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The discovery of the SM-like Higgs boson is a milestone for the particle physics. All the indications from the experimental measurements seem to confirm the validity of the Standard Model (SM). However, there are compelling arguments in favor of new physics beyond the SM (BSM). Thus, searching for signal beyond SM will be of high priority either directly or indirectly. There have been many Higgs factory proposals, including the CEPC in China [1, 2], the FCC-ee at CERN [3–6] and the ILC in Japan [7–10], which can reach sub-percentage precision determination of the Higgs properties, and thus is sensitive to BSM associated with the Higgs boson. In addition, these machines will have corresponding Z-pole programs, providing improved measurements of SM electroweak precision observables. Such unprecedented precisions would lead to hints of new physics associated with the EW sector, and is thus worth of intensive studies on BSM models.

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We study the impacts of the precision measurement using two Higgs doublet models (2HDMs) [11] as benchmark models [12–15]. To illustrate the extent to which the parameter space can be probed, a multi-variable global fit is performed. The loop effects for the Higgs couplings, which can be probed with such high precision, are included in the analysis. The loop correction highly depends on the masses of the heavy particles running in the loop. Such indirect constraints from precision measurements can cover parameter space that cannot be probed by direct searches. The indirect Higgs studies up to one-loop level also shift the wrong-sign Yukawa regime relative to the tree level region. For mass-degenerate case, upper limit on $|\cos(\beta - \alpha)|$, which indicates the deviation from the alignment limit, can be set as a function of $\tan \beta$. We also extend the study to non-degenerate Higgs masses case. The mass difference between the non-SM Higgses are constrained by the Higgs precision measurements, similar to the constraints from Z-pole measurements estimated through oblique-parameters.

Further, with high precisions achieved with the proposed Higgs factories, it is possible to distinguish models with different Higgs Yukawa coupling structure [16]. The different types of the 2HDMs are good benchmarks for such studies. Such analysis contains mainly two parts. First, the discovery potential of different types is established, and the differences in the correlations of various Higgs coupling are characterized. Then, assuming a particular type of 2HDM as a underlying model, we demonstrate the extend to which that other types can be distinguishable. With the illustration of certain benchmark points, it is found that, although the loop corrections weaken the correlations among couplings in each types of model, large part of the parameter space of different types of 2HDMs can be distinguished from the benchmark point in the underlying model.

These analyses demonstrate the great physics potential for the future Higgs precision measurements at the Higgs factories. It could either put strong constraints on the BSM model parameter space if no deviation from the SM predictions is detected, or could help to discover the BSM Higgs sector and to discriminate among different incarnations of the 2HDMs, if a deviation is observed. Although our study mainly focuses on 2HDM, this endeavor should be continued in extending to other Higgs extension models such as Composite Higgs Model. More importantly, with new proposals for future colliders, such as a high-energy muon collider, we would like to consider the potential improvements for exploring their physics in the new environment. It will be of great interests to pursue along this direction and to be prepared for hint that future colliders may provide us.

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