



Possible large pseudoscalar Yukawa couplings in the complex 3HDM

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- We investigate the curious possibility that h_{125} couples to the top quark mostly as a scalar, while it couples to the bottom quark mostly as a pseudoscalar.
- This possibility was allowed by 2017 data for the so-called C2HDM; a two Higgs doublet model with a single source of explicit CP violation. It was shown recently that this possibility almost disappears when using the full experimental data of 2024 (see Duarte Fontes talk)
- Here we discuss a three Higgs doublet with explicit CP violation (C3HDM), and show that the curious CP-even/CP-odd $t\bar{t}/b\bar{b}$ possibility is partly resuscitated, prompting further experimental exploration of this prospect.

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- The scalar potential obeying the $Z_2 \times Z_2$ symmetry is

$$V = V_2 + V_4 = \mu_{ij}(\Phi_i^\dagger \Phi_j) + z_{ijkl}(\Phi_i^\dagger \Phi_j)(\Phi_k^\dagger \Phi_l) ,$$

- where

$$V_2 = \mu_{11}(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1) + \mu_{22}(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) + \mu_{33}(\Phi_3^\dagger \Phi_3) \\ + \left(\mu_{12}(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2) + \mu_{13}(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_3) + \mu_{23}(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_3) + h.c. \right) ,$$

$$V_4 = V_{RI} + V_{Z_2 \times Z_2} ,$$

$$V_{RI} = \lambda_1(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \lambda_2(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \lambda_3(\Phi_3^\dagger \Phi_3)^2 + \lambda_4(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) \\ + \lambda_5(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)(\Phi_3^\dagger \Phi_3) + \lambda_6(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)(\Phi_3^\dagger \Phi_3) + \lambda_7(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1) \\ + \lambda_8(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_3)(\Phi_3^\dagger \Phi_1) + \lambda_9(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_3)(\Phi_3^\dagger \Phi_2) ,$$

$$V_{Z_2 \times Z_2} = \lambda_{10}(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \lambda_{11}(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_3)^2 + \lambda_{12}(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_3)^2 + h.c. ,$$

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- The soft terms $\mu_{11}, \mu_{22}, \mu_{33}$ are real
- The complex $\mu_{12}, \mu_{13}, \mu_{23}$ parameters break the $Z_2 \times Z_2$ symmetry softly.
- The quartic parameters $\lambda_{10}, \lambda_{11}, \lambda_{12}$ can in general be complex, while all other quartic parameters are real
- The potential piece V_{RI} is invariant under the independent rephasings of each scalar
- The piece $V_{Z_2 \times Z_2}$ is invariant under $Z_2 \times Z_2$ but not under general independent rephasings of each scalar.

□ We define

$$\Phi_i = \begin{bmatrix} w_i^+ \\ (v_i + x_i + i z_i)/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = v \begin{pmatrix} c_{\beta_2} c_{\beta_1} \\ c_{\beta_2} s_{\beta_1} \\ s_{\beta_2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

□ Higgs Basis (HB)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ 0 & R_H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad w^{+'} = R_H w^+, \quad R_H \equiv \begin{bmatrix} c_{\beta_2} c_{\beta_1} & c_{\beta_2} s_{\beta_1} & s_{\beta_2} \\ -s_{\beta_1} & c_{\beta_1} & 0 \\ -s_{\beta_2} c_{\beta_1} & -s_{\beta_2} s_{\beta_1} & c_{\beta_2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

□ Rotation from HB to Mass Eigenstates

$$M_{ch}^{2'} = W^\dagger \begin{bmatrix} m_{H_1^\pm}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{H_2^\pm}^2 \end{bmatrix} W, \quad M_n^{2'} = R^T \begin{bmatrix} m_{h_1}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{h_2}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{h_3}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_{h_4}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_{h_5}^2 \end{bmatrix} R$$

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□ The unitary matrix W is parameterized by two angles, θ and φ

□ The orthogonal 5×5 matrix R is parameterized by ten angles,

$$\alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{14}, \alpha_{15}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{25}, \alpha_{34}, \alpha_{35}, \alpha_{45}$$

□ Using the minimization eqs and the rotations W and R we can solve for all the quartic parameters and for the imaginary part of the soft terms.

□ However one can not take all the masses as independent, there are three relations to be satisfied (one in the C2HDM), giving $m_{h_3}, m_{h_4}, m_{h_5}$

□ Our fixed inputs are $v = 246$ GeV and $m_{h_1} = 125$ GeV

□ The remaining 20 independent parameters are

$$\theta, \varphi, \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{14}, \alpha_{15}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{25}, \alpha_{34}, \alpha_{35}, \alpha_{45}, \beta_1, \beta_2$$

$$m_{h_2}, m_{H_1^\pm}, m_{H_2^\pm}, \text{Re}(m_{12}^2), \text{Re}(m_{13}^2), \text{Re}(m_{23}^2)$$

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- ❑ To avoid the stringent constraints from flavour experiments one normally imposes Natural Flavour Conservation (NFC)
- ❑ In the 2HDM there are four ways to implement NFC
- ❑ In contrast, in 3HDM there is the new possibility that each right-handed fermion species (up-type quark, down-type quark, and charged lepton) couples to a distinct scalar. This is the so-called type-Z model.

fermion type	type-I	type-II	type-X	type-Y	type-Z
up quarks (u)	Φ_3	Φ_3	Φ_3	Φ_3	Φ_3
down quarks (d)	Φ_3	Φ_2	Φ_3	Φ_2	Φ_2
charged leptons (ℓ)	Φ_3	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_3	Φ_1

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- The simplest symmetry groups that can enforce the type-Z couplings in the 3HDM are Z_3 and $Z_2 \times Z_2$

- Here, we focus on the model with a $Z_2 \times Z_2$ symmetry, with the following action on scalars, right-handed down-type quarks (d_R), and right-handed charged-leptons (ℓ_R):

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_2 : \Phi_1 &\rightarrow -\Phi_1, & \ell_R &\rightarrow -\ell_R, \\
 Z'_2 : \Phi_2 &\rightarrow -\Phi_2, & d_R &\rightarrow -d_R,
 \end{aligned}$$

(with all other SM fields invariant under the transformation) leading to the type-Z couplings

- In this work, we study the type-Z 3HDM with a softly-broken $Z_2 \times Z_2$ symmetry, allowing for complex parameters in the potential; we dub this the complex 3HDM (C3HDM).

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- The Yukawa Lagrangian has then terms of the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = \mathcal{L}_{ff} + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi ff} ,$$

- where \mathcal{L}_{ff} are the fermion mass terms,

$$-\mathcal{L}_{ff} = \bar{d}_L D_d d_R + \bar{u}_L D_u u_R + \bar{\ell}_L D_\ell \ell_R + h.c. = \bar{d} D_d d + \bar{u} D_u u + \bar{\ell} D_\ell \ell ,$$

- and $\mathcal{L}_{\Phi ff}$ contains the scalar-fermion interactions

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\Phi ff} = (\bar{p}_L \bar{n}_L) \Gamma \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_d^+ \\ (x_d + iz_d)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} n_R + (\bar{p}_L \bar{n}_L) \Delta \begin{pmatrix} (x_u - iz_u)/\sqrt{2} \\ -\varphi_u^- \end{pmatrix} p_R \\ + (\bar{\nu}_L \bar{\ell}_L) Y \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_\ell^+ \\ (x_\ell + iz_\ell)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \ell_R + h.c.$$

- The interactions of fermion eigenstates with the unrotated neutral scalars ξ'_i are,

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\xi' ff} = \frac{m_{\ell i}}{v_\ell} \bar{\ell}_i (x_\ell + i\gamma_5 z_\ell) \ell_i + \frac{m_{d i}}{v_d} \bar{d}_i (x_d + i\gamma_5 z_d) d_i + \frac{m_{u i}}{v_u} \bar{u}_i (x_u - i\gamma_5 z_u) u_i$$

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- Now we have to rotate to the scalar mass eigenstates. We define

$$\xi' \equiv (x_l, x_d, x_u, z_l, z_d, z_u)^T, \quad \xi = Q\xi'$$

- The rotation matrix Q is obtained from R_H and R . We therefore have,

$$x_i = Q_{ij}^T \xi_j = Q_{ji} \xi_j, \quad z_i = Q_{3+i,j}^T \xi_j = Q_{j,3+i} \xi_j,$$

where $\xi_1 = G^0$ is the pseudo-Goldstone boson absorbed by the Z boson, and $i \in \{1, \dots, 3\}$, while $j \in \{1, \dots, 6\}$.

- Therefore

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\xi ff} = \sum_{f,j} \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{f} \frac{v}{v_f} (Q_{jf} \pm i\gamma_5 Q_{j,N+f}) f \xi_j = \sum_{f,j} \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{f} \left(c_{\xi_j ff}^e + i\gamma_5 c_{\xi_j ff}^o \right) f \xi_j,$$

where we defined (+ for leptons and down quarks, – for up quarks)

$$c_{\xi_j ff}^e + i\gamma_5 c_{\xi_j ff}^o = \frac{v}{v_f} (Q_{jf} \pm i\gamma_5 Q_{j,N+f})$$

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We have implemented all the known constraints:

- ❑ Bounded from Below (BFB)
- ❑ Perturbativity of Yukawa couplings
- ❑ Perturbative Unitarity
- ❑ S,T, U oblique parameters
- ❑ Stringent limits on EDM of the electron
- ❑ Signal strengths from LHC on the h_{125}
- ❑ Constraints from flavour like $b \rightarrow s\gamma$
- ❑ HiggsSignals and HiggsBounds from HiggsTools

How do we scan: random scan

□ Our fixed inputs are $v = 246$ GeV and $m_{h_1} = 125$ GeV

□ We then would take random values in the ranges:

$$\theta, \varphi, \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{14}, \alpha_{15}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{25}, \alpha_{34}, \alpha_{35}, \alpha_{45} \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right];$$

$$\tan \beta_1, \tan \beta_2 \in [0.3, 10];$$

$$m_{h_2} \in [125, 1000] \text{ GeV}, m_{H_1^\pm}, m_{H_2^\pm} \in [100, 1000] \text{ GeV};$$

$$\text{Re}(m_{12}^2), \text{Re}(m_{13}^2), \text{Re}(m_{23}^2) \in [\pm 10^{-1}, \pm 10^7] \text{ GeV}^2$$

□ These 20 free parameters (other than v and m_{h_1}) fully determine the point in parameter space

□ However, as in the real 3HDM case, this random scan has a very low probability of success. In fact even worse than in the real case; lower than 1 point per 10^{13} sampled points

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- The C3HDM has a real limit corresponding to,

$$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_1, \quad \alpha_{13} = \alpha_2, \quad \alpha_{23} = \alpha_3, \quad \alpha_{45} = -\gamma_1, \quad \theta = -\gamma_2$$

$$\varphi = \alpha_{14} = \alpha_{15} = \alpha_{24} = \alpha_{25} = \alpha_{34} = \alpha_{35} = 0,$$

where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$ are the variables defined in the real 3HDM, and β_1, β_2 retain their meaning in both cases.

- So we produced sets of points in the real 3HDM, and then we imported them into the C3HDM
- The next step is to scan around these points. This was done within the ranges

$$\alpha_{14}, \alpha_{15} \in [-0.01, 0.01];$$

$$\varphi, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{25}, \alpha_{34}, \alpha_{35} \in [-0.1, 0.1].$$

These ranges were chosen to be close to the real case.

Enlarging the pseudoscalar component

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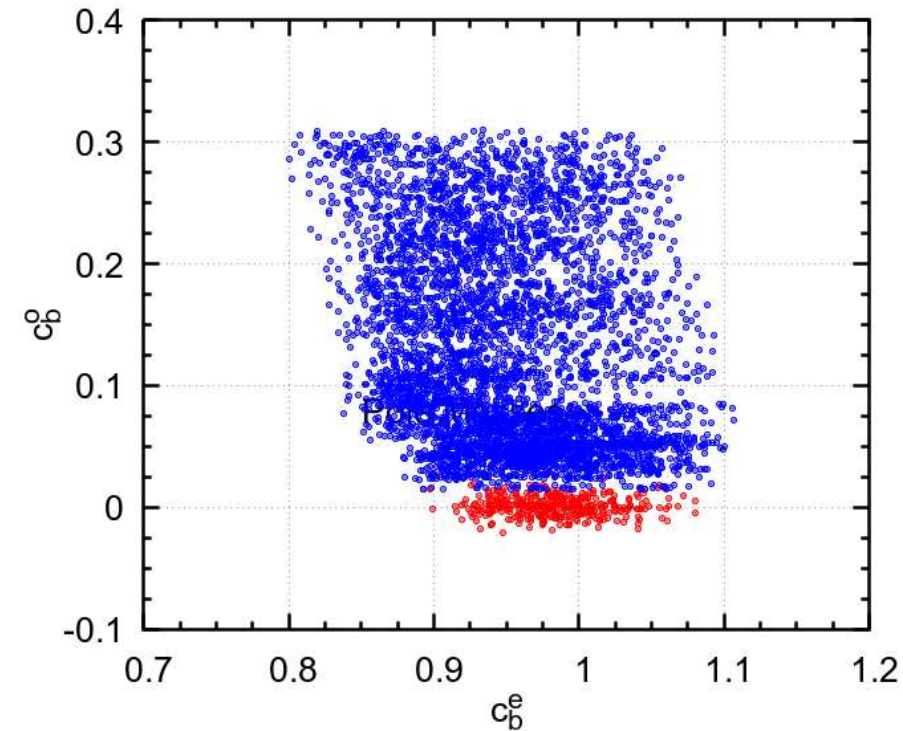
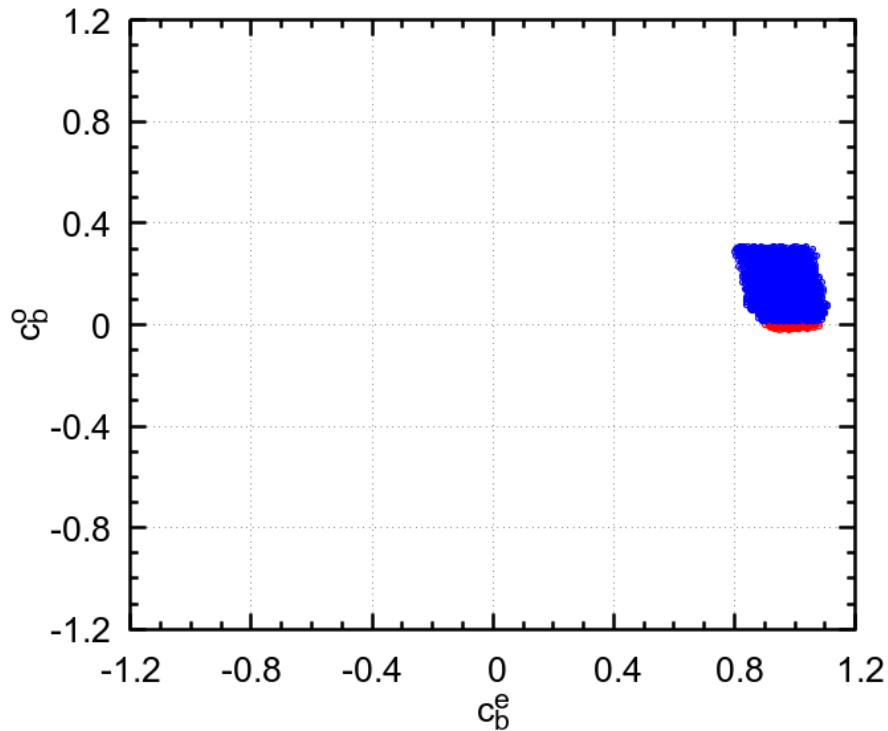
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- In the left panel we show the whole range after a certain # of iterations
- In the right panel we show a closeup. The blue points were obtained from the red points by enlarging the pseudoscalar component

(Anti)-Correlation between c_τ^o and c_b^o

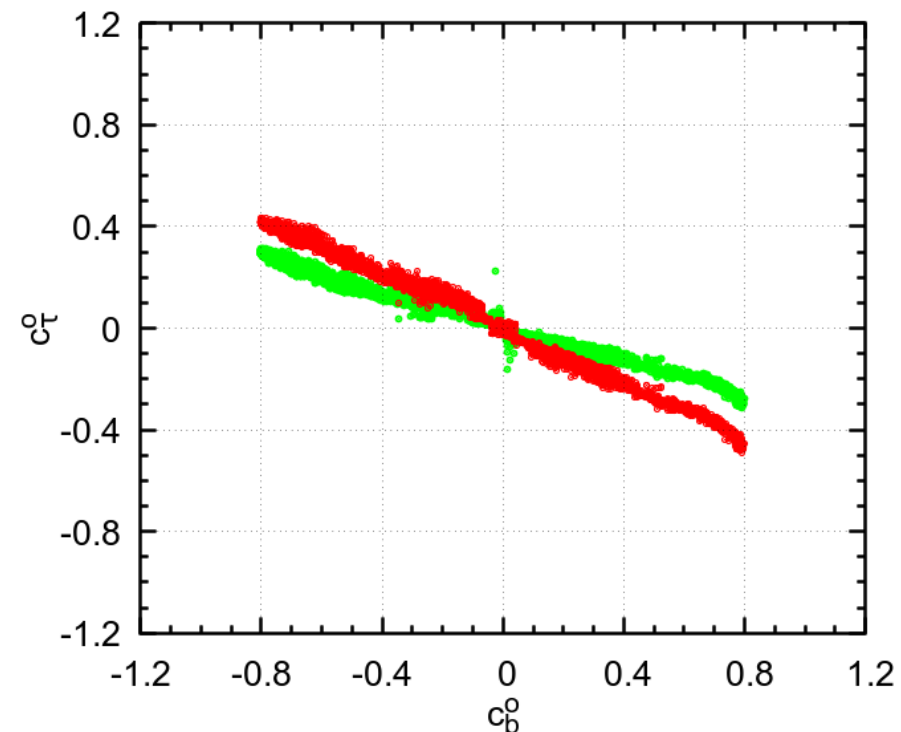
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- As in type-Z one couples one Higgs doublet to each type of fermions, one would think that limits in one type would not affect the others
- This is important because in the C2HDM the experimental limits of the pseudoscalar component of the τ obtained in the decay $h_{125} \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ by CMS and ATLAS had an impact on large pseudoscalar components for the b-quark

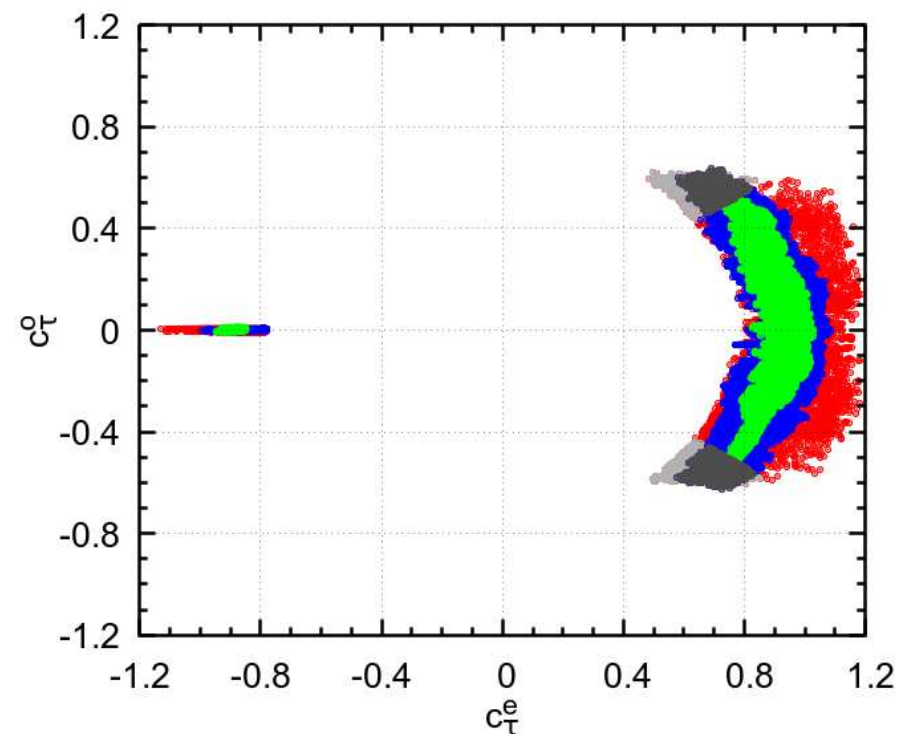
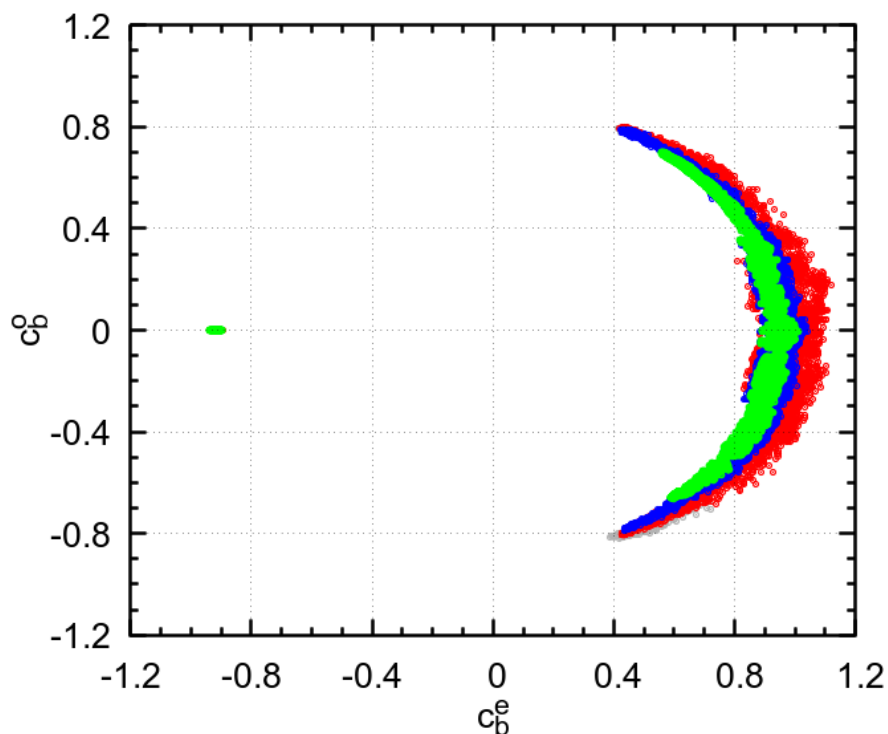
- However we found that there is one relation among all the coefficients $c_f^{o,e}$. In the limit that the odd component of the top quark vanishes (a very good approximation) we have

$$\frac{c_\tau^o}{c_b^o} \simeq -\tan^2 \beta_1$$

- In red our points, in green those satisfying the previous equation



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- Left panel c_b^o vs c_b^e and right panel c_τ^o vs c_τ^e
- In red we consider only the uncorrelated constraints on the signal strengths μ_{ij} . In blue we consider HiggsSignals at 3σ and in green HiggsSignals at 2σ
- The constraints on $h_{125} \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ only affect the τ lepton. For the b -quark a large pseudoscalar component is obtained, although not maximal.

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- ❑ We have developed a parameterization for the C3HDM and implemented a code to study the model
- ❑ All known constraints were implemented
- ❑ Contrary to initial expectations although each doublet couples to a different type of fermion, there is still some correlation between the τ lepton and the b -quark
- ❑ However, the previous correlation does not preclude large pseudo scalar components for the couplings of the b -quark, although not maximal
- ❑ Therefore these results prompt further experimental exploration

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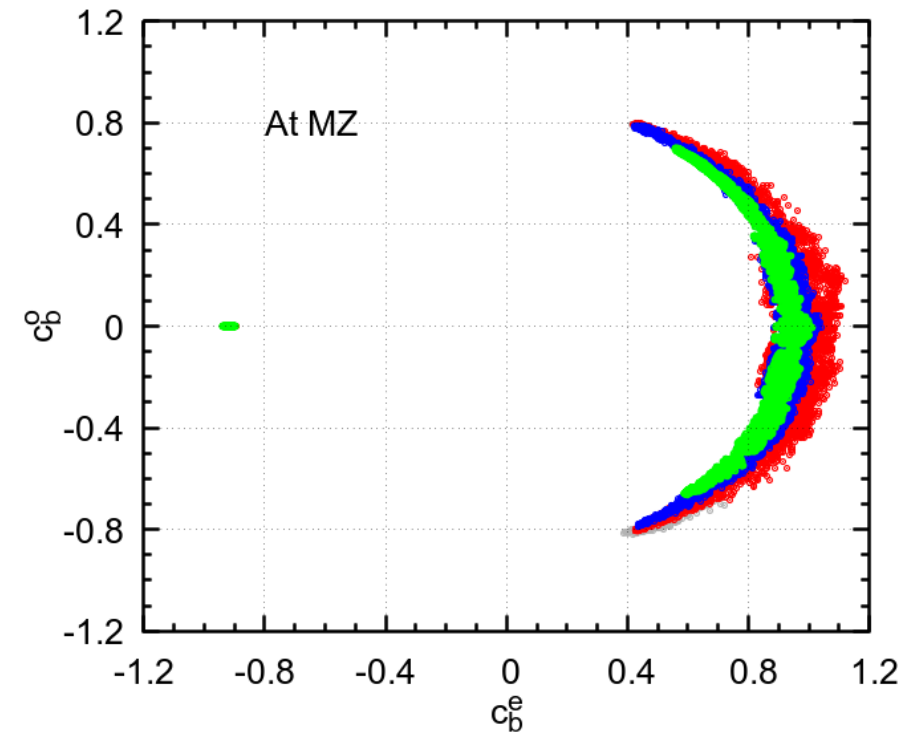
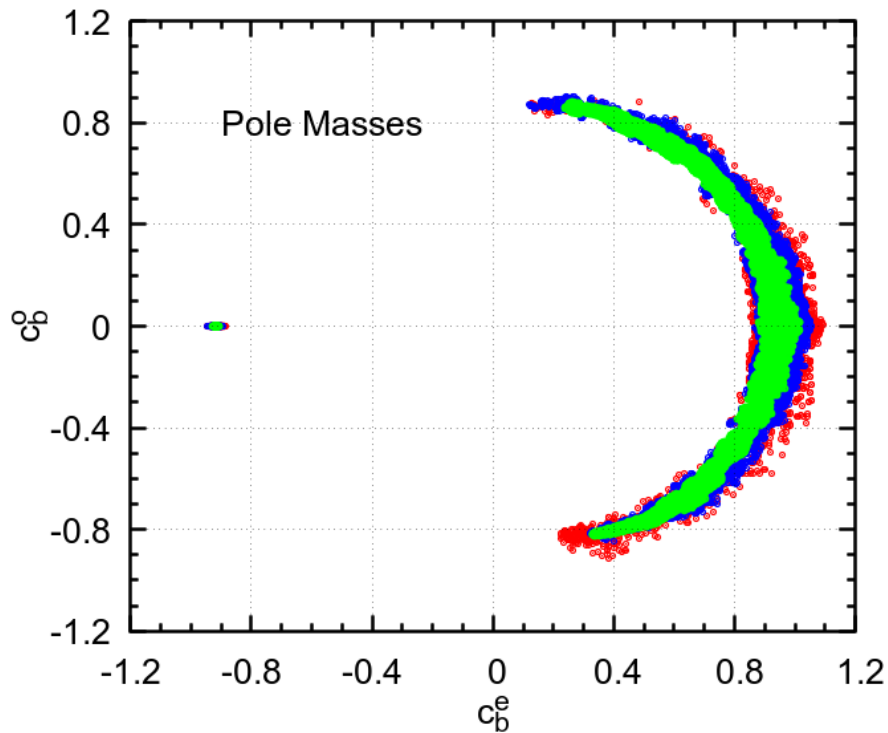
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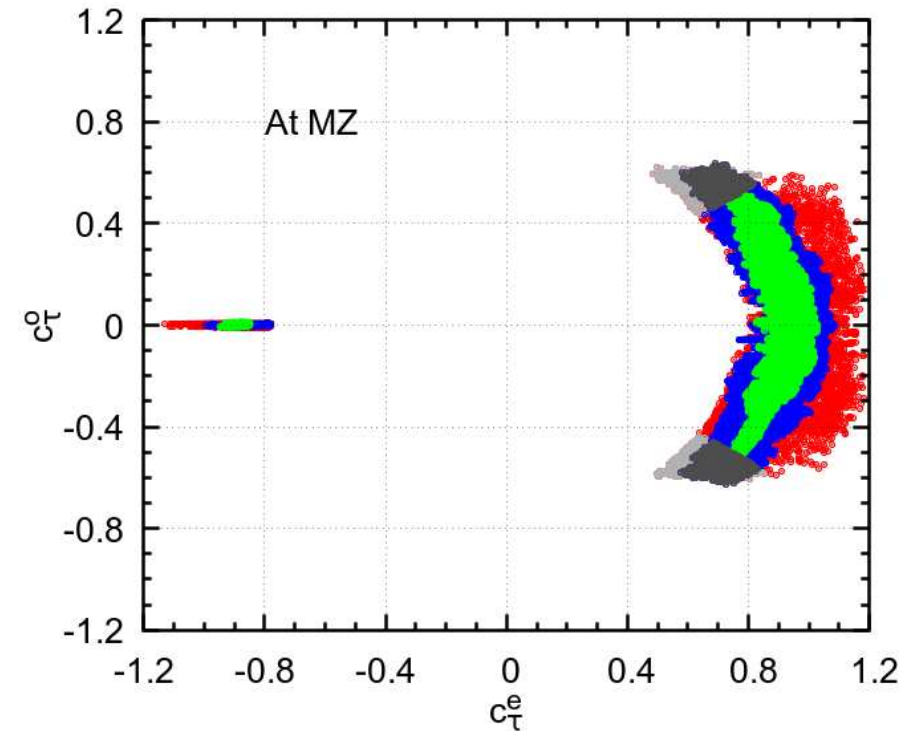
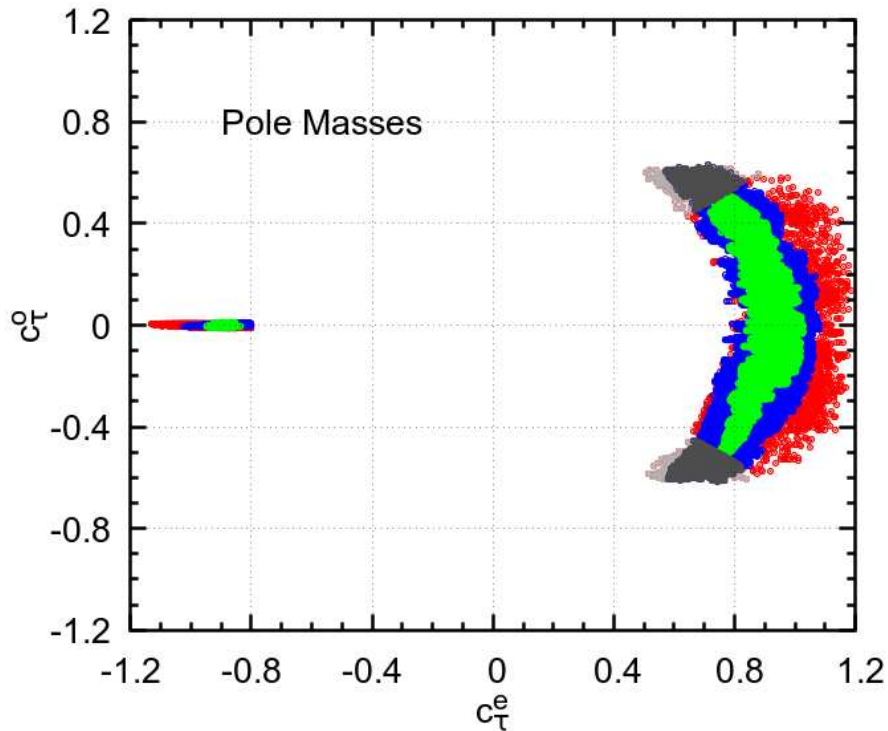
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- Left we take the pole masses and right we have masses at the M_Z scale
- In red we consider only the uncorrelated constraints on the signal strengths μ_{ij} . In blue we consider HiggsSignals at 3σ and in green HiggsSignals at 2σ
- The constraints on $h_{125} \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ do not affect the ranges
- Pole and At M_Z refer to the choice of constants in the eEDM (see 2403.02425)

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- Left pole masses, right masses at M_Z
- Color code as before
- The constraints on $h_{125} \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ are important and are included as the gray regions.