

Exploring the C3HDM with ML

Unearthing large pseudoscalar Yukawa couplings

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Introduction

Standard Model

- Elementary particles
- Interactions

Higgs Field

- Discovered in 2012
- Explains particle masses

Multi-Higgs

- Found one, are there more?

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

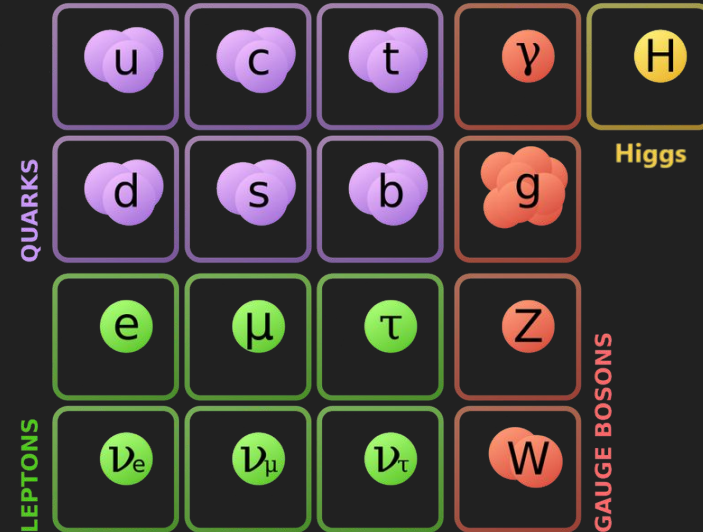


Fig 1: SM Gauge group and particle content.

Introduction

Multi-Higgs

- NHDM
- Additional Higgs doublets
- Motivated, studied and testable
- Dark Matter
- CP Violation for Baryogenesis
- Flavor
- Neutrino Masses
- (...)

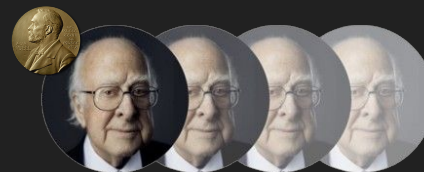


Fig 2: Peter Higgs(es). (Image: [here](#))

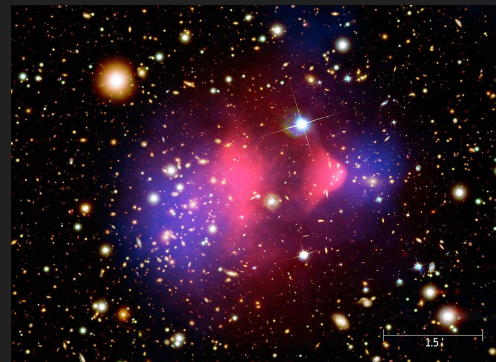


Fig 3: Bullet Cluster, from Chandra X-Ray Observatory.
X-Ray, visible and Grav. Lensing. (Image: [here](#))

Complex Three Higgs Doublet Model

C3HDM

- Three Higgs doublets
- Potential violates CP (explicitly)
- Reals vevs
- 5 Higgs neutral states
- 2 Charged Higgses

Boto, Lourenço et al,
JHEP 2024

$$\Phi_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} w_i^+ \\ v_i + x_i + i z_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \\ h_4 \\ h_5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} w_2^+ \\ w_3^+ \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} H_1^+ \\ H_2^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ C3HDM

Potential

- Introduce $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}'_2$ symmetry
- Soft-breaking terms

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 : \Phi_1 \rightarrow -\Phi_1, \quad \ell_R \rightarrow -\ell_R$$

$$\mathbb{Z}'_2 : \Phi_2 \rightarrow -\Phi_2, \quad d_R \rightarrow -d_R$$

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

$$V_2 \supset \mu_{12}(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2) + \mu_{13}(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_3) + \mu_{23}(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_3) + \text{h.c.}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ C3HDM

Yukawa

- Introduce $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}'_2$ symmetry
- Avoid FCNCs
- Type-Z $\Rightarrow$ decoupled Yukawas

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 : \Phi_1 \rightarrow -\Phi_1, \quad \ell_R \rightarrow -\ell_R$$

$$\mathbb{Z}'_2 : \Phi_2 \rightarrow -\Phi_2, \quad d_R \rightarrow -d_R$$

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

Tab 1: 3HDM model types that describe how the scalars couple with the fermions.

Couplings $-\mathcal{L}_{\xi f f} = \sum_f \sum_{j=1}^{2N} \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{f} \left(c_{\xi_j f f}^e + i\gamma_5 c_{\xi_j f f}^o \right) f \xi_j$

$$c_{\xi_j f f}^e + i\gamma_5 c_{\xi_j f f}^o = \frac{v}{v_f} (Q_{jf} \pm i\gamma_5 Q_{j,N+f}) \quad f = (1, 2, 3) \equiv (\ell, d, u)$$

$$c_{ff}^e \equiv c_{h_{125}ff}^e = \frac{R_{11}}{c_{\beta_2} c_{\beta_1}}, \frac{R_{12}}{c_{\beta_2} s_{\beta_1}}, \frac{R_{13}}{s_{\beta_2}} \quad R_{1i}(\vec{\alpha})$$

$$c_{ff}^o \equiv c_{h_{125}ff}^o = \frac{-R_{14}s_{\beta_1} - R_{15}c_{\beta_1}s_{\beta_2}}{c_{\beta_2}c_{\beta_1}}, \frac{R_{14}c_{\beta_1} - R_{15}s_{\beta_1}s_{\beta_2}}{c_{\beta_2}s_{\beta_1}}, -\frac{R_{15}c_{\beta_2}}{s_{\beta_2}}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ C3HDM

Couplings

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\xi f f} = \sum_f \sum_{j=1}^{2N} \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{f} \left(c_{\xi_j f f}^e + i\gamma_5 c_{\xi_j f f}^o \right) f \xi_j$$

In the plane of the couplings, $\sqrt{|c_{ff}^e|^2 + |c_{ff}^o|^2} \lesssim 1$

In the SM, $c_{ff}^e = 1$ and $c_{ff}^o = 0$

Constraints

Theoretical

Potential Stability

- Bounded from Below sufficient conditions

Perturbativity

- Yukawa couplings

Unitarity

Experimental

Oblique Parameters STU

Flavor Searches

- 1-loop $b \rightarrow s\gamma$

LHC signal strengths

electron EDM

- More stringent than other EDMs

HiggsTools 1.1.3

- Searches for new particles
- $\Delta\chi^2$ at 3σ

In the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ C3HDM

Found 1 point $p/10^{13}$

Adopt “trick”

- Sample in real limit, near alignment
- Enlarge pseudoscalar component progressively

In the $\mathbb{Z}_3$ 3HDM

Parameter space exploration

- Inefficient
- Time-consuming

Evolutionary Strategy

- Biological evolution
- Variation and Selection by fitness
- Population evolves toward fitter individuals

C Function Properties

Observable or parameter

- Upper Bound
- Lower Bound

Returns zero if in bounds
otherwise

Returns “distance”

- *How far* from valid?
- Ruled out points are useful!

- Constraint Function

$$C(\mathcal{O}) = \max(0, -\mathcal{O} + \mathcal{O}_{LB}, \mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}_{UB})$$

- Constraints Loss Function

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} C(\mathcal{O}_i(\theta))$$

Machine Learning

CMAES

Powerful optimizer

Limited discovery

Final Loss Function

$\tilde{L}(\theta) = 1 + L(\theta)$ if $L(\theta) > 0$, 0 otherwise

$$L_T(\theta) = \tilde{L}(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{N_p^{\mathcal{P}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p^{\mathcal{P}}} p_i^{\mathcal{P}}(\theta^i) + \frac{1}{N_p^{\mathcal{O}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p^{\mathcal{O}}} p_i^{\mathcal{O}}[\mathcal{O}^i(\theta)] \right)$$

HBOS

Anomaly detection

Penalizes dense regions

Focused Scans and Seeds

Incentivises exploration!

Results - Plot Legend Key

- **Red points:**
 - Pass all constraints
 - Agreement with 125 GeV μ_i^f at 2σ
 - Pass Higgs searches
 - May have high $\Delta\chi^2$
- **Green points:** $\Delta\chi^2$ at 3σ
 - Red points with in agreement
 - Points generated with ML constraint
- **Blue points:**
 - Imported from previous paper
 - No requirements on $\Delta\chi^2$
 - Serve as comparison
- **Sidebar colour code:**
 - Difference to $\Delta\chi^2$
 - Mass difference between 125 GeV higgs and lightest scalar

Results - hbb

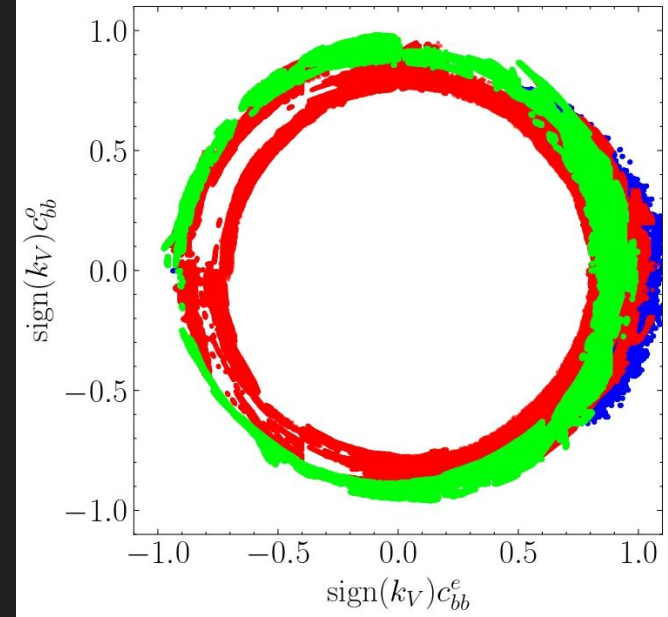
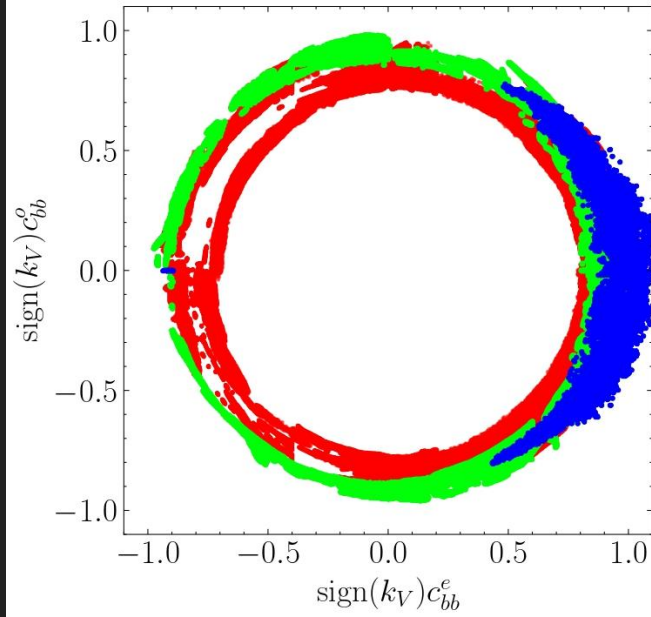


Fig 4: Couplings to bb , achieving maximal pseudoscalar values, completing circle with Chi2 agreement.

Results - hbb

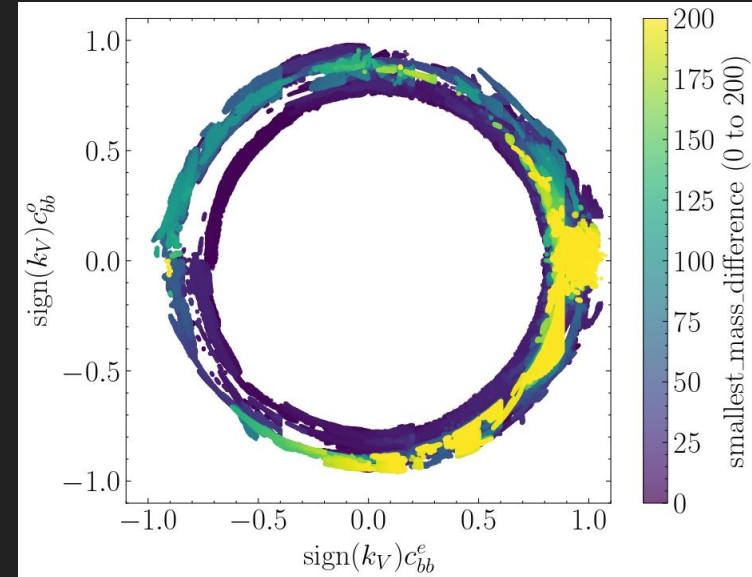
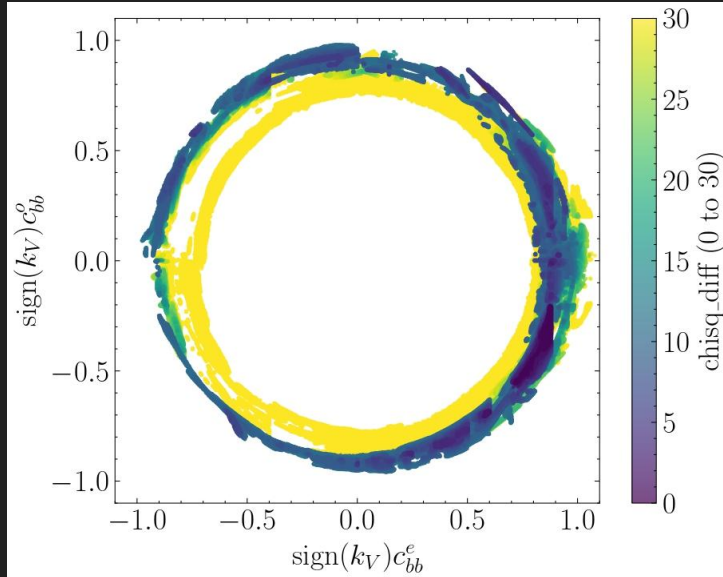


Fig 5: Couplings to bb , showing χ^2 and mass difference between the 125 GeV Higgs and next lightest scalar.

Results - $h\tau\tau$

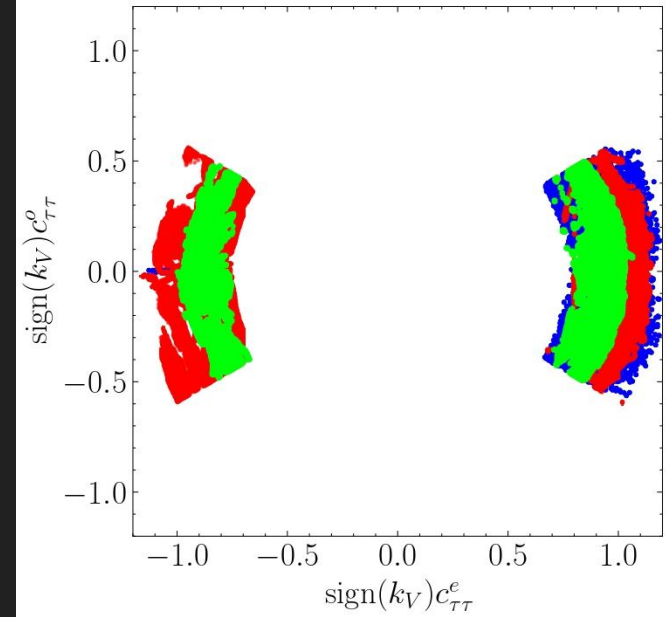
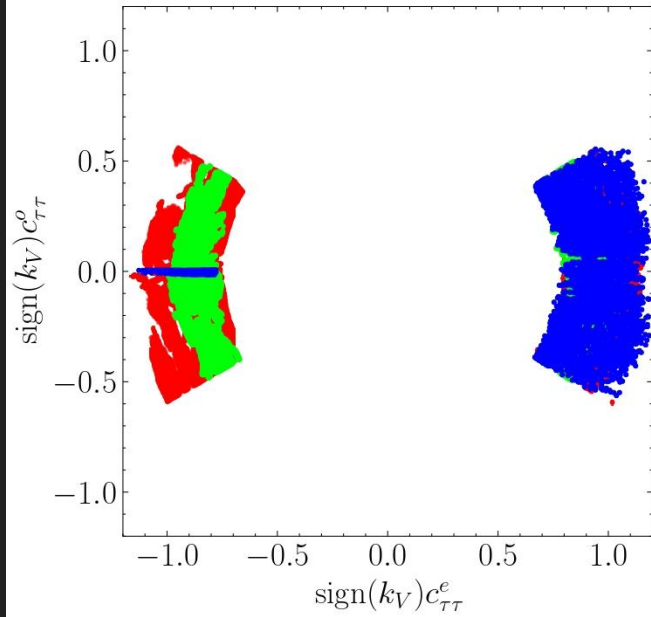


Fig 6: Couplings to $\tau\tau$, achieving maximal pseudoscalar couplings in wrong sign, within exp. bounds.

Results - *htt*

- With conventional scans,

$$c_{tt}^o \sim 0$$

Was effectively excluded

- With ML, top couplings recovered
- The “best one can do” is misleading
- Narrow viable regions can misrepresent the full model phenomenology

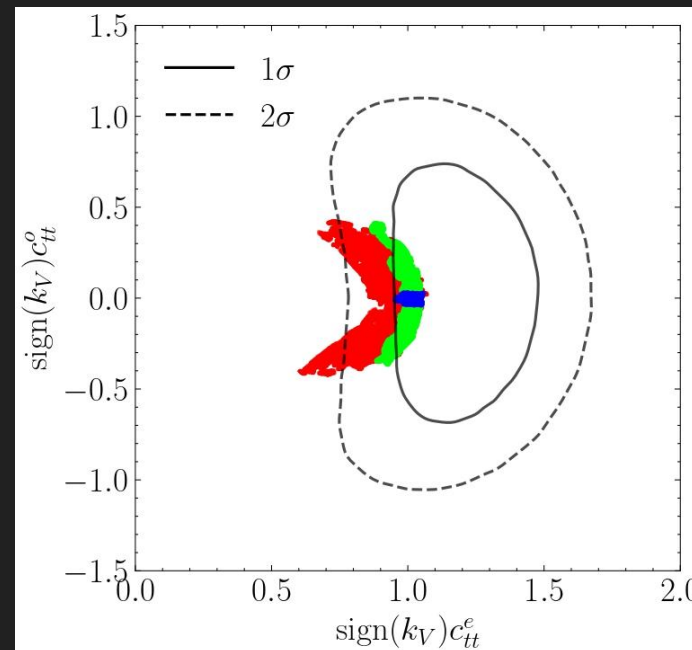


Fig 7: Top couplings with experimental contour lines.

Results - *htt*

- With conventional scans,

$$c_{tt}^o \sim 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{c_{\tau\tau}^o}{c_{bb}^o} = -\frac{v_2}{v_1} = -\tan^2 \beta_1$$

- Thought to hold, yet disproved by ML
- Restores Type-Z decouples Yukawa sectors

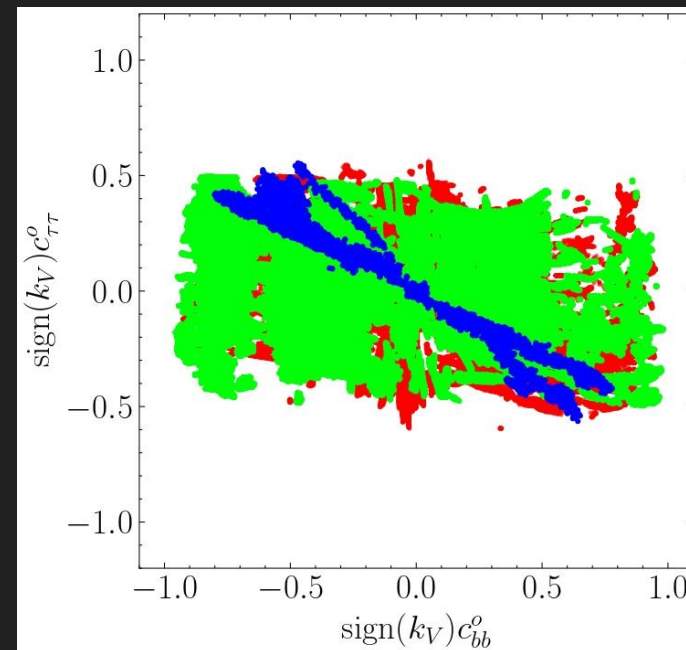


Fig 8: *bb* and *$\tau\tau$* are now larger and uncorrelated.

Results - Parameters

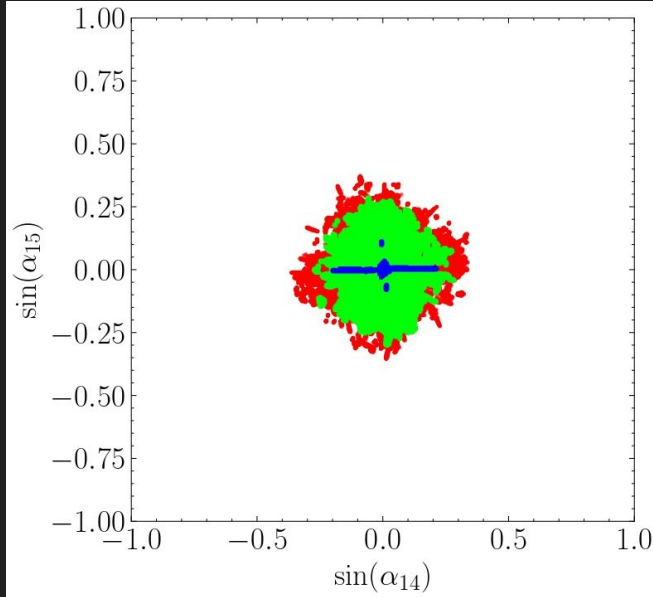


Fig 9: Angles restricted due to eEDM. No *focused scans* were performed for these angles, only for the couplings.

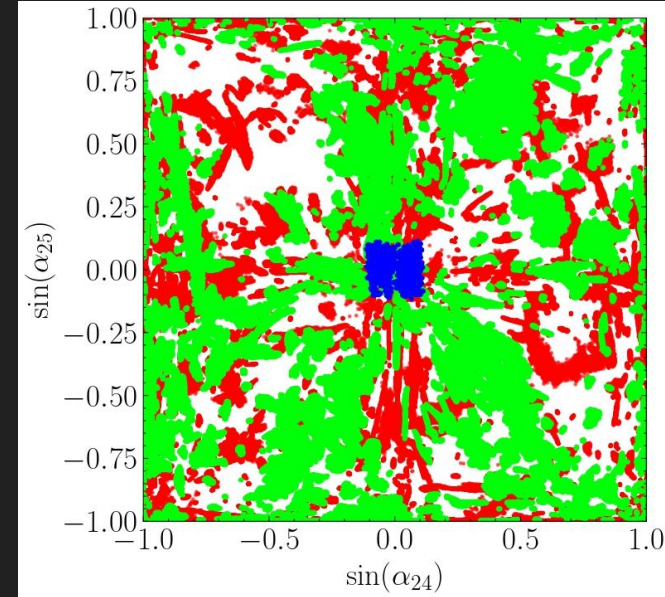


Fig 10: Angles responsible for CPV in heavier scalars. No *focused scans* were performed for these angles, only for the couplings.

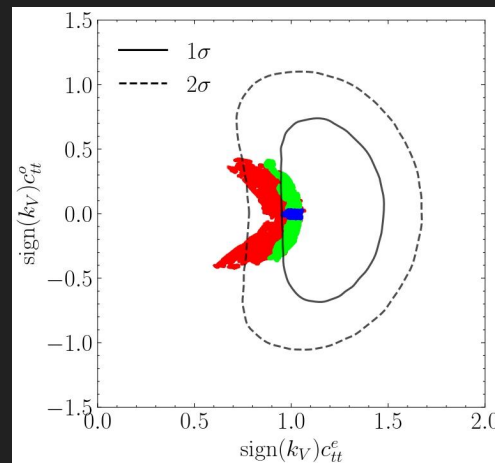
Conclusion

- Explore the CP violating C3HDM
- Employ state of the art ML algorithm
- Uncover phenomenology
 - Enlarge pseudoscalar Yukawas
 - Recover top couplings
 - Restore Type-Z decoupled Yukawas
- Applicable to any BSM physics

Information



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Backup slides

Optimisation with an CMAES

- CMAES
 - Covariant Matrix Adaptation
Evolutionary Strategy
 - Stochastic
 - Derivative-free
 - Non-linear or non-convex
 - Localized Multivariate Gaussian
 - Approaches steepest descent
 - Limited exploration!

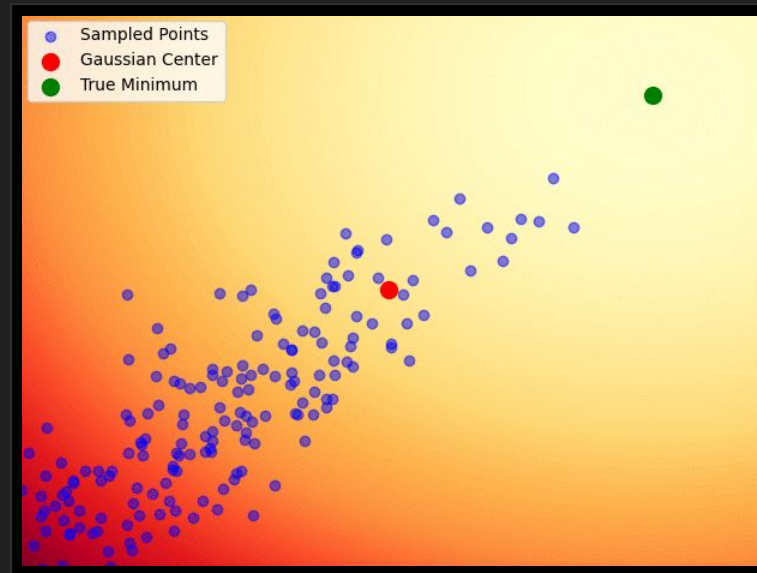


Fig A: CMAES converging to function minimum.

Novelty Reward

- Anomaly Detection
 - CMAES converges quickly
 - Limited discovery
- ➔ Introduce Novelty Reward to Loss
 - Penalize discovered regions
 - HBOS Density estimation
 - Fits Histogram with N bins, for each dimension (parameter)
 - Lower density? Outlier!

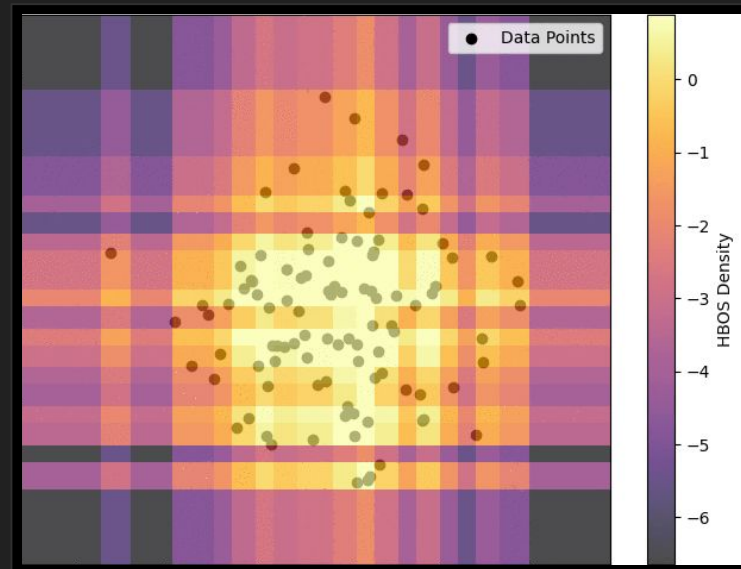


Fig B: Density estimation by HBOS.