CP violation in Higgs sector

(A phenomenological & first principle overview)

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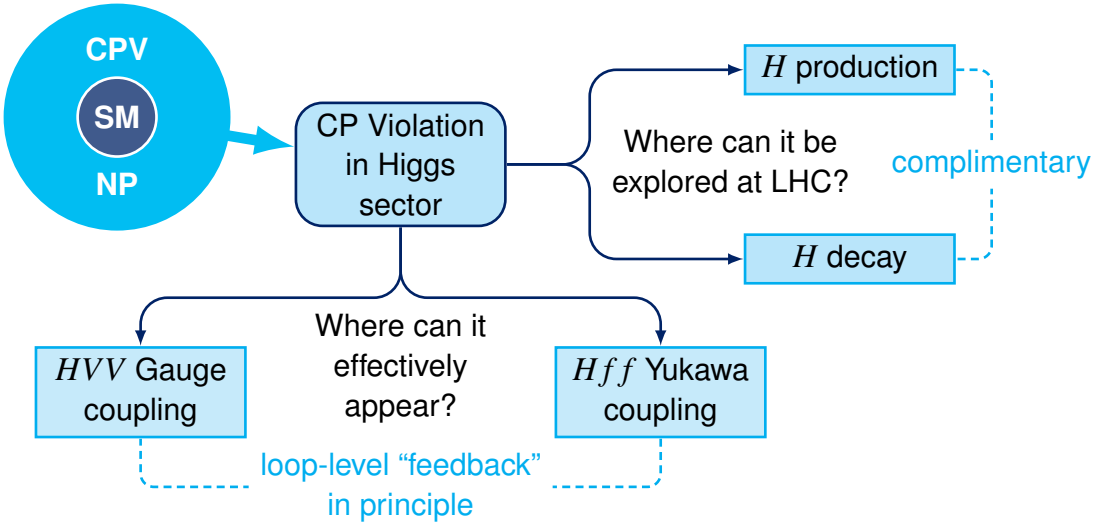
Outline of CP violation studies in Higgs sector



Part 1: Introduction

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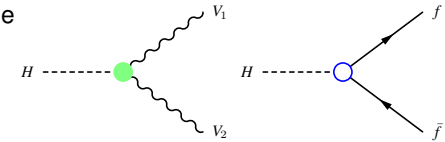

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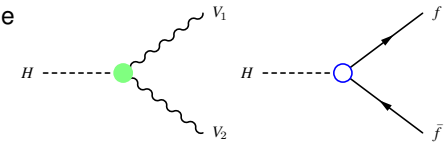

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Some gauge invariant dimension-6 operators (CP-even as well as CP-odd) are:

$$O_{HB} \propto H^\dagger H\, B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}, \qquad O_{H\widetilde{B}} \propto H^\dagger H\, B_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{B}^{\mu\nu},$$
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where $\widetilde{V}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} V_{\rho\sigma}$ is the dual field strength tensor.

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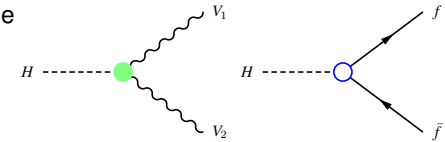

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The effective NP Lagrangian can also be recast in the following form for doing phenomenological studies,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP}} \supset \frac{H}{4v}\left(2\,A_2^{Z\gamma}\,F^{\mu\nu}\,Z_{\mu\nu} + 2\,A_3^{Z\gamma}\,F^{\mu\nu}\,\widetilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} + A_2^{\gamma\gamma}\,F^{\mu\nu}\,F_{\mu\nu} + A_3^{\gamma\gamma}\,F^{\mu\nu}\,\widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu}\right)$$

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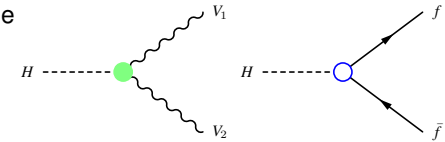
  - **CP-odd pseudoscalar Hff couplings at tree level** (α = CP mixing angle, κ_f = Yukawa coupling)

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -\sum_f \frac{m_f}{v} H\left[\bar{f}\,\kappa_f\left(\cos\alpha + i\,\sin\alpha\,\gamma^5\right) f\right],$$

CP-even: $\alpha = 0$, CP-odd: $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$, maximal CP violation: $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$.
SM: $\kappa_f = 1, \alpha = 0$. NP: $\kappa_f \neq 1, \alpha \neq 0$.

Analogous parametrization: $a_f = \kappa_f \cos\alpha$, $b_f = \kappa_f \sin\alpha$.



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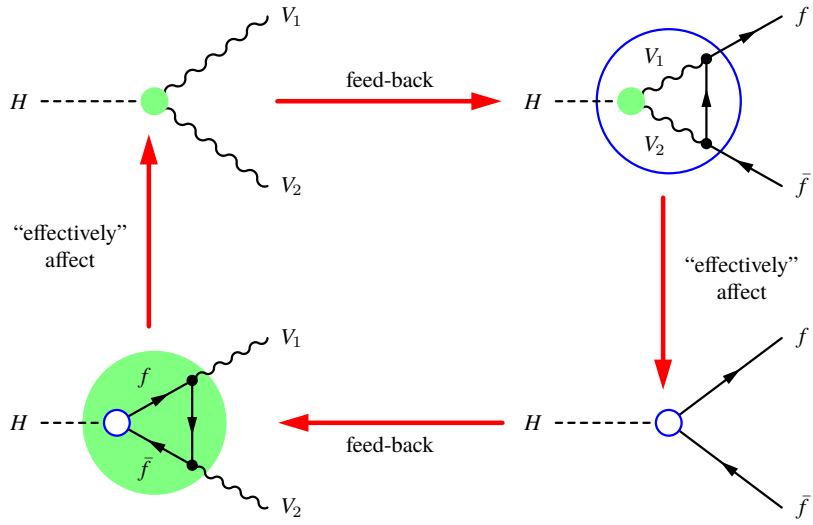

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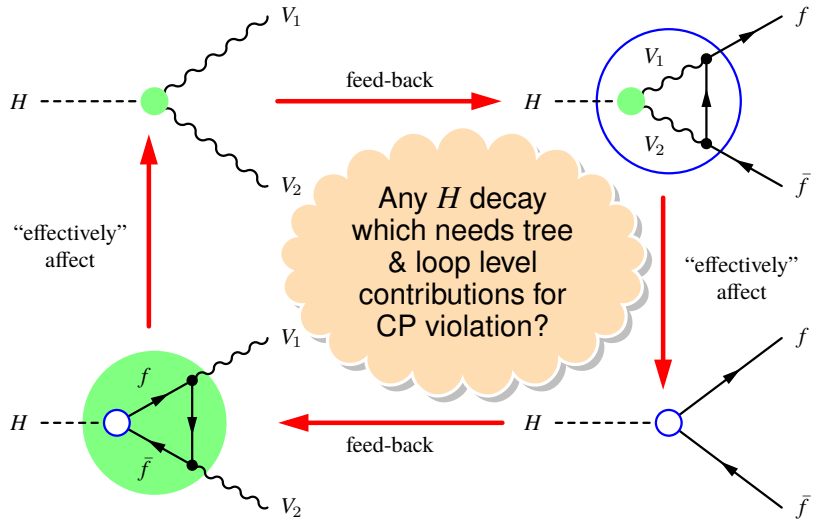

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Various process independent perspectives from first principle analysis

- **Amplitude decomposition in terms of contributions of operators of 4, 6 and higher dimensions:**

$$\mathscr{M} = \mathscr{M}^{(4)} + \mathscr{M}^{(6)} + \mathscr{M}^{(8)} + \cdots$$

$$\implies |\mathscr{M}|^2 = \left|\mathscr{M}^{(4)}\right|^2 + \underbrace{2\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\mathscr{M}^{(4)}\,\mathscr{M}^{(6)*}\right)}_{\text{suppressed by } \Lambda^{-2}} + \cdots$$

Optimal Observable: Search for how large this 4- and 6-dimension interference can be.

- **Amplitude decomposition in terms of CP property:**

$$\mathscr{M} = \underbrace{\mathscr{M}_e}_{\text{CP-even}} + \underbrace{\mathscr{M}_o}_{\text{CP-odd}} \qquad \left(\text{where, for example, } \mathscr{M}_{e/o} = \mathscr{M}_{e/o}^{\text{Tree}} + \mathscr{M}_{e/o}^{\text{Loop}}\right)$$

$$\implies |\mathscr{M}|^2 = \underbrace{|\mathscr{M}_e|^2 + |\mathscr{M}_o|^2}_{\text{CP-even}} + \underbrace{2\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\mathscr{M}_e\,\mathscr{M}_o^*\right)}_{\text{CP-odd}}$$

Optimal Observable: Search for non-zero CP-odd interference term effects.

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Various process independent perspectives from first principle analysis

- **Formalism analogous to CP violation in meson decays:**
  Amplitude in terms of SM and NP contributions with different CP-even and CP-odd phases (CP-even phase ≡ 'strong' phase = δ, CP-odd phase ≡ 'weak' phase = ϕ):

$$\mathscr{M} = \mathscr{M}_{\text{SM}} + \mathscr{M}_{\text{NP}} = |\mathscr{M}_{\text{SM}}|\, e^{i(\delta_{\text{SM}}+\phi_{\text{SM}})} + |\mathscr{M}_{\text{NP}}|\, e^{i(\delta_{\text{NP}}+\phi_{\text{NP}})},$$
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such that

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{|\mathscr{M}|^2 - |\overline{\mathscr{M}}|^2}{|\mathscr{M}|^2 + |\overline{\mathscr{M}}|^2} \propto |\mathscr{M}_{\text{SM}}|\, |\mathscr{M}_{\text{NP}}|\, \sin(\delta_{\text{SM}} - \delta_{\text{NP}})\, \sin(\phi_{\text{SM}} - \phi_{\text{NP}}),$$

which is non-zero only when $|\mathscr{M}_{\text{NP}}| \neq 0$, $\delta_{\text{SM}} \neq \delta_{\text{NP}}$ and $\phi_{\text{SM}} \neq \phi_{\text{NP}}$.

Optimal Observable: Search for asymmetry $\mathcal{A}$.

Two complimentary ways to probe CP violation

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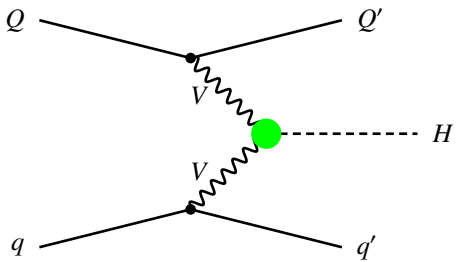

Study CP-odd triple product asymmetry with respect to angle Φ between the two planes:

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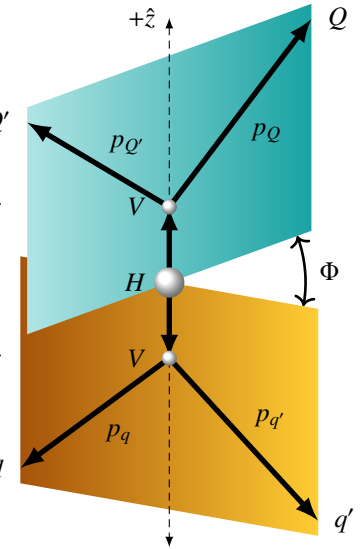

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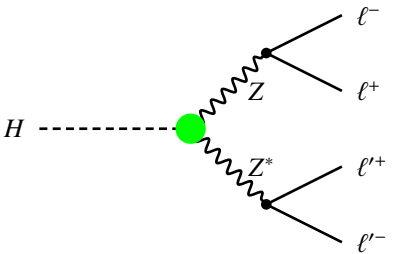

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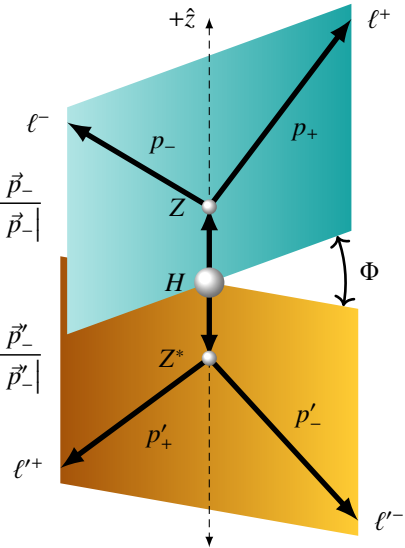

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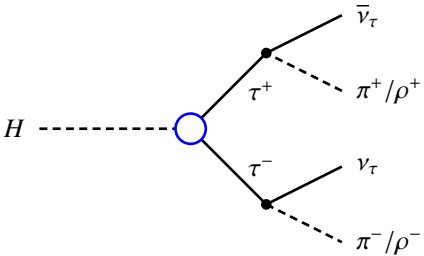

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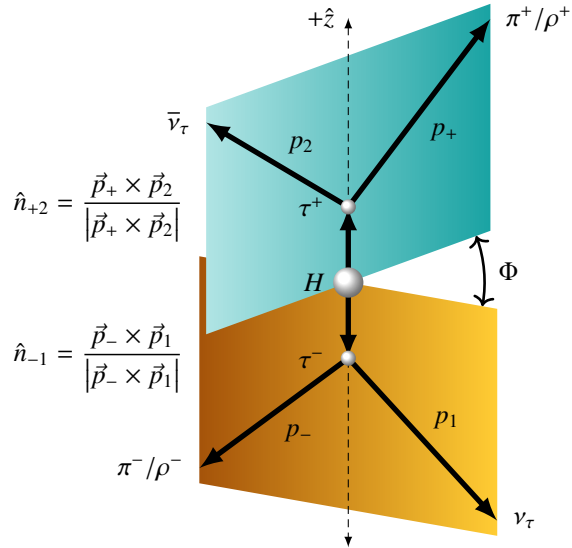
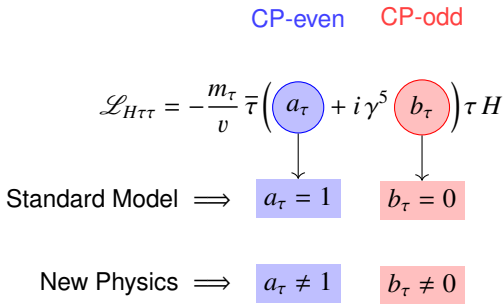


Part 2: $H\tau\tau$ Yukawa interaction

Goal: Probe the CP violating $H\tau\tau$ Lagrangian

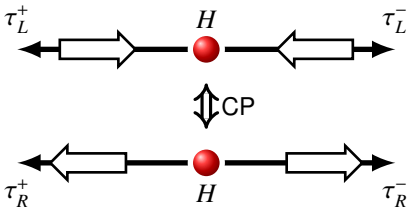


where $v = \left(\sqrt{2}\,G_F\right)^{-1/2} \simeq 246$ GeV. Constraint from e^- EDM measurement: $|b_\tau| \lesssim 0.29$ at 90% C.L.

[J. Alonso-Gonzalez, A. de Giorgi, L. Merlo and S. Pokorski, JHEP **05**, 041 (2022).]

The 2-body decay $H \to \tau^+ \tau^-$ is *not* suitable to probe $b_\tau \neq 0$.

- $\mathrm{Br}\,(H \to \tau^+ \tau^-) = \left(6.0^{+0.8}_{-0.7}\right)\%$
  [PDG 2023]



- Only 2 allowed helicity configurations

- Partial decay rate

$$\Gamma_{\tau\tau} = \frac{m_H}{8\,\pi}\left(\frac{m_\tau}{v}\right)^2 \left(a_\tau^2\left(1 - \frac{4\,m_\tau^2}{m_H^2}\right) + b_\tau^2\right) \times \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\,m_\tau^2}{m_H^2}}\,.$$

- Experimental constraint:

$$a_\tau^2 + b_\tau^2 \approx 0.93^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$$

[inferred from G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS], JHEP **08**, 175 (2022), neglecting m_τ]

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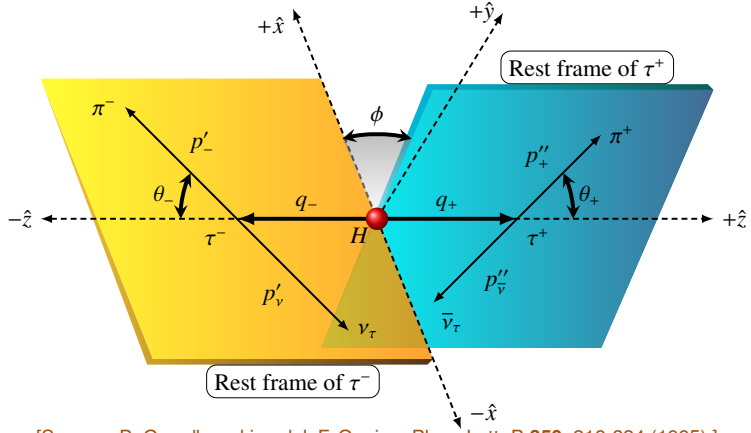

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- Full angular distribution:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^3\Gamma_{\pi\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}}{\mathrm{d}\cos\theta_+\,\mathrm{d}\cos\theta_-\,\mathrm{d}\varphi} = \frac{\left\langle\left|\mathscr{M}_{\pi\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}\right|^2\right\rangle}{2^{15}\,\pi^6\,m_H}\left(1-\frac{4\,m_\tau^2}{m_H^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(1-\frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2,$$

$$\left\langle\left|\mathscr{M}_{\pi\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}\right|^2\right\rangle = \left(\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}}f_\pi\,V_{ud}\right)^4\left(\frac{m_\tau}{v}\right)^2\left(\frac{\pi}{m_\tau\,\Gamma_\tau}\right)^2$$

$$\times\Big(8\;a_\tau^2\;m_\tau^4\left(m_H^2-4\,m_\tau^2\right)\left(m_\tau^2-m_\pi^2\right)^2\left(1-\cos\theta_+\,\cos\theta_--\sin\theta_+\,\sin\theta_-\,\cos\varphi\right)$$

$$+\,8\;b_\tau^2\;m_H^2\,m_\tau^4\left(m_\tau^2-m_\pi^2\right)^2\left(1-\cos\theta_+\,\cos\theta_-+\sin\theta_+\,\sin\theta_-\,\cos\varphi\right)$$

$$-\,16\;a_\tau\,b_\tau\;m_H\,m_\tau^4\,\sqrt{m_H^2-4\,m_\tau^2}\left(m_\tau^2-m_\pi^2\right)^2\,\sin\theta_+\,\sin\theta_-\,\sin\varphi\Big).$$

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- Only the uni-angular distribution $\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma_{\pi\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}}{\mathrm{d}\varphi}$ gets contribution from $a_\tau\, b_\tau$.

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{\pi\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}}\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma_{\pi\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}}{\mathrm{d}\varphi} = \frac{\left(\begin{array}{l} a_\tau^2 \left(m_H^2 - 4m_\tau^2\right)\left(16 - \pi^2\cos\varphi\right) \\ + b_\tau^2\, m_H^2 \left(16 + \pi^2\cos\varphi\right) \\ - 2\,\pi^2\, a_\tau\, b_\tau\, m_H \sqrt{m_H^2 - 4m_\tau^2}\,\sin\varphi \end{array}\right)}{32\,\pi\left(a_\tau^2\left(m_H^2 - 4m_\tau^2\right) + b_\tau^2 m_H^2\right)}.$$

$\therefore$ It is sensitive to **CP violation**.

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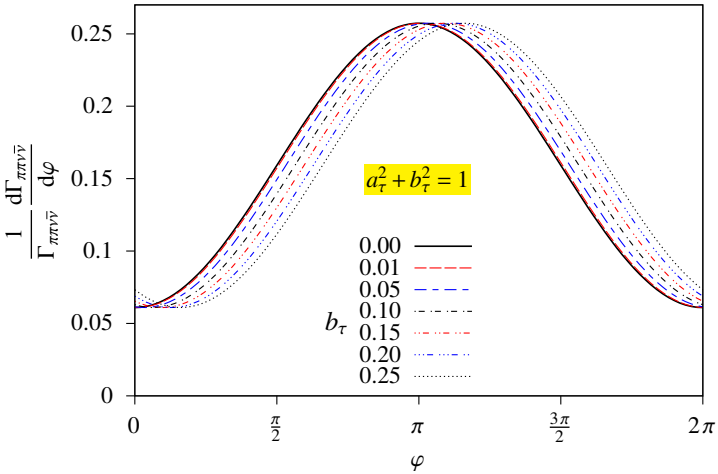

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- In H rest frame, τ's are highly boosted $\implies$ final π's and $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ are almost collinear to the parent τs $\implies$ constructing τ decay planes and measuring φ not straightforward.

- Experimentalists prefer $\rho^\pm$ instead of $\pi^\pm$ as $\rho^\pm \to \pi^\pm \pi^0$ make the plane reconstruction easier.
  $\therefore$ Only $H \to \tau^+ \tau^- \to \underbrace{\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau}_{\text{6-body final state}}$ events useful.

- Constraint on b_τ from such studies:

  $$|b_\tau| \lesssim 0.34$$

  [A. Tumasyan *et al.* [CMS], JHEP **06**, 012 (2022)]

- Way forward: More data + improved decay plane reconstruction + better angular resolutions.

- **Is there an alternative method, of probing CP violation in $H\tau\tau$ Yukawa interaction, which does not require reconstruction of τ decay planes?**

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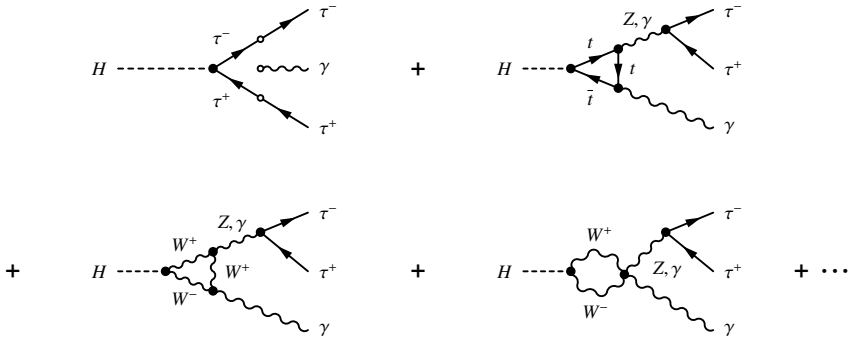

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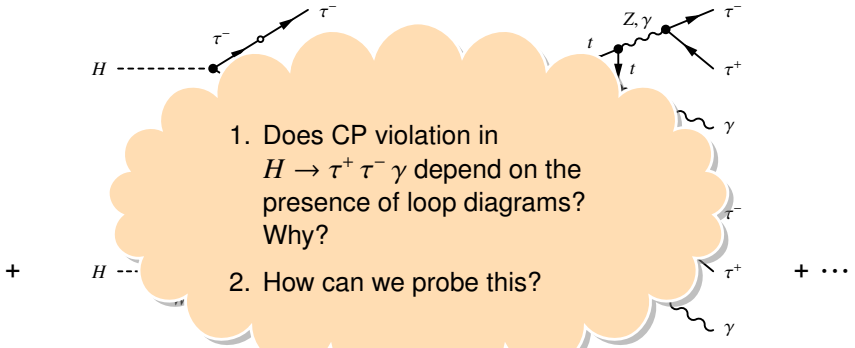

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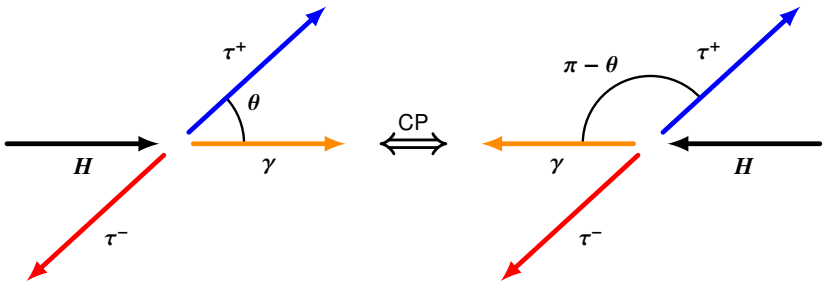
Gottfried-Jackson (GJ) frame
Center-of-momentum frame of $\tau^+ \tau^-$



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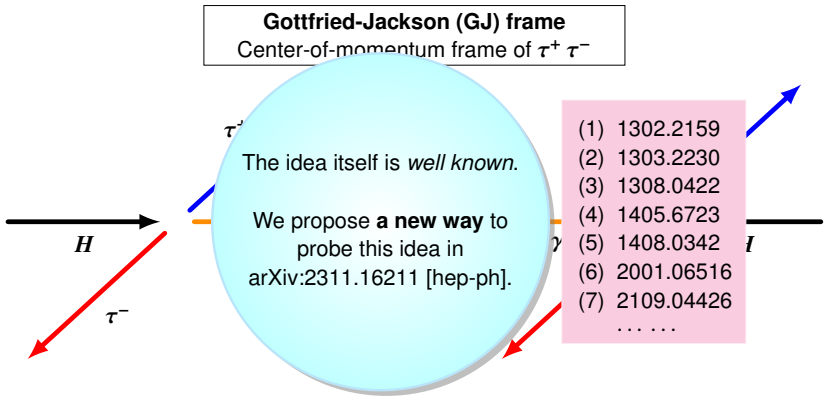

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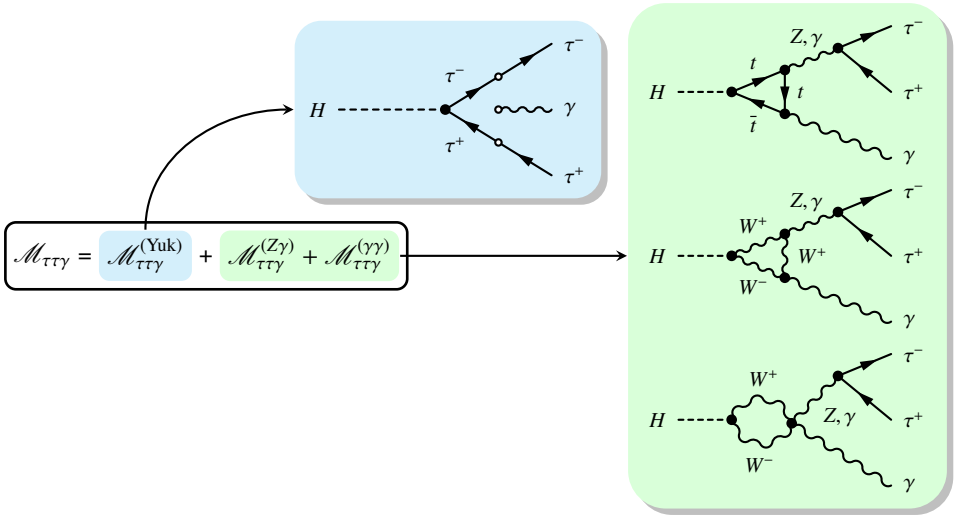

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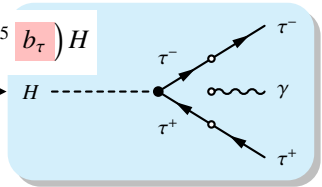

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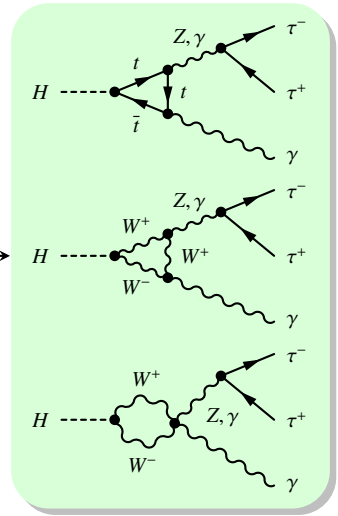

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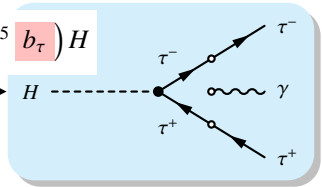

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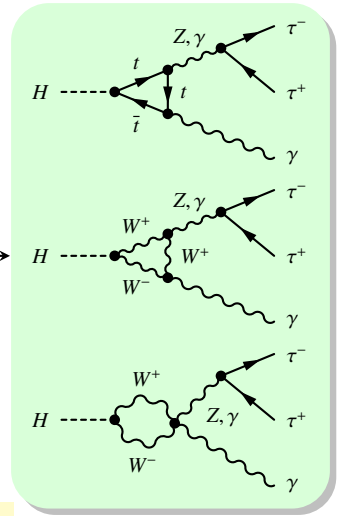

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The interference of tree-level and loop-level amplitudes of $H \to \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$ is sensitive to $b_\tau \neq 0$.

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \underbrace{\left|\mathcal{M}^{(\mathrm{Yuk})}\right|^2 + \left|\mathcal{M}^{(\mathrm{Z}\gamma)}\right|^2 + \left|\mathcal{M}^{(\gamma\gamma)}\right|^2 + 2\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\mathcal{M}^{(\mathrm{Yuk})}\,\mathcal{M}^{(\gamma\gamma)*}\right)}_{\text{even under } \cos\theta \leftrightarrow -\cos\theta}$$

$$+ \underbrace{2\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\mathcal{M}^{(\gamma\gamma)}\,\mathcal{M}^{(\mathrm{Z}\gamma)*}\right)}_{\substack{\text{has a term } \textbf{linear in} \\ \cos\theta \text{ which } \textbf{vanishes} \\ \text{when } A_3^{\gamma\gamma} = 0 = A_3^{Z\gamma}}} + \underbrace{2\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\mathcal{M}^{(\mathrm{Yuk})}\,\mathcal{M}^{(\mathrm{Z}\gamma)*}\right)}_{\substack{\text{has a term } \propto b_\tau \text{ \&} \\ \textbf{linear in } \cos\theta, \text{ which} \\ \textbf{survives} \text{ even when} \\ A_3^{\gamma\gamma} = 0 = A_3^{Z\gamma}}},$$

- non-zero CP-odd (“weak”) phase difference $\Longleftarrow$ $b_\tau \neq 0, A_3^{\gamma\gamma} \neq 0, A_3^{Z\gamma} \neq 0,$
- non-zero CP-even (“strong”) phase difference $\Longleftarrow$ $\mathrm{Im}\left[\left((p_+ + p_-)^2 - m_Z^2 + i\,m_Z\,\Gamma_Z\right)^{-1}\right].$

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

- Only 3 Lorentz invariant mass-squares possible,

$$
\begin{aligned}
m_{+-}^2 &\equiv (p_H - p_0)^2 = (p_+ + p_-)^2\,, && \Longrightarrow 4\,m_\tau^2 \leqslant m_{+-}^2 \leqslant m_H^2 \\
m_{+0}^2 &\equiv (p_H - p_-)^2 = (p_+ + p_0)^2\,, && \Longrightarrow m_\tau^2 \leqslant m_{+0}^2 \leqslant (m_H - m_\tau)^2 \\
m_{-0}^2 &\equiv (p_H - p_+)^2 = (p_- + p_0)^2\,. && \Longrightarrow m_\tau^2 \leqslant m_{-0}^2 \leqslant (m_H - m_\tau)^2
\end{aligned}
$$

Note: $m_{+-}^2 + m_{+0}^2 + m_{-0}^2 = m_H^2 + 2\,m_\tau^2.$ $\Longrightarrow$ Only 2 *independent* mass-squares.

- In the GJ frame,

$$
\left.\begin{aligned} m_{+0}^2 &= M^2 - M'^2\cos\theta, \\ m_{-0}^2 &= M^2 + M'^2\cos\theta, \end{aligned}\right\} \Longrightarrow \left\{\begin{aligned} &\theta \leftrightarrow \pi - \theta \\ \equiv\ &\cos\theta \leftrightarrow -\cos\theta \\ \equiv\ &m_{+0}^2 \leftrightarrow m_{-0}^2 \end{aligned}\right.
$$

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

Other choices of variables are frame dependent.

	$\left(m^2_{+0}, m^2_{-0}\right)$	$\left(m^2_{+-}, \cos\theta\right)$	$\left(E_+, E_-\right)$
Differential Decay rate	$\dfrac{\mathrm{d}^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}m^2_{+0}\,\mathrm{d}m^2_{-0}}$	$\dfrac{\mathrm{d}^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}m^2_{+-}\,\mathrm{d}\cos\theta}$	$\dfrac{\mathrm{d}^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}E_+\,\mathrm{d}E_-}$
Frame of reference	Any frame	GJ frame	H rest frame
Need to boost?	No	Yes	Yes

- $E_\pm$ = energy of $\tau^\pm$ in H rest frame. $m^2_{\pm 0} = m^2_H - 2\,m_H\,E_\pm$ & $m^2_{+0} \leftrightarrow m^2_{-0} \equiv E_+ \leftrightarrow E_-$
- Differential decay rate is frame dependent:

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}m^2_{+0}\,\mathrm{d}m^2_{-0}}\right)_{\text{H rest}} = \frac{\left|\mathscr{M}_{\tau\tau\gamma}\right|^2}{256\,\pi^3\,m^3_H},$$

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$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}m^2_{+-}\,\mathrm{d}\cos\theta}\right)_{\text{GJ}} = \frac{m_{+-}\left(m^2_H - m^2_{+-}\right)}{256\,\pi^3\,m^2_H\left(m^2_H + m^2_{+-}\right)}\sqrt{1-\frac{4\,m^2_\tau}{m^2_{+-}}}\,\left|\mathscr{M}_{\tau\tau\gamma}\right|^2.$$

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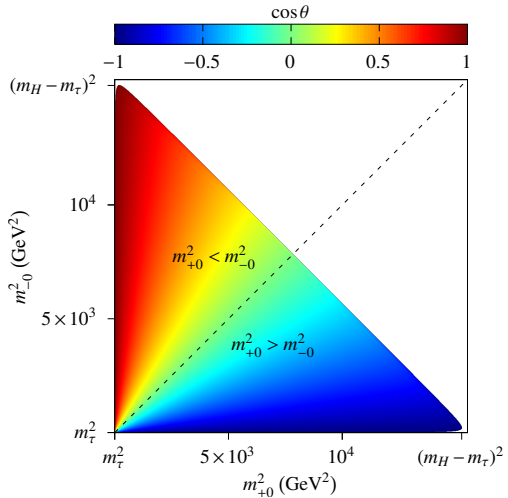

- Let $\mathcal{D}\left(m_{+0}^2, m_{-0}^2\right) \equiv \dfrac{\mathrm{d}^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}m_{+0}^2\,\mathrm{d}m_{-0}^2}$
  denote **distribution of events in the m_{+0}^2 vs. m_{-0}^2 Dalitz plot**.
- Area of the Dalitz plot
  $\propto$ Available phase space
- One can also choose to work with
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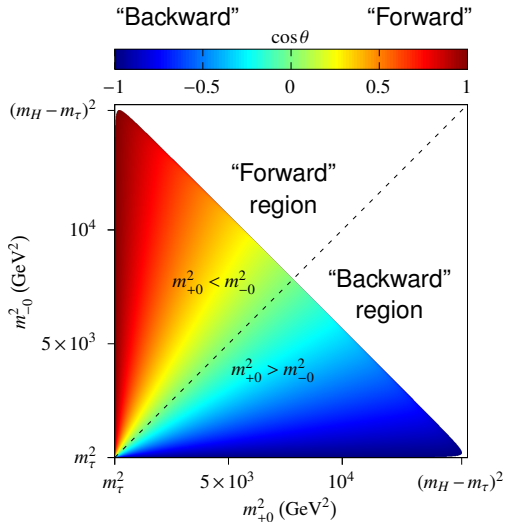

Notation:

Region	"Forward"	"Backward"
$\cos\theta$	$[0, 1]$	$[-1, 0]$
$m^2_{\pm 0}$	$m^2_{+0} < m^2_{-0}$	$m^2_{+0} > m^2_{-0}$
Distribution	$\mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} < m^2_{-0}\right)$	$\mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} > m^2_{-0}\right)$
No. of events	N_F	N_B

Expectation: CP violation ($b_\tau \neq 0$) $\Longrightarrow$

- $\mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} < m^2_{-0}\right) \neq \mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} > m^2_{-0}\right)$
- $N_F \neq N_B$

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How to quantify Dalitz Plot Asymmetries to probe CP violation?

- **Non-integrated or distribution asymmetry:** Compare the distribution of events *across* the Dalitz plot in the "forward" and "backward" regions.

$$\mathcal{A}\left(m^2_{+0}, m^2_{-0}\right) = \frac{\left|\mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} < m^2_{-0}\right) - \mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} > m^2_{-0}\right)\right|}{\mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} < m^2_{-0}\right) + \mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} > m^2_{-0}\right)}.$$

Or equivalently,

$$\mathcal{A}\left(m_{+0}, m_{-0}\right) = \frac{\left|\mathcal{D}\left(m_{+0} < m_{-0}\right) - \mathcal{D}\left(m_{+0} > m_{-0}\right)\right|}{\mathcal{D}\left(m_{+0} < m_{-0}\right) + \mathcal{D}\left(m_{+0} > m_{-0}\right)}.$$

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- **Regional integrated asymmetries:** Count and compare the number of events in 'islands' sitting in opposite regions of the Dalitz plot, e.g. in the forward and backward regions surrounding the Z-pole,

$$A(n) = \frac{\left| \iint \left[\mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} < m^2_{-0}\right) - \mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0} > m^2_{-0}\right) \right] \Pi\left(m^2_{+-}, n\right) \, \mathrm{d}m^2_{+0} \, \mathrm{d}m^2_{-0} \right|}{\iint \mathcal{D}\left(m^2_{+0}, m^2_{-0}\right) \Pi\left(m^2_{+-}, n\right) \, \mathrm{d}m^2_{+0} \, \mathrm{d}m^2_{-0}}.$$

where the function $\Pi\left(m^2_{+-}, n\right)$ is defined as,

$$\Pi\left(m^2_{+-}, n\right) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } |m_{+-} - m_Z| \leqslant n\,\Gamma_Z, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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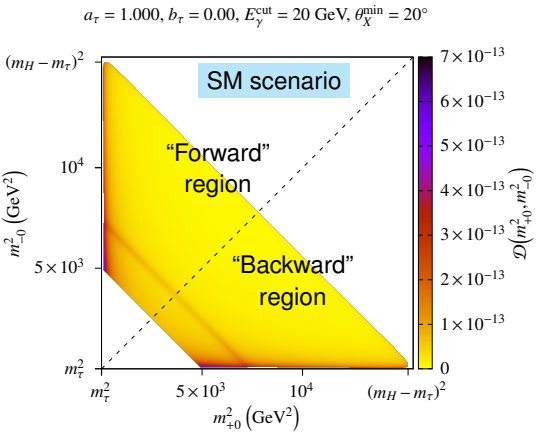

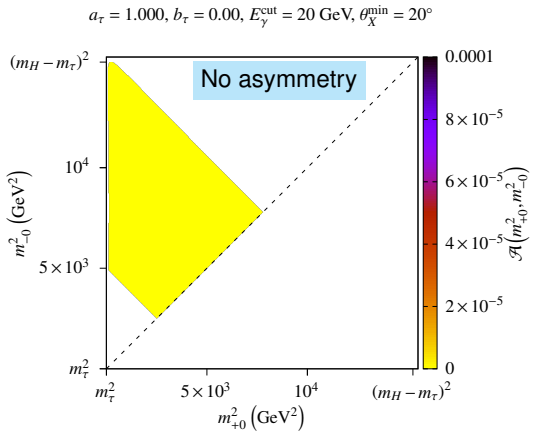

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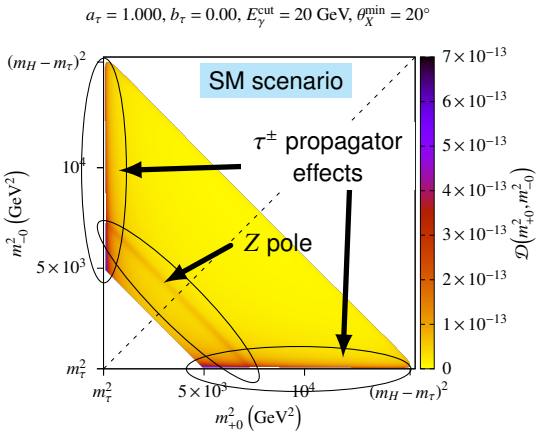

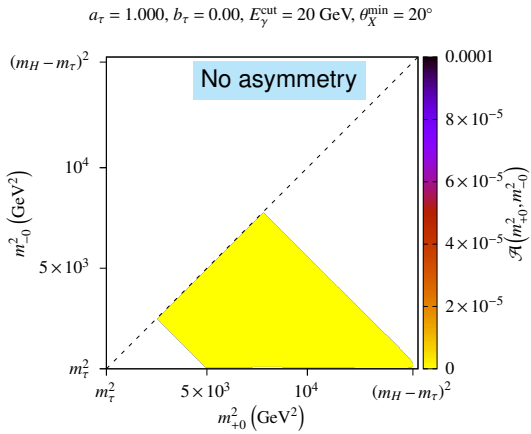

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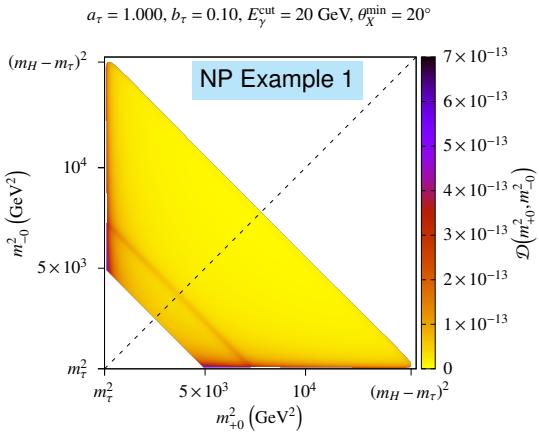

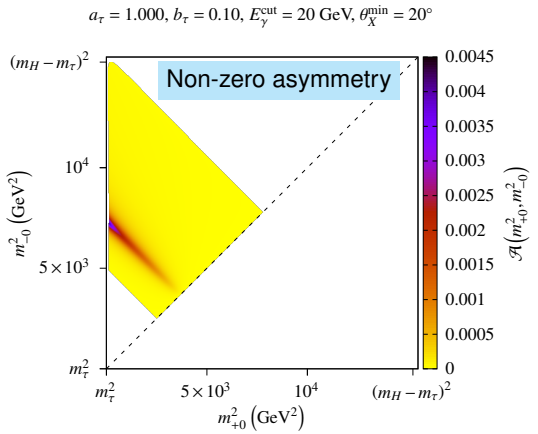

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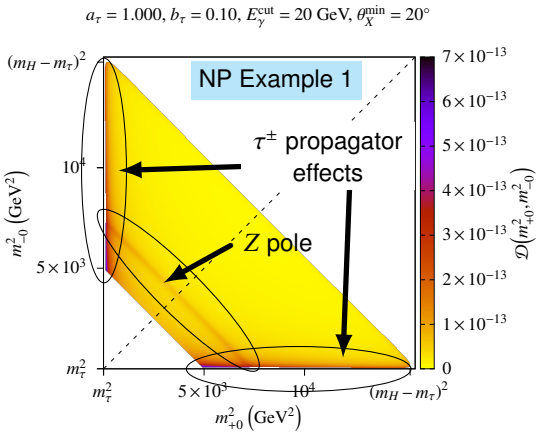

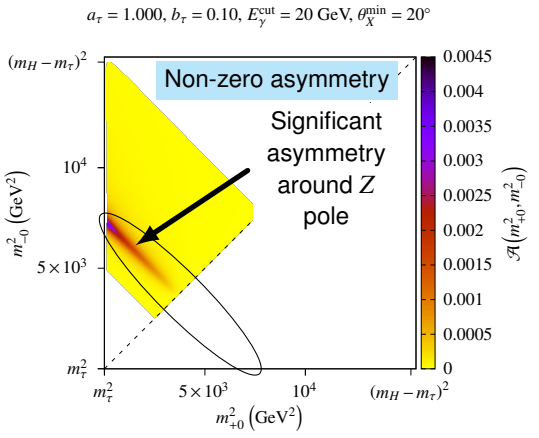

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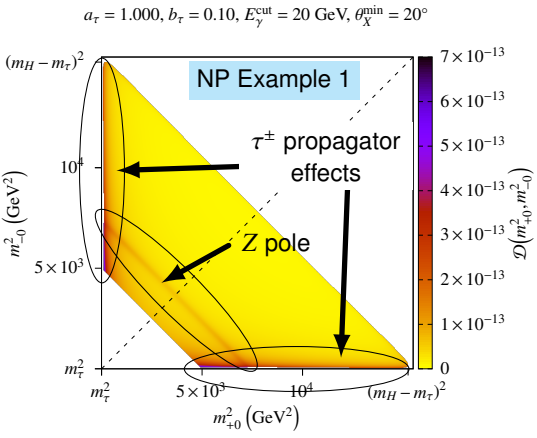

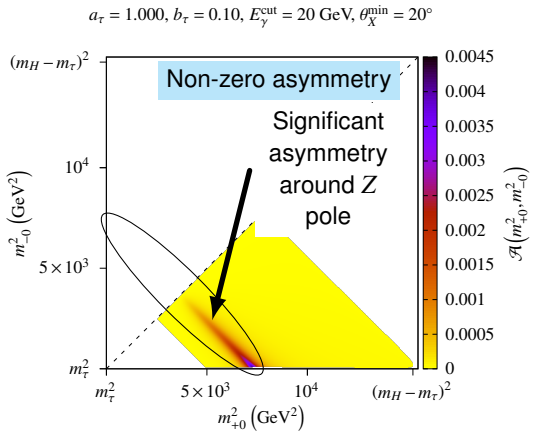

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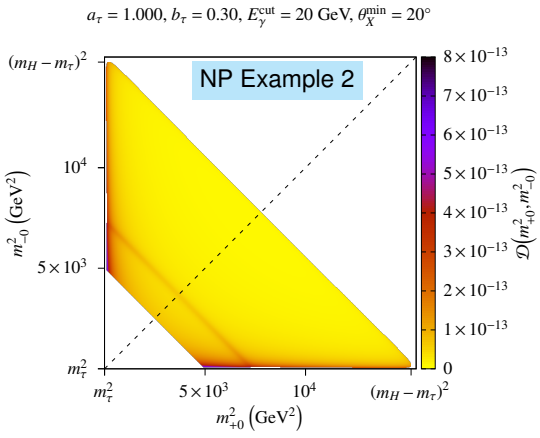

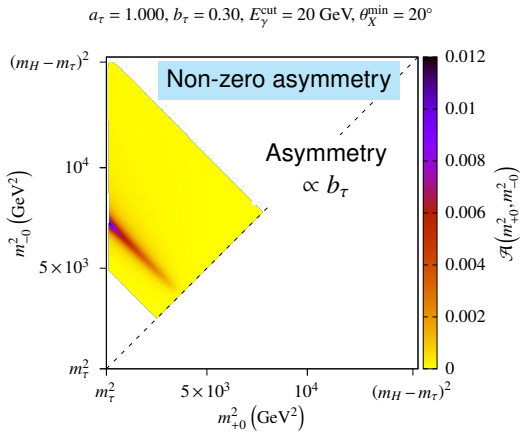

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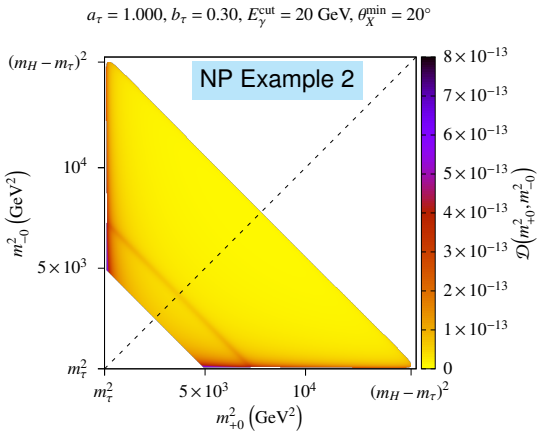
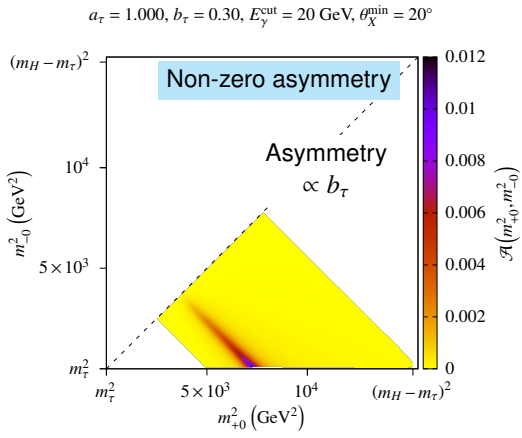
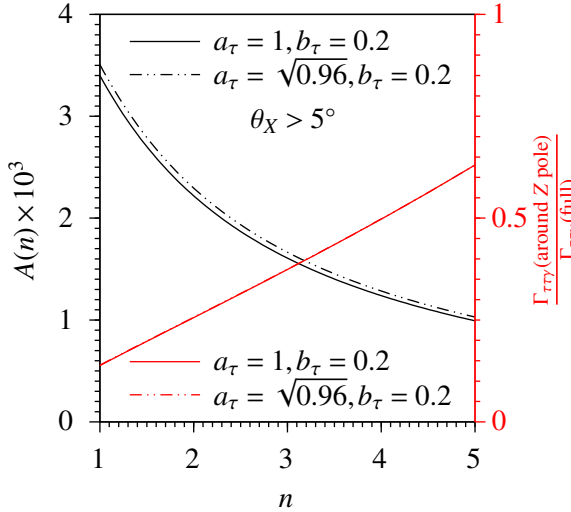




Probing the forward-backward asymmetry in the neighbourhood of Z pole could be tricky.

$$|m_{+-} - m_Z| \leqslant n\,\Gamma_Z$$



Summary of theoretical expectation

We have noticed that

(1) CP violation $(b_\tau \neq 0) \implies$ Forward-Backward asymmetry in Gottfried-Jackson frame

(2) Forward-Backward asymmetry ≡ Asymmetry in m^2_{+0} vs. m^2_{-0} (or equivalently m_{+0} vs. m_{-0}) Dalitz plot under $m_{+0} \leftrightarrow m_{-0}$:

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{A}\left(m^2_{+0}, m^2_{-0}\right) \neq 0,}_{\text{full distribution asymmetry}} \quad \left(\text{maximum is } \sim 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ for } b_\tau = 0.1\right), \quad \underbrace{A(n) \neq 0.}_{\text{asymmetry around } Z \text{ pole}}$$

(3) m^2_{+0} vs. m^2_{-0} (or m_{+0} vs. m_{-0}) Dalitz plot can be obtained in *any frame of reference* including the laboratory frame, and

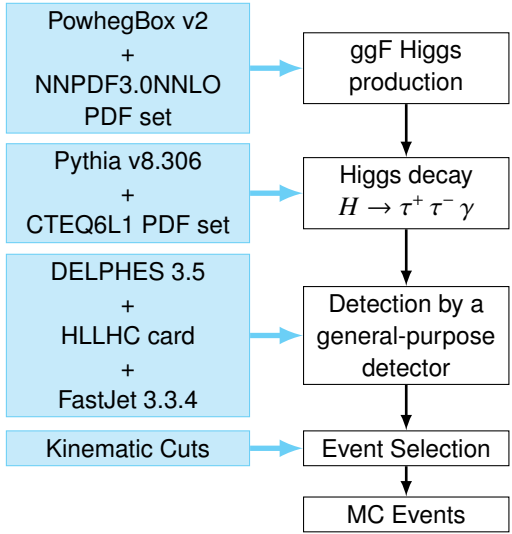
(4) the asymmetry is most prominent in region surrounding the Z pole.

Studying Lorentz invariant Dalitz plot distribution to probe CP violation would be new for HL-LHC.

- We expect that at HL-LHC,
  1. about 1.6×10^8 Higgs will be produced via gluon-gluon fusion,
  2. about 2.24×10^5 Higgs would decay via $H \to \tau^+_{\text{had}}\, \tau^-_{\text{had}}\, \gamma$,

  with appropriate kinematic cuts ($p_T^\gamma > 10$ GeV, $p_T^\tau > 15$ GeV, photon isolation cone with $\Delta R \leqslant 0.3$ and radius parameter R $= 0.4$ for seed jets for hadronically decaying τs).

- In a simple Monte Carlo study we reweight the MC signal sample to emulate the effect of interference term, for many b_τ values, akin to the "interpolation" approach of G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS], JHEP **10** (2021), 013.



Our simple MC study suggests some way forward.

- The b_τ values extracted from our *simple* MC study yields large uncertainties, e.g.

$$b_\tau = 0.32 \pm 2.24 \text{ for the input } b_\tau = 0.1.$$

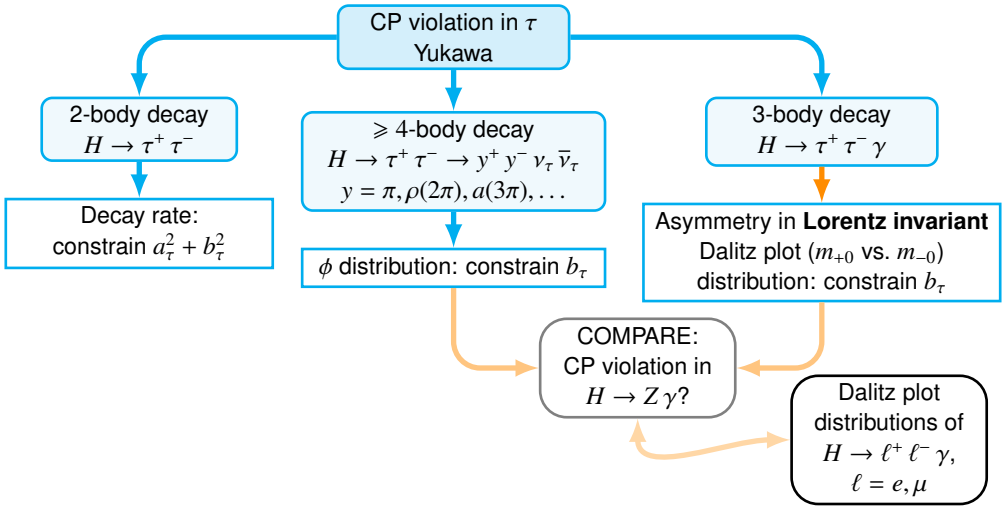
- Our simple MC study suggests three directions to take in future.
  1. **Take interference effects at the generator level to avoid reweighting.**
     $\Longrightarrow$ Better modeled MC event sample to study forward-backward asymmetry.
  2. **Include events with one of the τs decaying leptonically as well.**
     $\Longrightarrow$ Increase number of signal events $\Longrightarrow$ Bigger dataset $\Longrightarrow$ Smaller statistical uncertainty.
  3. **Employ 2D unbinned analysis techniques for Dalitz plot distribution.**
     $\Longrightarrow$ We focused on *binned* 1D event distribution w.r.t. m_{+-} in forward and backward regions.
     $\Longrightarrow$ Study of full 2D distribution of events inside the Dalitz plot would be useful.

- Already existing methods to do 2D distribution study of Dalitz plot:
  1. 'Miranda' Procedure a.k.a. Dalitz plot significance anisotropy, [e.g. PRD **80** (2009) 096006]
  2. Method of energy test statistic, [e.g. PRD **84** (2011), 054015]
  3. Method of Wasserstein (earth mover's) distance. [e.g. JHEP06 (2023) 098]

Part 3: Conclusion

The 3-body decay $H \to \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$ is an interesting and complementary avenue to probe CP violation.

Dalitz plot analysis has a bigger role to play in future.



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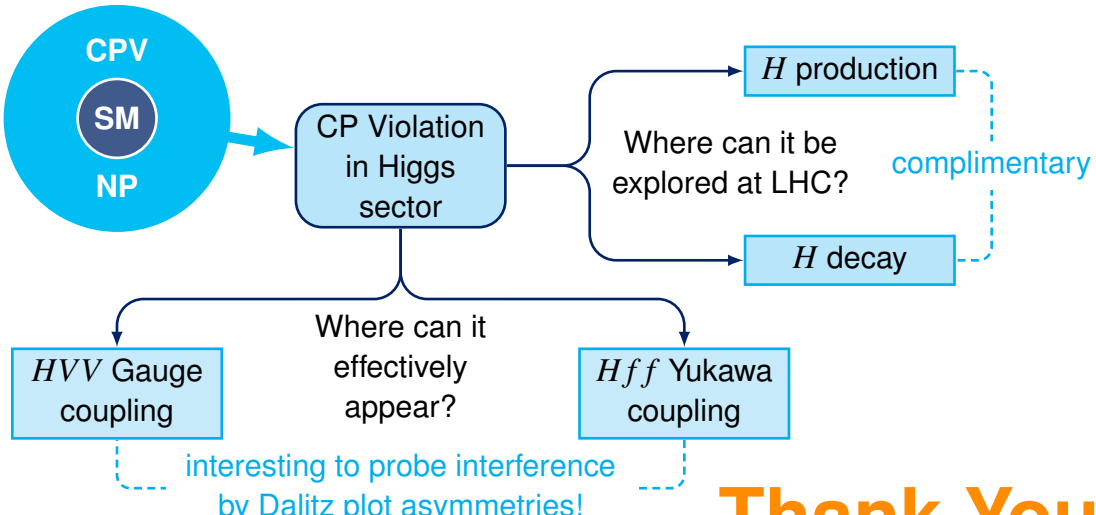

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