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Single Higgs Boson Production via Vector-Boson Fusion at FCC-ee

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Abstract

The FCC-ee at $\sqrt{s} = 365$ GeV provides a better environment to study Higgs boson production with high precision. This study focuses on single Higgs production via vector-boson fusion (VBF) and associated production (ZH), followed by its $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2l + \text{MET}$ decay. Using MadGraph5, event generation was performed for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \nu l \bar{\nu} l^* H$ and $e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z H$. Parton-level events were hadronized with Pythia8, detector effects were simulated using Delphes, and final-state observables were analyzed via ExRootAnalysis. Histograms for missing transverse energy (MET), invariant mass ($m(l\bar{l})$), and transverse momentum ($p_T(l)$) were constructed. Background contributions from ZZ , WW , $l^+ l^- (l=e,\mu)$, and $\tau^+ \tau^-$ were systematically studied, and optimized kinematic cuts were applied to enhance signal extraction. The results indicate that FCC-ee provides a highly controlled environment to probe Higgs boson couplings with electroweak gauge bosons. This study contributes to the precise determination of the Higgs coupling constants g_{HWW} and g_{HZZ} , which play a critical role in testing the Standard Model (SM) predictions and exploring possible deviations that could hint at new physics.

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