

Higgs to strange

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The strange quark as a
probe for New Physics
in the Higgs Sector

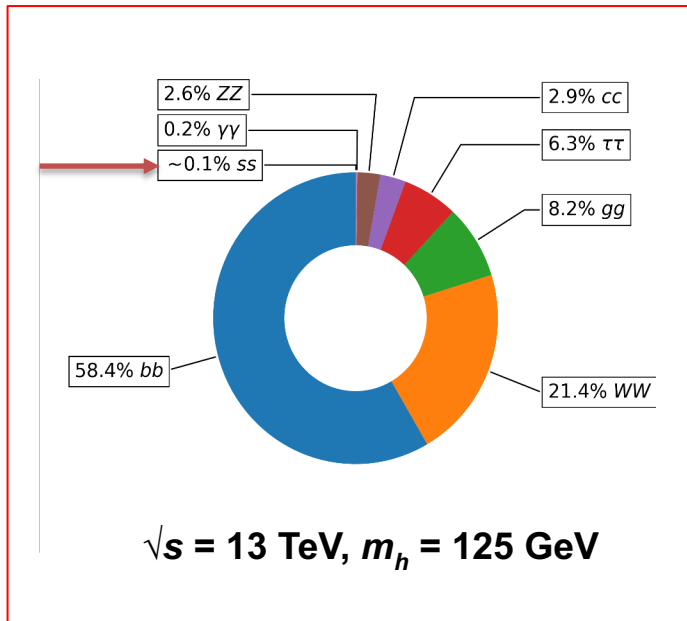
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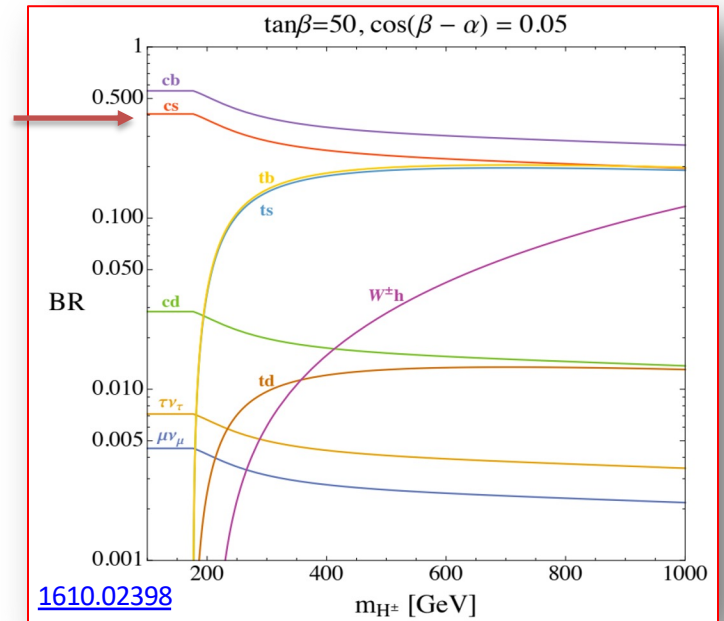
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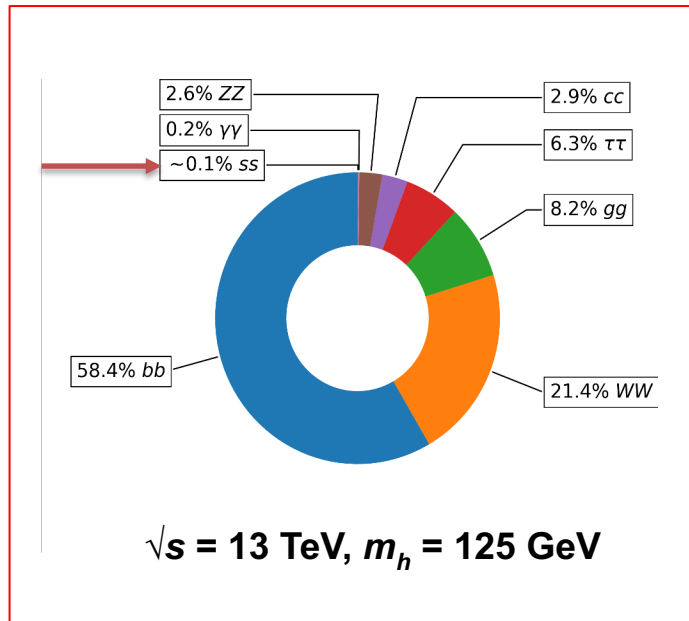


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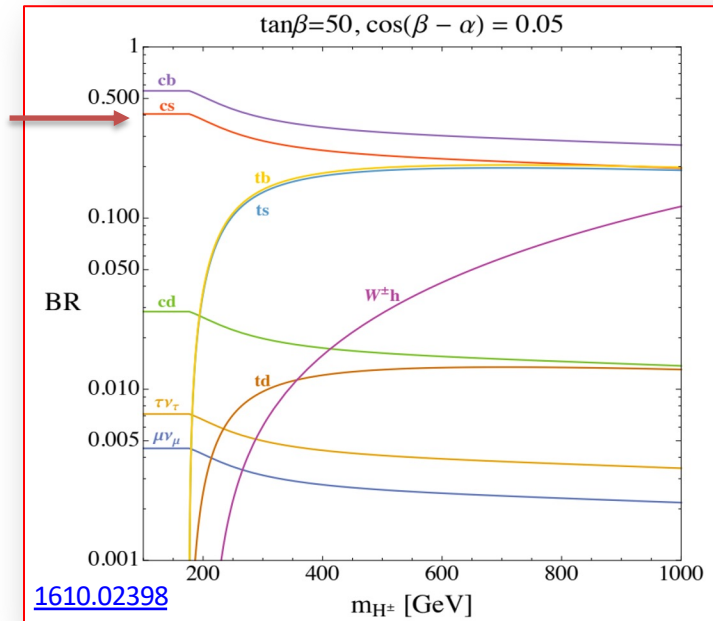


The Strange quark as a probe for New Physics

SM Higgs



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Assess the sensitivity of Higgs to strange couplings^(*) at future Higgs Factories and study detector design enabling strange jet tagging

^(*)many more SM analyses would benefit from strange tagging, e.g. $ee \rightarrow ss, Z \rightarrow ss, W \rightarrow cs$, etc!

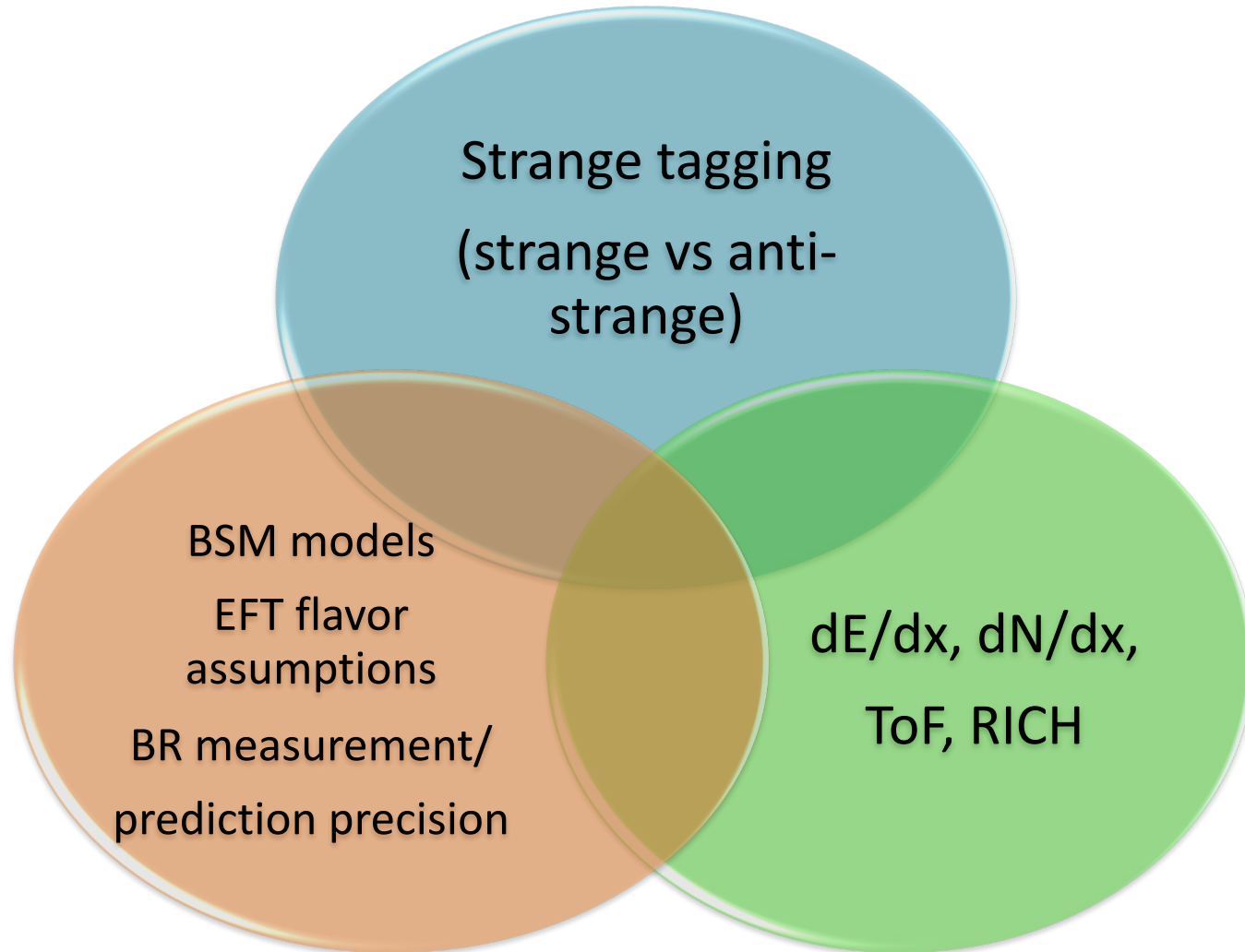
$H \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ and strange-Yukawa Expert Team

Newly established team (*), areas of work indicative only:

- Valentina Cairo (coordination)
- Taikan Suehara (ILD)
- Loukas Gouskos (FCC-ee, IDEA)
- Matt Basso (FCC-ee)
- Caterina Vernieri (SiD)
- Valerio Dao (ATLAS)
- John Alison (CMS)
- Yotam Soreq (Theory / Interpretation)

(*) We haven't met yet (team formed this Monday)

$H \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ and strange-Yukawa Activities to Cover



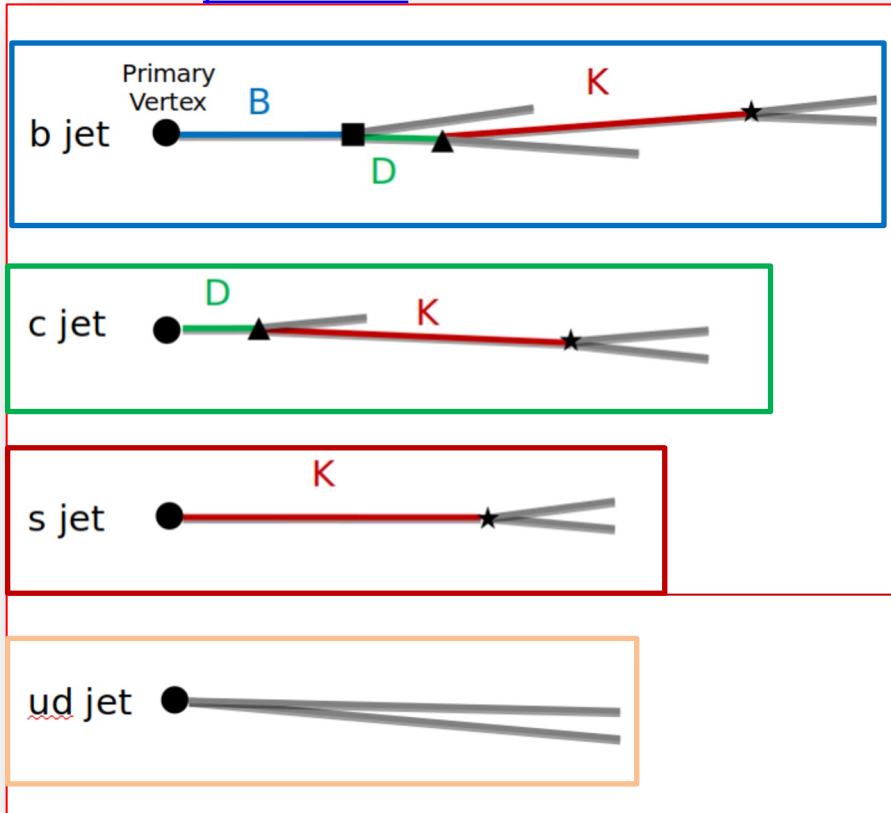
Where do we stand?

Past activities have been presented in several occasions, see two presentations given in the context of ECFA meetings:

1. <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1138771/>
2. <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1271419/>

Experimental Handles for Flavor Tagging

T. Tanabe's [presentation](#)



	# of secondary vertices (excluding V^0)	# of strange hadrons ($K^\pm, K_L^0, K_S^0, \Lambda^0$)
b	2	≥ 1
c	1	≥ 1
s	0	≥ 1
ud	0	0

Strange Hadron reconstruction

- K^\pm [PID]
- $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ [Vertex] (BF $\sim 69.2\%$)
- $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-$ [Vertex] (BF $\sim 64\%$)
- K_L^0 [Particle Flow]

...and SLD actually measured strange hadrons from $Z \rightarrow s\bar{s}$!

See [SLD A_s PRL 85 \(2000\), 5059](#)

Detector Requirements

Key ingredients for b/c-tagging:

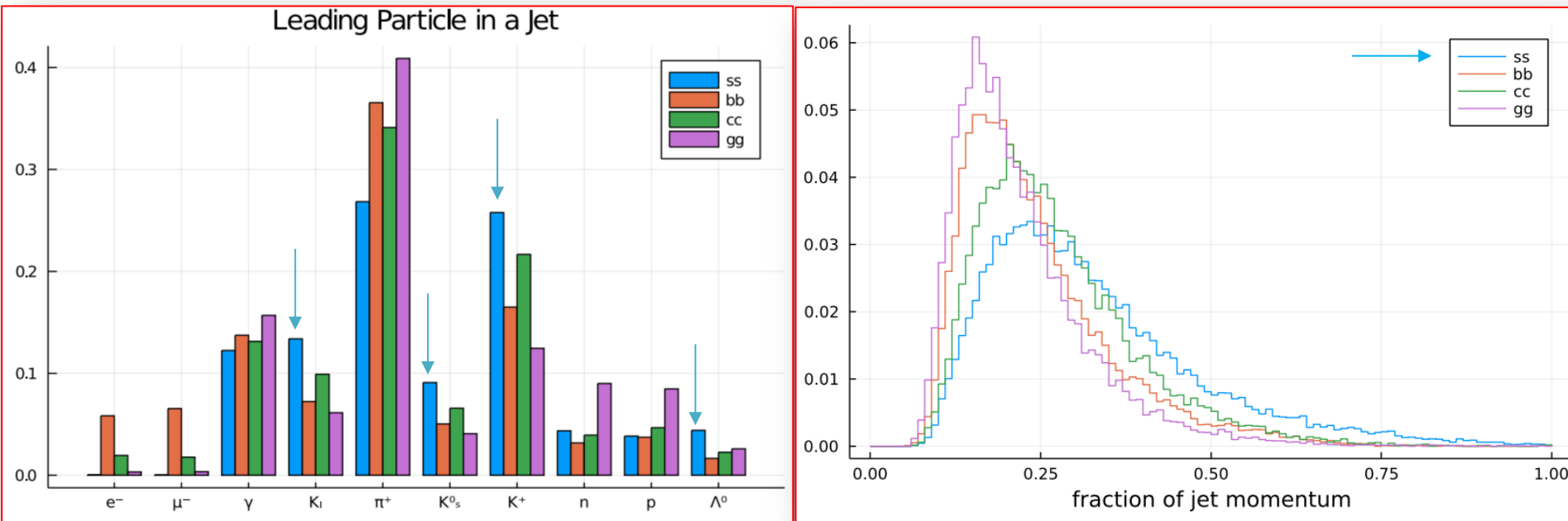
- Track Impact Parameters
 - Secondary Vertices
- Multi-Vertex Decay chain

Need tracking & vertexing detectors with:

- excellent spatial resolution
 - layers close to IP
 - light weight

How about strange-tagging then?

The strange features

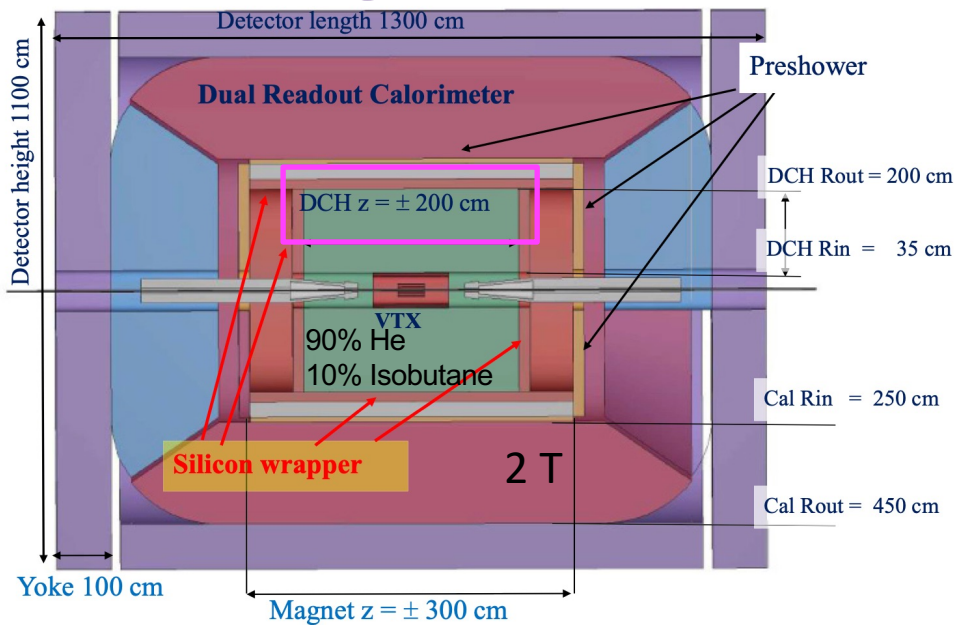


Particle Identification is crucial!

Need π/K discrimination over a momentum range of approximately
 $(0.2-0.7) \times 0.5 \times 125 \cong$ **12 to 50 GeV**

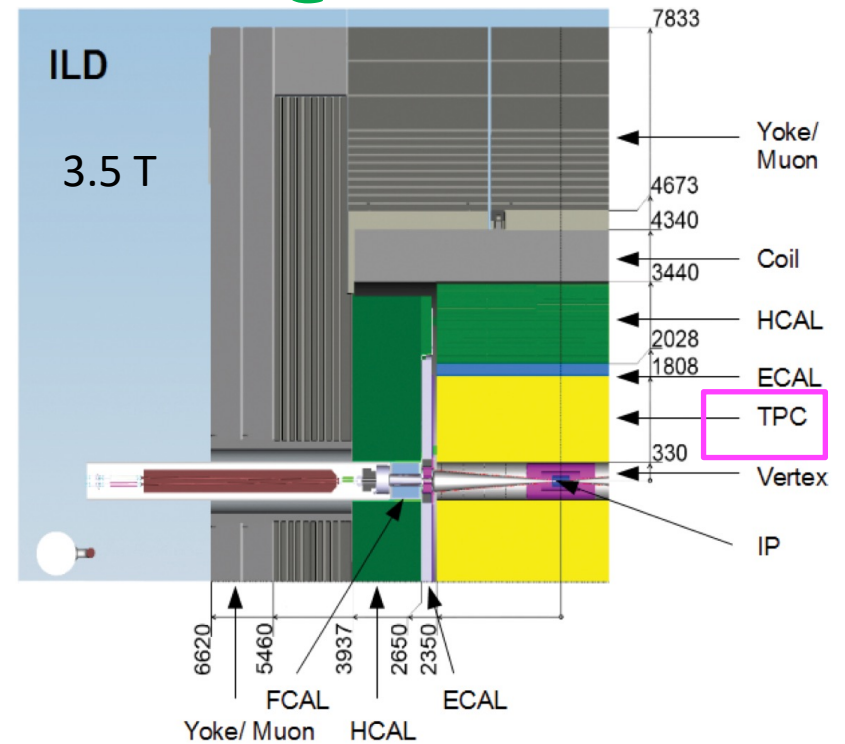
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IDEA @ FCC-ee



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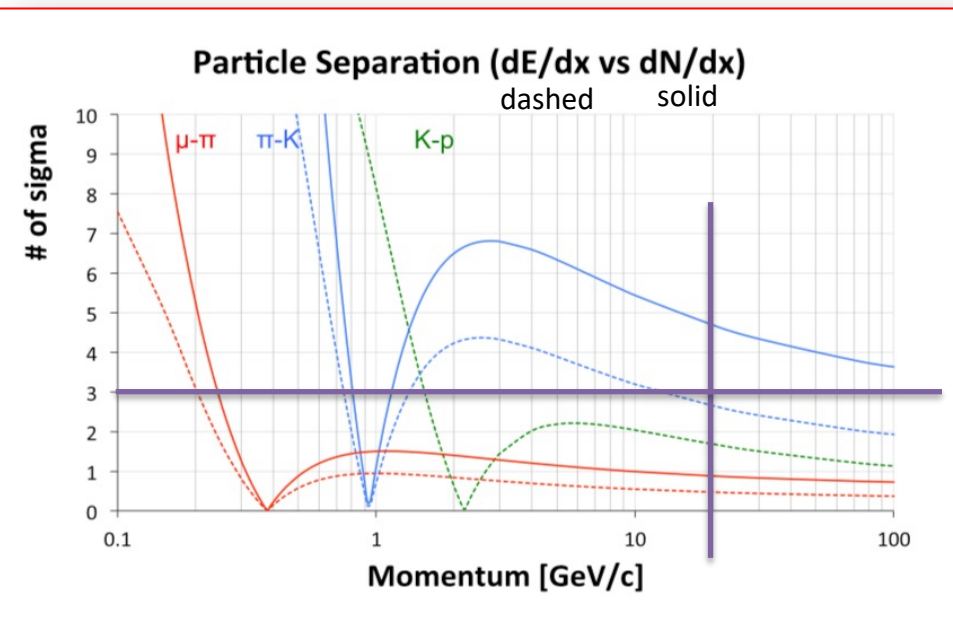
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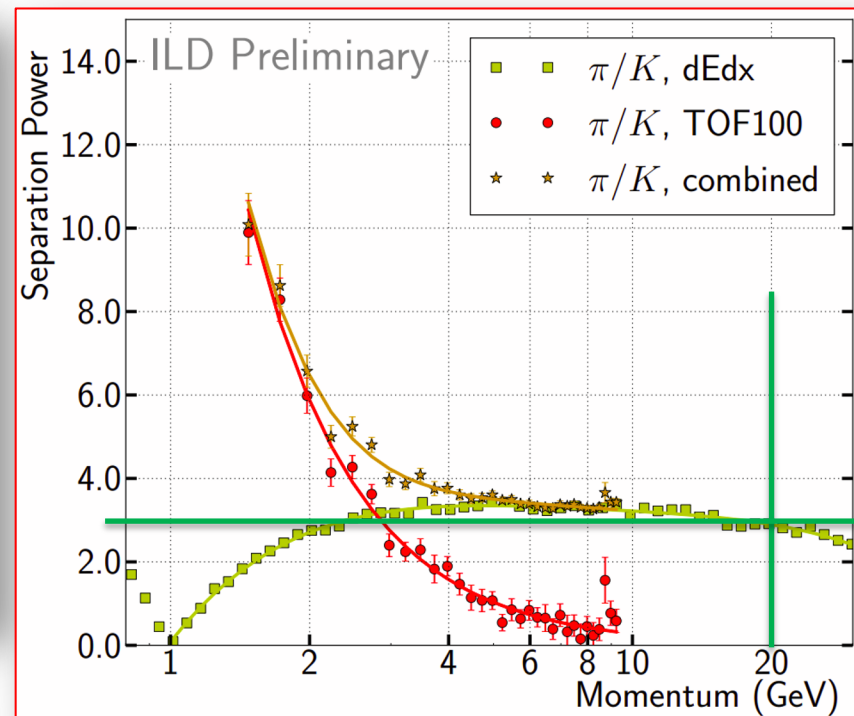
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Analitical calculations

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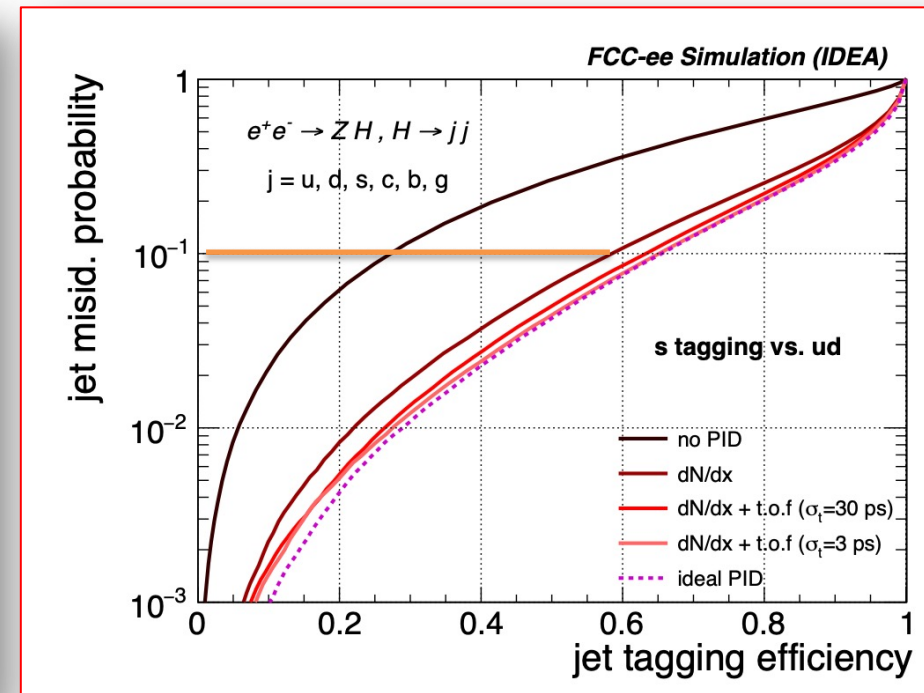
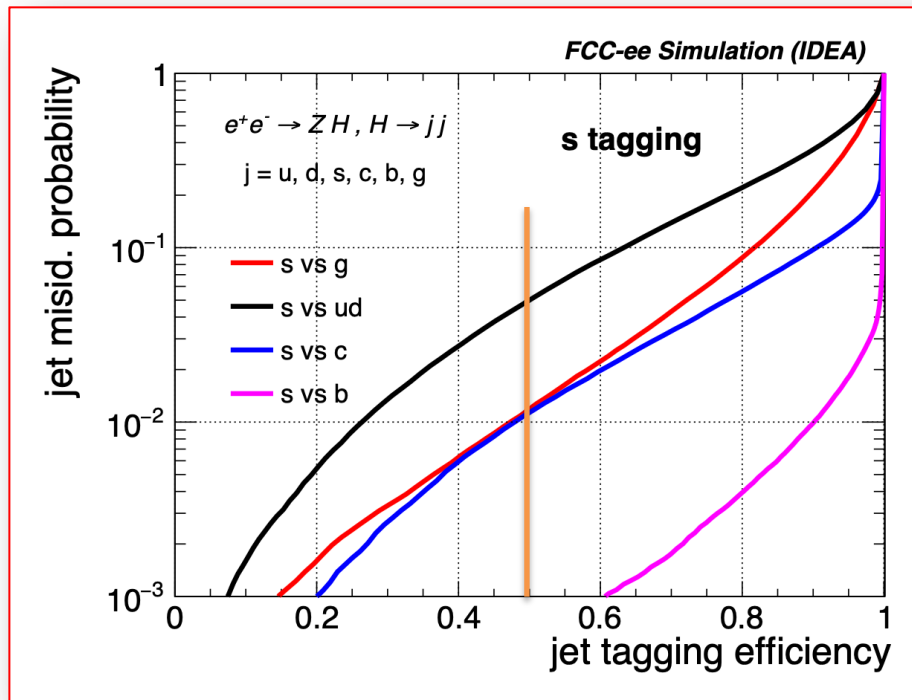


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Comparable dE/dx performance at e.g. 20 GeV, boost from dN/dx

Strange Tagging with IDEA

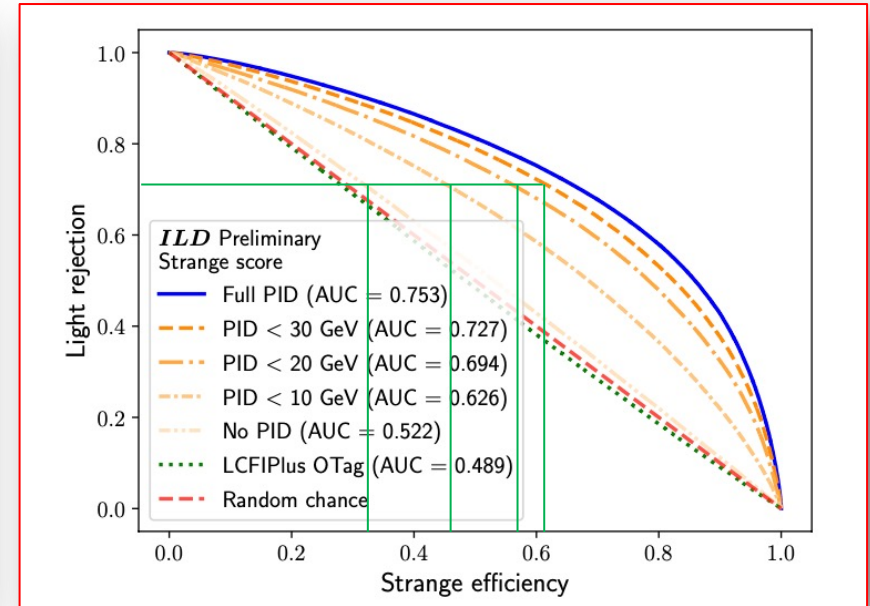
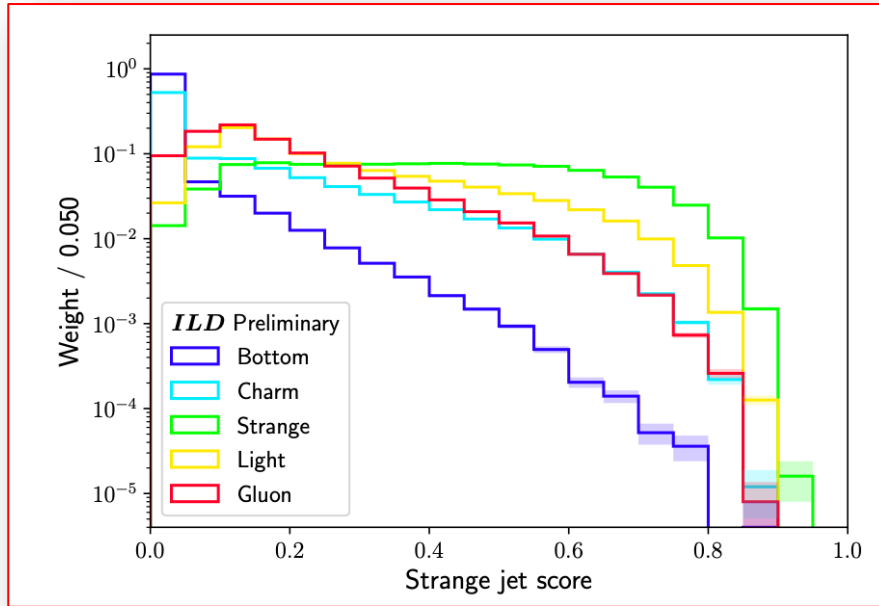
- Use a Graph Neural Net *ParticleNetIdea*: jets represented as an un-ordered set of particles
- Train on $(Z \rightarrow inv)(H \rightarrow qq/gg)$ samples, **per-jet and per-particle level inputs & variables** (kinematics, displacement, identification)
- TOF and dN/dx ($3\sigma < 30$ GeV) considered
- **Fast Simulation and Fast Tracking**



No PID to PID with dN/dx \rightarrow at fixed mistag, **efficiency doubles**

Strange Tagging with ILD

- Use a Recurrent Neural Net tagger for classifying jet-flavour, train on **full simulation** ($Z \rightarrow inv$)($H \rightarrow qq/gg$) samples and include **per-jet level inputs & variables** on the **10 leading particles** in each jet (including PDG-based PID) \rightarrow general validity!



- Good discrimination of s jets from u/d and from g jets** – here, $N_{\text{particles}}$ is powerful
- At **50% s -tag efficiency**, **90% background rejection** over **70%** for [LCFIPlus](#) Otag
- No PID to PID < 10 GeV** \rightarrow at fixed mistag, **1.5x efficiency**
- No PID to PID < 30 GeV** \rightarrow at fixed mistag, **efficiency doubles**

A physics benchmark:

$h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ analysis with ILD @ the ILC

and

$h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ analysis with IDEA @ the FCC

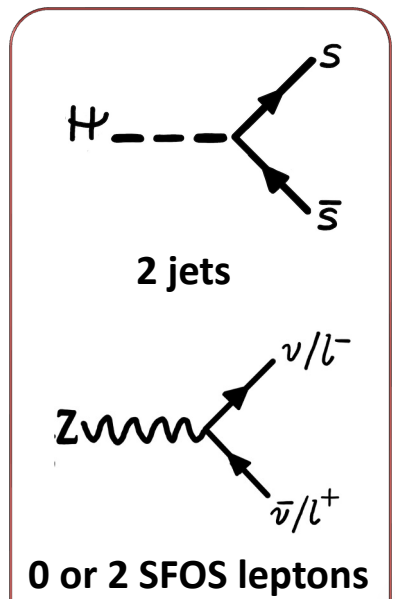
$$\sigma_H @ \sqrt{250\text{GeV}} \sim 200 \text{ fb}$$

- 2000 fb⁻¹ (5000) collected by the ILC (FCC) @ 250 (240) GeV
- → 400k (1M) Higgs out of which only about ~100 (200) will decay to strange quarks

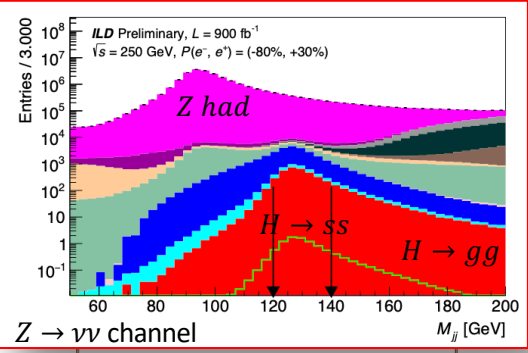
But of course, new physics boosts these numbers!

$h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ analysis in a nutshell

- $(h \rightarrow d\bar{d})(Z \rightarrow ll \nu\nu)$
- $(h \rightarrow u\bar{u})(Z \rightarrow ll \nu\nu)$
- $(h \rightarrow gg)(Z \rightarrow ll \nu\nu)$
- $(h \rightarrow c\bar{c})(Z \rightarrow ll \nu\nu)$
- $(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})(Z \rightarrow ll \nu\nu)$
- $(h \rightarrow \text{other})(Z \rightarrow ll)$
- 4f ZZ semileptonic
- 4f single Z semileptonic
- 4f ZZ hadronic
- 4f WW hadronic
- 4f ZZ / WW hadronic
- 2f Z leptonic
- 2f Z hadronic
- $(h \rightarrow s\bar{s})(Z \rightarrow ll \nu\nu)$



Object definition



Cut-based approach, reject $ZH(!ss), V, VV$

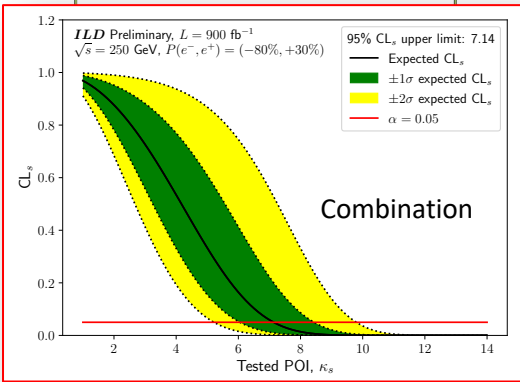
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Event selection

Sum of $jet_0 + jet_1$ strange tagging scores

Signal discriminant

s-Yukawa constraints

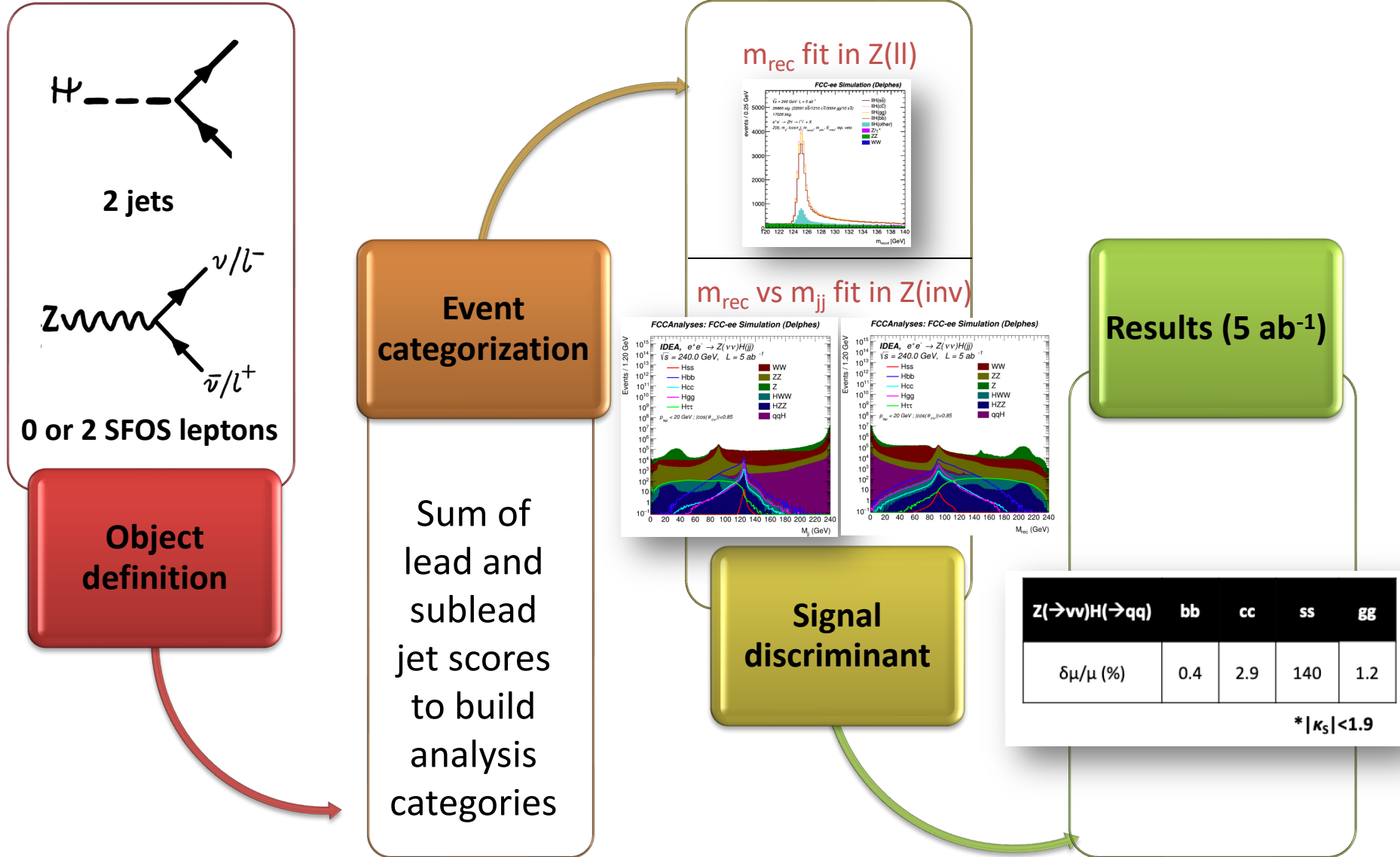


$k_s \lesssim 7 \times SM$

Limits on u/d yukawas are also set

$h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ analysis in a nutshell

FCC: simultaneous extraction of Higgs couplings (b, c, s, g, other)





- The two analyses demonstrate that if we can tag strange jets, we can probe the **Higgs strange Yukawa** coupling...

But **we need π/K discrimination at high momenta!**



- This triggered recent studies of what may be possible with a system that pioneered particle ID: the **Ring Imaging Cherenkov detector**

Particle Identification techniques

- Various technologies allow to identify hadrons in different momentum ranges

3σ separation for π/K

dE/dx in silicon

Time-of-flight via
Fast Timing in silicon
envelopes or
calorimetry

dE/dx in Time
Projection or Drift
Chambers

**Ring Imaging
Cherenkov Detectors**

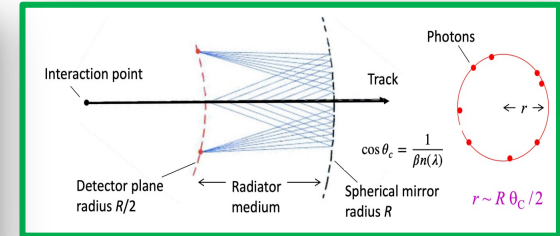
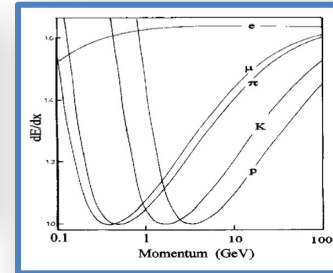
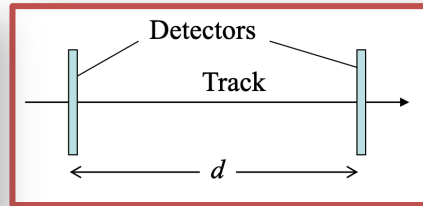
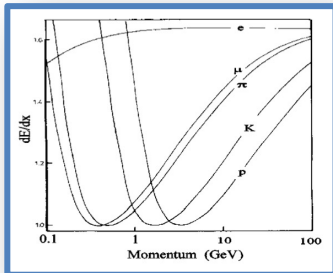
≈ 5 GeV

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≈ 30 GeV
(scales with volume)

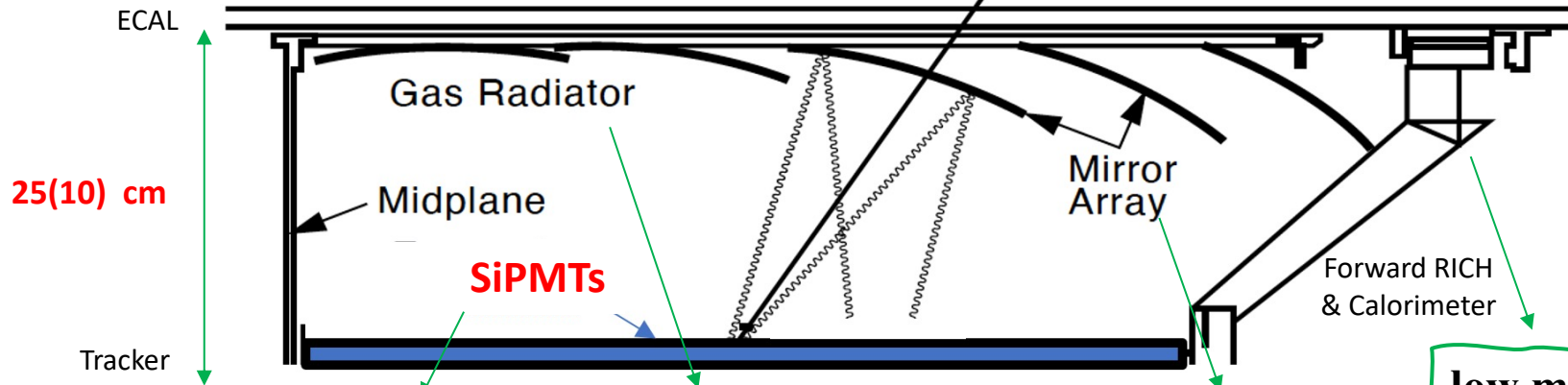
O(tens of GeV)

Momentum \rightarrow



Compact Gaseous RICH with SiPMTs

Designed by J. Vavra

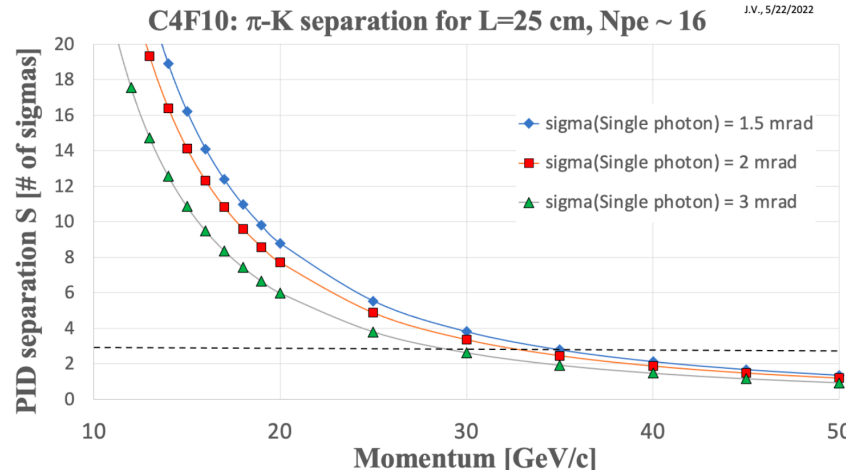


Fast timing device (<100 ps) to provide ToF covering the lower p range and complementing the RICH

Pure C_4F_{10} at 1 bar (boiling point -1.9 C at 1 bar, good refraction index)

Beryllium with reflective coating

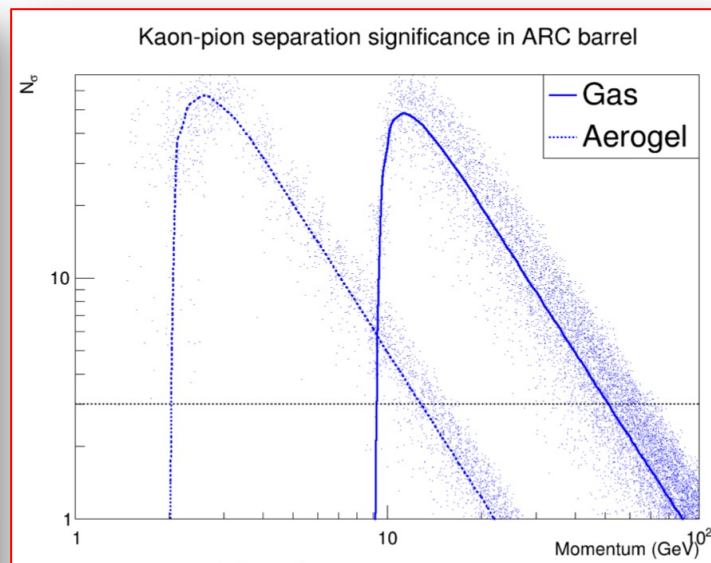
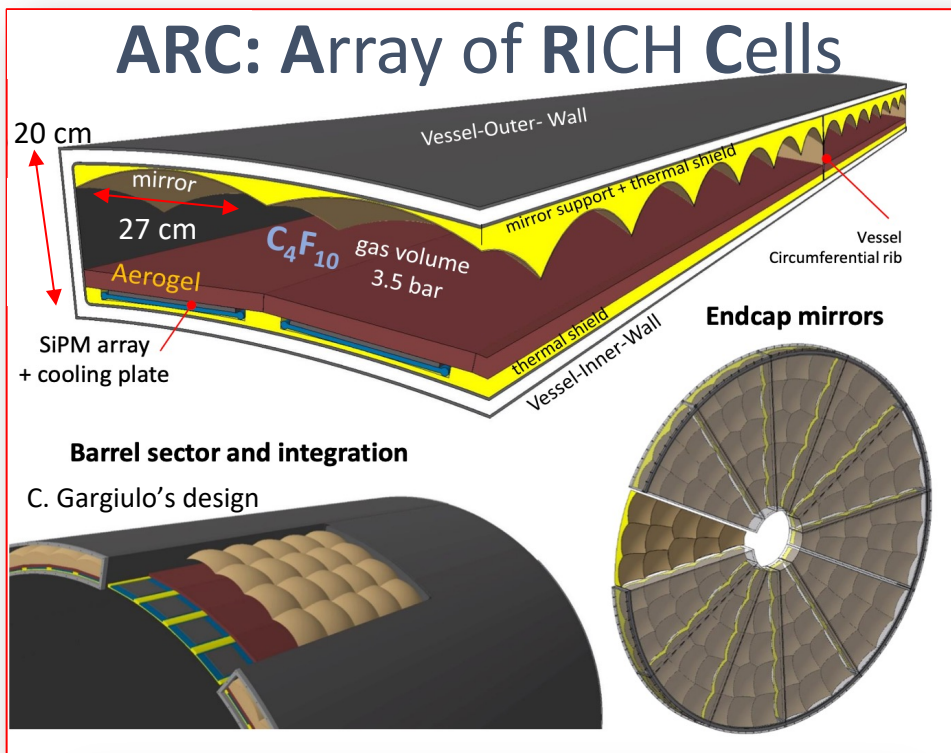
low mass carbon-composite material for the structure



Can reach $3\sigma \pi/K$ separation up to 30 GeV with state-of-the-art technology! (updated results coming soon)

The ARC design

Designed by R. Forty



Can reach $3\sigma \pi/K$ separation up to tens of GeV!

Detector component	Units of radiation length X/X_0	
	Pressurised	Non-pressurised
Vessel walls	5%	1%
Photosensor array/electronics	1%	1%
Cooling plate (3 mm CF)	1%	1%
Aerogel ($n = 1.03$)	1%	0.5%
C_4F_{10} gas	1%	0.5%
Focusing mirror	1%	1%
Total	10%	5%

- Ongoing work to include RICH in Geant 4 and run full simulation studies
- Work has also started for particle reconstruction in RICH

Next Steps

1 HtoSS - $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh: h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ ($\sqrt{s} = 240/250$ GeV) (JdB)

The core of the Higgs factory program, i.e. the determination of the absolute Higgs-strahlung cross-section with the least possible model-dependence, as well as precision measurements of the Higgs boson couplings to SM fermions, has been studied thoroughly in the past - most recently thanks to the efforts for the last European Strategy Update and in the context of the Snowmass community study. One prominent exception, being addressed only recently, is $h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$.

Theoretical, phenomenological and MC generator targets

- BSM models predicting deviations in $h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$, e.g. SUSY
- BSM models predicting for example charged Higgs boson with large branching ratios in final states including strange quarks, e.g. 2HDM $H^+ \rightarrow cs$ BR $\approx 50\%$
- $s\bar{s}$ vs. $b\bar{b}$ in BSM models: gain from $s\bar{s}$?
- flavor assumptions in EFTs: decouple 3rd from 1st/2nd family? Partially looked at in the context of the Spontaneous Flavour Violating framework.

Target physics observables

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$ with $h \rightarrow ss$ ($Z \rightarrow$ anything) at $\sqrt{s} = 240/250$ GeV (higher center of mass energies still unexplored)
- projected precision on branching fraction, and differential cross-section in $\cos\theta_s$
- Flavour changing decays are very rare in the SM, for example $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow bs) \simeq 10^{-7}$. NP models, which can be encapsulated by an EFT, allow larger values.

Target methods to be developed

- charged hadron ID from dN/dx , dE/dx , ToF, RICH, study complementarity in momentum reach.
- reconstruction of in-flight decays, e.g. $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
- strangeness-tagging
- s vs \bar{s} separation
- control of strange-tagging related systematic uncertainties

Target analysis techniques

- diboson background suppression
- signal extraction (fit discriminant variables, counting experiment etc)

Target detector performance aspects

- dependence of the precision on physics observables on particle ID and reconstruction capabilities

MC samples needed

full SM and $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}h$ at $\sqrt{s} = 240/250$ GeV and 350...380 GeV available in general samples listed in Section

Existing tools / examples

- similar ILD analysis for $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}/c\bar{c}/s\bar{s}$: https://github.com/ILDAnaSoft/ILDbench_Hbbccgg
- similar SiD analysis ...
- similar CLICdp analysis ...
- similar IDEA analysis ...
- similar CLD analysis ...

[ECFA Detector R&D roadmap:](#)

Sect. 4.3.1 “The limited space of the interaction region for hermetic-coverage collider experiments (mandatory at the EIC and FCC-ee) requires designing performant RICH detectors with a total length shorter than a metre”

Additional comments

- Accuracy of simulation
 - Bad tracks / scattering effect is especially important for flavor tagging / hadron ID (so simple smearing of 4-momentum should not work)
 - Currently FCCee flavor tagging is ($\sim 10x$) better than ILD
 - Power of novel algorithm or just the simulation effect (probably both)
 - Need to confirm with full simulation
- For $H \rightarrow ss$, separation of $H \rightarrow gg$ is critical
 - Can use jet shape or other gluon tagging algorithms which may be more important than s-tag

Summary

- $H \rightarrow ss$ is one of the 16 focused topics for the ECFA HF study
($H \rightarrow cs$ also possible with BSM)
- dE/dx at gas detector, Time-of-flight and RICH are the key detector elements for strange tagging
- Details of simulation, development of new algorithms, detailed design of PID-related detectors are all important aspects towards realistic strange tagging