

What three Higgs doublets can do for you

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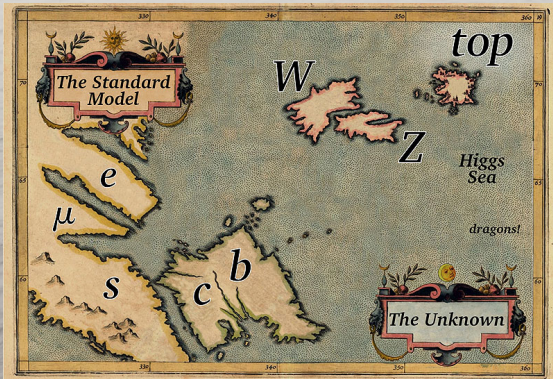
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New Physics



Standard
Model

Non-minimal Higgs sectors

Non-minimal Higgs sectors: a conservative approach to New Physics.

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Multi-Higgs models

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Several Higgs generations

Higgses can come in **generations** → **N -Higgs-doublet models** (NHDMs).

- **T.D. Lee, 1973**: 2HDM as a new source of CP -violation (CPV);
- **Weinberg, 1976**: 3HDM with natural flavour conservation and CPV;
- Intense activity in **70–80's**: trying to reconstruct hierarchical quark and lepton **masses and mixing** patterns from **symmetries** and their breaking;
- **1990–2000's**: **MSSM** requires two Higgs doublets;
- Around **2000's**: cosmological consequences of extra scalar fields: scalar **dark matter candidates** protected by residual symmetries and strong first-order phase transitions → **baryogenesis**.
- In total, $\mathcal{O}(10^4)$ papers over 40 years.

3HDM vs 2HDM

- more scalars: $3 \times 4 - 3 = 9$ real d.o.f.; 5 neutral H_i + 2 charged H_i^\pm ;
- more options for model-building (scalar and fermion) \Rightarrow richer pheno;
 - ▶ many symmetry options [classic papers];
 - ▶ automatic scalar alignment from large symmetry groups;
 - ▶ new options for CP violation [Branco, Gerard, Grimus, 1984];
 - ▶ exotic CP symmetry of order 4 [Ivanov, Silva, 2015];
 - ▶ combining features of 2HDM: NFC + CPV [Weinberg, 1976; Branco, 1979], scalar DM + CPV [Grzadkowski et al, 2009].
- astroparticle consequences:
 - ▶ more options for scalar dark matter and dark sectors, e.g. two inert doublets [Cordero et al, 2017];
 - ▶ new options for baryon asymmetry [Davoudiasl, Lewis, Sullivan, 2019];
 - ▶ many minima \rightarrow multi-step phase transitions \rightarrow GW signals.

After decades of the 2HDM efforts, the community turns to 3HDMs:

- [2106.11977](#) (Boto, Romao, Silva): phenomenology of Type-Z 3HDM with \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry
- [2106.06425](#) (Das et al): BGL-like 3HDM with naturally suppressed FCNC
- [2106.03159](#) (Darvishi, Masouminia, Pilaftsis): maximally symmetric 3HDMs
- [2104.13075](#) (Hundi, Sethi): neutrino masses from A_4 3HDM + 6 triplets
- [2104.11440](#) (Ivanov, Obodenko): further constraints of CP4 3HDM
- [2104.11428](#) (Buskin, Ivanov): stability of A_4 3HDM
- [2104.08146](#) (Charkaborti et al): \mathbb{Z}_3 3HDM with light charged scalars
- [2104.07047](#) (Cárcamo Hernández, Kovalenko, Maniatis, Schmidt): fermion masses and $g - 2$ anomalies in 3HDMs
- [2103.16635](#) (Jurčiukonis, Lavoura): $Z\bar{b}b$ vertex in 2HDM and 3HDM
- [2103.12089](#) (Davoudiasl, Lewis, Sullivan): Higgs Troika model for 3HDM baryogenesis
- [2102.02800](#) (Gómez-Bock, Mondragón, Pérez-Martínez): S_3 3HDM

Symmetries in the 3HDM

NHDM in a nutshell

N Higgs doublets ϕ_a , $a = 1, \dots, N$, with equal quantum numbers.

- The general NHDM potential

$$V = Y_{ab}(\phi_a^\dagger \phi_b) + Z_{ab,cd}(\phi_a^\dagger \phi_b)(\phi_c^\dagger \phi_d),$$

with $N^2(N^2 + 3)/2$ free parameters (14 for the 2HDM, 54 for the 3HDM).

- Quark Yukawa sector

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = \bar{Q}_{Li} \Gamma_{ij}^{(a)} \phi_a d_{Rj} + \bar{Q}_{Li} \Delta_{ij}^{(a)} \tilde{\phi}_a u_{Rj} + h.c.$$

Substituting vevs $\langle \phi_a^0 \rangle = v_a / \sqrt{2}$, we get

$$M_d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_a \Gamma^{(a)} v_a, \quad M_u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_a \Delta^{(a)} v_a^*,$$

and eventually to m_q , V_{CKM} , and FCNCs.

Symmetries in NHDM

The NHDM potential

$$V = Y_{ab}(\phi_a^\dagger \phi_b) + Z_{ab,cd}(\phi_a^\dagger \phi_b)(\phi_c^\dagger \phi_d)$$

can be invariant under global symmetries:

- family symmetries: $\phi_a \rightarrow U_{ab}\phi_b$, with $U \in U(N)$,
- generalized CP symmetries (GCPs): $\phi_i \xrightarrow{CP} X_{ij}\phi_j^*$, with $X \in U(N)$.

Can be extended to the **Yukawa sector** (many irrep options).

Symmetry group G is (partially) broken by vevs \rightarrow **characteristic phenomenology** (scalars, DM candidates, fermion masses, mixing, sources of CPV, etc).

Symmetries in 3HDM: flavour physics connection

- Impose **group** G \rightarrow reduce free parameters in scalar and Yukawa sectors.
- Pick up a G -breaking minimum \rightarrow compute m_q and V_{CKM} .
- Possible **relations** among m_q and V_{CKM} ?

Some history:

- Late 1970's: permutations S_3, S_4 [Pakvasa, Sugawara, 1978, 1979, + Yamanaka, 1982]; rephasing + permutations $\Delta(54)$ [Segre, Weldon, Weyers, 1979].
- Typical predictions: $m_t \sim 20\text{--}40$ GeV, no simple solution found.
- Trial and error; no systematic study existed of G + irreps + vev options.

Which **symmetry groups** G are possible within 3HDM?

The lessons of 2HDM

- \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry: invariance under $\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_1, \phi_2 \rightarrow -\phi_2$. If $\langle \phi_2^0 \rangle = 0$, we get a DM candidate \rightarrow inert doublet model [Deshpande, Ma, 1978].
- Softly broken \mathbb{Z}_2 (Type I, Type II, etc): an evergreen bSM playground.
- Explicit CP conservation: $\phi_i(\vec{r}, t) \rightarrow \phi_i^*(-\vec{r}, t)$ forces all coefs to be real. Vevs can have a relative phase \rightarrow spontaneous CP -violation [TDLee, 1973].
- Other options for the 2HDM scalar sector [Ivanov, 2005]:

$$\mathbb{Z}_2, \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad U(1), \quad U(1) \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad SU(2).$$

- Scalar + Yukawa: extra opportunities \mathbb{Z}_3 and S_3 [Kajiyama, Okada, Yagyu, 2013; Johansen, Sher 2015; Cogollo, Silva, 2015, etc].

Symmetries in 3HDM

Full classification of symmetries in the 3HDM scalar sector:

- abelian groups: [Ferreira, Silva, 1012.2874; Ivanov, Keus, Vdovin, 1112.1660]

$$\mathbb{Z}_2, \quad \mathbb{Z}_3, \quad \mathbb{Z}_4, \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad U(1), \quad U(1) \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad U(1) \times U(1).$$

- discrete non-abelian groups: [Ivanov, Vdovin, 1210.6553]:

$$S_3, \quad D_4, \quad A_4, \quad S_4, \quad \Delta(54), \quad \Sigma(36).$$

- The classification is exhaustive: imposing any other discrete group in the 3HDM scalar sector will produce an accidental continuous symmetry.
- symmetry breaking patterns $G \rightarrow G_v$: [Ivanov, Nishi, 1410.6139]
- interplay between G and CP [many classical works].
- accidental symmetries of the potential beyond $SU(3)$: [Darvishi, Pilaftsis, 1912.00887].

CP4 3HDM

Freedom of defining CP

In QFT, CP is not uniquely defined *a priori*.

- phase factors $\phi(\vec{r}, t) \xrightarrow{CP} e^{i\alpha} \phi^*(-\vec{r}, t)$ [Feinberg, Weinberg, 1959],
- with N scalar fields ϕ_i , the general CP transformation is

$$J: \phi_i \xrightarrow{CP} X_{ij} \phi_j^*, \quad X \in U(N).$$

If \mathcal{L} is invariant under such J with whatever fancy X , it is explicitly CP-conserving [Grimus, Rebelo, 1997; Branco, Lavoura, Silva, 1999].

- **NB:** The “standard” convention $\phi_i \xrightarrow{CP} \phi_i^*$ is basis-dependent!

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Applying J twice leads to family transformation $J^2 = XX^*$ which may be non-trivial. It may happen that only $J^k = \mathbb{I}$ ($k = \text{power of } 2$).

CP-symmetry does not have to be of order 2

The usual CP = CP2, the first non-trivial is CP4, then CP8, CP16, etc.

Models with higher-order GCP were known in 2HDM [Ferreira, Haber, Maniatis, Nachtmann, Silva, 2011] but they always included the usual CP.

CP4 3HDM [Ivanov, Silva, 2015], which is physically distinct from the usual CP [Haber, OGREID, Osland, Rebelo, 2018].

Consider 3HDM with the following potential $V = V_0 + V_1$ (notation: $i \equiv \phi_i$):

$$V_0 = -m_{11}^2(1^\dagger 1) - m_{22}^2(2^\dagger 2 + 3^\dagger 3) + \lambda_1(1^\dagger 1)^2 + \lambda_2 \left[(2^\dagger 2)^2 + (3^\dagger 3)^2 \right] \\ + \lambda_3(1^\dagger 1)(2^\dagger 2 + 3^\dagger 3) + \lambda'_3(2^\dagger 2)(3^\dagger 3) + \lambda_4 \left[(1^\dagger 2)(2^\dagger 1) + (1^\dagger 3)(3^\dagger 1) \right] + \lambda'_4(2^\dagger 3)(3^\dagger 2),$$

with all parameters real, and

$$V_1 = \frac{\lambda_6}{2} \left[(2^\dagger 1)^2 - (3^\dagger 1)^2 \right] + \lambda_8(2^\dagger 3)^2 + \lambda_9(2^\dagger 3) \left[(2^\dagger 2) - (3^\dagger 3) \right] + h.c.$$

with real λ_6 and complex $\lambda_{8,9}$. It is invariant under CP4 $\phi_i \xrightarrow{CP} X_{ij}\phi_j^*$ with

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad CP4^2 = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1), \quad CP4^4 = \mathbb{I}.$$

Phenomenology of CP4 3HDM

If vevs conserve CP4, **scalar DM candidates** stabilized by CP4, with peculiar properties [Koepke, 2018; Ivanov, Laletin, 2018].

flavored CP4 3HDM:

- CP4 can be extended to the Yukawa sector, **four realizations** found [Aranda, Ivanov, Jimenez, 2017; Ferreira et al, 2017];
- CP4 must be spontaneously broken \rightarrow peculiar patterns in the flavor sector;
- Parameter space scan of [Ferreira et al, 2017] identified many points compatible with theory constraints, EWPT, fermion masses and mixing, several meson oscillation parameters.
- However, the scan of [Ferreira et al, 2017] produced many points with H_i^\pm **lighter than top**, leading to

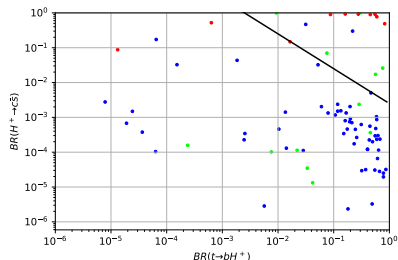
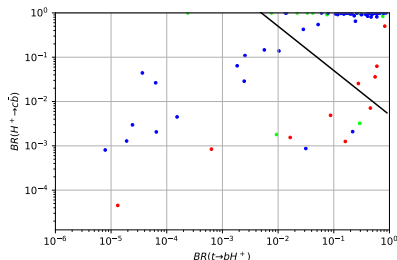
$$t \rightarrow H^+ d_i, \quad H^+ \rightarrow \bar{d}_i u_j,$$

with a variety of $H^+ d_i u_j$ coupling patterns.

Phenomenology of CP4 3HDM

In [Ivanov, Obodenko, 2021] we took all these points and checked for

- the total $\Gamma_t = 1.42^{+0.19}_{-0.15}$ GeV [PDG];
- $Br(t \rightarrow H^+ b) \times Br(H^+ \rightarrow c\bar{b}) < 0.5\%$ based on [CMS, 2018];
- $Br(t \rightarrow H^+ b) \times Br(H^+ \rightarrow c\bar{s}) < 0.25\%$ based on [CMS, 2020].



Almost all points were excluded. Exotic cases survived: $H^+ \rightarrow u\bar{b}$ as the dominant decay mode or $t \rightarrow H^+ s$ as the main production mode.

Single assumption \rightarrow numerous consequences \rightarrow requires further study.

3HDMs with approximate symmetries

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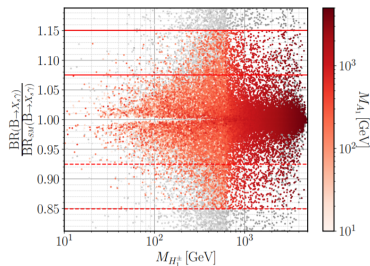
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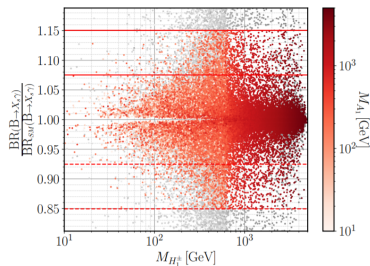
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If one wants to go **beyond isolated examples**, one must learn how to navigate in the entire parameter space. This task **precedes** collider predictions!

A possible strategy

- Within the multi-dimensional parameter space, identify **reference manifolds**: models with **clear pheno consequences** (e.g. 3HDM with symmetries).
- In the vicinity of each reference manifold, identify **which directions** affect **which observables**, how deviations depend on the **distance**, and how correlated they are.

The goal:

- qualitative and quantitative understanding where to look for benchmark models with **desired phenomenological features**.

An illustration: 3HDM with softly broken $\Sigma(36)$

$\Sigma(36)$ is the largest discrete group for the 3HDM scalar sector:

$$V = -m^2(\phi_a^\dagger \phi_a) + V_4,$$

where V_4 contains just $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ [Ivanov, Vdovin, 2013]. The model leads to

- rigid vev alignments: $(1, 0, 0)$, $(1, 1, 1)$, etc.;
- pairwise mass degenerate Higgses with the extra relation $m_H^2 = 3m_h^2$;
- exact scalar alignment;
- no CP violation in the scalar sector;
- scalar DM candidates.

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Basis-invariant methods

Extra challenge: large freedom of basis changes: $\phi_a \mapsto U_{ab}\phi_b$, $U \in U(N)$.

Physics does not change upon basis changes!

Two models can look different but lead to the same physics \rightarrow challenge!

A symmetry can be evident in one basis and hidden in another \rightarrow challenge!

Basis-independent methods

Detecting structural properties of the NHDMs scalar sector in any basis.

General recipe [Botella, Silva, 1995]:

- write down all couplings as tensors under basis changes,
- take products, contract all indices \rightarrow basis invariants J_k ,
- find algebraically independent J_k and link them to observables.

Explicit CP conservation in 2HDM

Checking explicit CP -conservation [Davidson, Haber, 2005; Gunion, Haber, 2005; Branco, Rebelo, Silva-Marcos, 2005]:

- $V = Y_{ab}(\phi_a^\dagger \phi_b) + Z_{ab,cd}(\phi_a^\dagger \phi_b)(\phi_c^\dagger \phi_d)$.
- There exists of a basis with all coefs real \rightarrow symmetry $\phi_a \mapsto \phi_a^*$.
- Basis-independent criterion: check the following four invariants

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Im}(Z_{ac}^{(1)} Z_{eb}^{(1)} Z_{be,cd} Y_{da}) &= 0, & \text{Im}(Y_{ab} Y_{cd} Z_{ba,df} Z_{fc}^{(1)}) &= 0, \\ \text{Im}(Z_{ab,cd} Z_{bf}^{(1)} Z_{dh}^{(1)} Z_{fa,jk} Z_{kj,mn} Z_{nm,hc}) &= 0, \\ \text{Im}(Z_{ac,bd} Z_{ce,dg} Z_{eh,fq} Y_{ga} Y_{hb} Y_{qf}) &= 0, & \text{where } Z_{ac}^{(1)} &\equiv Z_{ab,bc}.\end{aligned}$$

A whole machinery of basis-invariant approach to the 2HDM pheno based on such invariants (+ new ones with v_a): [Haber + collaborators, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2020].

Explicit CP conservation via basis invariants

Drawbacks:

- non-intuitive, relied heavily on computer algebra (see however [Trautner, 1812.02614]);
- exceedingly complicated beyond 2HDM; conditions for CP symmetry in 3HDM via basis invariants still not found [Varzielas et al, 1603.06942].
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Navigating the entire 3HDM parameter space

In [Ivanov, Varzielas, 1903.11110], the idea was applied to **all symmetries** of the 3HDM scalar sector.

Presence of **any symmetry** in the 3HDM scalar sector can now be **algorithmically detected in any basis**.

A secure way to navigate in **the full parameter space** of the 3HDM scalar sector.

Next steps:

- Implement the algorithms in a working computer code;
- Define and quantify **distance** of any 3HDM to the nearest symmetric manifold.

Conclusions

- In terms of phenomenological signals, **3HDMs** can offer much more than 2HDMs. But they were mostly explored for isolated 3HDM examples.
- Navigating the huge parameter space of the general 3HDM is **challenging** and requires methods beyond straightforward numerical scans.
- We now have
 - ▶ the complete classification of 3HDM symmetries and their breaking;
 - ▶ basis-invariant methods to detect symmetric situations.

They open up a way to **systematic exploration** of phenomenologically distinct situations of the general 3HDM up to **collider and astroparticle predictions**.

This will be my project at **SYSU, Zhuhai**, in the next few years.

We will be glad to collaborate with anyone interested.

Extra slides

Classifying discrete symmetry groups in the 3HDM

"Abelian LEGO" strategy for discrete symmetries:

- Derive all allowed **abelian** Higgs-family groups A via **Smith normal form** technique [Ivanov, Keus, Vdovin, 1112.1660]:

$$\mathbb{Z}_2, \quad \mathbb{Z}_3, \quad \mathbb{Z}_4, \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3.$$

- Non-abelian group G can contain only these abelian subgroups \rightarrow $|G| = 2^p 3^q$ \rightarrow using Burnside's theorem and applying some finite group theory, we obtain the key result:

$$G = A \rtimes K, \quad K \subseteq \text{Aut}(A).$$

- Checking all A 's, we get all possible G 's [Ivanov, Vdovin, 1210.6553]:

$$S_3, \quad D_4, \quad A_4, \quad S_4, \quad \Delta(54), \quad \Sigma(36).$$

Symmetry breaking in 3HDM

Strongest and **weakest** breaking of discrete symmetries in 3HDM and spontaneous CPV [Ivanov, Nishi, 1410.6139].

group	$ G $	$ G_V _{min}$	$ G_V _{max}$	sCPV possible?
abelian	2, 3, 4, 8	1	$ G $	yes
$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \text{CP}$	6	1	6	yes
S_3	6	1	6	—
$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{CP}$	8	2	8	no
$S_3 \times \text{CP}$	12	2	12	yes
$D_4 \times \text{CP}$	16	2	16	no
$A_4 \times \text{CP}$	24	4	8	no
$S_4 \times \text{CP}$	48	6	16	no
$\Delta(54)$	18	6	6	—
$\Delta(54) \times \text{CP}$	36	6	12	yes
$\Sigma(36) \times \text{CP}$	72	12	12	no