Deciphering the CP nature of the Higgs boson

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$H\gamma\gamma$	_	0.50	\checkmark	_	_	_	_	_	0.06	_	_	$< 10^{-2}$
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Hgg	0.12	0.011	\checkmark	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	$< 10^{-2}$
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New ideas/techniques are needed to make the most of current and future data!

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CP violation in the Higgs sector can be constrained using:

- Pure CP-odd observables:
 - Unambiguous markers for CP violation: e.g.
 - EDM measurements,
 - decay angle in $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$.
 - Typically requires to access polarization of particles coupling to the Higgs.
 - Experimentally difficult for many LHC processes (i.e., top-associated Higgs production).
 - Almost impossible for $H \to b \overline{b}$ or $H \to \mu^+ \mu^-$





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 - Many rate measurements are indirectly sensitive: e.g. ggH.
 - Subtle effects in kinematic distributions of CP-even observables (e.g. $p_{T,H}$ in $t\bar{t}H$).
 - Deviations from SM need not be due to CP violation
 → degeneracies with non-CPV BSM effects.



Constraining CP violation

CP violation in the Higgs sector can be constrained using:

- Multivariate analyses:
 - Exploit full kinematic information using machine learning.
 - Often mixes CP-even and CP-odd observables.
 - High sensitivity.
 - Can be difficult to reinterpret.



[e.g. simulation-based inference, Brehmer et al.,1805.00013, ...]



Exploit and combine all three complementary approaches to learn as much as possible!



Improving LHC CP measurements

Higgs + 2 *jet production as an exemplary process*

[HB et al., 2309.03146]



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- Allows for indirect constraint of CP character of top-Yukawa interaction.

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ggF2j signal region



- ggF2j signal region outperforms VBF signal region (not shown),
- $\Delta \phi_{jj}$ limit is significantly worse.

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- Competitive with global LHC fit (which is dominated by ggH XS and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ BR constraints).
- Less model-dependent than global fit to mainly XS measurements.



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What do EDM measurements tell us about the Higgs CP nature?

[HB et al., 2202.11753; see also Brod et al., 2203.03736]

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→ updated EDM measurement almost completely excludes green area [Roussy et al., 2212.11841]



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The Higgs will keep us busy for many decades to come!



Appendix

Higgs width constraints



Starting point — 1 flavor fits: au

[HB et al.,2202.11753]



- Without CMS $H \to \tau \tau$ CP analysis ring-like structure since $\Gamma_{H \to \tau \tau} \propto c_{\tau}^2 + \tilde{c}_{\tau}^2$ (similar for muon-Yukawa coupling).
- With CMS $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ CP analysis, we can differentiate between CP-even and CP-odd tau-Yukawa coupling.

1 flavor fits: *b*

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- Ring-like structure since $\Gamma_{H \to bb} \propto c_b^2 + \tilde{c}_b^2$.
- Bottom-Yukawa coupling, however, also affects *ggH* rate:

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$$\frac{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H}}{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H}^{SM}} \simeq 1.1c_t^2 + 2.6\tilde{c}_t^2 - 0.1c_tc_b + \cdots$$

- Negative c_b values disfavored since ggH rate is enhanced by $\sim 20\%$.
- Direct bottom CP measurements very difficult.



Indirect CP constraints will remain important for the bottom-Yukawa coupling.

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, disfavors negative/small c_t .

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- Relies on assumption that no other BSM physics affect ggH and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$.
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- Colored and charged BSM particles can cancel the effect of a modified top-Yukawa coupling.
- Top-associated Higgs production is a more model-independent but weaker probe.

 \geq 2 flavor fits \Rightarrow only weak correlations between different Yukawa couplings.

2 flavor fits: *t* and *b*

[HB et al.,2202.11753]



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- Correlation of CP-odd coupling modifiers weaker since bounds on \tilde{c}_t are stronger.

Charm- and muon-Yukawa couplings


Global modification fits



- Universal fermion coupling modifiers: $c_f = c_t = c_b = \cdots = c_{\tau}$, $\tilde{c}_f = \tilde{c}_t = \tilde{c}_b = \cdots = \tilde{c}_{\tau}$.
- Dominated by constraints on top-Yukawa coupling.
- Additional varying c_V reopens negative c_f range.

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There are, however, further "Higgs" operators which contribute to e.g. $t\bar{t}H$:

$$O_{tG} = (\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}T^A t)\tilde{\phi}G^A_{\mu\nu},$$

$$O_{\phi G} = (\phi^{\dagger} \phi) (G^{A}_{\mu\nu} G^{A\mu\nu}),$$
$$O_{\phi \tilde{G}} = (\phi^{\dagger} \phi) (G^{A}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{A\mu\nu}).$$

Interplay of the different operators not well understood if CPV is present.

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 \rightarrow Would be great to get full likelihood information!



[Joecy et al.,9410282;Kainulainen et al.,0105295, 0202177;Prokopec et al., 0312110, 0406140;Konstandin et al.,1302.6713, 1407.3132]

- VIA approach yields consistently higher results by orders of magnitude.
- We use VIA approach with bubble wall parameters close to optimal values for Y_B : [de Vries,1811.11104;Fuchs et al.,2003.00099,2007.06940;Shapira,2106.05338]

$$\frac{Y_B}{Y_B^{\rm obs}} \simeq 28\tilde{c}_t - 0.2\tilde{c}_b - 11\tilde{c}_\tau + \cdots$$



 Y_B values should be regarded as **upper bound** on what is theoretically achievable.

2 flavor results: *t* and *b*

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• Presence of more than one CP-violating coupling allows for cancellation in eEDM.

 \rightarrow Larger values for Y_B/Y_B^{obs} can be reached.