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Maximising CP Violation in naturally aligned Two-Higgs Doublet Models

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ABSTRACT: The Two-Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM) is a well-motivated theoretical framework that provides additional sources of CP Violation (CPV) beyond the Standard Model (SM). After studying the vacuum topology of a general (convex) 2HDM potential, we unambiguously identify three origins of CPV: (i) Spontaneous CPV (SCPV), where the vacuum manifold has at least two degenerate CPV minima disconnected by domain walls, (ii) Explicit CPV (ECPV) with one single CPV ground state, and (iii) Mixed Spontaneous and Explicit CPV (MCPV), where the theory possesses more than one *non*-degenerate CPV local minimum. Most importantly, we define a novel complex parameter $r_{\rm CP}$ whose norm and phase control the three different realisations of CPV, at least at the tree level. In all these scenarios, only two CPV phases can be made independent, as any third CPV parameter will always be constrained via the CP-odd tadpole condition. Since ECPV vanishes in 2HDMs where SM Higgs alignment is achieved naturally through accidental continuous symmetries, we analyse the possibility of maximising CPV through soft and explicit breaking of these symmetries. We derive upper limits on key CPV parameters that quantify the degree of SM misalignment from constraints due to the non-observation of an electron Electric Dipole Moment (EDM). Finally, we delineate the CP-violating parameter space of the so-constrained naturally aligned 2HDMs that can further be probed at the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

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1 Introduction

VIOLATION OF CP IN THE STANDARD MODEL (SM) arises predominantly from the Yukawa sector of the theory [1], provided the anomalous generation of a CP-odd phase induced by instantons [2, 3] is ignored. In the SM scalar sector, CP Violation (CPV) is very much suppressed. In fact, it only enters the effective action via the Higgs-Z-boson mixing at three loops [4], e.g. through the dimension-6 effective-field-theory operator

$$O_{\rm CP} = \frac{\delta_{HZ}}{\Lambda^2} (\Phi^{\dagger} i D_{\mu} \Phi) \,\partial^{\mu} (\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi) + \text{H.c.} \,, \tag{1.1}$$

where δ_{HZ} is a dimensionless real Wilson coefficient, Φ is the SM Higgs doublet, and D_{μ} is the gauge-covariant derivative acting on Φ . As a consequence of the suppressed CPV, SM fails to explain the Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe (BAU) [5]. Likewise, the restricted SM field content proves inadequate to account for other cosmological observations like the origin of the Dark Matter (DM) [6–8].

One of the simplest and rather promising extensions of the SM that enables one to address the above two cosmological problems is the so-called Two-Higgs-Doublet Model (2HDM) whose Higgs potential is described by two SU(2)_L scalar iso-doublets, Φ_1 and Φ_2 . The 2HDM can provide extra sources of CPV [9–12] which can facilitate electroweak baryogenesis [13], and possibly accommodate extra stable scalar states that play the role of the DM [7]. Nevertheless, given the great phenomenological success of the SM in describing fundamental interactions of elementary particles at colliders, the coupling strengths of the Higgs boson in the 2HDM, primarily to the electroweak (EW) W^{\pm} and Z gauge bosons, must be very close to those predicted by the SM [14–16]. This means that in any theory of New Physics, the candidate particle for the 125 GeV scalar resonance observed in 2012 at the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC) should have properties that are well aligned with those of the ordinary SM scalar boson $H_{\rm SM}$ in all its interactions with the SM fermions and the EW gauge bosons. Such SM alignments of interactions can be achieved either through fine-tuning [17-20], or naturally through the imposition of symmetries [21-23]. Most notably, the \mathbb{Z}_2 and U(1) symmetries become instrumental in the Yukawa sector of the 2HDM [24, 25], in order to eliminate dangerous flavour-changing-neutral currents (FCNCs) of the SM-like Higgs boson to quarks at tree level.

Besides Natural Flavour Conservation (NFC) in the Yukawa sector, Natural SM-Higgs Alignment (NHAL) in the gauge sector can also be achieved through the imposition of $SU(2)_L$ -preserving continuous symmetries [21, 22, 26–29], without the need to decouple the new heavy states [17–20]. This symmetry-enforced NHAL turns out to be independent of the ratio $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$ of the $\Phi_{1,2}$ vacuum expectation values (VEVs), or the form and size of the bilinear mass terms added to the 2HDM potential. The only phenomenological constraint is the existence of a CP-even scalar state with mass equal to about 125 GeV which should be associated with the spontaneous symmetry breaking of the theory in the so-called Higgs basis [30–33]. In [22], three distinct continuous symmetry groups were found that enforce NHAL in the 2HDM at tree level: (i) the symplectic group Sp(4) acting on the 4D field space $(\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \tilde{\Phi}_1, \tilde{\Phi}_2)$, with $\tilde{\Phi}_{1(2)} = i\sigma_2 \tilde{\Phi}_{1(2)}^*$, and the two Higgs-Family (HF) symmetries, (ii) SU(2)_{HF} and (iii) CP×SO(2)_{HF}, operating on the 2D field-space (Φ_1, Φ_2) .

In the literature [9-12], CPV is broadly recognized to originate from two generic mechanisms: (a) CP is broken at the Lagrangian level, as exemplified by the SM with complex Yukawa couplings, and (b) CP is conserved at the Lagrangian level, but violated by the vacuum. In a scenario where CPV arises solely from the vacuum, it is important to note that this does not involve one single ground state, but at least two degenerate CP-violating vacua that are separated by domain walls [34, 35]. In particular, one cannot go from the one degenerate vacuum to the other one through SM gauge transformations, because the two CPV vacua live in disconnected regions of the vacuum manifold. Now, by turning on small explicit CP-odd phases, one can lift this degeneracy, but one still has two local vacua or minima that break CP. This last situation introduces a new and physically distinct scenario, termed here a Mixed CPV scenario, in which tunnelling from one vacuum to the other one can in principle take place through a first-order EW phase transition. If the CP phases become large enough, then one gets a global CP-violating vacuum (up to overall SM gauge rotations), under the assumption that the tree-level 2HDM potential is convex. Consequently, one important finding of the present study is that there exists a key complex parameter $r_{\rm CP}$ of the general 2HDM potential, as defined in (2.14), whose absolute value $|r_{\rm CP}|$ and its phase $\phi_{\rm CP}$ enables one to unambiguously characterise the three possible realisations of CPV: (i) Spontaneous CP Violation (SCPV), (ii) Explicit CP Violation (ECPV) and (iii) Mixed Spontaneous and Explicit CP Violation (MCPV).

As opposed to an aligned scenario that heavily relies on fine-tuning in the Higgs basis, NHAL symmetries give rise to 2HDM potentials whose quartic couplings are all real [22, 26, 27]. As a consequence of the latter, one is confronted with the undesirable feature that all explicit sources of CPV vanish [36]. Nevertheless, there is one additional option that we wish to study in detail in this work. This is the possibility of SCPV for real Higgs potentials. Such a realisation can only occur within 2HDM potentials that realise the aforementioned third symmetry, $CP \times SO(2)_{HF}$ as well as two custodial symmetries $CP \times O(4)$ and $O(2) \times O(3)$, up to softly broken CP-even mass terms. In this paper we will also analyze another alternative for generating sizeable CPV in the scalar sector, whilst being close to NHAL. Specifically, we introduce small departures from NHAL through explicit CP-violating quartic couplings or through a complex bilinear mass term, $m_{12}^2 \Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2$, in the 2HDM potential. As a result, the larger the deviation from NHAL is, the larger CPV gets realized. One of the central goals of the paper is therefore to maximise CPV, while maintaining agreement with the current LHC data, along with the strict upper limits on the electron EDM. Consequently, all misalignment directions that we classify in this second option will break CPV explicitly as well.

The rest of the paper is laid out as follows. In section 2, we discuss the vacuum topology of a general CP-violating 2HDM potential. In particular, after taking into account all options in which CP can be broken, we identify from the profile of the vacuum manifold three distinct scenarios: (i) SCPV, (ii) ECPV and (iii) MCPV. The analytic results of scalar masses and Higgs couplings that will be relevant to our phenomenological analysis are given in appendix A. In section 3, we briefly review the classification of 2HDM scenarios that realise approximate NHAL, whilst a weak-basis independent condition for SM Higgs alignment is presented in appendix B. In section 4, we analyse SO(2)- and SO(4)-symmetric 2HDMs that depart from the NHAL symmetries, $CP \times SO(2)$ and $CP \times O(4)$, by breaking CP explicitly. In addition, the LHC constraints on a few representative scenarios are considered, as well as the impact of the electron EDM limits on the maximally allowed size of CPV. Pertinent analytic results of the electron EDM at two loops are given in appendix C. Our conclusions are summarised in section 5.

2 Vacuum topology of the CP-violating 2HDM

In this section, we will first review the basic structure of the general CP-violating 2HDM potential, as well as investigate certain aspects of its vacuum topology. We will then present the Higgs mass spectrum and all Higgs couplings relevant to our study. Our notation and conventions for the CP-violating 2HDM potential will follow to a good extent those introduced in [37].

Our starting point is the scalar potential \mathcal{V} of the 2HDM which may be expressed in terms of the two Higgs doublets Φ_1 and Φ_2 as follows:

$$\mathcal{V} = -\frac{1}{2} \bigg[m_{11}^2 |\Phi_1|^2 + m_{22}^2 |\Phi_2|^2 + \left(m_{12}^2 \Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2 + \text{H.c.} \right) \bigg] + \lambda_1 |\Phi_1|^4 + \lambda_2 |\Phi_2|^4$$

$$+ \lambda_3 |\Phi_1|^2 |\Phi_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |\Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_5 (\Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2)^2 + \lambda_6 (\Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2) |\Phi_1|^2 + \lambda_7 (\Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2) |\Phi_2|^2 + \text{H.c.} \right).$$
(2.1)

Note that the parameters, m_{12}^2 and $\lambda_{5,6,7}$, are complex, whereas the remaining parameters, m_{11}^2 , m_{22}^2 and $\lambda_{1,2,3,4}$, are real. Our next step is to determine the ground state of the Higgs potential, and so study the topology of its vacuum manifold in its CP-odd phase or CP-odd scalar field direction.

We start by considering the linear decompositions of the Higgs doublets,

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_1 + \phi_1 + ia_1) \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Phi_2 = e^{i\xi} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_2 + \phi_2 + ia_2) \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (2.2)$$

where v_1 and v_2 are the moduli of the vacuum expectation values (VEVs) of the Higgs doublets and ξ is their relative phase. Here, we have adopted a weak basis in which VEVs v_1, v_2 and the quantum fluctuations ϕ_1, ϕ_2 hold the same phase. The minimization conditions resulting from the potential give rise to the following relations [37]:

$$T_{\phi_1} \equiv \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial \phi_1} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} v c_\beta \left[-m_{11}^2 - \operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2 e^{i\xi}) \tan\beta + \left(2\lambda_1 c_\beta^2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) s_\beta^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) s_\beta^2 + 3\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6 e^{i\xi}) s_\beta c_\beta + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7 e^{i\xi}) s_\beta^2 \tan\beta \right) v^2 \right],$$

$$(2.3)$$

$$T_{\phi_2} \equiv \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial \phi_2} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} v \, s_\beta \left[-m_{22}^2 - \operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2 e^{i\xi}) \cot\beta + \left(2\lambda_2 s_\beta^2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) c_\beta^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) c_\beta^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6 e^{i\xi}) c_\beta^2 \cot\beta + 3\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7 e^{i\xi}) s_\beta c_\beta \left. \right) v^2 \right],$$
(2.4)

$$T_{a_1} \equiv \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial a_1} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} v \, s_\beta \left(-\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2 e^{i\xi}) + \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) \, v^2 s_\beta c_\beta + \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6 e^{i\xi}) v^2 c_\beta^2 \right. \\ \left. + \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7 e^{i\xi}) v^2 s_\beta^2 \right), \tag{2.5}$$

$$T_{a_2} \equiv \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial a_2} \right\rangle = -\frac{1}{2} v c_\beta \left(-\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2 e^{i\xi}) + \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) v^2 s_\beta c_\beta + \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6 e^{i\xi}) v^2 c_\beta^2 + \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7 e^{i\xi}) v^2 s_\beta^2 \right),$$

$$(2.6)$$

where $s_x \equiv \sin x$, $c_x \equiv \cos x$, $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$ and $v = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$ is the SM VEV. Moreover, the variations of the scalar potential \mathcal{V} with respect to $\phi_{1,2}^+$ vanish identically in the absence of a non-zero charged vacuum according to the linear expansions of $\Phi_{1,2}$ in (2.2). As shown in [10, 38], a charged vacuum cannot co-exist with other neutral vacua at tree level. This is what is tacitly assumed in this work, along with the bounded-from-below convexity conditions for a general 2HDM potential [39, 40].

The neutral would-be Goldstone boson G associated with the longitudinal degree of the Z boson and its orthogonal CP-odd quantum fluctuation a may be expressed in terms of the CP-odd scalars $a_{1,2}$ as

$$G = c_{\beta}a_1 + s_{\beta}a_2, \qquad a = -s_{\beta}a_1 + c_{\beta}a_2.$$
(2.7)

By employing the above orthogonal transformation (2.7) involving the mixing angle β , we find that the *G*-tadpole parameter T_G vanishes identically, as it should be [4], whilst the tadpole parameter T_a pertinent to the CP-odd field *a* becomes [37]

$$T_{a} \equiv \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial a} \right\rangle = -\frac{1}{2} v \left(-\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^{2} e^{i\xi}) + \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{5} e^{2i\xi}) v^{2} s_{\beta} c_{\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{6} e^{i\xi}) v^{2} c_{\beta}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{7} e^{i\xi}) v^{2} s_{\beta}^{2} \right).$$

$$(2.8)$$

We note that in the CP-invariant limit of the complete theory, T_a tends to zero and the phase ξ takes on the CP-conserving values 0 or π , with $\xi \in (-\pi, \pi]$. In a general 2HDM with Higgs-sector CPV, the phase ξ already occurs in the Born approximation. But taking all scalar potential mass parameters and quartic couplings to be real at the tree level, a non-zero value of the phase ξ could be generated radiatively via loop effects if CPV exists in other sectors of the theory [4]. For instance, this possibility arises in the so-called Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) with explicit CPV [37, 41].

By analogy, one may determine the physical H^{\pm} boson and the would-be Goldstone boson G^{\pm} under the same orthogonal transformation:

$$G^{\pm} = c_{\beta}\phi_1^{\pm} + s_{\beta}\phi_2^{\pm}, \qquad H^{\pm} = -s_{\beta}\phi_1^{\pm} + c_{\beta}\phi_2^{\pm}.$$
(2.9)

The charged-Higgs-boson mass is then given as

$$M_{H^{\pm}}^{2} = \frac{1}{2s_{\beta}c_{\beta}} \left\{ \operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^{2}e^{i\xi}) - \left[\left(\lambda_{4} + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{5}e^{2i\xi}) \right) s_{\beta}c_{\beta} + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{6}e^{i\xi})c_{\beta}^{2} + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{7}e^{i\xi})s_{\beta}^{2} \right] v^{2} \right\}.$$

$$(2.10)$$

We require that the above expression for $M_{H^{\pm}}^2/v^2$ be positive at a minimum of the 2HDM potential, as expected to be the case for a neutral vacuum.

Now, from the minimization condition (2.8) and after introducing the two phases,

$$\varphi_5 \equiv \arg(\lambda_5) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_5)}{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5)} \right), \quad \varphi_{12} \equiv \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\left(m_{12}^2 - \lambda_6 \, c_\beta^2 v^2 - \lambda_7 \, s_\beta^2 v^2\right)}{\operatorname{Re}\left(m_{12}^2 - \lambda_6 \, c_\beta^2 v^2 - \lambda_7 \, s_\beta^2 v^2\right)} \right), \tag{2.11}$$

the following general constraint on the CP phases of the 2HDM potential can be deduced:

$$\sin(2\xi + \varphi_5) = \frac{|m_{12}^2 - \lambda_6 c_\beta^2 v^2 - \lambda_7 s_\beta^2 v^2|}{|\lambda_5| s_\beta c_\beta v^2} \sin(\xi + \varphi_{12}).$$
(2.12)

Equivalently, the above constraint can be re-expressed as

$$2 |r_{\rm CP}| \sin(\xi + \varphi_{12}) - \sin(2\xi + \varphi_5) = 0, \qquad (2.13)$$

with

$$r_{\rm CP} \equiv \frac{m_{12}^2 - \lambda_6 \, c_\beta^2 v^2 - \lambda_7 \, s_\beta^2 v^2}{\lambda_5 s_{2\beta} \, v^2} \,. \tag{2.14}$$

Observe that by writing $r_{\rm CP} = |r_{\rm CP}| e^{i\phi_{\rm CP}}$, we derive the key relation,

$$\phi_{\rm CP} = \varphi_{12} - \varphi_5 \,, \tag{2.15}$$

with $\phi_{CP} \in (-\pi, \pi]$. As we will see below, the values of $|r_{CP}|$ and its phase ϕ_{CP} play an instrumental role, as they allow us to identify the different realisations of CPV in the 2HDM potential.

To simplify matters, we consider the weak-basis choice:

$$\lambda_6 = \lambda_7, \qquad \text{Im}\lambda_5 = 0, \qquad \lambda_5 \ge 0, \tag{2.16}$$

from which one uniquely gets $\varphi_5 = 0$. This in turn implies that $\phi_{\rm CP} = \varphi_{12}$ and

$$|r_{\rm CP}| = \frac{|m_{12}^2 - \lambda_6 v^2|}{\lambda_5 s_{2\beta} v^2}.$$
(2.17)

As shown in [42], such a weak-basis choice in (2.16) is always possible by taking advantage of the freedom of an SU(2) reparameterisation of the two Higgs doublets, Φ_1 and Φ_2 , which

modifies the 2HDM potential accordingly. In fact, this choice of weak basis uniquely fixes the scalar potential, by rendering the existence of possible accidental symmetries manifest [34, 37]. Hence, in the same weak basis, we may unambiguously identify the three origins of CP violation in a general 2HDM:

- (i) Spontaneous CP Violation (SCPV) [9–11], where only ξ is non-zero and all parameters in the 2HDM potential are real, i.e. $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) = \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7) = 0$ and $\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2) = 0$, so $\phi_{\rm CP} = 0$ or π . As can be deduced from the constraint in (2.13), one must have $0 < |r_{\rm CP}| < 1$. In this case, the vacuum manifold \mathcal{M} of the 2HDM potential contains two disconnected degenerate neutral vacua, i.e. $\mathcal{M} = \{(v_1, v_2 e^{i\xi}), (v_1, v_2 e^{-i\xi})\}$, which cannot be transformed into one another by SM gauge transformations and hence may lead to the formation of domain walls [34, 35, 43].
- (ii) Explicit CP Violation (ECPV) [12, 37], where i.e. $\text{Im}(\lambda_6) = \text{Im}(\lambda_7) \neq 0$ and $\text{Im}(m_{12}^2) \neq 0$. As we will analyse below, in its purest version, this scenario occurs when $|r_{\text{CP}}| > 1$. In this case, only one neutral global minimum exists, provided the tree-level 2HDM potential is bounded from below. According to the CP-odd tadpole conditions (2.8) or (2.13), when

$$Im(m_{12}^2) = Im(\lambda_6)v^2, (2.18)$$

this scenario may include possibilities for which the CP-odd phase ξ takes the CP-conserving values: 0 or π .

(iii) Mixed Spontaneous and Explicit CP Violation (MCPV), with three nonzero physical CP phases: $\xi \neq 0$, $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) = \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7) \neq 0$ and $\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2) \neq 0$. Most importantly, MCPV is characterised by two local CP-violating minima of the 2HDM potential \mathcal{V} , such that one is deeper than the other at two different phases $\xi = \xi_{1,2}$, i.e. $\mathcal{V}(v_1, v_2 e^{i\xi_1}) < \mathcal{V}(v_1, v_2 e^{i\xi_2})$.

In order to illustrate the above three realisations of CPV that can take place in the general 2HDM potential of (2.1), we define the following ratio of scalar potentials:

$$R_{\xi} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{V}_{\xi}}{|\mathcal{V}_{\xi=0}|} = \operatorname{sgn} D + \frac{N}{|D|}, \qquad (2.19)$$

where sgn x is the standard sign function which is +1 for positive arguments of x and -1 for negative values of its argument. In writing the r.h.s. of (2.19), we have re-expressed the scalar potential as: $\mathcal{V}_{\xi} \equiv \mathcal{V}(v_1, v_2 e^{i\xi}) = \frac{v^2}{32}(D + N(\xi))$, such that $\mathcal{V}_{\xi=0} = \frac{v^2}{32}D$ and $N = N(\xi)$ contains all non-trivial ξ -dependence, with N(0) = 0. The VEVs $v_{1,2}$ satisfy the CP-even tadpole conditions $T_{\phi_1} = T_{\phi_2} = T_a = 0$, but only for the global minimum of the scalar potential at $\xi = \xi_{\min}$. However, for the sake of illustration, we eliminate the mass parameters m_{11}^2 and m_{22}^2 using (2.3) and (2.4), respectively, in favour of the other parameters of the scalar potential, while keeping fixed the CP-odd phase ξ to the reference value: $\xi = 0$. In this way, an adequate representation of the vacuum topology of the 2HDM potential in (2.1) can be

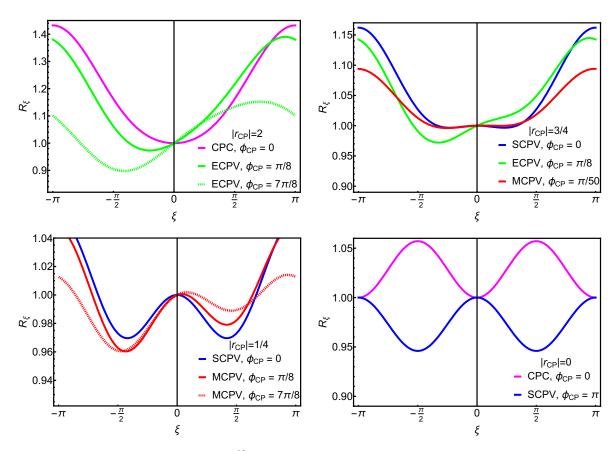


Figure 1. The ratio $R_{\xi} \equiv \mathcal{V}(v_1, v_2 e^{i\xi}) / |\mathcal{V}(v_1, v_2)|$ versus the phase ξ is shown for selective values of $|r_{\rm CP}|$ and $\phi_{\rm CP} = \varphi_{12}$, and $\tan \beta = 2$. Shown are the different vacuum topologies of the 2HDM potential for CPC (magenta), ECPV (green), SCPV (blue) and MCPV (red).

obtained along the ξ direction. In detail, in the weak basis: Im $\lambda_5 = 0$ and $\lambda_6 = \lambda_7$, we have

$$\mathcal{V}_{\xi} = \frac{v^2}{32} \Big\{ v^2 (6\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4) - 4(m_{11}^2 + m_{22}^2) - 4(m_{11}^2 - m_{22}^2) c_{2\beta} \\ + v^2 (2\lambda_1 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4) c_{4\beta} - 2s_{2\beta} \Big[4 \Big(\operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2) - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) v^2 \Big) \cos \xi \\ - \lambda_5 s_{2\beta} v^2 \cos 2\xi - 4 \Big(\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2) - \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) v^2 \Big) \sin \xi \Big] \Big\}.$$
(2.20)

With the help of the analytic expression in (2.20), the quantities N and D that appear in (2.19) are found to be

$$N = 8s_{2\beta} \Big[(1 - \cos\xi) \left(\operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2) - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6)v^2 \right) + \sin\xi \left(\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2) - \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6)v^2 \right) \\ - \sin^2\xi \,\lambda_5 s_\beta c_\beta v^2 \Big] \\ = 4 \, |\lambda_5| s_{2\beta}^2 v^2 \Big[2 \, |r_{\rm CP}| \Big(\cos\varphi_{12} - \cos(\xi + \varphi_{12}) \Big) - \operatorname{sgn}(\lambda_5) \, \sin^2\xi \Big] \,, \tag{2.21}$$

$$D = -v^2 \Big[6\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + c_{4\beta} \Big(2\lambda_1 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 \Big) + \lambda_5 + 8s_{2\beta} \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) \Big].$$
(2.22)

Note that the overall minus sign in the quantity D in (2.22) which emerged after eliminating the mass parameters m_{11}^2 and m_{22}^2 by virtue of the tadpole conditions in (2.3) and (2.4),

respectively. In addition, we set $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, to showcase the profile of the scalar potential as a function of the CP-odd phase ξ in our numerical examples.

In figure 1, we show the different vacuum topologies that determine the shape of the normalised potential R_{ξ} [cf. (2.19)] along the phase direction $\xi \in (-\pi, \pi]$, for illustrative choices of $|r_{\rm CP}|$ and $\phi_{\rm CP}$. Moreover, we keep the value of $\tan \beta$ fixed to a specific value, i.e. $\tan \beta = 2$ or $s_{2\beta} = 4/5$. More explicitly, depending on the value of $|r_{\rm CP}|$, the following patterns of CPV may be observed:

- (a) $|\mathbf{r_{CP}}| > 1$. Then, the 2HDM potential exhibits either CP Conservation (CPC) or violates CP explicitly. This means that besides CPC if $\phi_{CP} = 0$ or π , only ECPV is possible with a global CPV minimum and a local CPV maximum when $\phi_{CP} \neq 0, \pi$, i.e. the transcendental equation (2.13) has 2 roots. These features are illustrated in figure 1 (upper left panel).
- (b) $1/2 < |r_{CP}| < 1$. Then, depending on ϕ_{CP} , the 2HDM potential will always violate CP in any of the three different forms, SCPV (when $\phi_{CP} = 0, \pi$), MCPV for small non-zero ϕ_{CP} values, and ECPV otherwise. These possibilities were presented in figure 1 (upper right panel). We note that for $|r_{CP}| = 1/2$, the critical ϕ_{CP} value for transitioning from MCPV to ECPV is: $\phi_{CP} = \pm \pi/4$.
- (c) $0 < |r_{CP}| < 1/2$. In this case, the 2HDM potential will always violate CP either spontaneously, or in a mixed spontaneous and explicit manner (MCPV) if $\phi_{CP} \neq 0, \pi$. Moreover, the transcendental equation (2.13) will have four roots in the primary interval $(-\pi, \pi]$, as shown in figure 1 (lower left panel).
- (d) $r_{CP} = 0$. In this case, the extremal CP-odd constraint (2.13) will have four solutions: $\xi = 0, \pm \pi/2, \pi$, if λ_5 is non-zero and its phase $\varphi_5 = 0$ or π . Moreover, the expression for the charged Higgs mass in (2.10) takes on the simpler form:

$$M_{H^{\pm}}^2/v^2 = -\lambda_4 - \text{Re}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}).$$
 (2.23)

For $\varphi_5 = \pi$, the extrema would correspond to two CPC minima at $\xi = 0, \pi$, as well as to two local CPV maxima at $\xi = \pm \pi/2$, as shown in figure 1 (lower right panel). For $\varphi_5 = 0$, the role of the CPC minima and CPV maxima gets reversed, which could lead to a scenario of SCPV. In both cases, we must have $M_{H^{\pm}}^2/v^2 > 0$ or $|\lambda_5| > \lambda_4$, if $\lambda_4 > 0$. Also, the breaking of the electroweak symmetry can lead to domain walls. In addition, if Im $\lambda_6 \neq 0$, the theory will violate CP explicitly, e.g. through non-zero scalar-pseudoscalar mass terms [37]. However, the latter source of CPV will not affect the profile of the tree-level 2HDM potential. Its effect will only show up beyond the Born approximation by lifting the degeneracy of the two vacua, thus inducing a scenario of radiative MCPV.

Finally, two remarks are in order here. First, in some of the aforementioned scenarios, there can be instances where the local maximum and the nearby minimum are degenerate, resulting in a horizontal segment of inflection in the scalar potential. Such possibilities require some degree of fine-tuning which we will ignore in our study. Second, in all scenarios listed above, only two CPV phases can be at most independent of each other in the general 2HDM. The reason for this is that any third CPV parameter will always be constrained via the CP-odd tadpole condition (2.8), in the weak basis (2.16) in which no more freedom for any Higgs field reparameterisation exists.

3 Continuous symmetries and natural alignment

In this section we first briefly review the 2HDM potentials that NHAL is enforced by continuous symmetries. We then identify candidate scenarios that enable sizeable CPV while maintaining agreement with alignment constraints of the SM-like Higgs boson to EW W^{\pm} and Z bosons. A suitable framework to address this topic is the covariant bilinear field formalism introduced in [34, 44–46].

To start with, we introduce a 8-dimensional complex Φ -multiplet which represents a vector in the SU(2)_L×Sp(4) field space. The Φ -multiplet consists of the scalar iso-doublets Φ_i (with i = 1, 2) and their U(1)_Y hypercharge-conjugate counterparts, $\tilde{\Phi}_i = i\sigma^2 \Phi_i^*$, i.e.

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \\ \widetilde{\Phi}_1 \\ \widetilde{\Phi}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (3.1)$$

with $\sigma^{1,2,3}$ being the Pauli matrices. The Φ -multiplet has three essential properties. It transforms covariantly under separate $SU(2)_L$ and Sp(4) transformations and obeys a Majoranatype constraint [34]:

(i)
$$\Phi' = U_L \Phi$$
, (ii) $\Phi' = U \Phi$, (iii) $\Phi = C \Phi^*$, (3.2)

with $U_L \in \mathrm{SU}(2)_L$ and $U \in \mathrm{Sp}(4)$. Moreover, $C = \sigma^2 \otimes \mathbf{1}_2 \otimes \sigma^2$ is the charge conjugation matrix, which also equips the $\mathrm{Sp}(4)$ space with a metric: $UCU^{\mathsf{T}} = C$, with $C = C^{-1} = C^*$.

Accordingly, the bilinear field vector may be defined as [26, 34, 46, 47],

$$R^{A} \equiv \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\dagger} \Sigma^{A} \boldsymbol{\Phi}, \quad A = 0, 1, \cdots, n(2n-1) - 1, \tag{3.3}$$

where the Σ^A matrices may be expressed in terms of double tensor products as

$$\Sigma^{A} = (\sigma^{0} \otimes t^{a}_{S} \otimes \sigma^{0}, \ \sigma^{i} \otimes t^{b}_{A} \otimes \sigma^{0}), \tag{3.4}$$

with $t_S^a(t_A^b) \in SU(n)$ as the symmetric (anti-symmetric) generators. Thus, the vector \mathbb{R}^A explicitly may be written in the following form:

$$R^{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{1}^{\dagger}\phi_{1} + \phi_{2}^{\dagger}\phi_{2} \\ \phi_{1}^{\dagger}\phi_{2} + \phi_{2}^{\dagger}\phi_{1} \\ -i[\phi_{1}^{\dagger}\phi_{2} - \phi_{2}^{\dagger}\phi_{1}] \\ \phi_{1}^{\dagger}\phi_{1} - \phi_{2}^{\dagger}\phi_{2} \\ -[\phi_{1}^{\top}i\sigma^{2}\phi_{2} - \phi_{2}^{\dagger}i\sigma^{2}\phi_{1}^{*}] \\ i[\phi_{1}^{\top}i\sigma^{2}\phi_{2} + \phi_{2}^{\dagger}i\sigma^{2}\phi_{1}^{*}] \end{pmatrix}.$$
(3.5)

Therefore, by virtue of R^A , the potential \mathcal{V} can now be written down in the following quadratic form:

$$\mathcal{V} = -\frac{1}{2} M_A R^A + \frac{1}{4} L_{AB} R^A R^B.$$
(3.6)

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In the above, the vector M_A and the rank-2 tensor L_{AB} contain the mass parameters and quartic couplings of the 2HDM potential, respectively. For the 2HDM potential as stated in (2.1), they assume the following form:

$$M_A = \left(\frac{m_{11}^2 + m_{22}^2}{2}, \operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2), -\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2), \frac{m_{11}^2 - m_{22}^2}{2}\right)$$
(3.7)

and

$$L_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 & \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7) & -\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) - \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7) & \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \\ \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7) & \lambda_4 + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5) & -\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_5) & \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7) \\ -\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) - \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7) & -\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_5) & \lambda_4 - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5) & \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7) - \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) \\ \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 & \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7) & \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7) - \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(3.8)$$

Thus far, several studies have established [21, 23, 26, 48] that the potential \mathcal{V} of the 2HDM contains 13 SU(2)_L-preserving accidental symmetries as subgroups of the maximal symmetry SU(2)_L \otimes SO(5), of which 6 symmetries are U(1)_Y invariant [46]. The symmetry group, SU(2)_L \otimes SO(5), which acts on the 5D bilinear field sub-space R^{I} (with I = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5), is isomorphic to SU(2)_L \otimes Sp(4)/ Z_2 in the original field space. It plays an instrumental role in classifying accidental symmetries that may occur in the scalar potentials of 2HDM and 2HDM-Effective Field Theories (2HDMEFT) with higher-order operators. These classifications were done for the 2HDM in [23, 34, 47] and for the 2HDMEFT framework in [48], including higher-order operators of dimension-6 and dimension-8.

In table 1, we list all continuous symmetries of the 2HDM potential [23, 34, 47], where the various choices of the SO(5) generators are displayed according to the conventions of [47]. In the same table, the relationships of the only non-zero mass and quartic-coupling parameters resulting from these symmetries were given as well. Among these symmetries, some of them can accommodate NHAL, in a fashion that it is largely independent of the form and size of the soft-symmetry breaking mass parameters added to the potential, or of any specific value that $\tan \beta$ must have.¹ Thus, NHAL is obtained when the quartic couplings satisfy the relations [22, 26],

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_{345}}{2}, \qquad \lambda_6 = \lambda_7 = 0, \qquad (3.9)$$

with $\lambda_{34} \equiv \lambda_3 + \lambda_4$ and $\lambda_{345} \equiv \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \text{Re}(\lambda_5)$. We should stress here that the relations (3.9) must include or take place in a CP-invariant weak basis in which the relative CP-odd phase ξ vanishes, i.e. when $\xi = 0$. Nevertheless, as outlined in appendix B, a covariant weak-basis independent condition for SM Higgs alignment can be formulated in terms of a vanishing commutator of two rank-2 Sp(4) tensors as stated in (B.4).

$$\tan \beta = 1$$
, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, λ_3 , λ_4 , λ_5 , $\lambda_6 = \lambda_7$.

¹Alternatively, SM alignment can be achieved by imposing exact discrete symmetries [26], yielding

However, such parameter relations mainly lead to an inert Type-I 2HDM in the Higgs basis, for which NHAL becomes automatic thanks to an unbroken Z_2 symmetry.

No.	Generators	Continuous Syms	Parameters
8	T^{0-9}	SO(5)	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3/2.$
7	$T^{0,2,5,7,8,9}$	$CP1 \times O(4)$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3/2, \lambda_4 = -\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5).$
7'	$T^{0,1,4,6,8,9}$	$CP2 \times O(4)'$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3/2, \lambda_4 = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5).$
7″	$T^{0,3,4,5,6,7}$	$Z_2 \times O(4)''$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2, \lambda_3.$
6	$T^{0,2,5,7,8,9}$	SO(4)	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2$, Im (m_{12}^2) , $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3/2$,
			$\lambda_4 = -\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5), \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) = \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7).$
6'	$T^{0,1,4,6,8,9}$	SO(4)'	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2$, $\operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2)$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3/2$,
			$\lambda_4 = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5), \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7).$
6"	$T^{0,3,4,5,6,7}$	SO(4)''	$m_{11}^2, m_{22}^2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3.$
5	$T^{0,2,4,6}$	$O(2) \times O(3)$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_{345}/2, \lambda_4 = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5).$
5'	$T^{0,1,5,7}$	$O(2)' \times O(3)$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \bar{\lambda}_{345}/2, \lambda_4 = -\text{Re}(\lambda_5).$
5"	$T^{0,3,8,9}$	$O(2)'' \times O(3)$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3/2, \lambda_4.$
4	T^{0-3}	$O(3) \times O(2)_Y$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_{34}/2.$
3	$T^{0,5,7}$	$\mathrm{SO}(3)$	$m_{11}^2, m_{22}^2, \operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2), \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4 = -\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5),$
			$\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6), \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7).$
3'	$T^{0,4,6}$	$\mathrm{SO}(3)'$	$m_{11}^2, m_{22}^2, \operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2), \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4 = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5),$
			$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6), \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7).$
3"	$T^{0,8,9}$	$\mathrm{SO}(3)''$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, m_{12}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3/2, \lambda_4, \lambda_5,$
			$\lambda_6 = \lambda_7.$
2	$T^{0,2}$	$CP1 \times O(2) \times O(2)_Y$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_{345}/2.$
2'	$T^{0,1}$	$CP2 \times O(2)' \times O(2)_Y$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \bar{\lambda}_{345}/2.$
2"	$T^{0,3}$	$S_2 \times O(2)'' \times O(2)_Y$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4.$
1	$T^{0,2}$	$O(2) \times O(2)_Y$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2$, Im (m_{12}^2) , $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_{345}/2$,
			$\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) = \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7).$
1'	$T^{0,1}$	$O(2)' \times O(2)_Y$	$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^2), \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \bar{\lambda}_{345}/2,$
			$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6) = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7).$
1"	$T^{0,3}$	$O(2)'' \times O(2)_Y$	$m_{11}^2, m_{22}^2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4.$

Table 1. NHAL and next-to-NHAL symmetries of the 2HDM along with the various SO(5) generators as defined in [47] that reinforce these symmetries. The relations between non-zero parameters associated with these symmetries are given, where we used the abbreviations: $\lambda_{34} \equiv \lambda_3 + \lambda_4$, $\lambda_{345} \equiv \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \text{Re}(\lambda_5)$ and $\bar{\lambda}_{345} \equiv \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \text{Re}(\lambda_5)$. Note that all product groups are subsets of SO(5), so their overall determinant must be evaluated to 1.

As mentioned in the introduction, there are three distinct subgroups of NHAL that have been identified so far in the literature,

Symmetry 8: Sp(4)
$$\simeq$$
 SO(5), $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_3}{2}$,
Symmetry 4: SU(2)_{HF} × U(1)_Y \simeq O(3) × O(2)_Y, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_{34}}{2}$, (3.10)
Symmetry 2: CP1 × SO(2)_{HF} × U(1)_Y \simeq CP1 × O(2) × O(2)_Y, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_{345}}{2}$.

In (3.10), all $SU(2)_L$ gauge factors were suppressed, and their isomorphisms in the bilinear field space are given, as well as their listing in table 1 of all symmetries that can be relevant to NHAL. While the quartic coupling relations given in (3.10) for Symmetries 8 and 4 remain invariant under SU(2) reparameterisations of the doublets Φ_1 and Φ_2 , this is no longer true for Symmetry 2, for which the relations (3.9) modify in general. In order to put this on a more firm mathematical basis, let us denote the group of reparameterisations with G_R , where $G_R = SU(2)_{\rm HF}$ for the case at hand. Then, the parameter relations obtained from the action of a symmetry group G do not alter, iff the following criterion is satisfied:

$$G_R \cap G = G_R \,. \tag{3.11}$$

For Symmetry 2, the criterion (3.11) gets violated. In fact, SU(2) field transformations can also change the standard form of CP1. Consequently, any soft-breaking mass parameter introduced in the 2HDM potential must be real [21]. But, as we will analyse in more detail in section 4, even in this case, SCPV typically leads to a VEV for Φ_2 with $\xi \neq 0$, thereby triggering deviations from NHAL.

Since CP is a discrete group of central interest to this study, we note that under CP the R^A -vector transforms as follows:

$$\operatorname{CP} R^A = D_{\operatorname{CP1}} R^A \,, \tag{3.12}$$

with $D_{\text{CP1}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, -\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, -\mathbf{1})$. This means that R^2 and R^5 are odd under these transformations, i.e. $R^2 \to -R^2$ and $R^5 \to -R^5$, whereas all other components of R^A do not alter. Therefore, the presence of an odd power of R^2 's in the 2HDM potential \mathcal{V} signals candidate scenarios for CPV. Nevertheless, from table 1, we see that all the symmetric cases are CP-conserving, and only a few symmetric scenarios exist that could realise CPV after the inclusion of soft symmetry-breaking masses in the potential.

Symmetry groups G pertinent to Symmetries 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and their derivatives that emanate from different field-basis choices under the action of G_R as listed in table 1 are collectively referred to as *custodial* [47]. They contain generators that do not commute with the generator T^0 of the SM-hyper charge group: $U(1)_Y \simeq O(2)_Y$. These non-commuting generators can then be used to define the *coset space*: $G/O(2)_Y$, which does not form a *quotient group* in general. Hence, these generators are associated with transformations which get violated by the $O(2)_Y$ gauge coupling g' that occurs in the gauge-kinetic terms of Higgs doublets. On the other hand, Symmetries 4, 2 (2', 2''), and 1 (1', 1'') are $O(2)_Y$ invariant, and as such, they carry an explicit $O(2)_Y$ factor as displayed in table 1. As a consequence of the above discussion, one must expect that NHAL will be realised by a

No.	Syms with NHAL	No.	Syms breaking of NHAL	Types of CPV after SB		
8	SO(5)					
7	$CP1 \times O(4)$	6	SO(4)	ECPV/MCPV		
7'	$CP2 \times O(4)'$	6'	SO(4)'	SCPV		
5	$O(2) \times O(3)$	6'	SO(4)'	SCPV		
5'	$O(2)' \times O(3)$	6	SO(4)	ECPV/MCPV		
4	$O(3) \times O(2)_Y$		_			
2	$CP1 \times O(2) \times O(2)_Y$	1	$O(2) \times O(2)_Y$	ECPV/MCPV		
2'	$CP2 \times O(2)' \times O(2)_Y$	1'	$O(2)' \times O(2)_Y$	SCPV		

Table 2. The continuous symmetries resulting from the CP breaking of NHAL symmetries are presented. The final column indicates the types of CPV realised after the introduction of soft symmetry-breaking mass terms.

custodial symmetry group that contains Symmetry 2: $CP1 \times O(2) \times O(2)_Y$. Indeed, from table 1, one may observe that such NHAL symmetry groups, which were not fully accounted for before, exist. They are given by

Symmetry 7:
$$\operatorname{CP1} \times \operatorname{O}(4) \simeq \operatorname{CP1} \times \operatorname{Sp}(2)_{\Phi_1 \Phi_2} \times \operatorname{Sp}(2)_{\Phi_2 \Phi_1},$$

 $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_3}{2}, \ \lambda_4 = -\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5),$
Symmetry 5: $\operatorname{O}(2) \times \operatorname{O}(3) \simeq \operatorname{SO}(2)_{\mathrm{HF}} \times \operatorname{Sp}(2)_{\Phi_1 + \Phi_2},$
 $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_{345}}{2}, \ \lambda_4 = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5).$
(3.13)

We note the embedding: $\text{CP1} \times \text{O}(2)_Y \subset \text{Sp}(2)_{\Phi_1 + \Phi_2}$. The latter as well as the custodial subgroups $\text{Sp}(2)_{\Phi_1 \Phi_2}$, $\text{Sp}(2)_{\Phi_2 \Phi_1} \subset \text{Sp}(4)$ are all defined in [23]. Likewise, it is interesting to notice that Symmetry 2 goes to the higher Symmetry 5 in the limit: $\text{Re}(\lambda_5) \to \lambda_4$, and Symmetry 7 to 8, when $\lambda_4 \to 0$.

We should clarify here that Symmetry 7 was classified before in [47] as a subgroup of the symplectic group Sp(4), which is one of the three primary realizations for NHAL. Recently, a set of parameter relations similar to Symmetry 7 leading to NHAL was also observed in [49], within the context of some twisted custodial group: $SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_L$ that includes the $SU(2)_L$ gauge group. In this respect, we should comment here that this twisted group is only a subgroup of the group: $CP1 \times Sp(2)_{\Phi_1\Phi_2} \times Sp(2)_{\Phi_2\Phi_1} \times SU(2)_L$, as specified in (3.13). Moreover, to the best of our knowledge, Symmetry 5 given in (3.13), which was tabulated in [34, 47], has not been analysed before in connection with NHAL.

In table 2, we have explored whether the five NHAL symmetries given in (3.10) and (3.13)(and those descending from different field-basis choices) can lead to physical CPV or not. However, we must emphasise that not all NHAL symmetries can lead to CPV, after introducing soft symmetry-breaking masses, but only those associated with CP1 and CP2 symmetries. For instance, Symmetries 8 and 4 cannot source CPV, unless an explicit hard-breaking of symmetries is considered. Instead, as shown in the fourth column of table 2, Symmetries 2 and 2' can break to the lower symmetries 1 and 1', after specific operators (breaking softly or explicitly 2 and 2') are added to the potential. Interestingly enough, Symmetries 6, 6' will transition to the lower symmetries 5', 5, when the symmetry-breaking parameters of the latter are switched off from the potential. This paradox can be resolved by noting that all 6-type symmetries are based on $SO(4) \simeq SO(3) \times SO(3)$ containing two custodial factors that produce no new restrictions on a $U(1)_Y$ -invariant 2HDM potential. They could only produce non-trivial constraints on the new theoretical parameters present in a hypothetical $U(1)_Y$ -violating 2HDM potential [34].

The types of CPV that can be realised by adding now all possible soft symmetry-breaking mass terms have been catalogued in the last column of table 2. Our approach to maximising CPV should be characterised as natural according to 't Hooft's naturalness criterion, since an enhanced symmetry gets realised once all CPV terms are switched off.

In the next section, our attention will be directed towards approximate symmetric 2HDM scenarios that allow for observable CPV as given by the fourth column of table 2. In particular, we will investigate if a viable parameter space exists that can realise sizeable CPV, while maintaining agreement with limits from the non-observation of an electron EDM and from SM alignment and other LHC data.

4 $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ and SO(4) symmetric 2HDMs

In the previous section, we have found that in addition to $\text{CP1}\times\text{SO}(2)\times\text{O}(2)_Y$, there exist two new custodial NHAL symmetries based on the product groups: $\text{CP1}\times\text{O}(4)$ and $\text{O}(2)\times\text{O}(3)$ [cf. (3.13)]. From table 2, we see that $\text{CP1}\times\text{SO}(2)$ and $\text{CP1}\times\text{O}(4)$ break into the symmetry groups, $\text{O}(2)\times\text{O}(2)_Y$ and SO(4), respectively. As we will explicitly demonstrate in this section, these two groups are the ones that enable one to build minimal scenarios of soft and explicit CP breaking while maximising CPV in the scalar potential.

Let us first consider the parameter space of $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ -symmetric 2HDM. In the bilinear field formalism, this model is invariant under the action of the T^0 and T^1 generators, which amounts to a 2D rotation about the R^0 - R^2 plane. In the original scalar field space, this can be equivalently described by a transformation of the form:

$$\Phi_{+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\Phi_{1} + i\Phi_{2} \right) \to \Phi_{+}' = \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\Phi_{1} + i\Phi_{2} \right),$$

$$\Phi_{-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\Phi_{1} - i\Phi_{2} \right) \to \Phi_{-}' = \frac{e^{-i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\Phi_{1} - i\Phi_{2} \right).$$
(4.1)

Therefore, in an $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ -invariant 2HDM, the potential parameters obey the following relations:

$$O(2) \times O(2)_Y: \quad m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2, \quad Im(m_{12}^2), \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_{345}}{2}, \quad Im(\lambda_6) = Im(\lambda_7).$$
 (4.2)

Observe that the naively CP-odd parameter $\text{Im}(m_{12}^2)$ is independent in this model. Nevertheless, the $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ -symmetric potential is CP conserving, which can be broken softly by assuming non-zero mass terms, such as $\text{Re}(m_{12}^2)$ and $m_{11}^2 - m_{22}^2 \neq 0$. As a consequence of the addition of these two terms, a non-removable CP-odd phase will appear in the 2HDM potential.

Let us now turn our attention to the SO(4)-symmetric 2HDM. The parameter space of this model is constrained by the action of generators $T^{0,2,5,7,8,9}$ which correspond to Symmetry 6

Symmetries	CPV types	$\tan\beta$	ξ	ϕ_{12}	M_{H_1}	M_{H_2}	M_{H_3}	$M_{H^{\pm}}$	g_{H_1VV}
$O(2) \times O(2)$	ECPV	1.608	0.002	-0.05	125.10	682.99	787.67	640.18	0.998
$O(2) \times O(2)_Y$	MCPV	0.804	-1.93	0.27	125.21	225.11	270.50	380.54	0.989
$O(2)' \times O(2)_Y$	SCPV	0.71	0.67	0	125.52	275.23	448.01	551.38	0.957
SO(4)	ECPV	0.827	0.002	-0.02	125.28	506.93	570.58	570.59	0.995
50(4)	MCPV	0.740	-1.25	0.44	125.40	408.49	433.98	433.99	0.984
SO(4)'	SCPV	0.742	-2.42	0	125.68	216.63	265	442.21	0.948

Table 3. Benchmark scenarios to be used in our analysis shown in figures 2, 3 and 4. All angles are given in radians and all masses in units of GeV.

in table 1. Therefore, the parameters of this SO(4)-symmetric model satisfy the relations,

SO(4):
$$m_{11}^2 = m_{22}^2$$
, $\operatorname{Im}(m_{12}^2)$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda_3}{2}$, $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5) = -\lambda_4$, $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_6) = \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_7)$.
(4.3)

As before, one could introduce soft symmetry-breaking mass terms in the SO(4)-symmetric potential in order to allow for CPV. In this context, the breaking pattern: SO(4) \rightarrow O(2)×O(3) \rightarrow SO(3), takes place. These breakings produce small departures from NHAL, while violating the CP symmetry of the 2HDM potential. If we now go to a weak basis where $\lambda_6 = \lambda_7$, we will see that all three types of CPV can be realised.

In order to assess the allowed size of CPV, we will perform a scan over the model parameters, ensuring that they also align with experimental constraints on gauge couplings. The key model parameters for our scan are

$$\tan\beta, \ M_H^{\pm}, \ \lambda_3, \ \lambda_4, \ \xi, \ \phi_{12}.$$

Furthermore, the following restrictions on the parameters were imposed:

$$M_H^{\pm} \in [250, 800] \,\text{GeV}\,, \quad \beta \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \quad \{\xi, \phi_{12}\} \in \left(-\pi, \pi\right],$$

$$(4.5)$$

along with $M_{H_1} = 125.46 \pm 0.35 \,\text{GeV}$. As for the quartic couplings $\lambda_{3,4}$, these are only constrained to lie in the perturbative regime, i.e. $\lambda_{3,4} < 4\pi$. For the SO(4)-symmetric scenarios, the relationship $\lambda_3 = 2\lambda_1$ holds. Consequently, after a careful parameter scan, the benchmark models of interest to us are summarized in table 3.

In addition, the stringent experimental limit on the electron EDM [50],

$$|d_e| < 1.1 \times 10^{-29} \ e \cdot \text{cm} \tag{4.6}$$

at the 90% confidence level, puts severe constraints on any new source of CPV including those that come from the 2HDM potential. The effective Lagrangian that describes the interaction of a non-zero EDM of a fermion with the electromagnetic field reads

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm EDM} = -\frac{i}{2} d_f \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \psi F_{\mu\nu} \,. \tag{4.7}$$

In the SM, the electron EDM is predicted to be several orders below the current experimental sensitivity. For this reason, any observation of a non-zero electron EDM will be a signal of

Symmetries	CPV types	The	EDM $[e \cdot cm]$						
Symmetries		(C.1)	(C.2)	(C.3)	(C.4)	(C.5)	(C.6)	(C.7)	
$O(2) \times O(2)_Y$	ECPV	5.581	-0.072	-4.711	-0.308	0.0185	0.312	0.180	9.51×10^{-30}
$O(2) \times O(2)Y$	MCPV	2.008	-0.026	-0.942	-0.065	0.0015	0.028	-0.005	7.67×10^{-30}
$O(2)' \times O(2)_Y$	SCPV	2.003	-0.026	-0.866	-0.079	0.0002	0.004	-0.037	3.86×10^{-30}
SO(4)	ECPV	1.851	-0.021	-0.832	-0.055	0.0005	0.009	0.048	2.87×10^{-30}
50(4)	MCPV	1.995	-0.021	-0.887	-0.077	-0.0013	-0.023	0.016	1.07×10^{-30}
SO(4)'	SCPV	-1.211	0.014	1.875	0.172	0.0002	0.004	0.146	3.55×10^{-30}

Table 4. Individual contributions to the electron EDM that originate from the seven two-loop graphs displayed in (C.1)-(C.7).

new physics, which could be sourced from an extended CPV scalar sector of the 2HDM. In our analysis, we should not only satisfy the EDM upper limit (4.6), but also other constraints that result from LHC data.

In the Type-II 2HDM, the dominant contribution to the electron EDM originates at two loops from the so-called Barr-Zee mechanism [37, 51–53]. Instead, the one-loop contributions to d_e are rather suppressed. The analytic expressions of the two-loop contributions to the electron EDM are given in appendix C [cf. (C.1)–(C.7)]. In table 4, we exhibit the individual contributions to the electron EDM for the benchmark scenarios given in table 3 which are all compatible with the experimental constraint (4.6).

From table 4, we must also notice that the different EDM contributions do not separately exceed the electron EDM limit for most of the benchmark models. An exception constitutes the $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ -symmetric 2HDM with ECPV, whose viability would require mild cancellations to take place in less than one part in ten, among the EDM effects evaluated in (C.1), (C.2) and (C.3). It is important to remark here that the current electron EDM limit as deduced from ThO [50] gives constraints on the size of new CPV phases that are stronger by almost two orders of magnitude than other EDM bounds from neutron and Mercury [54–56]. As a consequence, no further arrangement for cancellations would be needed to eliminate potential contributions coming from the chromo-EDM and the three-gluon Weinberg operators, as was often done in the past within the context of supersymmetric theories [57].

In figures 2, 3 and 4, we show the predicted values for the SM-normalised coupling g_{H_1VV} of the lightest H_1 -boson to the gauge bosons $V = W^{\pm}, Z$ (upper panels) and the parameter $|r_{CP}|$ (lower panels) in the $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ (left panels) and SO(4) (right panels) symmetric 2HDMs for three different types of CP-violating scenarios: ECPV, MCPV, and SCPV. These three types of CPV scenarios are depicted in green, red, and blue colours, respectively. In our numerical estimates, the CP-odd phases ϕ_{12} and ξ are varied, so as to obey the two mass conditions: (i) $M_{H_1} \approx 125 \text{ GeV}$ and (ii) $M_{H_3} > M_{H_2}$. In these plots, we provide a set of benchmark points shown with cross symbols '×' that are in agreement with the electron's EDM limit in eq. (4.6). It is important to note that this does not validate or exclude the rest of the region.

In a 2HDM scenario with ECPV, the phase ϕ_{12} plays a crucial role, as shown in the upper panels of figure 2, where the predicted values of the SM-normalised H_1VV -coupling, g_{H_1VV} , are projected onto the $(\phi_{12}, M_{H^{\pm}})$ -plane. By analogy, figures 3 and 4 offer similar projections for the SCPV and MCPV scenarios, respectively. They illustrate how the size of g_{H_1VV} gets

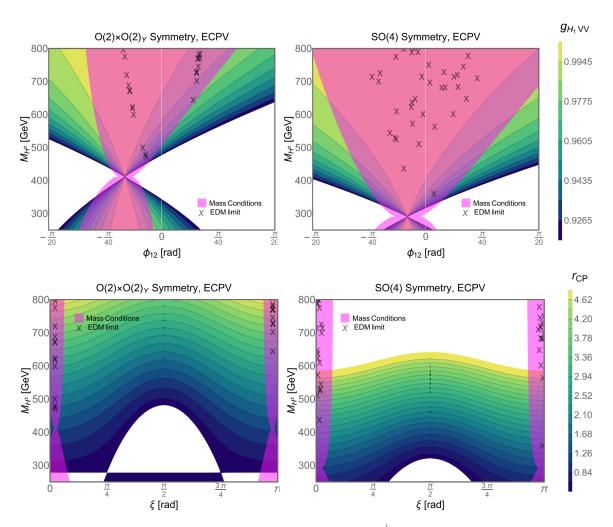


Figure 2. The gauge boson coupling g_{H_1VV} and r_{CP} in the (M_H^{\pm}, ξ) -plane are displayed for different types of ECPV in $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ - and SO(4)-symmetric 2HDMs. The cross symbols '×' showcase benchmark points consistent with the electron's EDM limit in eq. (4.6).

distributed on the $(\xi, M_{H^{\pm}})$ -plane. In all these figures, the violet area highlights acceptable regions consistent with Higgs mass $M_{H_1} = 125.46 \pm 0.35$ GeV and $M_{H_3} > M_{H_2} > 200$ GeV, while the regions that are excluded from the analysis are shown without colour. As can be seen from figures 2, 3 and 4, a set of benchmark points can simultaneously satisfy all the constraints.

Further insight can be gleaned from the lower panels of figures 2, 3 and 4. For each parameter point of the top panels, there exists a corresponding value for $|r_{\rm CP}|$. Observe that in the lower right frame of figure 2, EDM values located in the white space correspond to $|r_{\rm CP}| > 5$. This interpretation and the respective $|r_{\rm CP}|$ values are in line with the discussion presented in section 2. Note that scenarios, with $\lambda_4 = (-) \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5)$, predict a mass degeneracy between the charged Higgs bosons and the heavy neutral Higgs states. However, this mass degeneracy gets lifted if the phase ξ deviates significantly from zero. We may reiterate here that the relevant benchmark scenarios we have been analysing are given in table 3, including an SO(4)'-symmetric 2HDM in which one has $\lambda_4 = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5)$ according to table 1.

In a CPV framework of the 2HDM, there exist additional contributions to ZH_1 production channel, primarily through the resonant production and decay of the heavy $H_{2,3}$ bosons [58, 59].

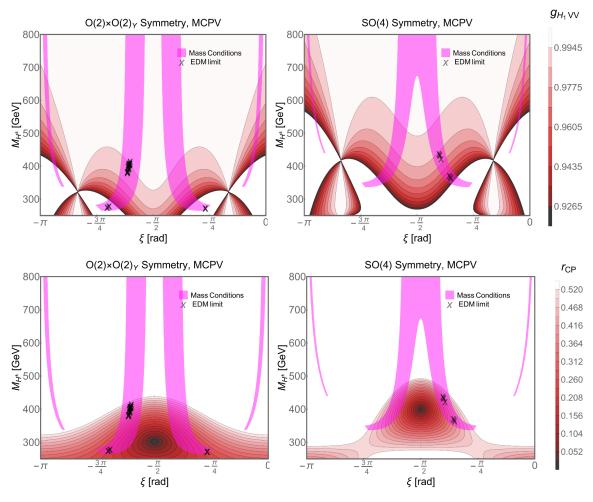


Figure 3. The same as in figure 2, but for MCPV.

At the LHC, the dominant production mechanism of the $H_{2,3}$ bosons is the gluon-gluon fusion process. Furthermore, non-SM modifications to the H_1ZZ coupling may induce relevant deviations in the ZH_1 production cross-section. Therefore, it is crucial to assess the magnitude of these deviations, while being in good agreement with established SM Higgs properties.

Figure 5 displays a representative set of leading-order Feynman diagrams for the production of the heavy states H_2 , H_3 in association with *b*-type quarks, along with their subsequent decay into ZH_1 . Diagrams obtained by switching the initial state gluons or by emitting the Higgs from an \bar{b} -type quark are omitted for brevity. These heavy states possess loop-induced couplings to two gluons, which are generated by their tree-level $H_i t \bar{t}$ couplings. As a result, they are predominantly produced via gluon-gluon fusion at the LHC. Alternatively, if the bottom-quark Yukawa coupling is sufficiently large, another promising production mechanism becomes significant that involves H_2 , H_3 production in association with two bottom quarks. The resulting signals at the LHC will mainly stem from the decays of $H_{2,3}$ bosons to the SM-like Higgs boson H_1 in association with a Z boson, i.e. $pp \to H_{2,3} \to ZH_1$.

The production cross section in proton-proton collisions, $\sigma(pp \to H_1Z)$, may be approximated as

$$\sigma(pp \to H_1Z) \approx \sigma(pp \to H_1(M_{H_1})) \times g_{H_1ZZ} + \sum_{i=2,3} \sigma(pp \to H_i(M_{H_i})) \times g_{H_iH_1Z}, \qquad (4.8)$$

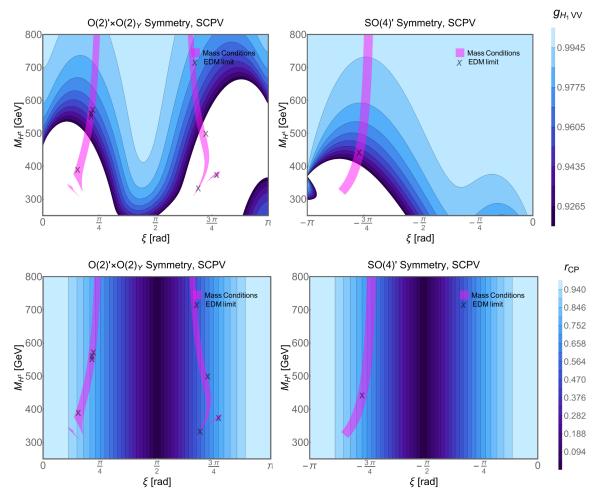


Figure 4. The same as in figure 2, but for SCPV in $O(2)' \times O(2)_Y$ - and SO(4)'-symmetric 2HDMs.

where the couplings $g_{H_iH_1Z}$ can be replaced with the SM-normalised g_{H_jZZ} couplings as follows:

$$g_{H_iH_jZ} = \epsilon_{ijk} \, g_{H_kZZ} \,, \tag{4.9}$$

with i, j = 1, 2, 3. Equation (4.8) includes both the direct H_1 production and the associated H_1Z production via $H_{2,3}$ decays. We should note that in 2HDMs with exact NHAL, the couplings of the heavy H_2 and H_3 bosons to H_1Z vanish at tree level, and so only the first top left Feynman graph in figure 5 will contribute significantly [22]. Figure 6 projects the cross-section for ZH_1 production for the $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ - and SO(4)-symmetric 2HDMs. The colour code of this plot is the same as in figure 1. These results are below the current electron EDM upper limit given in (4.6). Finally, we should remark that approximately 98% of the total production cross section as estimated in (4.8) arises from the top left one-loop graph in figure 5 and only 2% from the remaining contributions that involve the exchanges of the heavy $H_{2,3}$ bosons.

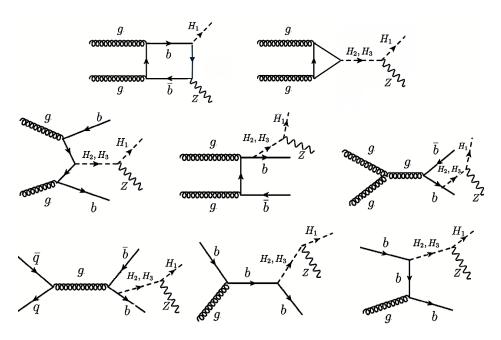


Figure 5. The leading-order Feynman diagrams for the production of heavy states H_2, H_3 in association with *b*-type quarks, followed by their decay to ZH_1 . For SM contributions heavy states H_2, H_3 can be substituted with Z boson.

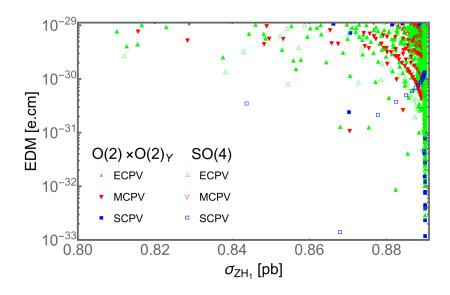


Figure 6. The ZH_1 production cross-section is displayed for $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ - and SO(4)-symmetric models compatible with the current electron EDM limit given in (4.6).

5 Conclusions

We have presented a detailed study of the Two Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM) by paying special attention to the vacuum topology of its potential and its connection to CP Violation (CPV). We have rigorously identified that in general three types of CPV exist: (i) Spontaneous CPV, (ii) Explicit CPV and (iii) Mixed Spontaneous and Explicit CPV (MCPV). In all these three different scenarios, only two CPV phases can remain independent, since any third CPV parameter will be constrained by the CP-odd tadpole condition given in (2.8).

The vacuum topology of a general 2HDM potential is usually determined by the action of some accidental symmetry on the potential, as well as the size of any explicit or spontaneous breaking parameter of these symmetries, like the CP-odd phases ξ and ϕ_{12} . In this respect, an important finding of the present work was to exemplify the pivotal role of the complex parameter $r_{\rm CP}$ defined in (2.14), which enables one to accurately differentiate the three different realisations of CPV mentioned above. The value of $r_{\rm CP}$, namely its magnitude and CP-odd phase $\phi_{\rm CP}$, can be used to characterise the CPV-type of the 2HDM. Although it is well known that for $|r_{\rm CP}| > 1$ only an ECPV scenario will be feasible, 2HDM settings with $|r_{\rm CP}| < 1$ can exhibit a much richer structure than that was considered before when sources of explicit CPV are allowed. Specifically, we have found that depending on the value of $\phi_{\rm CP}$, all types of SCPV, ECPV and MCPV, can individually take place if $1/2 < |r_{\rm CP}| < 1$. On the other hand, if $0 < |r_{\rm CP}| < 1/2$, we can only have SCPV and MCPV, so there will always be a degree of SCPV present in this case. Finally, a 2HDM scenario with $r_{\rm CP}$ tuned to zero can have a more complex topology and so the inclusion of higher-order effects on the potential beyond the Born approximation will be necessary. The profiles of the different CPV-types of 2HDM potentials have been illustrated in figure 1, in terms of R_{ξ} defined in (2.19), as functions of the phase ξ .

An important phenomenological constraint on any theory of new physics is the required alignment of the coupling strengths of the observed 125-GeV scalar resonance to the W^{\pm} and Z gauge bosons with strengths as predicted by the SM. In the 2HDM, such an SM-Higgs alignment can be naturally achieved by invoking on certain accidental symmetries [22]. However, their imposition leads unavoidably to a CP-conserving 2HDM. Here, we have revisited these accidental symmetries of NHAL by employing the bilinear covariant formalism. with the aim of maximising CPV through minimal soft and explicit breakings into lower symmetries. To this end, we first recovered the two known NHAL symmetries that can act on a general CP-violating 2HDM potential, i.e. Sp(4) and $SU(2)_{HF}$ in the original field basis. But when CP is imposed on a general 2HDM potential thanks to a CP1 or CP2 symmetry, we have then found that besides $CP1 \times O(2) \times O(2)_Y$, there exist two new custodial NHAL symmetries that make use of the product groups: $CP1 \times O(4)$ and $O(2) \times O(3)$ [cf. (3.13)]. In fact, the groups, $CP1 \times O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ and $CP1 \times O(4)$, break into the key symmetry groups, $O(2) \times O(2)_Y$ and SO(4), respectively. The latter two groups are the ones that enable one to construct minimal scenarios of soft and explicit CP breaking as well as maximise CPV in the scalar potential.

We have derived upper limits from the non-observation of an electron EDM on key CPV parameters that quantify the degree of SM misalignment in representative scenarios based on the two symmetry groups mentioned above. In addition, we have delineated the CPV parameter space of such 2HDM scenarios with approximate NHAL that could be probed at the LHC. In table 3, we have presented CPV scenarios that conform with experiment by highlighting their compatibility with the electron EDM limit (see table 4) and the predicted ZH_1 production rate at the LHC as shown in figure 6.

The present work offers new directions for future research by providing strategies on how to naturally maximise CPV beyond the framework of 2HDMs with approximate NHAL that we have studied here. Likewise, it would be interesting to investigate whether successful scenarios of electroweak baryogenesis scenarios can be realised without resorting to fine-tuning, within the context of the naturally aligned 2HDMs similar to those presented in this paper.

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A Higgs masses and couplings

CPV in the Higgs potential gives rise to mixing between CP-even and CP-odd scalar fields. To account for this mixing, one has to consider a (3×3) -dimensional mass matrix for the neutral Higgs bosons. Henceforth, physical neutral states of definite mass (H_1, H_2, H_3) can be obtained by an orthogonal transformation upon the weak basis (ϕ_1, ϕ_2, a) as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{R} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ a \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A.1}$$

In the above, \mathcal{R} is a 3 \times 3 orthogonal matrix that may conveniently be written as

$$\mathcal{R} = r_x(\alpha_3) r_y(\alpha_2) r_z(\alpha_1), \tag{A.2}$$

with

$$r_{z}(\alpha_{1}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha_{1} & \sin \alpha_{1} & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha_{1} & \cos \alpha_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad r_{y}(\alpha_{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha_{2} & 0 & \sin \alpha_{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha_{2} & 0 & \cos \alpha_{2} \end{pmatrix},$$
$$r_{x}(\alpha_{3}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha_{3} & \sin \alpha_{3} \\ 0 & -\sin \alpha_{3} & \cos \alpha_{3} \end{pmatrix},$$
(A.3)

where the mixing angles run over interval 0 to π .

In the weak basis (ϕ_1, ϕ_2, G, a) , the neutral scalar mass matrix \mathcal{M}_0^2 may be cast into the following form [37]:

$$\mathcal{M}_0^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_S^2 & \mathcal{M}_{PS}^2 \\ \mathcal{M}_{SP}^2 & \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_P^2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (A.4)$$

where $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{P}^{2}$ and \mathcal{M}_{S}^{2} stand for the CP-conserving transitions $(G, a) \to (G, a)$ and $(\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) \to (\phi_{1}, \phi_{2})$, respectively. The off-diagonal matrices $\mathcal{M}_{PS}^{2} = (\mathcal{M}_{SP}^{2})^{T}$ contains the CP-violating mixings $a \leftrightarrow (\phi_{1}, \phi_{2})$. The elements of the above matrix are given by

$$\mathcal{M}_{S}^{2} = M_{a}^{2} \begin{pmatrix} s_{\beta}^{2} & -s_{\beta}c_{\beta} \\ -s_{\beta}c_{\beta} & c_{\beta}^{2} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{T_{\phi_{1}}}{v c_{\beta}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{T_{\phi_{2}}}{v s_{\beta}} \end{pmatrix} - v^{2} \begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Y & Z \end{pmatrix},$$
(A.5)

with

$$\begin{aligned} X &= 2\lambda_1 c_\beta^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) s_\beta^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6 e^{i\xi}) s_\beta c_\beta ,\\ Y &= (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) s_\beta c_\beta + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_6 e^{i\xi}) c_\beta^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7 e^{i\xi}) s_\beta^2 ,\\ Z &= 2\lambda_2 s_\beta^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) c_\beta^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_7 e^{i\xi}) s_\beta c_\beta .\end{aligned}$$

In addition, we have

$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{P}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{c_{\beta}T_{\phi_{1}} + s_{\beta}T_{\phi_{2}}}{v} & \frac{s_{\beta}T_{\phi_{1}} - c_{\beta}T_{\phi_{2}}}{v} \\ \frac{s_{\beta}T_{\phi_{1}} - c_{\beta}T_{\phi_{2}}}{v} & M_{a}^{2} - \frac{s_{\beta}\tan\beta T_{\phi_{1}} + c_{\beta}\cot\beta T_{\phi_{2}}}{v} \end{pmatrix},$$
(A.6)

$$\mathcal{M}_{PS}^2 = v^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \ \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Im}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) s_\beta + \mathrm{Im}(\lambda_6 e^{i\xi}) c_\beta \\ 0 \ \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Im}(\lambda_5 e^{2i\xi}) c_\beta + \mathrm{Im}(\lambda_7 e^{i\xi}) s_\beta \end{pmatrix} - \frac{T_a}{v} \begin{pmatrix} s_\beta & c_\beta \\ -c_\beta & s_\beta \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A.7}$$

where

$$M_{a}^{2} = \frac{1}{2s_{\beta}c_{\beta}} \left\{ \operatorname{Re}(m_{12}^{2}e^{i\xi}) - v^{2} \left[2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{5}e^{2i\xi})s_{\beta}c_{\beta} + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{6}e^{i\xi})c_{\beta}^{2} + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{7}e^{i\xi})s_{\beta}^{2} \right] \right\}.$$
 (A.8)

In the CP-conserving limit, M_a becomes the mass of the CP-odd Higgs scalar. If we project out the zero mass-matrix entries pertinent to the neutral *G*-boson, the reduced neutral-scalar mass matrix in the basis (ϕ_1, ϕ_2, a) becomes

$$M^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{S_{11}}^{2} & \mathcal{M}_{S_{12}}^{2} & \mathcal{M}_{PS_{12}}^{2} \\ \mathcal{M}_{S_{21}}^{2} & \mathcal{M}_{S_{22}}^{2} & \mathcal{M}_{PS_{22}}^{2} \\ \mathcal{M}_{PS_{12}}^{2} & \mathcal{M}_{PS_{22}}^{2} & \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{P_{22}}^{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11}^{2} & M_{12}^{2} & M_{13}^{2} \\ M_{12}^{2} & M_{22}^{2} & M_{23}^{2} \\ M_{13}^{2} & M_{23}^{2} & M_{33}^{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.9)

Then, the three physical masses squared are obtained by diagonalising M^2 ,

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}^2 = \mathcal{R} \, M^2 \, \mathcal{R}^\mathsf{T} \,. \tag{A.10}$$

To discuss SM Higgs alignment, it proves convenient to transform the CP-even scalar fields from a weak basis with a generic choice of vacua to the so-called Higgs basis, where only one Higgs doublet acquires the SM VEV. This can be achieved by virtue of a common orthogonal transformation that involves the mixing angle β .

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1^0 \\ \mathcal{H}_2^0 \\ \mathcal{H}_3^0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{R}_z(\beta) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ a \end{pmatrix},$$
 (A.11)

where the rotation matrix $\mathcal{R}_z(\beta)$ is

$$\mathcal{R}_{z}(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta & \sin\beta & 0\\ -\sin\beta & \cos\beta & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.12)

Therefore, the composition of the above scalar mass eigenstate in terms of their respective weak fields in the Higgs basis can be obtained by the following orthogonal transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{R}\mathcal{R}_z(\beta)^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1^0 \\ \mathcal{H}_2^0 \\ \mathcal{H}_3^0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.13)

In the Higgs basis $(\mathcal{H}_1^0, \mathcal{H}_2^0, \mathcal{H}_3^0)$, the 3 × 3 mass matrix of the neutral scalars is given by

$$\widehat{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{M}_{11}^2 & \widehat{M}_{12}^2 & \widehat{M}_{13}^2 \\ \widehat{M}_{12}^2 & \widehat{M}_{22}^2 & \widehat{M}_{23}^2 \\ \widehat{M}_{13}^2 & \widehat{M}_{23}^2 & \widehat{M}_{33}^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.14)

In this context, the elements of the mass matrix in the Higgs basis can be given as:

$$\hat{M}_{11}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (M_{11}^2 + M_{22}^2 + (M_{11}^2 - M_{22}^2) \cos 2\beta + 2M_{12}^2 \sin 2\beta), \qquad (A.15a)$$

$$\hat{M}_{22}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (M_{11}^2 + M_{22}^2 + (-M_{11}^2 + M_{22}^2) \cos 2\beta - 2M_{12}^2 \sin 2\beta), \qquad (A.15b)$$

$$\hat{M}_{33}^2 = M_{33}^2, \tag{A.15c}$$

$$\hat{M}_{12}^2 = M_{12}^2 \cos 2\beta - \frac{1}{2} (M_{11}^2 - M_{22}^2) \sin 2\beta, \qquad (A.15d)$$

$$\hat{M}_{13}^2 = M_{13}^2 \cos\beta + M_{23}^2 \sin\beta, \tag{A.15e}$$

$$\hat{M}_{23}^2 = M_{23}^2 \cos\beta - M_{13}^2 \sin\beta.$$
(A.15f)

In the SM-like H_1 -boson scenario of SM alignment, we may now perform a diagonalisation of the CP-even mass matrix \hat{M}^2 in two steps. In the first step, we use two angles, e.g. $\alpha_{1,2}$, to project out the mass eigenvalue of the SM-like Higgs state

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_H^2 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & B_1 & C\\ 0 & C & B_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.16)

Here, the mixing angles $\alpha_{1,2}$ are given in terms of the mass-matrix elements in (A.14) by

$$\tan 2(\beta - \alpha_1) = \frac{2\hat{M}_{12}^2}{\hat{M}_{11}^2 - \hat{M}_{22}^2},$$
(A.17)

$$\tan 2\alpha_2 = \frac{4(\hat{M}_{11}^2 - \hat{M}_{22}^2)[\hat{M}_{13}^2 \cos(\beta - \alpha_1) - \hat{M}_{23}^2 \sin(\beta - \alpha_1)]}{(\hat{M}_{11}^2 - \hat{M}_{22}^2)(\hat{M}_{11}^2 + \hat{M}_{22}^2 - 2\hat{M}_{33}^2) + [(\hat{M}_{11}^2 - \hat{M}_{22}^2)^2 + 4\hat{M}_{12}^4]\cos 2(\beta - \alpha_1)}.$$
(A.18)

The second step of diagonalisation consists of bringing the matrix $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}^2$ in a fully diagonal form. Thus, the mixing angle α can be evaluated in terms of the above mass parameters as

$$\tan 2\alpha_3 = \frac{2C}{B_1 - B_2}.$$
 (A.19)

Additionally, the squared masses of the two heavy H_2 and H_3 bosons are:

$$M_{H_2,H_3}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \bigg[B_1 + B_2 \mp \sqrt{(B_1 - B_2)^2 + 4C^2} \bigg].$$
(A.20)

Note that, we consider the mass hierarchy $M_H \leq M_{H_2} \leq M_{H_3}$, whereas $M_{H_1}^2 \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}$ is the SM-like Higgs boson mass.

On the other hand, the normalised Higgs-vector boson couplings may be written as [37],

$$g_{H_jVV} = c_\beta \mathcal{R}_{j1} + s_\beta \mathcal{R}_{j2},\tag{A.21}$$

with j = 1, 2, 3. From (A.21), the following normalised couplings are obtained:

$$g_{H_1VV} = \cos(\beta - \alpha_1)\cos\alpha_2,$$

$$g_{H_2VV} = \sin(\beta - \alpha_1)\cos\alpha_3 - \cos(\beta - \alpha_1)\sin\alpha_2\sin\alpha_3,$$

$$g_{H_3VV} = \sin(\beta - \alpha_1)\sin\alpha_3 - \cos(\beta - \alpha_1)\sin\alpha_2\cos\alpha_3.$$

(A.22)

These normalised couplings satisfy the following sum rule:

$$g_{H_1VV}^2 + g_{H_2VV}^2 + g_{H_3VV}^2 = 1.$$
(A.23)

Therefore, combining the expressions in (A.17) and (A.19), one may obtain the Higgs-gauge boson couplings given in (A.22). Thus, one may obtain the degree of misalignment in the presence of CP-violating parameters.

With the aid of (A.22), (A.17), (A.18), (A.19), and after introducing the following two small parameters:

$$X_1 = \frac{\hat{M}_{12}^2}{\hat{M}_{11}^2 - \hat{M}_{22}^2}, \qquad X_2 = \frac{\hat{M}_{13}^2}{\hat{M}_{11}^2 - \hat{M}_{33}^2}, \qquad (A.24)$$

we may expand the normalized gauge couplings up to the second order in $X_{1,2}$ as follows:

$$g_{H_1VV} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} (X_1^2 + X_2^2) + \mathcal{O}(X^4), \tag{A.25}$$

$$g_{H_2VV} = X_1 + \frac{2X_2\hat{M}_{23}^2}{(\hat{M}_{11}^2 - \hat{M}_{22}^2)(1 + 4X_1^2) - (1 - X_2^2)(\hat{M}_{11}^2 + \hat{M}_{22}^2 - 2\hat{M}_{33}^2)} + \mathcal{O}(X^4),$$
(A.26)

$$g_{H_3VV} = \left[1 - \left(g_{H_1VV}^2 + g_{H_2VV}^2\right)\right]^{1/2}.$$
(A.27)

Observe that the alignment limit of a SM-like H_1 scenario, with $g_{H_1VV} = 1$ and $g_{H_2VV} = g_{H_3VV} = 0$, can be achieved when $\alpha_1 = \beta$ and $\alpha_{2,3} = 0$. In the absence of CP violation, we have $\alpha_{2,3} = 0$, and so the requirement that $\alpha_1 = \beta$ suffices to ensure SM alignment.

In the present study, we adopt the Type-II 2HDM, in which the two Higgs doublets couple distinctively to fermions: the first scalar doublet couples to down-type quarks and leptons, whereas the second one couples to up-type quarks. The Yukawa Lagrangian of the Type-II 2HDM reads

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = y_u^{mn} \overline{Q}_L^m \widetilde{\Phi}_2 u_R^n + y_d^{mn} \overline{Q}_L^m \Phi_1 d_R^n + y_e^{mn} \overline{L}_L^m \Phi_1 e_R^n + \text{H.c.}, \qquad (A.28)$$

where $Q_L^m = (u_L^m, d_L^m)^{\mathsf{T}}$, $L_L^m = (\nu_L^m, e_L^m)^{\mathsf{T}}$ (with m = 1, 2, 3), $\tilde{\Phi}_2 = i\sigma^2 \Phi_2^*$ represents the hypercharge-conjugate of Φ_2 , and σ^2 is the second Pauli matrix. Hence, the neutral Yukawa couplings in this Type-II 2HDM are:

$$g_{\bar{d}dH_j} = \frac{m_d}{vc_\beta} \left(\mathcal{R}_{j1} - is_\beta \mathcal{R}_{j3} \gamma_5 \right), \tag{A.29}$$

$$g_{\bar{u}uH_j} = \frac{m_u}{vs_\beta} \left(\mathcal{R}_{j2} - ic_\beta \mathcal{R}_{j3} \gamma_5 \right), \tag{A.30}$$

$$g_{\bar{l}lH_j} = \frac{m_l}{vc_\beta} \left(\mathcal{R}_{j1} - is_\beta \mathcal{R}_{j3} \gamma_5 \right), \tag{A.31}$$

where γ_5 is the standard matrix that anti-commutes with γ^{μ} . To second order in the small parameters $X_{1,2}$ given in (A.24), the H_1 couplings to fermions may be approximated as follows:

$$g_{\bar{d}dH_1} = \frac{m_d}{vc_\beta} \left[g_{H_1VV} - is_\beta \left(X_2 - \frac{X_2^3}{6} \right) \gamma_5 \right],$$
(A.32)

$$g_{\bar{u}uH_1} = \frac{m_u}{vs_\beta} \left[-X_1 + \frac{X_1^3}{6} - ic_\beta \left(X_2 - \frac{X_2^3}{6} \right) \gamma_5 \right], \tag{A.33}$$

$$g_{\bar{l}lH_1} = \frac{m_l}{vc_\beta} \left[g_{H_1VV} - is_\beta \left(X_2 - \frac{X_2^3}{6} \right) \gamma_5 \right].$$
(A.34)

B Higgs Alignment Condition in a general basis

In appendix A, we have seen that SM Higgs alignment takes its simplest form in the so-called Higgs basis, where $\langle \Phi_1 \rangle = (0,0)^{\mathsf{T}}$ and $\langle \Phi_2 \rangle = (0, v/\sqrt{2})^{\mathsf{T}}$, and v is the VEV of the SM. In the Higgs basis, not only the CP-even scalar mass matrix \mathcal{M}_S^2 in (A.5) becomes diagonal, but also the CP-odd mass matrix \mathcal{M}_P^2 in (A.6) and the charged scalar mass matrix \mathcal{M}_{\pm}^2 given in eq. (2.19) of [37]. Instead, the scalar-pseudoscalar mass matrix $\mathcal{M}_{SP}^2 = (\mathcal{M}_{PS}^2)^{\mathsf{T}}$ given in (A.7) vanishes identically. Nevertheless, it would be preferable if a criterion can be established so that SM Higgs alignment can be detected in a general scalar-field basis, beyond the Higgs basis.

In order to derive a basis-independent SM-Higgs alignment condition, the following two Sp(4)-covariant quantities are introduced:

$$\mathcal{T}_{I}^{2,J} = C^{JK} \left\langle \Phi_{I} \right\rangle \left\langle \Phi_{K} \right\rangle, \tag{B.1}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{I}^{2,J} = C_{IK} \left\langle \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{V}}{\partial \Phi_{K} \partial \Phi_{J}} \right\rangle, \tag{B.2}$$

where $\{\Phi_I\} = \Phi$ (with I = 1, 2, 3, 4) given in (3.1) is a 4D complex vector in the fundamental representation of Sp(4), and $\{C^{IJ}\} \equiv C = \{C_{IJ}\}$ is the charge conjugation matrix defined

after (3.2). We should bear in mind that C_{IJ} , together with its inverse C^{IJ} , plays the role of a metric, i.e. one can use these to lower and raise field indices in the Sp(4) space. After minimizing the 2HDM potential through the vanishing of the tadpole conditions in a general basis, the mixed rank-2 tensors, $\{\mathcal{T}_{I}^{2,J}\} \equiv \mathcal{T}^{2}$ and $\{\mathcal{M}_{I}^{2,J}\} \equiv \mathcal{M}^{2}$, can be consistently defined as stated in (B.1) and (B.2).

Under an Sp(4) transformation, $\Phi \to \Phi' = U\Phi$ with $U \in Sp(4)$, the rank-2 tensors, \mathcal{T}^2 and \mathcal{M}^2 , transform as follows:

$$\mathcal{T}'^2 = U \, \mathcal{T}^2 \, U^{\dagger} \,, \qquad \mathcal{M}'^2 = U \, \mathcal{M}^2 \, U^{\dagger} \,.$$
 (B.3)

Then, the general condition that dictates SM-Higgs alignment in any weak scalar basis is given by the vanishing of the commutator,

$$[\mathcal{T}^2, \mathcal{M}^2] = \mathbf{0}. \tag{B.4}$$

Notice that this condition remains invariant under general Sp(4) transformations, including $G_R = SU(2)_{HF}$ rotations of the U(1)_Y-invariant reparameterisation group.

C Electron Electric Dipole Moment at two loops

The individual two-loop contributions to the electron EDM may be summarized as follows [52, 57, 60, 61]:

$$\frac{\gamma}{e} + g \left(\frac{m_f^2}{M_{H_i}^2} \right) g_{H_i \bar{f} f} \tilde{g}_{H_i \bar{e} e} + g \left(\frac{m_f^2}{M_{H_i}^2} \right) g_{H_i \bar{f} f} \tilde{g}_{H_i \bar{e} e} + g \left(\frac{m_f^2}{M_{H_i}^2} \right) g_{H_i \bar{e} e} \tilde{g}_{H_i \bar{f} f} \right], \quad (C.1)$$

$$+G\left(\frac{m_f^2}{M_{H_i}^2},\frac{m_f^2}{M_Z^2}\right)g_{H_i\bar{e}e}\tilde{g}_{H_i\bar{f}f}\bigg],\qquad(C.2)$$

where $g_{Zff} = 2e(T_f^3 - 2Q_f \sin^2 \theta_W) / \sin 2\theta_W$ and $\delta = 1.96 \times 10^{-13}$ [cm·GeV].

$$\frac{\sum_{e}^{\gamma} \sum_{e}^{\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^{W} \sum_{i=1}^{W} \left[\left(\frac{d_{e}}{W_{W}}^{\gamma H_{i}} = -\frac{\delta e^{2}}{128\pi^{4}v} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left[\left(6 + \frac{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}{M_{W}^{2}} \right) f\left(\frac{M_{W}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}} \right) + \left(10 - \frac{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}{M_{W}^{2}} \right) g\left(\frac{M_{W}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}} \right) \right] g_{H_{i}VV} \tilde{g}_{H_{i}\bar{e}e}, \quad (C.3)$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{z}{e}}_{e} \underbrace{\frac{(d_{e})_{W}^{ZH_{i}}}{e}}_{e} : \frac{(d_{e})_{W}^{ZH_{i}}}{e} = \frac{\delta eg_{Zee}g_{ZWW}}{128\pi^{4}\cos^{4}\theta_{W}v} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left[\left(-1 + 6\cos^{2}\theta_{W} - \frac{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}{2M_{W}^{2}} (1 - 2\cos^{2}\theta_{W}) \right) \right] \\ \times F\left(\frac{M_{W}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}, \cos^{2}\theta_{W} \right) - \left(3 - 10\cos^{2}\theta_{W} + \frac{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}{2M_{W}^{2}} (1 - 2\cos^{2}\theta_{W}) \right) \\ \times G\left(\frac{M_{W}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}, \cos^{2}\theta_{W} \right) \right] g_{H_{i}VV}\tilde{g}_{H_{i}\bar{e}e},$$
(C.4)

with $g_{ZWW} = e \cot \theta_W$.

$$\underbrace{\frac{z}{e}}_{e} \stackrel{H^{\pm}}{\underset{e}{\longrightarrow}}_{e} : \frac{(d_{e})_{H^{\pm}}^{ZH_{i}}}{e} = -\frac{\delta g_{Zee} \, g_{ZH^{\pm}}}{128\pi^{4}M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left[F\left(\frac{M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}, \frac{M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}}{M_{Z}^{2}}\right) - G\left(\frac{M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}, \frac{M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}}{M_{Z}^{2}}\right) \right] \times g_{H^{\pm}H_{i}} \tilde{g}_{H_{i}\bar{e}e}, \tag{C.5}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\gamma}{e}}_{e} \frac{\left(\frac{d_{e}}{H^{\pm}}\right)^{\gamma H_{i}}}_{e} : \frac{\left(\frac{d_{e}}{H^{\pm}}\right)^{\gamma H_{i}}}{e} = -\frac{\delta e^{2}}{128\pi^{4}M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left[f\left(\frac{M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}\right) - g\left(\frac{M_{H^{\pm}}^{2}}{M_{H_{i}}^{2}}\right) \right] g_{H^{\pm}H_{i}}\tilde{g}_{H_{i}\bar{e}e},$$
(C.6)

with $g_{ZH^{\pm}} = e \cot 2\theta_W$.

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We note that the theoretical prediction for the electron EDM, d_e , is given by the sum of the individual two-loop contributions listed in (C.1)–(C.7).

In evaluating the above two-loop EDM effects, we should know the charged Higgsboson (H^{\pm}) Yukawa couplings to quarks and leptons, in addition to the neutral Higgs couplings given in appendix A. The H^{\pm} -boson couplings to fermions are given by

$$g_{\bar{l}_m\nu_mH^-} = -\frac{m_{l_m}}{\sqrt{2}v} t_\beta (1 - \gamma_5),$$
(C.8)

$$g_{\bar{\nu}_m l_m H^+} = -\frac{m_{l_m}}{\sqrt{2}v} t_\beta (1+\gamma_5), \tag{C.9}$$

$$g_{\bar{u}_n d_m H^+} = -\frac{V_{nm}}{\sqrt{2}vc_\beta s_\beta} \left[c_\beta^2 m_{u_n} (1-\gamma_5) + s_\beta^2 m_{d_m} (1+\gamma_5) \right], \tag{C.10}$$

$$g_{\bar{d}_m u_n H^-} = -\frac{V_{nm}^*}{\sqrt{2vc_\beta s_\beta}} \left[c_\beta^2 m_{u_n} (1+\gamma_5) + s_\beta^2 m_{d_m} (1-\gamma_5) \right],$$
(C.11)

where V is the well-known CKM matrix describing the mixing between quarks [1]. Moreover, trilinear couplings of neutral scalars to the charged scalar H^{\pm} enter the $H_i\gamma\gamma$ coupling through the H^{\pm} loop. These trilinear couplings are found to be

$$g_{H_{i}H^{+}H^{-}} = \frac{1}{v^{2}} \bigg[\mathcal{R}_{i1}v_{1}v_{2}^{2} \left(\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{4} - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{5}) + \frac{v_{1}^{2}}{v_{2}^{2}}\lambda_{3} + \frac{v_{2}^{2} - 2v_{1}^{2}}{v_{1}v_{2}}\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{6}) + \frac{v_{1}}{v_{2}}\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{6}) \right) \\ + \mathcal{R}_{i2}v_{1}^{2}v_{2} \left(\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{4} - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{5}) + \frac{v_{2}^{2}}{v_{1}^{2}}\lambda_{3} + \frac{v_{1}^{2} - 2v_{2}^{2}}{v_{1}v_{2}}\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{6}) + \frac{v_{2}}{v_{1}}\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{6}) \right) \\ + \mathcal{R}_{i3}v \Big(v_{1}v_{2}\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{5}) + v^{2}\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{6}) \Big) \bigg],$$
(C.12)

with i = 1, 2, 3 and $Im(\lambda_5) = 0$.

Finally, the loop functions used for the calculation of the electron EDM are [51, 52]:

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{2} \int_0^1 dx \left[\frac{1 - 2x(1 - x)}{x(1 - x) - z} \right] \log \left(\frac{x(1 - x)}{z} \right), \tag{C.13}$$

$$g(z) = \frac{z}{2} \int_0^1 dx \left[\frac{1}{x(1-x) - z} \right] \log \left(\frac{x(1-x)}{z} \right),$$
(C.14)

$$F(x,y) = \frac{1}{y-x} \left[yf(x) - xf(y) \right],$$
(C.15)

$$G(x,y) = \frac{1}{y-x} [yg(x) - xg(y)], \qquad (C.16)$$

$$H(m_1^2, m_2^2) = \frac{M_W^2}{M_{H^{\pm}}^2 - M_W^2} \left[A\left(M_W^2, m_1^2\right) - A\left(m_2^2, m_1^2\right) \right],$$
(C.17)

$$G(m_1^2, m_2^2) = \frac{M_W^2}{M_{H^{\pm}}^2 - M_W^2} \left[B\left(M_W^2, m_1^2 \right) - B\left(m_2^2, m_1^2 \right) \right],$$
(C.18)

with

$$A(m_1^2, m_2^2) = \int_0^1 dz (1-z)^2 \left(z - 4 + z \frac{M_{H^{\pm}}^2 - m_2^2}{M_W^2} \right) \\ \times \left[\frac{m_1^2}{M_W^2 (1-z) + m_2^2 z - m_1^2 z (1-z)} \right] \log \left(\frac{M_W^2 (1-z) + m_2^2 z}{m_1^2 z (1-z)} \right),$$
(C.19)

$$B(m_1^2, m_2^2) = \int_0^1 dz \left[\frac{m_1^2 z (1-z)^2}{M_W^2 (1-z) + m_2^2 z - m_1^2 z (1-z)} \right] \log \left(\frac{M_W^2 (1-z) + m_2^2 z}{m_1^2 z (1-z)} \right).$$
(C.20)

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