

The Physics at Future e⁺e⁻ colliders

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The triumph of Standard Model (SM)

Discovery of the (a?) Higgs boson (2012)



SM particle content is complete - Higgs boson: Plays a very central role; interacts with all particles

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- Nope... The big open questions in Particle Physics
 - Experiment driven
 - Dark Matter
 - Dark energy
 - Matter-Antimatter asymmetry

- Theory driven
 - Hierarchy problem & naturalness
 - Number of generations
 - Origin of fermion families







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All beg for New Physics..

How/Where to search for? At which scale/precision?

Searching for New Physics (@colliders)

Two complementary approaches
 Direct searches for new particles/interactions
 Sensitive tests of the SM and look for deviations



- Introduction
 - The physics landscape after LHC Run 2 and at HL-LHC
- Shaping the future
 - Particle colliders
 - The need for an electron-positron collider
 - Proposed e⁺e⁻ colliders (executive summary)
- The Physics in e⁺e⁻ colliders
 - The Higgs sector
 - EWK precision measurements
 - Direct searches and potential discoveries

Outlook and summary

Physics landscape today: Direct searches

Plethora of Beyond SM (BSM) searches



and many many more channels/topologies/signatures

Nothing came up yet

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Physics landscape today: The SM



Physics landscape today: The Higgs



- Established interactions:
 - Gauge bosons [Run 1]
 - 3rd-Gen charged fermions
- Evidence for 2nd-Gen charged leptons
- + CP, differential measurements, STXS, EFT,...

Whole new chapter of exploration

modification of Higgs properties
 → sign of BSM

Physics landscape after HL-LHC

 Unique situation: Current results do no concretely point to any BSM scenario/mass scale



+ Probe new resonances (particles) up to ~8 (~4) TeV

HL-LHC: Cannot guarantee definite answers to any of the big open Qs

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No "guaranteed discoveries" rather than "guaranteed deliverables"

Building on success stories

- Two complementary approaches
 - Hadron colliders (pp, ppbar)
 - Higher mass scales/rates \rightarrow **Discovery** of new particles
 - Lepton colliders (e⁺e⁻)
 - Higher precision \rightarrow prediction @higher scales



Year of First Physics

W. Panofsky [link]

Further reading:

The evolution of particle accelerators [link]

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 - but .. also discoveries ;-)

Further reading:

The evolution of particle accelerators [link]



W. Panofsky [link]



- e⁺/e⁻: elementary particles
 - No internal structure
 - No underlying event
- ■Z→e+e⁻ event
 - Extremely clean environment
 - An e⁺e⁻ & nothing else
 - Energy and momentum known
 - Use E-p conservation to improve the measurement of the physics objects

Example from ALEPH (LEP/CERN)



Importance of precision

- The SM is a quantum field theory
 - Tree-level diagrams: Not sufficient to describe nature
 - Need to account of quantum effects in higher order calculations



Putting pieces together:

- $\Gamma_Z \rightarrow \Gamma_Z \times (1 + \text{cor}); \text{ cor } \sim (\text{cor}(t), \text{ cor}(H))$
- Similarly for W, etc...

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BSM (if exists) will/could contribute as well



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Building on success stories: The "top" BROW

LEP: prediction

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Tevatron: discovery 19 events CDF Events/(10 GeV/c² 280 80 120160 200 240Reconstructed Mass (GeV/c^2)

"for elucidating the quantum structure of electroweak interactions in physics" [ref]

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Nobel Prize (1999)



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Building on success stories: The "Higgs"

LEP(e⁺e⁻): prediction



"for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider" [ref] Nobel Prize (2013)



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The road ahead

Similar recommendations in both sides of the Atlantic

European Strategy update (2013):

"Europe needs to be in a position to propose an ambitious post-LHC accelerator project at CERN by the time of the next Strategy update."

e⁺e⁻ collider

There is a strong scientific case for an electronpositron collider, complementary to the LHC, that can study the properties of the Higgs boson and other particles with unprecedented precision and whose energy can be upgraded.

European Strategy Group (2020):

Z, W, top factory

"It places priority on the successful completion of the High-Luminosity LHC over the coming decade, and begins to map out the potential landscape for research in Europe in the post LHC era, presenting a vision for both the near- and long-term future. The Strategy update recommends a so-called Higgs factory as the highest priority to follow the LHC, while pursuing a technical and financial feasibility study for a next-generation hadron collider in parallel, in preparation for the longterm."

Luminosity

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US P5 update (2015):

The hadronic HL-LHC and eter ILC are highly complementary discovery accelerators. If new particles are observed directly at the LHC/HL-LHC, the pattern of deviations in the combined measurements of Higgs boson couplings at both the HL-LHC and ILC adds essential knowledge in determining the underlying structure of the new physics. If no new physics is found directly at the LHC/HL-LHC, the precision of the ILC measurements for the Higgs couplings can indirectly uncover new physics present at mass scales beyond that kinematically accessible at the LHC/HL-LHC.

US P5 update (2023):

A Higgs factory is the next step toward fully revealing the secrets of the Higgs boson within the quantum realm. We advocate substantial US participation in the design and construction of accelerators and detectors for an offshore facility, and we advocate investment of effort to support development of the Future Circular Collider-electron (e⁻) positron (e⁺) (FCC-ee) and the International Linear Collider (ILC), along with a parallel and increasingly intensive program of R&D pursuing revolutionary accelerator and detector technologies.



- Clear recommendation:
 - The next particle collider should be an e⁺e⁻
- The open question: Circular or linear?
 - Need to decide based on physics/sustainability/risk..
- Disclaimer:
 - ◆ I will mainly focus on the physics potential of an e⁺e⁻ machine
 - Discuss pros/cons of each approach when necessary
 - I have a preference
 - But I'll do my best to be as unbiased as possible

Proposed e⁺e⁻ colliders

Linear (e⁺e⁻) colliders



Circular (e+e-/hh) colliders









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Proposed e⁺e⁻ colliders (add details)

Linear (e+e-) colliders

CLIC (CERN) - 11 -50 km (depending on E_{CM}) - Normal-conducting acceleration - Up to 3 TeV collisions Circular (e+e-/hh) colliders

FCC-ee/-hh (CERN) - 100 Km tunnel - First: FCC-ee; up to 2*m_{top} collisions "standard" technology - Then: FCC-hh; 100 TeV collisions challenge: 16T magnets

ILC (Japan) - 31 km, Super-conducting acceleration - 250 & 500 [1000?] GeV collisions

C^3 (SLAC) - 7-8 km, Conducting acceleration - 250 & 550 GeV collisions CEPC/SppC (China) - 100 Km tunnel

- Essentially an FCC-ee/ FCC-hh
- More conservative lumi scenarios



Google earth















In other words:

- Full FCC (ee/pp) cost: \$20B
- Cup of coffee: \$5
- US polulation: ~330M

Cost equivalent/US person: 1 cup of coffee/month

...Let's put the cost on the side and focus on the physics

Circular vs. Linear: Some history

- Pre-LHC: New physics is "just around the corner" (i.e., ~TeV)
 Discover SUSY even before the Higgs
- Efforts for building the next e⁺e⁻ linear collider (i.e., ICL) started early 00s
 - > 20 years of experience
 - Technical design report (TDR) published 2013 (link)
 - Roughly when thoughts for a <u>circular</u> e⁺e⁻ collider started
- The discovery of a Higgs boson @125 GeV sparked interest for Circular e⁺e⁻ collider (FCC/CEPC)
 - Also: No signs of new physics @TeV scale
 - Motivation for high E_{CM} e+e- not very strong



- e⁺e⁻: Different strategies
 - Different luminosity
 - ◆ Different E_{CM} scenarios
- FCC-ee/CEPC:
 - Study Z, W, H and top with unprecedented precision
- CLIC/ILC/C^3:
 - Higgs program (of course)
 - Direct access to HH



Ultimate goal: O(100 TeV) pp collider
 FCC-hh/SppC: use same tunnel constructed for FCC-ee/CepC

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\mathbf{M} Circular vs. Linear \rightarrow Lumi vs. \mathbf{E}_{CM}

Circular (FCC):

- ◆ 4 Experiments (Cross-check, dedicated technology, Lumi, ..)
- **Z-pole**: 150 ab⁻¹ (5x10¹² Z) \rightarrow 100K Z/sec; LEP: 10⁶ Z events
- ♦ WW: 12 ab⁻¹ → 10K W/sec
- ◆ ZH: 5 ab^{-1} → 1.5K Higgs/day
- ◆ top: 0.2-1.5 ab⁻¹ → 1.5K top/day
- Linear (ILC); assuming: 500/fb @500 GeV, 200/fb @350 GeV, 500/fb @250 GeV
 - One experiment (maybe 2)
 - Direct access to Higgs-pair production
 - ◆Z's: 3x10⁹, W's: 2x10⁶
 - Higgs: 1.4x10⁵ WW: 12 ab⁻¹

HW: Why lower Luminosity in linear colliders?

• top: 10⁵

Both will achieve >100x the stats of LEP

Circular Colliders: Why not higher E_{CM}

Circular Colliders: Why not higher ECM



plot from: "LEP: The Lord of the Collider Rings at CERN", H. Shopper [CERN Library]

• Why?

 Circular machines emit synchrotron radiation:

$$E_{\rm rad} \sim (E/m)^4/R_{\odot}$$

FCC-ee: ~7GeV/turn

 Must compensate: RF accelerated cavities
 Cost ~E⁴

Only viable option for e⁺e⁻ collider with E_{CM}>~400 GeV is a linear collider



Heavily based on technologies developed at (HL-)LHC
 but better... (excellent tracking, hadronic resolution, timing..)

CLD concept



IDEA concept



Complementary approaches with lot's of important and innovative work; more concepts under investigation..






The Higgs as an exploration tool

BSM O(1TeV): Impact on H-couplings

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| Model | $b\overline{b}$ | $c\overline{c}$ | gg | WW | au	au | ZZ | $\gamma\gamma$ | $\mu\mu$ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|------|-------|------|----------------|----------|
| MSSM [40] | +4.8 | -0.8 | - 0.8 | -0.2 | +0.4 | -0.5 | +0.1 | +0.3 |
| Type II 2HD $[42]$ | +10.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | +9.8 | 0.0 | +0.1 | +9.8 |
| Type X 2HD [42] | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | +7.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | +7.8 |
| Type Y 2HD [42] | +10.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| Composite Higgs [44] | -6.4 | -6.4 | -6.4 | -2.1 | -6.4 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -6.4 |
| Little Higgs w. T-parity [45] | 0.0 | 0.0 | -6.1 | -2.5 | 0.0 | -2.5 | -1.5 | 0.0 |
| Little Higgs w. T-parity [46] | -7.8 | -4.6 | -3.5 | -1.5 | -7.8 | -1.5 | -1.0 | -7.8 |
| Higgs-Radion [47] | -1.5 | - 1.5 | +10. | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.0 | -1.5 |
| Higgs Singlet [48] | -3.5 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -3.5 |

$$rac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \sim rac{6\%}{\Lambda^2({
m TeV})}$$

e.g. Λ=1 (5)TeV→~5 (0.1)%

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- Future e⁺e⁻ colliders: O(0.1)% precision
- In as many as possible decay modes

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Higgs production @e⁺e⁻



Intermezzo: σ_{Higgs} Circular vs. linear

HW: Why Higgs production cross-section larger in linear colliders (for same E_{CM})?

Tip: bean polarization



e⁺e⁻: Ideal to study the Higgs



e⁺e⁻: Ideal to study the Higgs

LHC: Z(->vv)H(->bb)



e⁺e⁻: Z(->μμ)H(->bb)

e⁺e⁻ colliders:

- Much cleaner environment
- Record all events (trigger-less readout)
- Essentially every event is signal/interesting

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The recoil mass (m_{rec}) method

$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$ production



- Tag the Z-boson
- Calculate recoil mass (m_{rec})
 - E/p conservation; we know E_{CM} ;-)

$$m_{\text{Recoil}}^2 = s + m_Z^2 - 2\sqrt{s}(E_{\ell^+} + E_{\ell^-})$$

HW: derive this equation

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HW: Can be used for BSM particles?

Model independent measurements



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• Rate $\sim g_{HZZ}^2$

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- Then: The width via $ZH(\rightarrow ZZ)$

• rate $\sim g_{HZZ}^4/\Gamma(H) \rightarrow \delta(\Gamma(H))/\Gamma(H) \sim 1\%$ Fermilab-CERN HCP School (2024)

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Next: Additional Higgs couplings



Single-Higgs measurements



- explore several decay modes
- recoil mass

Higgs boson reconstruction:
- as many as possible decay modes
→bb, cc, gg, ss (!!), ...

BR(H→hadrons) ~ 80% BR(Z→hadrons) ~ 70% Optimal reconstruction and ID ("tagging") of hadronic final states essential

Jet identification: The rise of AI/ML

Started at the LHC (in much more challenging environment)
 Key player for future lepton colliders

Novel Deep Learning based



Higgs couplings to "visible" particles

"LHC style" analyses: Bump hunt in 2D



Higgs to invisible

Portal to Dark Matter (DM)
 SM: BR(H→ZZ^{*}→4v) ~0.1%

SM H \rightarrow inv reach



Impossible at the HL-LHC



Goal: Reach neutrino floor

5σ discovery potential



Single-Higgs: Grand Summary

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Br_{unt}

free κ_V $|\kappa_V| \le 1$

- O(10) improvement compared to HL-LHC
 - e⁺e⁻: Higgs-Z/W and H \rightarrow inv at 10⁻³
 - $-e^+e^- + pp@100$ TeV: all couplings better than 1% 1.2 1.8 2.4





0.6



$\mathbf{M} \quad \mathbf{Unique} \text{ at Circular Colliders: } \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ee}$

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- FCC-ee/CEPC: Resonant Higgs production
 - Tiny signal BR(H→ee) ~10⁻⁹ vs. huge BKGs
 - Impossible using the standard approach [i.e., target H→ee decays]
- Instead:
 - Resonant Higgs production
 - Probe Higgs-e coupling at production
- Thanks to large luminosity at FCC-ee
 - ◆ <u>20 ab⁻¹/year/IP</u> → ~10K Higgs
 - There is potential ..







$\mathbf{\mathfrak{M}} \operatorname{Precision} \rightarrow \operatorname{Sensitivity} \operatorname{to} \operatorname{New} \operatorname{Physics}$



Higgs-tau coupling

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Higgs-tau coupling

The nature of the Higgs potential

- Major milestone towards fully exploring the Higgs properties
 - Understand how EWK symmetry broke in the early universe
 - Is mass generation connected to the matter-antimatter asymmetry



$$V(h) = \frac{1}{2}M_H^2 H^2$$
-Higgs mass

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Higgs self coupling (λ): (HL-)LHC

Dominant production: ggF







Which precision?

- BSM @("few" TeV): ~25-50%
- Loop diagrams: ~10%
- Quantum corrections: ~1%

Higgs self coupling (λ): e⁺e⁻

(a) Via loops (FCC-ee/CepC)



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- Key points:
 - ♦ Precise K_Z measurement
 - Different collision energies



O(10-20%) precision on λ [other couplings at SM-values] model-dependence

(b) Direct access (ILC/C^3/CLIC)



- 30x smaller rate compared to hadron colliders
- ◆ but much much smaller BKGs Loukas Gouskos (Brown) Fermilab-CERN HCP School (2024)

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Use m_{HH} to disentangle κ_{λ} - κ_{2V}





• Higgs \rightarrow 4b, bbWW; Z \rightarrow leptonic+hadronic decays



ZHH: ILC/C^3: δ(κ_λ)~20-30%; CLIC: ZHH observation ~6σ

• HHvv: $>3\sigma$ evidence @CLIC E_{CM}=1.4 TeV

Requires smart ideas to reach the statistical limit (red) \rightarrow you ?

Higgs-self coupling: Grant Summary

| collider | Indirect- h | hh | combined |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| HL-LHC [78] | 100-200% | 50% | 50% |
| ILC_{250}/C^3-250 [51, 52] | 49% | _ | 49% |
| ILC_{500}/C^3-550 [51, 52] | 38% | 20% | 20% |
| $CLIC_{380}$ [54] | 50% | — | 50% |
| $CLIC_{1500}$ [54] | 49% | 36% | 29% |
| $CLIC_{3000}$ [54] | 49% | 9% | 9% |
| FCC-ee~[55] | 33% | — | 33% |
| FCC-ee (4 IPs) [55] | 24% | — | 24% |
| FCC-hh [79] | - | 3.4- $7.8%$ | 3.4- $7.8%$ |
| $\mu(3~{ m TeV})~[64]$ | - | 15-30% | $15	extsf{-}30\%$ |
| $\mu(10 { m TeV})[64]$ | - | 4% | 4% |

- HL-LHC: Confirm the existence of Higgs-self coupling @ 95% CL [if exists]
- FCC-ee: achieve <20% uncertainty via single-H measurements
- CLIC/ILC: observe HH interaction [5 $\sigma \rightarrow 20\%$ uncertainty]
- FCC Full program: 5% unc. [start probing quantum corrections]

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Complementarity b/w e⁺e⁻ & pp

- Example: Matter –antimatter asymmetry
 - Possible explanation: "Violent" transition to broken symmetry
 - 1st order phase transition \rightarrow Requires sources of CP-violation
- Cannot be accommodated by SM
 - needs new particle(s) with O(TeV) mass
- Simplest extension to SM: additional singlet scalar (S)
 - Two Higgs-like scalars:
 h1 (m=125 GeV) and h2
 - ~few %) in κ_{λ} and κ_{z}
 - Direct production of scalar pairs
 - Resonant Di-Higgs production



Complementarity b/w e⁺e⁻ & pp



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Provide definite answers to fundamental questions



Precision EWK measurements: The m_w

- A W-boson factory @E_{CM}~160 GeV
 FCC 10⁸ (ILC 10⁶) WW events
 10⁴ (10²) > LEP
- Measure m_w
 - Use the "lineshape" technique
 - developed at LEP [details]
- In a nutshell
 - \bullet WW cross-section depends: $m_W,\,\Gamma_W$
 - Generate TH curves for different m_W, Γ_W vs. E_{CM}
 - \bullet Fit observed data and choose the $m_W,\,\Gamma_W$ that gives best agreement

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Precision \rightarrow Scale of New Physics

- Several precision measurements in future e+e- colliders
 - Measure EWK parameters with keV (!!) precision
 - $m_{Z}{\sim}100$ keV, $\Gamma_{Z}{\sim}25$ keV, $m_{W}{\sim}500$ keV, \ldots [numbers for FCC-ee]
- Use these measurements to probe New physics at higher scales
 - EFT: model-independent parametrization of BSM effects
 - Add higher-Dim operators \rightarrow capture low energy effects

Strength of those new interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i \Lambda^2} O_i$$

Capture effects of new interactions





- Complementarity b/w EW and Higgs programs
- Key: control stat & syst unc

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- FCCee: $\Lambda \sim 100$ TeV (LEP ~ 10 TeV) \rightarrow Pave the way for FCC-hh
- Lot's of work ahead to exploit true potential

Precision: ILC/CLIC/FCC

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Take home:

- Future e+e-: Major improvement wrt HL-LHC
- Importance of Z-pole (FCC vs. ILC/CLIC)
- Importance of Luminosity (Z, Higgs)

Precision: The top sector

Top factory: FCC 1M tt events (ILC: 100K- baseline)



- HL-LHC: δ(m_t)~O(100) MeV
 - FCC/ILC: δ(m_t)~O(10) MeV

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in a model independent way

Precision \rightarrow Fate of the universe



The flavor sector

- Circular colliders: The "Tera-Z": 5x10¹² Z bosons (LEP 10⁶)
 - Stress test for flavor sector of SM



Few examples

| Decay mode | Belle II | LHCb | FCC-ee |
|---|----------|------------|---------|
| B ⁰ →K [*] (892)e ⁺ e ⁻ | 2000 | 20000 | 200000 |
| B ⁰ →K [*] (892)τ ⁺ τ ⁻ | 10 | - | 1000 |
| $BR(B_{S}(B^{0})\rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-})$ | - | 4.4 (9.4)% | 4 (12)% |

| Decay | Current bound | FCC-ee sensitivity |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Z -> e µ | 0.75 × ⁻⁶ | I O-8 |
| Ζ -> μτ | 2 × 0-6 | 10-9 |
| $Z \to \mathrm{e} \tau$ | 9.8 × 10-6 | 10-9 |

- O(10-100x) more stats at FCC-ee
- Possibility for angular analysis
- Many of these measurements challenging/impossible @pp (i.e., LHC)
- Key: detector, reconstruction

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Direct searches @Z-pole

- Unprecedented stats \rightarrow explore unchartered territory
 - Axion-like particles, dark-photons, heavy neutral leptons,...



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- We have not observed Right Handed Neutrinos (N)
- If exist: extremely challenging to find (veeery small couplings)
- but: Can explain many pressing questions (Baryon asymmetry, DM, ..)

Direct searches @Z-pole

Signature:

- Slight reduction (enhancement) of $\Gamma_Z^{(inv)}$ ($\Gamma_H^{(inv)}$) \rightarrow precision
- ► Exotic signatures → direct search





Huge improvement compared to existing and foreseen experiments

Direct searches @TeV

- EWK production of BSM
 - Around the TeV range
 - Can escape (HL-)LHC
 - even pp@100 TeV
- Direct production at e⁺e⁻ if m_{BSM}<E_{CM}/2
- Effect on EWK/Higgs properties small (i.e., circular e+e- not ideal)
 "Bread-&-butter" for linear colliders



Summary and Outlook

- Unique situation: no clear direction of where New Physics is
 but we have very strong reasons to believe it exists
- We need a new colliders... Which one?
 - ◆ e⁺e⁻: provide precision O(10) times better than HL-LHC
 - particularly for challenging decay modes (e.g., charm, strange..)
 - e+e- program extends well beyond Higgs physics
 - Z-pole, ttbar, axions, LLPs, right-handed neutrinos,...
- Far from "over-subscribed"
 - Lot's of room of innovation and out-of-the-box thinking in several areas
 - Detector design, event reconstruction, physics analyses, ...

Summary and Outlook (II)

- My advice: Take part in shaping the future of particle physics
 Join the effort
 - build and then operate the next generation of e⁺e⁻ colliders
 - Contribute to some of the most fundamental questions in physics.
 - Innovate and Lead:
 - Development and operation of these colliders require innovative approaches and cutting-edge technology.
- ..and not forget:

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 - Development and operation of these colliders require innovative approaches and cutting-edge technology.
- ..and not forget:



.. and we all know what followed after this statement