

# CP violation in Higgs sector

## (A phenomenological & first principle overview)



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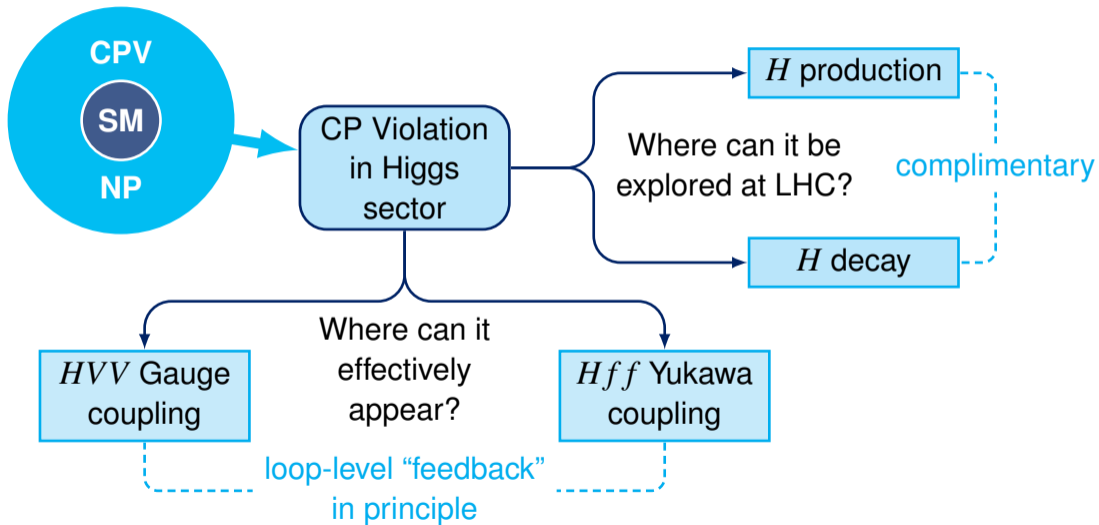
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# Outline of CP violation studies in Higgs sector



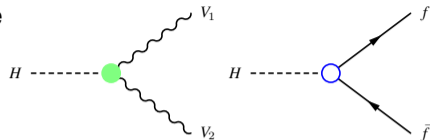
# Part 1: Introduction

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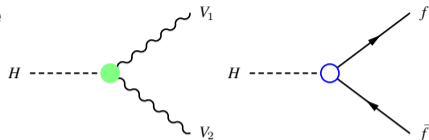
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Some gauge invariant dimension-6 operators (CP-even as well as CP-odd) are:

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where  $\tilde{V}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} V_{\rho\sigma}$  is the dual field strength tensor.

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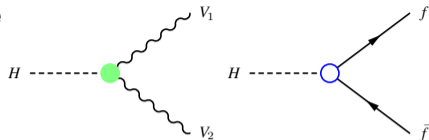
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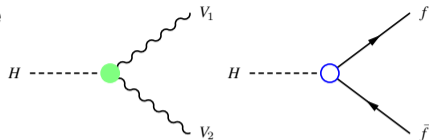
The effective NP Lagrangian can also be recast in the following form for doing phenomenological studies,

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



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- **CP-odd pseudoscalar  $Hff$  couplings at tree level** ( $\alpha$  = CP mixing angle,  $\kappa_f$  = Yukawa coupling)

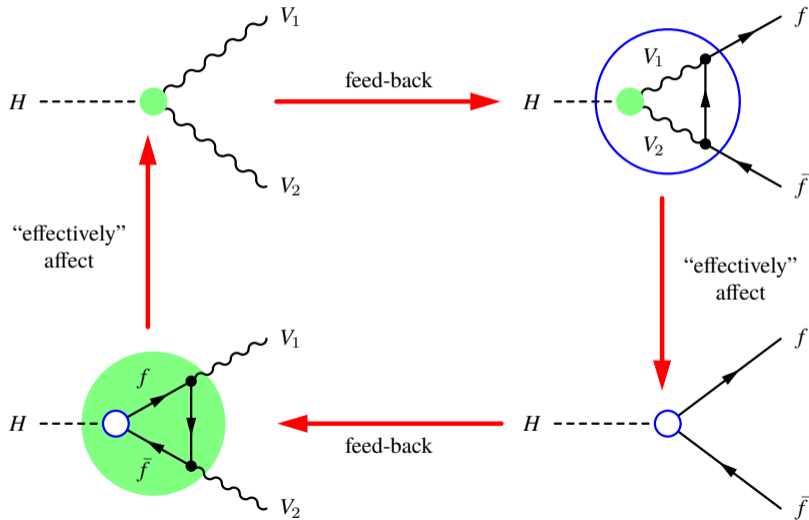
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = - \sum_f \frac{m_f}{v} H [\bar{f} \kappa_f (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha \gamma^5) f],$$

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

SM:  $\kappa_f = 1, \alpha = 0$ . NP:  $\kappa_f \neq 1, \alpha \neq 0$ .

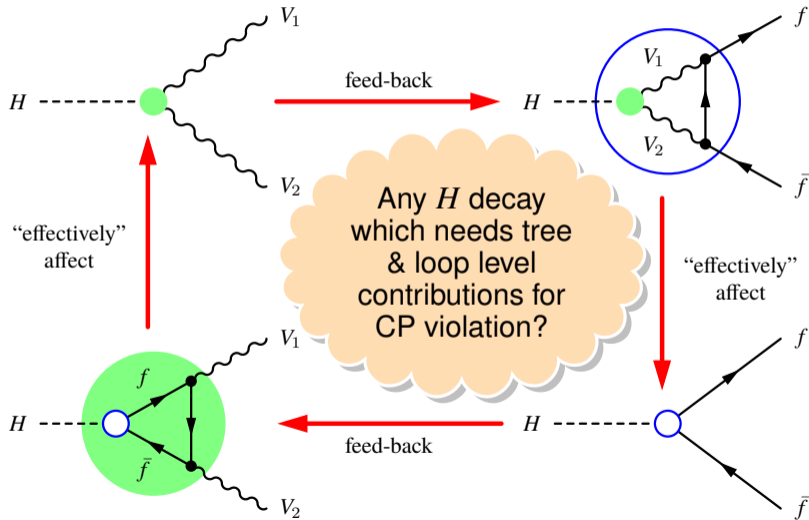
Analogous parametrization:  $a_f = \kappa_f \cos \alpha, b_f = \kappa_f \sin \alpha$ .

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

- Amplitude decomposition in terms of CP property:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} &= \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_e}_{\text{CP-even}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_o}_{\text{CP-odd}} \quad \left( \text{where, for example, } \mathcal{M}_{e/o} = \mathcal{M}_{e/o}^{\text{Tree}} + \mathcal{M}_{e/o}^{\text{Loop}} \right) \\ \Rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|^2 &= \underbrace{|\mathcal{M}_e|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_o|^2}_{\text{CP-even}} + \underbrace{2 \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{M}_e \mathcal{M}_o^*)}_{\text{CP-odd}}\end{aligned}$$

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

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- **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  $\equiv$  'strong' phase =  $\delta$ , CP-odd phase  $\equiv$  'weak' phase =  $\phi$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} &= \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{NP}} = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}| e^{i(\delta_{\text{SM}} + \phi_{\text{SM}})} + |\mathcal{M}_{\text{NP}}| e^{i(\delta_{\text{NP}} + \phi_{\text{NP}})}, \\ \overline{\mathcal{M}} &= \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{SM}} + \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NP}} = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}| e^{i(\delta_{\text{SM}} - \phi_{\text{SM}})} + |\mathcal{M}_{\text{NP}}| e^{i(\delta_{\text{NP}} - \phi_{\text{NP}})},\end{aligned}$$

such that

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

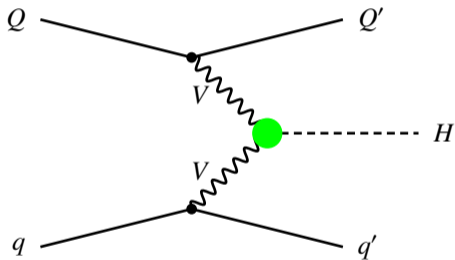
which is non-zero only when  $|\mathcal{M}_{\text{NP}}| \neq 0$ ,  $\delta_{\text{SM}} \neq \delta_{\text{NP}}$  and  $\phi_{\text{SM}} \neq \phi_{\text{NP}}$ .

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

# Two complimentary ways to probe CP violation

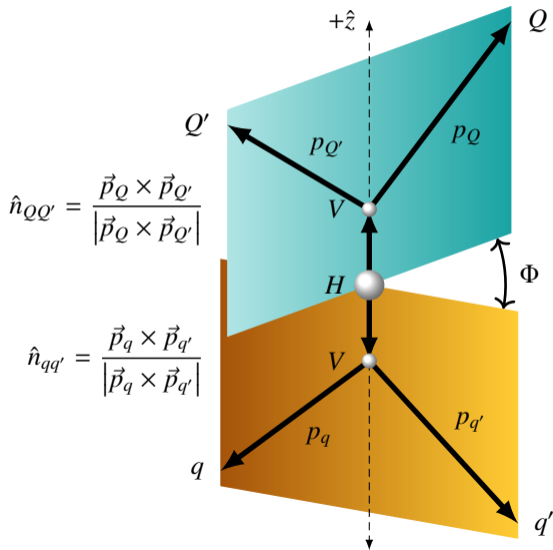
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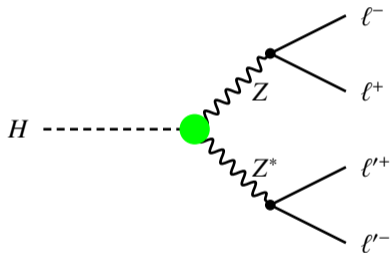
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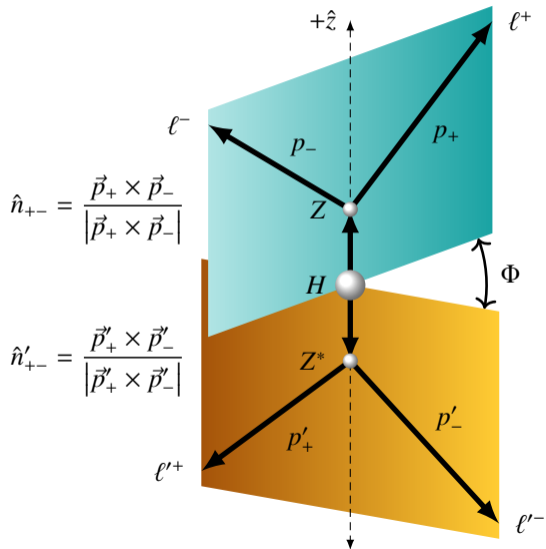
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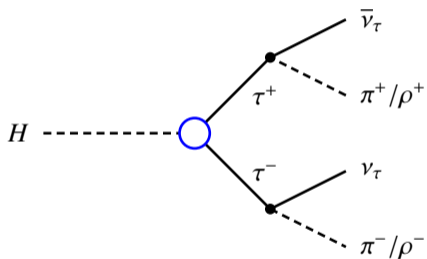
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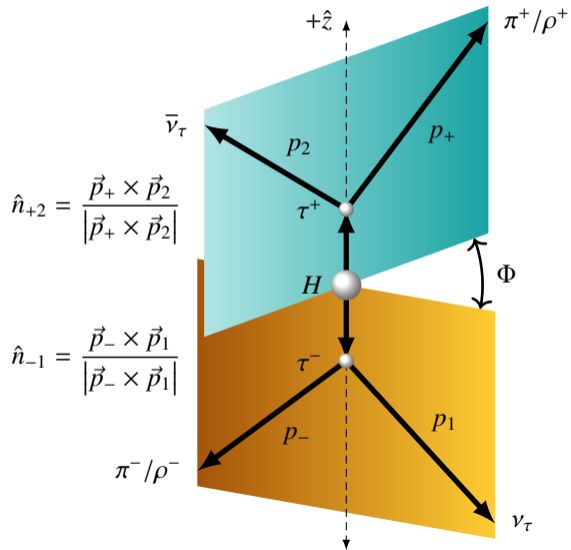
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## Part 2: $H\tau\tau$ Yukawa interaction

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

CP-even    CP-odd

$$\mathcal{L}_{H\tau\tau} = -\frac{m_\tau}{v} \bar{\tau} \left( a_\tau + i\gamma^5 b_\tau \right) \tau H$$

Standard Model  $\Rightarrow$   $a_\tau = 1$      $b_\tau = 0$

New Physics  $\Rightarrow$   $a_\tau \neq 1$      $b_\tau \neq 0$

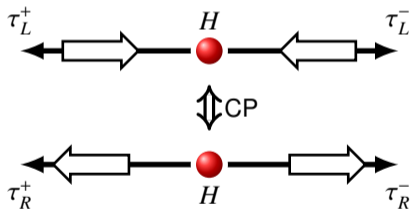
where  $v = (\sqrt{2} G_F)^{-1/2} \simeq 246$  GeV. Constraint from  $e^-$  EDM measurement:  $|b_\tau| \lesssim 0.29$  at 90% C.L.

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



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

- $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) = (6.0^{+0.8}_{-0.7})\%$   
[PDG 2023]



- Only 2 allowed helicity configurations

- Partial decay rate

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

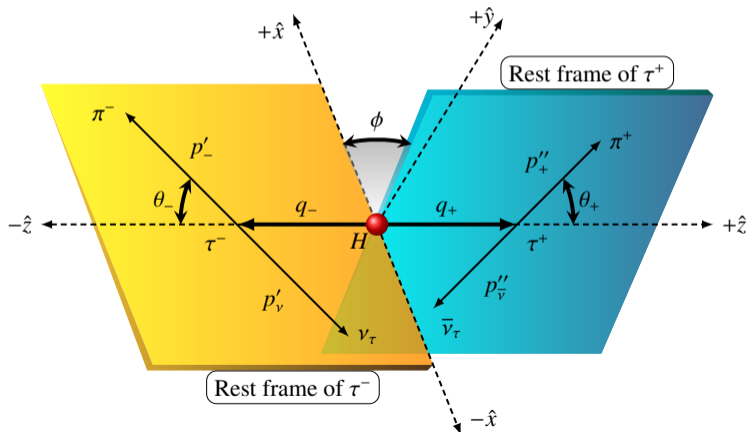
- Experimental constraint:

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

[inferred from G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS], JHEP **08**, 175 (2022), neglecting  $m_\tau$ ]

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

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

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

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

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

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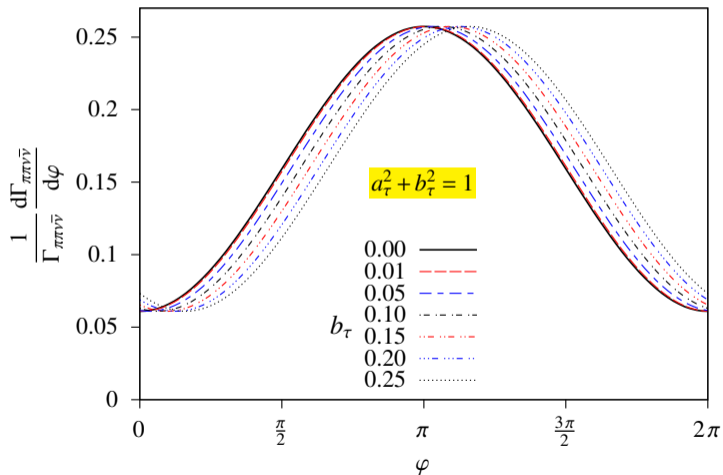
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- Only the uni-angular distribution  $\frac{d\Gamma_{\pi\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}}{d\varphi}$  gets contribution from  $a_\tau b_\tau$ .

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

∴ It is sensitive to **CP violation**.

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

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

- Constraint on  $b_\tau$  from such studies:

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

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

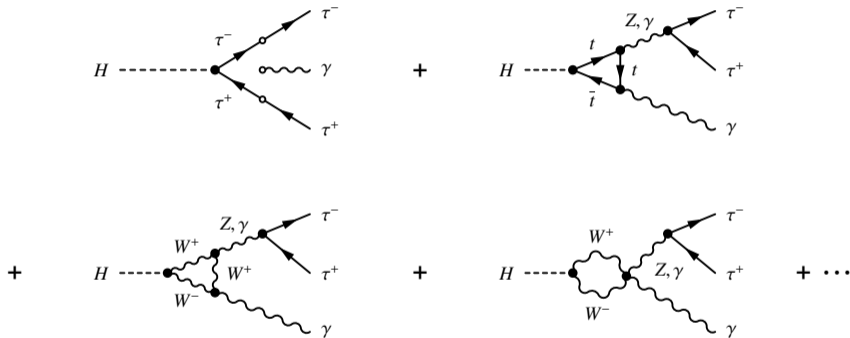
$$a_\tau^2 + b_\tau^2 = 1$$

- 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  $\tau$  decay planes?**

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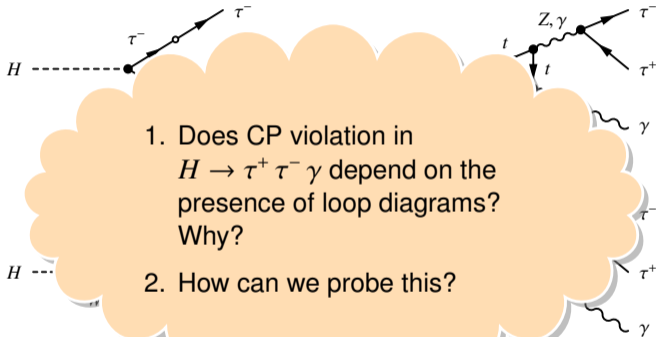


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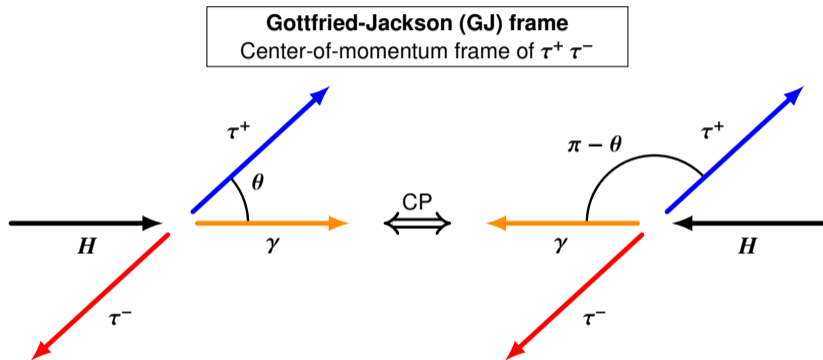
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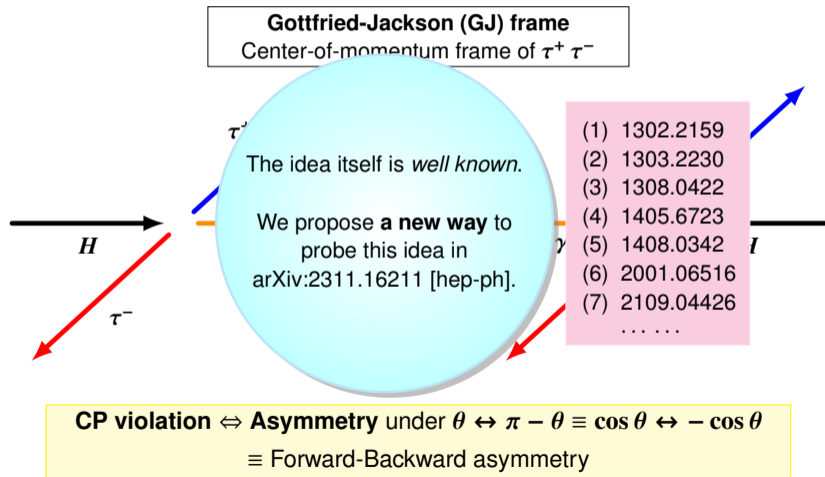
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**CP violation**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **Asymmetry** under  $\theta \leftrightarrow \pi - \theta \equiv \cos \theta \leftrightarrow -\cos \theta$   
 $\equiv$  Forward-Backward asymmetry

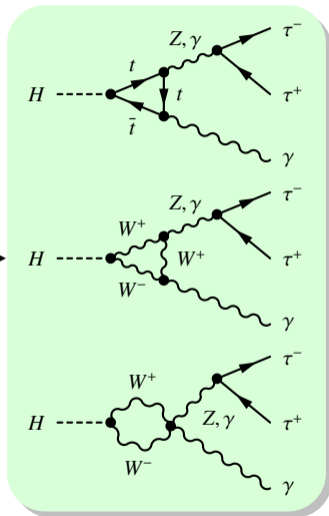
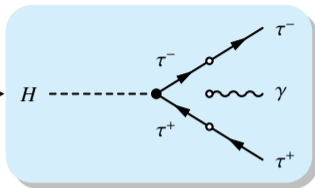
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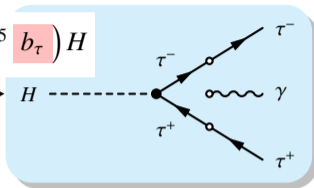
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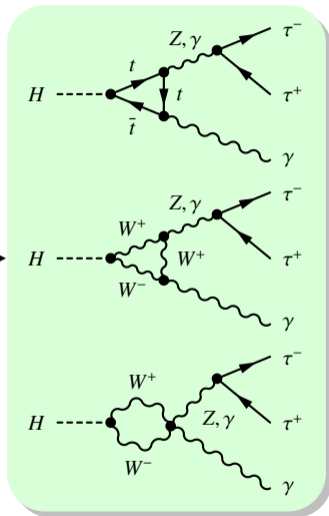


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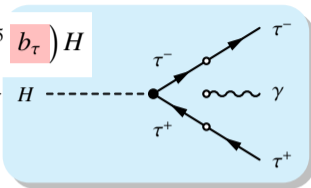
where  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \mathcal{V}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathcal{V}_\mu$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{V}^{\rho\sigma}$ ,

for  $\mathcal{V} = Z, \gamma$ .



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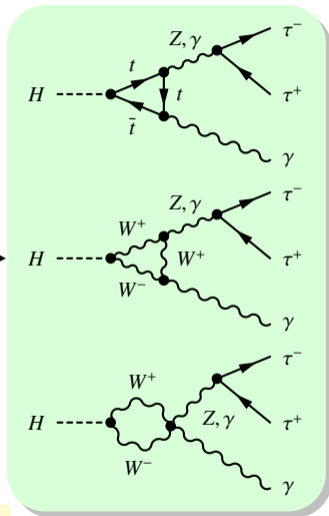
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SM loop effects only

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

where  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \mathcal{V}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathcal{V}_\mu$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{V}^{\rho\sigma}$ ,

for  $\mathcal{V} = Z, \gamma$ . We shall consider  $A_3^{\gamma\gamma} = 0 = A_3^{Z\gamma}$ .



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

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

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

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

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

- Only 3 Lorentz invariant mass-squares possible,

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

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

- In the GJ frame,

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

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

# Other choices of variables are frame dependent.

	$(m_{+0}^2, m_{-0}^2)$	$(m_{+-}^2, \cos \theta)$	$(E_+, E_-)$
Differential Decay rate	$\frac{d^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{dm_{+0}^2 dm_{-0}^2}$	$\frac{d^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{dm_{+-}^2 d\cos\theta}$	$\frac{d^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{dE_+ dE_-}$
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.  $m_{\pm 0}^2 = m_H^2 - 2m_H E_{\pm}$  &  $m_{+0}^2 \leftrightarrow m_{-0}^2 \equiv E_+ \leftrightarrow E_-$
- Differential decay rate is frame dependent:

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

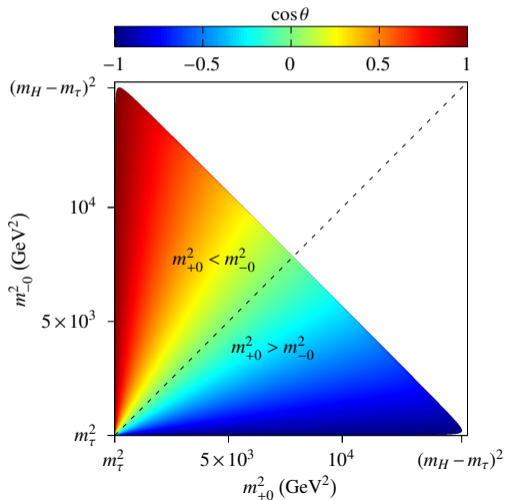
$$\left( \frac{d^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{dm_{+-}^2 d\cos\theta} \right)_{H \text{ rest}} = \frac{m_H^2 - m_{+-}^2}{512 \pi^3 m_H^3} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{\tau}^2}{m_{+-}^2}} |\mathcal{M}_{\tau\tau\gamma}|^2,$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{dm_{+-}^2 d\cos\theta} \right)_{GJ} = \frac{m_{+-} (m_H^2 - m_{+-}^2)}{256 \pi^3 m_H^2 (m_H^2 + m_{+-}^2)} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{\tau}^2}{m_{+-}^2}} |\mathcal{M}_{\tau\tau\gamma}|^2.$$



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

## Notations, Regions & Expectations



- Let  $\mathcal{D}(m_{+0}^2, m_{-0}^2) \equiv \frac{d^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{dm_{+0}^2 dm_{-0}^2}$

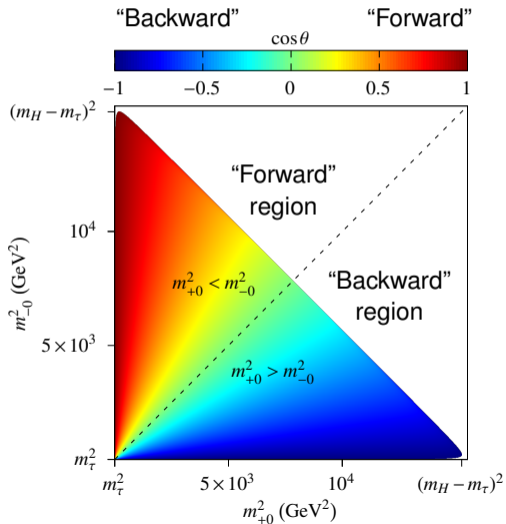
denote **distribution of events**  
in the  $m_{+0}^2$  vs.  $m_{-0}^2$  **Dalitz plot.**

- Area of the Dalitz plot  
 $\propto$  Available phase space
- One can also choose to work with

$$\mathcal{D}(m_{+0}, m_{-0}) \equiv \frac{d^2\Gamma_{\tau\tau\gamma}}{dm_{+0} dm_{-0}}$$

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Notations, Regions & Expectations



Notation:

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

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

- $\mathcal{D}(m_{+0}^2 < m_{-0}^2) \neq \mathcal{D}(m_{+0}^2 > m_{-0}^2)$
- $N_F \neq N_B$

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

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.

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

Or equivalently,

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

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

How to quantify Dalitz Plot Asymmetries to probe CP violation?

- **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,

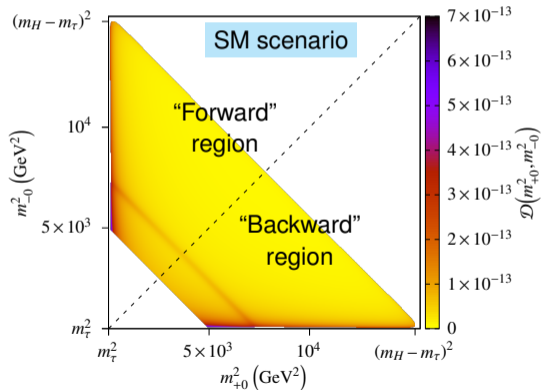
$$A(n) = \frac{\left| \iint [\mathcal{D}(m_{+0}^2 < m_{-0}^2) - \mathcal{D}(m_{+0}^2 > m_{-0}^2)] \Pi(m_{+-}^2, n) dm_{+0}^2 dm_{-0}^2 \right|}{\iint \mathcal{D}(m_{+0}^2, m_{-0}^2) \Pi(m_{+-}^2, n) dm_{+0}^2 dm_{-0}^2}.$$

where the function  $\Pi(m_{+-}^2, n)$  is defined as,

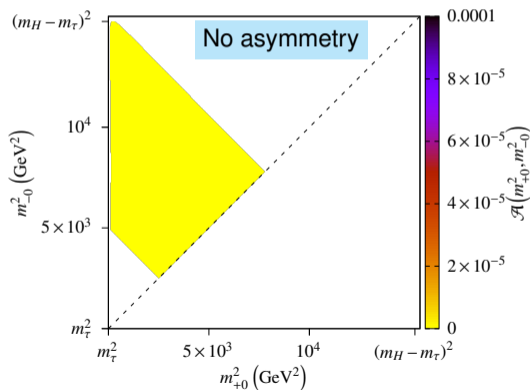
$$\Pi(m_{+-}^2, n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } |m_{+-} - m_Z| \leq n \Gamma_Z, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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

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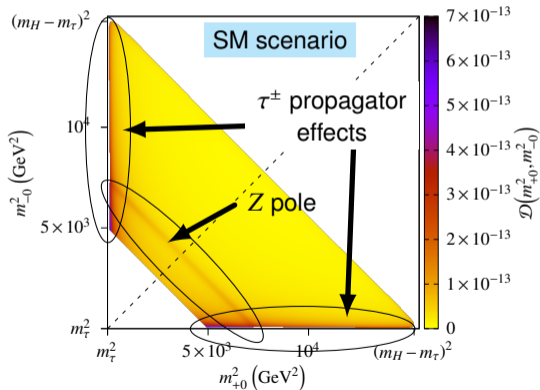


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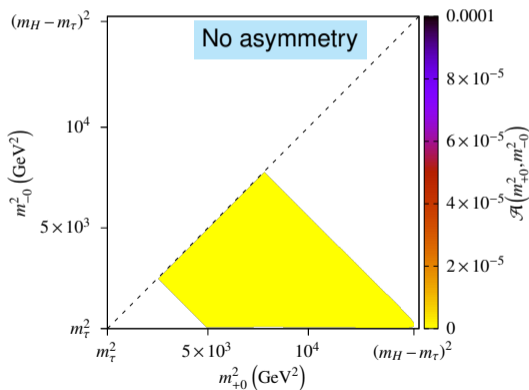


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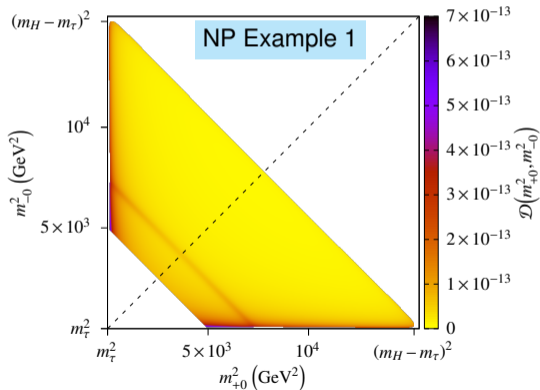


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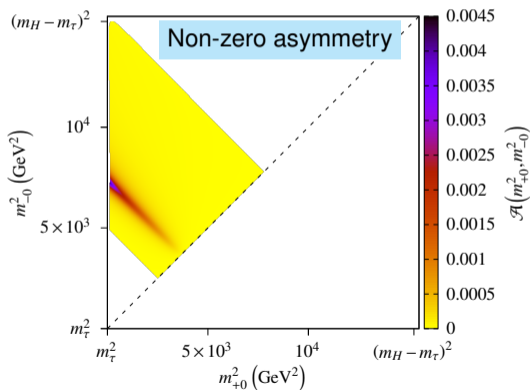


# The forward-backward asymmetry can be easily observed in Lorentz invariant Dalitz plot distribution.

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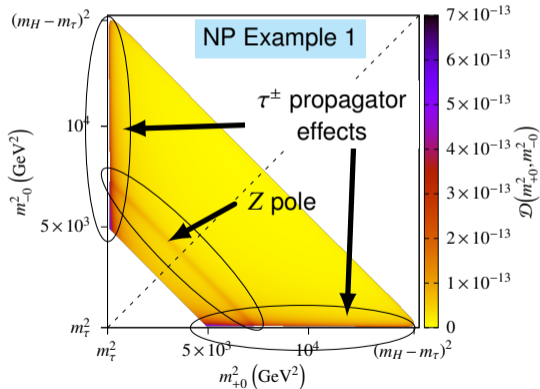


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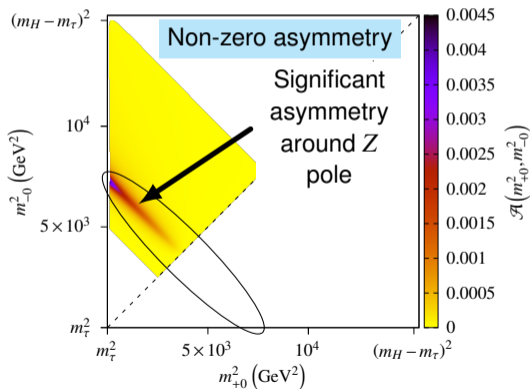


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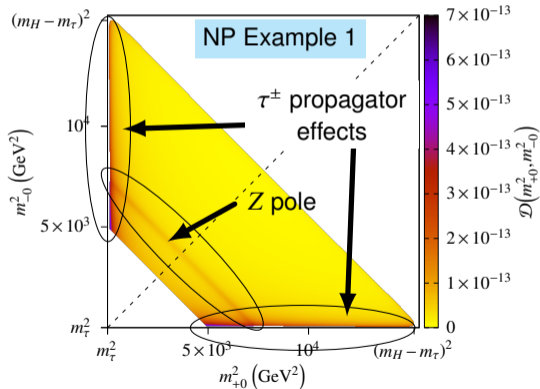
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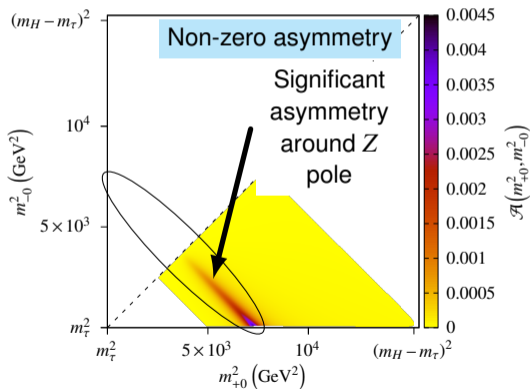


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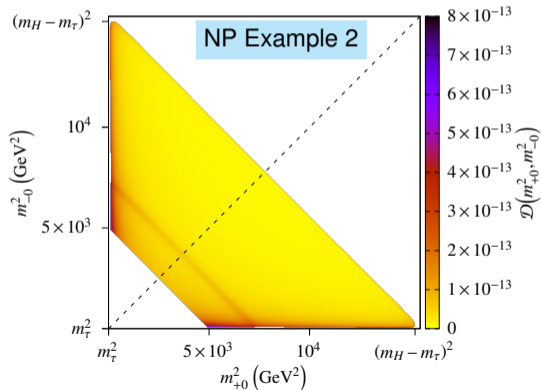


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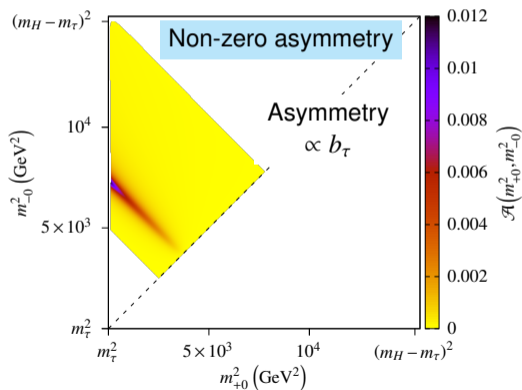


# The forward-backward asymmetry can be easily observed in Lorentz invariant Dalitz plot distribution.

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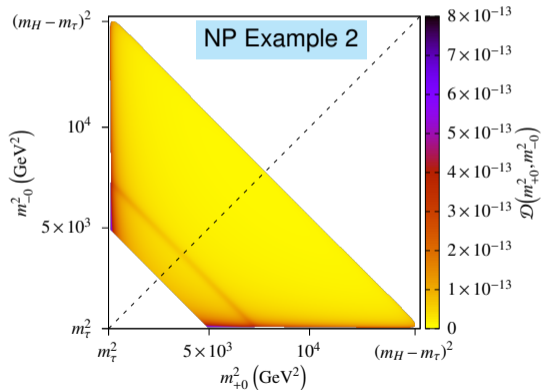


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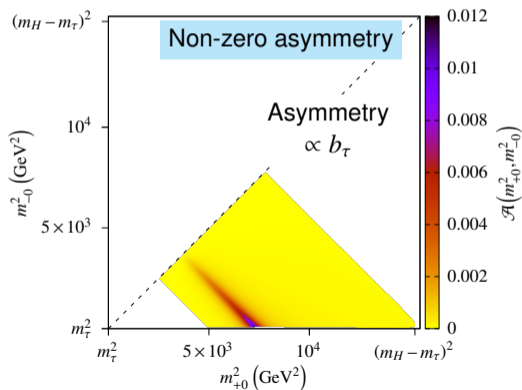


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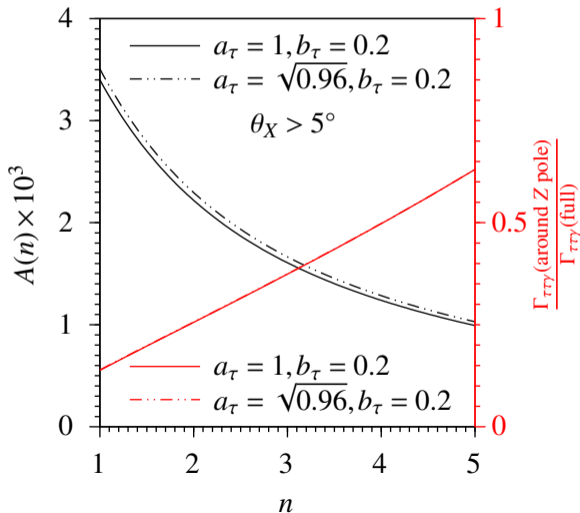


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# Probing the forward-backward asymmetry in the neighbourhood of Z pole could be tricky.

$$|m_{+-} - m_Z| \leq n \Gamma_Z$$



# Summary of theoretical expectation

We have noticed that

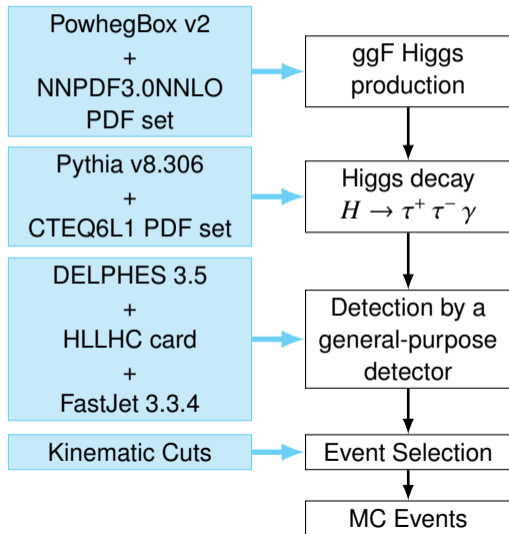
- (1) CP violation ( $b_\tau \neq 0$ )  $\implies$  Forward-Backward asymmetry in Gottfried-Jackson frame
- (2) Forward-Backward asymmetry  $\equiv$  Asymmetry in  $m_{+0}^2$  vs.  $m_{-0}^2$  (or equivalently  $m_{+0}$  vs.  $m_{-0}$ ) Dalitz plot under  $m_{+0} \leftrightarrow m_{-0}$ :

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

- (3)  $m_{+0}^2$  vs.  $m_{-0}^2$  (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  $1.6 \times 10^8$  Higgs will be produced via gluon-gluon fusion,
  2. about  $2.24 \times 10^5$  Higgs would decay via  $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}^+ \tau_{\text{had}}^- \gamma$ ,with appropriate kinematic cuts ( $p_T^\gamma > 10$  GeV,  $p_T^\tau > 15$  GeV, photon isolation cone with  $\Delta R \leq 0.3$  and radius parameter  $R = 0.4$  for seed jets for hadronically decaying  $\tau$ s).
- In a simple Monte Carlo study we reweight the MC signal sample to emulate the effect of interference term, for many  $b_\tau$  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  $b_\tau$  values extracted from our *simple* MC study yields large uncertainties, e.g.

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

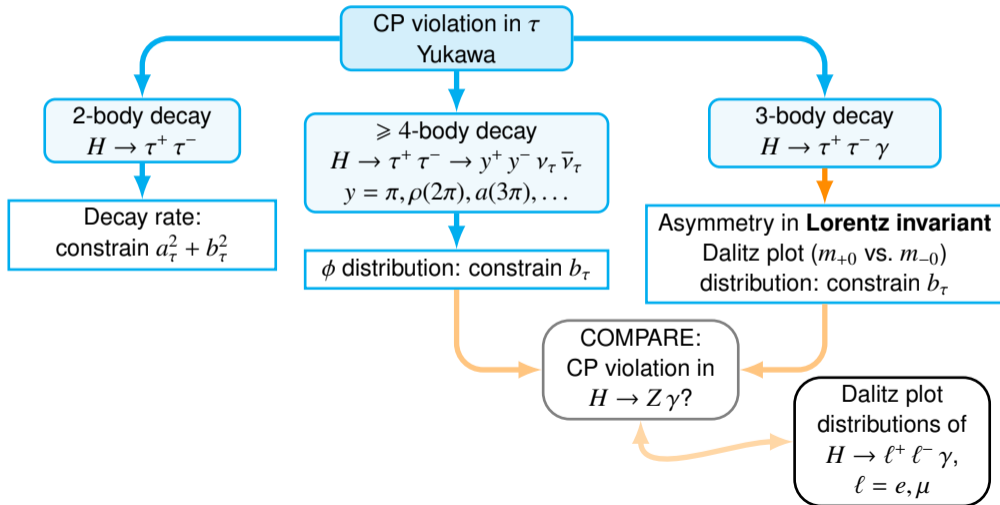
- Our simple MC study suggests three directions to take in future.
  1. **Take interference effects at the generator level to avoid reweighting.**  
⇒ Better modeled MC event sample to study forward-backward asymmetry.
  2. **Include events with one of the  $\tau$ s decaying leptonically as well.** 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

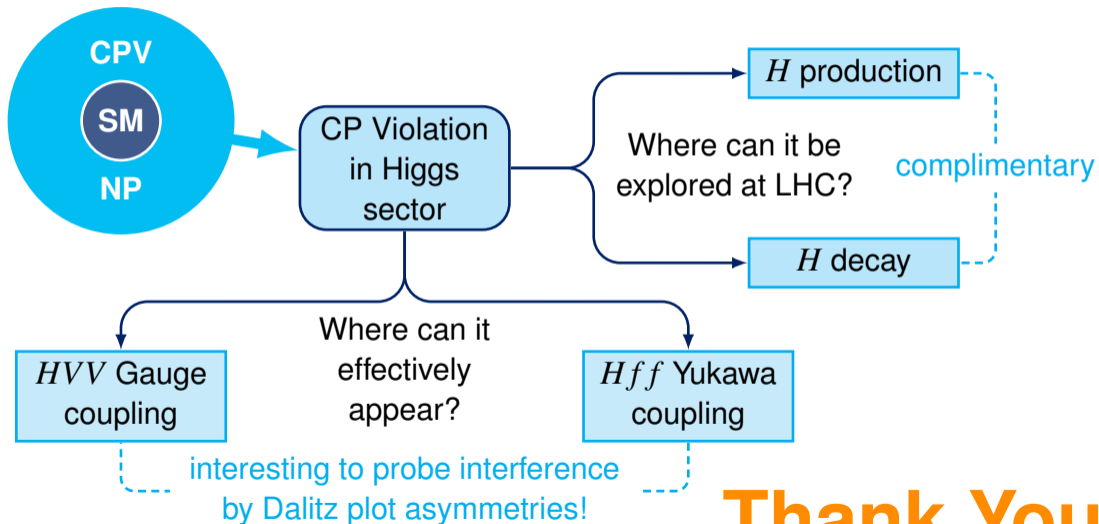


# The 3-body decay $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$ is an interesting and complementary avenue to probe CP violation.

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



# CP Violation in Higgs Sector



**Thank You**