Sensitivity to new physics scenarios in invisible Higgs boson decays at CLIC

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Higgs production

Sensitivity to search for invisible Higgs boson decays \rightarrow ZH production at 380 GeV



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Signal

SM(-like) Higgs boson decay to invisible states (Dark Matter?)



Signature of invisible Higgs decay:

- two jets consistent with hadronic Z decay higher statistics
- missing energy-momentum consistent with production of invisible massive state of 125 GeV

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Background processes considered





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Simulation framework

- event samples generated with WHIZARD 2.7.0
 - signal: H + qq production with Higgs defined as stable
 - SM Higgs boson production:
 - H + qq, H + II, $H + \nu\nu$ (with 100% SM decays)
 - non-Higgs background: qq, ll, qqqq, qqll, qqlv, qqvv, qqlvvv
- CLIC energy spectra for **380** GeV
- CLIC integrated luminosity of 1000 fb⁻¹ (unpolarised)
- detector simulation and event reconstruction with DELPHES, using modified¹ CLICdet_Stage1 cards

Two jets reconstructed with VLC algorithm ($R = 1.5, \ \beta = \gamma = 1$)

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¹required to make Higgs invisible in the detector

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Processes considered

Final state	σ [fb]	N _{GEN}
qq	22200.0	2000000
	19900.0	1000000
qqqq	5080.0	500000
qqll	1730.0	200000
$qq\nu\nu$	317.0	300000
qql u	5560.0	500000
qqlvvv	1.37	100000
$H_{SM} + qq$	82.3	100000
$H_{SM} + II$	15.5	100000
$H_{SM} + \nu\nu$	54.5	100000
$H_{inv} + qq$	82.3	100000

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Signature of $e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ \rightarrow jj$ + inv

Two-jet events without electrons, muons, or isolated photons...



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Preselection

Preselection cuts were used to select events with proper signature and kinematics consistent with invisible Higgs boson decay:

- Remove events with isolated electrons, muons or photons with energy above 2 GeV, 3 GeV and 5 GeV respectively
- Energy "lost" in jet clustering below 10 GeV
- At least 2 charged particles
- Two-jet topology: $y_{23} < 0.01$ and $y_{34} < 0.001$
- Jet invariant mass: $80 < M_{jj} < 100 \, {
 m GeV}$
- Dijet emision angle: $|\cos \Theta_{jj}| < 0.8$ (Z direction)

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(Z mass)

Preselection cut example

Di-jet invariant mass distribution with preselection cut indicated



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Preselection

Efficiency of preselection cuts

Event class	Efficiency
Non-Higgs background	0.21%
including $qq\nu\nu$	20.47%
qqlvvv	1.32%
qql u	0.60%
qq	0.08%
SM Higgs decays	0.86%
including $H + \nu \nu$	2.33%
H + qq invisible decays	43.56%

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Selection

Final event selection based on the multivariate analysis. Variables used as input for Boosted Decision Tree (BDT):

- α_{jj} angle between two jets in the LAB frame
- m_{jj} dijet invariant mass
- Image of the second second

• p_t^{miss} – missing transverse momentum

Selection



Highest significance for invisible Higgs decays for BDT cut ~ 0.06

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Results

95% C.L. limit expected for 1000 fb⁻¹ collected at 380 GeV:

$$BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 0.89\%$$

Assuming no excess above predicted SM background is observed

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Result consistent with the old study: $BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 0.94\%$ expected for 500 fb⁻¹ collected at 350 GeV M. A. Thomson, The European Physical Journal C, 76(2):72

for 350 GeV
$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ \rightarrow Hqq) = 93$$
 fb
for 380 GeV $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ \rightarrow Hqq) = 82$ fb

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Background processes - revisited

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- new beamstrahlung background: $\gamma^{BS}e^{\pm} \rightarrow qq\nu$, $\gamma^{BS}\gamma^{BS} \rightarrow qq/qql\nu/qqll/qq\nu\nu/qqqq$

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- new Effective Photon Approximation background: $\gamma^{EPA}e^{\pm} \rightarrow qq\nu$ (new generation with WHIZARD 2.8.3)

Results - revisited

95% C.L. limit expected for 1000 fb⁻¹ collected at 380 GeV:

$BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 1.01\%$

Assuming no excess above predicted SM background is observed

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Limits on new scalar production

Same approach can be used to search for production of H' state in the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH' \rightarrow qq + inv$ (H' generated in WHIZARD as SM-Higgs particle of different mass) Expected limits on the H' production cross section, relative to SM,

for 1000 fb⁻¹ at 380 GeV assuming $BR(H' \rightarrow inv) \approx 100\%$



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CLIC at 1.5 TeV

At 1.5 TeV, cross section for ZH_{SM} production is smaller but it is possible to produce much heavier hypothetical Higgs-like particles.

- additional jet energy smearing
- polarised e⁻ beam CLIC integrated luminosity of 2000 fb⁻¹ (for negative polarisation) and 500 fb⁻¹ (positive polarisation)

Limits on new scalar production

Expected limits on the H' production cross section, relative to SM, for 2500 fb⁻¹ at 1500 GeV assuming $BR(H' \rightarrow inv) \approx 100\%$



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Interpretation

In Higgs-portal models, new scalar field ϕ coupling to dark matter particles can mix with the SM Higgs field *h* resulting in two mass eigenstates:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}H\\H'\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c}\cos\alpha & \sin\alpha\\-\sin\alpha & \cos\alpha\end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c}h\\\phi\end{array}\right)$$

If $\alpha \ll 1$, *H* is SM-like (the observed 125 GeV state), but it can also decay invisibly via ϕ component (BR $\sim \sin^2 \alpha$)

If H' is also light, it can be produced in e^+e^- collisions in the same way as the SM-like Higgs boson; invisible decays dominate.

We consider Vector-fermion dark matter model (VFDM) [arXiv:1710.01853]

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Interpretation

Limit on the invisible decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson (H) can be interpreted in terms of the VFDM mixing angle limits.



Based on WHIZARD calculations assuming $g_X = 1$.

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The VFDM model

Expected limits on the production cross section can be translated within the VFDM model into limits on the mixing angle α .



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Conclusions

- Search for invisible Higgs boson decays based on the WHIZARD event generation and fast simulation with DELPHES.
- **2** Updated results including $\gamma\gamma$ and $e^{\pm}\gamma$ backgrounds.
- OLIC running at 380 GeV can constrain the invisible decays of the SM Higgs boson to 1%.
- Results consistent with the previous study based on full simulation.
- The study can be extended to search for extra scalars at CLIC operating at 380 GeV and 1.5 TeV.
- Write-up of the analysis in preparation...

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Preselection cuts on jet clustering results



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Preselection cuts on di-jet final state (Z boson)



Di-jet emission angle



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Channels	σ [fb]	N _{GEN}
$\gamma^{BS}\gamma^{BS} ightarrow qq$	1914.43	200000
$\gamma^{{\scriptscriptstyle BS}}\gamma^{{\scriptscriptstyle BS}} o {\it qqll}$	33.04	10000
$\gamma^{BS}\gamma^{BS} ightarrow qql u$	0.72	10000
$\gamma^{BS}\gamma^{BS} o qq \nu \nu$	0.03	10000
$\gamma^{BS}\gamma^{BS} ightarrow qqqq$	1.84	10000
$\gamma^{{ m BS}}{ m e}^- o { m q}{ m q} u$	1418.31	300000
$\gamma^{{ m BS}} { m e}^+ o { m q} { m q} u$	1428.57	300000
$\gamma^{\it EPA} e^- o q q u$	883.29	100000
$\gamma^{\it EPA} e^+ o q q u$	883.41	100000

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Efficiency of preselection cuts

Event class	Efficiency
Non-Higgs background	0.21%
SM Higgs decays	0.86%
$\gamma^{BS}\gamma^{BS} o qq$	0.78%
$\gamma^{{\it BS}}\gamma^{{\it BS}} ightarrow {\it qqll}$	0.03%
$\gamma^{BS}\gamma^{BS} ightarrow qql u$	1.59%
$\gamma^{{\it BS}}\gamma^{{\it BS}} ightarrow {\it qqqq}$	0.03%
$\gamma^{BS} e^- ightarrow qq u$	6.73%
$\gamma^{BS} e^+ ightarrow qq u$	6.68%
$\gamma^{EPA}e^- ightarrow qq u$	6.41%
$\gamma^{\it EPA} { m e}^+ ightarrow { m q} q u$	6.31%
H + qq invisible decays	43.56%

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Input variables for multivariate analysis, for invisible decays of 125 GeV Higgs



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Considered processes for 1.5 TeV

Final state	σ^{neg} [fb]	σ^{pos} [fb]	N _{GEN}
qq	2870.00	1810.00	1000000
11	1400.00	1220.00	1000000
qqqq	1970.00	265.00	1000000
qqll	2740.00	2570.00	1000000
$qq\nu\nu$	1520.00	187.00	1000000
qql u	7050.00	1710.00	1000000
qqlvvv	40.10	5.39	100000
$\gamma^{\rm BS}\gamma^{\rm BS} o qq$	6030.00	6030.00	1000000
$H_{SM} + qq$:	9.42	6.59	100000
$H_{SM} + II$	31.60	22.10	100000
$H_{SM} + u u$	468.00	53.50	100000
$H_{inv} + qq$	9.42	6.59	100000

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Preselection efficiency for 1.5 TeV

Final state	Efficiency - p. neg.	Efficiency - p. pos.	
without Higgs boson			
qq	0.07%	0.08%	
$qq\nu\nu$	13.53%	12.73%	
$qql\nu$	1.47%	2.30%	
qqlvvv	1.24%	2.07%	
$\gamma^{\rm BS}\gamma^{\rm BS} ightarrow qq$	0.21%	0.22%	
Total:	1.48%	0.64%	
with Higgs boson decays described in the Standard Model			
$H_{SM} + \nu \nu$	2.34%	2.50%	
Total:	2.16%	1.65%	
signal			
$H_{inv} + qq$	42.16%	42.04%	

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Signal significance as a function of the BDT cut assuming ${\sf BR}({\sf H}{\rightarrow}{\sf inv})=1\%$



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BDT response distribution for negative and postivie polarisation



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