

# Can the 126GeV Boson be a Pseudoscalar?

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# Introduction

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with the dual field strength tensor

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$$W_{\mu\nu}^i = \partial_\mu W_\nu^i - \partial_\nu W_\mu^i + g \epsilon^{ijk} W_\mu^j W_\nu^k$$

$$W_\mu^1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^+ + W_\mu^-)$$

$$W_\mu^2 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^+ - W_\mu^-)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_W & \sin \theta_W \\ -\sin \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu^0 \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

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Dependence of the decay amplitudes on  $b$

$$\mathcal{M}(\phi \rightarrow WW) \propto b$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\phi \rightarrow ZZ) \propto (b \cos^2 \theta_W + \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \propto (\cos^2 \theta_W + b \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\phi \rightarrow Z\gamma) \propto (b - 1)$$



# Matching the Observed Rates

- determine  $b$  by the requirement to fit the observed rates for  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $4\ell$  decays
- complication: admixture to  $4\ell$  final state from  $\phi \rightarrow Z\gamma^* \rightarrow 4\ell$
- take prediction for

$$R_{ZZ/\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(H \rightarrow ZZ^*)}{\Gamma(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \simeq 12.7$$

- $ZZ$  is not final state  $\rightarrow$  rewrite  $R_{ZZ/\gamma\gamma}^{SM}$  in terms of partial width after cuts in the  $4e$  final state:  $\Gamma^c(H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4e)$ ;  
also using

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## Result of Matching

$$b = -\cot^2 \theta_W (1 + \epsilon), \quad \text{where } \epsilon = -0.092$$

# Predictions for $WW^*$ and $Z\gamma$ Final States

$b$  is fixed now and gives us the pseudoscalar decay width to  $WW^*$  and  $Z\gamma$

$$R_{WW/\gamma\gamma}^\phi \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow WW^*)}{\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 0.229$$

$$R_{Z\gamma/\gamma\gamma}^\phi \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow Z\gamma)}{\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 121$$

Values for SM Higgs at 126 GeV

$$R_{WW/\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \simeq 101, \quad R_{Z\gamma/\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \simeq 0.711$$

Consequences:

- $\frac{R_{WW/\gamma\gamma}^\phi}{R_{WW/\gamma\gamma}^{SM}} = \frac{1}{440}$  disfavors pseudoscalar since ATLAS and CMS have measured rates
- stronger exclusion by very high  $\phi \rightarrow Z\gamma$  rate:  
investigating the channel  $\phi \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow \ell\ell\gamma$  should lead to upper bound  $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} \simeq 8$  at 95% CL with the 8 TeV/5 fb<sup>-1</sup> data sample which should exclude pseudoscalar prediction of  $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 170$  !



# Figures

