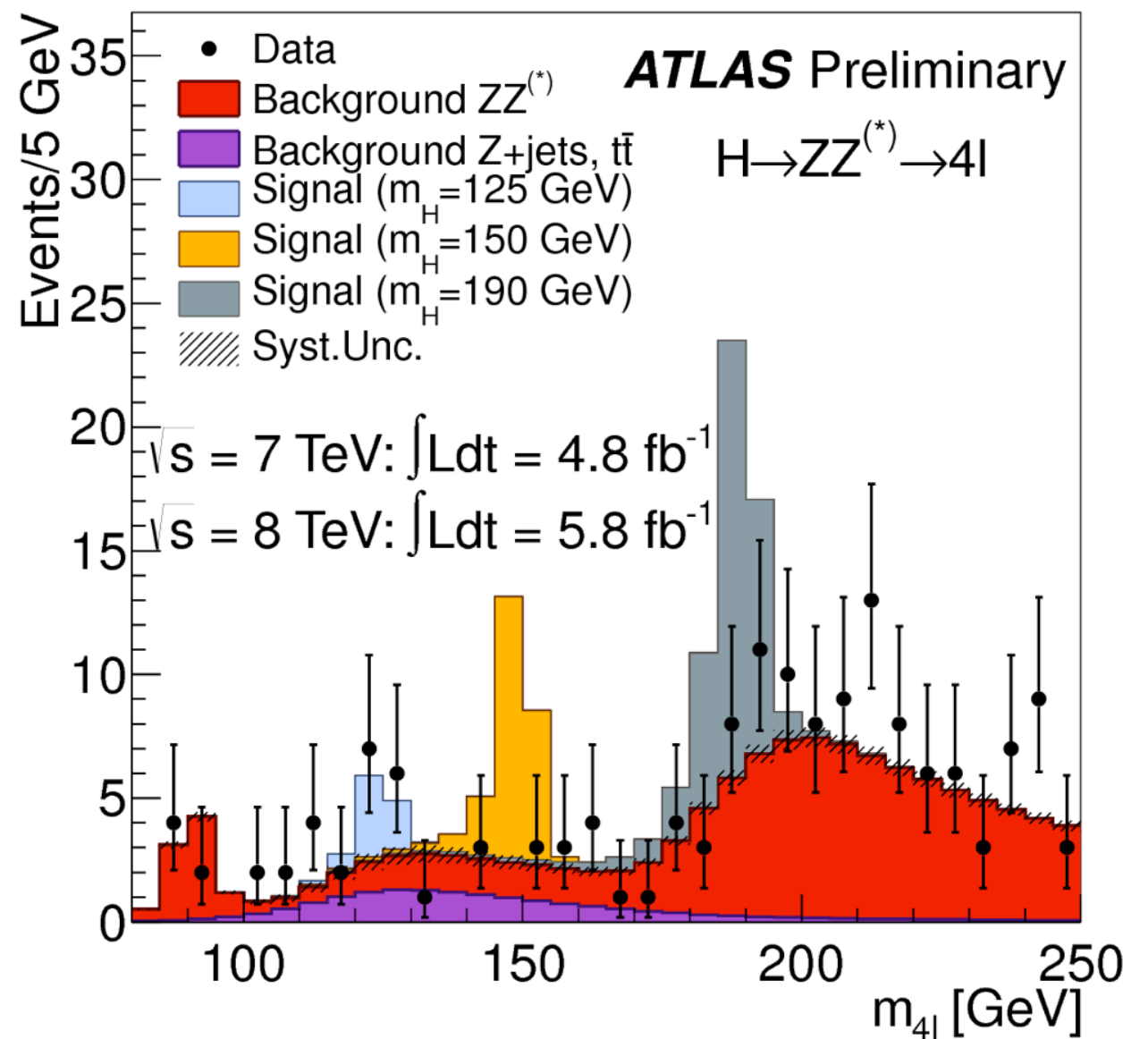
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- CMS used MELA KD
- MELA = Matrix Element Likelihood Analysis
- KD = Kinematic Discriminant
- Quantifies how “signal-like” events are.
- Contours give expected distribution for background events

Important in Higgs Discovery



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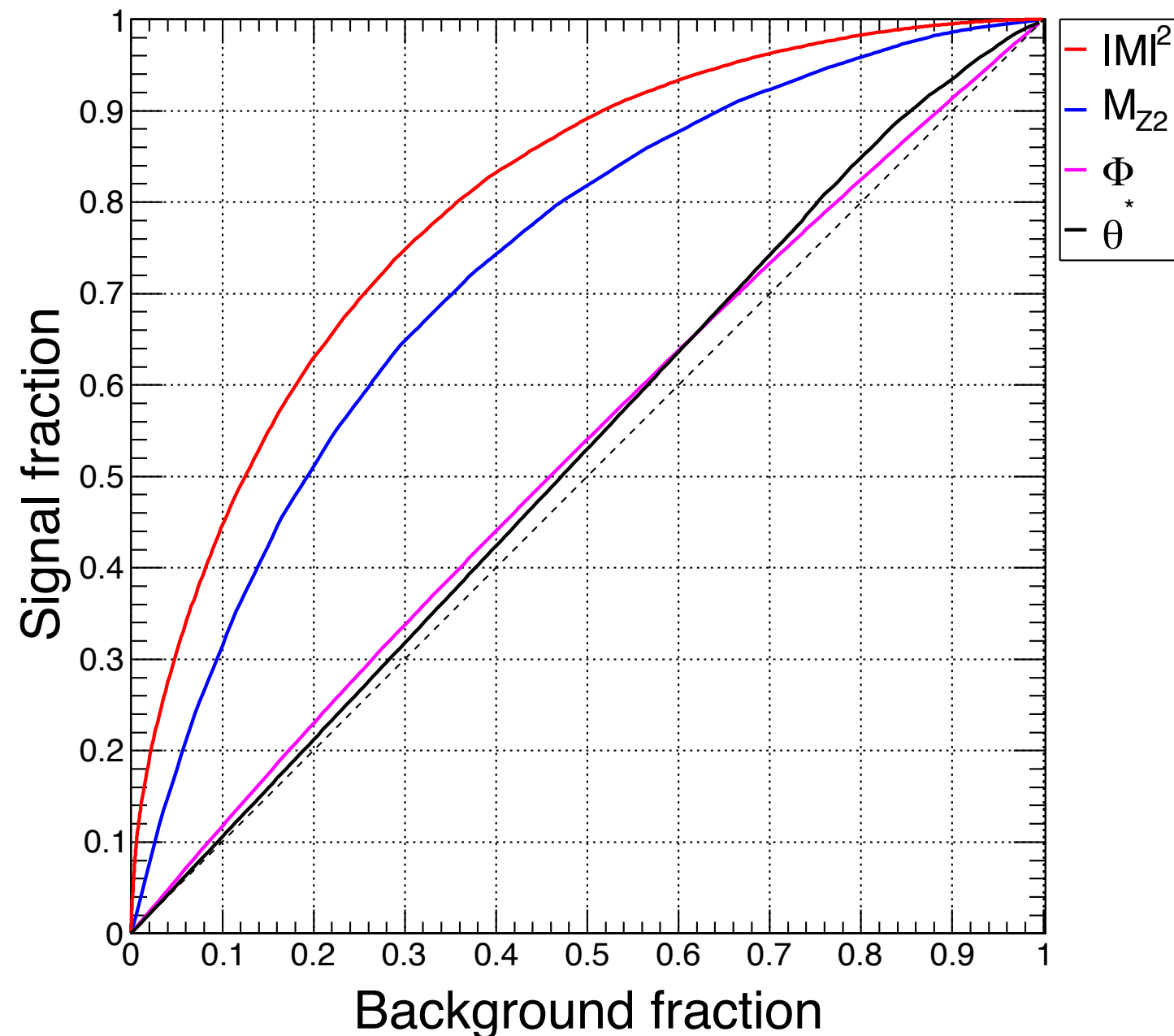
Basic Questions

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- MEKD already equipped for
 - Signal vs. Background
 - CP even vs. CP Odd
 - Spin-0 vs. Spin-2

Signal versus Background

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- MEM is the most sensitive
- Lighter “Z” mass fairly sensitive
- Analyses shown also use invariant mass

See also JSG, Kumar, Low, and Vega-Morales (2011),
Chen, Tran, and Vega-Morales (2012)

CP Properties, Spin

- Perform analyses for general spin-0 resonance (all operators- both CP even and odd), general spin-2 resonance
- De Rujula, Lykken, Pierini, Rogan, Spiropulu (2010)
- Gao, Gritsan, Guo, Melnikov, Schulze, Tran (2010)
- Bolognesi, Gao, Gritsan, Melnikov, Schulze, Tran, Whitbeck (2012)
- Simpler case: SM Higgs versus pure pseudoscalar, graviton



NLO

- For P_T -unbalanced events, the system is transversely boosted to a frame with $P_T=0$ (current)
- Next Step: Including p_T , η information from Monte Carlo-derived templates

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- Further down the road:



In spirit of giving user as many options as possible, will include approaches developed by/ studying in

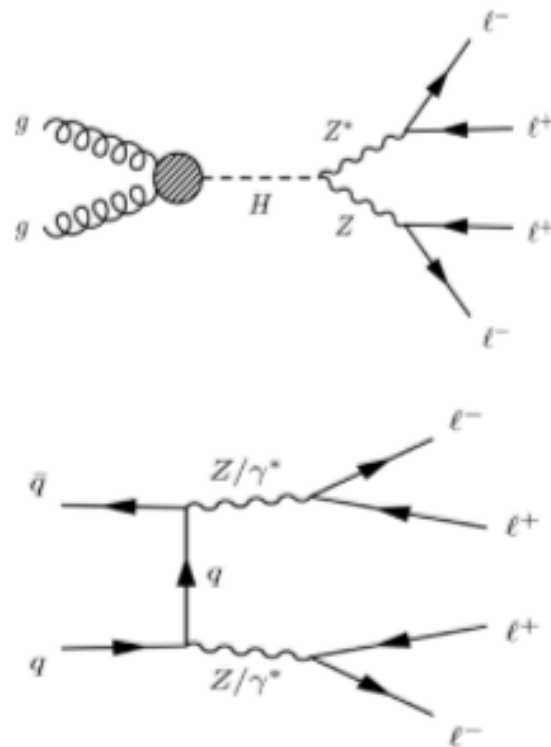
- Alwall, Freitas, and Mattelaer (2010)
- Campbell, Giele, and Williams (2012)
- Explicit ME for the $4l + 1j$ final state

The goal is flexibility.

Other Features/ Future

- Can turn on/ off pdfs, or choose different pdf set.
- Plan to add calculation of ME, KD for fixed Higgs mass and include transfer functions in a very flexible way. Currently m_h set to m_{4l} (for 2-D likelihood...)
- Plan to add functionality for measuring fraction of VBF events in $4l\ 2j$ events
- Stay tuned...

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