# 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<sub>CM</sub> up to at least 1 TeV







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C<sup>3</sup> - 8 km footprint for 250/550 GeV

e- Main Linac

e+ Source

Damping Ring (DR)

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

#### Linear Collider Vision



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 Q<sub>0</sub>=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





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For LCF-SCRF and other e+e- colliders



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# Higher energies offer so much more

Example: top physics

- tt threshold ~350 GeV:
  - threshold mass => exp. stat. uncetainty negligible after ~100fb<sup>-1</sup>
- 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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## The Linear Collider Facility @ CERN and beyond

**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<sub>CM</sub> 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 <a href="https://agenda.linearcollider.org/event/10624/program">https://agenda.linearcollider.org/event/10624/program</a>
  - 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 λ<sub>3</sub> > λ<sub>SM</sub>
- need to
  - measure whether self-coupling λ<sub>3</sub> = 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)<sub>L</sub> 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<sup>-</sup>) and right-handed anti-fermions (e<sup>+</sup>) 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<sub>a</sub> and operators involving top vertices
- Disentangling of constraints using beam polarisation
- Final word would come from higher energy measurements
- Note that C<sub>Iq</sub> is strongly energy dependent (-> would benefit from higher energies) IRN Terascale Nov. 24

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

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ILC250<sup>+</sup> (no pol.)

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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















## **Top Yukawa coupling**

**Choosing the right energy** 



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

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

to-do: real, full sim study @ 600 GeV!



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- full coupling structure of tth vertex, incl. CP:
  - · e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> 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 ?



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Early Technology upgrade

