The Linear Collider Facility for CERN

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 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ bb in ILD

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the full Higgs / top / electroweak program requires polarised beams & E_{CM} up to at least 1 TeV







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C³ - 8 km footprint for 250/550 GeV

e- Main Linac

e+ Source

Damping Ring (DR)

=> Linear Collider Facility (LCF) @ CERN proposal arxiv:2503.24049

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Electron

source

RF linac

(5 GeV e-

INTERACTION REGION MAIN REAM IN JECTOR

Turn-around loops

(31 GeV e+/drivers)

Plasma-accelerator linac

(16 stages, ~32 GeV per stage)

Scale: 500 m

INJECTION DESCENT

DRIVE BEAM INJECTO

The LCF@CERN Proposal

General Considerations

for the LCF@CERN

- Philosophy:
 - leverage all the excellent work done for ILC & CLIC in the past
 - reliable costing etc
 - "ready to build"
 - gently modernize to turn into true flagship project for CERN
- Superconducting RF technology (like ILC)
 - successful construction & operation of Eu.XFEL, LCLS-II...
 => no large-scale demonstrator step needed
 - lab experience and production capacities in industry globally
 > opportunity to take burden off CERN's shoulders
 - choice for fastest implementation
- Scope project to be a flagship project for CERN
 - 2 interaction regions
 - 2-4x higher luminosity than ILC (power calc. assumes Q₀=2E10)
 - add-on facilities (Beyond Collider, R&D / irradiation facilities)
 - attaractive upgrade perspectives with advanced technologies
 - but stay affordable (constr. and op.) wrt to CERN budget





Luminosity and Power Consumption

For LCF-SCRF and other e+e- colliders



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Example: top physics

- tt threshold ~350 GeV:
 - threshold mass => exp. stat. uncetainty negligible after ~100fb⁻¹
- electroweak couplings need higher energies and polarised beams
 - polarisation disentangles couplings to Z from couplings to photon
 - sensitivity to "axial-vector"-type of couplings grows with energy
 - dim-6 SMEFT:
 - need measurements at two energies above tt threshold to resolve degeneracies between operators
- with highE and polarisation, Linear Colliders
 - constrain 4-fermion operators to < 0.1%
 - incl. eett operators (entering ZH @ NLO)









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Energy Upgrades beyond 550 GeV

1 TeV and beyond

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General considerations

- Robust planning:
 - costs (construction and operation), CFS design, environmental impact etc assessed in a consistent way between all projects proposed for CERN
 - accelerator cost well known thanks to the 2024 update of the ILC costing, to a large extent based on new quotes from industry
- Timing is important:
 - current young researchers are key to both the HL-LHC program and the future Higgs factory
 - prolonged uncertainly or delays in decision making discourage ECRs => loss of talent
 - clear and timely transition from HL-LHC to next collider will provide long-term research opportunities
- Higgs factory and intensified R&D:
 - eventually, we need to explore the 10-TeV pCoM energy scale
 - we don't have an affordable technology today
 - all routes (pp = HFM; $\mu\mu$ = cooling; ee/ $\gamma\gamma$ = PWA) need expensive R&D and demonstrators
 - costs need to be shared globally, a staged and flexible Higgs factory aligns best with R&D needs



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Strategic Considerations for Europe

Resources & competition

- with ~8 BCHF, the LCF is affordable for CERN without major external contributions
 - CERN council could decide for this project without a (potentially lengthy) period of international negociations
 - fast & robust way forward
- nevertheless excellent opportunities for additional contributions
 - e.g. lumi-upgrade (2x for ~0.8 BCHF)
 - contributions of more SCRF cryomodules to reach higher energies faster can be incorporated anytime - either "cash" - or in-kind (more attractive for local industry etc)
 - but start of project independent of these under CERN council's control
- scientific flexibility
 - should scientifc developments point to going to higher E_{CM} faster e.g. LHC discovery or competition at low energies - this can be done any time, depending on resources



Conclusions & Invitation

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As submitted on March 31

- we need a new e+e- collider to study the Higgs now
- a Linear Collider has decisive physics advantages: polarisation & high-energy reach
 - required to do the full Higgs and Top program
 - with sufficient redundancies and complementarities to truely enable discovery via precision measurements
 - supports flexible upgrades with advanced accelerator technologies
- a well-understood technology and a staged approach allows a fast start
- stays affordable, in parallel to HL-LHC, SuperKEKB, smaller experiments and R&D towards the 10-TeV pCoM scale
- the ESPPU is discussing the preferred flagship collider projects for CERN
- LCVision team
 - contributed the physics and technology case for Linear Colliders in general
 - and proposed a Linear Collider Facility @ CERN as the next flagship project

Invitation to participate in LCVision

What you can do

- sign-up for LCVision mailing list (CERN e-group): <u>http://simba3.web.cern.ch/simba3/SelfSubscription.aspx?</u> groupName=LCVision-General
- sign up on supporter list for the LCVision documents:
 - either following link on https://agenda.linearcollider.org/event/10624/program
 - or directly on <u>https://www.ppe.gla.ac.uk/LC/LCVision/index.php?</u> <u>show=instadmin&skey=etUI1visTy25</u>
- mark your calendars for LCWS2025: October 20-24 in Valencia, Spain



Any Questions?

Recap: Electroweak Symmetry Breaking and Baryogenesis

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Evolution of the universe

- temperature evolution of Higgs potential ?
- phase diagram of the SM!
- for $M_H > 75$ GeV, there is no phase transition in the SM
- thus in SM no out-of-equilibrium state of the early universe for baryogenesis (requires 1st order phase transition, cf Sacharov conditions)
- in many extended Higgs sectors, 1st order phase transition for λ₃ > λ_{SM}
- need to
 - measure whether self-coupling λ₃ = 0.13 as predicted by SM - with the least possible prejudice! (eg "everything else" SM-like)
 - check whether Higgs field is indeed just one SU(2)_L doublet







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measure as many physical observables with least model-assumptions to explore this landscape - just assuming everything is like in the SM and extract one value is not sufficient!



Interplay with Gravitational Wave detection

Need to assume specific extended Higgs sector to quantify effects



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Interlude: Chirality in Particle Physics

Just a quick reminder...

- Gauge group of weak x electromagnetic interaction: SU(2) x U(1)
- L: left-handed, spin anti-|| momentum*
 R: right-handed, spin || momentum*
- · left-handed particles are fundamentally different from right-handed ones:
 - only left-handed fermions (e⁻) and right-handed anti-fermions (e⁺) take part in the charged weak interaction,
 i.e. couple to the W bosons
 - there are (in the SM) no right-handed neutrinos
 - right-handed quarks and charged leptons are singlets under SU(2)
 - also couplings to the Z boson are different for left- and right-handed fermions
- checking whether the differences between L and R are as predicted in the SM is a very sensitive test for new phenomena!

* for massive particles, there is of course a difference between chirality and helicity, no time for this today, ask at the end in case of doubt!





Physics benefits of polarised beams

Much more than statistics!

General references on polarised e e physics:

- arXiv:1801.02840
- Phys. Rept. 460 (2008) 131-243


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NLO Contributions to ee->HZ

Correlation C_{0} to tt-Vertices arxiv:2409.11466







- NLO SMEFT introduces sensitivity to and constrains C_a and operators involving top vertices
- Disentangling of constraints using beam polarisation
- Final word would come from higher energy measurements
- Note that C_{Iq} is strongly energy dependent (-> would benefit from higher energies) IRN Terascale Nov. 24

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let's first recall at the Z pole situation



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above Z pole, polarisation essential to disentangle Z / γ exchange in e e \rightarrow ff

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(2000 fb⁻¹+ 4000 fb⁻¹)

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Between-model discrimination power (σ-level)

ILD

4-5 σ

>5σ

<3σ

3-4 σ

ILC250⁺ (no pol.)

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GHU vs SM discrimination power (σ -level)

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Heavy Neutral Leptons

Discovery reach for lepton colliders - complementary to FCC-hh

in Z decays with displaced vertices... ...and at high masses in prompt decays















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Choosing the right energy



[Phys.Rev. D84 (2011) 014033 & arXiv:1506.07830]

10 GeV σ_{ttH} $|\Delta y_t/y_t|$ 500 6.3% Scaled to value at 2% + 1 TeV: 1.4% **10⁻¹** 480 500 520 540 560 580 600 Energy (GeV)

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- full coupling structure of tth vertex, incl. CP:
 - · e⁺e⁻ at E_{CM} ≥ ~600 GeV
 - => few percent sensitivity to CP-odd admixture
 - beam polarisation essential!

[Eur.Phys.J. C71 (2011) 1681]

start with full power



shorten 550 GeV to go to TeV range earlier



start with 550 GeV - cross-check CEPC with polarised data ?



start with 550 GeV - or go to TeV range earlier



Early Technology upgrade

