Higgs portal long-lived particle searches at the FCC-hh

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Why no hints of new physics yet?

Experiments are putting stronger constraints on the nature of new physics, especially for the conventional scenarios

New physics appears at a scale beyond LHC or HL-LHC's reach

Extend mass reach by increasing centre of mass energy or with higher precision

Scale is within LHC's reach, but the process is very rare or have large backgrounds

Increase luminosity or more sophisticated analyses to reduce backgrounds

Their signatures are so unusual that they are overlooked in the present searches

More inclusive or smarter trigger strategies

What are we missing?

mass

Long-lived particles

Long-lived particles

Long-lived particles in the Higgs portal

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Light Long-Lived Particles

produced from decay of SM particles, like the Higgs boson, $m_{LLP} \le m_h/2$

Triggering?

Difficult to trigger if there are no associated prompt hard particles

Primary vertex identification?

More chances of incorrect assignment of primary vertex

$$\beta \gamma = \frac{p}{m}$$

High boost for small *m*

Displaced vertices?

Larger decay length in the detector secondary vertex reconstruction difficult as efficiency of Tracker decreases with increasing displacement

Delayed decay products?

Relativistic LLP - no significant time delay in decay products

Decays in the MS?

Decays outside the collider detector?

This talk

The Future Circular Hadronic Collider: FCC-hh

The FCC-ee 100 km tunnel is designed to host subsequently a future circular hadron collider (FCC-hh) of increased centre-of-mass energy:

100 TeV compared to the 14 TeV HL-LHC

FCC study, CERN

Why do we need a hadron collider at such a high centre-of-mass energy?

Discovery after indirect evidence

Even when precision measurements provides indirect evidence of particles, we need to produce them directly to understand its properties

FCC-ee will be sensitive to new phenomena at scales of tens of TeV

With the current technology, direct particle production at this scale can only be achieved by a hadron collider of around 100 TeV energy range

> Huge enhancement in the Higgs production benefit for any new physics coupled to the Higgs boson

> > High luminosity machine: 30 ab^{-1}

High pile-up environment

FCC-hh - ~1000 mean PU interactions

Moving farther away from the IP

- Large decay volume compensates for its distance from the IP
- Sensitive to multiple decay modes

Decays in the Muon Spectrometer

Muon Spectrometer only analysis - sensitive to higher decay lengths

The FCC-hh Muon Spectrometer

Performed similar analyses following the CMS MS one using the FCC-hh MS for final states $\mu^+\mu^-$, $c\bar{c}$, and $b\bar{b}$ for a range of LLP masses between 0.5 GeV and 60 GeV with $c\tau = [0.01, 5 \times 10^7]$ m

ANY BENEFIT?

The FCC-hh Muon Spectrometer

Forward MS increases sensitivity to lower decay lengths

Lower decay lengths, otherwise, difficult due to more background in the Tracker

Bhattacherjee, Matsumoto, RS,

Dedicated detectors for LLPs

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Calorimeter can be present, like in FASER

Limited solid angle coverage \rightarrow

need dedicated detectors in both the **transverse** and **forward** directions for capturing LLPs with different kinematic distributions.

Transverse

Complementary role of dedicated detectors

Why should we talk about dedicated detectors at FCC-hh now?

For LHC or HL-LHC, the dedicated detectors are accommodated in empty shafts or available halls around the main detectors

For example, see for CODEX-b

But this might not be optimal for the LLP models beyond the SM

The Future Colliders are in their conceptual design phase now

Optimise and integrate dedicated LLP detectors with the main detector design

Proposal for DELIGHT and FOREHUNT @ FCC-hh

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DELIGHT (A): The same as the dimensions of the MATHUSLA detector, i.e. $\Delta x \times \Delta y \times \Delta z = 25 \times 100 \times 100 \text{ m}^3$.

- **DELIGHT (B):** Four times bigger than the MATHUSLA detector, i.e. $\Delta x \times \Delta y \times \Delta z = 100 \times 100 \times 100 \text{ m}^3$.
- **DELIGHT (C):** Twice the decay volume as the MATHUSLA detector with different dimensions, i.e. $\Delta x \times \Delta y \times \Delta z = 200 \times 50 \times 50 \text{ m}^3$.

LLPs from Higgs boson decay in DELIGHT

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Similar or slightly better performance than DELIGHT-C

Even though decay volume is half of DELIGHT-C

Cross-sectional area towards the IP four times larger increased solid angle coverage

Proposal for DELIGHT and FOREHUNT @ FCC-hh

FCC-hh design under study — Room for optimisation

(B) Forward detector:

Bhattacherjee, Dreiner, Ghosh, Matsumoto, RS, Solanki, PRD 110 (2024) 1, 015036

FASER-2 @ HL-LHC vs FASER-2 @ FCC-hh

Optimising FOREHUNT for LLPs from B-meson decay

- Decrease of acceptance with increasing distance of the detector is **more prominent for smaller decay length**
- Small decay length: higher acceptance for lighter LLP Large decay length: higher acceptance for heavier LLP

LLPs from B-meson decay in FOREHUNT

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LLPs from B-meson decay in FOREHUNT and DELIGHT

For smaller decay lengths, FOREHUNT performs better than DELIGHT

Complementarity between forward and transverse detectors

Signal and backgrounds

Veto events with hits in any of the four scintillator planes which do not have any calorimeter deposit other than ones which are consistent with the direction of the muon track inferred from the scintillator hits.

Blocked Vetoed Vetoed Vetoed Vetoed

More on FOREHUNT

(C) Multiple detectors in (A) Bending and width the forward direction of the beampipe • A second detector at 300 m increases **o** Placing the detector at 50 m might still overall signal acceptance by 50% contain the beampipe within it reduces acceptance o Energy threshold of the second detector can be reduced as the first detector plays the role of an active veto (D) Elements of the detector (B) Off-axis forward detector o Layers of RPCs: for 5 m radius of the **o** In case placement along the beamline detector, cost per layer of RPC would be close to the IP is not feasible, place the around 245 k€ detector off-axis – 1 m off-axis reduces o Triplet RPC layers: 0.1 cm spatial and 0.4 ns acceptance by a factor of 2 temporal resolutions 1909.13022 o Placing the detector 300 m along the o Possibility of adding calorimeter and beamline is better than shifting it 5 m integration with FCC-hh trigger system off-axis being studied

Summary

- **o** General-purpose and dedicated detectors together play a key role in the LLP search programs.
- The forward muon spectrometer of FCC-hh will improve sensitivity to light LLPs with small lifetimes.
- **o** Exploring **dedicated LLP detectors for future colliders** is timely and important to understand their roles.
- We propose designs for a **transverse detector**, **DELIGHT**, and those of a **forward detector**, **FOREHUNT**, for the FCC-hh optimise them for light LLPs coming from Higgs boson or *B*-meson decays.
- O Both the transverse and forward detectors at FCC-hh significantly improve the sensitivity of light LLPs in complementary regions of phasespace.
- **O** Further investigations on their feasibility and optimal designs are crucial for finalising the FCC-hh collider design for the LLP physics case.

Thank you for your attention

Backgrounds for LLP searches

SM background - mostly prompt - difficult to mimic the exotic signatures of LLPs

SM long-lived particles like b-hadrons, c-hadrons, K_S or Λ

Real Particles Produced via Interactions with the Detector

Real Particles Originating from Outside the Detector

Cosmic muons

Fake signatures

Detector noise

Randomly merged vertices/ random tracks crossing each other

Chances to miss real signal unless carefully searched

Non-standard and unusual backgrounds Simulation very technical

Analysis strategy in the MS

Selection cuts on DISPLACED OBJECTS

HCAL

ECAL

Tracker

Displaced	$\mu^+\mu^-$	hard sof
muons	D^H_μ	D^S_μ
	$p_T^{\mu} > 20 \mathrm{GeV}$	$p_T^{\mu} > 10 \mathrm{GeV}$
Muone	$n_{\mu} \ge 2$	$n_{\mu} \ge 2$
WIGHS	$ \eta^{\mu} < 2.8$	$ \eta^{\mu} < 2.8$
	$ d_0^{\mu} > 2\mathrm{mm}$	$ d_0^\mu > 2\mathrm{mm}$
Muon pair from	$d_T > 1 \mathrm{cm}$	$d_T > 1 \mathrm{cm}$
the same dSV	$d_T < 6 \mathrm{m} \& d_z < 9 \mathrm{m}$	$d_T < 6 \mathrm{m} \& d_z < 9 \mathrm{m}$
the same dSV	$\Delta \phi_{\mu\mu} > 0.01$	$\Delta \phi_{\mu\mu} > 0.01$
Event	$n_{vtx} \ge 1 \text{ or } n_{vtx} = 2$	$n_{vtx} \ge 1 \text{ or } n_{vtx} = 2$

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Decay

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K^+K^-
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Displaced objects
from the LLP
decay

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MS cluster	D_{jets}^H	D_{jets}^S
Electrons, photons,	$p_T > 0.5 \mathrm{GeV}$	$p_T > 0.5 \mathrm{GeV}^*$
hadrons	$ \eta < 2.8$	$ \eta < 2.8$
	$d_T > 4 \text{ m or } d_z > 7 \text{ m}$ $d_T < 6 \text{ m and } d < 9 \text{ m}$	$d_T > 4 \text{ m or } d_z > 7 \text{ m}$ $d_T < 6 \text{ m and } d < 9 \text{ m}$
MS cluster from same dSV (< 1 cm)	$\frac{n_T^{\rm ch}}{n_{\rm dSV}^{\rm ch} \ge 5}$	$n_{\rm dSV}^{\rm ch} \ge 3$
	$\sum p_{T, dSV} > 50 \mathrm{GeV}$	$\sum p_{T, dSV} > 20 \mathrm{GeV}$
	$\Delta \phi_{\rm max} > 0.2$	$\Delta \phi_{ m max} > 0.1$
Event	$n_{\text{cluster}} \ge 1, n_{\text{cluster}} = 2$	$n_{\text{cluster}} \ge 1, n_{\text{cluster}} = 2$

FCC-hh MS thresholds

	$\sqrt{s} [\text{TeV}]$	Process	Cross section [pb]		
-		ggF	50.35		
	14	VBF	4.172		
		Vh	2.387 (Wh:1.504, Zh:0.8830)		
-		ggF	740.3		
	100	VBF	82.00		
		Vh	27.16 (Wh:15.90, Zh:11.26)		

Cross-section increases by a factor of ~15 Integrated luminosity is expected to increase by a factor of **IO** Overall improvement w.r.t HL-LHC given efficiency remains the same ~150

cut

 $m_{\phi} = 10 \text{ GeV}, \sqrt{s} = 100 \text{ TeV}, \text{FCC-hh:Barrel+Endcap MS, ggF}$

10⁰

Efficiency

improvement factors w.r.t. HL-LHC

Comparison of
various detector
acceptances

m_{ϕ}	$c\tau$	FASER2	CODEX-b	MATHUSLA	FOREHUNT-C	DELIGHT-B
(GeV)	(m)	$(p_{\phi} > 100 \text{GeV})$	$(E_{\phi} > 1 \text{GeV})$	$(E_{\phi} > 1 \text{GeV})$	$(p_{\phi} > 100 \text{GeV})$	$(E_{\phi} > 1 \text{GeV})$
0.1	101	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}\%$	$1.0 \times 10^{-2}\%$	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}\%$	$2.1 \times 10^{-2}\%$	$6.5 imes10^{-1}\%$
0.1	10^4	$1.5 \times 10^{-8}\%$	$1.1 imes 10^{-5}\%$	$2.1 imes 10^{-4}\%$	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}\%$	$9.2 imes10^{-4}\%$
2.0	101	$3.6 \times 10^{-4}\%$	$1.8 \times 10^{-2}\%$	$4.4 \times 10^{-2}\%$	$4.4 \times 10^{-1}\%$	$5.3 imes10^{-1}\%$
2.0	104	$4.8 \times 10^{-7}\%$	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}\%$	$3.4 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$4.7 \times 10^{-4}\%$	$1.5 imes10^{-2}\%$
4.4	101	$8.6 \times 10^{-4}\%$	$9.2 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}\%$	1.0%	$2.5 \times 10^{-1}\%$
4.4	104	$1.5 \times 10^{-6}\%$	$2.3~\times10^{-4}\%$	$5.0\% \times 10^{-3}\%$	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$1.9 imes10^{-2}\%$

Multiple forward detectors

m_{ϕ}	c au	acceptance for	acceptance for	acceptance for	
(GeV)	(m)	first detector at z=50 m $$	second detector at z=100 m $$	second detector at $z=300$ m	
0.1	10^{-1}	1.4%	0.56%	0.29%	
4.4	10^{-1}	0.7%	0.22%	$1.9 \times 10^{-2}\%$	
0.1	104	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}\%$	$1.9 \times 10^{-5}\%$	$9.3 imes 10^{-6}\%$	
4.4	104	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$4.9 \times 10^{-4}\%$	

m_{ϕ}	$c\tau$	FOREHUNT-C	FOREHUNT-C	FOREHUNT-C
(GeV)	(m)	$(p_{\phi} > 50 \text{ GeV}, z=100 \text{ m})$	$(p_{\phi} > 50 \text{ GeV}, z=200 \text{ m})$	$(p_{\phi} > 50 \text{ GeV}, z=300 \text{ m})$
0.1	101	$3.3{ imes}10^{-2}\%$	$1.8 \times 10^{-2}\%$	$1.1 \times 10^{-2}\%$
0.1	104	$3.3 imes 10^{-5} \%$	$1.8 imes 10^{-5}\%$	$1.2 imes 10^{-5}\%$
2.0	101	$6.0 imes 10^{-1}\%$	$3.0 imes 10^{-1}\%$	$2.0 imes 10^{-1}\%$
2.0	104	$7.4 \times 10^{-4}\%$	$4.4 \times 10^{-4}\%$	$3.0 imes 10^{-4}\%$
4.4	101	1.1%	$5.0 \times 10^{-1}\%$	$3.0 imes 10^{-1}\%$
4.4	104	$1.6 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$9.0 imes 10^{-4}\%$	$5.9 imes 10^{-4}\%$

Reduced threshold for the second detector

Off-axis detectors

m_{ϕ}	$\mathrm{c} au$	1 m off-axis	5 m off-axis
(GeV)	(m)		
		$(p_{\phi} > 100 \text{ GeV})$	$(p_{\phi} > 100 \text{ GeV})$
0.1	10^{-1}	0.83%	$5.5 imes 10^{-2}\%$
4.4	10^{-1}	$1.53 \times 10^{-2}\%$	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}\%$
0.1	10^{4}	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}\%$	$8.7 \times 10^{-7}\%$
4.4	104	$8.4 \times 10^{-4}\%$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}\%$