



Measuring the CP state of tau lepton pairs from Higgs decay at the HLG e+e- colliders

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known sources of CP violation are insufficient to explain our universe's matter – anti-matter asymmetry

$\rightarrow\,$ motivates search for CP effects in the Higgs sector

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Is the 125 GeV Higgs a CP eigenstate ?

h_{125} = \cos \psi_{CP} h^{CP-even} + \sin \psi_{CP} A^{CP-odd}

pure CP even: \psi_{CP} = 0 [Standard Model]

pure CP odd: \psi_{CP} = \pi/2 [already excluded at LHC]

or a mixture?
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Do Higgs couplings conserve CP ? e.g. coupling to fermions: $\mathcal{L} \sim g \bar{f} (\cos \psi_{CP} + i \gamma^5 \sin \psi_{CP}) f H$

CP conserving coupling maximally violating or partially violating ?

$$\psi_{CP} = 0$$
 [Standard Model]
 $\psi_{CP} = \pi/2$

we can also probe CP nature of Higgs couplings to gauge bosons



h is a spin 0 state: |f \bar{f} > = |↑↓> + e^{2iψ} |↓↑> ψ = 0 CP even π/2 CP odd

to probe CP, we consider the correlation between the spins of fermions produced in Higgs boson decay

Higgs decays to tau leptons: large branching ratio (~6%) sensitivity to tau spin orientation → reflected in distribution of decay products use tau decay products to reconstruct **polarimeter** \rightarrow estimator of tau spin orientation

straightforward to extract in
$$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow (\pi^{\pm}\nu)$$
 [BR~11%]
or $(\pi^{\pm}\pi^{0}\nu)$ [~25%]

optimal polarimeter vectors **h** in terms of tau decay product momenta in the tau rest frame:

h (
$$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \nu$$
) ~ ~ **p** _{π^{\pm}}

h (
$$\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^{0} \nu$$
) ~ $m_{\tau} (E_{\pi\pm} - E_{\pi0}) (p_{\pi\pm} - p_{\pi0}) + 0.5 (p_{\pi\pm} + p_{\pi0})^{2} p_{\nu}$

for optimal sensitivity, require knowledge of tau rest frame (or equivalently the **neutrino momentum**)

correlation between transverse polarimeter components is sensitive to CP mixing



dN ~ $(1+\cos\theta^+\cos\theta^-)$ {1- $\sin\theta^+\sin\theta^-/(1+\cos\theta^+\cos\theta^-)$ } cos($\Delta\phi - 2\psi_{CP}$)

"contrast" \rightarrow determines event-by-event modulation

if polarimeters aligned with tau momentum (sin $\theta \rightarrow 0$), transverse correlations are less strong



- ultra-precise vertex detector
 - first layer @ r = 16 mm
 - impact parameter resolution ~3µm
- low mass tracker
 - few interactions \rightarrow helps tau decay mode identification
- highly segmented "PFA" calorimeters
 - 30 layers of 5x5 mm² cells in ECAL
 - pi0 & tau decay mode reconstruction

International Large Detector

detector concept being developed for ILC arXiv:2003.01116





Full tau reconstruction

to reconstruct optimal tau polarimeter vectors, need full reconstruction of tau decay products, including neutrino(s)

event with two hadronic tau decays (1 neutrino per tau), 6 unknowns: 2 × neutrino 3-momenta

neutrino momenta can be reconstructed if we know: visible tau momenta tau production vertex (from Z decay products) impact parameters of charged tau decay products p_{τ} of the tau-tau system (balance the Z p_{τ})

e⁺filling e⁺ tr e⁻ tr

6 constraints:

- 2 × impact parameters define the tau momenta plane
- 2 × tau invariant mass
- 2 from tau-tau $p_T [p_x, p_y]$

requires excellent detector performance:

charged particle and photon reconstruction, impact parameter measurement, jet energy measurement

e.g. single-prong hadronic tau decays



one free parameter: orientation of the in-plane neutrino momentum (angle ψ) once orientation is defined, tau mass constraint provides its magnitude

scan neutrinos' orientation to minimise event p_{τ}



typically several solutions

reject solutions with negative reconstructed tau proper lifetime choose remaining soln. with smallest event p_{τ}

reconstructed di-tau mass



MC truth



assume 2 ab⁻¹ of 250 GeV data : after 11 years ILC operation [arXiv:1903.01629]

some distributions after full simulation and reconstruction and a simple preselection:



use these and other observables to select signal events

After relatively simple cut-based event selection expected numbers of signal and background events

(2 ab⁻¹ integrated luminosity at 250 GeV)

	Z →	e⁺e⁻	$\mu^+\mu^-$	qq
Process		е	μ	q
Signal		32	36	575
Other $f\bar{f}H, H \to \tau^+\tau^-$		39	43	627
Other $f\bar{f}H$		1	0	58
Other $f\bar{f}\tau^+\tau^-$		32	24	766
Other $4f$		51	35	2834
2 <i>f</i>		18	0	403

Z decays to leptons: few 10s of signal events; S:B ~ 1:3~4

Z decays to quarks: many more signal events; S:B ~ 1:8

Some distributions after selection



14 arounds

train Neural Networks to further separate signal from backgrounds

to extract tau **polarimeter** (estimator of spin direction), must identify tau decay mode

→ consider number of charged particles and photons reconstructed in the tau jet, and their invariant mass simple cut-based classification

		True decay	
Reco. decay	$(\pi\nu,\pi\nu)$	$(\pi\nu,\rho\nu)$	$(\rho\nu,\rho\nu)$
		$Z \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	
$(\pi u,\pi u)$	93	3	< 1
$(\pi\nu, \rho\nu)$	7	93	6
$(\rho\nu, \rho\nu)$	< 1	4	94
		$Z \to qq(uds)$	
$(\pi u,\pi u)$	89	6	< 1
$(\pi\nu, \rho\nu)$	11	89	12
$(\rho\nu, \rho\nu)$	< 1	5	87

87% ~ 94% efficiency to correctly identify tau decay modes, better in events with little hadronic activity

Group events according to expected CP sensitivity, based on:

intrinsic:

orientation of polarimeters ("contrast" function)

reconstruction quality and tau flight distance:

tau decay prongs' impact parameter measurement significance **background contamination**:

output of simple NN [6 inputs] (signal vs. main 4f bkgs)

wrong tau decay mode contamination:

output of simple NN [4 inputs] (signal tau decays vs. others)





CP sensitive observable $\Delta \phi$ in different event sensitivity bins



signal background

phase of signal distribution is sensitive to CP¹⁷

Estimating measurement sensitivity

unbinned maximum likelihood fit: simultaneously in all sensitivity bins and selection channels fit a single parameter: the phase of the $\Delta \phi$ distribution

perform series of toy pseudo-experiments using simulated distributions



results of 10k pseudo-exps



sensitivity on ψ_{CP} under various conditions

TABLE IV. Estimated experimental precision $\delta \psi_{CP}$ on the CP phase in different scenarios.

∫L	beam pol.		notes	$\delta\psi_{ m CP}$		
$[ab^{-1}]$	e^-	e^+		[mrad]		
1.0	0	0	full analysis	116		
1.0	0	0	only $Z \rightarrow ee$	450		
1.0	0	0	only $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$	412		
1.0	0	0	only $Z \rightarrow qq$	122		
1.0	0	0	only $(\pi\nu, \pi\nu)$	387		
1.0	0	0	only $(\pi\nu, \rho\nu)$	198		
1.0	0	0	only $(\rho\nu, \rho\nu)$	166		
1.0	-1.0	+1.0	pure $e_L^- e_R^+$	97		
1.0	+1.0	-1.0	pure $e_R^- e_L^+$	113		
1.0	0	0	$\sigma_{ZH} + 20\%$	104		
1.0	0	0	$\sigma_{ZH} - 20\%$	133		
1.0	0	0	no bg.	76		
1.0	0	0	perf. pol.	100		
1.0	0	0	no bg., perf. pol./eff.	25		
H20-staged: 250 GeV, 2 ab^{-1}						
0.9	-0.8	+0.3	only $e_L^- e_R^+$	102		
0.9	+0.8	-0.3	only $e_R^- e_L^+$	120		
0.1	-0.8	-0.3	only $e_L^- e_L^+$	359		
0.1	+0.8	+0.3	only $e_R^- e_R^+$	396		
2.0	mixed		full analysis	75		

dominated by events with hadronic Z

1 ab⁻¹ (unpolarised): realistic : 116 mrad perfect detector/analysis: 25 mrad

significant instrumental effects \rightarrow full simulation essential

2 ab⁻¹ @ ILC-250: 75 mrad \approx 4.3°

thoughts on systematics



as is the selected background



data-driven: $e+e- \rightarrow Z$ (\rightarrow tau tau) Z (\rightarrow e, mu, q) larger xsec, similar kinematics expected to be flat in $\Delta \phi$ → verify @ Z-pole

Summary

Precision studies of the Higgs sector are of great interest → point the way to physics beyond SM CP properties are one aspect of such precision Higgs studies

studied prospects for measurement of CP in Yukawa coupling full simulation of the ILC and the ILD detector realistic reconstruction algorithms full SM backgrounds

tau lepton reconstruction

- \rightarrow precision vertex detector
- → PFA calorimeter

The CP even-odd mixing angle of $\tau^+\tau^-$ from Higgs decay can be determined to 75 mrad $\approx 4.3^\circ$ at ILC250

Scope for further improvement:

better tau reconstruction, polarimeter reco., BG suppression, additional tau decay modes, systematic controls...

end

backup

The Higgs boson presents us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to study properties of a new type of particle

- \rightarrow (HL-)LHC
- \rightarrow electron-positron Higgs factory
- \rightarrow muon collider, ...

almost all models of new physics at ~TeV scale leave an imprint on Higgs boson properties O(few-%) deviations from SM (eg for decay branching ratios) → O(%) or better precision desired



TABLE II. Selection cuts [see text for details; (energies, momenta, and masses) in $\text{GeV}/c^{(0,1,2)}$], signal selection efficiencies ϵ (in %), and number of expected background events (BG) at various stages of the selection in the three selection channels e, μ, q . Event numbers are scaled to the 2 ab⁻¹ of 250 GeV data of the "H20-staged" running scenario.

	leptonic preselection			hadronic preselection				
event property	requirement	ϵ_e	ϵ_{μ}		$\mathrm{BG}_{\mathrm{lep}}$	requirement	ϵ_q	$\mathrm{BG}_{\mathrm{had}}$
		100	100		$142 \mathrm{M}$		100	$142 \mathrm{M}$
chg. PFOs	$4 \rightarrow 7$	91	93		$10.1 {\rm M}$	≥ 8	98	$95.7 \ \mathrm{M}$
$Z \rightarrow l l$ candidate	≥ 1	88	90		$1.03 \ {\rm M}$			
isolated prongs						≥ 2	91	$45.8 \mathrm{M}$
opp. chgd. prongs		84	87		903 k		84	33.5 M
min. prong score						> 0.8	77	$14.5 \mathrm{M}$
impact par. error	$< 25 \mu m$	76	79		$491 \mathrm{k}$	$< 25 \mu m$	74	$13.2 \mathrm{M}$
extra cone energy		72	75		438 k			
m_Z						$60 \rightarrow 160$	72	5.58 M
$m_{\rm recoil}$						$50 \rightarrow 160$	71	$4.90 \ M$
τ decay mode		63	65		236 k		64	$1.99 {\rm M}$
full selection		$Z \rightarrow ee$		$Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$			$Z \rightarrow qq$	
event property	requirement	ϵ_e	BG_e	ϵ_{μ}	BG_{μ}	requirement	ϵ_q	BG_q
good $\tau^+\tau^-$ fit		57	112 k	59	$99.5 \ k$		58	$1.64 {\rm M}$
$m_{\tau\tau}$	$100 \rightarrow 140$	46	618	52	366	$100 \rightarrow 140$	42	43.5 k
event p_T	< 5	43	309	50	268	< 20	42	31.6 k
$m_{\rm recoil}$	> 120	42	252	50	162	> 100	41	23.5 k
m_Z	$80 \to 105$	41	186	49	136	$80 \to 115$	38	$6.93 \ k$
$ \cos \theta_Z $	< 0.96	40	168	47	124	< 0.96	37	$6.22 \ k$
event p_z	< 40	40	144	47	105	< 40	37	5.26 k
$ \cos \theta_P _{\min}$	< 0.95	40	140	47	102	< 0.95	37	5.26 k
Sample purity $(\%)$			19		26			11

amplitude of modulation in $\Delta \phi$ varies from event to event, depending on θ^{\pm} , according to the contrast function:

 $c(\theta^+, \theta^-) \equiv \sin \theta^+ \sin \theta^- / (1 + \cos \theta^+ \cos \theta^-)$



FIG. 3. Two-dimensional distribution of events in $\Delta \phi$ and $c(\theta^+, \theta^-)$ at MC truth level, for the case $\psi_{\rm CP} = 0$.



International Large Detector



One of two detector designs being studied for the ILC

Design principles

excellent vertexing: identification of b, c, τ high precision and lightweight vertex detector highly efficient and precise charged particle tracking large TPC in ~3.5 T field excellent jet energy resolution make best use of dominant hadronic decays of W, Z, H highly granular calorimeters



Neural Network Details

Variables for ZH / 4f separation (NN1):

- 1. tau tau invariant mass
- 2. event energy
- 3. invariant mass of the Z
- 4. recoil mass to the Z
- 5. tau+ cone (±20°) excess energy
- 6. tau- cone excess energy

Variables for distinguishing ZH events from signal tau decay modes from other tau decay modes (NN2):

- 1. tau+ cone excess energy
- 2. tau- cone excess energy
- 3. tau+ visible mass
- 4. tau- visible mass



FIG. 7. Distributions of the two Neural Network outputs in the muon and hadronic selection channels. The structure in the output of NN2 is due to the three different combinations of τ lepton decay modes. Distributions are normalized to 0.9 ab⁻¹ of data in the $e_L^- e_R^+$ beam polarization.