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Exotic Higgs Studies at the FCC-ee

Summary talk

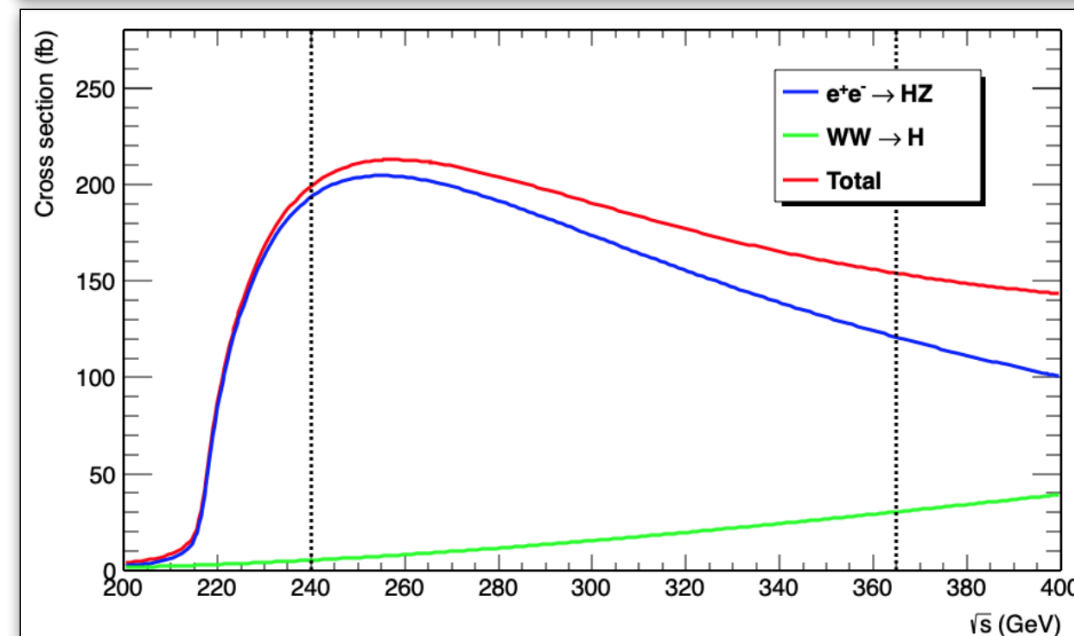
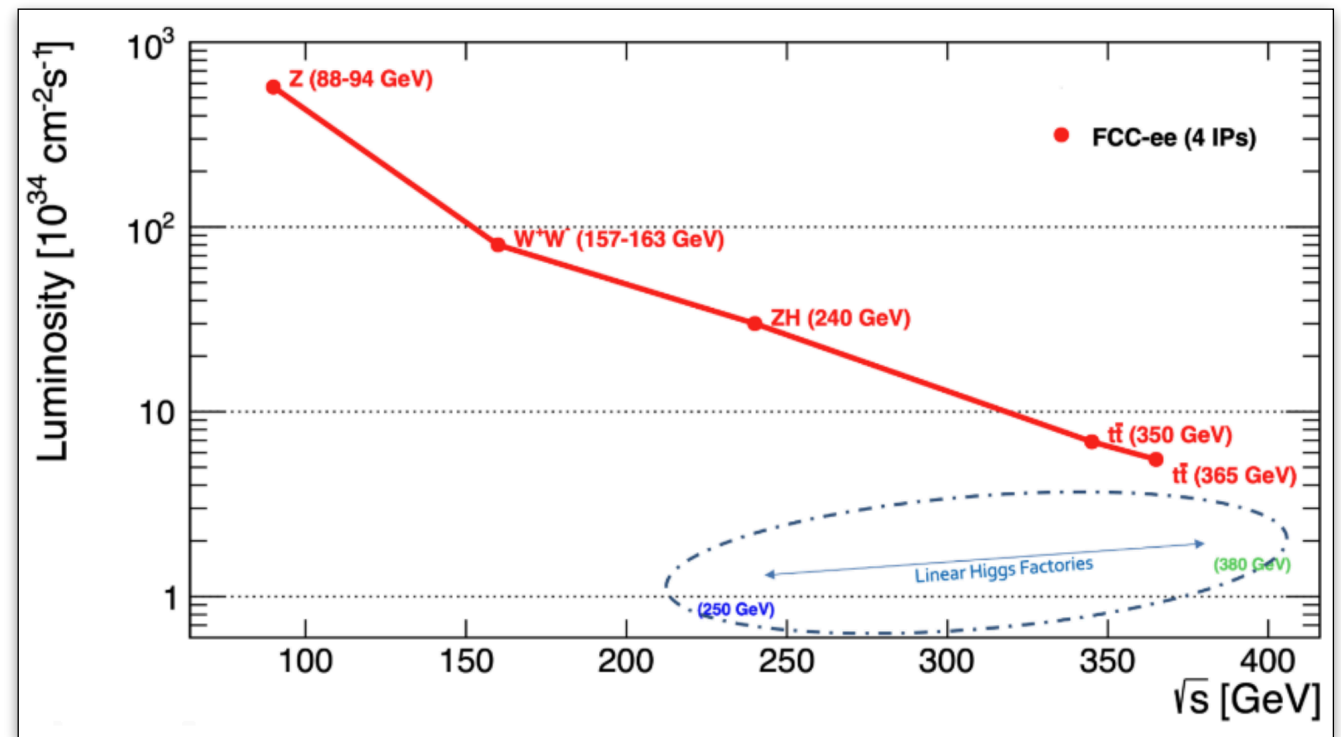
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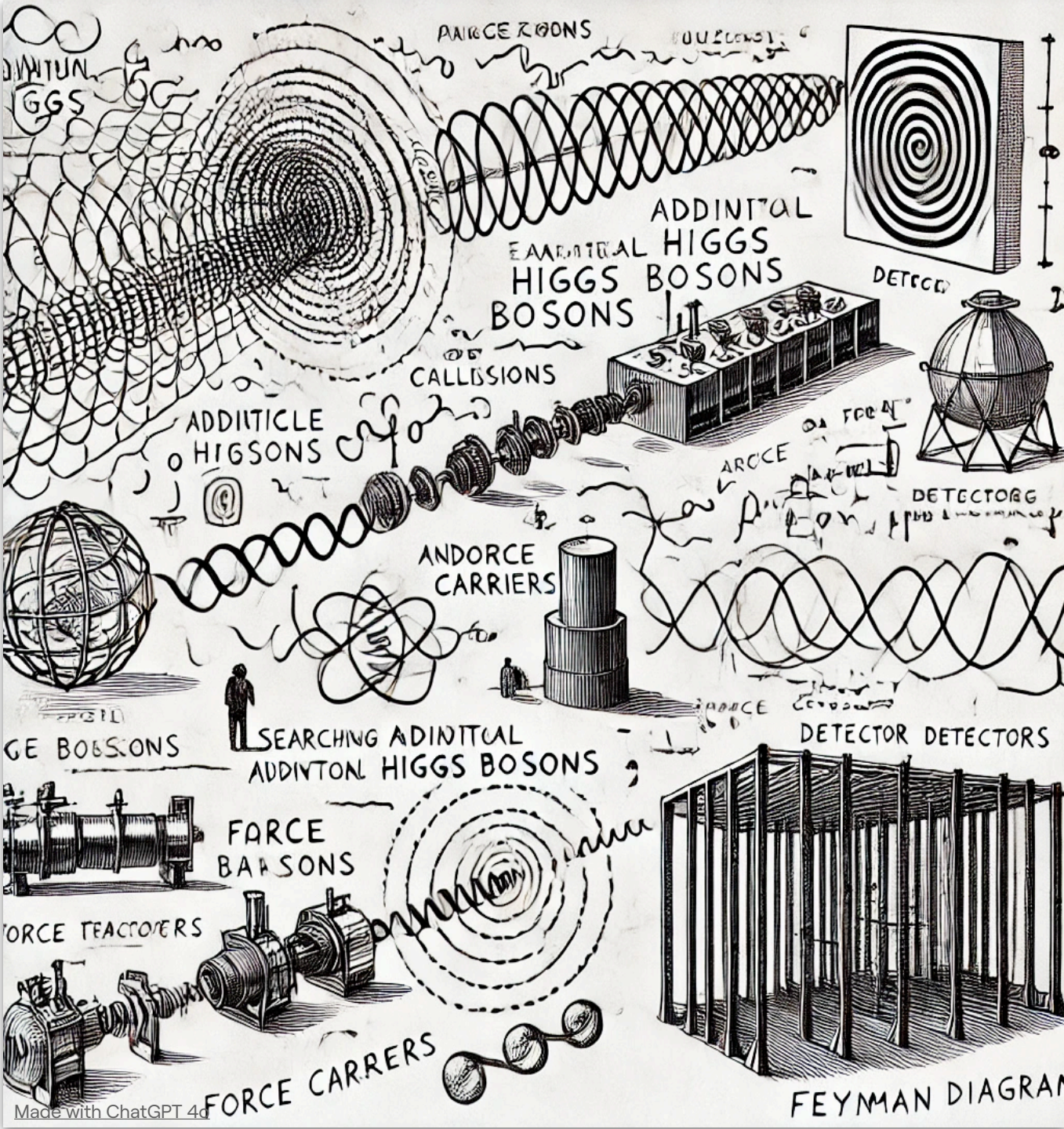


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Introduction

- FCC-ee is a Higgs factory!
 - 240 GeV: 2.2M Zh / 65k VBF
 - 365 GeV: 370k Zh / 92k VBF
- Precision Higgs program will constrain $BR(H \rightarrow \text{exotics})$ to $<1\%$
- Still room for particles and sectors with small couplings to the Higgs boson
- Direct searches for new Higgs bosons and exotic Higgs boson decays are an important complement to the precision program
- This presentation will:
 - Show the progress of the Exotic Higgs studies at the FCC-ee





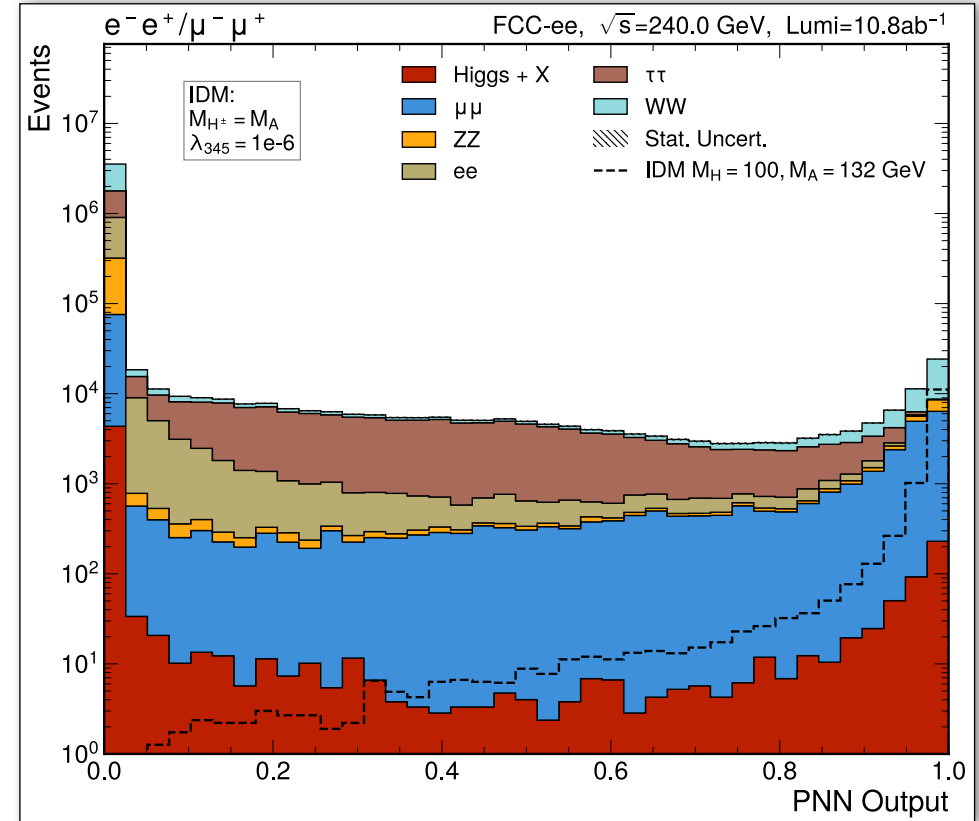
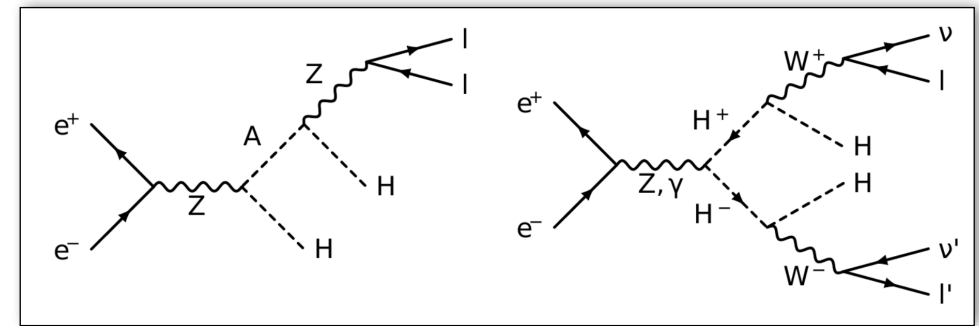
Search for additional Higgs bosons

Edward Curtis, Anne-Marie Magnan & Tania Robens

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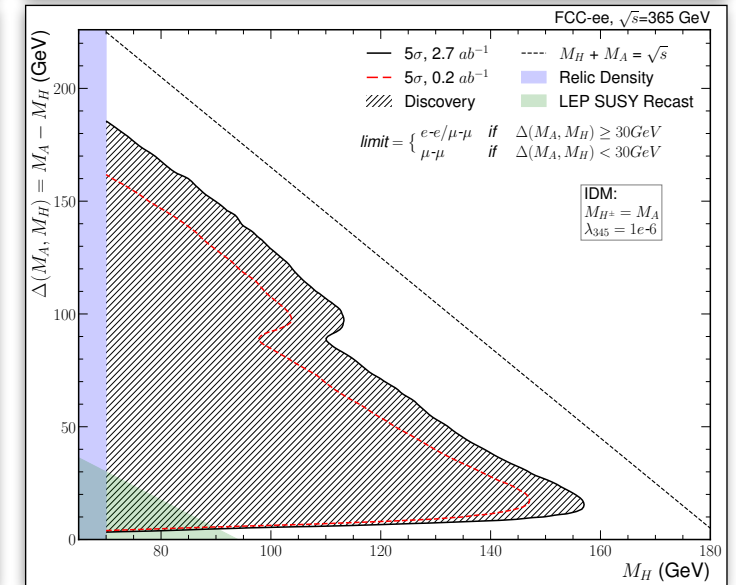
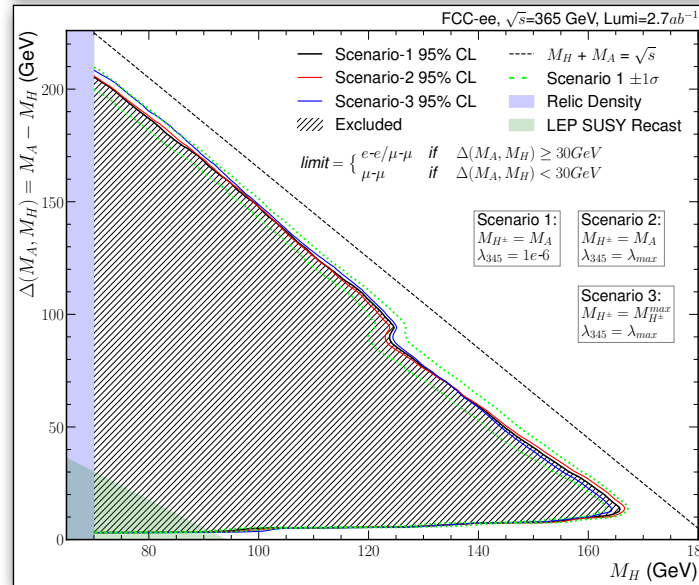
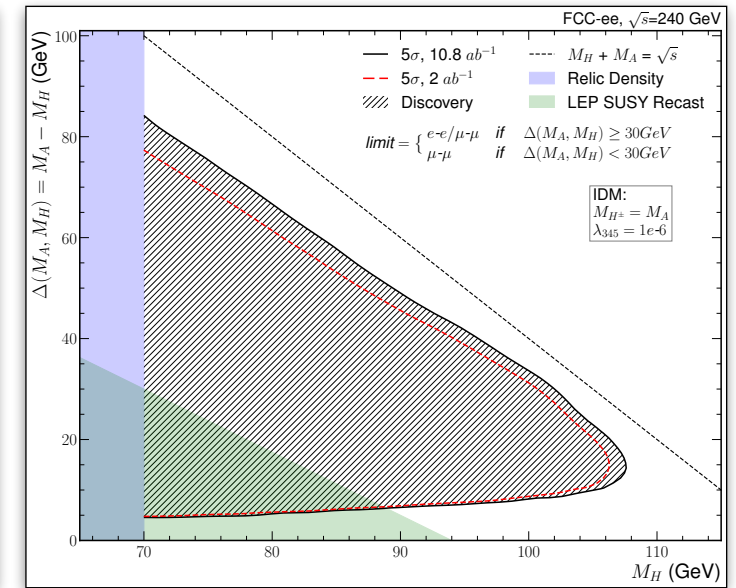
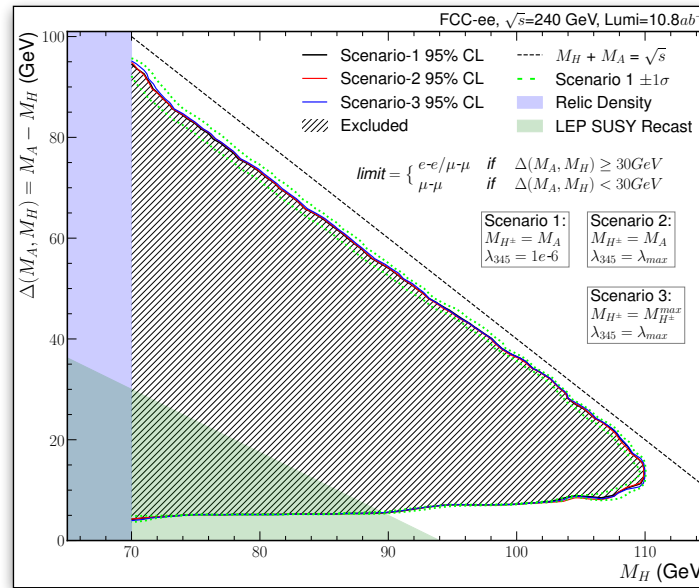
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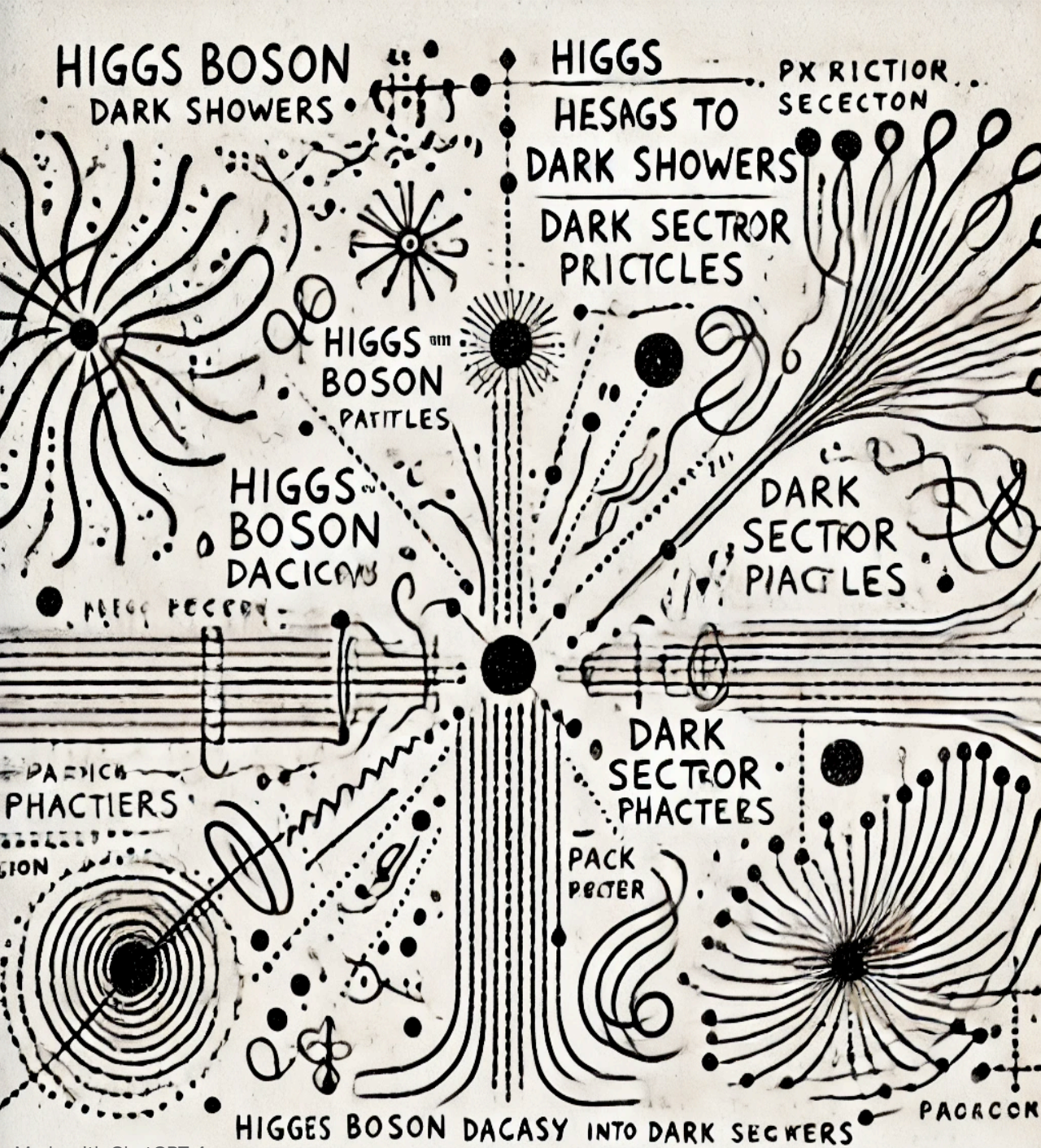
- Inert Two-Higgs-Doublet model (IDM)
 - Five new free parameters: $m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}, \lambda_{345}, \lambda_2$
- One new Dark matter candidate: H (invisible)
- Previous studies concerns IDM @ CLIC:
 - [2201.07146](#)
 - [2002.11716](#)
 - [1811.06952](#)
- Study considers both Zh & $t\bar{t}$ runs
- Considered final state: $HH + 2e$ (2μ)
 - MG5_aMC@NLO simulation
- Main backgrounds: $ee \rightarrow \ell\ell, WW, ZZ, Zh$
- Sensitivity mainly depending on m_H & $m_A - m_H$
- Further optimised with PNN for signal discrimination



Results & outlook

- IDM model explored at the FCC-ee using PNN
- Successfully reproduced CLIC setup results - extending the reach
 - Different free parameters scenarios explored
- Next steps:
 - Implement realistic systematic uncertainties





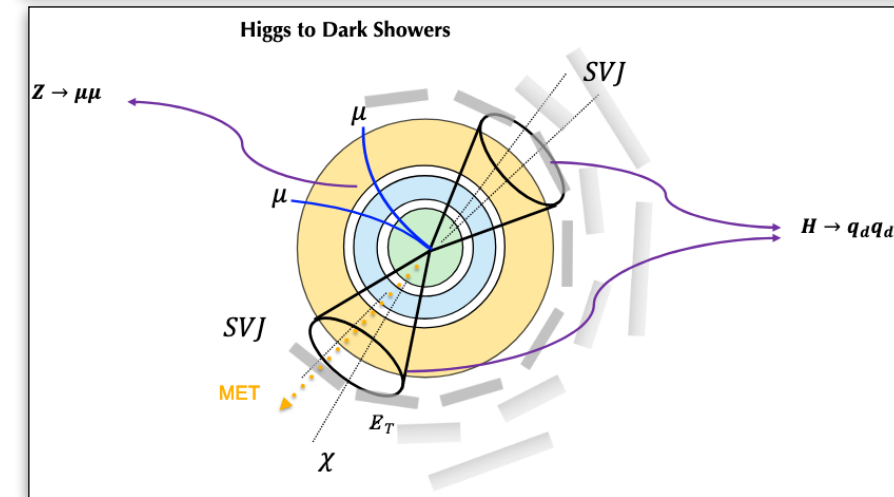
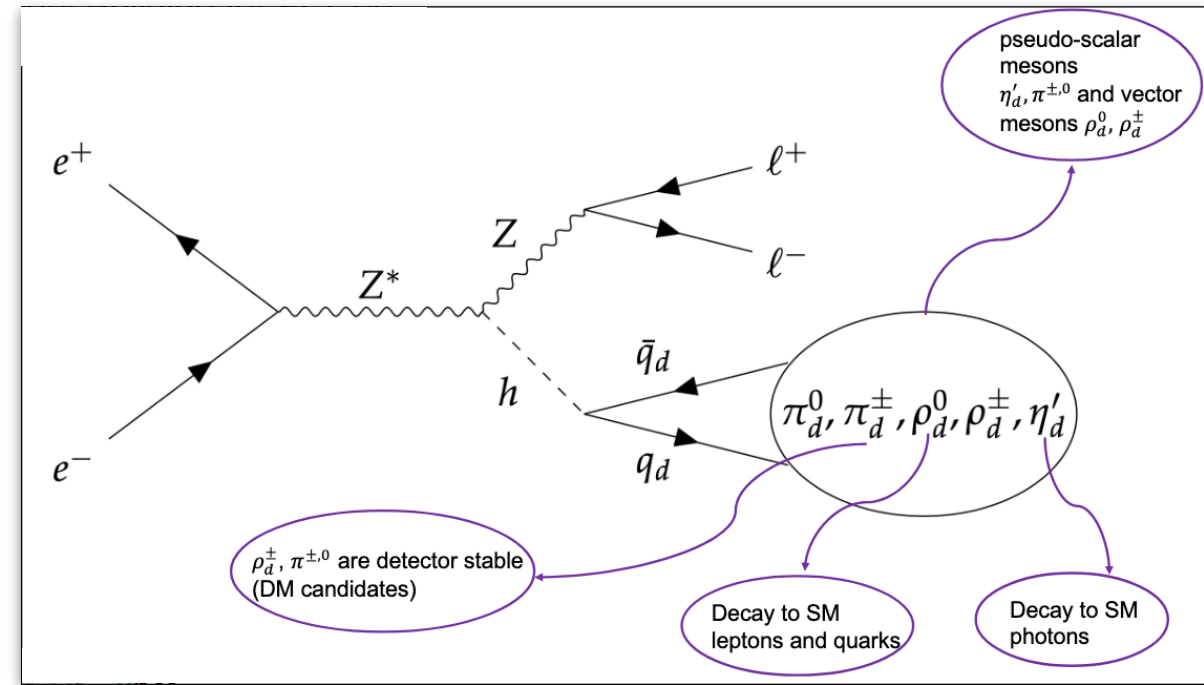
Higgs to Dark Showers

Emre Sitti, Cesare Cazzaniga, Annapaola de Cosa & Felix Kahlhoefer

[FCC BSM presentation](#), [LHC Higgs workshop presentation](#)

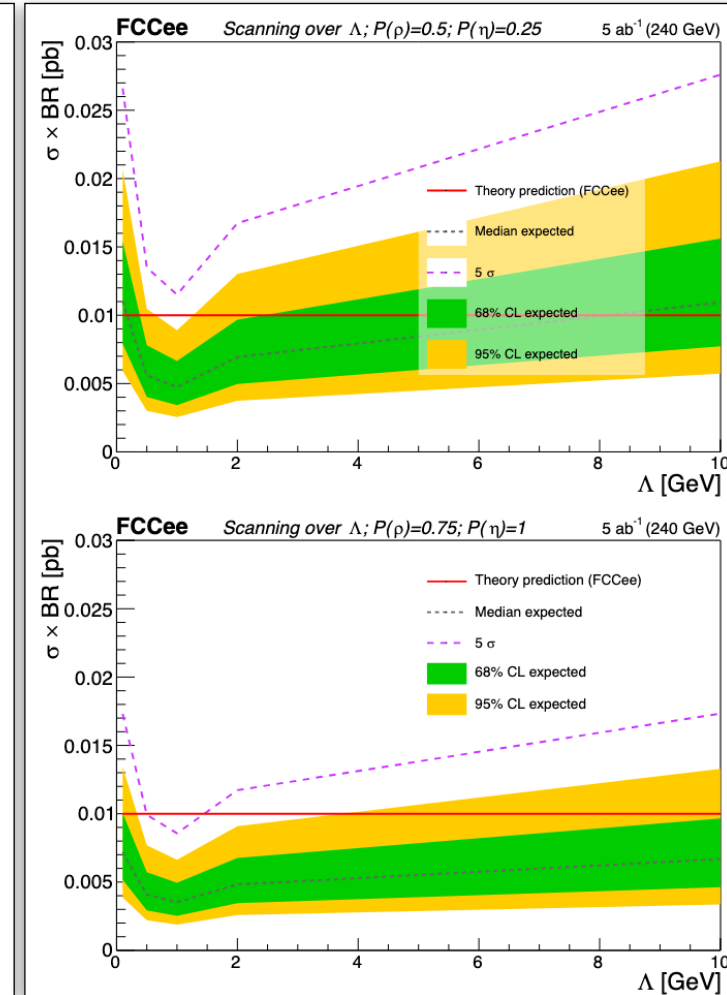
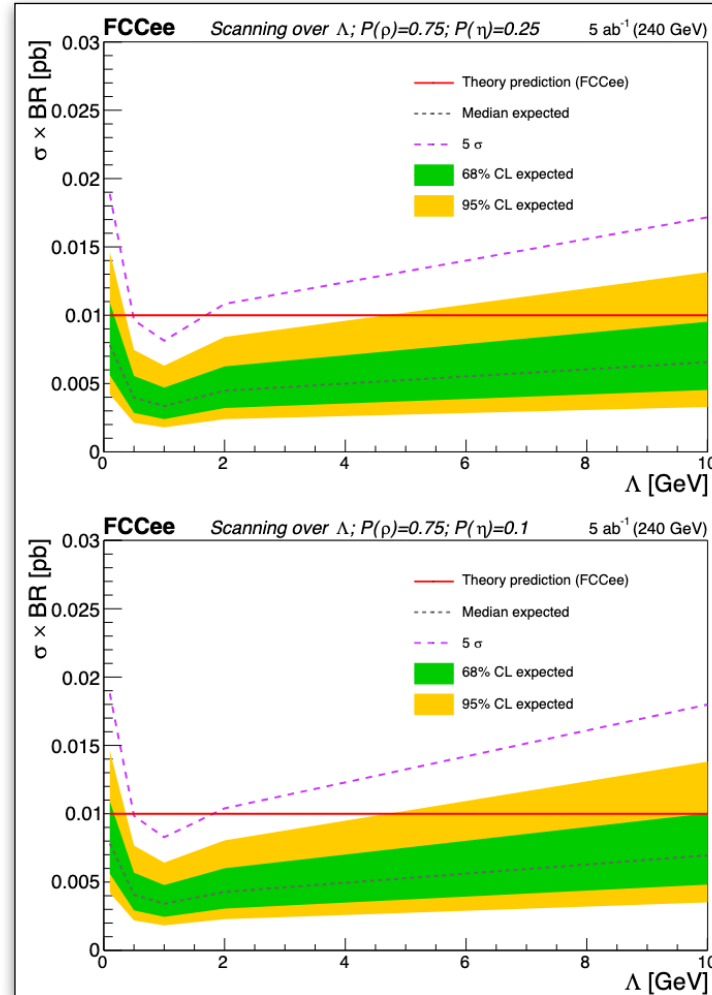
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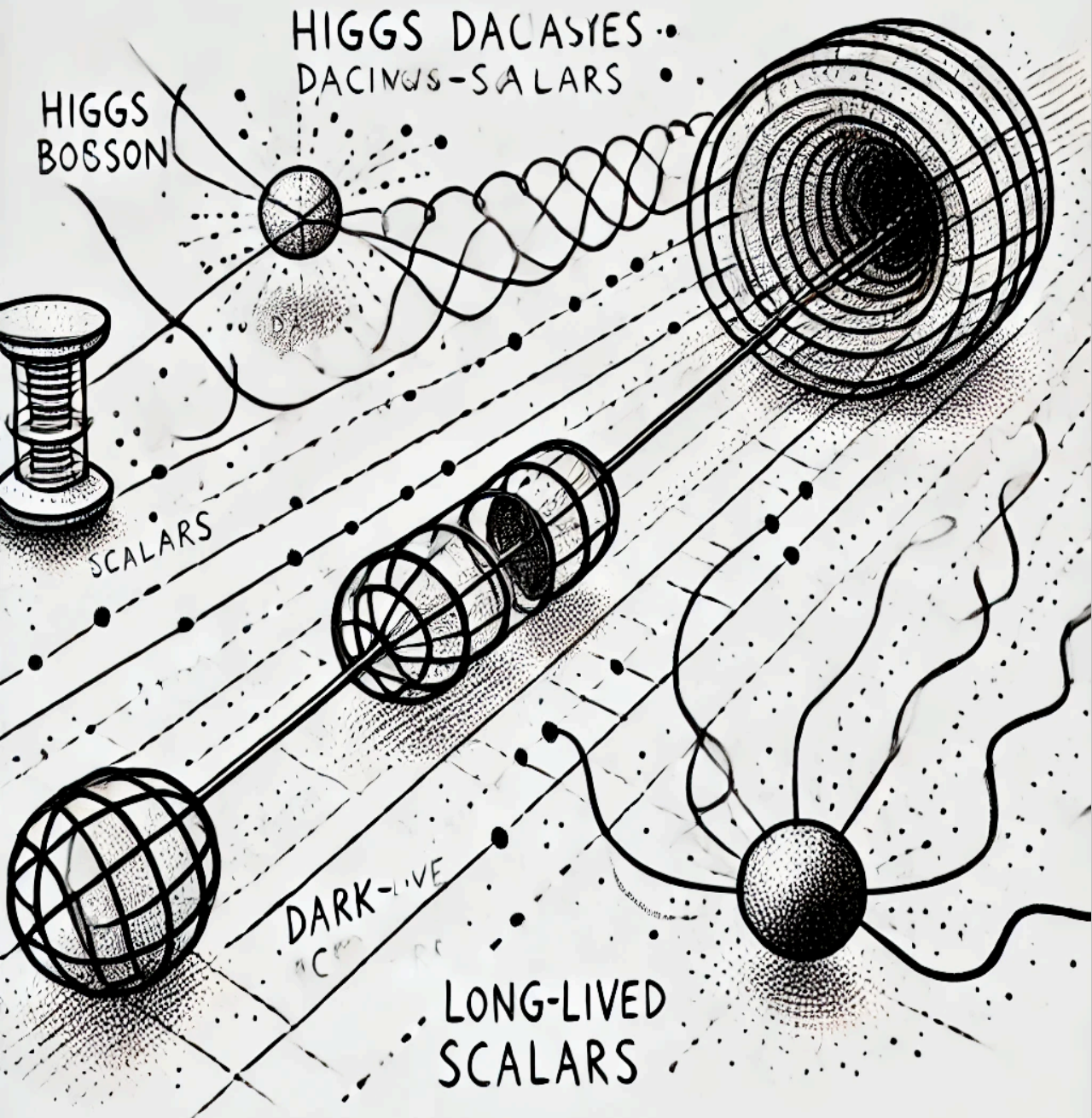
- Hidden valley which proposes feebly coupled hidden sector
 - Long Lived Particles (LLPs)!
 - Exotic Higgs Decays!
- Signature: $2\mu + 2$ displaced Semi Visible Jets (SVJ)
 - Where $SVJ \rightarrow 2\gamma, 2\ell$
- Semi Visible Jets (SVJ) from Dark showers
 - SVJ: Jets which are not fully decaying into SM
- Main backgrounds: $ee \rightarrow ZZ, WW, Z(\mu\mu)h$
- Delphes Fast Sim with IDEA detector card
- Analysis done with [FCCAnalyses Framework](#)



Results & outlook

- Study looking for Dark Showers via dark mesons from SVJs
- FCC-ee study which also can be probed at the HL-LHC
- Investigates low-mass mediator like Higgs
- Confinement scale scan yields limits on cross section given dark meson fractions
- Next steps:
 - Jet tagger
 - Electron category





Searching for Higgs decaying into long-lived dark scalars

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Axel Gallén & Rebeca Gonzalez Suarez

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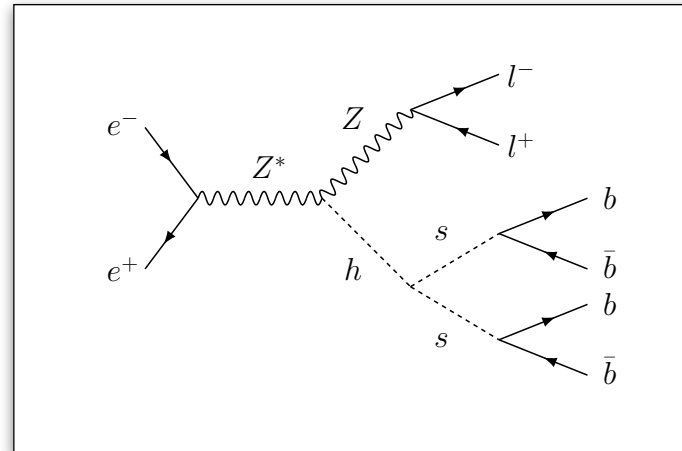
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Analysis motivation & method

- Hidden sector model with scalar portal
 - New dark scalar s mixes with SM Higgs via $\sin\theta$
- Exotic decay of SM Higgs, h , into new scalar s
 - s then decays into SM states
- Small mixing angles yields long-lived scalars
 - LLPs!
 - Displaced Vertex (DV) search!
- Targets Zh stage; 240 GeV & 10.8 ab^{-1}
- Signature generated with HAHM model:
 $ee \rightarrow Zh, Z \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\mp, h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow 4b$
- Main backgrounds: WW, ZZ, Zh
- Analysis done using FCCAnalyses Framework
 - “Winter 2023” backgrounds
 - Signal simulated with MadGraph5 HAHM model
 - Delphes Fast Sim with IDEA detector card



| Sample ($m_s, \sin\theta$) | $c\tau$ [mm] | $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow ss)$ |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 20 GeV, 1×10^{-5} | 3.4 | 8.1×10^{-4} |
| 20 GeV, 3×10^{-6} | 38 | 8.1×10^{-4} |
| 20 GeV, 1×10^{-6} | 340 | 8.1×10^{-4} |
| 20 GeV, 1×10^{-7} | 34 000 | 8.1×10^{-4} |
| 40 GeV, 1×10^{-5} | 1.4 | 10.2×10^{-4} |
| 40 GeV, 1×10^{-6} | 140 | 10.2×10^{-4} |
| 40 GeV, 1×10^{-7} | 14 000 | 10.2×10^{-4} |
| 50 GeV, 3×10^{-6} | 12 | 10.9×10^{-4} |
| 50 GeV, 1×10^{-6} | 110 | 10.9×10^{-4} |
| 50 GeV, 3×10^{-7} | 1200 | 10.9×10^{-4} |
| 60 GeV, 1×10^{-5} | 0.9 | 7.4×10^{-4} |
| 60 GeV, 1×10^{-6} | 88 | 7.4×10^{-4} |
| 60 GeV, 1×10^{-7} | 8800 | 7.4×10^{-4} |



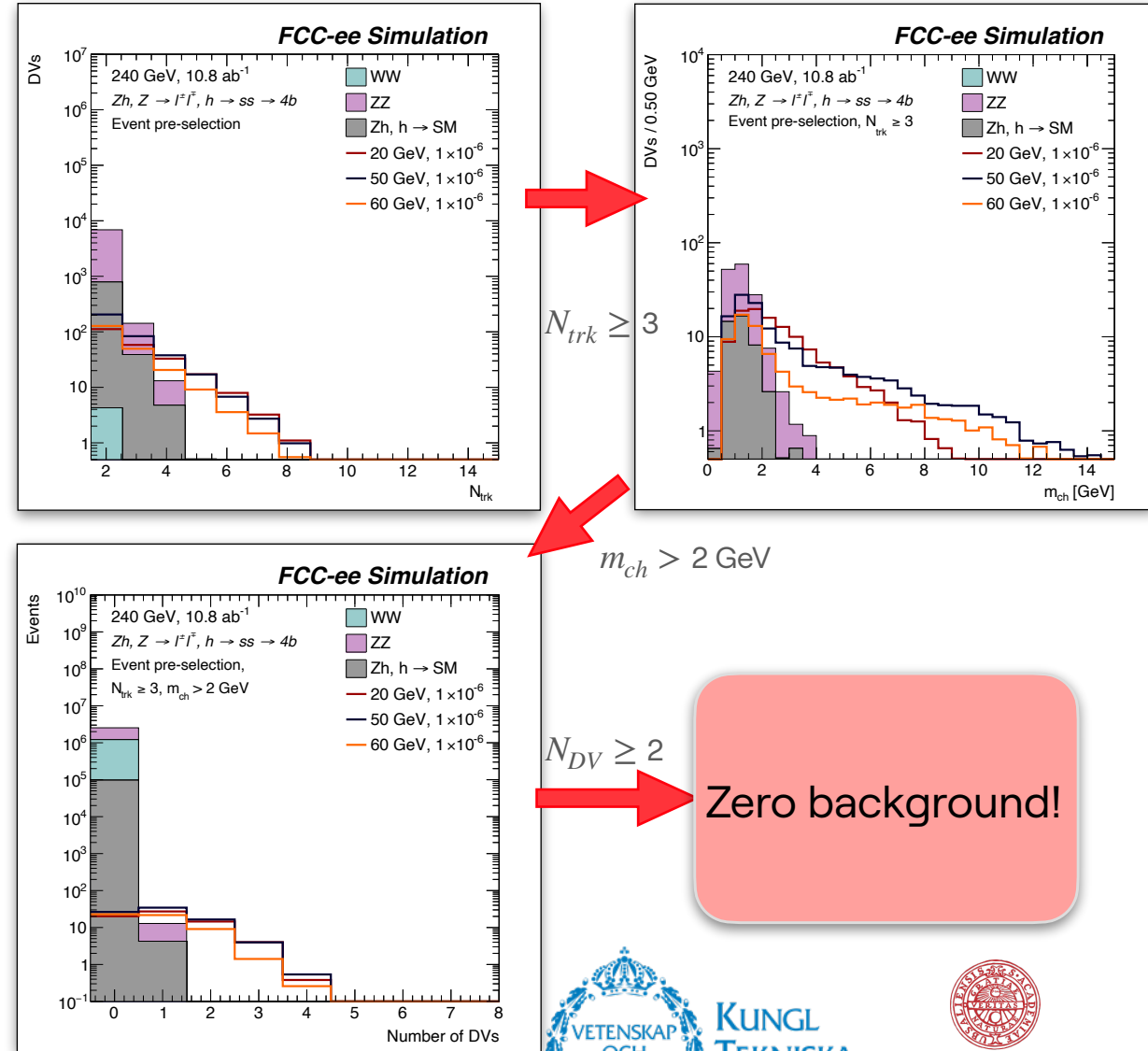
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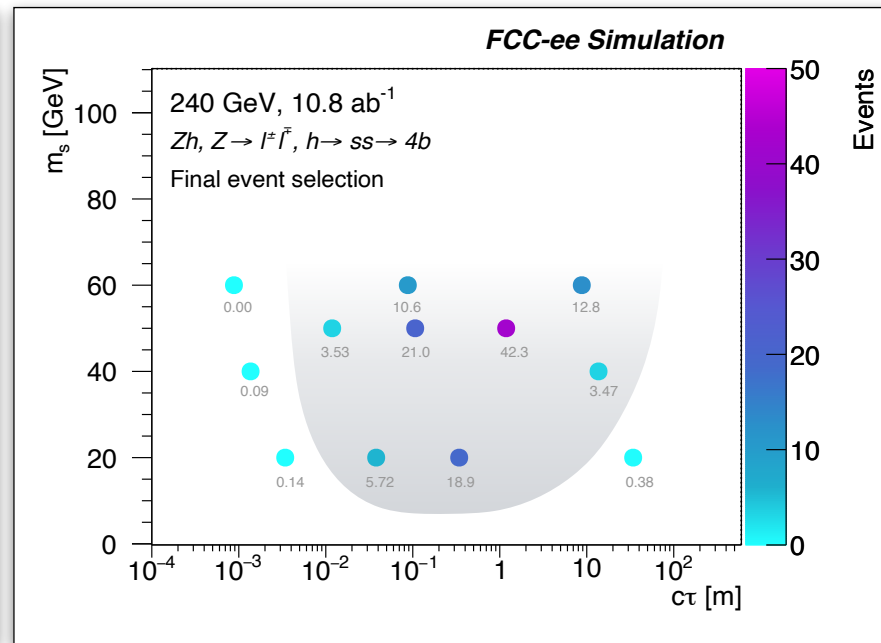
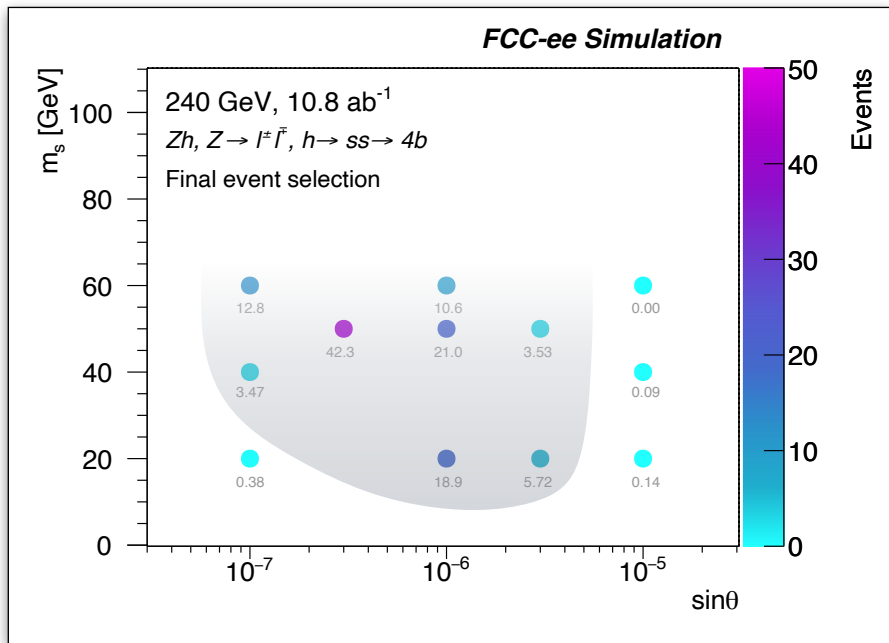
Event & Vertex Selection

- Secondary Vertex finder of LCFIPlus algorithm used
 - Custom track selection: $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}$ & $|d_0| > 2 \text{ mm}$
- Selections:
 - Event selection:
 - 2 iso. leptons (μ or e), opposite-sign, same flavour
 - $70 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll} < 110 \text{ GeV}$
 - At least 2 DVs passing the full DV selection
 - DV selection:
 - $N_{trk} \geq 3$
 - $m_{ch} > 2 \text{ GeV}$



Results & outlook

- SM background free search
- Rough contour of signal points with ≥ 3 events
- Successfully performed sensitivity analysis
 - $BR(h \rightarrow ss)$ probed to 10^{-4} for $c\tau \approx 1m$
- pre-print on arXiv: [2412.10141](https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.10141)
- Submitted to JHEP
- Possible future improvements:
 - Vertexing
 - Include hadronic & invisible Z decays in signal -> next slides!

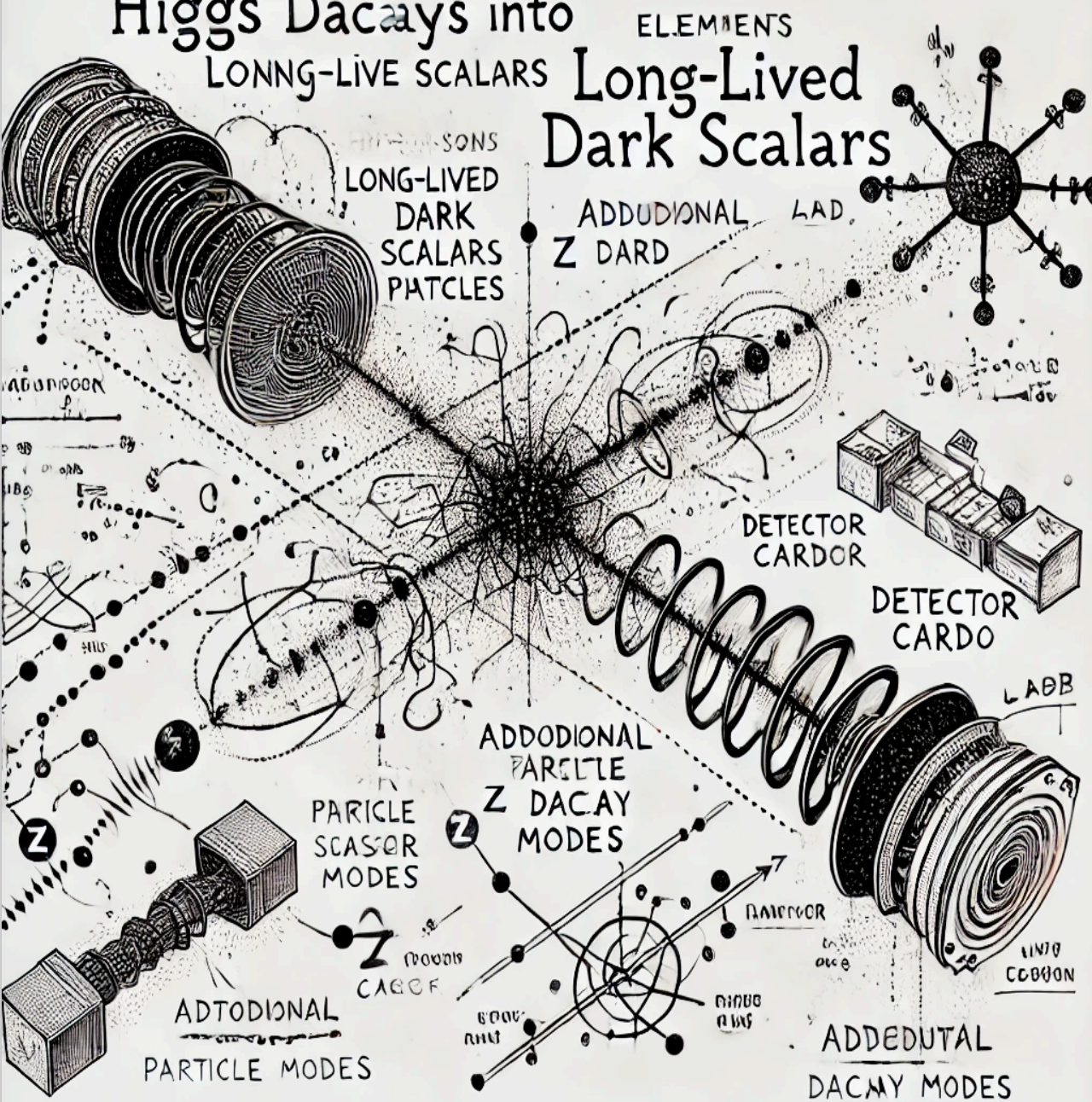


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Higgs Decays into Long-Lived Dark Scalars



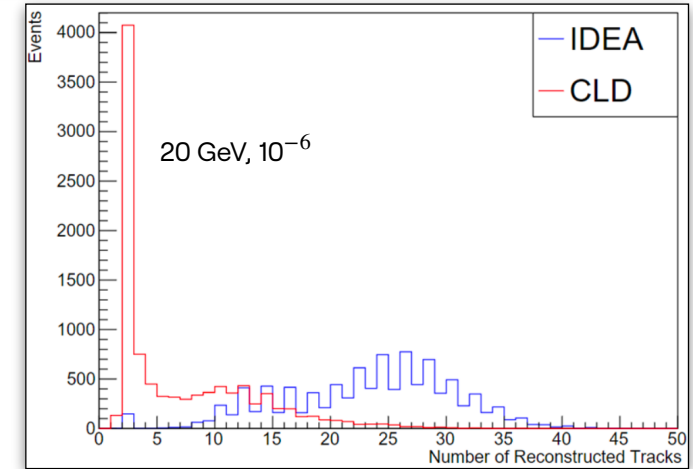
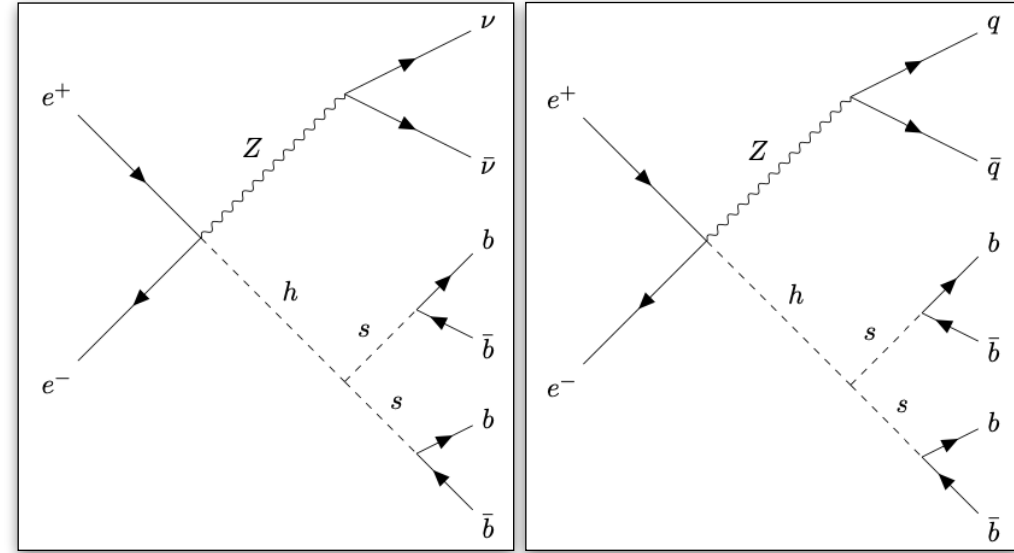
Detector card comparison and additional Z decay modes

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Method & Results

- Spin-off of the previous analysis
 - Compares CLD and IDEA cards
 - Additionally includes invisible & hadronic Z decays for signal
 - $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$ & $Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- Observed less reconstructed tracks per event in CLD compared to IDEA (for longer $c\tau$)
- Inclusion of more decay modes increases signal yield by $\sim 13x$
 - Note values here & on slide 12 not 1 - 1 comparison due to different luminosities (7.2 here vs 10.8 above)

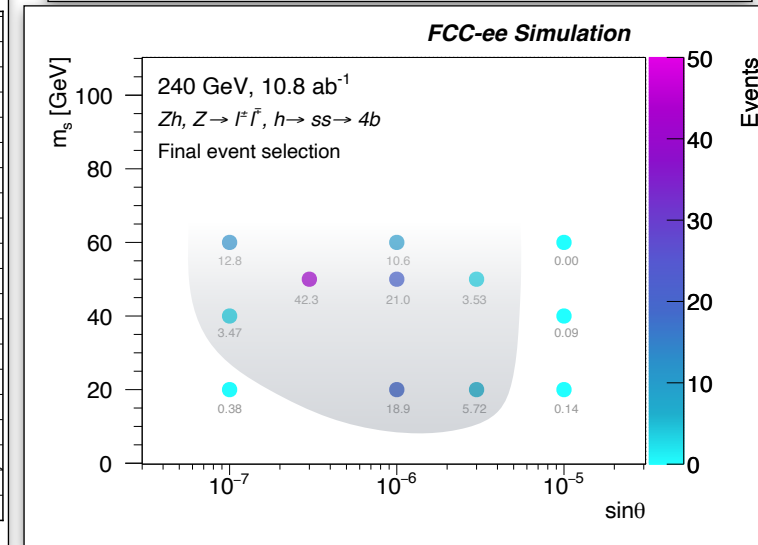
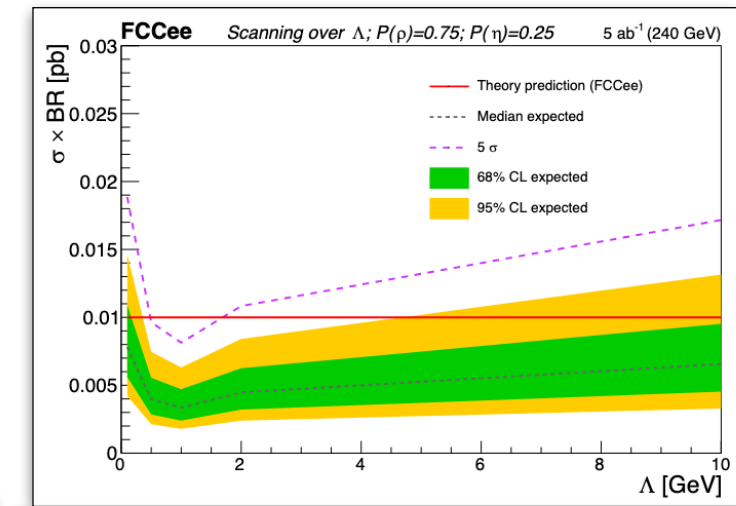
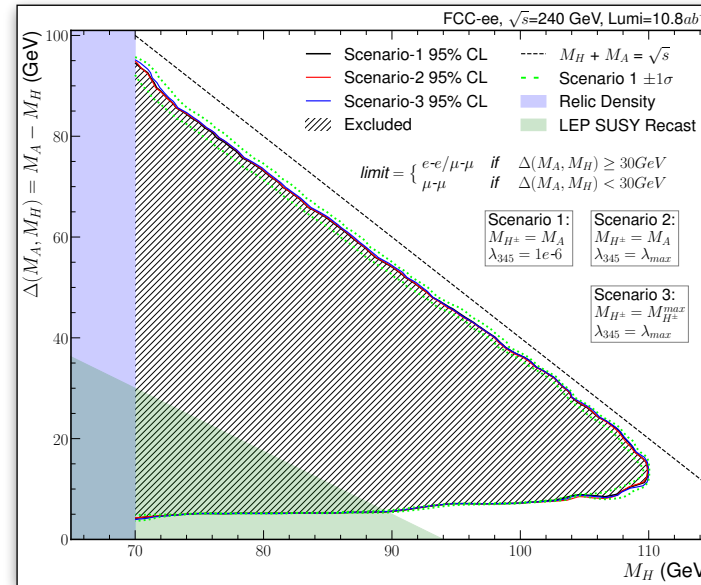


| Signal Processes | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 20 GeV, 10^{-5} | 20 GeV, 10^{-6} | 20 GeV, 10^{-7} | 60 GeV, 10^{-5} | 60 GeV, 10^{-6} | 60 GeV, 10^{-7} |
| 54.56 \pm 1.66 | 421.25 \pm 4.60 | 10.32 \pm 0.72 | 0.033 \pm 0.023 | 123.0 \pm 1.43 | 72.03 \pm 1.09 |
| Background Processes | | | | | |
| | WW | ZZ | Zh | | |
| | 1183.6 | 97.8 | 27.5 | | |



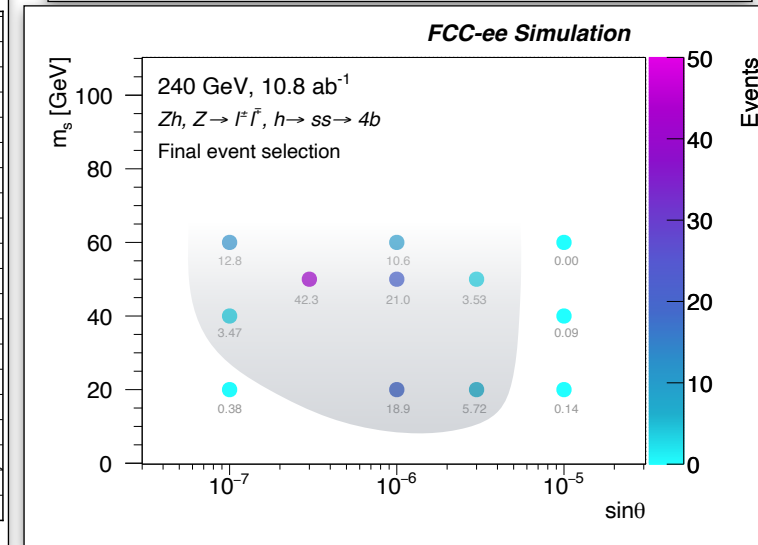
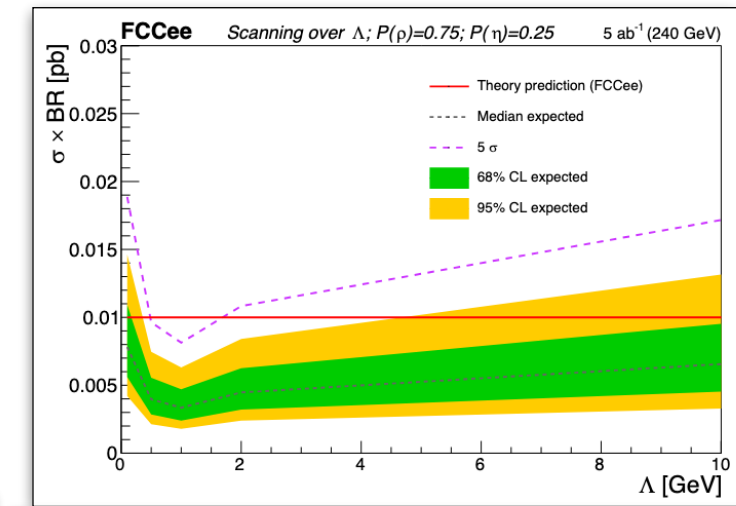
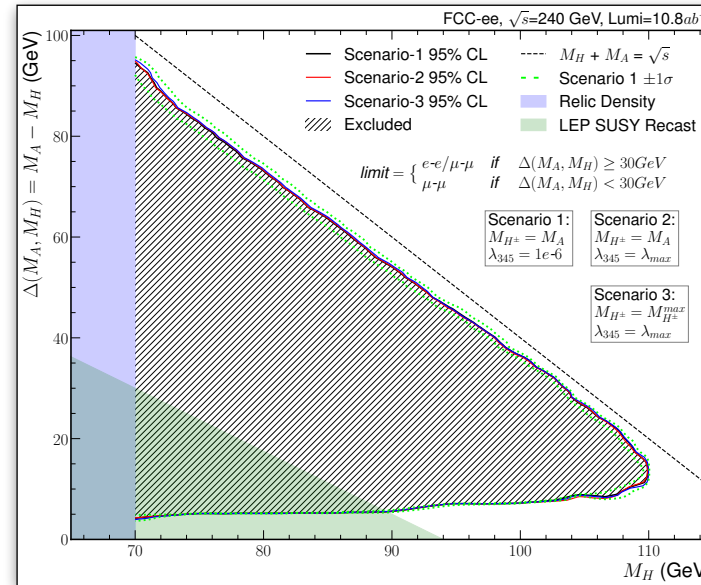
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- Thank you for listening!



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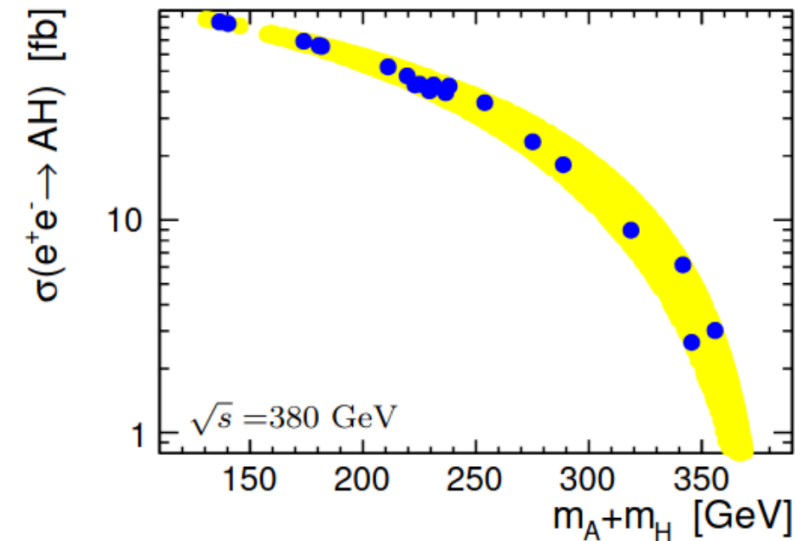
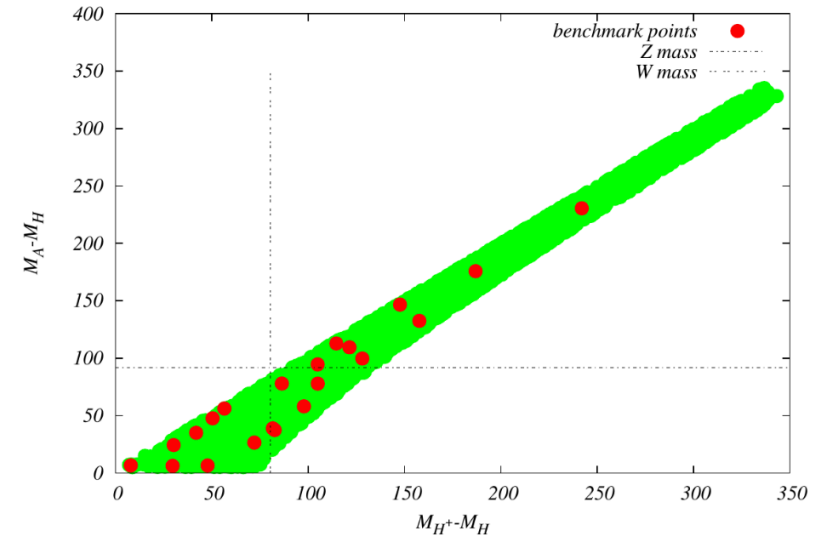


Backup

Additional Higgs Bosons

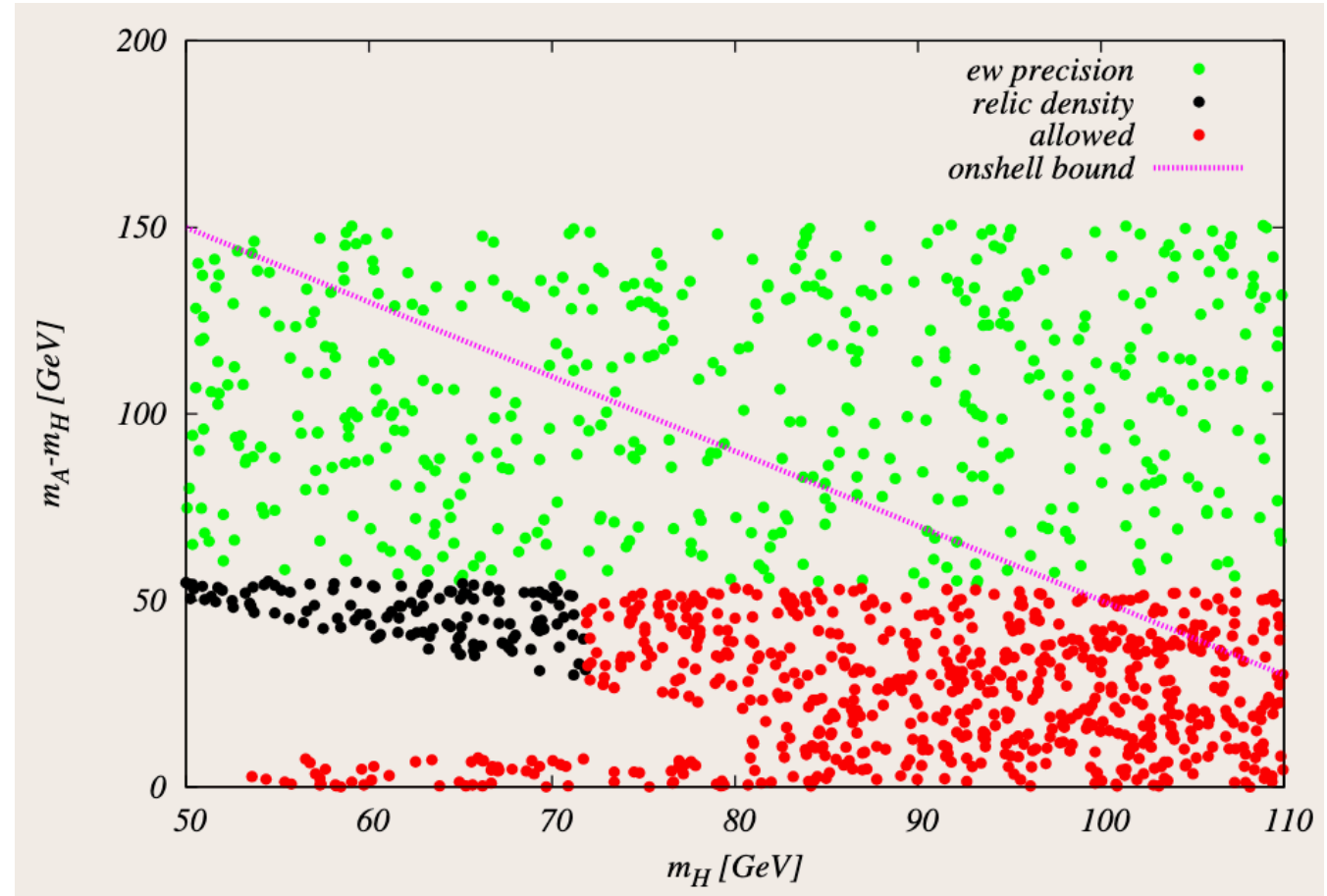
- Constraints from all experimental results: set of 20 low-mass benchmark points relevant for FCC-ee [JHEP 1812 (2018) 081]

| No. | M_H | M_A | M_{H^\pm} | $\sigma(250)$ | $\sigma(380)$ | $\sigma(500)$ |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BP1 | 72.77 | 107.803 | 114.639 | 77.2 | 65.9 | 45.7 |
| BP2 | 65 | 71.525 | 112.85 | 155 | 85.1 | 53.4 |
| BP3 | 67.07 | 73.222 | 96.73 | 149 | 83.5 | 52.8 |
| BP4 | 73.68 | 100.112 | 145.728 | 89.2 | 69.1 | 46.9 |
| BP6 | 72.14 | 109.548 | 154.761 | 75.1 | 65.4 | 45.4 |
| BP7 | 76.55 | 134.563 | 174.367 | 31.2 | 52.3 | 40.1 |
| BP8 | 70.91 | 148.664 | 175.89 | 20 | 47.5 | 38.1 |
| BP9 | 56.78 | 166.22 | 178.24 | 14.1 | 43 | 36 |
| BP10 | 76.69 | 154.579 | 163.045 | 9.44 | 43 | 36.2 |
| BP11 | 98.88 | 155.037 | 155.438 | - | 35.6 | 33.2 |
| BP12 | 58.31 | 171.148 | 172.96 | 9.01 | 40.4 | 34.8 |
| BP13 | 99.65 | 138.484 | 181.321 | 5.17 | 42.5 | 36.2 |
| BP14 | 71.03 | 165.604 | 175.971 | 5.13 | 39.6 | 34.7 |
| BP15 | 71.03 | 217.656 | 218.738 | - | 18.2 | 24.2 |
| BP16 | 71.33 | 203.796 | 229.092 | - | 23.3 | 26.9 |
| BP18 | 147 | 194.647 | 197.403 | - | 6.14 | 18.7 |
| BP19 | 165.8 | 190.082 | 195.999 | - | 3.02 | 16.6 |
| BP20 | 191.8 | 198.376 | 199.721 | - | - | 11.3 |
| BP21 | 57.475 | 288.031 | 299.536 | - | 2.66 | 12.6 |
| BP22 | 71.42 | 247.224 | 258.382 | - | 8.94 | 18.6 |
| BP23 | 62.69 | 162.397 | 190.822 | 13.2 | 43.3 | 36.2 |



Additional Higgs Bosons

- λ_{345}, λ_2 : Little impact on dominant production processes (fixed at 0 or small value)
- Dominant sensitivity from AH production: also very little impact from m_{H^\pm} , "artificially" fixed at $m_A + 50$ GeV
- 5- σ discovery possible up to $m_A + m_H = 220$ GeV with 1 ab^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 250$ GeV.

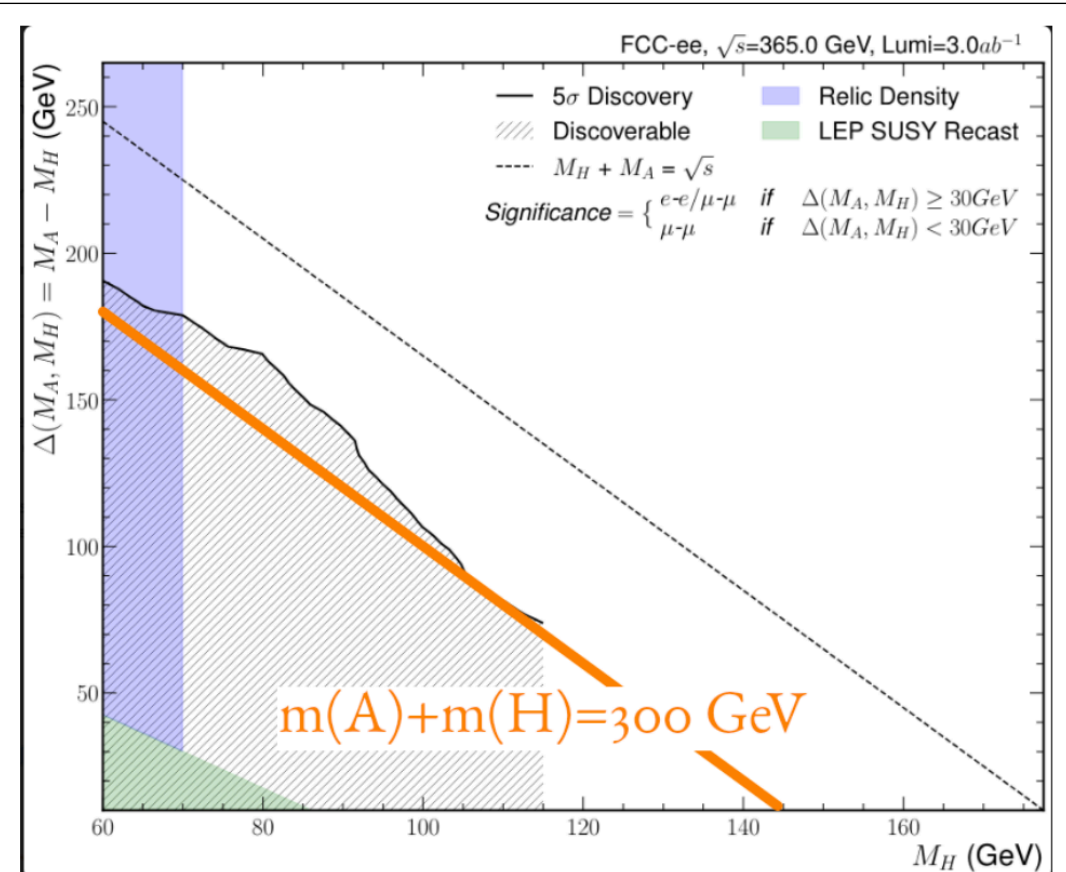
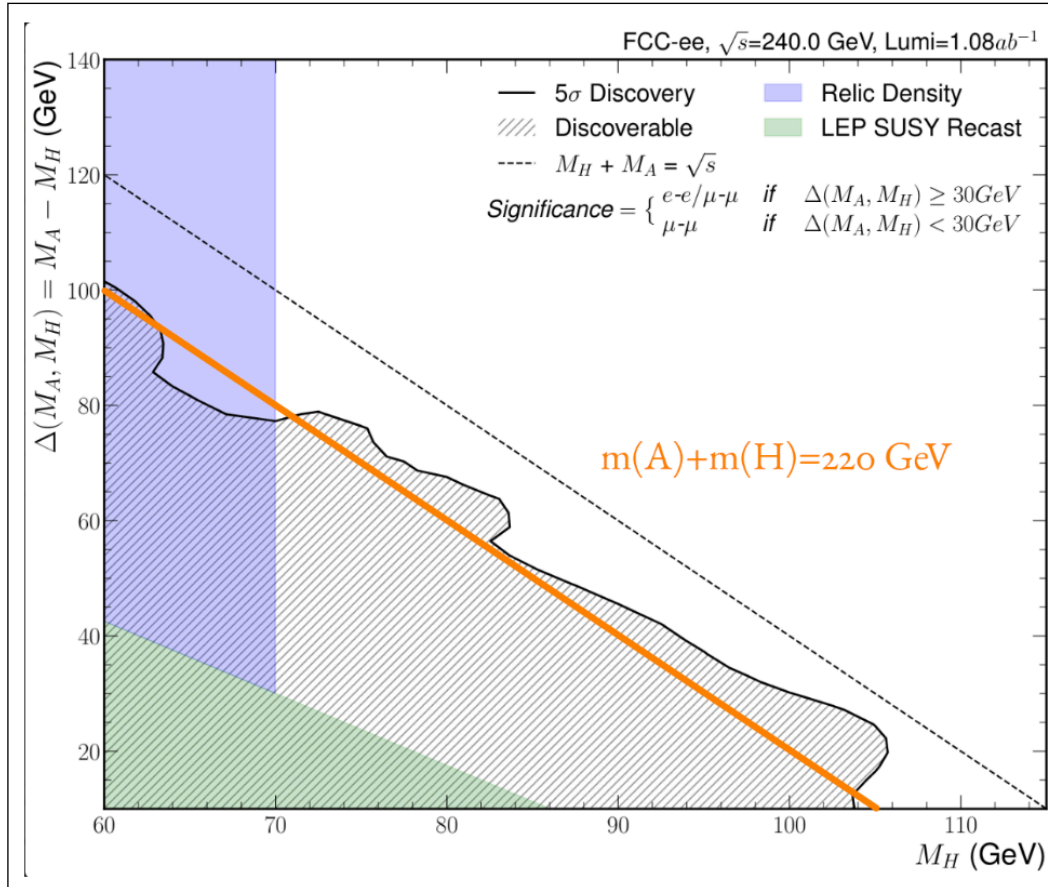


Additional Higgs Bosons – PNN

- Set of input variables with discriminating features, similar to arXiv:2002.11716.
- Problem with BDT approach: how to categorise by signal features / interpolate between signal points.
 - the dilepton pair $E_{\ell\ell}$,
 - the dilepton pair $p_T^{\ell\ell}$,
 - the dilepton invariant mass $M_{\ell\ell}$,
 - the dilepton recoil mass calculated assuming the nominal \sqrt{s} ,
 - the dilepton $p_z^{\ell\ell}$,
 - the dilepton Lorentz boost $p_{\ell\ell}/E_{\ell\ell}$,
 - the polar angle of the dilepton pair $\cos\theta$,
 - the leptons p_T ,
 - the leptons $\cos(\Delta\phi)$,
 - ℓ^- production angle with respect to the beam direction calculated in the dilepton centre-of-mass frame $\cos(\theta^*)$,
 - ℓ^- production angle with respect to the dilepton pair boost direction, calculated in the dilepton centre-of-mass frame $\cos(\theta_R)$
- One solution: parametric Neural Network, input signal masses as additional variables \Rightarrow training incorporates signal features, and can interpolate between simulated grid points.



Additional Higgs Bosons – CLIC/ILC comparison

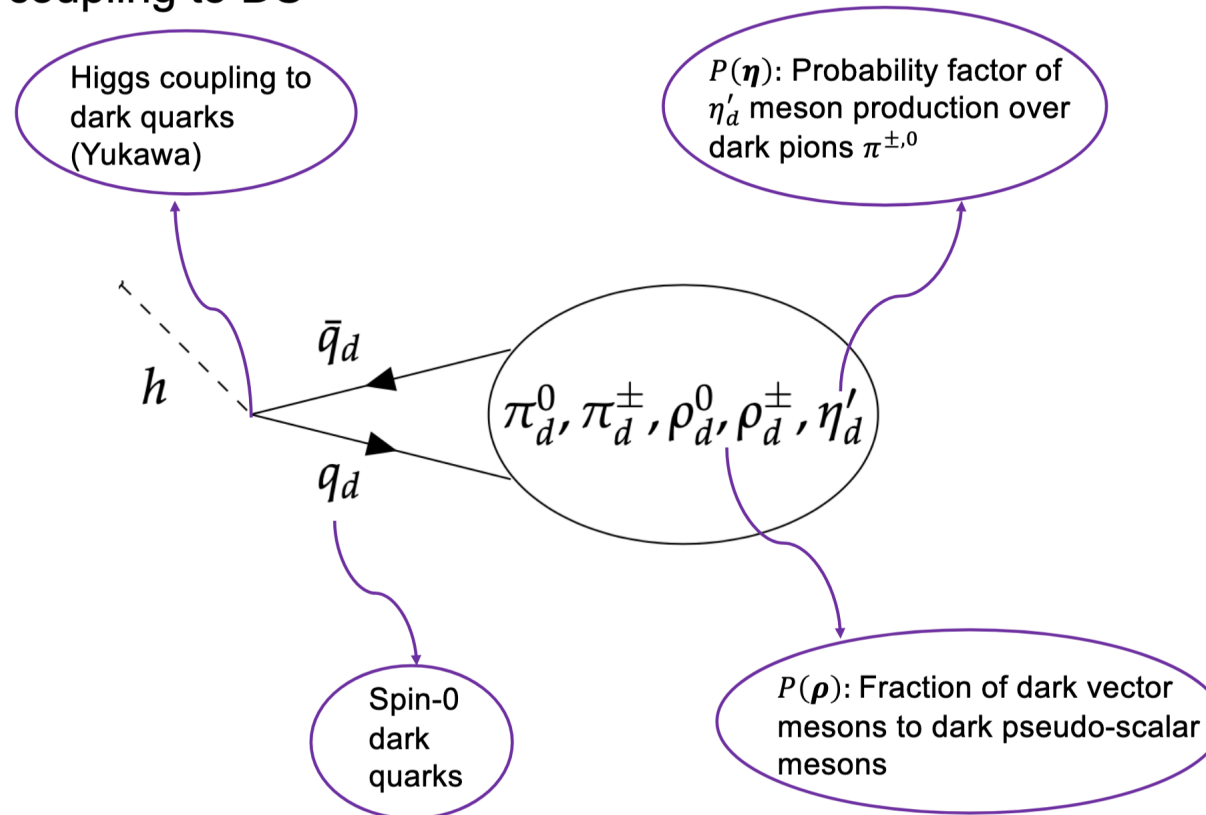


NOTE OLD LIMIT PLOTS



Higgs to Dark Showers

Higgs coupling to DS

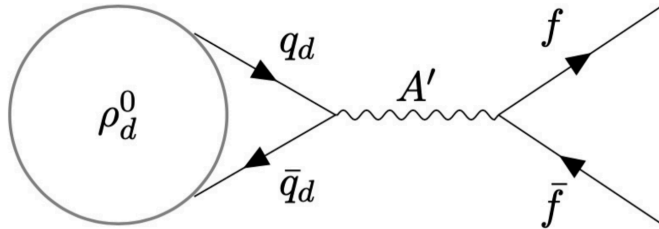


Higgs to Dark Showers

ρ -Decay

$$\Gamma(\rho_d^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}) = N_c \times \frac{\kappa^2 e^2 m_{\rho_d^0}}{12\pi} \left(1 + 2 \frac{m_q^2}{m_{\rho_d^0}^2}\right) \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{m_q^2}{m_{\rho_d^0}^2}}$$

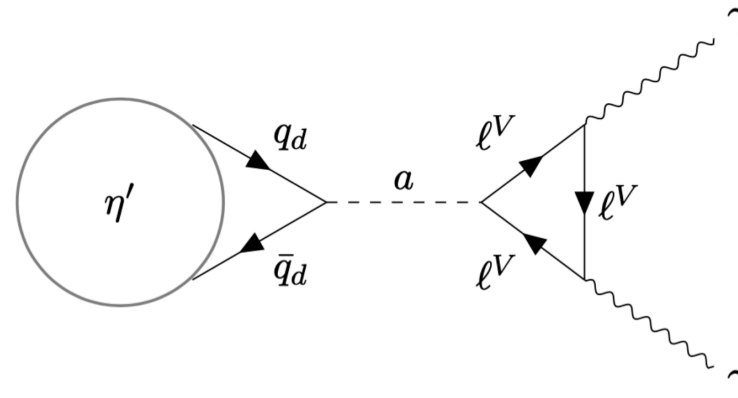
$$\Gamma(\rho_d^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) = \frac{\kappa^2 e^2 m_{\rho_d^0}}{12\pi} \left(1 + 2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_{\rho_d^0}^2}\right) \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_{\rho_d^0}^2}}$$



- N_c : Number of QCD colors
- κ : The mixing parameter
- q_f : The fermion charge
- m_q : SM Quark mass
- m_l : SM Lepton mass
- $m_{\rho_d^0}$: ρ_d^0 mass
- e : Electric charge

η' -Decay

$$\Gamma(\eta'_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{\alpha^2}{256\pi^2} \frac{m_{\eta'_d}^3}{f_{\eta'_d}^2}$$



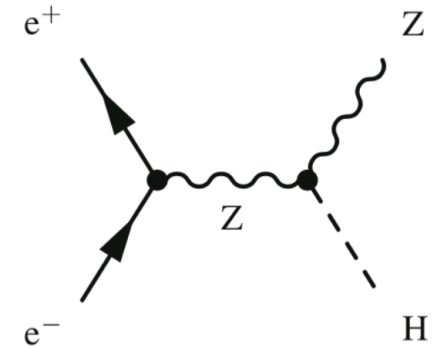
- α : Fine structure constant
- $m_{\eta'_d}$: Mass of η'_d
- $f_{\eta'_d}$: η'_d decay constant



Higgs to Dark Showers

Analysis & Selections

- Backgrounds: **ZZ, ZμμH, WW**
 - similar signatures, need to be carefully differentiated from the signal
- **Selections:**
 - **Cut 1** : 2 OS muons with $E \geq 10$ GeV and $\eta < 2.4$
 - **Cut 2** : Veto isolated electrons with $E \geq 10$ GeV and $\eta < 2.4$
 - **Cut 3** : Dimuon mass window > 89 GeV and < 92 GeV
 - **Cut 4** : At least two jets with $E \geq 10$ GeV and $\eta < 2.4$
 - **Cut 5** : Higgs recoil mass > 120 GeV and < 130 GeV
 - $M_{rec}^2 = (s - E_{ff})^2 - |\vec{p}_{ff}|^2$



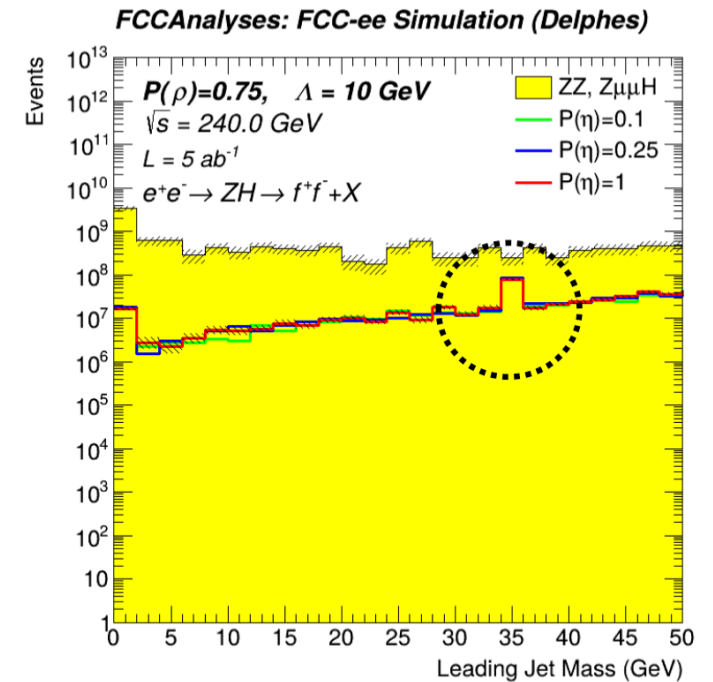
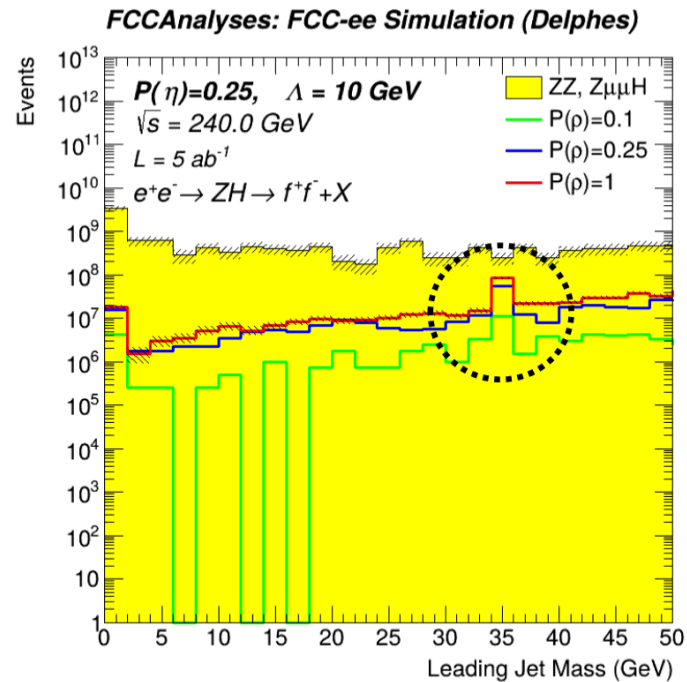
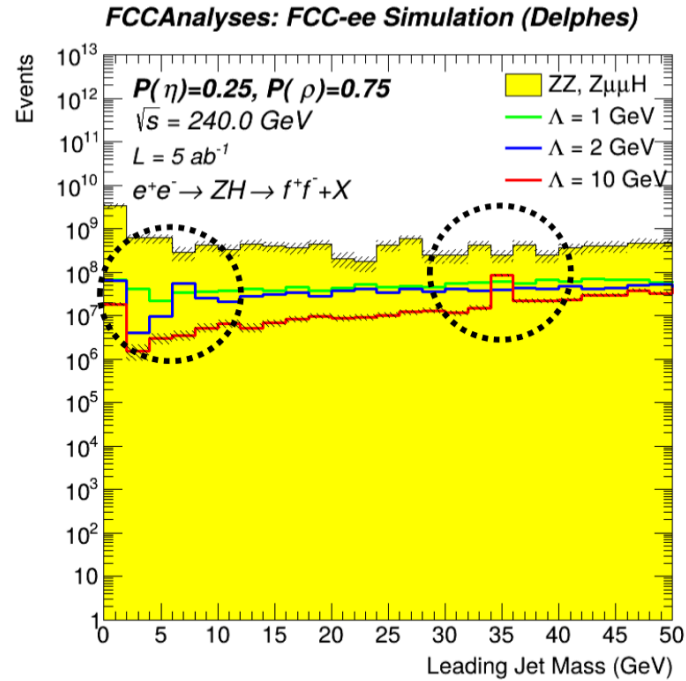
Mass Reflects Higgs Decays: The jet mass provides direct information about Higgs boson decay products, especially for hadronic decays like $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, making it crucial for Higgs reconstruction.

Recoil Mass for Background Rejection Recoil mass is more suited for rejecting backgrounds, isolating events like Zh, but does not directly contribute to reconstructing the Higgs properties.



Higgs to Dark Showers

Leading Jet Mass



Lattice QCD: $\frac{m_{\pi_d^0}}{\Lambda} = 2, \Lambda = 10 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow m_{\rho_d^0} = 34.3 \text{ GeV}$



Projected HL-LHC limits for exotic Higgs decays

