

CP properties of the Higgs boson via $t\bar{t}$ Higgs

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We analyse the associated production of the Higgs boson with a top quark pair, $e^-e^+ \rightarrow t\bar{t}\Phi$, in the most general case where the coupling is a mixture of scalar and pseudoscalar components, $g_{\Phi t\bar{t}} \propto (a + ib\gamma_5)$. We have calculated the individual helicity amplitudes for the process and obtained the corresponding cross sections for each helicity state; we have also constructed the top quark polarization asymmetries with polarized and unpolarized initial e^\pm beams. The sensitivity of the pseudoscalar component of the coupling b to the cross section and polarization asymmetry has been investigated. We find that although neither of these observables is very sensitive to the parameter b except for values close to unity, both can clearly distinguish a purely CP-even Higgs state from a purely CP-odd state. Finally, we have constructed an up-down asymmetry for the produced top quark which allows to probe the CP mixing of the Higgs state Φ .

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