

Flavour changing top decays in the aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

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Plan

- $t \rightarrow ch$ in the aligned two-Higgs-doublet model (A2HDM).
- $t \rightarrow cV(= \gamma, Z)$ in the aligned two-Higgs-doublet model (A2HDM).

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- The 2HDM provides a minimal extension of the scalar sector with a second Higgs doublet, (ϕ_1, ϕ_2) .
- A global $SU(2)$ transformation in the scalar space (ϕ_1, ϕ_2) takes to the so-called Higgs basis (Φ_1, Φ_2)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ -\Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{1}{v} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \\ v_2 & -v_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ e^{-i\theta} \phi_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- In this basis,

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} G^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + S_1 + iG^0) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} H^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_2 + iS_3) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

where G^\pm , G^0 are the Goldstone fields and $\langle H^+ \rangle = \langle G^+ \rangle = \langle G^0 \rangle = \langle S_i \rangle = 0$.

- The five physical scalars are two charged fields $H^\pm(x)$ and three neutral ones $\varphi_i^0(x) = \{h(x), H(x), A(x)\}$.
- The neutral scalars are related to the S_i fields through an orthogonal transformation $\varphi_i^0(x) = \mathcal{R}_{ij} S_j(x)$.
- The form of \mathcal{R}_{ij} depends on the scalar potential.

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- In the CP-conserving limit

$$\begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \tilde{\alpha} & \sin \tilde{\alpha} \\ -\sin \tilde{\alpha} & \cos \tilde{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

- The CP-odd field A corresponds to S_3 .
- In the generic 2HDM, however, tree-level FCNC interactions generally exist, through non-diagonal couplings of neutral scalars to fermions.

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- In the Higgs basis

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \left[\bar{Q}'_L (M'_d \Phi_1 + Y'_d \Phi_2) d'_R + \bar{Q}'_L (M'_u \tilde{\Phi}_1 + Y'_u \tilde{\Phi}_2) u'_R + \bar{L}'_L (M'_\ell \Phi_1 + Y'_\ell \Phi_2) \ell'_R \right] + \text{h.c.}, \quad (4)$$

where $\tilde{\Phi}_i(x) = i\tau_2 \Phi_i^*(x)$ are the charge-conjugated scalar doublets.

- In general, the Yukawa matrices M'_f and Y'_f cannot be simultaneously diagonalized in flavour space.

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- An elegant solution is to use an appropriately chosen \mathcal{Z}_2 symmetries.
[Glashow and S. Weinberg 1977](#)
- This guarantees the absence of FCNCs in the Yukawa sector.

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- Flavour conservation in the neutral scalar couplings can be enforced in a rather trivial way requiring the Yukawa coupling matrices to be aligned in flavour space.

Pich and Tuzón 2009

- In the A2HDM, the interactions of scalar fields with fermions are described by

$$Y_{d,\ell} = \varsigma_{d,\ell} M_{d,\ell}, \quad Y_u = \varsigma_u^* M_u. \quad (5)$$

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- In the A2HDM the mass-eigenstate Yukawa Lagrangian reads

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_Y = & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} H^+(x) \left\{ \bar{u}(x) \left[\varsigma_d V M_d \mathcal{P}_R - \varsigma_u M_u^\dagger V \mathcal{P}_L \right] d(x) + \varsigma_l \bar{\nu}(x) M_l \mathcal{P}_R l(x) \right\} - \\ & - \frac{1}{v} \sum_{\varphi, f} y_f^{\varphi^0} \varphi_i^0(x) \bar{f}(x) M_f \mathcal{P}_R f(x) + \text{h.c.}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where V denotes the CKM matrix.

- The couplings of the neutral scalar fields are given by:

$$y_{d,l}^{\varphi_i^0} = \mathcal{R}_{i1} + (\mathcal{R}_{i2} + i \mathcal{R}_{i3}) \varsigma_{d,l}, \quad y_u^{\varphi_i^0} = \mathcal{R}_{i1} + (\mathcal{R}_{i2} - i \mathcal{R}_{i3}) \varsigma_u^*. \quad (7)$$

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- Quantum corrections induce some misalignment of the Yukawa coupling matrices, generating small FCNC effects suppressed by the corresponding loop factors.
- However, the special structure of the A2HDM strongly constrains the possible FCNC interactions.
[Pich and Tuzón 2009](#)

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- The one-loop gauge corrections preserve the alignment while the only FCNC structures induced by the scalar contributions take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{FCNC}} = & \frac{C(\mu)}{4\pi^2 v^3} (1 + \varsigma_u^* \varsigma_d) \times \\ & \times \sum_i \varphi_i^0(x) \left\{ (\mathcal{R}_{i2} + i \mathcal{R}_{i3}) (\varsigma_d - \varsigma_u) \left[\bar{d}_L V^\dagger M_u M_u^\dagger V M_d d_R \right] - \right. \\ & \left. - (\mathcal{R}_{i2} - i \mathcal{R}_{i3}) (\varsigma_d^* - \varsigma_u^*) \left[\bar{u}_L V M_d M_d^\dagger V^\dagger M_u u_R \right] \right\} \\ & + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

Jung, Pich and Tuzón 2010

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

- The renormalization of the coupling constant C is determined, using dimensional regularization, to be

$$C = C_R(\mu) + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{2\mu^{D-4}}{D-4} + \gamma_E - \ln(4\pi) \right\}, \quad (8)$$

Li, Lu and Pich 2014

- The renormalized coupling satisfies

$$C_R(\mu) = C_R(\mu_0) - \ln(\mu/\mu_0). \quad (9)$$

- Assuming Yukawa alignment to be exact at a given energy scale Λ_A , so that $C_R(\Lambda_A) = 0$, implies that $C_R(\mu) = \ln(\Lambda_A/\mu)$.

The aligned two-Higgs-doublet model

Model	ζ_d	ζ_u	ζ_l
Type I	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$
Type II	$-\tan \beta$	$\cot \beta$	$-\tan \beta$
Type X	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$	$-\tan \beta$
Type Y	$-\tan \beta$	$\cot \beta$	$\cot \beta$

Table: *Two-Higgs-doublet models with natural flavour conservation.*

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decay

- The flavour-changing top decays $t \rightarrow ch, cV$ occur at the one-loop level in the SM.
- The decay rates is suppressed by the loop factor and also receives a strong CKM and GIM suppression.
[Eilam, Hewett and Soni](#) 1991, [Mele, Petrarca and Soddu](#) 1998, [Aguilar-Saavedr](#) 2004
- Fixing the Higgs mass at $M_h \simeq 125$ GeV, one obtains the SM branching ratios:
 $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-15})$, $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow c\gamma) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-14})$ and $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow cZ) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-14})$.
- Within the A2HDM these decay rates can be enhanced due to additional charged Higgs contributions at the loop level.
[Celis, Li, Lu, Pich and GA](#) 2015

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- The ATLAS and CMS collaborations have searched for flavour-changing decays of the top quark.
- The ATLAS has set the bound $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow qZ) < 0.73\%$ at the 95% confidence level.
[Aad et al 2012](#)
- The CMS has set a better limit, $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow qZ) < 0.05\%$.
[Chatrchyan et al 2013](#)

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- The strongest current bound on $t \rightarrow c\gamma$ decay by the CMS is $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow c\gamma) < 0.182\%$.
CMS 2014
- The ATLAS collaboration sets the limit $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow qh) < 0.79\%$.
Aad et al 2014
- A slightly stronger limit, $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow qh) < 0.56\%$, has been obtained by the CMS collaboration.
CMS 2014
- One expects to improve the limits to $10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$ level for $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch)$.

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

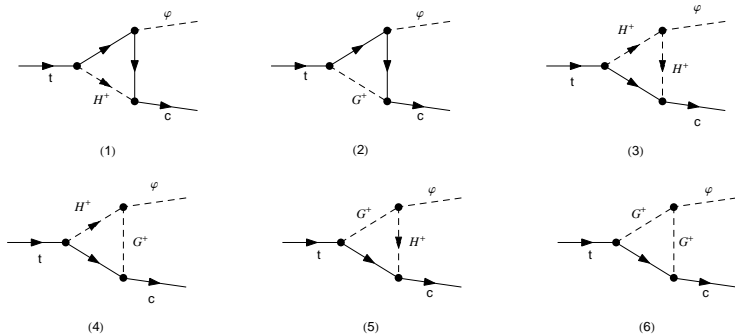


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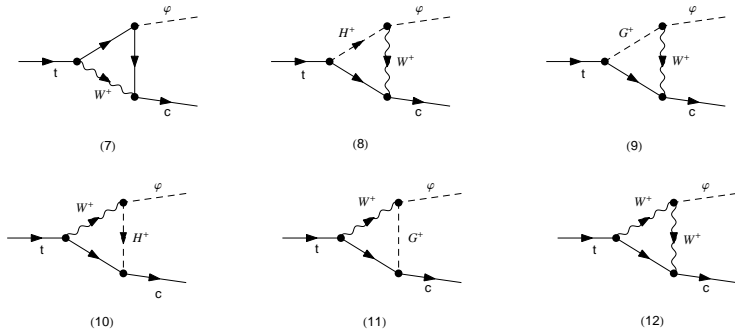
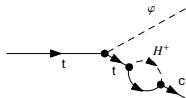
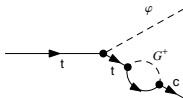


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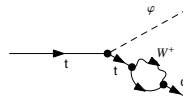
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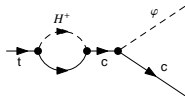
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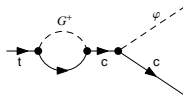
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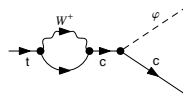
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$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- The CP-conserving A2HDM contains 12 free real parameters: μ_2, λ_k ($k = 1, \dots, 7$), the three alignment constants ς_f ($f = u, d, l$) and the counter-term coupling $\mathcal{C}_R(\mu)$.
- Some of the parameters of the scalar potential can be traded by the physical scalar masses and the mixing angle $\tilde{\alpha}$.
- The decays $t \rightarrow c \varphi_j^0, cZ$ are only sensitive to $\{M_{\varphi_j^0}, M_{H^\pm}, \cos \tilde{\alpha}, \lambda_3, \lambda_7, \varsigma_u, \varsigma_d, \mathcal{C}_R(M_W)\}$.
- We assume that the 125 GeV Higgs boson corresponds to the lightest CP-even state h ; *i.e.*, we fix $M_h \simeq 125$ GeV.
- The LHC data imply that it couples to the massive gauge vector bosons with a SM-like strength so that $\cos \tilde{\alpha} \simeq 1$.

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

We analyze the parameter space of the A2HDM, subject to the following assumptions and constraints:

- The LHC and Tevatron Higgs data imply that $\cos \tilde{\alpha} > 0.9$ (68% CL) and $|y_f^h| \sim 1$ ($f = u, d, l$).
- We work in the limit $\cos \tilde{\alpha} = 1$ so that no constraints on the alignment parameters are obtained from the 125 GeV Higgs data.
[Celis, Ilisie and Pich 2013](#)
- We take into account constraints in the $\varsigma_u - \varsigma_d$ plane derived from the measurement of $\text{Br}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$.
[Jung, Pich and Tuzón 2010](#), [Jung, Li and Pich 2012](#)

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- We restrict the alignment parameter $|\zeta_u| \leq 2$, in order to satisfy the constraints from $Z \rightarrow \bar{b}b$ decay and $B_{s,d}^0 - \bar{B}_{s,d}^0$ mixings.
- The parameters $\zeta_{d,l}$ are much less constrained phenomenologically; we take $|\zeta_{d,\ell}| \leq 50$.
[Jung, Pich and Tuzón 2010](#), [Jung, Li and Pich 2012](#)
- The LEP has searched for pair-produced charged Higgs bosons in the framework of 2HDMs, excluding $M_{H^\pm} \lesssim 80$ GeV (95% CL) under the assumption that H^\pm decays dominantly into fermions.
[G. Abbiendi et al. 2013](#)

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- Searches for a light charged Higgs via the decay $t \rightarrow H^+ b$ performed by the ATLAS and CMS collaborations, together with the limits on a charged Higgs from the Tevatron are taken into account.
[Aad et. al](#) 2013, 2014, [CMS](#) 2014, [Gutierrez et. al](#) 2010
- These direct searches give an upper bound on the Yukawa combination $|g_{uS_d}|$, which, although being weaker than the one from $\text{Br}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$, basically exclude one of the two possible strips allowed by the latter.
[Celis, Ilisie and Pich](#) 2013

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- We consider the perturbativity bound on the quartic scalar couplings $|\lambda_{3,7}| \leq 4\pi$. Additionally, the loop-induced decay $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ is sensitive to λ_3 and λ_7 through the charged Higgs contribution to this process.
[Celis, Ilisie and Pich 2013](#)
- We take into account the latest measurements of the Higgs signal strengths in the $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channel by ATLAS and CMS.
[ATLAS, CMS 2015](#)

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- In the limit $\cos \tilde{\alpha} = 1$, the decay rate for $t \rightarrow ch$ does not depend on $C_R(M_W)$ and λ_7 . In particular, for $\cos \tilde{\alpha} = 1$ we have $\lambda_{H^+H^-}^h = \lambda_3$.
- The measured Higgs signal strengths by ATLAS and CMS in the di-photon channel are then only sensitive to λ_3 and M_{H^\pm} .

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- One can write the Higgs signal strength in the di-photon channel as

$$\mu_{\gamma\gamma}^h = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow h) \times \text{Br}(h \rightarrow 2\gamma)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow h)_{\text{SM}} \times \text{Br}(h \rightarrow 2\gamma)_{\text{SM}}} \simeq \left(1 - 0.15 C_{H^\pm}^h\right)^2, \quad (10)$$

where $C_{H^\pm}^h$ encodes the charged Higgs contribution to $h \rightarrow 2\gamma$ and is given by

$$C_{H^\pm}^h = \frac{v^2}{2M_{H^\pm}^2} \lambda_{H^+H^-}^h \mathcal{A}(x_{H^\pm}). \quad (11)$$

Celis, Ilisie and Pich 2013

- Here

$$\mathcal{A}(x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{4} f(x), \quad f(x) = -4 \arcsin^2(1/\sqrt{x}), \quad (12)$$

with $x_{H^\pm} = 4M_{H^\pm}^2/M_h^2$.

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- We require that the Higgs signal strength lies within the 2σ range of the experimental measurements.
- The latest results by ATLAS $\mu_{\gamma\gamma}^h = 1.17_{-0.26}^{+0.28}$, and by CMS $\mu_{\gamma\gamma}^h = 1.12 \pm 0.24$, are consistent with the SM.
[ATLAS, CMS 2015](#)
- Performing a scan over $\{\varsigma_u, \varsigma_d, \lambda_3\}$, subject to the restrictions specified, while fixing the charged Higgs mass to benchmark values, we obtain the upper bounds on $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch)$ and $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow cV)$.
[Celis, Li, Lu, Pich and GA 2015](#)

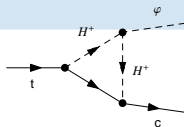
$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- In the window $90 \text{ GeV} < M_{H^\pm} < 150 \text{ GeV}$ the alignment parameter ς_d is constrained to be small by the direct charged Higgs searches at the LHC via top decays, $|\varsigma_d| \lesssim 10$, implying a very strong suppression on the decay rates.
[Celis, Ilisie and Pich 2013](#)
- For $M_{H^\pm} < 90 \text{ GeV}$ a weaker bound on $|\varsigma_d|$ is obtained by a combination of LHC and Tevatron limits, $|\varsigma_d| \lesssim 25$.
[Celis, Ilisie and Pich 2013](#)

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- For $M_{H^\pm} > 150$ GeV the largest decay rates for $t \rightarrow ch, cV$ are obtained for $|\zeta_u| < 1$ and $|\zeta_d| \simeq 50$.
- The decay rate for $t \rightarrow ch$ can receive much larger enhancements, due to the intermediate charged Higgs contribution involving the cubic Higgs coupling $\lambda_{H^+H^-}^h$.
- The maximum values for $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch)$ are obtained when the cubic scalar coupling $\lambda_{H^+H^-}^h$ saturates either the $h \rightarrow 2\gamma$ limits or the perturbativity bound.

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays



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- Diagram 3 dominates the corresponding decay amplitude in this case.
- The contribution from this diagram to the decay amplitude is proportional to $\zeta_u \zeta_d \lambda_{H^+ H^-}^h$ and $\zeta_d^2 \lambda_{H^+ H^-}^h$.
- While the product $\zeta_u \zeta_d$ is constrained to be small in magnitude by $\text{Br}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$, the term proportional to ζ_d^2 becomes greatly enhanced for large $|\zeta_d|$ values.
- Such large values of $|\zeta_d|$ can be obtained outside the window $90 \text{ GeV} < M_{H^\pm} < 160 \text{ GeV}$.

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

- The measurement of the Higgs signal strengths in the di-photon channel restrict the allowed size of the cubic Higgs coupling $\lambda_{H^+H^-}^h$ for a light charged Higgs.
- Taking into account the measurements of the 125 GeV Higgs properties, all constraints specified earlier, we find that the decay rate for $t \rightarrow ch, cV$ lie beyond the reach of the high luminosity LHC in 2HDMs without tree-level FCNCs.
- Under the constraints considered the largest decay rate is obtained for M_{H^\pm} being slightly below 90 GeV, $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch) \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-7}$.

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

M_{H^\pm} [GeV]	$\text{Br}(t \rightarrow c\gamma)$	$\text{Br}(t \rightarrow cZ)$	$\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch)$
100	$\lesssim 2 \times 10^{-12}$	$\lesssim 2 \times 10^{-13}$	$\lesssim 6 \times 10^{-9}$
200	$\lesssim 10^{-10}$	$\lesssim 3 \times 10^{-11}$	$\lesssim 3 \times 10^{-8}$
300	$\lesssim 10^{-11}$	$\lesssim 5 \times 10^{-12}$	$\lesssim 2 \times 10^{-8}$
400	$\lesssim 2 \times 10^{-12}$	$\lesssim 2 \times 10^{-12}$	$\lesssim 5 \times 10^{-9}$
500	$\lesssim 10^{-12}$	$\lesssim 10^{-12}$	$\lesssim 2 \times 10^{-9}$
Exp. limit	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$ CMS, 2014	$< 5 \times 10^{-4}$ Chatrchyan et al 2013	$< 5.6 \times 10^{-3}$ CMS, 2014

Table: Upper bounds for $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch, cV)$ in the CP-conserving A2HDM.

$t \rightarrow ch, cV$ decays

Rbustness of the predictions

- If small deviations from the limit $\cos \tilde{\alpha} = 1$ are considered, the LHC Higgs data gives rise to strong bounds on the magnitude of the alignment parameters.
- Since $|y_f^h| = |\cos \tilde{\alpha} + \zeta_f \sin \tilde{\alpha}|$ ($f = u, d, l$) is constrained to be close to one, one obtains $|\zeta_f| \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)$ when $\cos \tilde{\alpha} < 1$.
[Celis, Ilisie and Pich 2013](#)
- This implies in particular that $|\zeta_d|$ should be small and large enhancements of $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch)$ are not possible.
- Allowing for CP violation would not led to any significant enhancement either, given the strong constraints on CP-violating couplings derived from electric dipole moment experiments.
[Jung, Pich and Tuzón 2010](#)

$t \rightarrow ch$ decay

The direct counter term contribution

- The direct counter-term contribution to $t \rightarrow ch$ decay is not present in 2HDMs with NFC.
- The flavour structure of the A2HDM counter-term implies a strong suppression of its effects, due to the explicit powers of quark masses and the unitarity of the quark mixing matrix.
- Neglecting the loop contribution (at $\mu = M_W$),

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch)_{\text{tree}} &\approx \frac{\alpha^2 \pi^2 |V_{cb}|^2 m_b^4}{2 \sin^4 \theta_W M_W^4} \frac{(1 - M_h^2/m_t^2)^2}{(1 - M_W^2/m_t^2)^2 (1 + 2M_W^2/m_t^2)} \sin^2 \tilde{\alpha} |E_d|^2 \\ &\approx 2 \times 10^{-11} \sin^2 \tilde{\alpha} |E_d|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where

$$E_d = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} C_R(M_W) (1 + \varsigma_u \varsigma_d) (\varsigma_d - \varsigma_u). \quad (14)$$

- The size of E_d is constrained by the mixing between the neutral B_s^0 meson and its antiparticle, which receives also contributions from the three neutral scalars $\varphi_i^0 = \{h, H, A\}$.
- This process allows for $|E_d| \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$, even when the masses of the neutral scalars are of $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$, but this is far too small to generate any observable signal in $t \rightarrow ch$.

Braeuninger, Ibarra and Simonett 2010

$t \rightarrow ch$ decay

Impact of perturbative bound

- The charged Higgs gives the following finite correction to the hH^+H^- vertex, at the one-loop level:

$$(\lambda_{H^+H^-}^h)_{\text{eff}} = \lambda_{H^+H^-}^h \left[1 + \frac{v^2(\lambda_{H^+H^-}^h)^2}{16\pi^2 M_{H^\pm}^2} \mathcal{Z} \left(\frac{M_h^2}{M_{H^\pm}^2} \right) \right] \equiv \lambda_{H^+H^-}^h (1 + \Delta), \quad (15)$$

where

$$\mathcal{Z}(X) = \int_0^1 dy \int_0^{1-y} dz [(y+z)^2 + X(1-y-z-yz)]^{-1}. \quad (16)$$

- We allow this correction to be at most 50% ($\Delta \leq 0.5$).

$t \rightarrow ch$ decay

Impact of perturbative bound

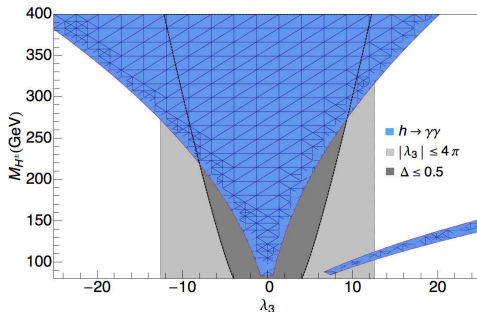


Figure: Allowed region by measurements of the Higgs signal strengths in the di-photon channel (blue-meshed) together with the perturbativity limits $|\lambda_3| \leq 4\pi$ (light gray) or $\Delta \leq 0.5$ (dark gray). See text for details.

- In figure we show the region allowed at 2σ by the measurement of the Higgs signal strengths in the di-photon channel, together with the bounds extracted with the perturbativity limits $|\lambda_3| \leq 4\pi$ and $\Delta \leq 0.5$.

$t \rightarrow ch$ decay

Impact of perturbative bound

- The constraints from $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ give rise to a large allowed region, centered around $\lambda_3 = 0$, whose width increases for higher values of M_{H^\pm} .
- In this area the $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay amplitude is dominated by the W -boson and top-quark loop contributions, as in the SM; the charged Higgs contribution remains subdominant.
- For light charged Higgs masses a small disjoint allowed region appears with $\lambda_3 \gtrsim 6$.
- The perturbativity limit $\Delta \leq 0.5$, being more stringent for light charged Higgs masses, excludes this small region.
- For a light charged Higgs the maximum values of $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch)$ are obtained precisely in this separate region, where the value for $|\lambda_{H^+H^-}^h|$ reaches its maximum allowed value.
- After considering perturbative limit, we get the limit $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow ch) \lesssim 6 \times 10^{-8}$.

Summary

- We perform a complete one-loop computation of the two-body flavour-changing top decays $t \rightarrow ch$ and $t \rightarrow cV$ ($V = \gamma, Z$), within the aligned two-Higgs-doublet model.
- We evaluate the impact of the model parameters on the associated branching ratios, taking into account constraints from flavour data and measurements of the Higgs properties.
- Assuming that the 125 GeV Higgs corresponds to the lightest CP-even scalar of the CP-conserving aligned two-Higgs-doublet model, we find that the rates for such flavour-changing top decays lie below the expected sensitivity of the future high-luminosity phase of the LHC.
- Measurements of the Higgs signal strength in the di-photon channel are found to play an important role in limiting the size of the $t \rightarrow ch$ decay rate when the charged scalar of the model is light.