

Physics of Higgs factories



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What is a Higgs factory?

First stab

- A collider where you make many, many, Higgs bosons
- HL-LHC: $\sim 180\text{M}$ Higgs bosons produced (60 pb) at 3 ab^{-1}
- ... but the efficiency is low and there is a lot of background
- FCC-ee: $\sim 1.5\text{M}$ Higgs bosons produced ...

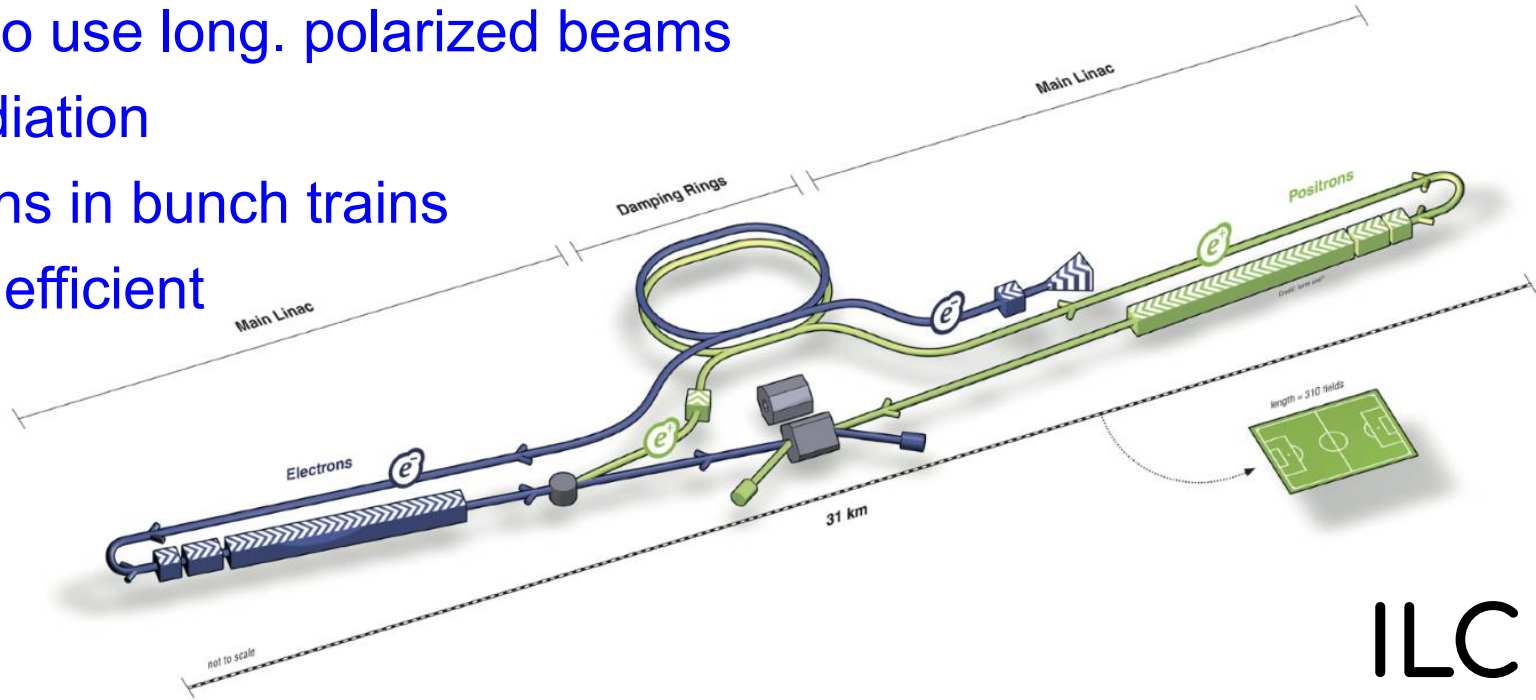
Refining

- Many Higgs bosons produced that can be efficiently used for analysis
- Background and general beam crossing environment matters
- Usefulness of the initial state cannot be understated
- **Also non-Higgs physics is interesting**

Linear Colliders

ILC, C3, CLIC

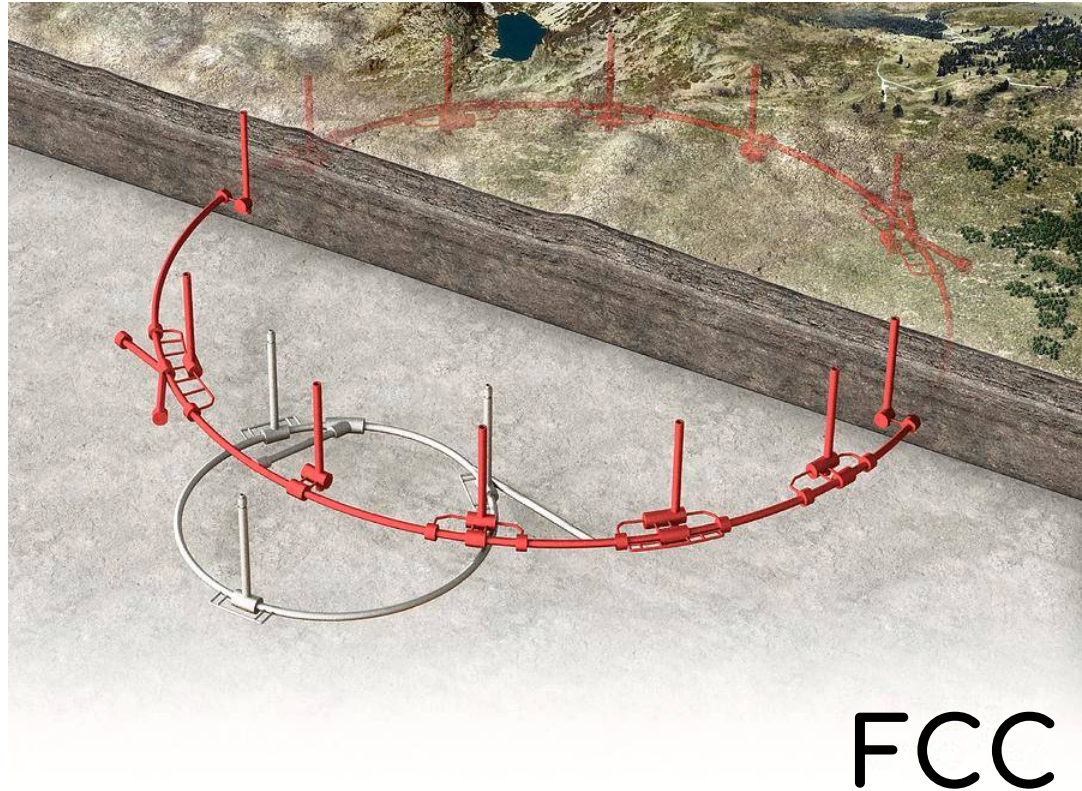
- Energy reaches to TeV
- Easier to use long. polarized beams
- Low radiation
- Collisions in bunch trains
- Energy efficient



Circular Colliders

FCC-ee, CEPC

- Beams circulate after collisions
- Highest luminosity at Z/WW/ZH
- Synchrotron radiation limits energy range < 400 GeV
- Less energy efficient



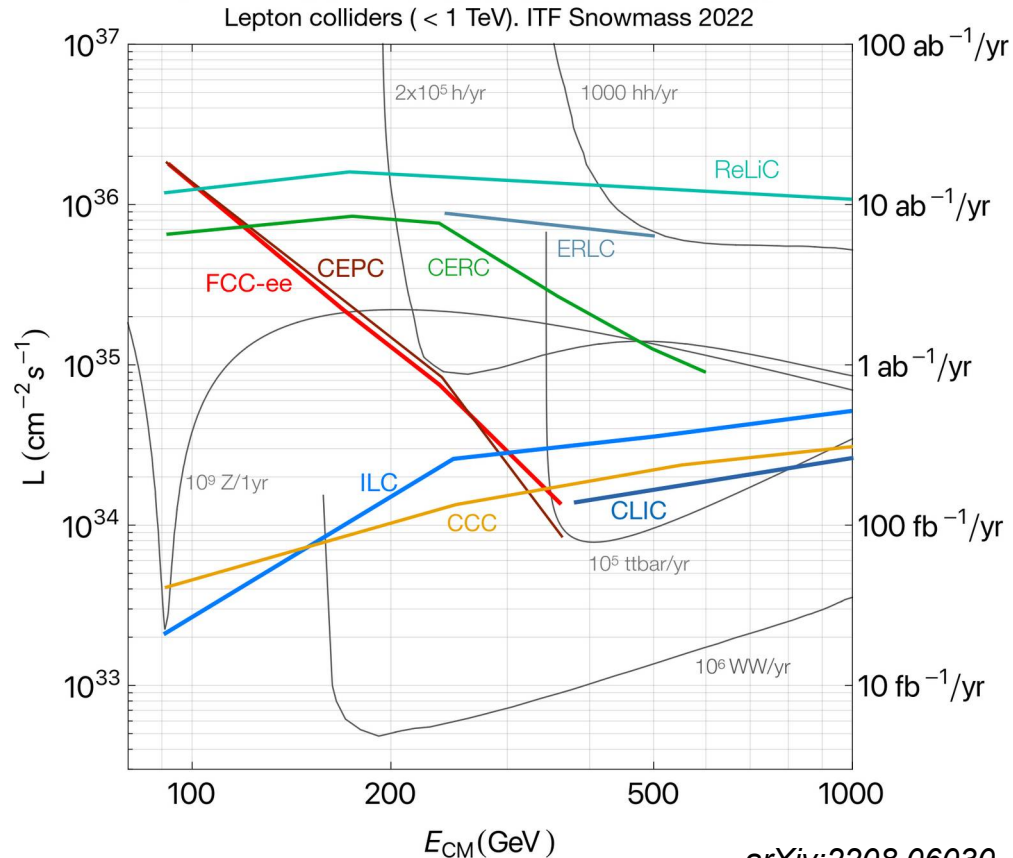
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- Precision Z and W program at circular collider
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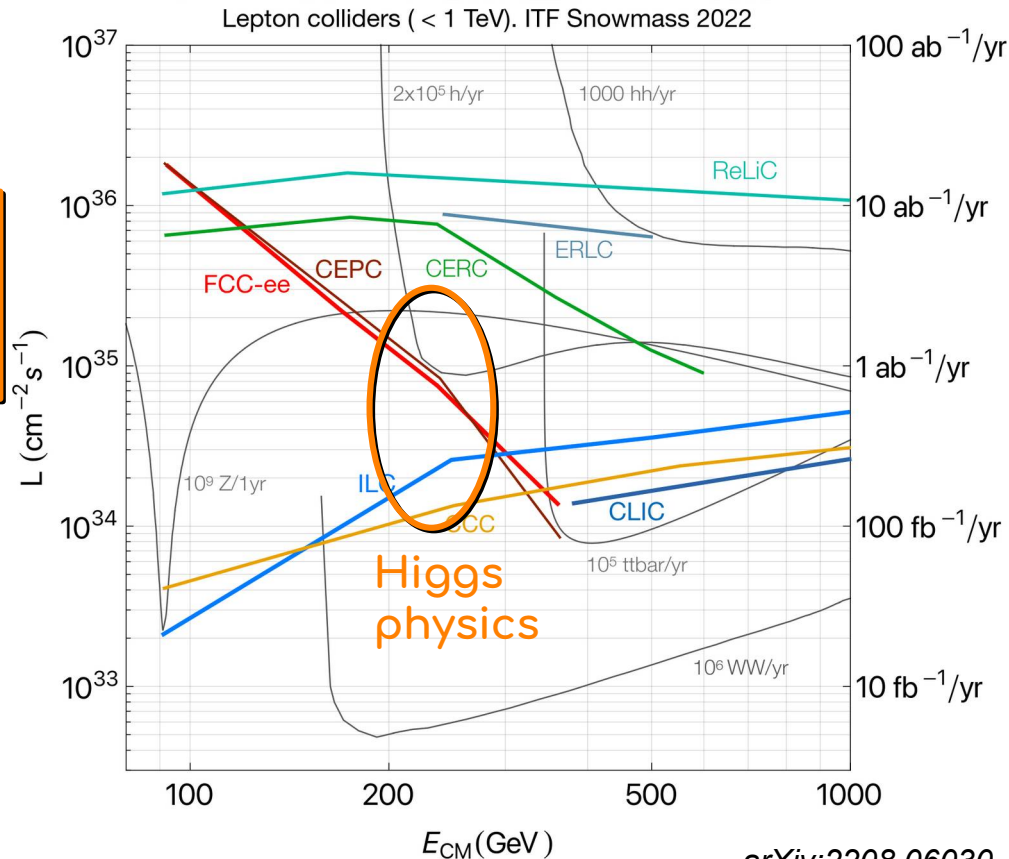
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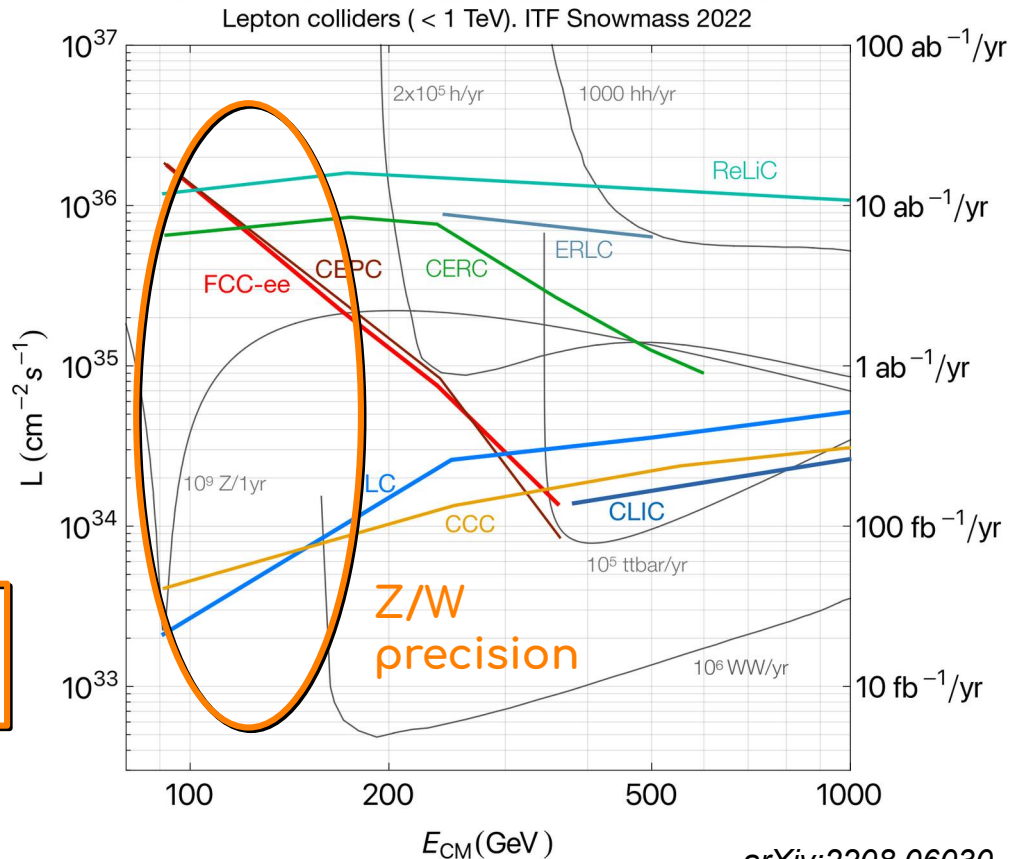
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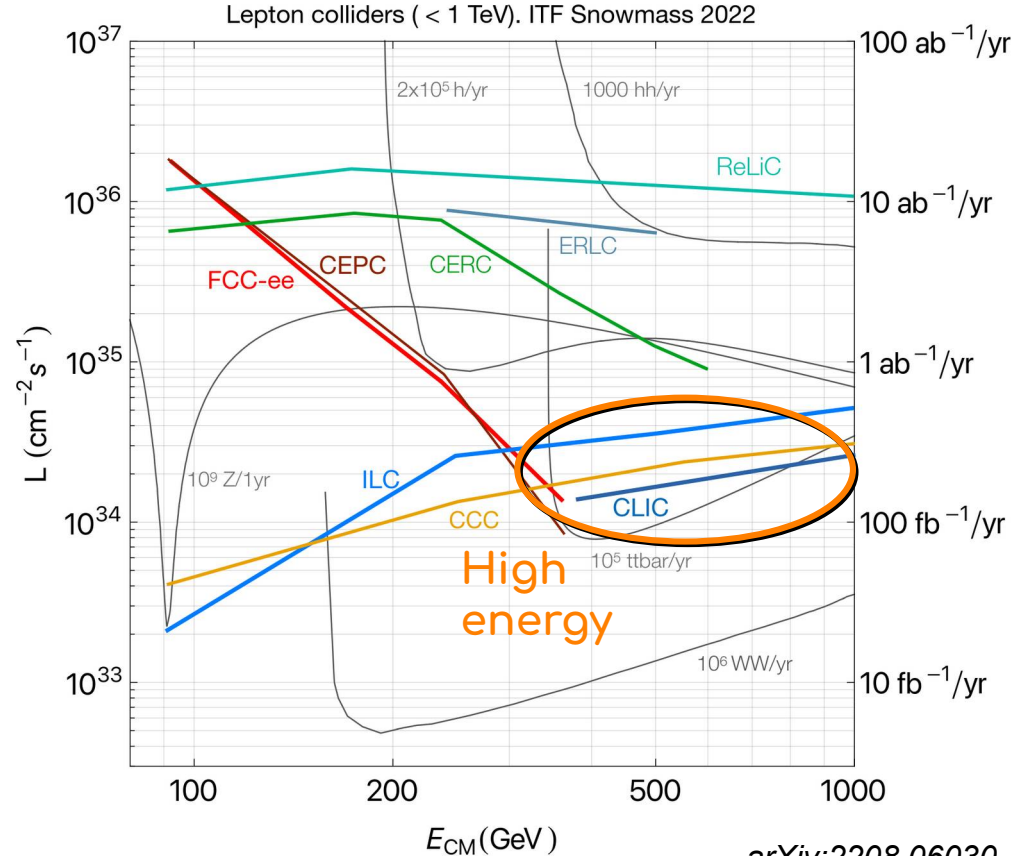
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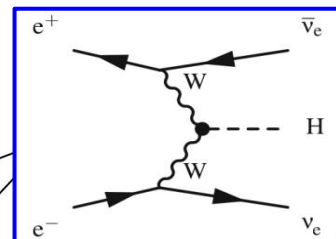
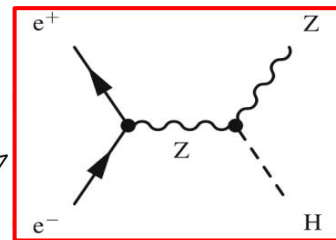
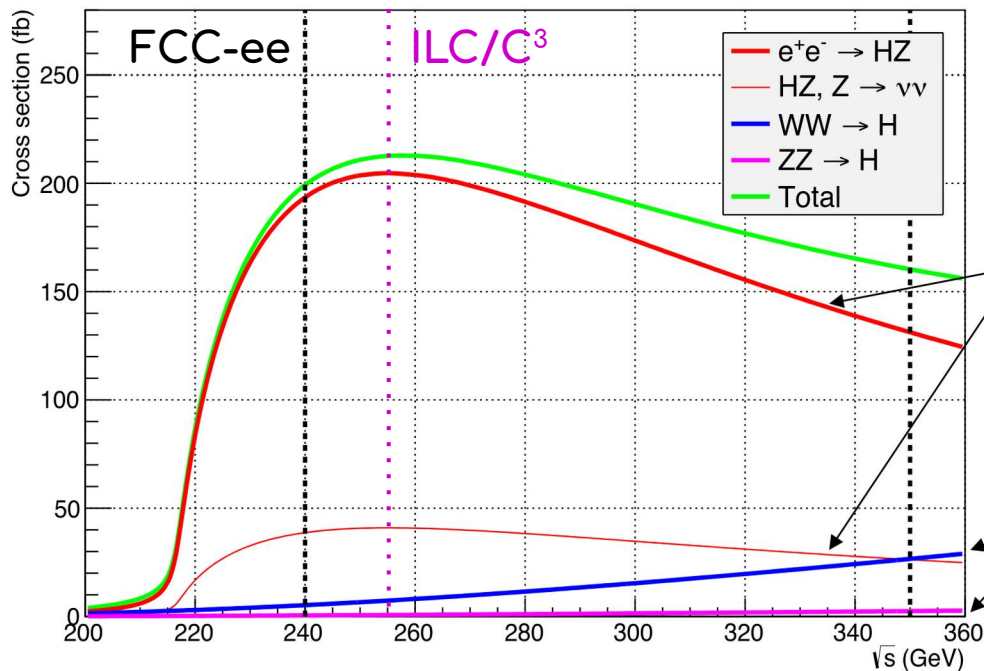
ZH Threshold turns on at $91 + 125 \text{ GeV} = 216 \text{ Ge}$
reaches a maximum at around 255 GeV

Vector boson fusion rises steadily but is small

FCC-ee: most Higgses at 240 GeV
for FCC-ee considering lumi profile

ILC/C³ best at peak

Unpolarized cross sections



Higgs Reconstruction

Leading strategy

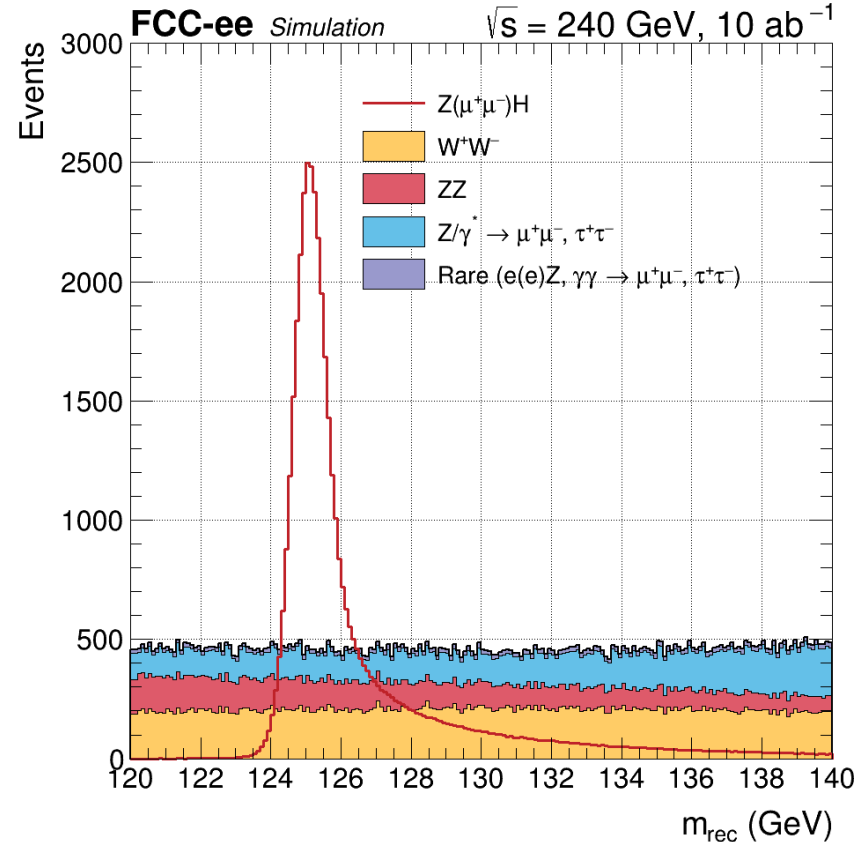
- Tag the Z boson (leptons or jets)
- Recoil mass peaks sharply at Higgs mass

$$\begin{aligned} m_{recoil}^2 &= (\sqrt{s} - E_{ff})^2 - p_{ff}^2 \\ &= s + m_Z^2 - 2E_{ff}\sqrt{s} \approx m_H^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Direct Higgs reconstruction not required, **model independent** σ_{ZH} measurement
- Dominant background: WW, ZZ and Z/ γ^*

Challenges

- Detectors: resolution, tracking, vertexing, timing, angular
- Flavour tagging for Higgs couplings
- Jet reconstruction algorithms

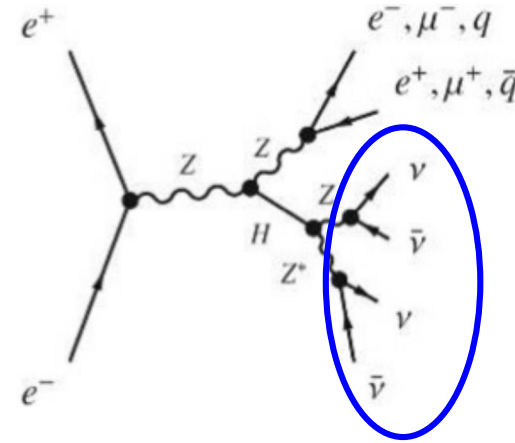


This plot does not work at hadron colliders.

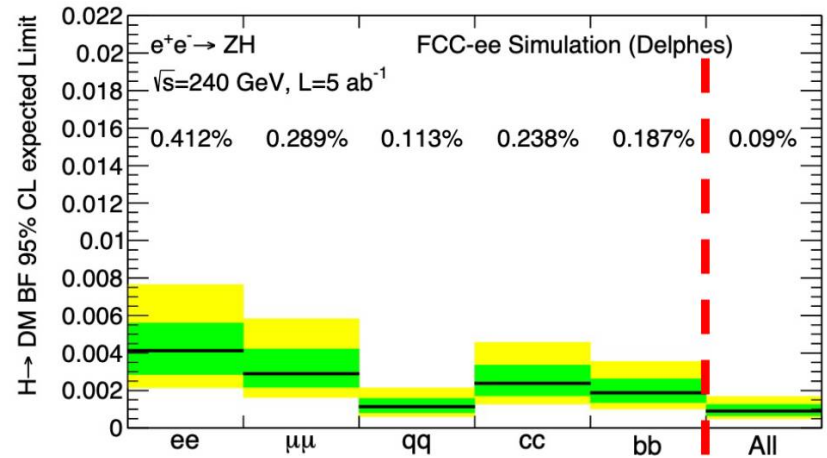
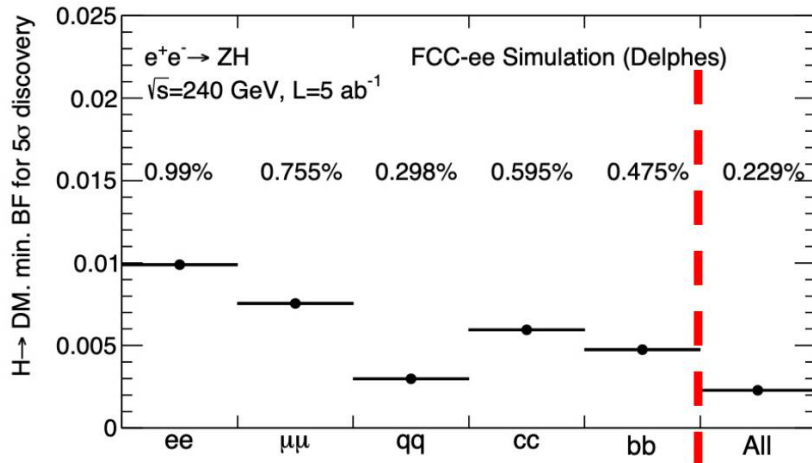
Higgs Invisible Width

Higgs boson: portal to dark world

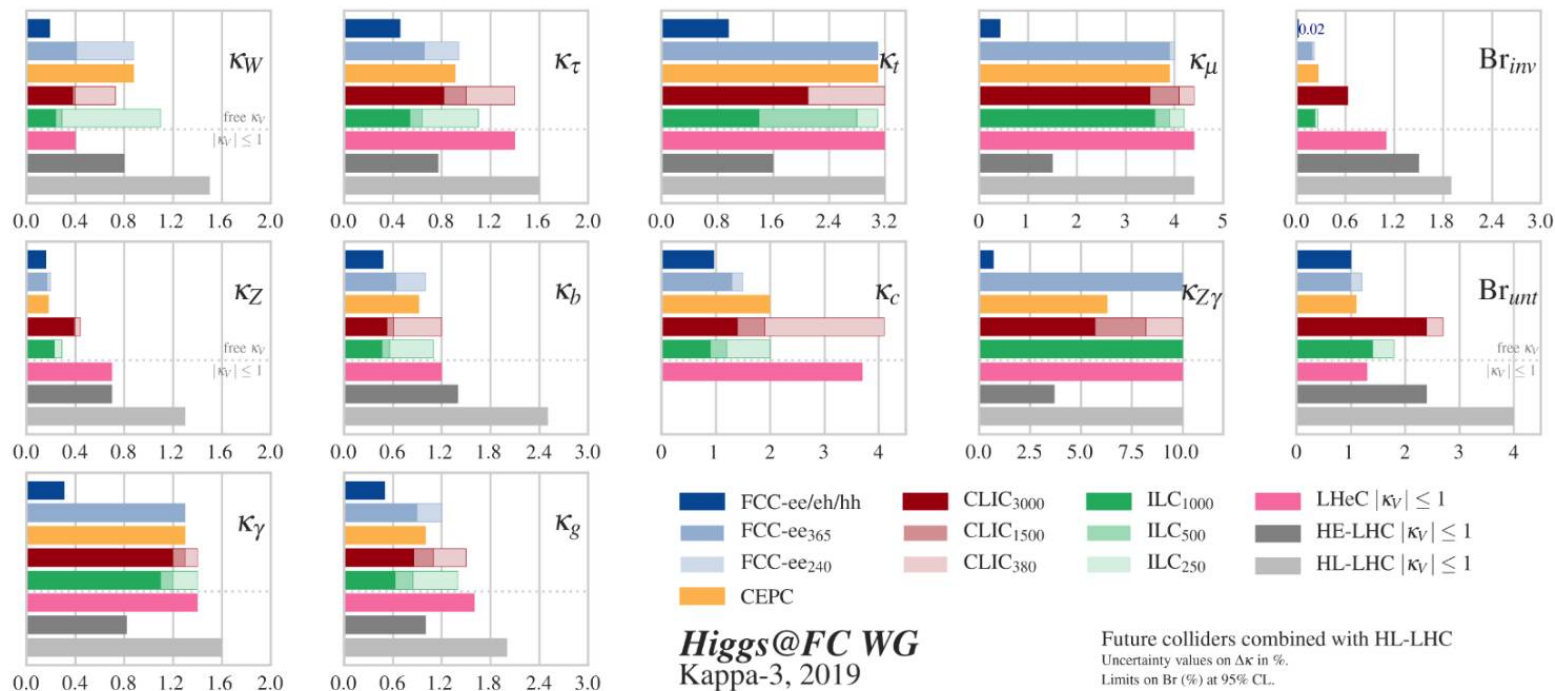
- Reconstruct recoil mass
- Require no more activity beyond Z boson
- Measure $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \nu\nu\nu\nu$
- Then remove as SM background



Invisible decay products



Higgs Couplings Precision



Not very dependent on the e^+e^- option

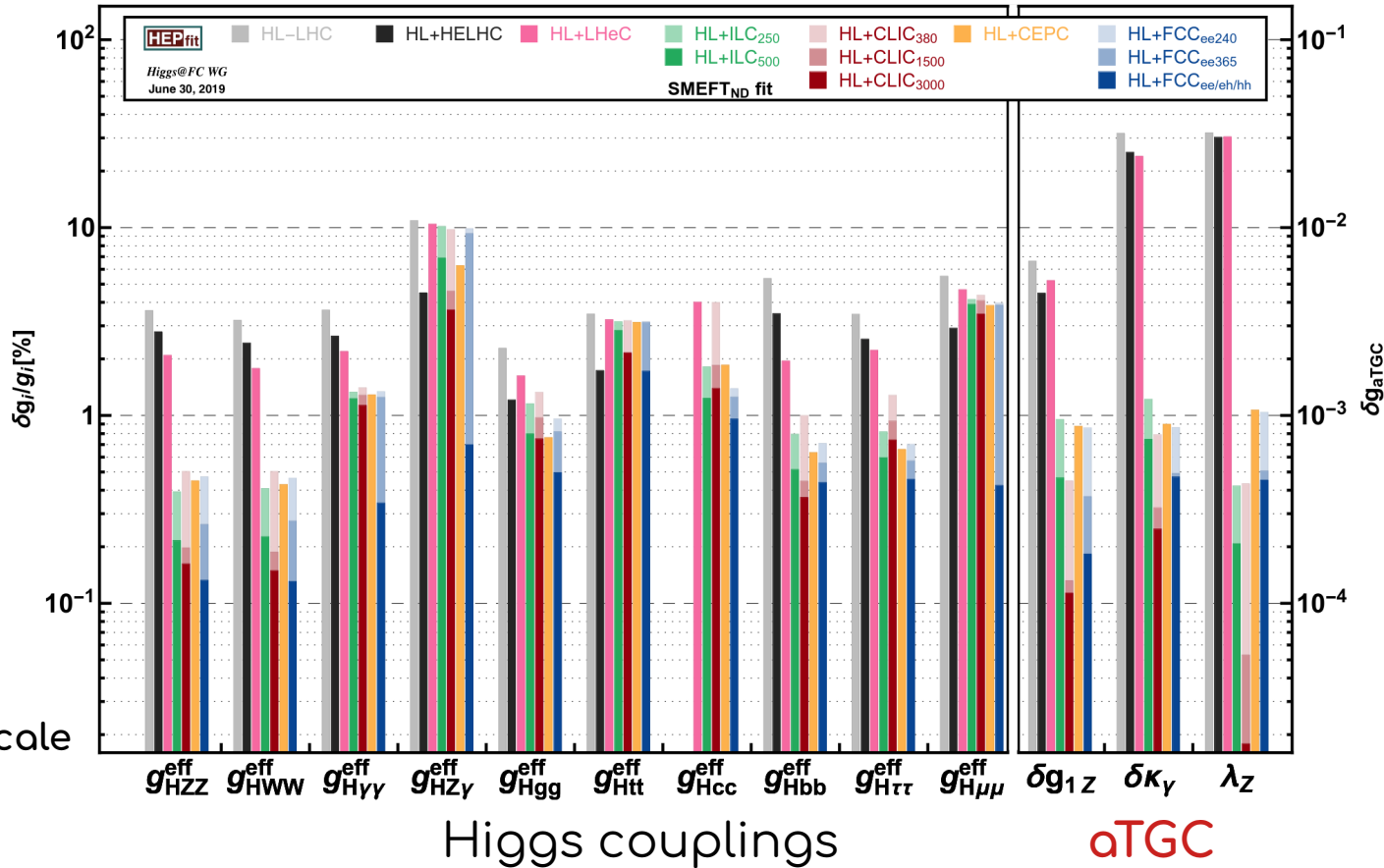
- Sensitivity to Higgs coupling is mostly around a percent
- Details of the uncertainties are dependent on the specific implementations

Higgs Couplings Precision

Sensitivity to deviations for

- Different effective Higgs couplings
- and aTGC

Note logarithmic scale



aTGC

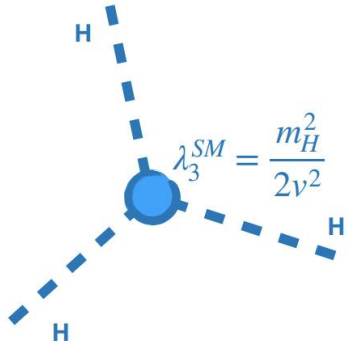
Higgs Self Coupling

Trilinear Higgs self coupling λ_3

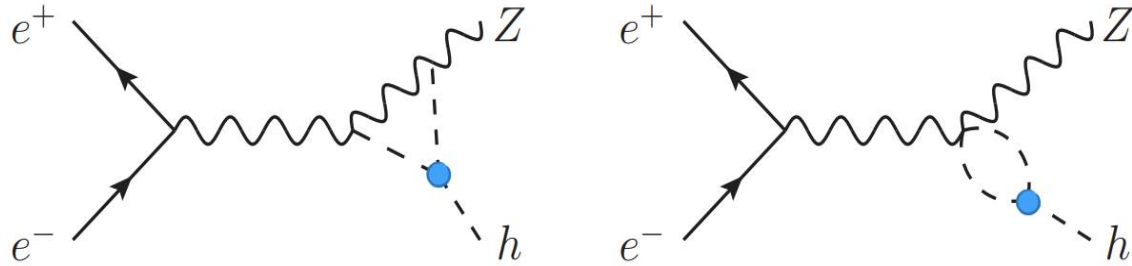
- Probe indirectly
- Single Higgs boson cross section

$$\Sigma_{\text{NLO}} = Z_H \Sigma_{\text{LO}} (1 + \kappa_\lambda C_1)$$

$$\kappa_\lambda \equiv \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_3^{\text{SM}}}$$

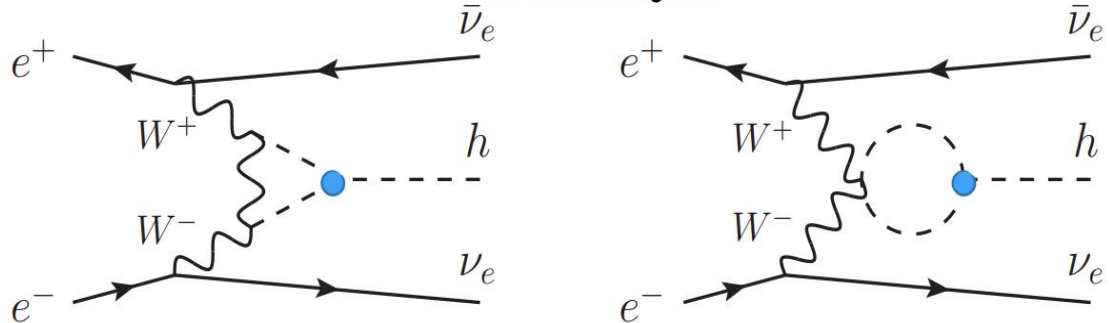


ZH Higgsstrahlung



VBF processes

Both CC/NC diagrams



Higgs Self Coupling

Cross section measurement

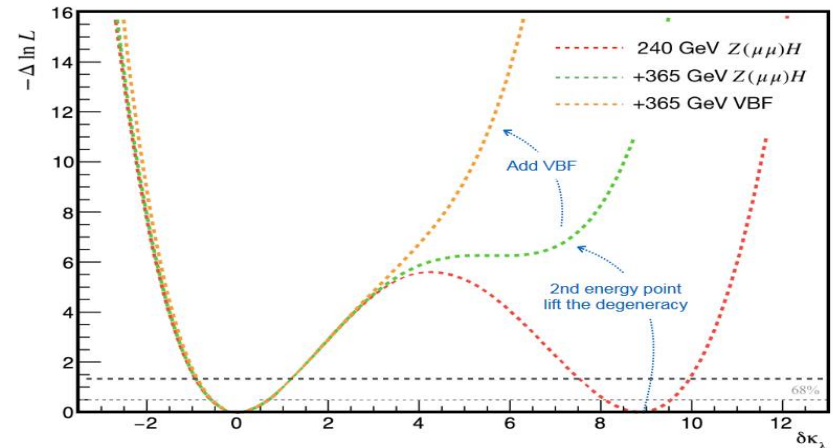
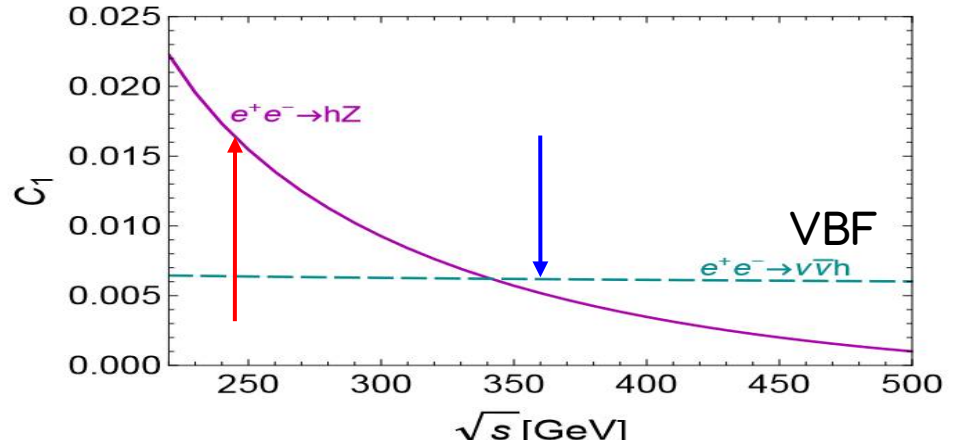
- Precision of $\sim 1\%$ (relies on $Z \rightarrow qq$)
- Probing NLO deviations from SM

$$\delta\kappa_\lambda = \kappa_\lambda - 1$$

- C_1 is sensitive to \sqrt{s}
- Exploit different \sqrt{s} to resolve ambiguities

$$\Sigma_{\text{NLO}} = Z_H \Sigma_{\text{LO}} (1 + \kappa_\lambda C_1)$$

Projecting to reach
 $\Delta\kappa_\lambda \sim 30\%$ (FCC-ee study)



Higgs Mass

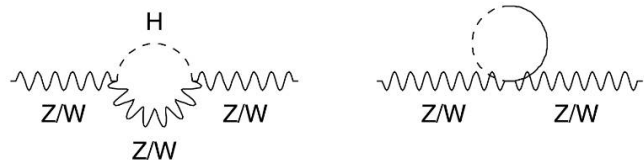
m_H enters radiative corrections

$$\sin^2 \theta_W = \left(1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}\right) = \frac{A^2}{1 - \Delta r}$$

$$\Delta r \sim \ln(m_H)$$

$$\Delta r \sim m_t^2$$

$\Delta r \sim$ new physics?

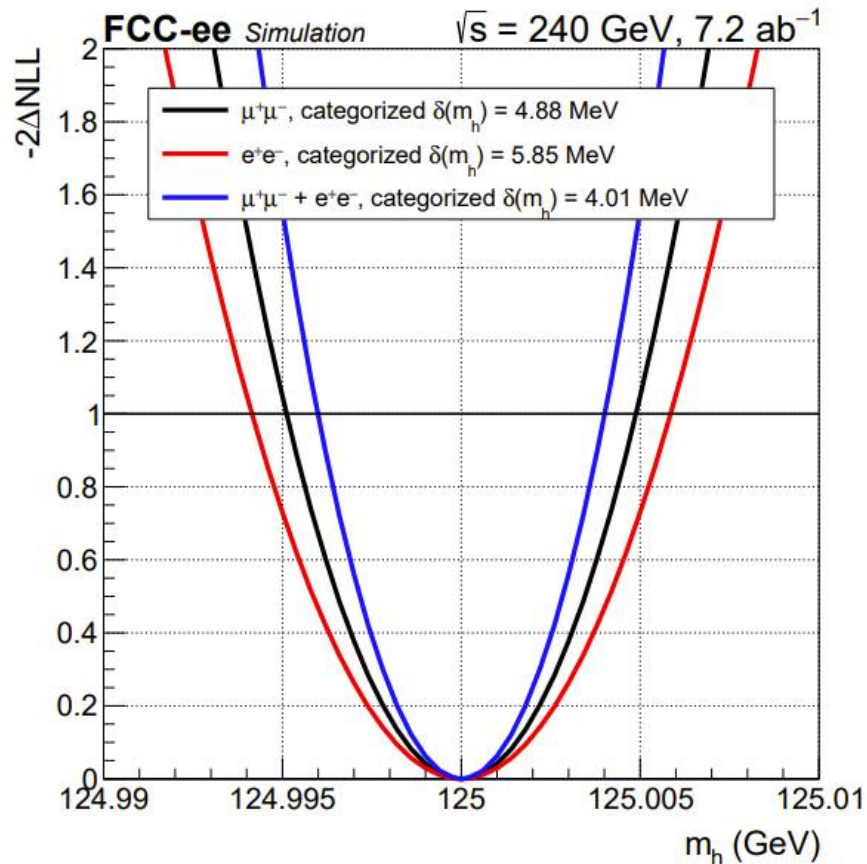


Needs for Higgs factory

- Cross-sections at sub-percent level
- $\Delta m_H < O(10)$ MeV to control radiative corrections

Roadmap for Δm_H

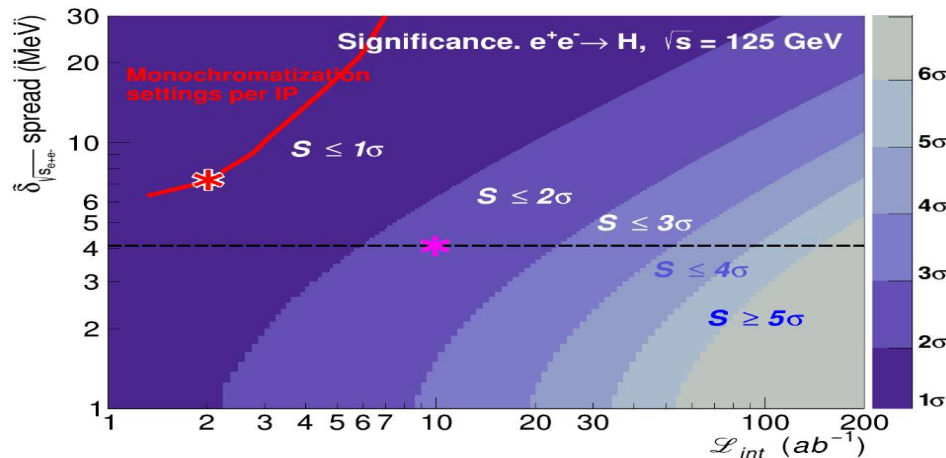
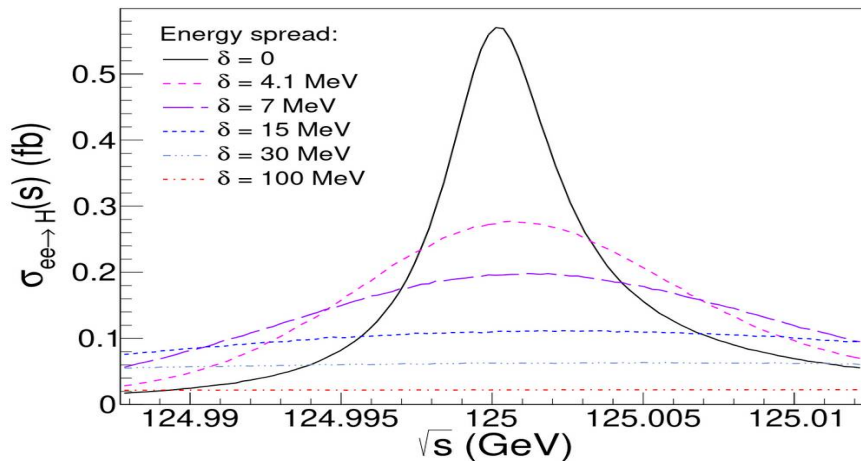
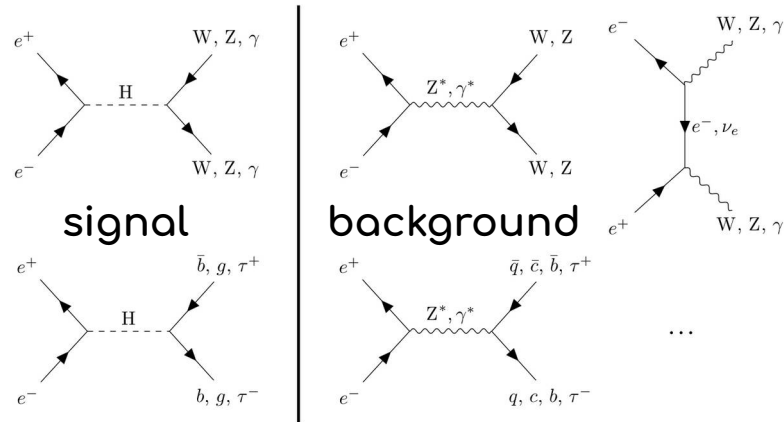
- Now: 150 MeV HL-LHC: 20 MeV
- Higgs Factory: 4 MeV



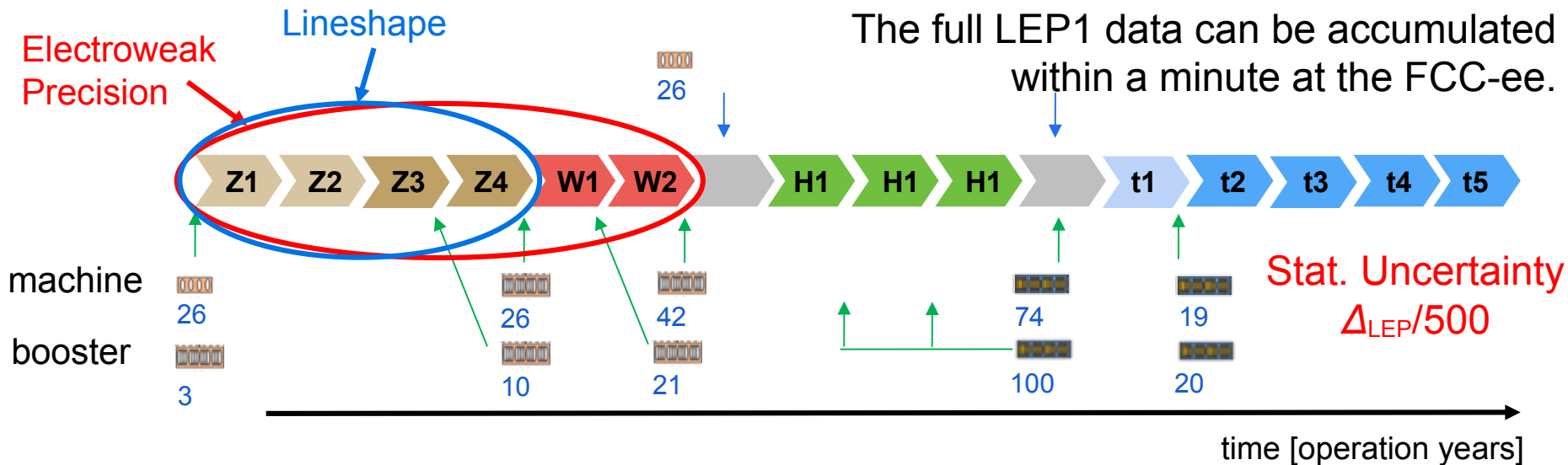
Electron Yukawa Coupling

Measure $e^+e^- \rightarrow H \rightarrow e^+e^-$: how?

- Γ_H is 4.1 MeV, measure m_H at MeV level
- Dial collider E_{CM} to m_H
- Monochromatize energy: ~ 4 MeV spread
- Signal is tiny and background is very large
- 1.3 std significance per IP and per year



'Circular Electroweak Opportunity'



Working point	Z, years 1-2	Z, later	WW, years 1-2	WW, later	ZH	t \bar{t}	
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	88, 91, 94		157, 163		240	340-350	365
Lumi/IP ($10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	70	140	10	20	5.0	0.75	1.20
Lumi/year (ab^{-1})	34	68	4.8	9.6	2.4	0.36	0.58
Run time (year)	2	2	2	0	3	1	4
Number of events	$6 \cdot 10^{12}$ Z		$2.4 \cdot 10^8$ WW		$1.45 \cdot 10^6$ HZ + 45k WW \rightarrow H	$1.9 \cdot 10^6$ t \bar{t} +330k HZ +80k WW \rightarrow H	

Lineshape Summary

Quantity	current	ILC250	ILC-GigaZ	FCC-ee	CEPC	CLIC380
$\Delta\alpha(m_Z)^{-1} (\times 10^3)$	17.8*	17.8*		3.8 (1.2)	17.8*	
Δm_W (MeV)	12*	0.5 (2.4)		0.25 (0.3)	0.35 (0.3)	
Δm_Z (MeV)	2.1*	0.7 (0.2)	0.2	0.004 (0.1)	0.005 (0.1)	2.1*
Δm_H (MeV)	170*	14		2.5 (2)	5.9	78
$\Delta\Gamma_W$ (MeV)	42*	2		1.2 (0.3)	1.8 (0.9)	
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$\Delta\sigma_{\text{had}}^0$ (pb)	37*			0.035 (4)	0.05 (2)	37*
$\delta R_e (\times 10^3)$	2.4*	0.5 (1.0)	0.2 (0.5)	0.004 (0.3)	0.003 (0.2)	2.7
$\delta R_\mu (\times 10^3)$	1.6*	0.5 (1.0)	0.2 (0.2)	0.003 (0.05)	0.003 (0.1)	2.7
$\delta R_\tau (\times 10^3)$	2.2*	0.6 (1.0)	0.2 (0.4)	0.003 (0.1)	0.003 (0.1)	6
$\delta R_b (\times 10^3)$	3.0*	0.4 (1.0)	0.04 (0.7)	0.0014 (< 0.3)	0.005 (0.2)	1.8
$\delta R_c (\times 10^3)$	17*	0.6 (5.0)	0.2 (3.0)	0.015 (1.5)	0.02 (1)	5.6

Z pole run

Lineshape Summary

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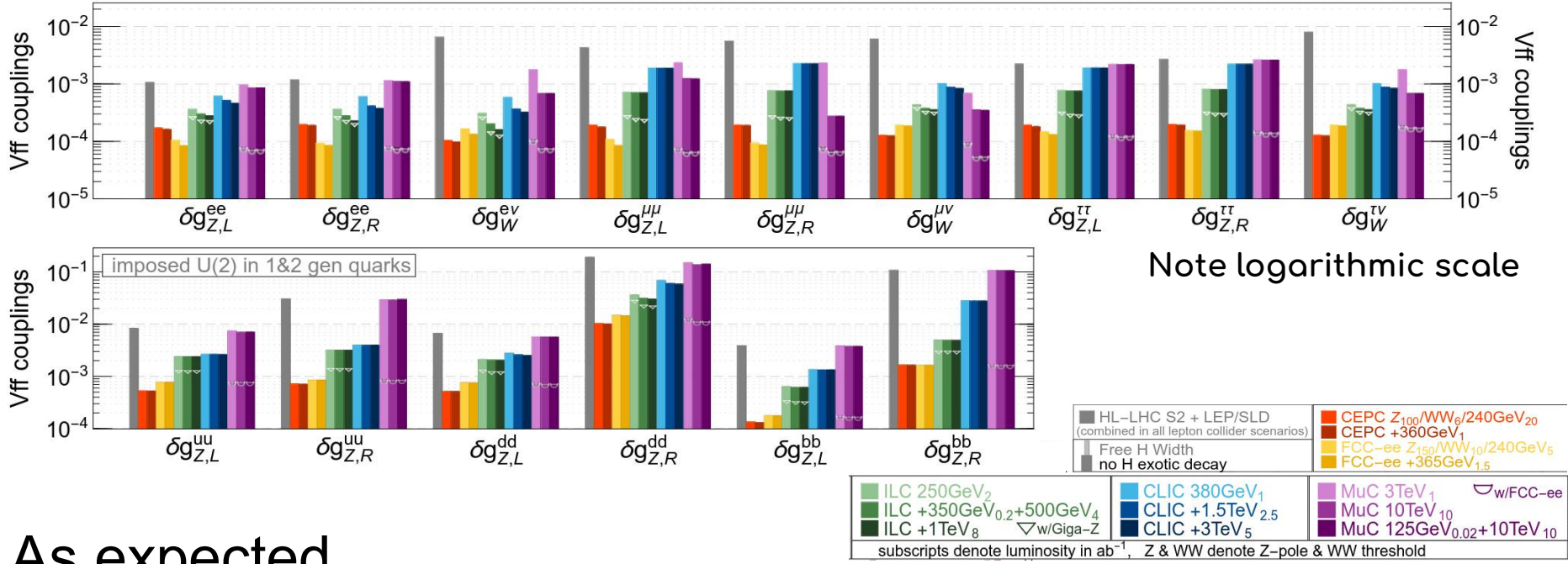
Asymmetry Summary

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$\Delta A_e (\times 10^5)$	190*	14 (4.5)	1.5 (8)	0.7 (2)	1.5	64
$\Delta A_\mu (\times 10^5)$	1500*	82 (4.5)	3 (8)	2.3 (2.2)	3.0 (1.8)	400
$\Delta A_\tau (\times 10^5)$	400*	86 (4.5)	3 (8)	0.5 (20)	1.2 (6.9)	570
$\Delta A_b (\times 10^5)$	2000*	53 (35)	9 (50)	2.4 (21)	3 (21)	380
$\Delta A_c (\times 10^5)$	2700*	140 (25)	20 (37)	20 (15)	6 (30)	200

A few points to note

- Z pole running creates substantially improved precision for all 'LEP' measurements by close to 3 orders of magnitude (statistically speaking)
- Major work for experimental and theory community to bring that precision to bear

Global Fit focus W/Z couplings



As expected

- Precision on couplings of W and Z bosons to fermions is more competitive at circular collider

Physics at the $t\bar{t}$ threshold

Typical plan for top threshold

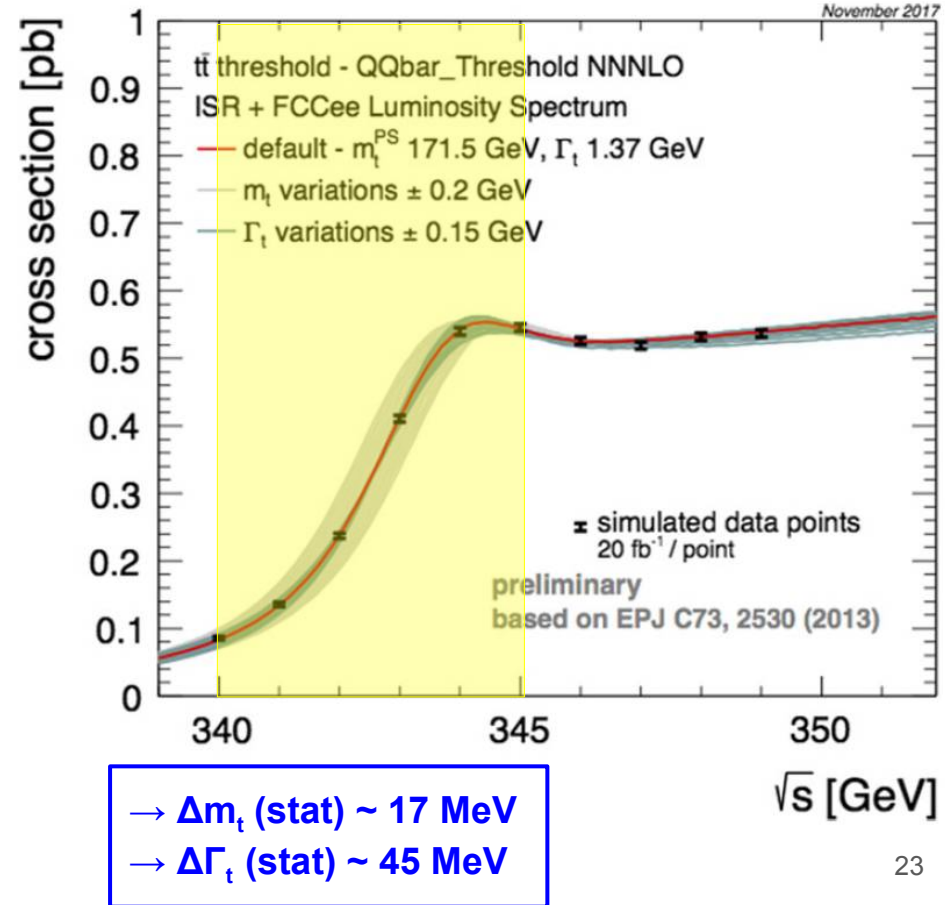
- 1 yr scan 340–350 GeV: $\sim 1.4 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
- 4 yr at 365 GeV: $\sim 2.3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

Measure Top mass and width
(similar as WW)

- From HL-LHC: $\Delta m_t = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
- Width and mass are not fully correlated
- Constrain backgrounds (below) and $t\bar{t}H$ (above)
- Scan [340, 345], 6 points $\sim 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ each

At 365 GeV, with 2.3 ab^{-1}

- Top and Higgs properties
- $ee \rightarrow \nu\nu H$: total XS, couplings, width



Conclusions

Candidates for Higgs Factories split into linear and circular

- Very similar and excellent Higgs physics program
- Detector requirements and designs are very similar too

Physics X-factor of linear colliders

- Center-of-mass energy reach higher and can be extended
- Allows study of four fermion couplings and other new physics

Physics X-factor of circular colliders

- At Z and WW energies the luminosity is substantially larger
- Several order of magnitude improvement of all LEP measurements including couplings to W and Z bosons
- Provide infrastructure for future hadron collider