

# Underpinnings of CP-violation @ the high-energy frontier

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Based on:

- “Generic tests of CP-violation in high-pT multi-lepton signals at the LHC and beyond”  
Y. Afik, SBS, K. Pal, A. Soni, J. Wudka, PRL 131 (2023) 17, 171801 (arxiv: 2212.09433)
- “Theoretical underpinnings of CP-Violation at the High-energy Frontier”  
SBS, A. Soni, J. Wudka, PLB 860 (2025), 139135 (arxiv: 2407.19021)

# CP - Violation (CPV)

- We know that CP is not a symmetry of nature !  
(measured in K,D,B systems ...)

unfortunately, CPV(SM) is not sufficient for explaining the  
observed baryon asymmetry of the universe



⇒ on general grounds, one expects any generic new physics to entail new BSM CP-odd phase(s):

many BSM models/interactions/particles with new CP-phases  
“on the market”

Supersymmetry

Leptoquarks

Multi-Higgs models

Vector-like fermions

...

and yet, !

no signal of CPV have been observed @ high-energy colliders ...

# CP - Violation (CPV)

- Why? What? Where? How? ...
  - Why is CPV(BSM) from TeV-scale NP so illusive ?
  - What type of NP can potentially yield large/measurable CPV effects @ high-energy scattering processes?
  - Where & how should we look for such large/measurable CPV(BSM) effects?
  - Can an  $O(10\%)$  or larger CPV(BSM) signal be detected @ the LHC ?



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## *We need guiding principles ...*

- Apply well motivated (flavor) underlying restrictions
- Use reasonable assumptions + “selection rules” for the UV
- Look for the expected leading CPV effects

## 2 well motivated limiting (flavor) cases to consider :

- **$SM_0$** : SM has a  **$G_0 = U(3)^5$**  flavor symmetry when all fermion masses are set to zero:

**$SM_0$  is CP-conserving !**

- **$SM_+$** : the  $SM_0$  with a massive top-quark has a reduced symmetry  **$G_+ = U(3)^4 \times U(2) \times U(1) \subset G_0$**  :

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM_t} = \mathcal{L}_{SM_0} + \left( y_t \bar{q}_3 t \tilde{\phi} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$



- EFT parameterization of NP

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use the SMEFT framework (basis)

- SMEFT can likewise be segregated into the sectors that possess the  $G_0$  &  $G_t$  global symmetries of the  $SM_0$  and  $SM_t$  ; then

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$O(1/\Lambda^2)$  interference effects (CPV) only from:

$SMEFT_0 \times SM_0$  &  $SMEFT_t \times SM_t$



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Selection rules @ the UV

Also: these opts are tightly constrained by lepton and neutron EDMs  
Kley, Theil, Venturini, Weiler, EPJC(2022), arxiv:2109.15085

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- the only opt. that is Potentially Tree-Level Generated (PTG) !

$\mathcal{P}$  expect (naturalness) corresponding Wilson coef:  $\alpha_{t\phi} \sim O(1)$

Arzt, Einhorn, Wudka, NPB(1995), hep-ph/9405214 & Einhorn, Wudka, NPB(2013), arxiv:1307.0478



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If SMEFT possesses  $\mathcal{G}_+$  ...

- Only  $Q_{t\bar{t}}$  can potentially generate leading CPV effects @ high-energy colliders - **in top-quark systems ...**

$$Q_{t\bar{t}} = \phi^\dagger \phi (\bar{q}_3 t) \tilde{\phi} \implies \mathcal{L}_{t\bar{t}h} = -h\bar{t}(a + ib\gamma_5)t$$

- Best bet: CPV from interference of tree-level diagrams

e.g., in

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}h$$

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}h$$

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}h + X, t\bar{t}V + X$$

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- However: CP asymmetry behaves as:

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$$\mathcal{A}_{CP} \sim O \left( \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \sim O(1\%)$$

- Such CP effects are, unfortunately, too small to be detected



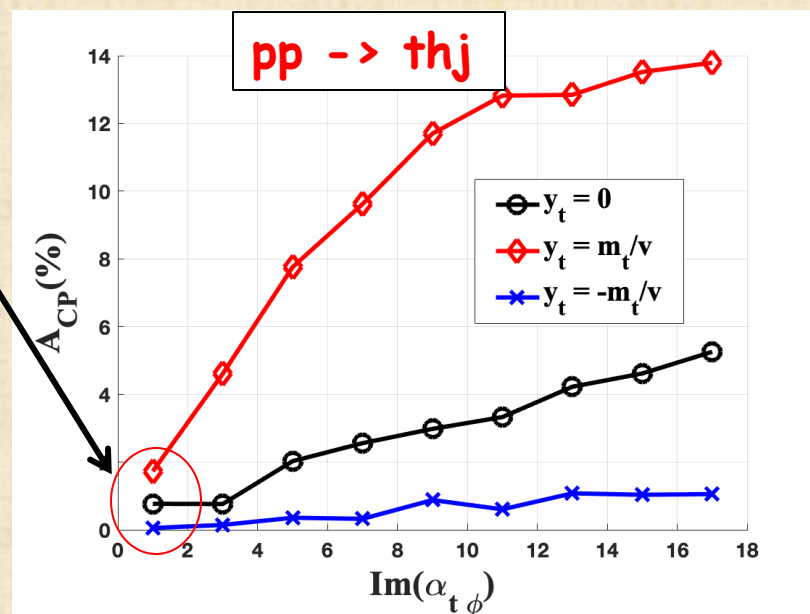
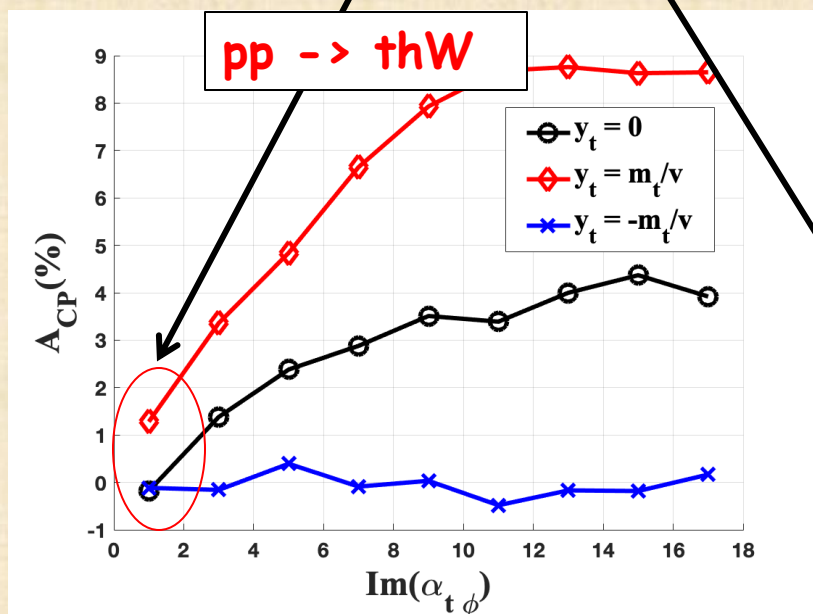
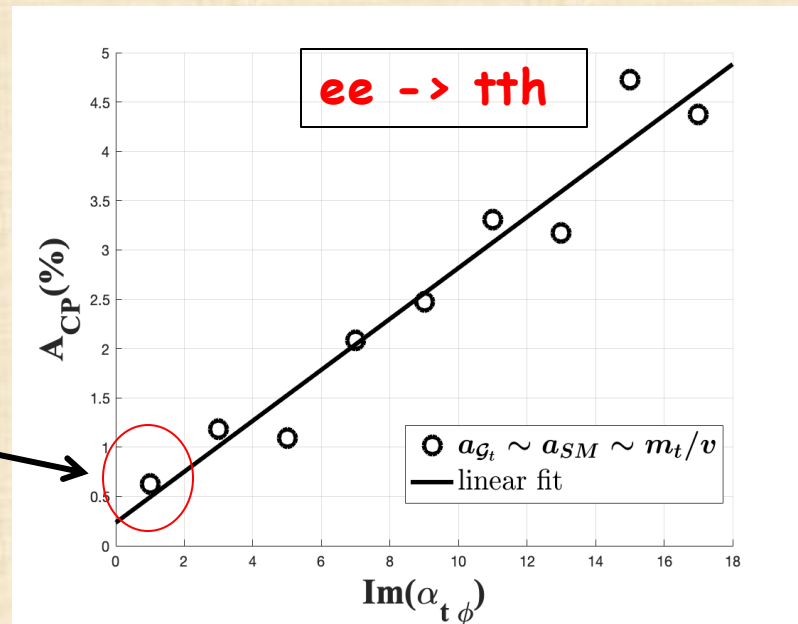


- Examples of tree-level CP asymmetry ( $A_{CP}$ ) from  $O_{t\phi}$

SBS, Soni, Wudka, PLB 2025 (arxiv:2407.19021)

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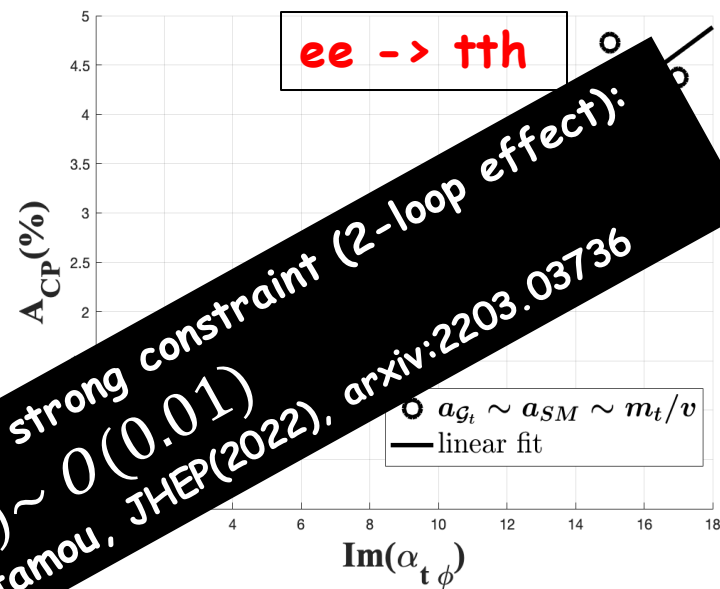


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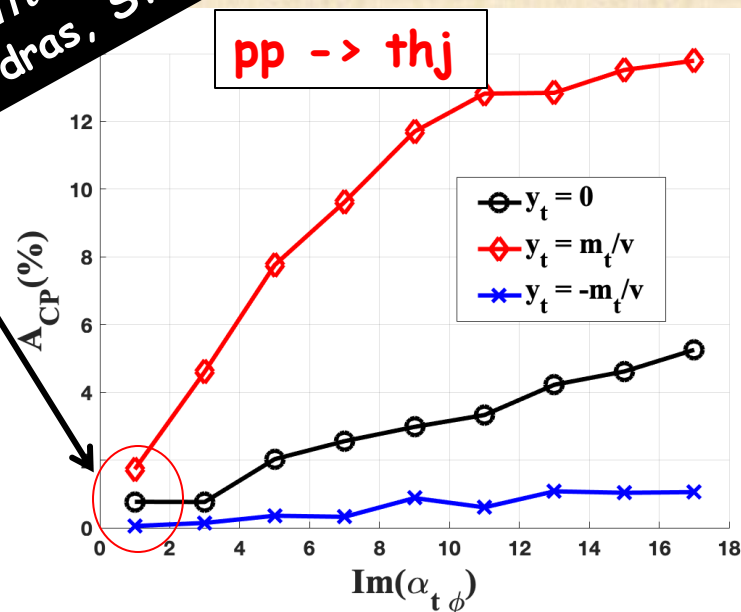
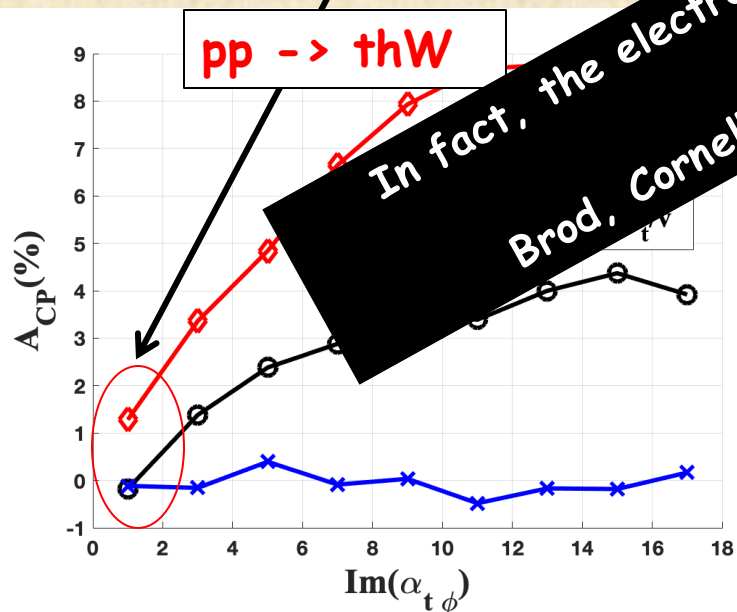
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In fact, the electron EDM sets a strong constraint (2-loop effect):  
 $\text{Im}(\alpha_{t\phi}) \sim O(0.01)$   
 Brod, Cornell, Skodras, JHEP(2022), arxiv:2203.03736



▷ No CPV signal is expected @ high-energy colliders (e.g., @LHC) from SM X EFT interference if underlying heavy physics obeys the approximate SM flavor symmetries ( $G_0$  &  $G_+$ )!

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$$\begin{aligned}
&(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t) \\
&(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t) \\
&(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t) \\
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&(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t) \\
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\end{aligned}$$

# HOWEVER

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t) \\
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- **If** flavor is violated in the underlying heavy theory

**then:**

**all SMEFT ops containing flavor-violating combinations of fermion fields can violate CP !**

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\varphi^\dagger i \vec{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r) \\
&(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r) \\
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&(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t) \\
&(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t) \\
&(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t) \\
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- CP asymmetry expected in this case:

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**Large CPV !**

**From flavor-violating NP**

**in the top-quark sector ...**

Best “bet”: top-quark flavor changing interactions

(CPV effects typically  $\propto m_f$  ...)

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# GENERIC (model-independent) tests of CPV(BSM) in inclusive multi-lepton processes

SM-CPV in multi-lepton signals @ LHC is negligible !  
can only arise from EW processes at higher loop orders ...

Afik, SBS, Pal, Soni, Wudka, PRL 2023 (arxiv: 2212.09433)

- **Focused on tri-lepton events** (applies also to n-leptons events ...)

$$pp \rightarrow \ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^- + X_3$$

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e.g.,  $\ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^- = e^\pm \mu^+ \mu^- , \mu^\pm e^+ e^-$

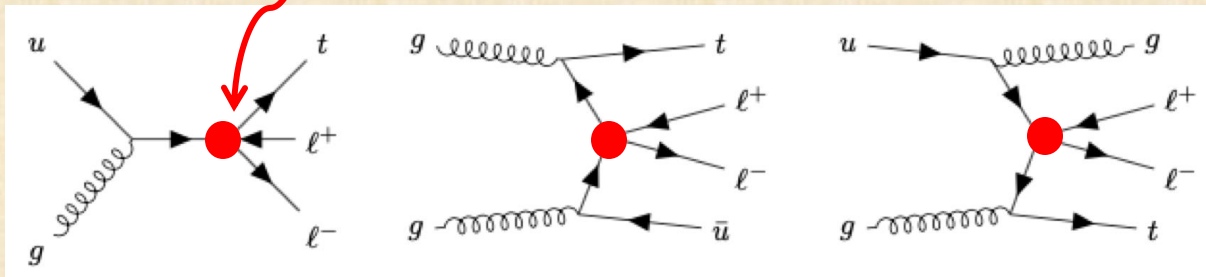
- $\ell, \ell' = e, \mu, \tau$  (preferably  $\ell \neq \ell'$ )
- $X_3, \bar{X}_3$  jets and missing energy

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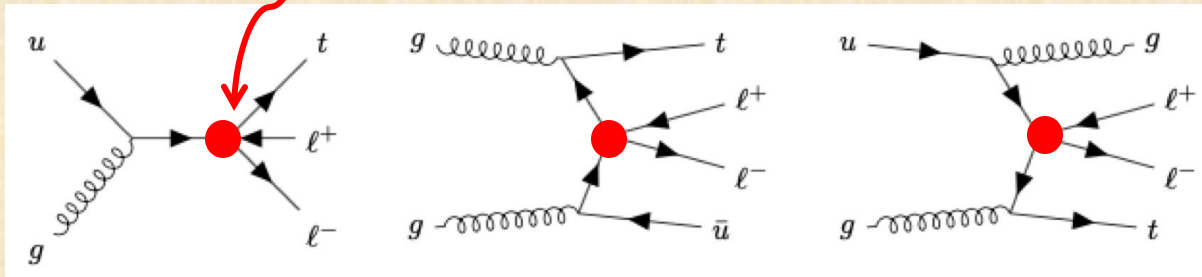


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Signal (e.g.):

$$pp \rightarrow t \mu^+ \mu^- + X \rightarrow e^+ \mu^+ \mu^- + X \quad (+ CC \text{ channel})$$

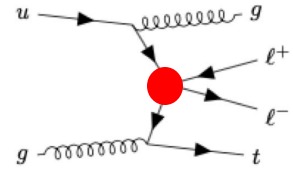
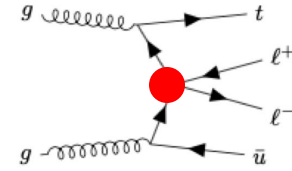
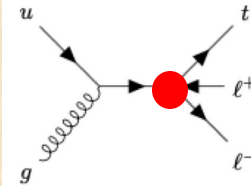
This channel has interesting implications also for generic BSM searches of new heavy states around the TeV-scale which generate top-leptons 4-Fermi

**Dominant SM backg.**

**$pp \rightarrow WZ + X$**   
followed by W & Z decays ...

**much smaller contribution from:**  
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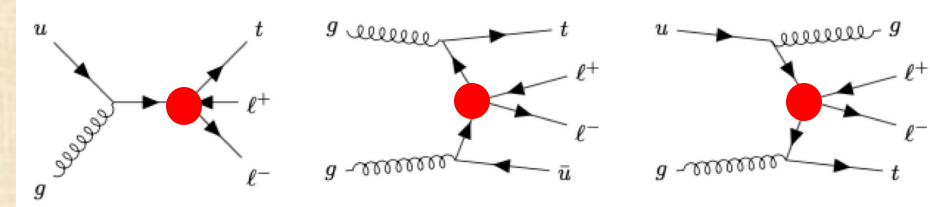
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**CPV part**

$$d\hat{\sigma}(CPV) \propto \epsilon(p_{u_i}, p_{\ell^+}, p_{\ell^-}) \cdot \text{Im}(f_S f_T^*)$$

No interference with SM:

$$\sigma(m_{\ell\ell}^{\min}) = \sigma^{\text{SM}}(m_{\ell\ell}^{\min}) + \frac{f^2}{\Lambda^4} \cdot \sigma^{\text{NP}}(m_{\ell\ell}^{\min})$$

$$\sigma(m_{\ell\ell}^{\min}) \equiv \sigma(m_{\ell\ell} \geq m_{\ell\ell}^{\min}) = \int_{m_{\ell\ell} \geq m_{\ell\ell}^{\min}} dm_{\ell\ell} \frac{d\sigma}{dm_{\ell\ell}}$$

**$m_{\ell\ell}^{\min}$  - useful discriminating parameter**



## Generic CP-asymmetries for tri-lepton events:

**sensitive to tree-level CPV !**

- **P-violating &  $T_N$ -odd** observables (odd under  $\mathbf{t} \rightarrow -\mathbf{t}$ ):

$$pp \rightarrow e \mu \mu + X$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_{\text{CP}} &= \vec{p}_{e^-} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\mu^+} \times \vec{p}_{\mu^-}) \\ \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\text{CP}}} &= \vec{p}_{e^+} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\mu^-} \times \vec{p}_{\mu^+})\end{aligned}$$

- Divide into 2 "hemispheres" in  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{CP}}$  space and define:

$$A_{CP} = \frac{1}{2} (A_T - \bar{A}_T)$$

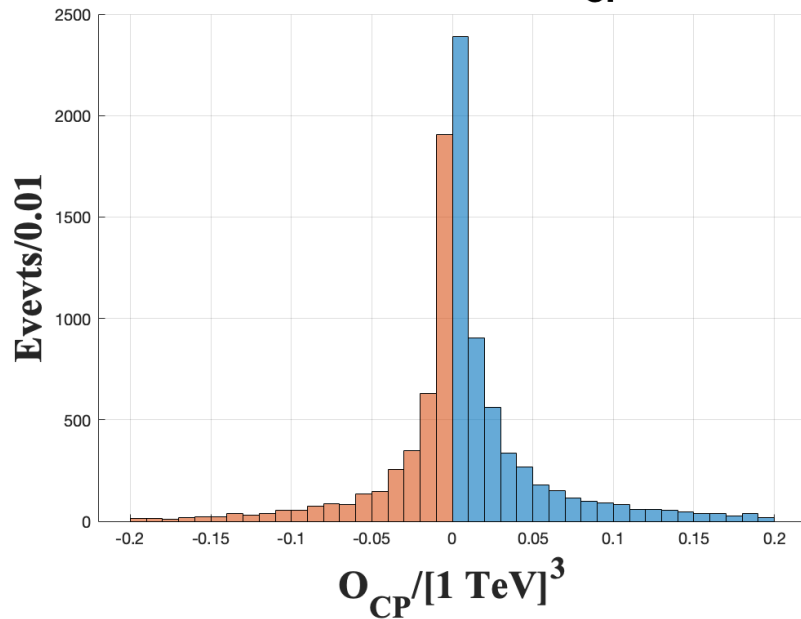
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*we are looking for asymmetric  
distributions of  $\mathcal{O}_{CP}$*

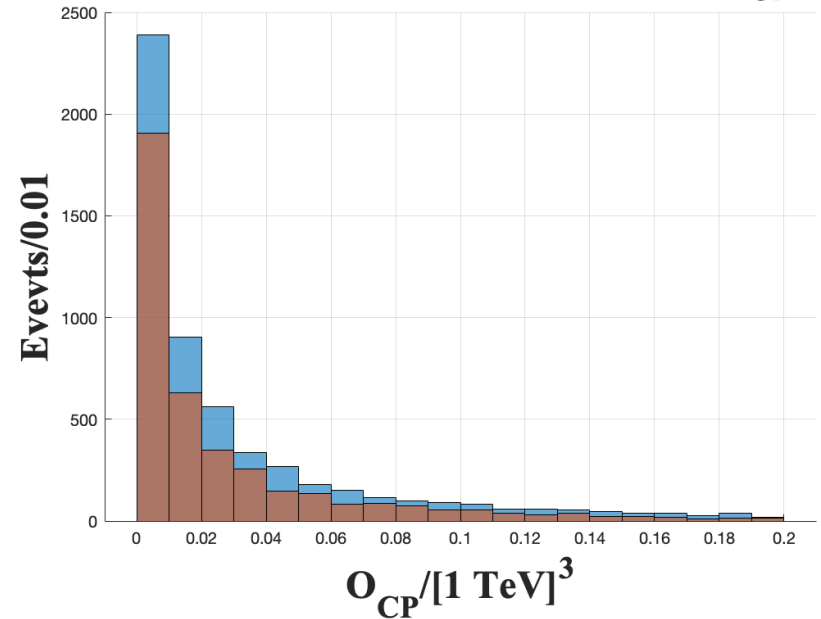
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$$\mathcal{O}_{CP} = \vec{p}_{e^-} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\mu^+} \times \vec{p}_{\mu^-})$$

**Distribution of  $\mathcal{O}_{CP}$**



**Difference of  $\pm$  distributions of  $\mathcal{O}_{CP}$**

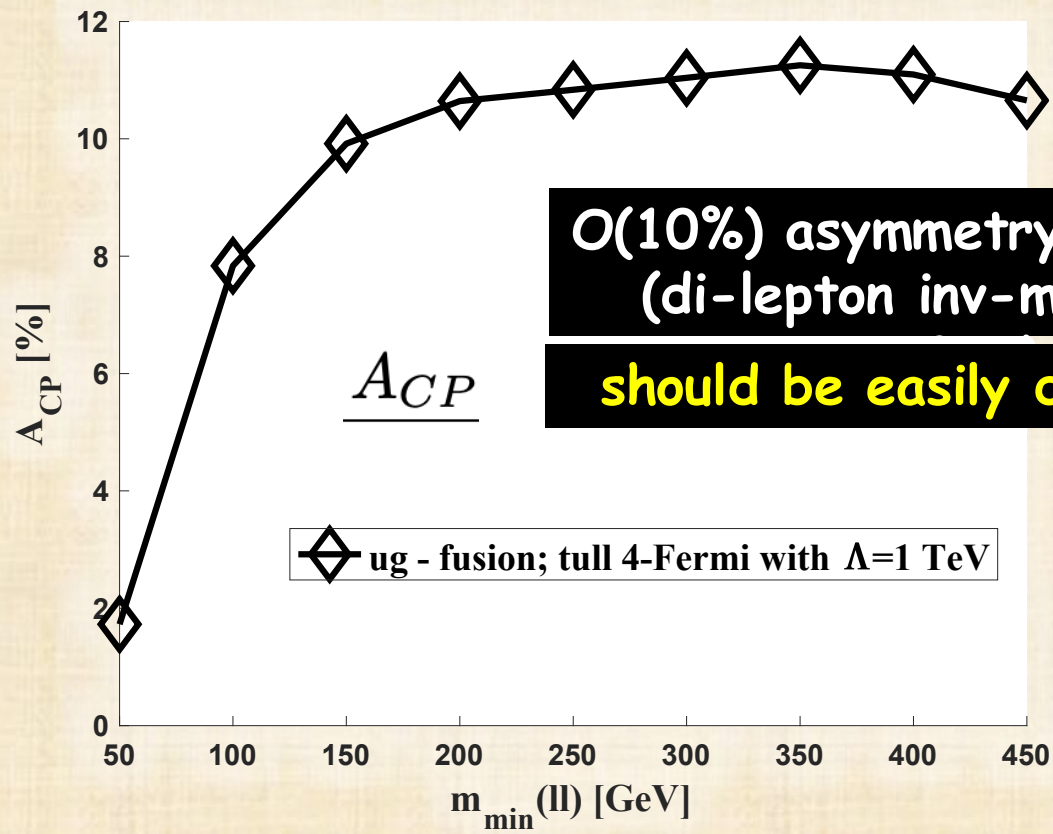


# Results:

$$u g \rightarrow t \mu \mu \rightarrow e \mu \mu$$

( $t\mu\mu$  4-Fermi)

$ug$ -fusion: $\Lambda = 1(2)$ TeV	
$A_{CP}$	11.1(7.9)%
$A_T$	16.4(13.5)%
$\bar{A}_T$	-5.8(-2.3)%



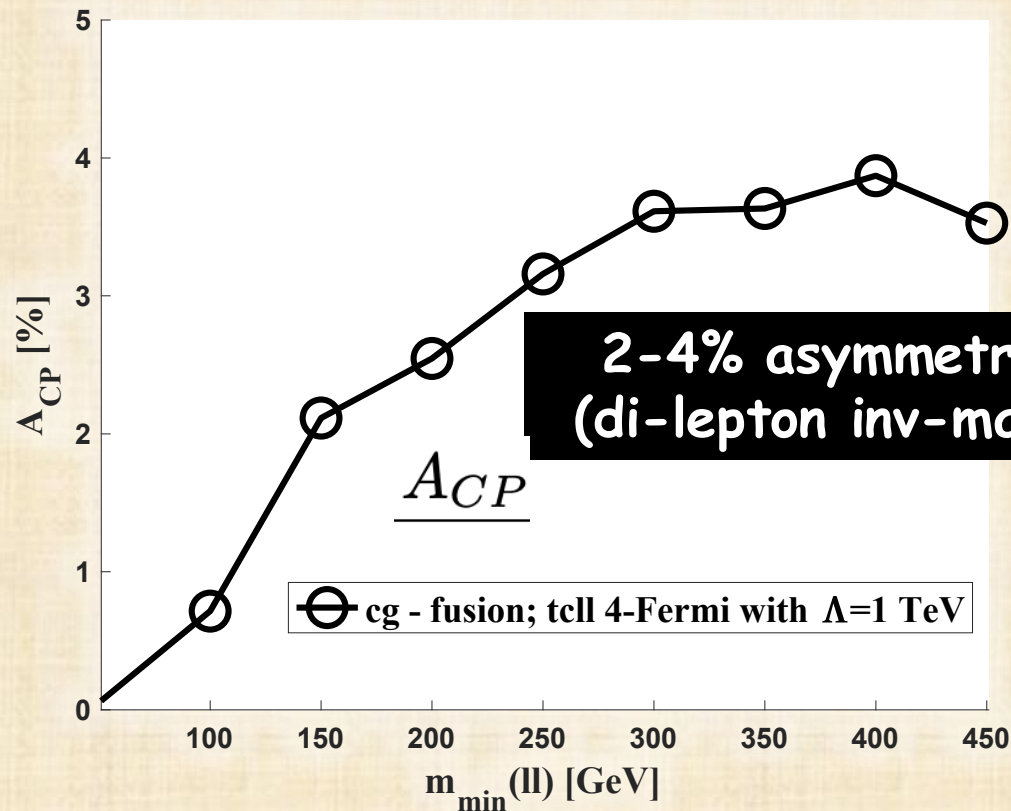


# Results:

$$c g \rightarrow t \mu \mu \rightarrow e \mu \mu$$

( $t c \mu \mu$  4-Fermi)

	$cg$ -fusion: $\Lambda = 1(2)$ TeV
$A_{CP}$	3.9(0.7)%
$A_T$	3.1(0.5)%
$\bar{A}_T$	-4.7(-1.0)%





- **Take home message:**

If the underlying heavy physics is weakly coupled ...

**CPV from (SMXNP) interference effects**

**is NOT accessible @ TeV-scale scattering processes !**

**Need to look elsewhere ...**



- Look for:

CPV signals in processes that may originate from FV dynamics in the underlying heavy physics

in this case: CPV from (NPXNP') interference !

Best bet:

processes in which top-quark FV interactions are involved  
(CPV effects typically  $\propto m_f$  ...)





- An attractive example:

CPV in inclusive tri-leptons signals @ the LHC

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- Resulting CP asymmetries:

$O(10\%)$  with new CPV TeV-scale NP

- SM backg. for CPV in multi-lepton events is at best sub-% level ...
- Expect  $O(10000)$  high- $p_T$  tri-lepton events @LHC

with  $L \sim O(1000) \text{ fb}^{-1}$  & TeV scale NP (generating a full 4-Fermi)

should be easily detectable !

Thank you!



# Backups

# CP - Violation (CPV)

- CPV is of fundamental importance for our understanding of the laws of nature !
  - CPV + CPT-invariance implies non-invariance of the microscopic EOM under time-reversal
  - CPV implies different physical properties of matter and anti-matter
  - CPV is inseparably linked to flavor physics

# multi-leptons signals - a window to NP

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1\ell) : & pp \rightarrow \ell^\pm + n \cdot j_b + m \cdot j + \cancel{E}_T + X , \\
 (2\ell) : & pp \rightarrow \ell'^+ \ell''^- + n \cdot j_b + m \cdot j + \cancel{E}_T + X , \\
 (3\ell) : & pp \rightarrow \ell'^\pm \ell^+ \ell^- + n \cdot j_b + m \cdot j + \cancel{E}_T + X , \\
 (4\ell) : & pp \rightarrow \ell'^\pm \ell''^\mp \ell^+ \ell^- + n \cdot j_b + m \cdot j + \cancel{E}_T + X
 \end{aligned}$$

- Rich & clean signals in the hadronic environment of the LHC
- Excellent test ground for NP (e.g., in  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}V, t\bar{t}H, t\bar{t}V, t\bar{t}t\bar{t} \dots$ ):
  - Sensitive to many types of underlying NP

(lepton-flavor violation, lepton universality violation,  
lepton-number violation - same sign leptons, **CP**  
violation ...)

- easy to construct observables with charged leptons
- High- $E/p_T$  (TeV energies ...) leptons still relatively unexplored
- Correlated multi-lepton channels due to common underlying NP !

“Tri- and four-lepton events as a probe for new physics in  $t\bar{t}l\bar{l}$  contact interactions”  
NPB980 (2022), 115849 [arxiv: 2111.13711](#), Afik(CERN), SBS(Technion), Pal(UCR), Soni(BNL),  
Wudka(UCR)

“New flavor physics in di- and trilepton events from single-top production at the LHC and beyond”,  
PRD103 (2021), 075031, [arxiv: 2101.05286](#), Afik, SBS, Soni, Wudka

“High  $p_T$  correlated tests of lepton universality in lepton(s) + jet(s) processes; An EFT analysis”,  
PLB811 (2020), 135908, [arxiv: 2005.06457](#), Afik, SBS, Cohen(Technion), Soni, Wudka

“Searching for New Physics with  $b\bar{b}l\bar{l}$  contact interactions”,  
PLB807 (2020), 135541, [arxiv: 1912.00425](#), Afik, SBS, Cohen, Rozen(Technion)



- Our  $CP$  tests use multi-lepton final states as probes, which makes them experimentally highly distinctive
- They are based on simple kinematic observables that only require the reconstruction of the relatively easily-identifiable charged-lepton momenta
- They can be generated by tree-level  $CP$ -violating underlying physics, making them very sensitive to new physics
- They are generic, meaning they can probe a wide range of underlying new physics
- They include a new modification to the classic formula for  $CP$ -violation in scattering and decay processes, which takes into account the effect of an asymmetric initial state on the measurement of  $CP$ -violation

## Non-Hermitian CPV opts:

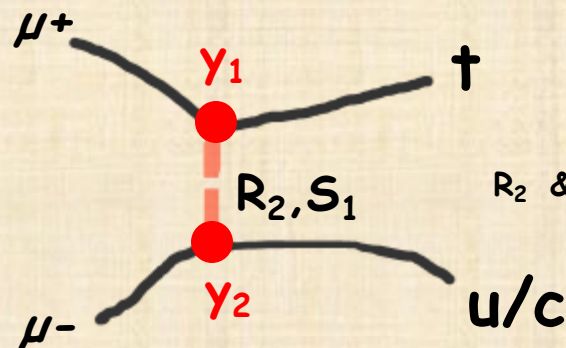
All non-Hermitian opts can in principle carry a CP-odd phase without FV in the underlying physics. These are the non-Hermitian PTG opts:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\phi ud} &= i \left( \tilde{\phi}^\dagger D_\mu \phi \right) (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu d) , \\ Q_{\ell edq} &= (\bar{\ell}^j e) (\bar{d} q_j) , \\ Q_{\ell equ}^{(1)} &= (\bar{\ell}^j e) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}^k u) , \\ Q_{\ell equ}^{(3)} &= (\bar{\ell}^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u) , \\ Q_{quqd}^{(1)} &= (\bar{q}^j u) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}^k d) , \\ Q_{quqd}^{(8)} &= (\bar{q}^j T^a u) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}^k T^a d) , \end{aligned}$$

**However, these opts do not conserve the  $G_0$  &  $G_t$  sym. So that their interference effects with the SM are suppressed by powers of  $m(\text{light fermion})/\Lambda$  !**

# - Matching to possible underlying BSM scenarios:

## Tree-level exchanges of the heavy $R_2$ , $S_1$ LQ's



$R_2$  &  $S_1$  can address  $R_D^*$  & muon  $g-2$  anomalies

$$\alpha_S = 4\alpha_T = \frac{y_1 y_2^*}{2M_{LQ}^2}$$

Specific proportion of  
Wilson coefficients  
used as benchmark from  
underlying UV physics

$$\text{Im}(\alpha_S \cdot \alpha_T^*) = 0.25$$

$$Q_S = (\bar{\ell}_R \ell_R) (\bar{t}_R u_R) \quad , \quad Q_T = (\bar{\ell}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} \ell_R) (\bar{t}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} u_R) ; \quad \ell = e, \mu$$



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Scalar

Tensor

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} [(\alpha_S Q_S + \alpha_T Q_T) + \text{H.c.}]$$

- *Current sensitivities (bounds):*

$$\Lambda(\text{t}\mu\mu) , \Lambda(\text{t}ee) > \sim \text{O}(0.5 \text{ TeV}) , \text{ Scalar} \\ > \sim \text{O}(1 \text{ TeV}) , \text{ Tensor}$$

# Current sensitivities (bounds ...)

what do we know about the FC dim.6 (tu)(2l) opts

**LEP: ( $ee \rightarrow tu, tc$ ):**

**$\Lambda(tuee) > 0.5 - 1.5 \text{ TeV}$**

**(depending on Lorentz structure)**

SBS, Wudka PRD1999

PLB2002 (0210041) ; EPJC2011 (1102.4455)

**LHC ( $pp \rightarrow tt$  followed by  $t \rightarrow \mu\mu + \text{jet}$ ):**

**$\Lambda(tu\mu\mu) \sim \Lambda(tuee) > \sim 0.4 - 1 \text{ TeV}$**

**(depending on Lorentz structure)**

Chala, Santiago, Spannowsky JHEP2019 (1809.09624)

also studied in:

Davidson, Mangano, Perries, Sordini EPJC2015 (1507.07163)

Durieux, Maltoni, Zhang PRD2015 (1412.7166)

Aguilar-Saavedra NPB2011 (1008.3562)

Boughezal, Chen, Petriello, Wiegand PRD2019 (1907.00997)

# Constructing CP-asym. for tree-level CPV

$$\mathcal{M}_{ab \rightarrow \ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^-} = M_1 e^{i(\phi_1 + \cancel{\delta_1})} + M_2 e^{i(\phi_2 + \cancel{\delta_2})}$$

$\phi_{1,2}$  are CP-odd phases &  $\delta_{1,2}$  are CP-even phases (from FSI, loops ...)

## CPV @ tree-level (no FSI phases: $\delta=0$ ) !

- To probe tree-level CPV one needs  $T_N$ -odd observables (  $T_N : \dagger \rightarrow -\dagger$  )  
=>  $T_N$ -odd observables do not vanish when FSI phases are zero ( $\delta = 0$ )

$T_N$ -

asymmetries based on triple-products (TP)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{\text{CP}} &= \vec{p}_{\ell'^-} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\ell^+} \times \vec{p}_{\ell^-}) \\ \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\text{CP}}} &= \vec{p}_{\ell'^+} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\ell^-} \times \vec{p}_{\ell^+}) \end{aligned}$$



Recup:

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NP (CPV)

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SM contributes to the denominators **while** NP(CPV) contributes to numerators !



Asymmetries sensitive to di-leptons invariant mass:

SM  $\in$  low  $m_{ll}$

NP  $\in$  high

TABLE I: The estimated cross-sections in [fb], for the NP tri-lepton signals and the SM tri-lepton background.

Numbers are given for the NP parameters

$\text{Im}(f_S f_T^*) = 0.25$ ,  $\Lambda = 1$  TeV and for three values of  $m_{min}(\ell\ell)$  as indicated. See also description in the paper.

$m_{min}(\ell\ell)[GeV] \Rightarrow$	200	300	400
$\sigma_{NP}(pp_{ug} \rightarrow \ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^- + X)$	12.43	11.65	10.84
$\sigma_{NP}(\bar{u}g \rightarrow \ell'^+ \ell^- \ell^+ + X)$	0.98	0.87	0.76
$\sigma_{NP}(pp_{cg} \rightarrow \ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^- + X)$	0.37	0.32	0.27
$\sigma_{NP}(pp_{\bar{c}g} \rightarrow \ell'^+ \ell^- \ell^+ + X)$	0.37	0.32	0.27
$\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow \ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^- + X)$	0.33	0.11	0.05
$\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow \ell'^+ \ell^- \ell^+ + X)$	0.56	0.21	0.10

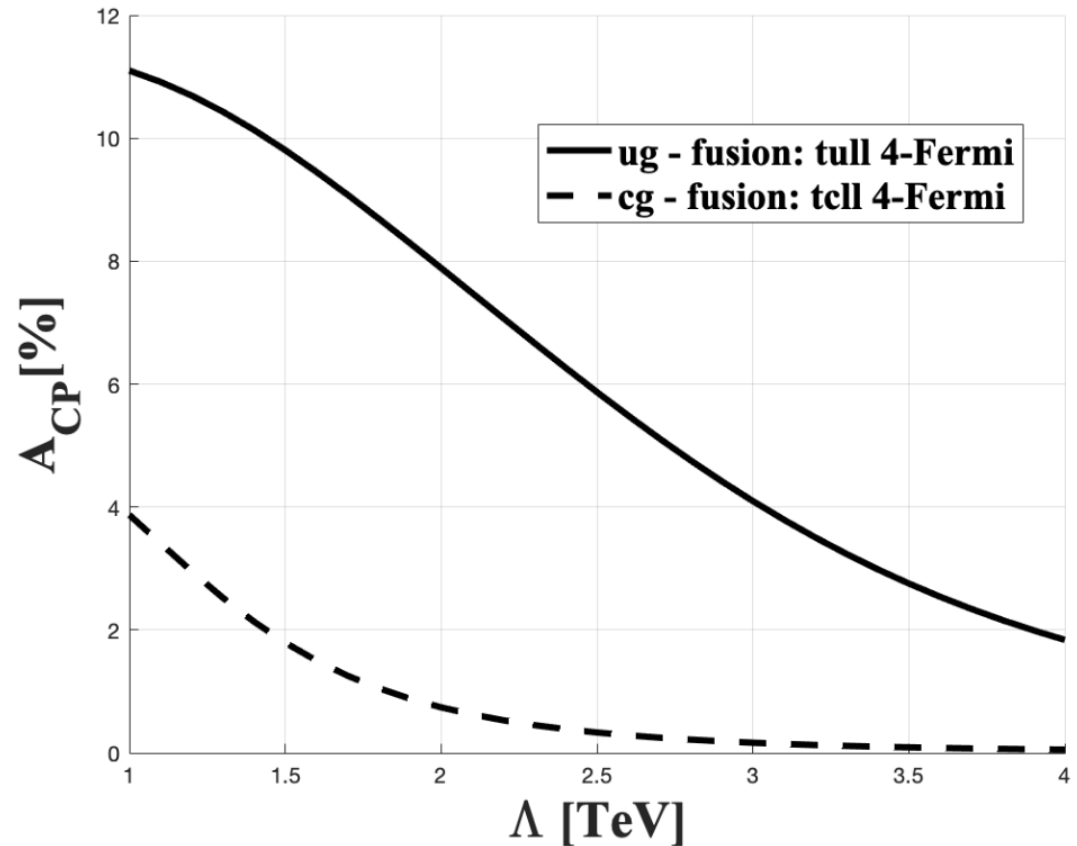


FIG. 1: The expected CP-asymmetry  $A_{CP}$ , as a function of the NP scale  $\Lambda$ , for  $m_{min}(\ell\ell) = 400$  GeV and  $\text{Im}(f_S f_T^*) = 0.25$ . Results are shown for the cases of NP from  $ug$  and  $cg$ -fusion, which arise from the *tull* and *tccl* 4-Fermi operators, respectively. The SM background is calculated from  $pp \rightarrow ZW^\pm + X$ .



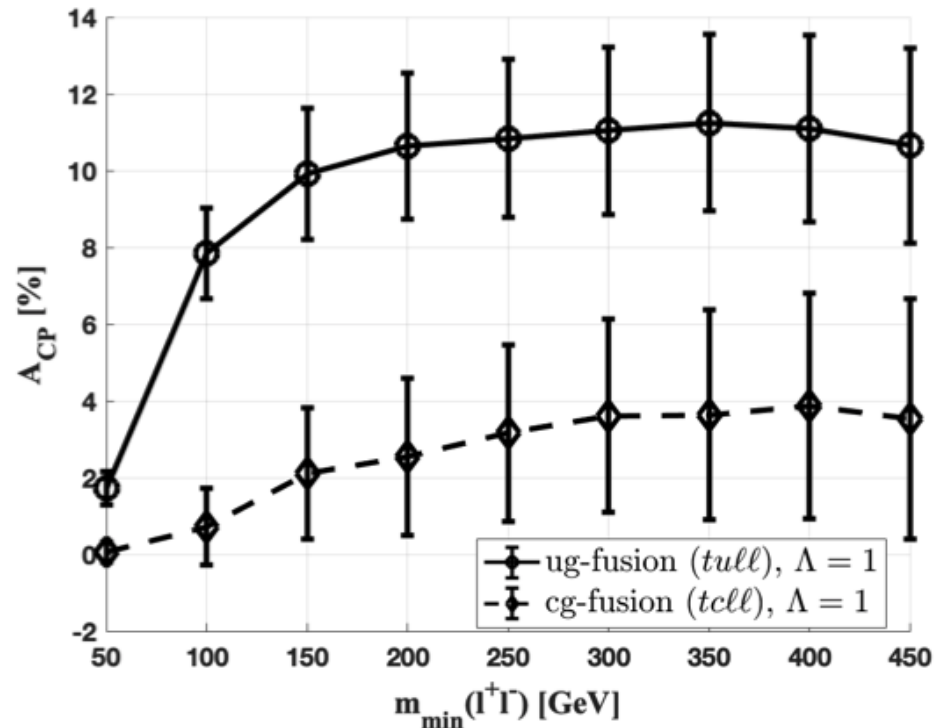


FIG. 2:  $A_{CP}$  as a function of  $m_{\min}(\ell^+\ell^-)$ , for  $\Lambda = 1$  TeV,  $\text{Im}(f_S f_T^*) = 0.25$  and including the SM background. The dependence of the asymmetry on  $\Lambda$  is given in Appendix B. The error bars represent the expected statistical uncertainty with an integrated luminosity of 1000(3000)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  for the ug-fusion(cg-fusion) case.

# Axis dependent asymmetries

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{CP}}^i = p_a^i \cdot (\vec{p}_b \times \vec{p}_c)^i$$



$$A_{CP}^{x,y,z} = \frac{1}{2} (A_T^{x,y,z} - \bar{A}_T^{x,y,z})$$

A measurement of the axis-dependent asymmetries can be used to distinguish between the different types of underlying NP: in our test case, between the  $t\ell\ell$  and the  $t\bar{c}\ell\ell$  CP-violating dynamics ...

TABLE II: The expected  $T_N$ -odd and CP asymmetries  $A_T$ ,  $\bar{A}_T$ ,  $A_{CP}$  and the corresponding axis-dependent asymmetries  $A_T^i$ ,  $\bar{A}_T^i$ ,  $A_{CP}^i$  ( $i = x, y, z$ ), for the tri-lepton events  $pp \rightarrow \ell'^{\pm} \ell^+ \ell^- + X$  at the LHC with  $m_{\min}(\ell\ell) = 400$  GeV. Results are given for both the  $ug$ -fusion and  $cg$ -fusion production channels (and the CC ones). Numbers are presented for  $\Lambda = 1$  TeV,  $\text{Im}(f_S f_T^*) = 0.25$  and the dominant SM background from  $pp \rightarrow ZW^{\pm} + X$  is included. The cases where an asymmetry is  $\lesssim 0.5\%$  is marked by an X.

	$A_{CP}$	$A_{CP}^x$	$A_{CP}^y$	$A_{CP}^z$
$ug$ -fusion:	11.1%	8.1%,	8.1%	X
$cg$ -fusion:	3.9%	X	X	5.6%

	$A_T$	$A_T^x$	$A_T^y$	$A_T^z$
$ug$ -fusion:	16.4%	11.3%,	10.7%	3.8%
$cg$ -fusion:	3.1%	5.0	X	X

	$\bar{A}_T$	$\bar{A}_T^x$	$\bar{A}_T^y$	$\bar{A}_T^z$
$ug$ -fusion:	-5.8%	-5.0%	-5.6%	3.1%
$cg$ -fusion:	-4.7%	-6.3%	X	X

# EFT-validity

Two “measures” to consider:

$$\sigma^{NP}(g, \Lambda, m_{\ell\ell}) = \frac{g^2}{\Lambda^2} \cdot \sigma^{SM \times NP}(m_{\ell\ell}) + \frac{g^4}{\Lambda^4} \cdot \sigma^{NP \times NP}(m_{\ell\ell})$$

$$\mathcal{R}_\Lambda \equiv \frac{\hat{s}}{\Lambda^2}$$

Addresses the validity of the specific calculation within the EFT framework - depends on the details of the underlying heavy physics and the process at hand

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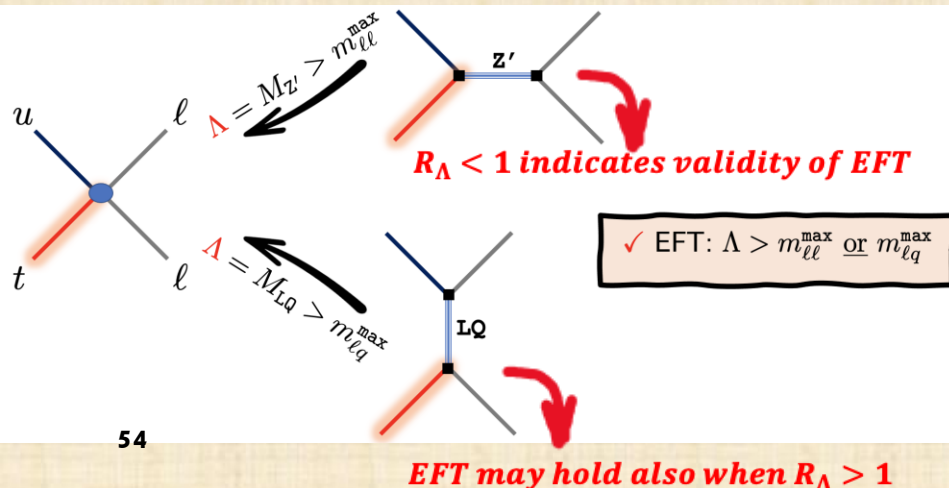
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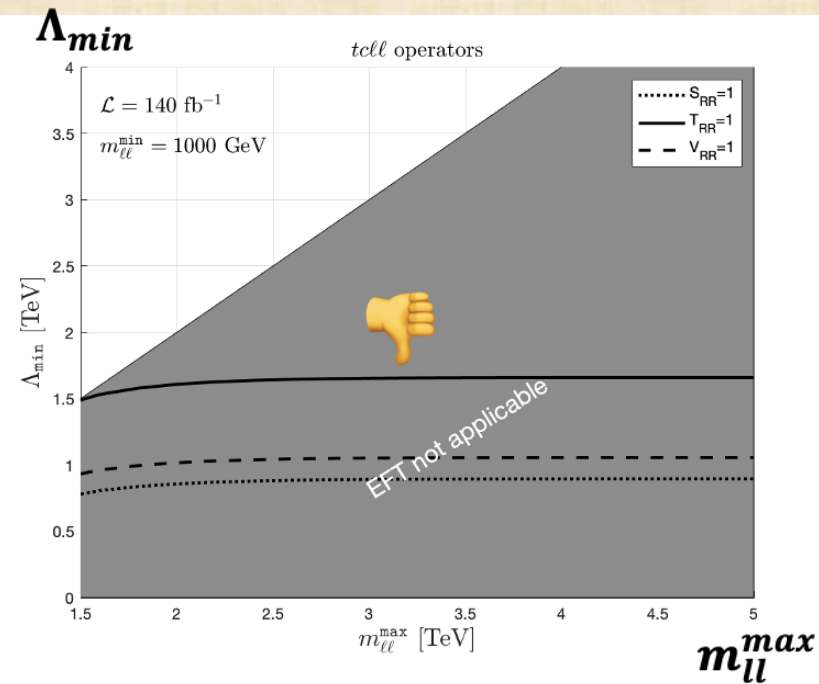
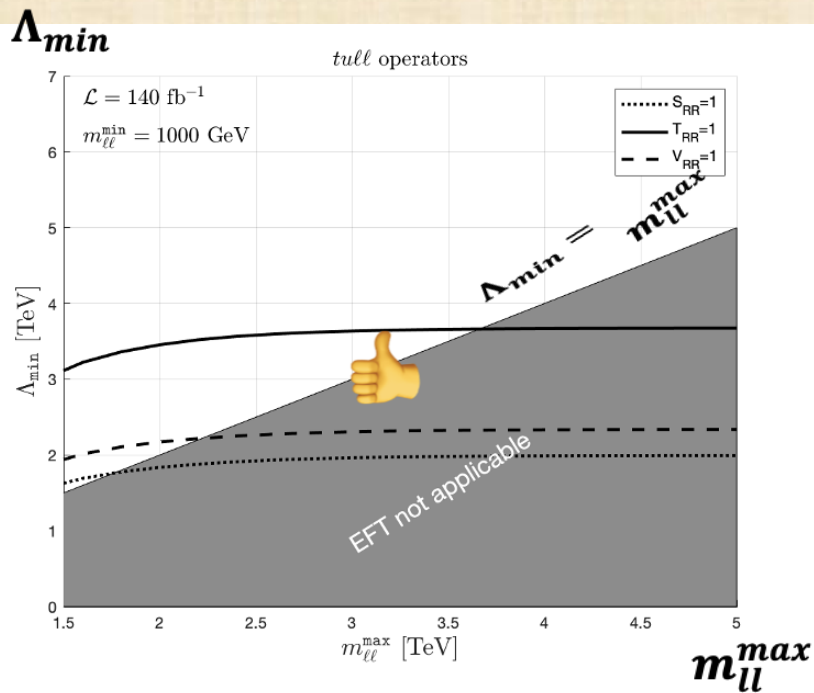
$SM \times NP$  interference term  $\propto \mathcal{O}(R_{\Lambda/g})$   
 $NP \times NP$  term  $\propto \mathcal{O}(R_{\Lambda/g}^2)$

$R_{\Lambda/g} < 1$  naively indicate the **regime of validity** of the EFT prescription & the potential effects from higher dim opts can be assessed from  $R_{\Lambda/g}$



# EFT-validity

Consider bounds ( $\Lambda_{min}$ ) obtained on the scale  $\Lambda$  of an  $s$ -channel underlying NP  $pp \rightarrow NP \rightarrow l^+ l^-$ ;  $\hat{s} = m_{ll}$




- Consider the underlying hard processes for tri-leptons production:

$$ab \rightarrow \ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^- \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{a}\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell'^+ \ell^- \ell^+$$

- CPV requires at least 2 amplitudes with different CP-odd phases:

$$\mathcal{M}_{ab \rightarrow \ell'^- \ell^+ \ell^-} = M_1 e^{i(\phi_1 + \delta_1)} + M_2 e^{i(\phi_2 + \delta_2)}$$

$\phi_{1,2}$  are CP-odd phases &  $\delta_{1,2}$  are CP-even phases



$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\bar{a}\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell'^+ \ell^- \ell^+} = M_1 e^{i(-\phi_1 + \delta_1)} + M_2 e^{i(-\phi_2 + \delta_2)}$$

CC channel



- Classification of CP according to  $T_N$  transformation properties ( $T_N : \dagger \rightarrow -\dagger$ )

$$\mathcal{M}_{ab \rightarrow \ell' - \ell + \ell -} = M_1 e^{i(\phi_1 + \delta_1)} + M_2 e^{i(\phi_2 + \delta_2)}$$

- type:

$T_N -$

odd

$T_N -$

even

- CP asymmetry:

$$A_{CP} \propto \cos \Delta\delta \sin \Delta\phi$$

$$A_{CP} \propto \sin \Delta\delta \sin \Delta\phi$$

triple-products (TP) asymmetry

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{CP} &= \vec{p}_{\ell' -} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\ell +} \times \vec{p}_{\ell -}) \\ \overline{\mathcal{O}_{CP}} &= \vec{p}_{\ell' +} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\ell -} \times \vec{p}_{\ell +}) \end{aligned}$$

odd under P & under  $T_N (\dagger \rightarrow -\dagger)$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C(\mathcal{O}_{CP}) &= +\overline{\mathcal{O}_{CP}}, & C(\overline{\mathcal{O}_{CP}}) &= +\mathcal{O}_{CP}, \\ CP(\mathcal{O}_{CP}) &= -\overline{\mathcal{O}_{CP}}, & CP(\overline{\mathcal{O}_{CP}}) &= -\mathcal{O}_{CP} \end{aligned}$$

$A_{CP}$  function of  $N(\text{sign}(\mathcal{O}_{CP}))$  &  $N(\text{sign}(\overline{\mathcal{O}_{CP}}))$

dot-products

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{CP} &= \vec{p}_{\ell' -} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\ell +} - \vec{p}_{\ell -}) \\ \overline{\mathcal{O}_{CP}} &= \vec{p}_{\ell' +} \cdot (\vec{p}_{\ell +} - \vec{p}_{\ell -}) \end{aligned}$$

or rate asymmetry

$$A_{CP} = \frac{N(\ell' - \ell^+ \ell^-) - N(\ell' + \ell^- \ell^+)}{N(\ell' - \ell^+ \ell^-) + N(\ell' + \ell^- \ell^+)}$$

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(strong

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tree-level CPV

phase)  
strong phase from FSI  
typically higher order effect ...

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CPV @ tree-level (no FSI phases:  $\Delta\delta=0$ )



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These are sensitive to the CP-odd phase BUT are NOT proper CP-asymmetries !

$$\text{since: } CP(A_T) = \bar{A}_T$$

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- Isolating the "pure" CPV effect:

$$A_{CP} = \frac{1}{2} (A_T - \bar{A}_T)$$

a modification to the classic formula  
for CP-violation in scattering and  
decay processes

takes into account the effect of an  
asymmetric initial state on the  
measurement of CP-violation



- The resulting CP asymmetry:

$$A_{CP} = \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ab} + \mathcal{I}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}}}{2} \cos \Delta\delta \sin \Delta\phi + \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ab} - \mathcal{I}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}}}{2} \sin \Delta\delta \cos \Delta\phi$$

"conventional" CPV term:  
CP-odd &  $T_N$ -odd  
( $CPT_N = CPT$ )

initial state not self-conjugate:  
CP-even &  $T_N$ -odd  
( $CPT_N \neq CPT$ )



Recap:

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asymmetries

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$$A_{CP}^{(\Delta\phi)}$$

$$A_{CP}^{(\text{"fake"})}$$

Key points:

- "contamination" to the CPV measurement can arise if initial state is not self-conjugate
- at the tree-level:  $\Delta\delta = 0$  (no FSI)  $\Rightarrow$  regardless of initial state properties:

all 3 asymmetries are  $\propto$  CP-odd phase & thus are good measures of CPV !

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- $A_T \neq 0$  and/or  $\bar{A}_T \neq 0$  can be observed even in the absence of CP-violation (i.e.,  $\Delta\phi = 0$ ) due to the presence of CP-even phases  $\Delta\delta \neq 0$  ...
- $|A_T| \neq |\bar{A}_T|$  is possible at the LHC even with  $\Delta\delta = 0$  (if different PDF's are different:  $f_a, f_b \neq f_{\bar{a}}, f_{\bar{b}}$ ) due to CP-asymmetric nature of the initial state at the LHC ...
- $A_{CP} \propto \sin \Delta\phi$  (maximal when  $\Delta\delta \rightarrow 0$ ) if same PDF's of incoming particles ( $f_a f_b = f_{\bar{a}} f_{\bar{b}}$ )
- $A_{CP} \propto \sin \Delta\phi$  when  $\Delta\delta \rightarrow 0$ , even when  $f_a f_b \neq f_{\bar{a}} f_{\bar{b}}$
- Thus, when  $\Delta\delta \ll \Delta\phi$ ,  $A_{CP}$  is essentially probing the underlying CP-violating dynamics !

the case, in general, for the scattering processes at the LHC if there are no resonances involved, since then CP-even phases can only come from FSI, which occur at higher loop orders, whereas  $A_{CP}$  probes tree-level CPV effects !

- Considering only tree-level effects (no CP-even phases from FSI)
- general form of the amp. in presence of dim.6 SMEFT  
 ( $\alpha_k$  = Wilson coef. &  $\phi_k$  = CPV phases)

$$\mathcal{M}_{i \rightarrow f} = M_{\text{SM}} + \sum_k \frac{|\alpha_k|}{\Lambda^2} M_k e^{i\phi_k} + \dots$$

- Then, 3 types of tree-level CPV effects (**NP=SMEFT**) :
  - **TL-CPVI**: CPV from SMxNP interference
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 no SMxNP interference, but **with** a SM contribution
  - **TL-CPVIII**: CPV from NPxNP' interference;  
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- **TL-CPVI: SMxNP interference**

$$Q_{t\phi} = \phi^\dagger \phi (\bar{q}_3 t) \tilde{\phi}$$

$$d\sigma_{\text{CPC}} \propto |M_{\text{SM}}|^2 + \frac{|\alpha_{t\phi}|}{\Lambda^2} \text{Re} \left( M_{\text{SM}} M_{t\phi}^\dagger \right) \cos \phi_{t\phi} + \dots$$

$$d\sigma_{\text{CPV}} \propto \frac{|\alpha_{t\phi}|}{\Lambda^2} \text{Im} \left( M_{\text{SM}} M_{t\phi}^\dagger \right) \sin \phi_{t\phi} + \dots$$

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$$\Delta\phi_{kl} = \phi_k - \phi_l$$

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	CPV source in $\sigma$	Leading CPC term in $\sigma$	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}$	$N_{SD}(\mathcal{A}_{CP})$
TLCPV-I	$\text{Im} \left( M_{SM} M_{NP}^\dagger \right) \propto \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$	$ M_{SM} ^2$	$\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$
TLCPV-II	$\text{Im} \left( M_{NP'} M_{NP}^\dagger \right) \propto \frac{v_E^4}{\Lambda^4}$	$ M_{SM} ^2$	$\frac{v_E^4}{\Lambda^4}$	$\frac{v_E^4}{\Lambda^4}$
TLCPV-III	$\text{Im} \left( M'_{NP} M_{NP}^\dagger \right) \propto \frac{v_E^4}{\Lambda^4}$	$ M_{NP} ^2 \propto \frac{v_E^4}{\Lambda^4}$	1	$\frac{v_E^2}{\Lambda^2}$

$$v_E = v \text{ or } v_E = E$$

$$CPT = CPT_N \text{ if no FSI}$$

- S-matrix unitarity ( $SS^\dagger=1$ ) in term of scattering amp:

$$\tau_{fi} - \tau_{if}^* = i \sum_n \tau_{nf}^* \tau_{ni}$$

\* If no FSI ( $\tau$  Hermitian),  
then:

$$\tau_{if} = \tau_{fi}^*$$

If CP is conserved then T-reversal also conserved, and:

$$\tau_{if} = \tau_{f_T i_T} = \tau_{i_T f_T}^* \text{ (no FSI)}$$



$$|\tau_{if}|^2 = |\tau_{i_T f_T}|^2$$

**Modulus of  $\tau_{if}$  is invariant under  $T_N$  !**