Long-Lived Scalars from Exotic Higgs Decays at the FCC-ee

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Overview

- Introduction
 - Long-lived particles, the FCC-ee and the IDEA detector, the FCC-ee LLP group
 - Exotic Higgs boson decays to long-lived scalars
- Recent activities
 - Simulations of the long-lived scalars at the FCC-ee
 - A first attempt to displaced vertex reconstruction
 - Preliminary vertex selection and event selection
 - Preliminary sensitivity analysis
- Ongoing and future work

Searches for long-lived particles

- Long-Lived Particles (LLPs) are new BSM particles with sufficient decay lengths resolvable in the detector
 - Well-motivated in several BSM models
- Distinct signatures depending on the LLP lifetime, mass, charge, and decay products
 - Design signature-driven searches
- Experimental **benefits**:
 - Little/no backgrounds from SM decays
 -but atypical backgrounds might be significant (cosmics, beam halo, instrumental effects, etc.)
- Experimental challenges:
 - main detectors, triggers, and offline reconstruction not designed for displaced particles
- Room for improvement at future accelerators!



The Future Circular Collider (FCC)

- A proposed future accelerator at CERN
- Operate in two stages:
 - The FCC-ee: e^+e^- collisions at four energy stages, i.e. an EW, Higgs and top factory at high luminosities
 - The **FCC-hh**: an energy frontier with hadron collisions at 100 TeV
- FCC-ee offers good opportunities for LLP searches!
 - Clean experimental signatures
 - No trigger limitations
 - High luminosity

Center-of-mass energy \sqrt{s} [GeV]	Integrated luminosity $L \text{ [ab}^{-1} \text{]}$	Event statistics	LEP stati
91	150	5×10^{12} Z bosons	4×10^6 Z t
161	12	10^{8} WW pairs	10.000 WW
240	5	10^{6} Higgs bosons	Not do
365	1.5	10^{6} $t\bar{t}$ pairs	Not do



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LHC/LEP: 27 km 91-209 GeV (e^+e^- collisions) 14 TeV (pp collisions)

FCC: 90-100 km 91-365 GeV (e^+e^- collisions) 100 TeV (pp collisions)

FCC-ee detector concepts

- Two detector concepts used for integration, performance, cost estimates and look at physics potential:
 - CLD design: adapted for the FCC-ee by the CERN Linear Collider (CLIC) Detector group
 - **IDEA design: specifically designed for the FCC-ee** ullet
- Have the opportunity to design general-purpose detectors with LLPs in mind!
 - Can prioritize e.g. displaced tracking and precision timing information







Ultra-light drift chamber Dual read-out calorimeter Solenoid inside calorimeter



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The FCC-ee LLP group

- The FCC-ee LLP group is dedicated to determine the physics potential to motivate detector design or reconstruction algorithms optimized for LLPs
- Perform case studies with the common FCC analysis tools
 - <u>The FCCAnalyses framework</u>, privately and centrally-produced samples, Delphes, etc
- 3 benchmark physics cases: Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNLs), Axion-like Particles (ALPs) and LLPs from exotic Higgs decays
- Today: A first simulation and analysis of long-lived scalars from exotic Higgs decays



simulation



Long-lived scalars from exotic Higgs decays

- The Higgs boson can have sizeable couplings to new particles \rightarrow exotic Higgs decays
- Our considered model: SM + scalar (<u>arXiv:1312.4992</u>, <u>arXiv:1412.0018</u>) lacksquare
- The new scalar could be a portal between the SM and a dark sector, motivated by e.g Dark Matter
- lacksquare



- The physical Higgs boson h and the scalar s mix with a **mixing angle sin θ**
- The scalar inherits its couplings to the SM particles from the Higgs

$$\Gamma(s \to X_{\rm SM} X_{\rm SM}) = \sin^2 \theta \ \Gamma(h(m_s) \to X)$$

- For sufficiently small mixing, the scalar can be long-lived ullet
 - $c\tau \sim meters if \theta < 1e-6 \rightarrow LLP signature$

New real scalar field S couples to the Higgs doublet H at renormalizable level, via the **Higgs-Scalar coupling** κ

Higgs potential

 $(_{\rm SM}X_{\rm SM})$



Simulation of long-lived scalars @ FCC-ee

- Generated signal samples: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$ with $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ or $\mu^+\mu^-$ and $h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$
- 10.000 privately generated events ●
- lacksquare
- - It includes both a dark photon (that is decoupled) and a dark scalar
 - Set width of scalar to achieve long lifetime
- Parameter choices: lacksquare
 - $\sqrt{s} = 240 \ GeV$ and $L = 5 \ ab^{-1}$
 - $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}$
 - $\sin \theta = 1e-5$, 1e-6, 1e-7, corresponding to $c\tau$ of order 1 mm 10 m
 - $\kappa = 1e-3 \text{ s.t } BR(h \rightarrow ss) = O(10^{-4})$ lower than current constraints, but within reach for FCC-ee (see backup)

$$BR(h \to ss) = \frac{\kappa^2 v_h^2}{32\pi m_h \Gamma_h} \sqrt{1 - 4\frac{m_s^2}{m_h^2}}$$

 κ : Higgs-scalar coupling constant

Full chain using MadGraph v3.4.1 + Pythia8 + Delphes, with the <u>spring2021</u> IDEA Delphes card • The scalars can be simulated with the MadGraph5 HAHM model (arXiv:1312.4992, arXiv:1412.0018)

Generated kinematics

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- Lifetime increases for smaller mixing angle, sin θ , and smaller masses, m_s, as expected ullet
- The generated mean proper lifetimes (from fit of the distributions):

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- 0.0107 ± 0.0001 ns - 1.0622 ± 0.0108 ns - 118.326 ± 1.2412 ns

Sensitivity analysis at gen level

- Selected events that has ≥ 1 scalar within the acceptance region 4 mm < r < 2000 mm
 - All signal samples has \geq 4 events except the shortest and longest lifetime!

Mass of Scalar	Mixing angle	Mean proper	Cross Section	Branching Ratio	Expected events	Expected selected
$m_S \; [\text{GeV}]$	$\sin heta$	lifetime $c\tau$ [mm]	σ [pb]	$BR(h \to ss)$	at 5 ab^{-1}	events
20	1×10^{-5}	3.4	8.858×10^{-6}	6.27×10^{-4}	44.29	40.03
20	1×10^{-6}	341.7	8.858×10^{-6}	6.27×10^{-4}	44.29	43.31
20	1×10^{-7}	34167.0	8.858×10^{-6}	6.27×10^{-4}	44.29	1.57
60	1×10^{-5}	0.9	2.618×10^{-6}	1.85×10^{-4}	13.09	0.01
60	1×10^{-6}	87.7	2.618×10^{-6}	1.85×10^{-4}	13.09	12.98
60	1 × 10 ⁻⁷	8769.1	2.618×10^{-6}	1.85 × 10 ⁻⁴	13.09	8.62

Number of expected events given by $N = L \times \sigma$ with $L = 5 ab^{-1}$ and $\sigma = \sigma_{ZH} \times BR(h \to ss) \times BR(s \to b\bar{b})^2 \times BR(Z \to l^+l^-)$

Reconstruction of the signal

Experimental signature:

- Z boson reconstructed from e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair - Displaced Vertices (DVs)

Reconstruction of the Z boson with e^+e^- and $\mu^+\mu^-$

- The Z boson mass reconstructed from the invariant mass of either of the lepton pairs
- Can be used to tag the signal

Displaced Vertex reconstruction

- Two options of DV reconstruction implemented and tested, using current tools in the FCCAnalyses framework with extra constraints and functions inspired by ATLAS DV reconstruction (<u>cds</u>)
- SV finder of the LCFI+ algorithm (<u>arXiv:1506.08371</u>)
 - **Track selection**: pT > 1 GeV and |d0| > 2 mm, to reconstruct DVs from the $s \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay
 - Inputs for vertex seed: $M_{inv} < 40$ GeV and $\chi^2 < 9$
 - Vertexing: $\chi^2 < 5$ for adding track to vertex seed
- Added vertex merging in attempt to reconstruct the scalar DVs
 - Compare the vertices positions pair-wise and merge if they are within 10σ (σ = error of vertex position) or 1 mm
 - Merging done by taking the associated tracks of the merged vertices, combine and rerun the vertexfitter

Goodness-of-fit of the DVs

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- The χ^2 /dof distributions tends to higher values for vertex merging
- Smeared out distribution for $m_s = 20$ GeV, sin $\theta = 1e-6$
- With vertex merging all signal points have values in the overflow \rightarrow worse fit

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Invariant mass at the DVs

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- Usually a good discriminating variable between a DV from an LLP and a fake vertex ullet
- fragmentation \rightarrow expected peak around half of the particle's mass
- More of a structure around higher masses for the merged vertices lacksquare
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FCCAnalyses: FCC-ee Simulation (Delphes)

Invariant mass at vertex calculated assuming all tracks to come from pions, this only captures the charged component of the jet

Tradeoff between goodness-of-fit and invariant mass \rightarrow no vertex merging at this stage, more truth studies needed!

Distance from PV to DVs

- Another good discriminating variable between signal and background is the distance between the PV and the DVs
- DVs reconstructed only with selected tracks, the reconstructed quantity nicely follows the generated quantity ullet
- $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}$, sin $\theta = 1e-5$ is too short lived to be properly reconstructed with the DV algorithm
- $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}$, $\sin \theta = 1e-7$ might be too long-lived to have enough DVs in the tracker volume

FCCAnalyses: FCC-ee Simulation (Delphes)

• $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}$, $\sin \theta = 1e-5$, $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}$, $\sin \theta = 1e-6$, $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}$, $\sin \theta = 1e-7$ and $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}$, $\sin \theta = 1e-6$ good for the analysis!

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Preliminary vertex selection & event selection

- Considered backgrounds: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z h$, $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z Z$ and $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW$

Type	Parameter	Valu
Track Selection	$\operatorname{Min}p_T$	1 G
	Min $ d_0 $	2 m
Vertex Reconstruction	V^0 rejection	Tru
	Max χ^2	9
	Max M_{inv}	40 0
	Max χ^2 added track	5
	Vertex merging	Fals
Vertex Selection	Min r_{DV-PV}	4 m
	Max r_{DV-PV}	200
	Min $M_{charged}$	1 G

Distance of DVs from PV: Required to be in the tracker volume and outside the innermost region to exclude heavy-flavour decays Charged invariant mass at DV: To remove background DVs

• Using 100.000 generated raw events from the centrally-produced samples in the spring2021 production campaign

n_DVs: For each final state b of one of the scalars ¹⁷

Sensitivity analysis with reconstructed quantities

- uncertainties are only statistical
- Backgrounds: lacksquare

	Before selection	Pre-selection	$70 < m_{ll} < 110 \; \mathrm{GeV}$	$n_{DVs} \ge 2$
WW	$8.22\mathrm{e}{+07}\pm7.45\mathrm{e}{+06}$	$2.11\mathrm{e}{+06}\pm4.16\mathrm{e}{+04}$	$4.68\mathrm{e}{+05}\pm1.96\mathrm{e}{+04}$	$0~(\leq 1.96e+04)$
ZZ	$6.79\mathrm{e}{+06} \pm 1.77\mathrm{e}{+05}$	$8.91\mathrm{e}{+}05\pm7.78\mathrm{e}{+}03$	$5.85\mathrm{e}{+05}\pm6.31\mathrm{e}{+03}$	$0~(\leq 6.31\mathrm{e}{+03})$
ZH	$ 1.01\mathrm{e}{+06} \pm 1.01\mathrm{e}{+04}$	$5.97\mathrm{e}{+}04 \pm 7.76\mathrm{e}{+}02$	$ m 4.75e{+}04 \pm 6.93e{+}02$	$0~(\leq 6.93\mathrm{e}{+02})$

• Signals:

$m_s, \sin \theta$	Before selection	Pre-selection	$70 < m_{ll} < 110~{ m GeV}$	$n_{DVs} \ge 2$
20 GeV, 1e-5	44.3 ± 0.0295	29.8 ± 0.363	28.9 ± 0.358	3.55 ± 0.125
20 GeV, 1e-6	44.3 ± 0.0295	30.4 ± 0.367	29.7 ± 0.363	22.4 ± 0.315
20 GeV, 1e-7	44.3 ± 0.0295	36.3 ± 0.401	35.6 ± 0.397	0.531 ± 0.0485
60 GeV, 1e-5	13.1 ± 0.00474	8.38 ± 0.105	8.12 ± 0.103	$0 \ (\leq 0.103)$
60 GeV, 1e-6	13.1 ± 0.00474	8.34 ± 0.104	8.09 ± 0.103	6.43 ± 0.0917
60 GeV, 1e-7	13.1 ± 0.00474	9.69 ± 0.113	9.45 ± 0.111	4.10 ± 0.0732

• Applied event selections from left to right, results given in number of expected events and

• Given zero background, signal points with at least 3 expected events can be excluded to CL 95% • More truth studies needs to be done to determine reconstruction efficiency and fake vertex rate!

Ongoing and future work

- Rerun the event selection for the background processes to decrease the statistical uncertainties, use all the available centrally-produced samples:
 - 10.000.000 events each for WW and Zh, and 60.000.000 events for ZZ
- Further optimize the DV reconstruction for the FCC-ee
- Lots of room for newcomers in the FCC-ee LLP group please join the pursuit! Mailing list: <LLP-FCCee-informal@cern.ch>

• Truth matching of DVs to determine reconstruction efficiency, fake vertex rate, etc.

Summary

- framework has been done and is ongoing!

• At
$$\sqrt{s} = 240 \; GeV$$
 and $L = 5 \; ab^{-1}$

- Signal points: $m_s = 20$ GeV and $m_s = 60$ GeV with lifetimes of order 1 mm 10 m
- Two options of reconstruction of the DVs, using the LCFI+ SV finder with:
 - Custom track selection: pT > 1 GeV and |d0| > 2 mm
 - Track selection + vertex merging \rightarrow needs more studies to be implemented
- A first sensitivity analysis
 - With vertex selection: $M_{inv} > 1$ GeV and 4 mm < r < 2000 mm
 - And event selection: tagging the Z boson and requiring at least 2 DVs
 - Backgrounds efficiently suppressed to zero!
 - Sensitivity for all signal samples except the shortest and longest lifetime!

• A first simulation and analysis of long-lived scalars from exotic Higgs decays within the FCCA alyses

• Generated the signal process $e^+e^- \to Zh$ with $Z \to e^+e^-$ or $\mu^+\mu^-$ and $h \to ss \to b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

Backup slides

Summary of current constraints from LHC

Review: Exotic Higgs Decays <u>arXiv:2111.12751</u>

- Figure summarizes searches at ATLAS, CMS and LHCb for $h \rightarrow ss$ where s is a new long-lived scalar in the mass range 30-40 GeV
- In order to compare the results the figure shows the results for $(\sigma_h/\sigma_h SM) \times Br(h \rightarrow ss)$ using the approximated branching ratios $Br(s \rightarrow bb) = 85\%$, $Br(s \rightarrow bb) = 8$ cc) = 5% and Br(s $\rightarrow \tau \tau$) = 8% for results with exclusive final states
- "The HL-LHC is expected to produce a large sample of O(10⁸) Higgs bosons"
- "The lower background environments of lepton colliders, together with detectors constructed with BSM LLP signatures in mind, can potentially make LLP searches at Higgs factories competitive with those at the LHC at the shorter LLP lifetimes where LHC backgrounds are higher, or in other scenarios where the event presents a particular trigger or background rejection challenge at the LHC"

Previous studies: exotic Higgs decays FCC-ee sensitivity

Long Live the Higgs Factory: Higgs Decays to Long-Lived Particles at Future Lepton Colliders arXiv: 1812.05588

Plot from: <u>arXiv:2203.05502</u>

Results from: arXiv:1812.05588

- Projected 95% h → XX branching ratio limits as a function of proper decay length for a variety of X masses.
- The larger dashes are the 'long lifetime' analysis and the smaller dashes are the 'large mass' analysis
- Realistic tracker-based search strategy involving the reconstruction of displaced secondary vertices and the imposition of selection cuts appropriate for eliminating the largest irreducible backgrounds.

Efficiencies

	20 GeV, 1e-5	20 GeV, 1e-6	20 GeV, 1e-7					
Before selection	1.0	1.0	1.0					
Pre-selection	0.672	0.687	0.819	Mass of Scalar	Mixing angle	Mean proper	Cross Section	Bran
$70 < m_{ll} < 110 \; { m GeV}$	0.653	0.670	0.803	$m_S \; [\text{GeV}]$	$\sin \theta$	lifetime $c\tau$ [mm]	σ [pb]	BI
$n_{DVs} \ge 2$	0.080	0.505	0.012	20 20	1×10^{-5} 1×10^{-6}	$3.4 \\ 341.7$	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	6.2 6.2
	60 GeV, 1e-5	60 GeV, 1e-6	60 GeV, 1e-7	20	1×10^{-7}	34167.0	8.858×10^{-6}	6.2
Before selection	1.0	1.0	1.0	60	1×10^{-5}	0.9	2.618×10^{-6}	1.8
Pre-selection	0.640	0.637	0.740	60 60	1×10^{-6} 1×10^{-7}	87.7 8769.1	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.8 \\ 1.8 \end{array} $
$70 < m_{ll} < 110 \; { m GeV}$	0.620	0.618	0.722			I	I	I
$n_{DVs} \ge 2$	0.0	0.491	0.313					

	WW	ZZ	ZH
Before selection	1.0	1.0	1.0
Pre-selection	0.131	0.026	0.059
$70 < m_{ll} < 110 \; \mathrm{GeV}$	0.006	0.086	0.047
$n_{DVs} \ge 2$	0.0	0.0	0.0

Possible production and decay at FCC-ee

Production process:

- Higgs produced at ZH-stage of FCC-ee: $\sqrt{s} = 240 \text{ GeV}$ and $L = 5 \text{ } ab^{-1}$
- Signal process: $e^+e^- \to Zh$ with $Z \to e^+e^-$ or $\mu^+\mu^-$ and $h \to ss \to b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 240 \text{ GeV and } L = 5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow e^+e^- \text{ or } \mu^+\mu^- \text{ and } h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

DV reconstruction performance

Example event with only track selection:

	y [mm]	z [mm]
	-22.47	-870.76
	220.82	546.42
6	-21.76 ± 0.040	-874.69 ± 0.415
5	-23.93 ± 0.099	-873.98 ± 0.514
1	221.69 ± 0.010	550.38 ± 0.040
6	223.24 ± 0.069	549.43 ± 0.072

Two DVs close to each truth scalar decay position

Example event with track selection + merging:

nm	y [mm]	z [mm]
94	8.42	6.47
13	-0.63	-2.98
: 0.018	8.41 ± 0.016	6.47 ± 0.005
0.019	8.88 ± 0.013	6.82 ± 0.008
- 0.260	-0.64 ± 0.022	-2.75 ± 0.096
0.044	-0.61 ± 0.005	-3.00 ± 0.019
0.024	-1.60 ± 0.016	-4.75 ± 0.016
E 0.015	17.86 ± 0.016	14.81 ± 0.013
E 0.010	16.36 ± 0.010	13.48 ± 0.010
: 0.007	8.37 ± 0.006	6.48 ± 0.003
0.043	-0.61 ± 0.004	-2.97 ± 0.018
0.024	-1.60 ± 0.016	-4.75 ± 0.016
± 0.015	17.86 ± 0.016	14.81 ± 0.013
E 0.010	16.36 ± 0.010	13.48 ± 0.010

Fake vertices? More truth studies needed!

Model parameters and calculations

• Width of scalar and branching ratios for s from arXiv:1312.4992

$$\Gamma_s = \frac{\Gamma(s \to b\bar{b})}{BR(s \to b\bar{b})} = \sin^2\theta \frac{N_c m_s m_b^2}{0.9 \times 8\pi v^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_b^2}{m_s^2}\right)^{3/2}$$

• Approximate the cross section with

 $\sigma = \sigma_{ZH} \times BR(h \to ss) \times BR(s \to b\bar{b})^2 \times BR(Z \to l^+l^-)$

The branching ratio for Higgs to s (<u>arXiv:2111.12751</u>)

$$BR(h \to ss) = \frac{\kappa^2 v^2}{32\pi m_h \Gamma_h} \sqrt{1 - 4\frac{m_s^2}{m_h^2}}$$

- We set $\kappa = 1e-3$ s.t $BR(h \rightarrow ss) = O(10^{-4})$, lower than current constraints and within reach for FCC-ee shown by previous studies, see backup
- $\sigma_{ZH} = 0.259 \pm 9.972e-5 \text{ pb}$, from MG output
- $BR(s \rightarrow b\bar{b})^2 = 0.9^2$, from plot

Generated kinematics

FCCAnalyses: FCC-ee Simulation (Delphes)

- Generates 2 scalars for each event
- Generates the two different scalar masses properly, $m_s = 20 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_s = 60 \text{ GeV}$

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Reconstruction of the Z boson with e^+e^- and $\mu^+\mu^-$

Vertex reconstruction

- More details in thesis: DiVA
- LCFIPlus: A Framework for Jet Analysis in Linear Collider Studies: arXiv:1506.08371
- FCCAnalyses framework vertex reconstruction: <u>GitHub</u>

FCC: Find out more

- Future Circular Collider European Strategy Update Documents
 - (FCC-ee), (FCC-hh), (FCC-int)
- FCC-ee: Your Questions Answered
 - arXiv:1906.02693 lacksquare
- Circular and Linear e+e- Colliders: Another Story of Complementarity
 - arXiv:1912.11871
- Theory Requirements and Possibilities for the FCC-ee and other Future High Energy and **Precision Frontier Lepton Colliders**
 - <u>arXiv:1901.02648</u>
- Polarization and Centre-of-mass Energy Calibration at FCC-ee
 - arXiv:1909.12245
- FCC-ee Snowmass2021 Lols: <u>https://indico.cern.ch/event/951830/</u>

Phase	Run duration	Center-of-mass	Integrated	
	(years)	Energies (GeV)	Luminosity (ab ⁻¹)	
FCC-ee-Z	4	88-95	150	3
FCC-ee-W	2	158-162	12	
FCC-ee-H	3	240	5	
FCC-ee-tt	5	345-365	1.5	

4 CDR volumes published in EPJ

FCC Physics Opportunities

FCC-hh: **The Hadron Collider**

FCC-ee: **The Lepton Collider**

HE-LHC: The High Energy **Large Hadron Collider**

Event Statistics $\times 10^{12}$ visible Z decays 10⁸ WW events 10⁶ ZH events $10^6 t\overline{t}$ events

FCC-ee LLP group: past and ongoing work

- Several Masters student theses done or in progress:
- <u>Sissel Bay Nielsen</u> (University of Copenhagen, 2017)
- <u>Rohini Sengupta</u> (Uppsala University, 2021)
- Lovisa Rygaard (Uppsala University, 2022)
- <u>Tanishq Sharma</u> (University of Geneva, 2022)
- <u>Magdalena Vande Voorde</u> (Uppsala University, 2023)
- Dimitri Moulin (University of Geneva, 2023)
- ... And more on the way!