

Extended Scalars

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CERN

13. November '23

Facts

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Recent activities

- reinstated regular meetings, focus on

- A) Overlooked signatures**
- B) Width and interference effects in BSM searches**
- C) Recasts**
- D) CPV**
- E) ...**

- more than 60 talks over 8 days**

see <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/LHCHWG3EX#Meetings> for details

WG3 extended scalars meeting 31.10.23

extremely lively discussions ! [HiggsDays style...]
can only show selection \Rightarrow **recording for details**

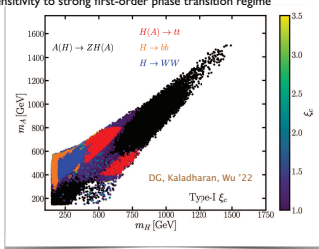
Example: D. Gonçalves, *Resonant top pair searches at the LHC: a window to electroweak phase transition* [Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 9, 095041, Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 7, 075040]

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$pp \rightarrow ZH/A$ searches mostly account for $H/A \rightarrow bb$ and $H \rightarrow WW$ (sensitivity $m_{H/A} < 350$ GeV)

See e.g., [arXiv:2011.05639](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.05639) and [arXiv:1911.03781](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.03781)

→ Above top-quark pair threshold the $H/A \rightarrow tt$ is typically dominant decay, leading to strong limits, and extending the sensitivity to strong first-order phase transition regime



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Biekotter, Heinemeyer, No, Radchenko, Romacho, Weiglein '23

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LHC Higgs WG3 meeting - 10.31.2023

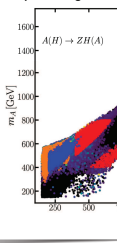
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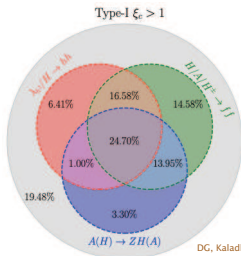
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Combined results

Complementarity of the Higgsstrahlung searches with other relevant classes of searches at the HL-LHC



DG, Kalandharan, Wu '22

$$\tan \beta \in (0.8, 25),$$

$$\cos(\beta - \alpha) \in (-0.3, 0.3),$$

$$m_{12}^2 \in (10^{-3}, 10^5) \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$m_A \in (150, 1500) \text{ GeV},$$

$$m_H \in (150, 1500) \text{ GeV},$$

$$m_{H\pm} \in (150, 1500) \text{ GeV}.$$

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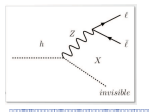
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Extended Scalars

20th Higgs WG meeting, 13.11.'23

Example: J.M. No, *Semi-invisible $h \rightarrow ZX$ Higgs decays: Extended scalar windows into dark matter* [PRD106 115023]

BSM Higgs boson decay $h \rightarrow ZX$ ($X \rightarrow \text{invisible}$)



Decay channel previously unexplored in literature...

- Model-independent sensitivity analysis for HL-LHC
- BSM model interpretations:

**Extended Higgs sector portal to DM
Axion-like particles (ALPs)**

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$h \rightarrow Z(\ell\ell) + \text{invisible}$

Decay channel [prev](#)

○ Which Higgs production mode @LHC?

ggF ($pp \rightarrow 2\ell + \text{MET}$) **X** Too much background

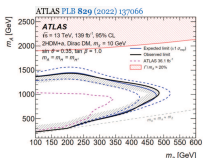
e.g. Seen explicitly in ATLAS/CMS searches for “mono-Z”

$ggF \rightarrow H, H \rightarrow Z + a$ (invisible)

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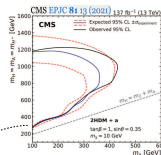
➤ BSM model interpretatio

Extended H
Axion-like ϕ



$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 90$ GeV
 $m_T > 200$ GeV

insensitive to $m_H = m_a = 125$ GeV



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BSM Models

Axion-like particles (ALPs)

- ALP may have:

ALP - Higgs interactions

Brivio, Gavella, Merlo, Mimasu, No, del Rey, Sanz, EPJC 77 (2017) 8, 572
Bauer, Neubert, Thamm, JHEP 12 (2017), 044

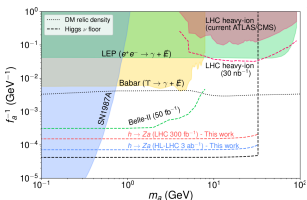


ALP - Dark sector interactions

Dolan, Ferber, Hearty, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg, JHEP 12 (2017) 094

(dark decay of ALP)

"ALP portal to DM"



($y_\chi = 1$, $c_{aZ\gamma} = 1$, $m_\chi = 0.45 m_a$)

BSM ALP setup

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z a) = (m_h^2/16\pi f_a^2) c_{aZ\gamma}^2 \lambda^{3/2}$$

$$\text{ALP-DM: } y_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu\gamma 5} \chi \partial_\mu a / f_a$$

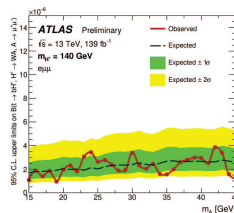
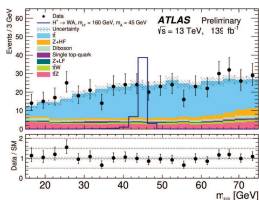
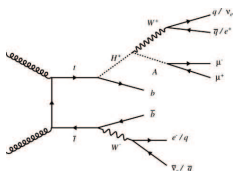
$$\text{ALP-Photons: } c_{a\gamma\gamma} / f_a a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$c_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim \alpha_{\text{EM}}$$



Some recent ATLAS results

- This is only a flavour of some ATLAS results since our last workshop that are related to Extended Higgs sectors: see the linked public documents for more details
- Charged Higgs: $pp \rightarrow tt$ with $t \rightarrow H+A$ in $e\mu\mu$ final state



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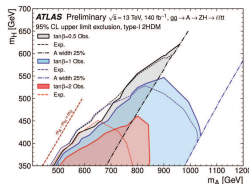
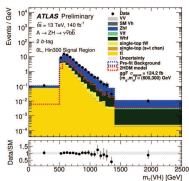


Some recent ATLAS results

- $A \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \ell\ell tt / \nu\bar{\nu}bb$

To journal soon, will be updated

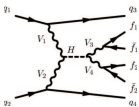
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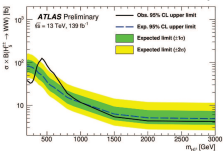
- Same sign W boson pair production

ATLAS-CONF-2023-023

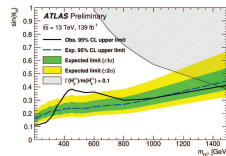
Georgi-Machacek triplet model + other interpretations



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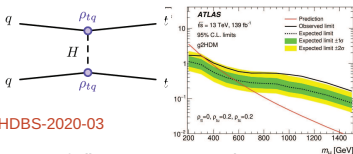
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[H is here doubly charged; $\sin \theta = 0$ puts EWSB into doublet only]



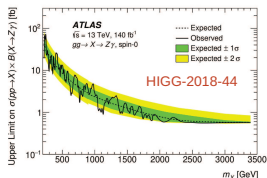
Some recent ATLAS results

Heavy Higgs with FV in multi-lepton + b-jets same-sign top-quark pair, three top-quarks, or four top-quarks



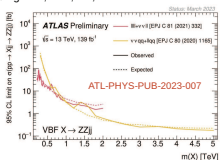
HDBS-2020-03

Heavy Higgs to Z\gamma



Summary of Diboson resonant searches

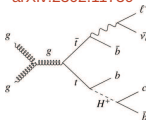
Including: WZ, WW, ZH, WH



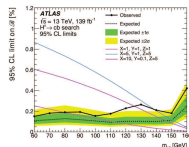
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Charged Higgs to cb

HDBS-2019-24
arXiv:2302.11739



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[BR is production times decay; X, Y, Z are coupling modifies in quark/ lepton sector, Phys.Rev.D 98 (2018) 11, 115024]

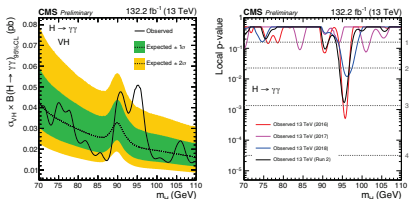


CMS Highlights: Light Scalar Searches



✦ Search for $\phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

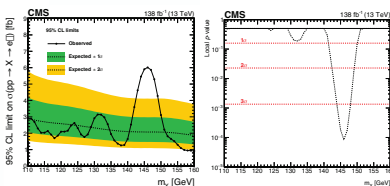
arXiv:2311.00130



- ✦ Search for $\gamma\gamma$ resonance in 70–110 GeV mass range
- ✦ Intriguing **2.9σ** (**1.3σ** global) excess at **95.4 GeV**
 - ✦ Similar to the previous CMS result at 8+13 TeV, with 2.8σ (1.3σ global) at 95.3 GeV (arXiv:1811.08459)
 - ✦ ATLAS reports 1.7σ at 95 GeV (ATLAS-CONF-2023-035)
 - ✦ Mild excess seen also in LEP (arXiv:hep-ex/0306033)

✦ Search for $\phi \rightarrow e\mu$

arXiv:2305.18106



- ✦ Search for lepton-flavor violating decays, forbidden in the SM but predicted e.g. in **Type III 2HDM**
 - ✦ Analysis covers the 110–160 GeV mass range
 - ✦ Most stringent limits to date
 - ✦ **3.8σ** (**2.8σ** global) excess at **146 GeV**

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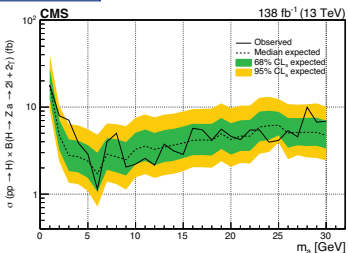
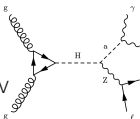
CMS Highlights: Pseudoscalar Searches



✦ Search for $H \rightarrow Z a \rightarrow l l \gamma \gamma$

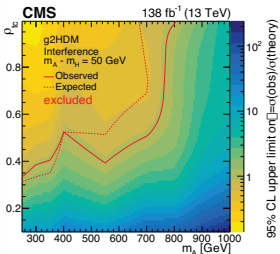
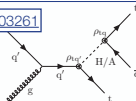
- ✦ Covering m_a range 1–30 GeV
- ✦ No significant excess, but 2.6σ (1.3σ global) at $m_a = 3$ GeV

[arXiv:2311.00130](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.00130)



✦ Search for $tA \rightarrow ttq$ [arXiv:2311.03261](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.03261)

- ✦ Motivated by **gH2DM**
- ✦ No significant excess
- ✦ Various coupling and H/A interference scenarios considered



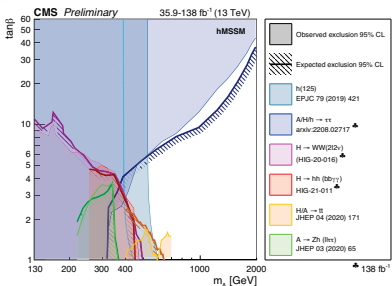
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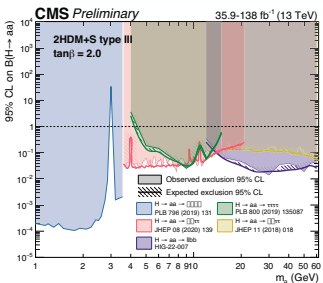
CMS Highlights: Summary Plots



✦ MSSM



✦ 2HDM+S



✦ These are just a couple of examples; all the latest summary plots are available at:
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/SummaryResultsHIG>

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Update of recommended cross sections for 13.6 TeV: charged scalars

Current focus:
production of charged scalars in standard production mode, i.e. $pp \rightarrow H^+ t \bar{b}$ production

- **split into 3 mass ranges:**

$$m_{H^+} \leq 150 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^+} \in [150; 200] \text{ GeV}, m_{H^+} \geq 200 \text{ GeV}$$

- **low mass range:** available in the mHmax-scenario;
however, this is type II \Rightarrow **basically ruled out by flavour+electroweak !**

current plan: **provide rates for type I in a grid**

input: up-to-date $t\bar{t}$ cross sections

[see https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/TtbarNNLO#Updated_reference_cross_sections for numbers and references]

Update of recommended cross sections for 13.6 TeV: charged scalars

- **intermediate mass range:** follow 4FS as discussed in C. Degrande et al, Phys.Lett. B772 (2017) 87-92 using Madgraph (nearly) done for type II, type I will be obtained using conversion formula
- **high mass range:** work in progress:
 - first **reproduction of [some] previous numbers for 13 and 14 TeV using both 4FS and 5FS**, using Prospino (5FS), and private code from M. Spira (4FS)
 - **grids will be extended to masses of 2 TeV**
 - **13.6 TeV numbers are derived using interpolation**

Update of recommended cross sections for 13.6 TeV: charged scalars: credits

- **people involved: N. Rompotis** (low mass range), **E. Bagnaschi**, with help from **M. Zaro** (intermediate mass range), **E. Bagnaschi, M. Spira** (high mass range)

⇒ see dedicated talk by Emanuele ⇐

Update of recommended cross sections for 13.6 TeV: neutral scalars

**urgently needed from WG1: production cross sections
for SM-like scalars of a different mass at 13.6 TeV!**

⇒ **we hope to resolve this during this meeting** (or, if not feasible, asap)
!

**important input for many new physics scenario
predictions and tools**

Joint activities with WG2: CP violation and Higgs Sector

[see more detailed talk on Wednesday]

three meetings over the last 2 years, ~ 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



23rd 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

Discovery of BSM Higgs
in multiple decay channels
 \Rightarrow CPV

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

WG3 Proposal for CP violating benchmarks in the C2HDM - 2015
[Fontes et al.: PRD 92 (2015) 055014]

h_{123} -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/ ...

Open topics...

Recently happened...

Exp : Dear theorist, can you provide us with **sample cross sections for XYZ** in your model ?

Th : sure. [sits down and works on this for a couple of weeks]

Exp : Thanks.

time passes...

Exp^(') : ah, by the way, **we had some questions but not the time to resolve them. Your results will not be included after all.**

! Not OK ! [NB: also theorists time is time...]

⇒ **things like this need to be handled differently** ⇐

Suggestions ?

Summary

- **ongoing activities: regular meetings, including WG2/ 3 interaction**
 - so far: **no clear discovery** [although a couple of excesses around]
 - **13.6 TeV cross sections: on their way**
- ⇒ **we do have open issues that need to be discussed**

Recent activities

Meetings in the last 2 years

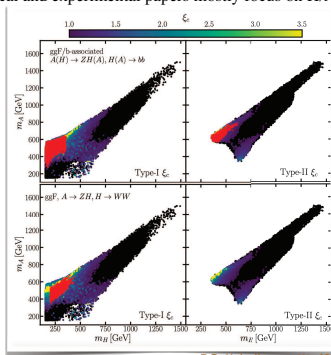
- **6./7.7.21:** <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1050919/>
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- **23.6.22*:** <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1173518/>
- **16.11.22:** <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1217666/>
- **11.1.23*:** <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1230456/>
- **26.9.23*:** <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1327545/>
- **31.10.23:** <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1339704/>
- more than 60 talks over the 8 days

[* denotes joint WG2/ WG3 meetings]

Searches via $pp \rightarrow ZH/A$: HL-LHC projection

- $A(H) \rightarrow ZH(A)$: widely discussed channel in the context of EWPT Dorsh, Huber, No '13'

Until last year, theoretical and experimental papers mostly focus on $H/A \rightarrow bb$ and $H \rightarrow WW$ searches



DG, Kaladharan, Wu '22

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Biekotter, Heinemeyer, No, Radchenko, Romacho, Weiglein '23

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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](#)

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

- 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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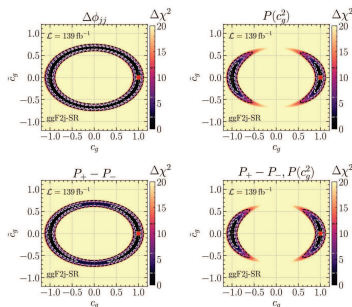
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- Effective Higgs-gluon coupling

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

- 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 the total rate 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)

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

ggF2j signal region



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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.

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM}^{Y_0} = \frac{Y_{33}^S}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{l} (g_{u33}^S + i g_{u33}^P \gamma^5) t Y_0 \quad \text{Backovic et al. - 1508.05327}$$

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

- **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** ($Y_0 \rightarrow X_D \bar{X}_D$) ≈ 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, $\Delta\Phi_{l+l^-}$, and the **b_4 variable** in the laboratory frame (LAB)

$$b_4 = (p_l^z \cdot p_{\bar{l}}^z) / (|\vec{p}_l| |\vec{p}_{\bar{l}}|) \quad \text{Gunion, He - hep-ph/9602226, Buckley, Goncalves - 1511.06451}$$

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

Example: R. Capucha, *Search for an invisible scalar in tt 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.

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

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

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** ($Y_0 \rightarrow X_D \bar{X}_D$) ≈ 1 . We focus only on the $t\bar{t}$

- 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.

- **Several observables** have been proposed to **probe** findings, we considered the **azimuthal angle ϕ variable** in the laboratory frame (LAB)

- The observable choice can have some impact on the exclusion limits, even in scenario 1, for heavier masses, because of the cross section decrease.

Scenario 1

Exclusion Limits from $\Delta\phi_{12}$	$L = 200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$		$L = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	
	(68% CL)	(95% CL)	(68% CL)	(95% CL)
$m_{Y_0} = 1 \text{ GeV}$	$g_{u33}^S \in [-0.073, +0.073]$	$[-0.142, +0.142]$	$[-0.038, +0.038]$	$[-0.068, +0.068]$
	$g_{u33}^P \in [-0.89, +0.89]$	$[-1.65, +1.65]$	$[-0.43, +0.43]$	$[-0.83, +0.83]$
$m_{Y_0} = 10 \text{ GeV}$	$g_{u33}^S \in [-0.198, +0.198]$	$[-0.368, +0.372]$	$[-0.098, +0.098]$	$[-0.188, +0.188]$
	$g_{u33}^P \in [-0.87, +0.87]$	$[-1.65, +1.65]$	$[-0.44, +0.44]$	$[-0.83, +0.83]$
$m_{Y_0} = 125 \text{ GeV}$	$g_{u33}^S \in [-0.328, +0.322]$	$[-0.608, +0.612]$	$[-0.162, +0.162]$	$[-0.308, +0.308]$
	$g_{u33}^P \in [-1.48, +1.49]$	$[-2.77, +2.78]$	$[-0.75, +0.75]$	$[-1.41, +1.41]$

- In order to evaluate this variable, the kinematic