

# WG2+ WG3 extended scalars: overview

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and **WG3 Extended Higgs Sector** conveners:

**M. d'Alfonso, S. Laurila, TR, N. Rompotis, R. Santos, L. Zivkovic**

**The 20th Workshop of the LHC Higgs Working Group  
CERN**

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## Conveners

- **WG2:** S. Heim (ATLAS); G. Ortona (CMS); K. Mimasu, D. Barducci (TH)
- **WG3, extended scalars:** L. Zivkovic, N. Rompotis (ATLAS); M. d'Alfonso, S. Laurila (CMS); T. Robens, R. Santos (TH)

## Meetings

- 23.6.22, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1173518/>
- 11.1.23, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1230456/>
- 26.9.23, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1327545/>

## e-groups

**lhc-higgs-properties, lhc-higgs-neutral-extended-scalars**

# Joint activities with WG2: CP violation and Higgs Sector

[slide stolen from K. Mimasu, Summary of WG2 CPV activity, General assembly '22]

## Joint WG2/WG3 activity

- CPV in Higgs interactions often means extended scalar sector
- Many interesting signatures of spontaneous/explicit CPV in extended Higgs sectors

Discovery of BSM Higgs in multiple decay channels  $\Rightarrow$  CPV

Classes	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$	$C_5$
Decays	$h_3 \rightarrow h_2 Z$	$h_2 \rightarrow h_1 Z$	$h_3 \rightarrow h_1 Z$	$h_3 \rightarrow h_2 Z$	$h_3 \rightarrow ZZ$
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	$h_3 \rightarrow h_1 Z$	$h_2 \rightarrow ZZ$	$h_3 \rightarrow ZZ$	$h_3 \rightarrow ZZ$	$h_1 \rightarrow ZZ$

$h_{125}$ -style CP properties study for BSM scalars  $\Rightarrow$  CPV

- Undoubtedly complementarity with  $h_{125}$  CP properties
- Establish some benchmark models & identify regions of parameter space where one or the other can provide complementary sensitivity

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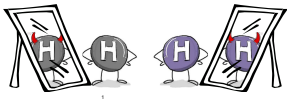
three meetings over the last 2 years,  $\sim 20$  talks

## CPV in Higgs interactions: WG2/WG3 (extended Higgs) joint meeting

WG3: Mariarosaria d'Alfonso, Santeri Laurila, Tania Robens, Nikos Rompotis, Rui Santos, Shufang Su & Lidija Zivkovic

WG2: Nicolas Berger, Mauro Donega, Ken Mimasu & Daniele Barducci

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022



## Joint WG2/WG3 activity

Today's meeting!

- Received several kick-off meeting contributions that overlapped with WG3 (extended Higgs sector) interests
- Many interesting signatures of spontaneous/explicit CPV in extended Higgs sectors
- From mixing of would-be CP-even/odd eigenstates

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WG3 Proposal for CP violating benchmarks in the C2HDM  $\sim 2015$   
[Fontes et al.; PRD 92 (2015) 055014]

$\hat{h}_{1,2,3}$ -style CP properties  
study for BSM scalars  
 $\Rightarrow$  CPV

Decay angular distributions etc.

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[Slides from K. Mimasu, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1173518/>]

**goal:**  
**study CPV in models with extended Higgs sectors**  
**will result in whitepaper/ report/ ...**



# Topics covered this year

- very open call  $\Rightarrow$  **CP violation in SM EFTs and BSM**
- $\Rightarrow$  **large variety of topics**

## Examples

- **Studies of specific CP violating couplings and prospects at LHC and beyond:**  
Sarmah, Bhardwaj, Barrue, Menen, Barman, Sahoo
- **general discussion and parameter ranges in specific models:**  
Osland, de Giorgi

**time is limited**  
 $\Rightarrow$  **will concentrate on a few examples in the following**

# List of all talks this year [slide by R. Santos]

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## WG2+WG3 meetings

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### Thursday 23 Jun 2022

- 🕒 Electroweak Baryogenesis and Dark Matter with an Inert Doublet, [Sven Fabian](#).
- 🕒 BSM Higgs Flavoured Correlations, [Arturo de Giorgi](#).
- 🕒 P-even, CP-violating Signals in Scalar Mediated Processes, [Venus Keus](#).
- 🕒 Direct and indirect probes of Higgs CP violation, [Stefania Gori](#).
- 🕒 CP-violation in  $t\bar{t}\Phi$ : asymmetries and interferences, [Duarte Azevedo](#).
- 🕒 Electroweak phase transition in a dark sector with CP-violation, [Lisa Biermann](#).
- 🕒 Di-Higgs-Production and Baryogenesis in the C2HDM, [Milada Muhlleitner](#).

### Wednesday 11 Jan 2023

- 🕒 Study of anomalous gauge-Higgs couplings using Z boson polarization at LHC, [Priyanka Sarmah](#).
- 🕒 Constraining Higgs-Higgs-Z couplings in the 3HDM, [Per Osland](#).
- 🕒 Machine-enhanced CP-asymmetries in the Higgs sector, [Akanksha Bhardwaj](#).
- 🕒 Simulation-based inference in the search for CP violation in leptonic WH production Higgs, [Ricardo Barriú](#).

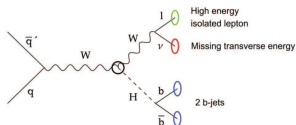
### Tuesday 26 Sept 2023

- 🕒 Flavour and Higgs physics in Z2-symmetric 2HD models near the decoupling limit, [Arturo de Giorgi](#).
- 🕒 Classifying the CP properties of the  $ggH$  coupling in  $H+2j$  production, [Marco Menen](#).
- 🕒 Non-linear top-Higgs CP violation, [Akanksha Bhardwaj](#).
- 🕒 Analysis of interference effects in the di-top final state for CP-mixed scalars in extended Higgs sectors, [Romal Kumar](#).
- 🕒 Returning CP-observables to the frames they belong, [Rahool Kumar Barman](#).
- 🕒 Probing CP violation in  $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$ , [Dibyakrupa Sahoo](#).
- 🕒 Search for an invisible scalar in  $t\bar{t}$  final states at the LHC, [Rodrigo Capucha](#).

# Example: R. Barrue, *Simulation-based inference in the search for CP violation in leptonic WH production Higgs*

## CP violation in HWW interaction

Goal: optimize search for CP violation in the HWW interaction via WH production



SMEFT, Warsaw basis, 1 dimension-6 CP-odd operator

$$O_{H\bar{W}} = \frac{c_{H\bar{W}}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} W^{l\mu\nu} W^{l\rho\sigma}$$

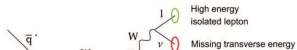
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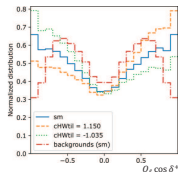
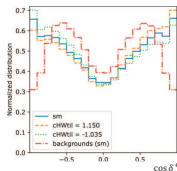
$$\cos \delta^+ = \frac{\vec{p}_l^{(W)} \cdot (\vec{p}_H \times \vec{p}_W)}{|\vec{p}_l^{(W)}| |\vec{p}_H \times \vec{p}_W|} \quad [3]$$

$\vec{p}_l^{(W)}$ : momentum of lepton in W boson rest frame

SMEFT, Warsaw basis, 1 dimens

$O_{HW}$

WG2+1



- Symmetric for SM signal and backgrounds, asymmetric for  $c_{HW} \neq 0$
- Can extract sign of  $c_{HW}$ , weighting by lepton charge increases asymmetry

[3] R. Godbole et al, "Jet substructure and probes of CP violation in  $Vh$  production", [arXiv:1409.5449](https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.5449)



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## Full limits

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$O_{H\bar{W}}$

WG2+1

Determined expected limits w/ full likelihood ratio (**shape-only**)

- Properly takes into account the effect of terms  $\propto c_{H\bar{W}}^2$  in the likelihood ratio

Observable	$c_{H\bar{W}}$ S+B 95% CL ( $L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
1D: $p_{T_W}$	[-0.192, 0.216]
2D: $p_{T_W} \times m_{T_{\ell\nu b\bar{b}}}$	[-0.36, 0.384]
1D: $Q_\ell \cos \delta^+$	[-0.264, 0.216]
2D: $p_{T_W} \times Q_\ell \cos \delta^+$	<b>[-0.096, 0.072]</b>
MVA: SALLY, 48 input variables	[-0.144, 0.12]
MVA: SALLY, 48 input variables + $p_{z_\nu}, Q_\ell \cos \delta^+, Q_\ell \cos \delta^-, \cos \theta^*$	[-0.168, 0.096]

2D combination of  $p_{T_W}$  and  $Q_\ell \cos \delta^+$  yields the best limits

- SALLY no longer optimal when quadratic effects included

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# Example: M. Menen, *Classifying the CP properties of the ggH coupling in H+2j production* [arXiv:2309.03146]

## BSM framework

### Free parameters:

- Higgs characterisation model: Higgs  $H$  assumed to be mixed CP state
- Effective Higgs-gluon coupling:

[Artoisenet et al. '13](#)

$$\mathcal{L}_{ggH} = -\frac{1}{4v} \left( -\frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} c_g G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,\alpha} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \tilde{c}_g G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,\alpha} \right) H$$

- Effective CP-even ( $c_g$ ) and CP-odd ( $\tilde{c}_g$ ) coupling modifiers
- SM obtained for  $c_g = 1, \tilde{c}_g = 0$
- Higgs-gluon coupling corresponds to top-Yukawa in the heavy top limit and if there are no low-mass BSM particles in the ggF loop  $\Rightarrow c_g = c_t, \tilde{c}_g = \tilde{c}_t$
- We impose a cut  $p_T^H < 200\text{GeV}$  to remain in the heavy top limit

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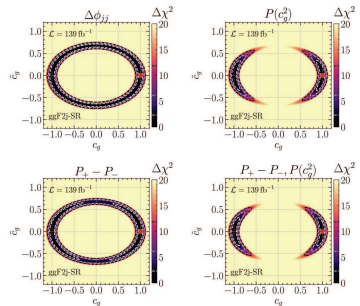
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- Ellipse from total rate
- Effective CP-even ( $c_g$ ) and CP-odd ( $\tilde{c}_g$ )
- SM obtained for  $c_g = 1, \tilde{c}_g = 0$
- Higgs-gluon coupling corresponds to CP-odd if there are no low-mass BSM particles
- We impose a cut  $p_T^H < 200\text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  alone is not able to resolve the ellipse
- 2D-limits dominated by the  $P(c_g^2)$  classifier (low interference contribution)

### ggF2j signal region



$$|\tilde{c}_g| \leq 0.32 @ 1\sigma$$

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Marco Menen

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Marco Menen, Leibniz University Hannover / PTB Braunschweig

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# Example: R. Capucha, *Search for an invisible scalar in $t\bar{t}$ final states at the LHC* [arXiv:2308.00819]

## DM Lagrangian and CP-observables

- Analysis performed within the context of **simplified models of DM production** at the LHC. The **DMSimp** model was used.

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM}^{Y_0} = \frac{Y_{33}^S}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{l}(g_{u33}^S + ig_{u33}^P \gamma^5) t Y_0$$

[Backovic et al. - 1508.05327](#)

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_D}^{Y_0} = \bar{X}_D (g_{X_D}^S + ig_{X_D}^P \gamma^5) X_D Y_0$$

- **CP-even:**  $g_{u33}^S = 1, g_{u33}^P = 0$ . **CP-odd:**  $g_{u33}^S = 0, g_{u33}^P = 1$ . **CP-mixed:**  $g_{u33}^{S/P} \neq 0$  (**CP-violating interaction**).
- $t(\bar{l}) \rightarrow W^+ b (W^- \bar{b})$  and  $W^+(W^-) \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l (l^- \bar{\nu}_l)$ : **dileptonic final state**, with  $l = e, \mu$ .
- **BR** ( $Y_0 \rightarrow X_D \bar{X}_D$ )  $\approx 1$ . We focus only on the tops and mediator interaction.
- **Several observables** have been proposed to **probe the CP-nature of the Higgs** in the Higgs-top couplings. To illustrate our findings, we considered the **azimuthal angle difference of the charged leptons** from the tops decay,  $\Delta\Phi_{l\bar{l}}$ , and the  **$b_4$  variable** in the laboratory frame (LAB)

$$b_4 = (p_l^\perp \cdot p_{\bar{l}}^\perp) / (|\vec{p}_l^\perp| |\vec{p}_{\bar{l}}^\perp|)$$

[Gunion, He - hep-ph/9602226](#),  
[Buckley, Gonçalves - 1511.06451](#)

- In order to evaluate this variable, the kinematic reconstruction of the  $t\bar{t}$  system needs to be accomplished.

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$$\mathcal{L}_S^V$$

$$\mathcal{L}_S^I$$

## Results – heavier masses

- **CP-even:**  $g_{u33}^S = 1, g_{u33}^P = 0$ . **CP-odd:**  $g_{u33}^S = 0, g_{u33}^P = 1$
  - $t(\bar{t}) \rightarrow W^+b(W^- \bar{b})$  and  $W^+(W^-) \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l(l^- \bar{\nu}_l)$
  - **BR** ( $Y_0 \rightarrow X_D \bar{X}_D$ )  $\approx 1$ . We focus only on the  $t\bar{t}$  final state.
- Results extended to a **massive DM mediator**, with  $m_{Y_0} = 1, 10, 125$  GeV. As expected, **exclusion limits worsen as masses increase** in both scenarios, since the  $t\bar{t}Y_0$  production cross section decreases for heavier  $Y_0$  masses.
- The observable choice can have some impact on the exclusion limits, even in scenario 1, for heavier masses, because of the cross section decrease.

- In order to evaluate this variable, the kinematic

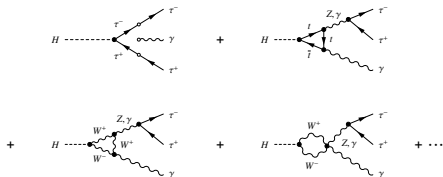
Scenario 1

Exclusion Limits from $\Delta\phi_{ij}$	$L = 200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$		$L = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$		
	(68% CL)	(95% CL)	(68% CL)	(95% CL)	
$m_{Y_0} = 1 \text{ GeV}$	$g_{u33}^S \in$	[-0.073, +0.073]	[-0.142, +0.142]	[-0.038, +0.038]	[-0.068, +0.068]
	$g_{u33}^P \in$	[-0.89, +0.89]	[-1.65, +1.65]	[-0.43, +0.43]	[-0.83, +0.83]
$m_{Y_0} = 10 \text{ GeV}$	$g_{u33}^S \in$	[-0.198, +0.198]	[-0.368, +0.372]	[-0.098, +0.098]	[-0.188, +0.188]
	$g_{u33}^P \in$	[-0.87, +0.87]	[-1.65, +1.65]	[-0.44, +0.44]	[-0.83, +0.83]
$m_{Y_0} = 125 \text{ GeV}$	$g_{u33}^S \in$	[-0.328, +0.322]	[-0.608, +0.612]	[-0.162, +0.162]	[-0.308, +0.308]
	$g_{u33}^P \in$	[-1.48, +1.49]	[-2.77, +2.78]	[-0.75, +0.75]	[-1.41, +1.41]

# Example: D. Sahoo, *Probing CP violation in $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$*

## The 3-body decay $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$ offers an alternative methodology.

Decay proceeds via both tree and loop diagrams



$\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma)_{\text{SM}} \sim 3.24 \times 10^{-3}$  with  $E_\gamma > 5 \text{ GeV}$  and angular separation  $> 5^\circ$  in rest frame of  $H$

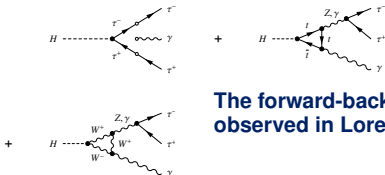
[See for example Phys. Rev. D **55**, 5647-5656 (1997); Phys. Rev. D **90**, no.11, 113006 (2014); Eur. Phys. J. C **74**, no.11, 3141 (2014); JHEP **12**, 111 (2016).]

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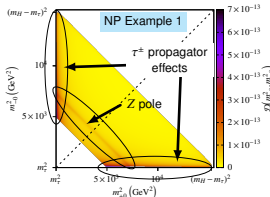


The forward-backward asymmetry can be easily observed in Lorentz invariant Dalitz plot distribution.

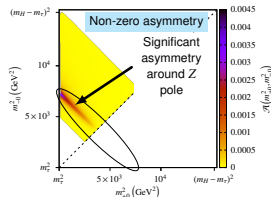
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### Higgs-Fermion Couplings

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y^{\text{eff}} \supset M_f \bar{f} f + \frac{M_f}{v} h (\kappa_f \bar{f} f + \tilde{\kappa}_f \bar{f} i \gamma_5 f) + \dots,$$

$$\kappa_u = \kappa_d = \kappa_e = 1 - \zeta_f \left| \tilde{\lambda}_6 \right| \cos(\rho) \frac{v^2}{\tilde{m}_2^2},$$

$$\tilde{\kappa}_u = \tilde{\kappa}_d = \tilde{\kappa}_e = -\zeta_f \left| \tilde{\lambda}_6 \right| \sin(\rho) \frac{v^2}{\tilde{m}_2^2},$$

$$\rho \equiv \arg \left[ \tilde{\lambda}_6^* e^{-i\zeta_f/2} \right]$$

**Stronger than flavour symmetries!**  
(see last year presentation or [2109.07490](#))

**Universal deviation for each fermion-type + Correlations among different ones**

	Type I	Type II	Type III (X)	Type IV (Y)
$\zeta_u$	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$
$\zeta_d$	$\cot \beta$	$-\tan \beta$	$\cot \beta$	$-\tan \beta$
$\zeta_e$	$\cot \beta$	$-\tan \beta$	$-\tan \beta$	$\cot \beta$

Arturo de Giorgi, arXiv: 2304.10560

D. Egana-Ugrinovic and S. Thomas, Effective Theory of Higgs Sector Vacuum States, arXiv:1512.00144.



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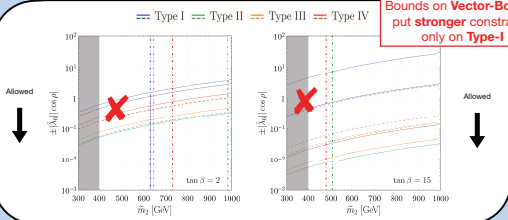
$$\tilde{\kappa}_u = \tilde{\kappa}_d$$

## Bounds on the parameters

$$g_{AVV} = \frac{2m_V^2}{v^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} |\tilde{\lambda}_6|^2 \left( \frac{v^2}{\tilde{m}_2^2} \right)^2 \right] \equiv \frac{2m_V^2}{v^2} \kappa_V \quad |\tilde{\lambda}_6| \left( \frac{v^2}{\tilde{m}_2^2} \right) \leq 0.17.$$

	Type I
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Bounds on Vector-Bosons put stronger constraints only on Type-I

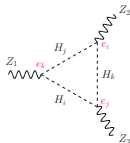


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## CP violation and alignment

In a CP-violating 2HDM, all pairs of neutral scalars couple to the  $Z$ , allowing the triangle diagram



The existence of these couplings induces a CP-violating amplitude,

## CP violation and alignment

Also other diagrams, but importantly

$f_4^Z$  is proportional to the invariant  $\text{Im } J_2 \propto e_1 e_2 e_3$

CP-violating

In the alignment limit, two of the  $e_i$  vanish, the  $ZZZ$  amplitude vanishes

$$e_i \rightarrow v \quad \rightarrow \quad e_j, e_k \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{Im } J_2 \rightarrow 0$$

# Example: P. Osland, *Constraining Higgs-Higgs-Z couplings in the 3HDM*

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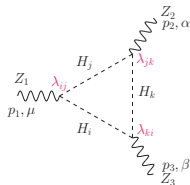
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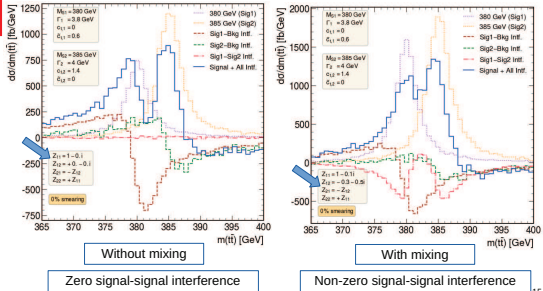
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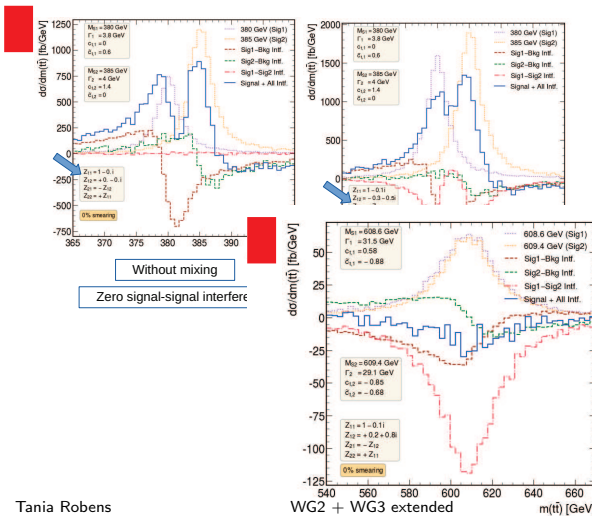


contributions proportional to  $\lambda_{ij} \lambda_{jk} \lambda_{ki}$   
This does not vanish in the alignment limit!

Example: R. Kumar, *Analysis of interference effects in the di-top final state for CP-mixed scalars in extended Higgs with sectors*



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Without mixing

Zero signal-signal interference

Experimental conclusion(s) can be tricky: complementarity is desired/required

Large destructive signal-signal interference

## Further plans

- very open calls  $\Rightarrow$  **large variety of topics**
- **we will continue these open calls, hopefully several/ year**
- iff there is a YREP5, we will contribute w **summary of state of the art and maybe benchmarks**
- currently no other plans

**Comments ? Suggestions ?**

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## Di-top final state

- Total amplitude:

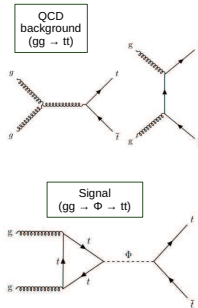
$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}) + \mathcal{A}(gg \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow t\bar{t})$$

- Signal-background interference

$$\propto \text{Re}[\mathcal{A}(gg \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow t\bar{t})\mathcal{A}^*(gg \rightarrow t\bar{t})]$$

large destructive contribution

- Invariant mass distribution of the top quarks ( $m_{t\bar{t}}$ ) significantly distorted  $\rightarrow$  peak-dip structure



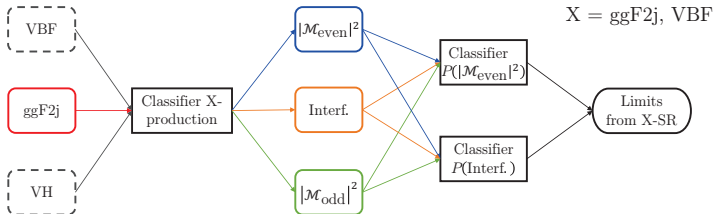
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## Analysis strategy

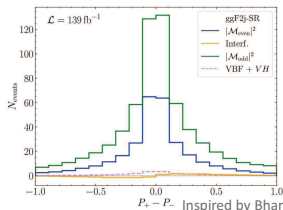
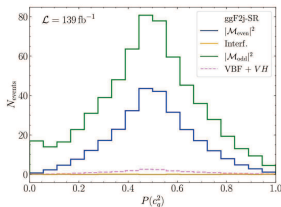
$$|\mathcal{M}_{\text{ggF2j}}|^2 = c_g^2 |\mathcal{M}_{\text{even}}|^2 + \underbrace{2c_g \tilde{c}_g \text{Re}[\mathcal{M}_{\text{even}} \mathcal{M}_{\text{odd}}^*]}_{\text{Interference}} + \tilde{c}_g^2 |\mathcal{M}_{\text{odd}}|^2$$



➤ Train a CP-even and a CP-odd classifier in a ggF2j-SR and a VBF-SR

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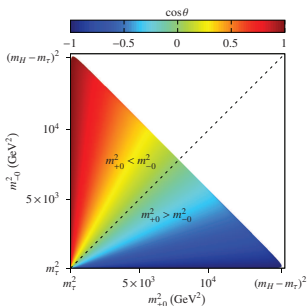
## ggF2j signal region



- $P(c_g^2)$  differentiates between  $c_g^2 |\mathcal{M}_{\text{even}}|^2$  and  $\tilde{c}_g^2 |\mathcal{M}_{\text{odd}}|^2$
- Kinematically very similar, but some separation in outer bins
- Interference term cancels out

- $P_+ - P_-$  differentiates between **positive and negative interference**
- Interference barely visible due to low cross section & looks more VBF-like
- CP-even terms are symmetric

## The amplitude square can be expressed using Lorentz invariant mass-squares.



- Only 3 Lorentz invariant mass-squares:

$$m_{+-}^2 \equiv (p_H - p_0)^2 = (p_+ + p_-)^2,$$

$$m_{+0}^2 \equiv (p_H - p_-)^2 = (p_+ + p_0)^2,$$

$$m_{-0}^2 \equiv (p_H - p_+)^2 = (p_- + p_0)^2,$$

$$m_{+-}^2 + m_{+0}^2 + m_{-0}^2 = m_H^2 + 2m_{\tau^-}^2.$$

$\therefore$  Only 2 independent mass-squares.

- In the GJ frame,

$$m_{+0}^2 = M^2 - M'^2 \cos \theta,$$

$$m_{-0}^2 = M^2 + M'^2 \cos \theta,$$

$$\text{where } M^2 = \frac{1}{2} (m_H^2 + 2m_{\tau^-}^2 - m_{+-}^2),$$

$$M'^2 = \frac{1}{2} (m_H^2 - m_{+-}^2) \left( 1 - \frac{4m_{\tau^-}^2}{m_H^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$