

# The Future Circular Collider as a Higgs/top/EW Factory: Status and plans for FCC-ee



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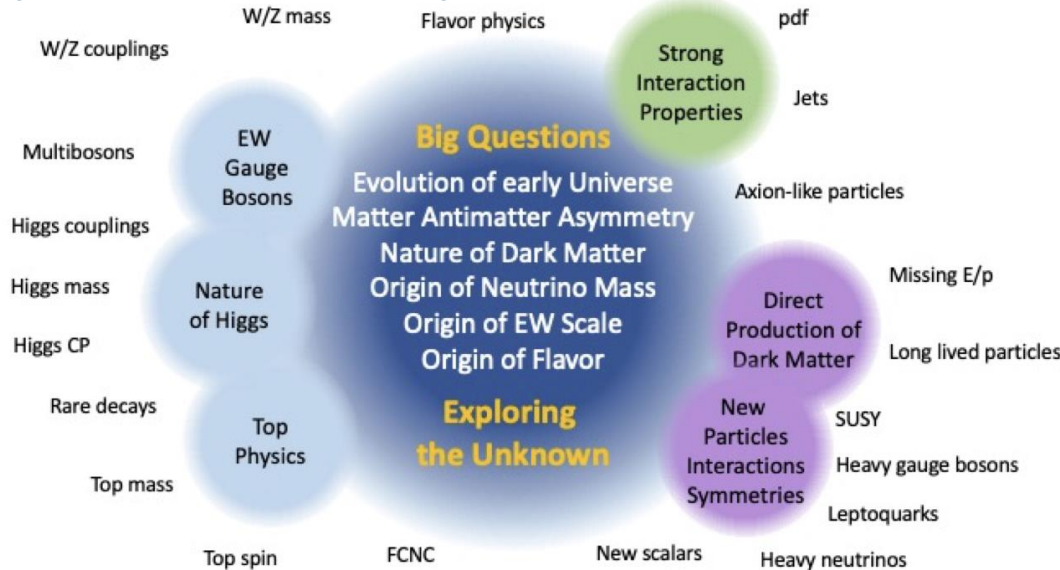
# Introduction

- Thank you for inviting me to RAL - its great to be here (for the first time since IOP-2022)
- In the next ~ 45 minutes I'll aim to:
  1. Convince you of the **importance** of thinking about future colliders now.
  2. Provide an overview of **the Future Circular Collider (FCC)** integrated project.
  3. Discuss the **opportunities** and **challenges** associated with the first stage of this project- the lepton collider.



# Big questions in particle physics

Image credit: snowmass energy frontier [report](#)  $\alpha_s$



- Outstanding questions about nature/our universe could be solved through uncovering new physics at particle colliders.
- Unlike the Higgs discovery, we no longer have a clear idea of the (energy) scale at which it might appear.
- (Maximally) exploring the unknown is key...

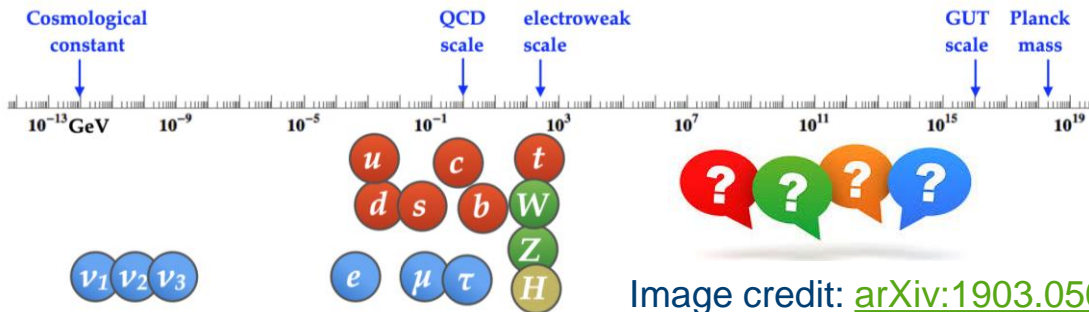


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# Frontiers in particle physics

... + quantum?

- Pushing the intensity and energy frontiers represent two complementary routes for probing new physics.

## What's a discovery in particle physics

- Detecting for the first time a new fundamental process
- Discovering new particles (indirectly or directly)

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- Whilst the 'focus' of  $e^+e^-$  machines is precision- a future Higgs factory could meet all definitions of discovery. As a snapshot...

- Possible evidence for electron/strange yukawa?
- Direct discovery of  $\sim$  low-mass (very) weakly coupled BSM.
- Indirect discoveries up to  $\sim 50$ - $100$  TeV.



**Please ask lots of questions, either after the talk, during coffee, or via email ([sarah.louise.williams@cern.ch](mailto:sarah.louise.williams@cern.ch))**

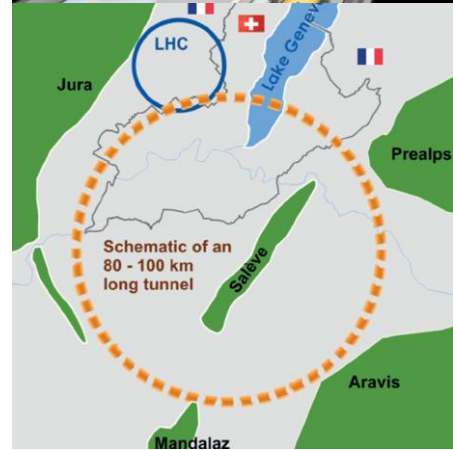
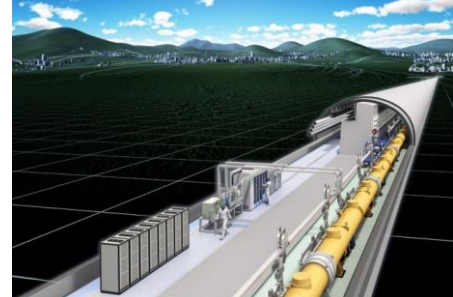
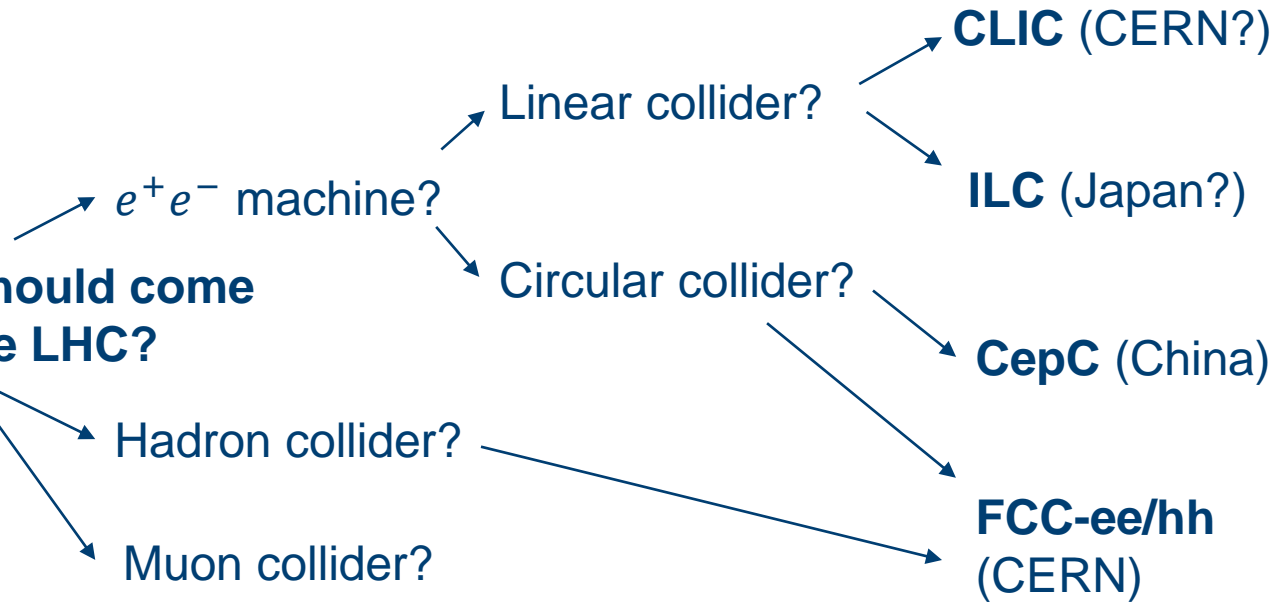


# What should come after the HL-LHC?

In the aftermath of the Higgs discovery, lots of discussion on what machine should follow the LHC...



What should come after the LHC?



How might Europe fit into the global context?

# Timescales in particle physics

...are long...

1984: LHC proposed  
1995: LHC approved  
2012: Higgs discovery

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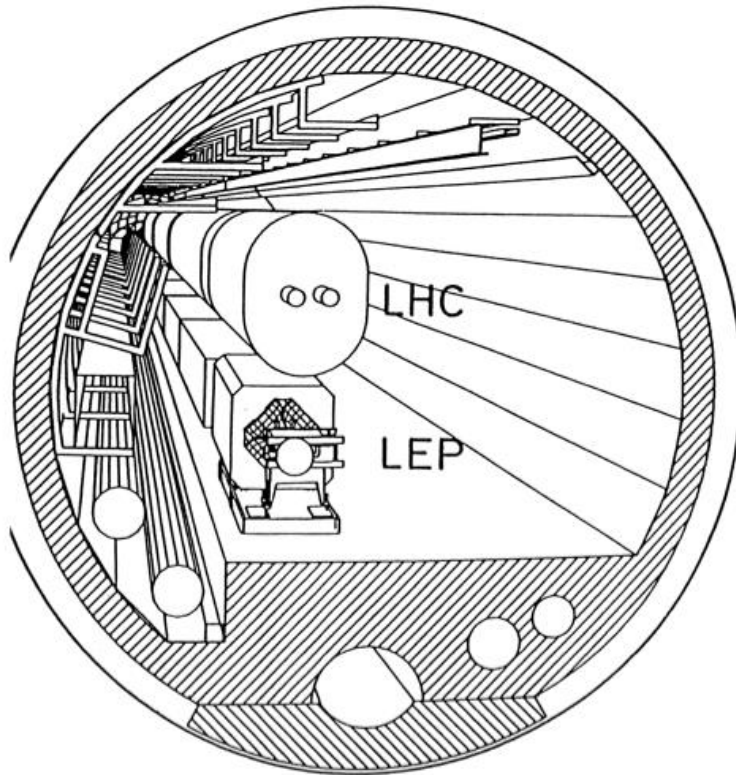
## 11. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A theoretical consensus is emerging that new phenomena will be discovered at or below 1 TeV. There is no consensus about the nature of these phenomena but it is interesting that many of the ideas which have been suggested can be tested in experiments at an LHC. Although many, if not all, of these ideas will doubtless have been discarded, disproved or established by the time an LHC is built, this demonstrates the potential virtues of such a machine.

**22 years later in 2006...**

*The European strategy for particle physics*

Particle physics stands on the threshold of a new and exciting era of discovery. The next generation of experiments will explore new domains and probe the deep structure of space-time. They will measure the properties of the elementary constituents of matter and their interactions with unprecedented accuracy, and they will uncover new phenomena such as the Higgs boson or new forms of matter. Long-standing puzzles such as the origin of mass, the matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe and the mysterious dark matter and energy that permeate the cosmos will soon benefit from the insights that new measurements will bring. Together, the results will have a profound impact on the way we see our Universe; *European particle physics should thoroughly exploit its current exciting and diverse research programme. It should position itself to stand ready to address the challenges that will emerge from exploration of the new frontier, and it should participate fully in an increasingly global adventure.*



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# To put this in context...?

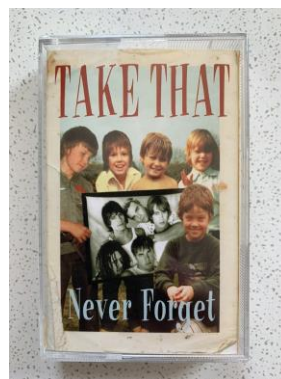
Can you guess the films?

1984

1995

2012

Music



Film



... many of us have only been involved in a small part of the LHC journey...



# The 2020 European Strategy Update

Following ~ 2 years of consensus gathering within the community, the ESU made several key recommendations to the community:

1. An electron-positron Higgs factory is the highest-priority next collider. For the longer term, the European particle physics community has the ambition to operate a proton-proton collider at the highest achievable energy
2. Europe, together with its international partners, should investigate the technical and financial feasibility of a future hadron collider at CERN with a centre-of-mass energy of at least 100 TeV and with an electron-positron Higgs and electroweak factory as a possible first stage

**Following the 2020 ESU, the FCC feasibility study was launched in 2021, aiming to provide input by 2025 to feed into the next ESU...**





# Quick plug- the 2026 European strategy update...

Save the date: 23-26 September ECFA-UK Workshop at IPPP, Durham

**NBC 26** **WINTER IS COMING**

Friday 8:00 PM

Interested to learn more? Check out the slides here:  
<https://indico.stfc.ac.uk/event/1012/>

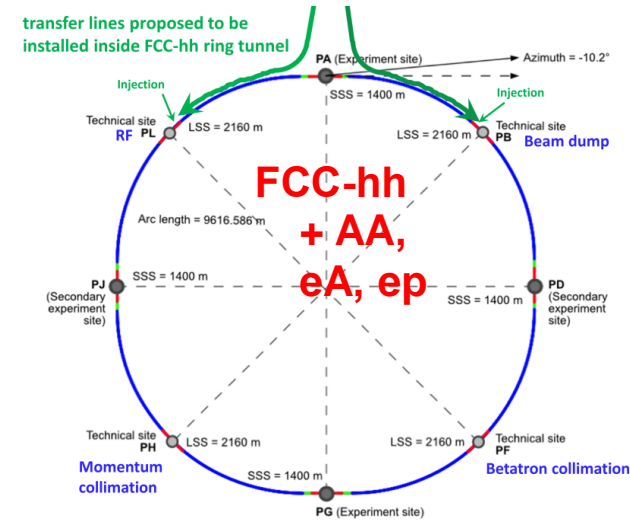
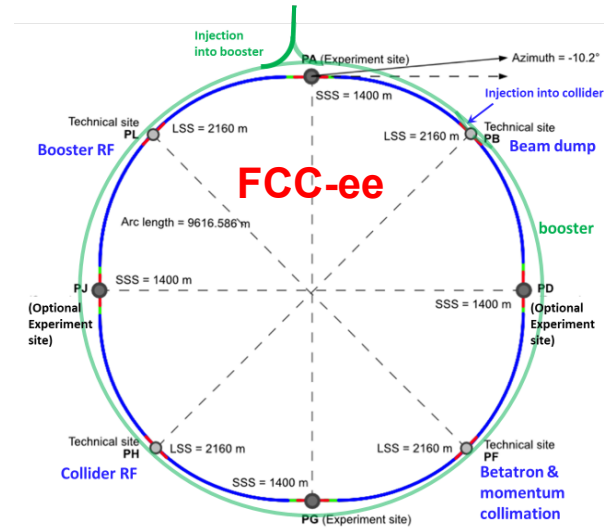
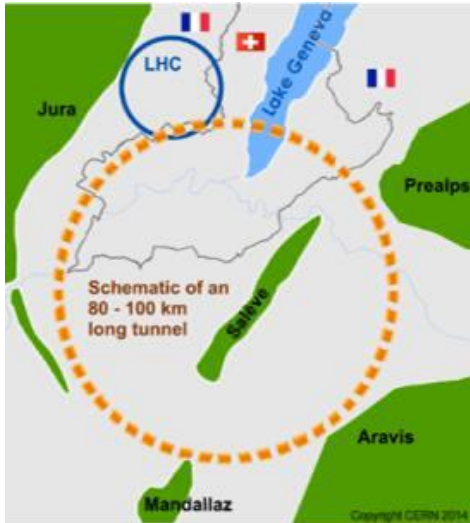
BE PREPARED, STOCK UP ON DRAGONGLASS.  
PLENTY OF WHITE WALKERS ARE ON THE WAY.

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# Integrated FCC programme

Comprehensive long-term programme maximises physics opportunities at the intensity and energy frontier:

1. FCC-ee (Z, W, H,  $t\bar{t}$ ) as high-luminosity Higgs, EW + top factory.
2. FCC-hh ( $\sim 100$  TeV) to maximise reach at the energy frontier, with pp, AA and e-h options (FCC-eh).



# Integrated FCC programme

Taken from [slides](#) by F. Gianotti at FCC week.

	$\sqrt{s}$	L / IP ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	Int L/IP/y ( $\text{ab}^{-1}$ )	Comments
<b>e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup></b> <b>FCC-ee</b>	~90 GeV    Z 160        WW 240        H ~365       top	182 x 10 <sup>34</sup> 19.4 7.3 1.33	22 2.3 0.9 0.16	2-4 experiments Total ~ 15 years of operation
<b>pp</b> <b>FCC-hh</b>	100 TeV	5-30 x 10 <sup>34</sup> 30	20-30	2+2 experiments Total ~ 25 years of operation
<b>PbPb</b> <b>FCC-hh</b>	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 39\text{TeV}$	3 x 10 <sup>29</sup>	100 nb <sup>-1</sup> /run	1 run = 1 month operation
<b>ep</b> <b>Fcc-eh</b>	3.5 TeV	1.5 10 <sup>34</sup>	2 ab <sup>-1</sup>	60 GeV e- from ERL Concurrent operation with pp for ~ 20 years
<b>e-Pb</b> <b>Fcc-eh</b>	$\sqrt{s_{\text{eN}}} = 2.2 \text{TeV}$	0.5 10 <sup>34</sup>	1 fb <sup>-1</sup>	60 GeV e- from ERL Concurrent operation with PbPb

## FCC-ee:

- Ultra-precise measurements of EW/ Higgs + top sectors of SM -> indirect sensitivity to BSM.
- Unique flavour opportunities
- Direct sensitivity to feebly interacting particles (LLPs)

## FCC-hh:

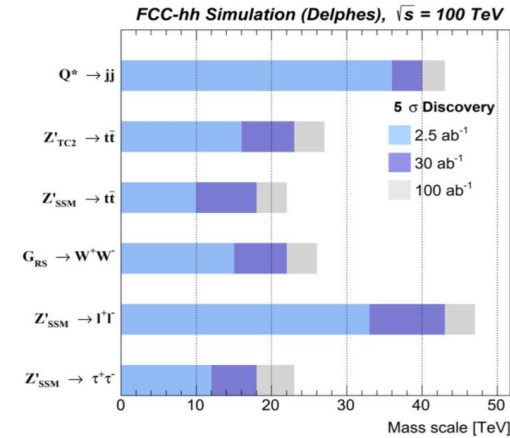
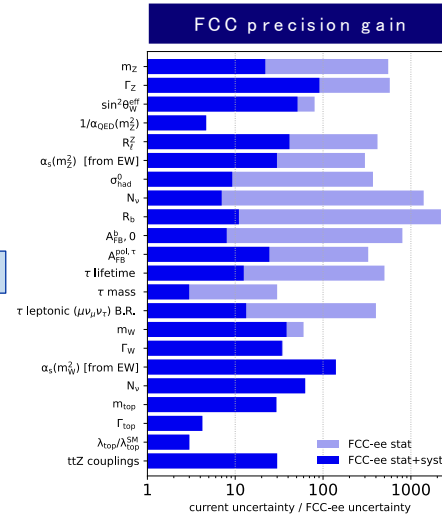
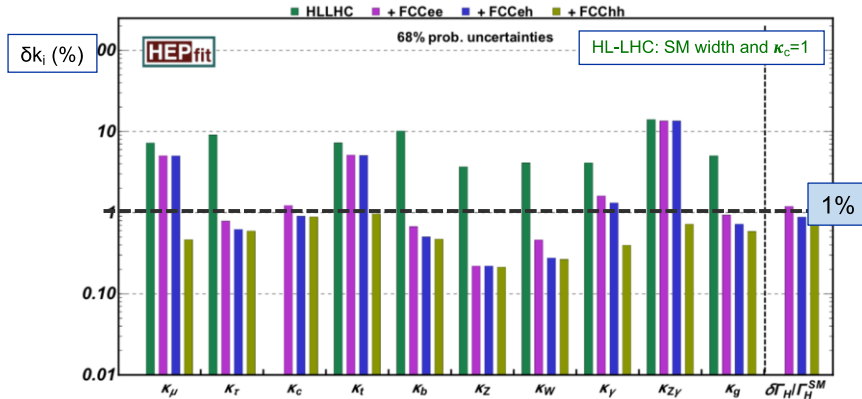
- High-statistics for rare Higgs decays and 5% measurement of Higgs self interaction.
- Unprecedented direct sensitivity to BSM.

## FCC-eh:

- Energy-frontier ep collisions provide ultimate super-microscope to fully resolve hadron structure and empower physics potential of hadron colliders.
- Very precise measurements of Higgs/top and EW parameters in synergy with ee and hh

# Synergies in FCC programme –BSM

<https://fcc-cdr.web.cern.ch/>



- Order of magnitude improvement in Higgs couplings.
- Factor of 10-50 improvement in EW precision observables at FCC-ee (indirect sensitivity up to  $\sim 70$  TeV)

- Direct sensitivity up to  $\sim 50$  TeV at FCC-hh (and access to Higgs self coupling).

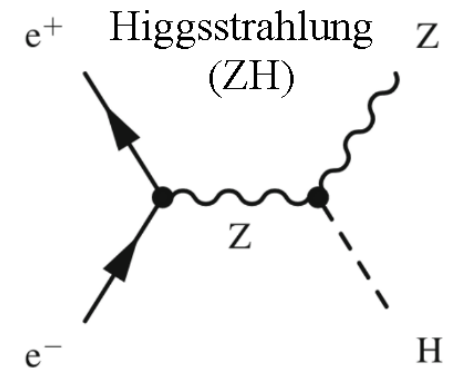
**=> FCC-hh could directly discover NP indirectly accessed at FCC-ee!**



# FCC-ee and -hh synergies - Higgs measurements

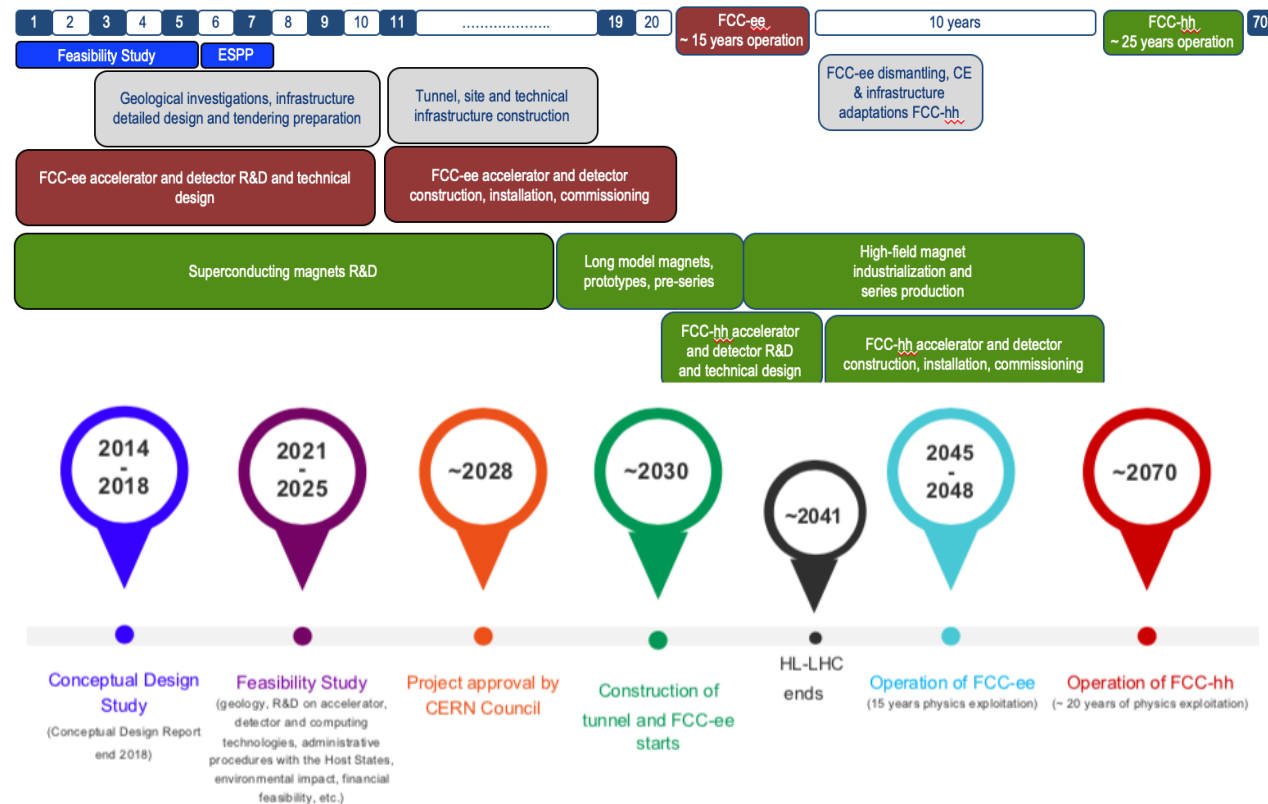
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- FCC-ee can provide a model independent measurement of  $g_{HZZ}$  through measuring  $\sigma_{ZH}$ . This provide standard candle to normalize the measurement of other Higgs couplings.
- FCC-ee will measure  $ttZ$  couplings through  $ee \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ . This gives a second standard candle used to extract  $g_{ttH}$  and  $g_{HHH}$  at FCC-hh.
- FCC-hh will provide the statistics to access rarer Higgs decays ( $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ,  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ) and  $\sim 20$  million HH events to give precise ultimate tests of the EWPT.



# FCC timelines

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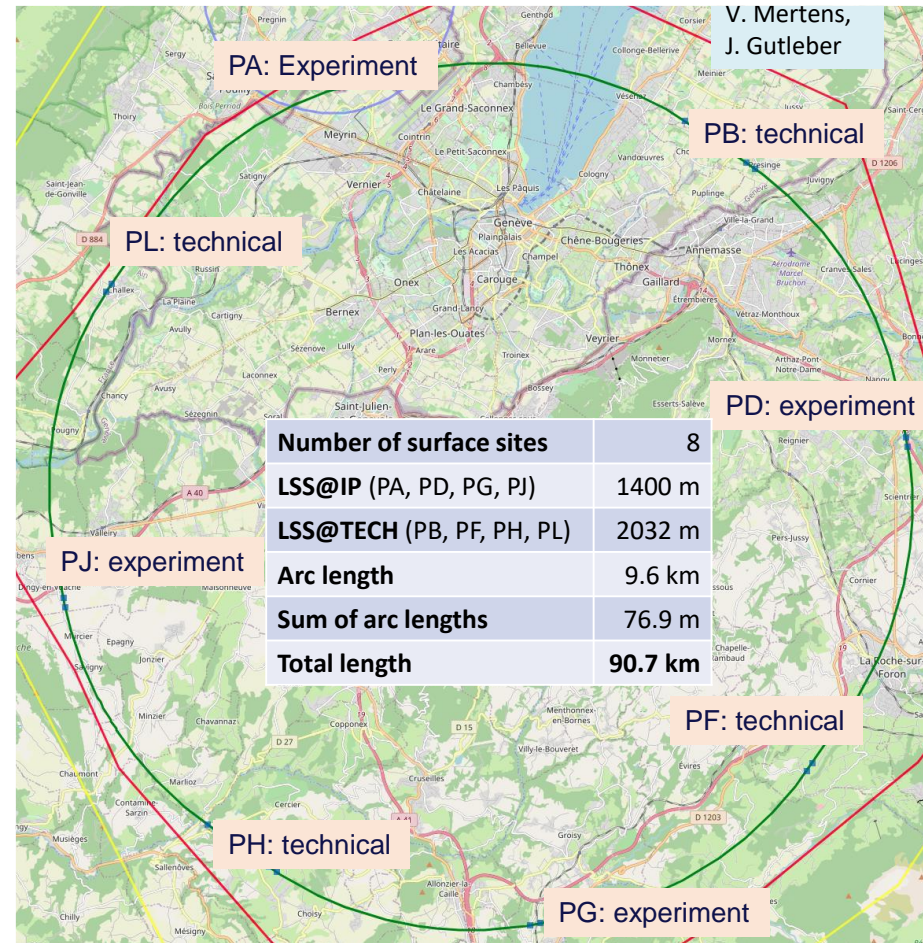
Based on **technical schedule**, FCC-ee operation could start in 2040 or earlier.

More **realistic schedule**, accounting for past experience of building colliders, approval timelines, HL-LHC operation...

**Obvious comment: long timescales mean that ECR engagement is key!**

# Status of FCC feasibility study: mid-term review

- Mid-term review completed earlier this year => no showstoppers!
- Key updates:
  - Choice of ring placement and 4 IPs (higher statistics).
  - Adaptation of accelerator RF/optics for new placement (details in backup).
  - Significant R+D ongoing to improve energy efficiency (including HTS).



# Summary of FCC-ee beam parameters

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Parameter	Z	WW	H (ZH)	ttbar
beam energy [GeV]	45	80	120	182.5
beam current [mA]	1280	135	26.7	5.0
number bunches/beam	10000	880	248	36
bunch intensity [ $10^{11}$ ]	2.43	2.91	2.04	2.64
SR energy loss / turn [GeV]	0.0391	0.37	1.869	10.0
total RF voltage 400/800 MHz [GV]	0.120/0	1.0/0	2.08/0	4.0/7.25
long. damping time [turns]	1170	216	64.5	18.5
horizontal beta* [m]	0.1	0.2	0.3	1
vertical beta* [mm]	0.8	1	1	1.6
horizontal geometric emittance [nm]	0.71	2.17	0.64	1.49
vertical geom. emittance [pm]	1.42	4.34	1.29	2.98
horizontal rms IP spot size [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	8	21	14	39
vertical rms IP spot size [nm]	34	66	36	69
luminosity per IP [ $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]	182	19.4	7.3	1.33
total integrated luminosity / year [ $\text{ab}^{-1}/\text{yr}$ ] 4 IPs	87	9.3	3.5	0.65
beam lifetime (rad Bhabha + BS+lattice)	8	18	6	10

4 years  
 $5 \times 10^{12}$  Z  
 LEP  $\times 10^5$

2 years  
 $> 10^8$  WW  
 LEP  $\times 10^4$

3 years  
 $2 \times 10^6$  H

5 years  
 $2 \times 10^6$  tt pairs

Currently assessing technical feasibility of changing operation sequence (e.g. starting at ZH energy)

- x 10-50 improvements on all EW observables
- up to x 10 improvement on Higgs coupling (model-indep.) measurements over HL-LHC
- x10 Belle II statistics for b, c,  $\tau$
- indirect discovery potential up to  $\sim 70$  TeV
- direct discovery potential for feebly-interacting particles over 5-100 GeV mass range

Up to 4 interaction points □ robustness, statistics, possibility of specialised detectors to maximise physics output

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# FCC-ee physics landscape

Schematics from [slides](#) by M. Selvaggi at FCC week

## FCC-ee Physics landscape

Higgs factory	Flavor "boosted" B/D/ $\tau$ factory:	QCD - EWK most precise SM test	BSM feebly interacting particles
$m_H, \sigma, \Gamma_H$ self-coupling $H \rightarrow bb, cc, ss, gg$ $H \rightarrow inv$ $ee \rightarrow H$ $H \rightarrow bs, \dots$	CKM matrix CPV measurements Charged LFV Lepton Universality $\tau$ properties (lifetime, BRs..)	$m_Z, \Gamma_Z, \Gamma_{inv}$ $\sin^2\theta_W, R^Z, R_b, R_c$ $A_{FB}^{b,c}, \tau$ pol.	Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL) Dark Photons $Z_D$ Axion Like Particles (ALPs) Exotic Higgs decays
<b>Top</b> $m_{top}, \Gamma_{top}, ttZ, FCNCs$	$B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu$ $B_s \rightarrow D_s K/\pi$ $B_s \rightarrow K^* \tau \tau$ $B \rightarrow K^* \nu \nu$ $B_s \rightarrow \phi \nu \nu \dots$	$\alpha_S,$ $m_W, \Gamma_W$	

=> Broad landscape of physics opportunities!

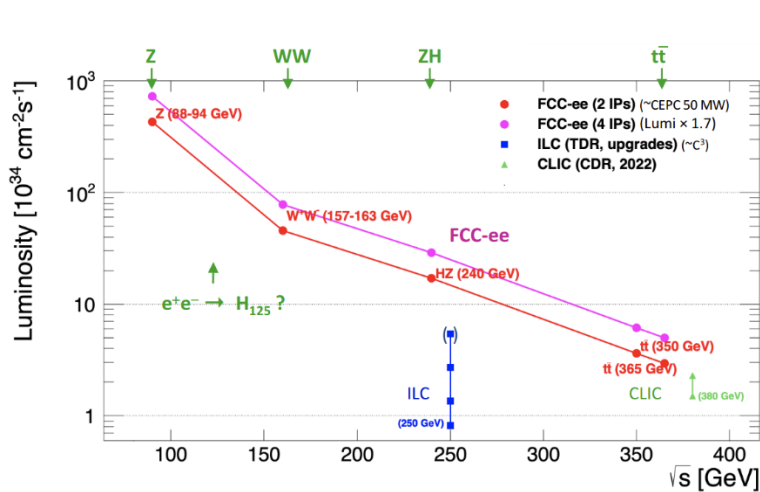
## FCC-ee Detector requirements

Higgs factory	Flavor "boosted" B/D/ $\tau$ factory:	QCD - EWK most precise SM test	BSM feebly interacting particles
track momentum resolution (low $X_0$ ) IP/vertex resolution for flavor tagging PID capabilities for flavor tagging jet energy/angular resolution (stochastic and noise) and PF	track momentum resolution (low $X_0$ ) IP/vertex resolution PID capabilities Photon resolution, $\pi^0$ reconstruction	acceptance/alignment knowledge to 10 $\mu m$ luminosity	Large decay volume High radial segmentation - tracker - calorimetry - muon impact parameter resolution for large displacement triggerless

=> Significant effort ongoing to study impact of detector concepts across range of physics areas!

# Ultimate precision @ FCC-ee

Plot + table taken from [slides](#)  
by M. Selvaggi at ZPW2024



15 (20?) years of operations

	Z pole	? H pole ?	WW	ZH	ttbar
$\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	88 - 91 - 94	125	157 - 161	240	350 - 365
Lumi / IP [ $10^{34} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ]	182	80	19.4	7.3	1.33
Int. lumi / 4IP [ $\text{ab}^{-1} / \text{yr}$ ]	87	38	9.3	3.5	0.65
<b>N</b> years	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>N</b> events	8 Tera	8 K	300 M	2 M	2 M

- Unprecedented luminosity at multiple centre of mass energies will enable ultra-precise measurements of Higgs (and EW and top) sectors of the SM...
- Rather than listing them... I thought we would play a game...

# $e^+e^-$ numbers game

Put these numbers in ascending order (and guess if you can?)

1. # Z bosons/hour at FCC-ee (Z-pole)
2. # Higgs bosons/day at FCC-ee (Zh pole)
3. # Z bosons produced at LEP
4. # Crème eggs produced by Birmingham Cadbury's factory per day
5. # Higgs bosons produced by the LHC in 2017.



**In the interest of time- try guessing the highest and lowest...**

# $e^+e^-$ numbers game

Put these numbers in ascending order (and guess if you can/ want to...?)

1. # Z bosons/hour at FCC-ee (Z-pole) => 360 million (5)
2. # Higgs bosons/day at FCC-ee (Zh pole) => 2000 (1)
3. # Z bosons produced at LEP => 18 million (4)
4. # Crème eggs produced by Birmingham Cadbury's factory per day => 1.5 million (2)
5. # Higgs bosons produced by the LHC in 2017 => 3 million (3)

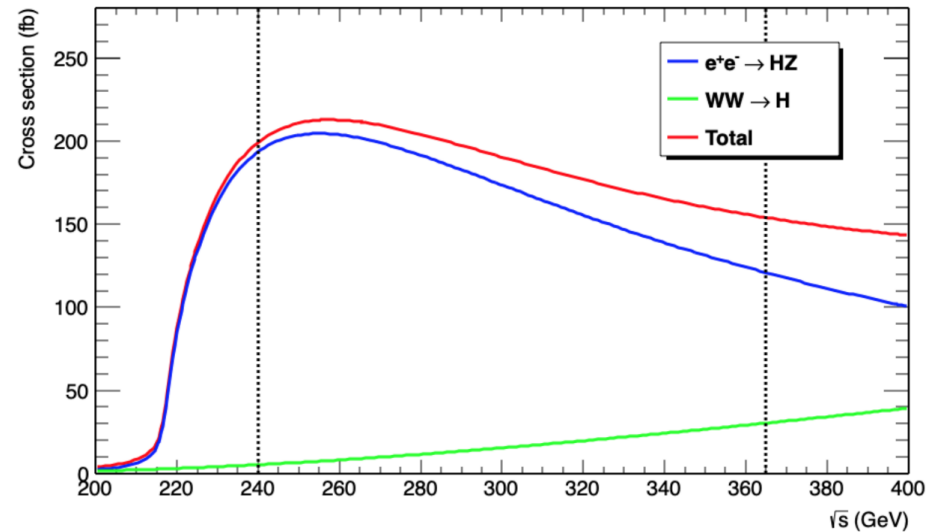
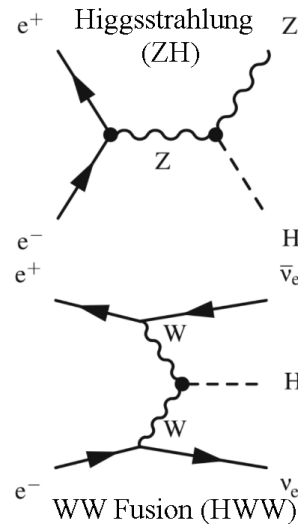


# Case study- Higgs physics

Plots taken from vol. 1 of FCC  
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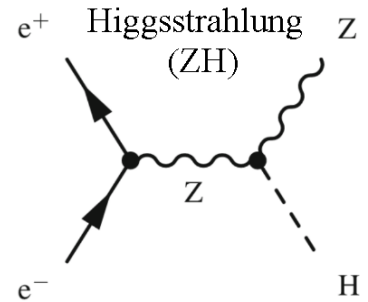
> 1 million ZH  
events

~ 100,000 WW  
fusion

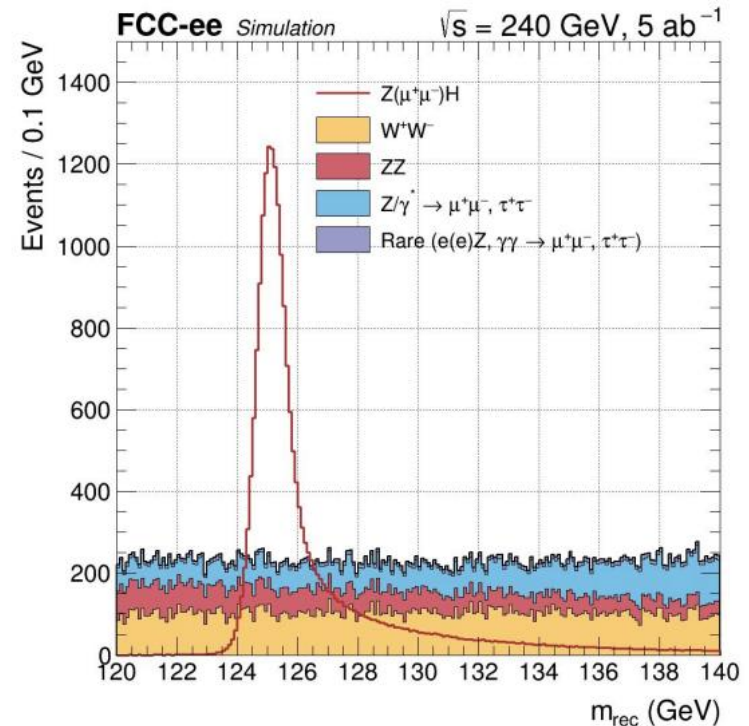


- Large rates, clean experimental environment (no UE, Pileup, triggerless) with no QCD background will open up a new era of Higgs precision physics.
- Opportunities to remove model-dependence from measurements and reach sub-percent level for post couplings.

# Higgs recoil mass method



- **Precise C.O.M knowledge\*** enables:
  - Z to be tagged (through leptons).
  - Construct recoil mass associated with Higgs  $m_{\text{recoil}}^2 = s - 2\sqrt{s}E_{ll} + m_{ll}^2$
  - Event counting gives precise Zh production cross-section measurement.
    - Absolute + model independent measurement of  $g_Z$  coupling.



\*Achieved through resonant depolarization (unique to circular I+I- colliders)

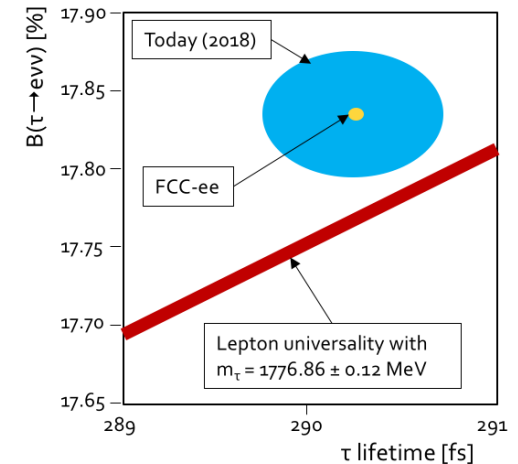
# Why do we need tera-Z?

- Significantly higher statistics at Z-pole ( $\sim 5 \times 10^{12}$  Z-bosons) generates ultimate precision for EWPO, and best sensitivity for BSM searches (i.e. HNLs).
- Exciting flavour opportunities- 10x more bb/cc pairs than final Belle-II statistics.

Quantity	current	ILC250	ILC-GigaZ	FCC-ee
$\Delta\alpha(m_Z)^{-1} (\times 10^3)$	17.8*	17.8*		3.8 (1.2)
$\Delta m_W$ (MeV)	12*	0.5 (2.4)		0.25 (0.3)
$\Delta m_Z$ (MeV)	2.1*	0.7 (0.2)	0.2	0.004 (0.1)
$\Delta m_H$ (MeV)	170*	14		2.5 (2)
$\Delta\Gamma_W$ (MeV)	42*	2		1.2 (0.3)
$\Delta\Gamma_Z$ (MeV)	2.3*	1.5 (0.2)	0.12	0.004 (0.025)
$\Delta A_e (\times 10^5)$	190*	14 (4.5)	1.5 (8)	0.7 (2)
$\Delta A_\mu (\times 10^5)$	1500*	82 (4.5)	3 (8)	2.3 (2.2)
$\Delta A_\tau (\times 10^5)$	400*	86 (4.5)	3 (8)	0.5 (20)
$\Delta A_b (\times 10^5)$	2000*	53 (35)	9 (50)	2.4 (21)
$\Delta A_c (\times 10^5)$	2700*	140 (25)	20 (37)	20 (15)

Particle production ( $10^9$ )	$B^0 / \bar{B}^0$	$B^+ / B^-$	$B_s^0 / \bar{B}_s^0$	$\Lambda_b / \bar{\Lambda}_b$	$c\bar{c}$	$\tau^- / \tau^+$
Belle II	27.5	27.5	n/a	n/a	65	45
FCC-ee	300	300	80	80	600	150

- ..plus physics potential with boosted b/ $\tau$ , and opportunities to probe LFV/LFU in  $\tau$  decays.



For flavour, see [slides](#) by Jernej. F. Kamenik at London FCC week

# EWK precision @ FCC-ee

See [slides](#) by Christoph Paus at ZPW2024

Observables	Present value	FCC-ee stat.	FCC-ee current syst.	FCC-ee ultimate syst.	Theory input (not exhaustive)
$m_Z$ (keV)	$91187500 \pm 2100$	4	100	10 ?	Lineshape QED unfolding Relation to measured quantities
$\Gamma_Z$ (keV)	$2495500 \pm 2300$ [*]	4	25 Text	5 ?	Lineshape QED unfolding Relation to measured quantities
$\sigma_{\text{had}}^0$ (pb)	$41480.2 \pm 32.5$ [*]	0.04	4	0.8	Bhabha cross section to 0.01% $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ cross section to 0.002%
$N_\nu$ ( $\times 10^3$ ) from $\sigma_{\text{had}}$	$2996.3 \pm 7.4$	0.007	1	0.2	Lineshape QED unfolding ( $\Gamma_{\nu\nu}/\Gamma_{\ell\ell}$ ) <sub>SM</sub>
$R_\ell$ ( $\times 10^3$ )	$20766.6 \pm 24.7$	0.04	1	0.2 ?	Lepton angular distribution (QED ISR/FSR/IFI, EW corrections)
$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ ( $\times 10^4$ ) from $R_\ell$	$1196 \pm 30$	0.1	1.5	0.4 ?	Higher order QCD corrections for $\Gamma_{\text{had}}$
$R_b$ ( $\times 10^6$ )	$216290 \pm 660$	0.3	?	< 60 ?	QCD (gluon radiation, gluon splitting, fragmentation, decays, ...)

Challenges (and opportunities) in theory and on the experimental side (energy calibration/luminosity measurement) to reach ultimate precision...

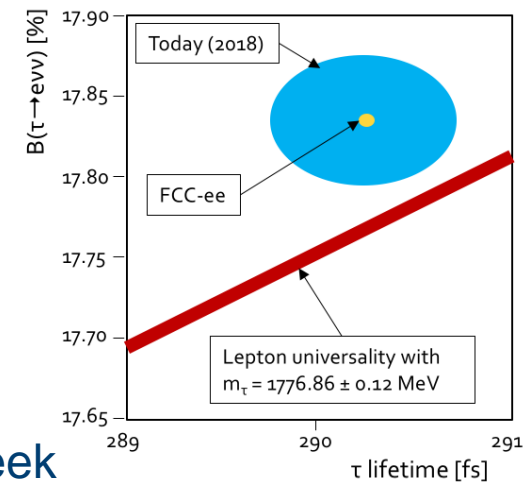
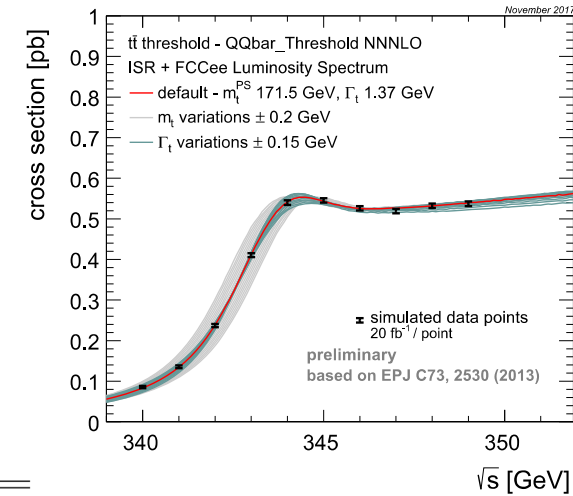


# Top and flavour @ FCC-ee

- $t\bar{t}$  threshold scan will enable most precise measurements of top-quark mass and width.
- Tera-Z run offers unprecedented flavour opportunities- 10x more bb/cc pairs than final Belle-II statistics.

Particle production ( $10^9$ )	$B^0 / \bar{B}^0$	$B^+ / B^-$	$B_s^0 / \bar{B}_s^0$	$\Lambda_b / \bar{\Lambda}_b$	$c\bar{c}$	$\tau^- / \tau^+$
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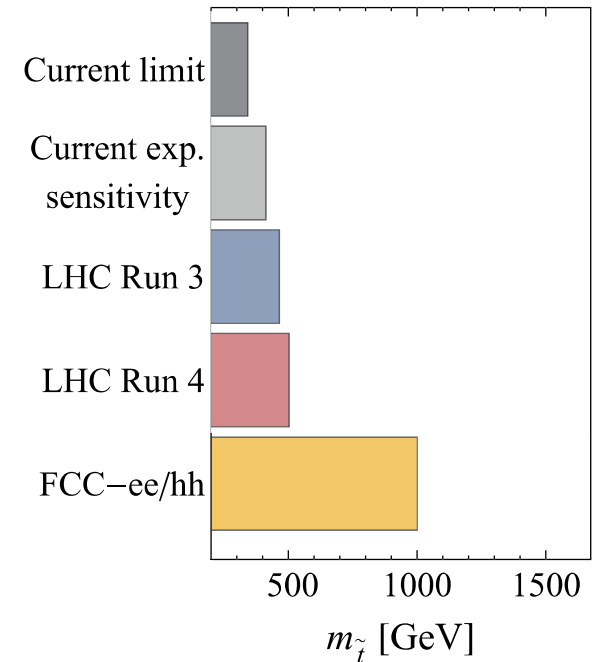
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# BSM @ FCC-ee - a snapshot

Taken from FCC Snowmass [submission](#)

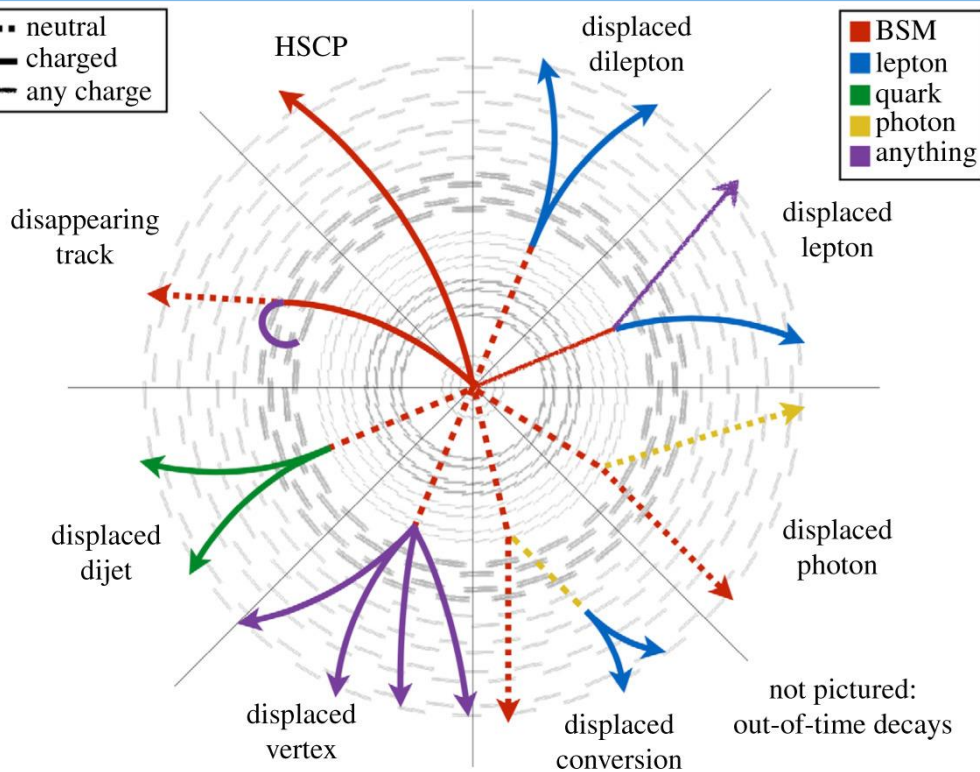
1. Indirectly discover new particles coupling to the Higgs or EW bosons up to scales of  $\Lambda \approx 7$  and 50 TeV.
2. Perform tests of SUSY at the loop level in regions not accessible at the LHC.
3. Study heavy flavour/tau physics in rare decays inaccessible at the LHC.
4. Perform searches with best collider sensitivity to dark matter, sterile neutrinos and ALPs up to masses  $\approx 90$  GeV.

Image credit: FCC CDR



**Projected  $2\sigma$  indirect reach from Higgs couplings on stops.**

# FCC-ee case study: LLPs

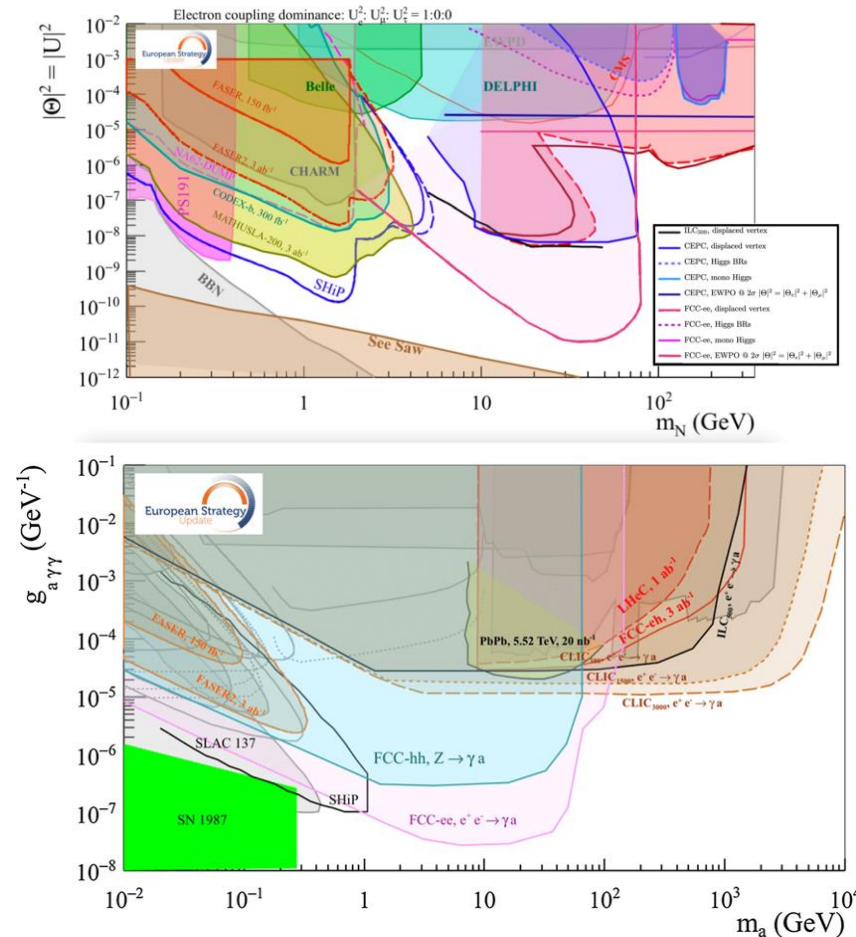


LLPs that are semi-stable or decay in the sub-detectors are predicted in a variety of BSM models:

- Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNLs)
- RPV SUSY
- ALPs
- Dark sector models

**The range of unconventional signatures and rich phenomenology means that understanding the impact of detector design/performance on the sensitivity of future experiments is key!**

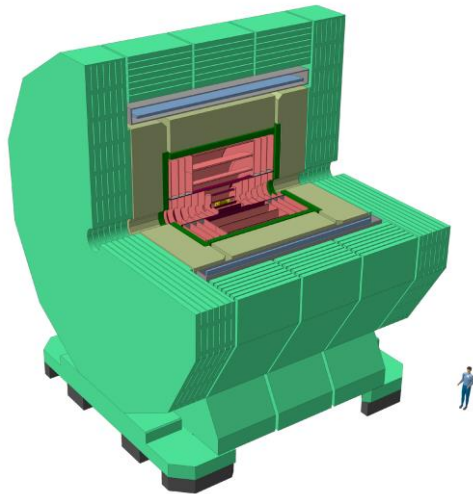
- High luminosities at Z-pole and ZH threshold offer unique sensitivity to LLPs coupling to Z or Higgs.
- No trigger requirements.
- Excellent vertex reconstruction and impact parameter resolution can target low LLP lifetimes (this can drive hardware choices).
- **Projections often assume background-free searches** (we should check these assumptions).



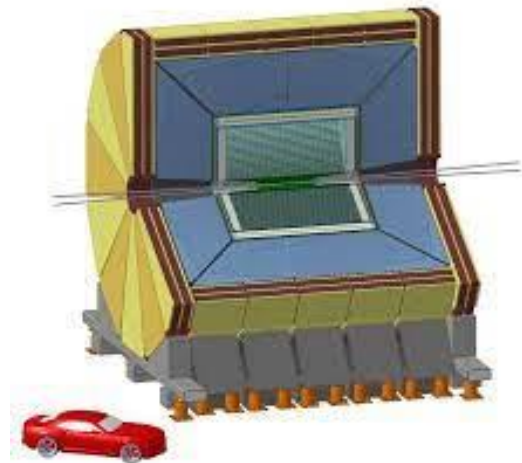


# Detector concepts for FCC-ee

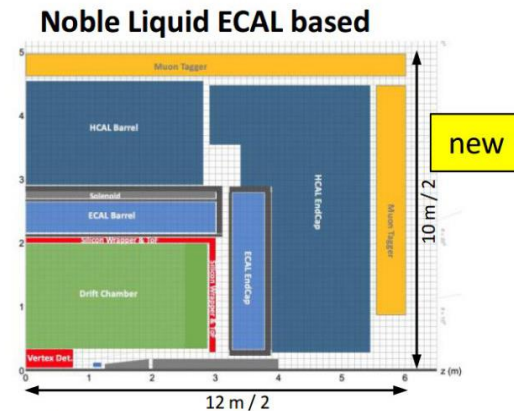
## CLD (“CLIC-like Detector”)



## IDEA (“Innovative Detector for Electron-positron Accelerator”)



## “Allegra”



Full silicon vertex-detector+ tracker  
3D high-granularity calorimeter  
Solenoid outside calorimeter

Silicon vertex detector  
Short-drift chamber tracker.  
Dual-readout calorimeter

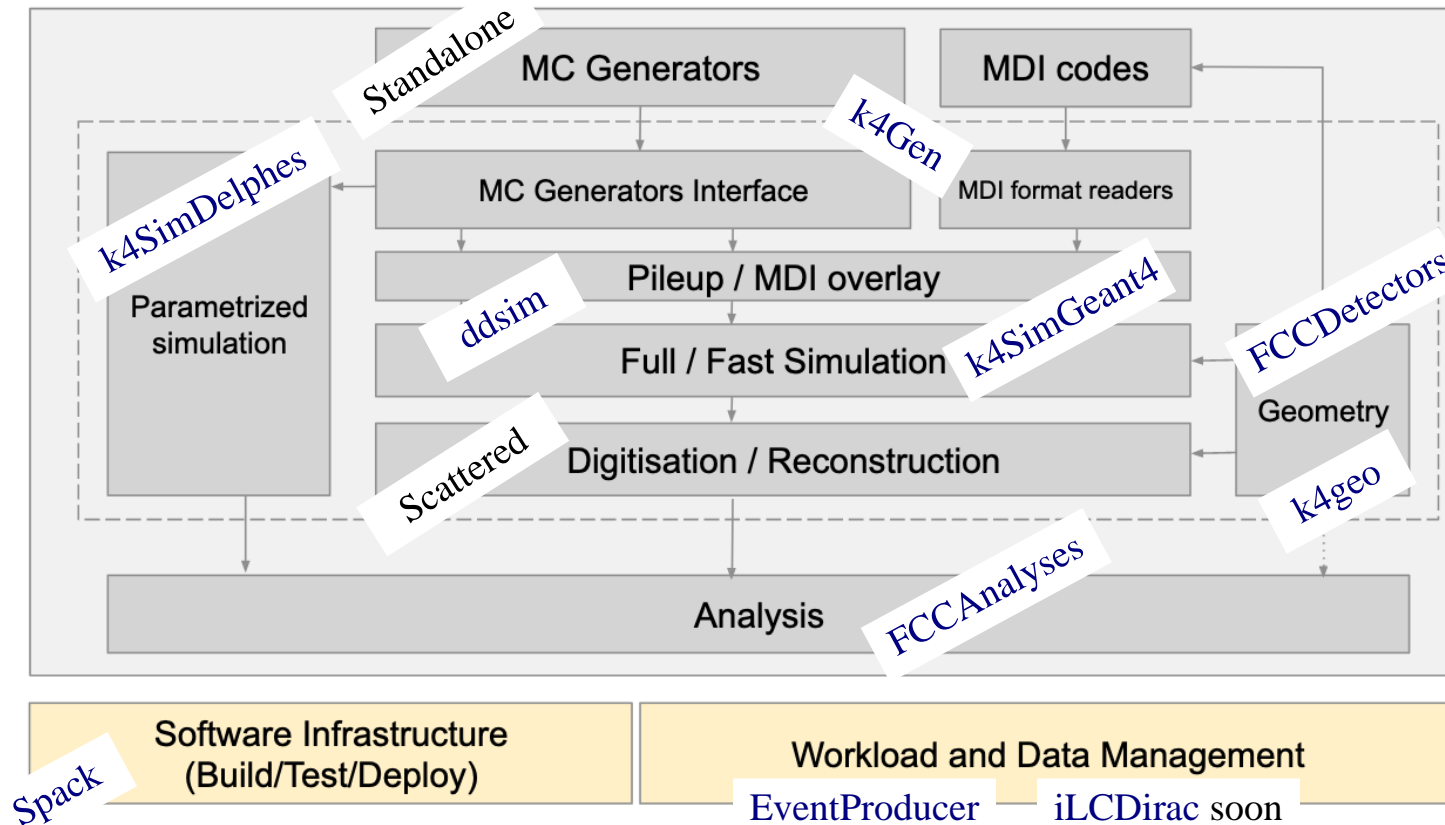
New proposal using  
liquid LAr  
calorimeter!

**Easy to study impact of detector design on physics sensitivity through FCC software framework...**

# FCC analysis software

Schematic taken from [slides](#) by Brieuc Francois at FCC week

Sophisticated software ecosystem in place to perform simulations and physics/detector studies...



# FCC analysis software

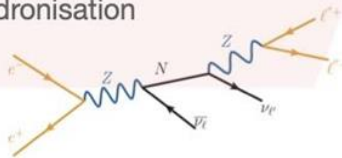
<https://key4hep.github.io/key4hep-doc/>

- Integrated in the Key4Hep ecosystem which also provides a common EDM for future collider studies.
- Central MC samples produced (in EDM4HEP format) to facilitate physics/detector studies.
- FCC Analysis software developed to analyse EDM4HEP files and support sensitivity/detector development studies.

Typical workflow

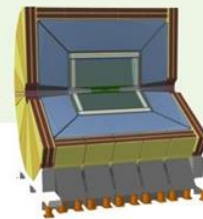
## Sample generation of models

- MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO for parton-level  $e^+e^-$
- PYTHIA for parton shower and hadronisation



## Parametrised detector simulation

- IDEA DELPHES card



## Analysis tools

- FCC analysis



Sensitivity to studied model



I'm excited by  
FCC-ee –  
are you?

# Conclusion + outlook



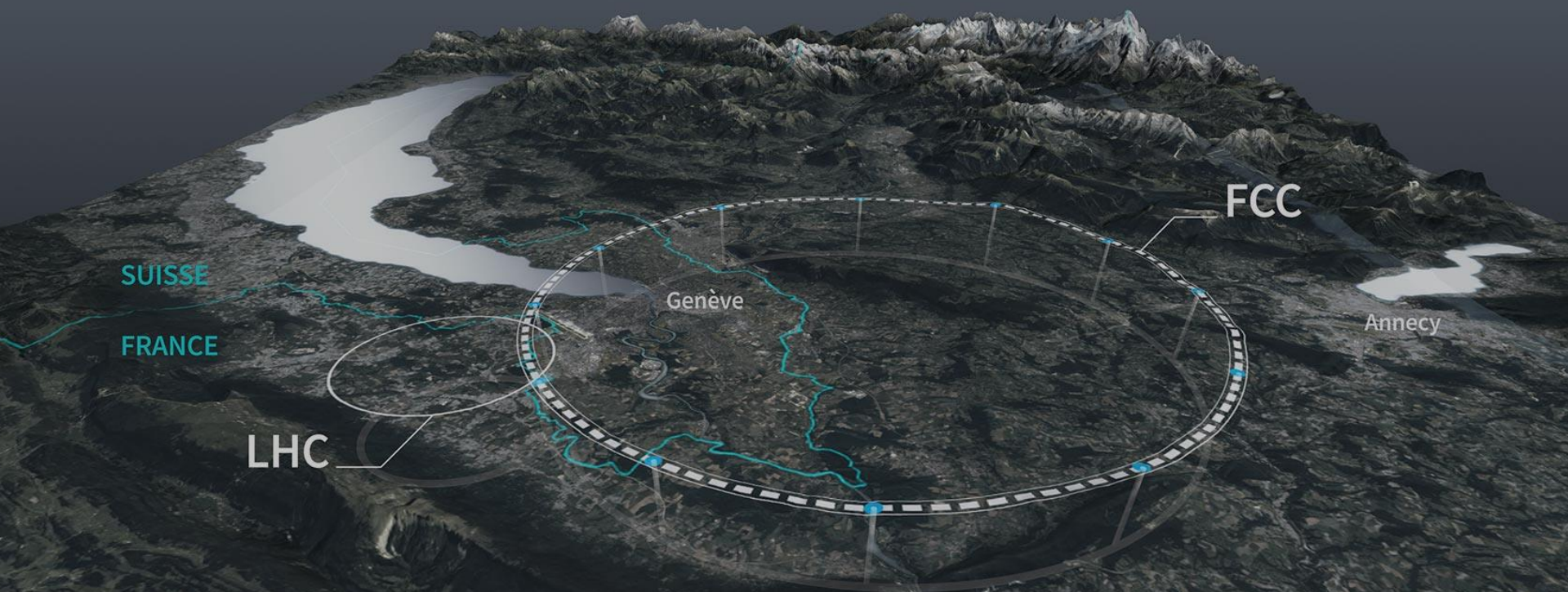
# 1. Why think about future colliders now?

- To avoid a significant gap in data-taking after the High-Luminosity LHC key decisions need to be taken in the coming years.
- Knowledge transfer to those that will deliver the project (i.e. ECRs) cannot wait.
- We are resource limited (including person power)- making the HL-LHC must be our top priority, so making a future collider reality in parallel will require...
  - Consensus in the community.
  - Strategic planning and collaboration





## 2. The integrated FCC project...



***Integrated programme combines precision at the intensity frontier (FCC-ee) giving indirect sensitivity to a multitude of NP as well as unique direct sensitivity to low-mass and weakly interacting BSM physics, with discovery potential at the energy frontier (FCC-hh) that will extend the precision achieved at FCC-ee!***

# 3. Opportunities and challenges associated with FCC-ee

- **Paradigm shift in precision** to EWK/ QCD/ Higgs physics.
- Exciting **flavour opportunities**.
- **Unprecedented sensitivity** to BSM.



**Subject to overcoming...**



**Suite of challenges we need to overcome to get there:**

- Theory
- Technological (detector development+ design, accelerators, computing).
- Sociological.
- Political.

**In my opinion- this is achievable and definitely worth it...**



# What's in a name?

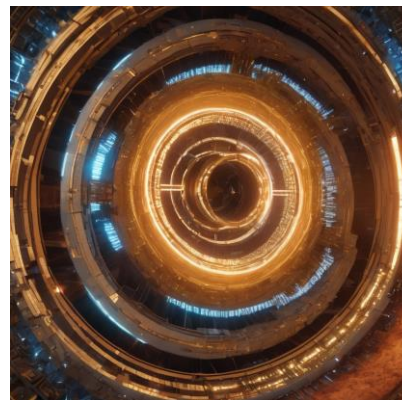
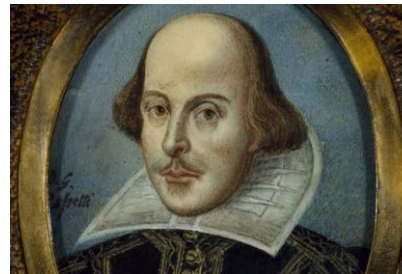


# FUTURE CIRCULAR COLLIDER

## ADJECTIVES STARTING WITH F



Safer starting point?



## POSITIVE ADJECTIVES THAT START WITH

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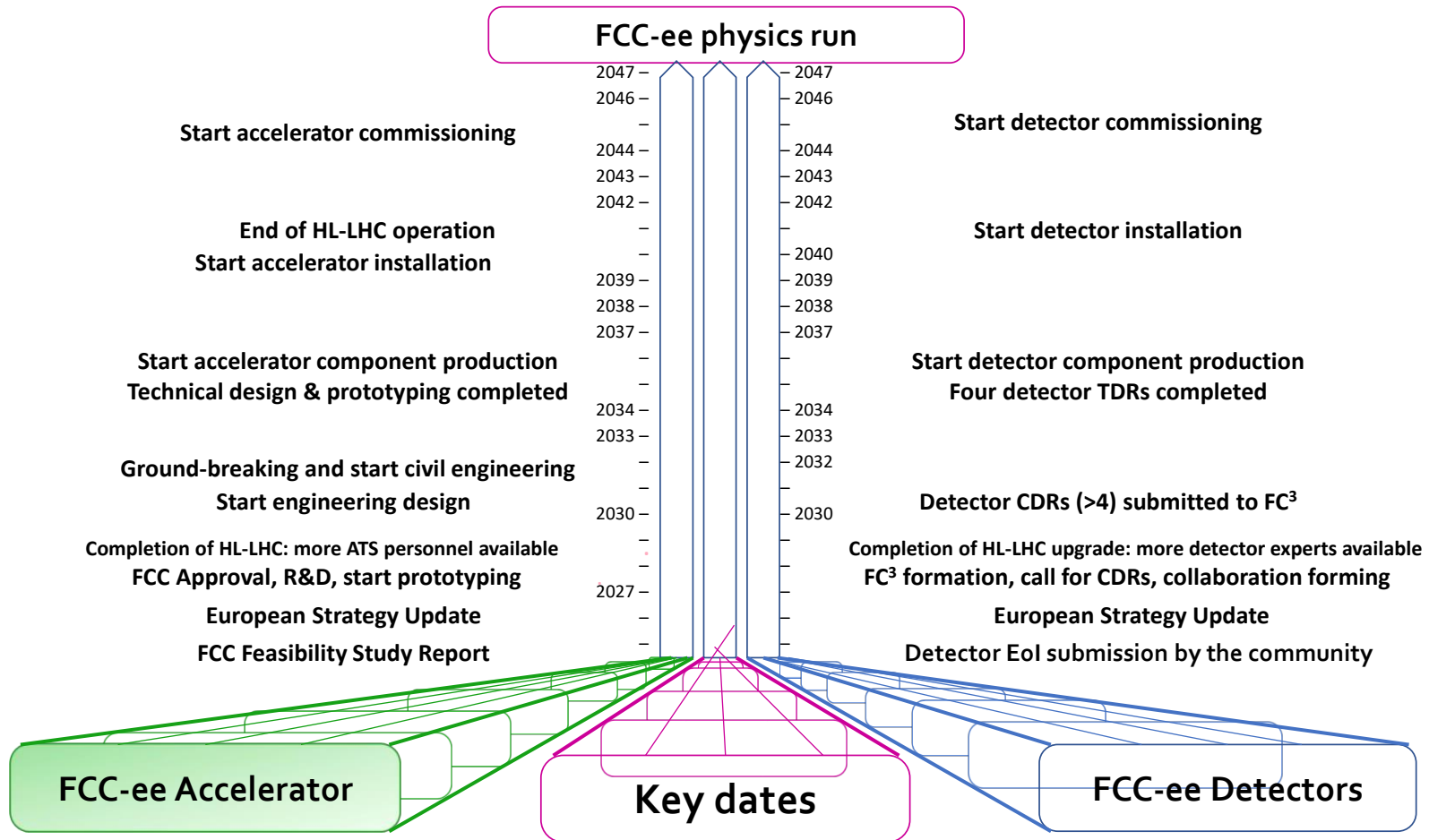
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- Famous
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- Functional
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- Fabled
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- Fast
- Fascinated
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- Factual
- Fanatical
- Fastidious
- Fast-moving
- Feathered
- Fatherly
- Feathery
- Fertile
- Favorable
- Fundamental
- Future
- Fecund
- Fervent
- Favorite
- Feeling
- Fervid
- Fine
- Finite
- Fit
- Flashy
- Fireproof
- Flattered
- Firm
- Fixed
- First
- Fulfilled
- Fullsome
- Flamboyant
- Flavorful
- Fluent
- Focused
- Formal
- Fond
- Formative
- Foxy
- Forgivable
- Forthright
- Fragrant
- Fortuitous
- Frank
- Frisky
- Fun-loving
- Futuristic

Next step  
If only  
Hopefully  
Hopefully



Left: AI generated image of “fuzzy circular collider” (from <https://gencraft.com/generate> )

# A possible look to the future- thanks for listening!



# Backup



# Collider timescale and my life...

**1984**



My parents

I have only been involved in a small part of the LHC journey...

**1995**

SW- aged 7



**2012**

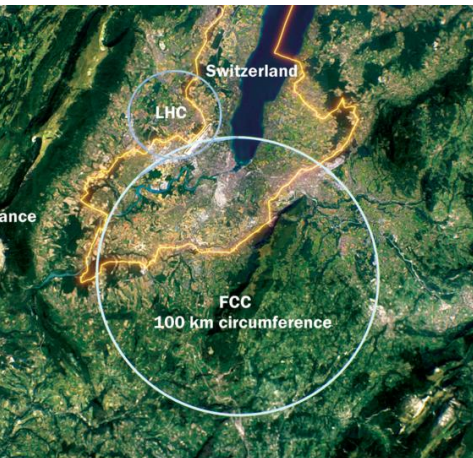
Queuing for the Higgs seminar



# $e^+e^-$ colliders: circular or linear?

## Circular colliders

- Multi-pass at IP
- Modest accelerating gradients
- Limited by synchrotron radiation
- No beam polarization
- Potential to re-use tunnel for hadron collisions.



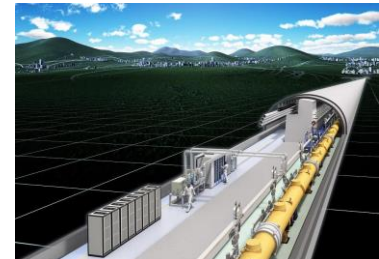
Left: FCC-ee (CERN)  
Below: CEPC (China)



## Linear colliders

- Single pass at IP
- Maximum accelerating gradients
- No synchrotron radiation
- Can exploit (longitudinal) beam polarization
- Staged approach to higher energies (energy~length)

Right: ILC (Japan)  
Below: CLIC (CERN)





# CEPC vs FCC: similarities

<https://home.cern/science/accelerators/future-circular-collider>

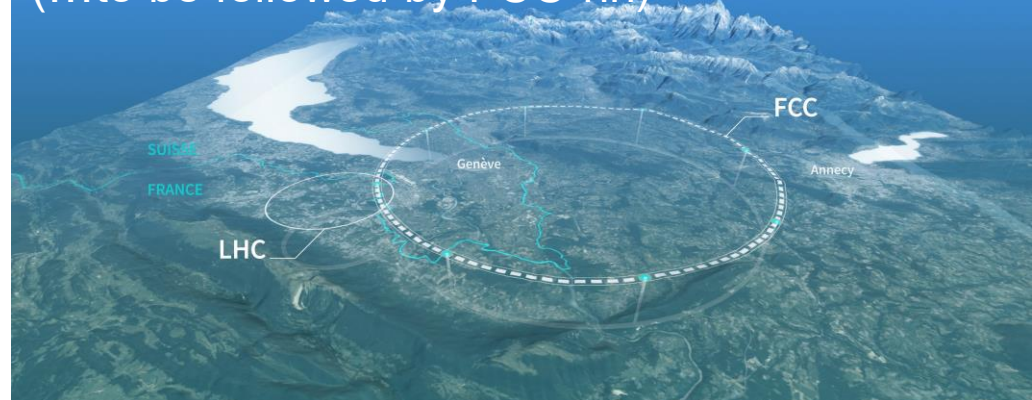
Lots of similarities between CEPC and FCC-ee:

1. Similar circumference.
2. Separate beams for  $e^+$  and  $e^-$
3. Superconducting RF technology for particle acceleration, with energy booster and top-up injection.
4. Similar luminosity and energy for Higgs/ Z-pole/ WW and top\* threshold runs...

CEPC: 100km Higgs/EW factory in China (could be followed by SppC pp collider)



~90 km Higgs/EW factory at CERN (...to be followed by FCC-hh)



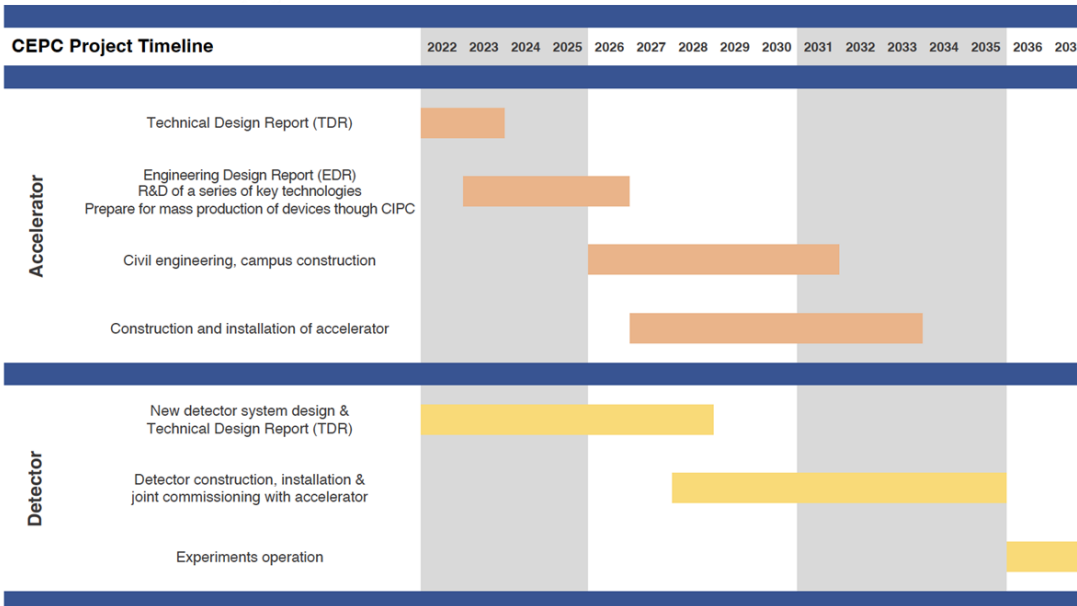
\* $t\bar{t}$  run currently optional for CEPC based on TDR.

# CEPC vs FCC: timelines

Schematics taken from slides from 2023 FCC and [CEPC](#) weeks.



- Based on current hopes/plans- FCCee would commence operation in mid/late 2040s compared to mid 2030s for CEPC.



- This is mainly driven by constraints on FCC from LHC operations => the times from construction to operation are similar.

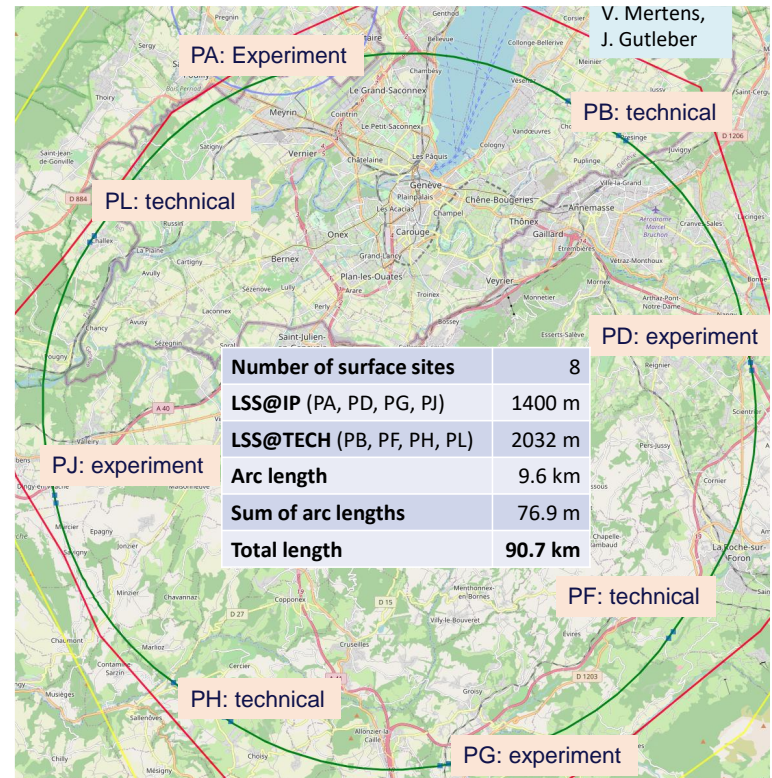


# CEPC vs FCC: location and costs

(...which are linked on some level...)



- FCC location is (exactly) fixed (one highlight of the feasibility study) whilst of 6 considered sites for CEPC, 3 have been selected for further study.



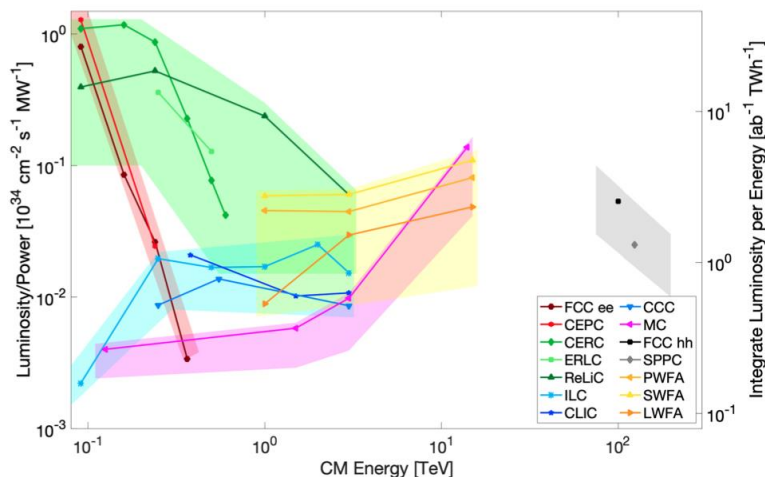
- Quoted expected construction cost of CEPC ~ half that of FCC (variations in purchasing/labour costs)



# CEPC vs FCC: other differences

- #IPs: CEPC has 2, whilst FCC (as of the mid-term review of the feasibility study) has 4.

- Different baseline operating plan.



**Table 3.2:** CEPC operation plan (@ 50 MW)

Particle	$E_{c.m.}$ (GeV)	$L$ per IP ( $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Integrated $L$ per year ( $\text{ab}^{-1}$ , 2 IPs)	Years	Total Integrated $L$ ( $\text{ab}^{-1}$ , 2 IPs)	Total no. of events
H	240	8.3	2.2	10	21.6	$4.3 \times 10^6$
Z	91	192*	50	2	100	$4.1 \times 10^{12}$
W	160	26.7	6.9	1	6.9	$2.1 \times 10^8$
$t\bar{t}$ **	360	0.8	0.2	5	1.0	$0.6 \times 10^6$

\* Detector solenoid field is 2 Tesla during Z operation.

\*\*  $t\bar{t}$  operation is optional.

FCC with 4 IPs (not fixed, additional opportunities e.g. 125 GeV)

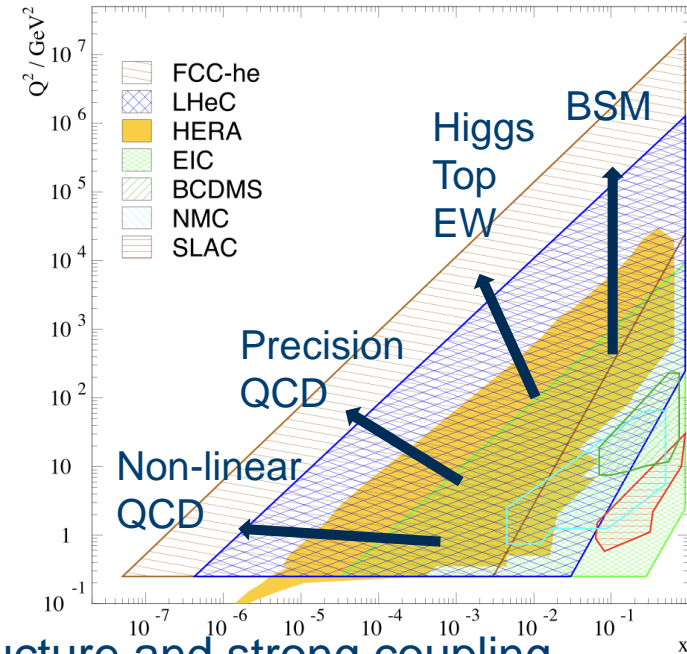
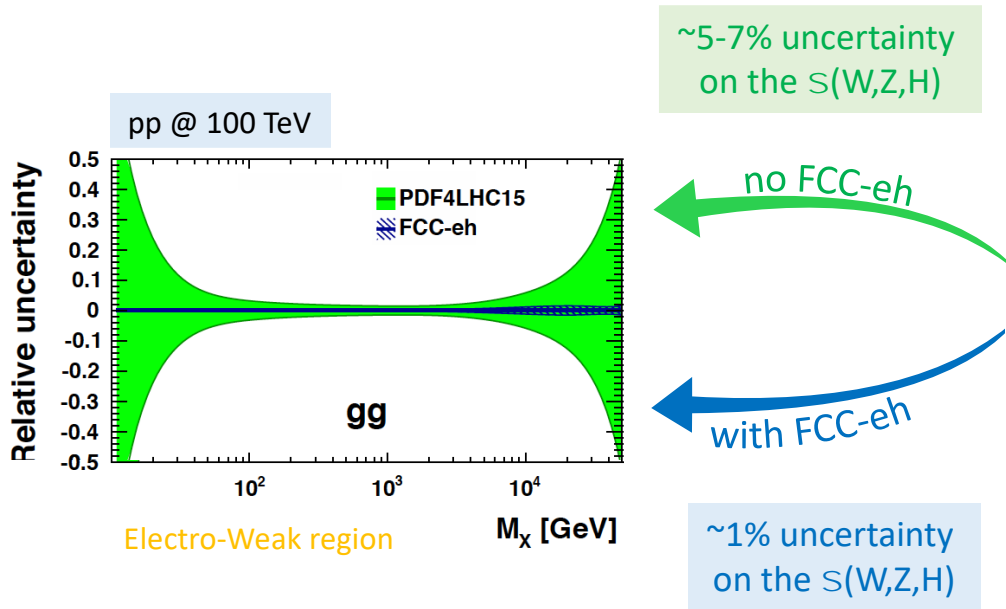
Working point	Z, years 1-2	Z, later	WW, years 1-2	WW, later	ZH	$t\bar{t}$
$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	88, 91, 94		157, 163		240	340-350 365
Lumi/IP ( $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	70	140	10	20	5.0	0.75 1.20
Lumi/year ( $\text{ab}^{-1}$ )	34	68	4.8	9.6	2.4	0.36 0.58
Run time (year)	2	2	2	-	3	1 4
Number of events	$6 \times 10^{12}$ Z		$2.4 \times 10^8$ WW		$1.45 \times 10^6$ ZH + 45k WW $\rightarrow$ H	$1.9 \times 10^6$ $t\bar{t}$ +330k ZH +80k WW $\rightarrow$ H

- Power consumption ~ similar but carbon footprint currently higher for CEPC due to China's (current) prevalent use of coal as an energy source.

# Synergies in FCC programme- FCC-eh

Taken from [slides](#) by J. D'Hondt at FCC week

Taken from updated [CDR](#)



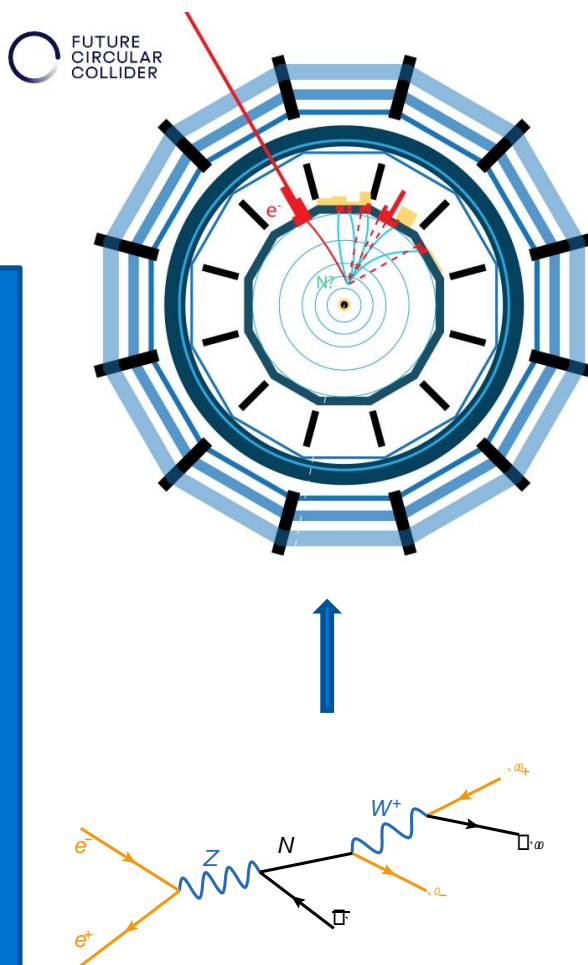
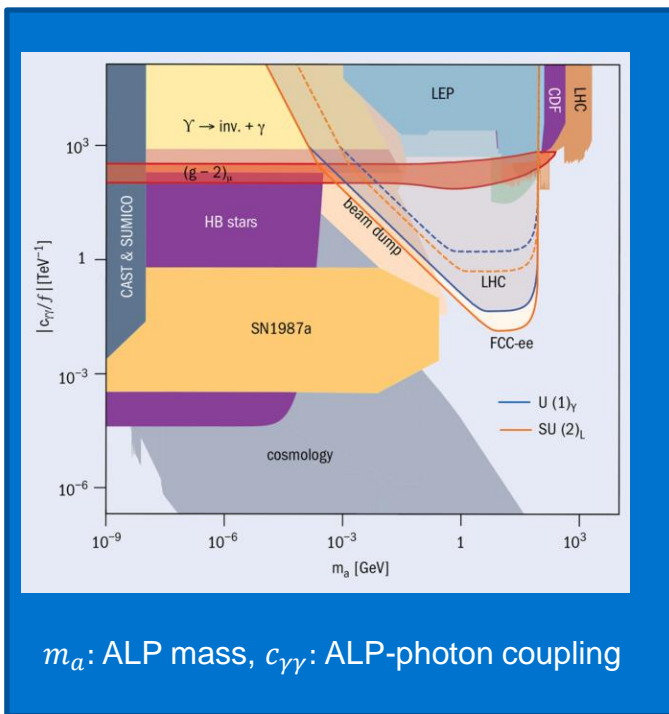
- Empower FCC-hh with precision input on hadron structure and strong coupling (to permille accuracy) during parallel running.
- Complementary measurements of Higgs couplings (CC+NC DIS x-sections, no pile-up, clean)- see slides by U. Klein [here](#)
- Plus... complementary BSM prospects (LLPs, LFV, not-too-heavy scalars, GeV-scale bosons)

# FCC-ee and -hh synergies - BSM

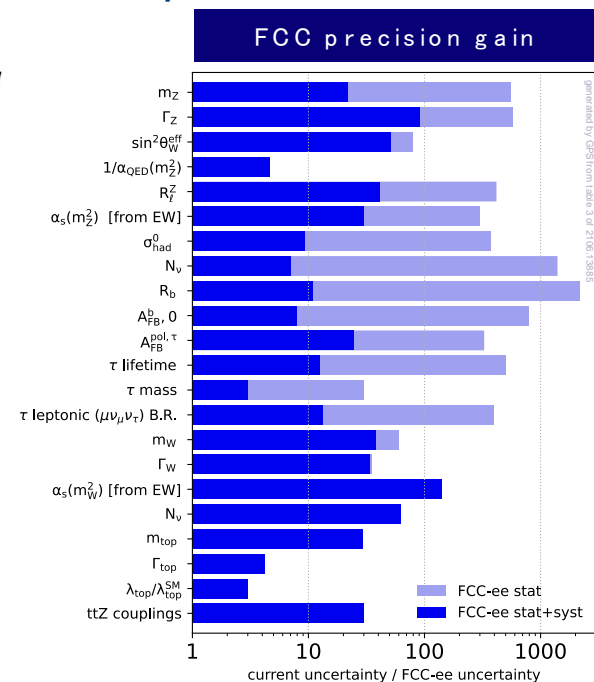
See [slides](#) by G. Salam at FCC week

## Direct FCC-ee sensitivity

- HNLs
- Alps
- Exotic Higgs decays



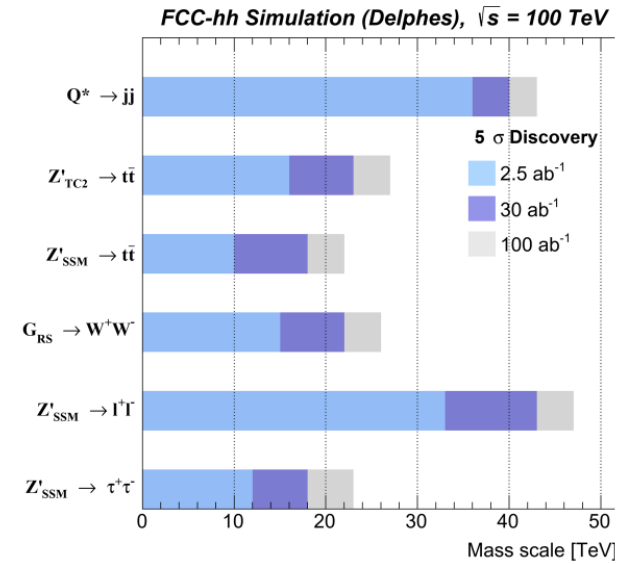
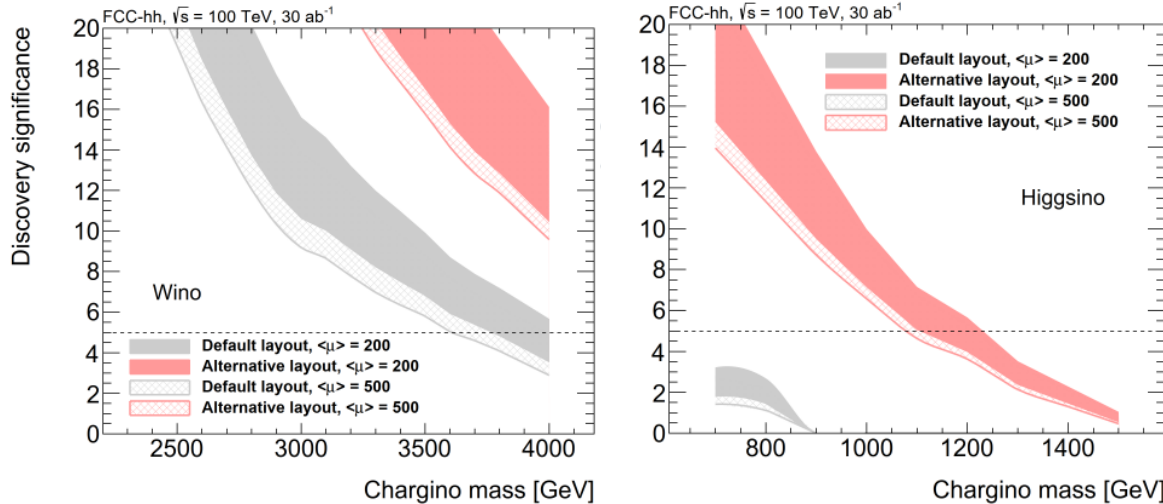
...plus indirect access to a range of BSM phenomena through ultra-precise measurements of SM parameters...



# FCC-ee and -hh synergies - BSM searches

More details in FCC TDR and ESU submissions [here](#)

## FCC-hh sensitivity to direct NP



Cover full mass range for discovery of WIMP dark matter candidates

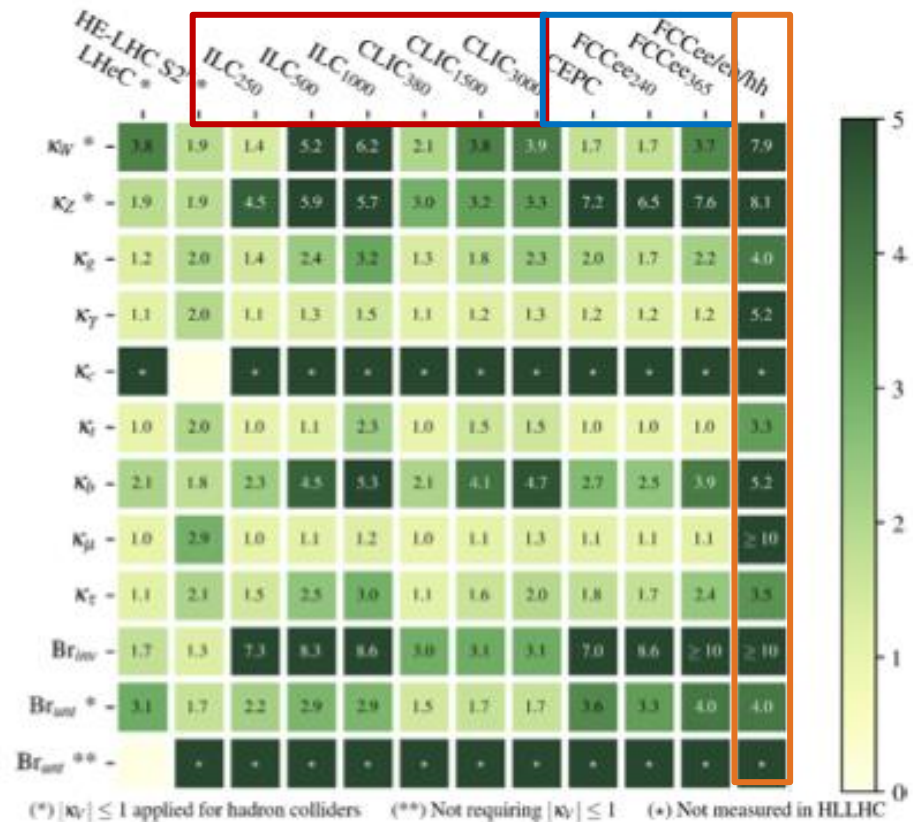
Substantial discovery reach for heavy resonances

***In summary- exciting possibilities to discover/characterize NP that could be indirectly predicted through precision measurements at FCC-ee***

# Higgs coupling measurements

Taken from briefing book for 2020 ESU- improvements on Higgs coupling measurements in “kappa” framework:

- Red= linear e+e- collider colliders.
- Blue= circular e+e- machines.
- Orange= integrated FCC programme.





# Costs of future projects

Taken from slides by H. Abramowicz at [EPS open symposium 2019](#)

## Technical Challenges in Energy-Frontier Colliders proposed

		Ref.	E (CM) [TeV]	Lumino sity [1E34]	AC-Power [MW]	Cost-estimate Value* [Billion]	B [T]	E: [MV/m] (GHz)	Major Challenges in Technology
C C hh	FCC-hh	CDR	~ 100	< 30	580	24 or +17 (aft. ee) [BCHF]	~ 16		High-field SC magnet (SCM) - Nb3Sn: Jc and Mechanical stress Energy management
	SPPC	(to be filled)	75 – 120	TBD	TBD	TBD	12 - 24		High-field SCM - IBS: Jcc and mech. stress Energy management
C C ee	FCC-ee	CDR	0.18 - 0.37	460 – 31	260 – 350	10.5 +1.1 [BCHF]		10 – 20 (0.4 - 0.8)	High-Q SRF cavity at < GHz, Nb Thin-film Coating Synchrotron Radiation constraint Energy efficiency (RF efficiency)
	CEPC	CDR	0.046 - 0.24 (0.37)	32~ 5	150 – 270	5 [B\$]		20 – (40) (0.65)	High-Q SRF cavity at < GHz, LG Nb-bulk/Thin-film Synchrotron Radiation constraint High-precision Low-field magnet
L C ee	ILC	TDR update	0.25 (-1)	1.35 (- 4.9)	129 (- 300)	4.8- 5.3 (for 0.25 TeV) [BILCU]		31.5 – (45) (1.3)	High-G and high-Q SRF cavity at GHz, Nb-bulk Higher-G for future upgrade Nano-beam stability, e+ source, beam dump
	CLIC	CDR	0.38 (- 3)	1.5 (- 6)	160 (- 580)	5.9 (for 0.38 TeV) [BCHF]		72 – 100 (12)	Large-scale production of Acc. Structure Two-beam acceleration in a prototype scale Precise alignment and stabilization. timing

A. Yamamoto, 190513b

\*Cost estimates are commonly for "Value" (material) only.

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# FCC costings- planned updates

Taken from [slides](#) by M. Benedikt at FCC week



## mid-term cost review – Cost Review Panel (CRP)

CERN/SPC/1183/Rev.2  
CERN/3634/Rev.2  
Original: English  
29 September 2022

ORGANISATION EUROPEENNE POUR LA RECHERCHE NUCLEAIRE  
CERN EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

<i>action to be taken</i>	<i>Scientific Procedure</i>	<i>Plasma Procedure</i>
For recommendation	SCIENTIFIC POLICY COMMITTEE 330 <sup>th</sup> Meeting 28-30 September 2022	-
For decision	RESTRICTED COUNCIL 209 <sup>th</sup> Session 29 September 2022	Simple majority of Member States represented and voting

FUTURE CIRCULAR COLLIDER FEASIBILITY STUDY:  
PLANS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE 2023 MID-TERM REVIEW

This document describes the plans and deliverables for the mid-term review of the Future Circular Collider Feasibility Study, which is proposed to take place in autumn 2023. The Scientific Policy Committee is invited to recommend and the Council is invited to approve these plans and deliverables.

The CRP will

- review the methodology and assumptions used in producing the cost estimates,
- identify inaccurate or missing cost information,
- check the consistency of the cost estimates with respect to applicable reference work, e.g., recent large-scale infrastructure and accelerator projects,
- review the uncertainty estimates,
- identify potential areas of savings and cost mitigation for future work, and
- advise the FCC study team on matters of cost estimation in view of preparation of the final Feasibility Study Report for end 2025.

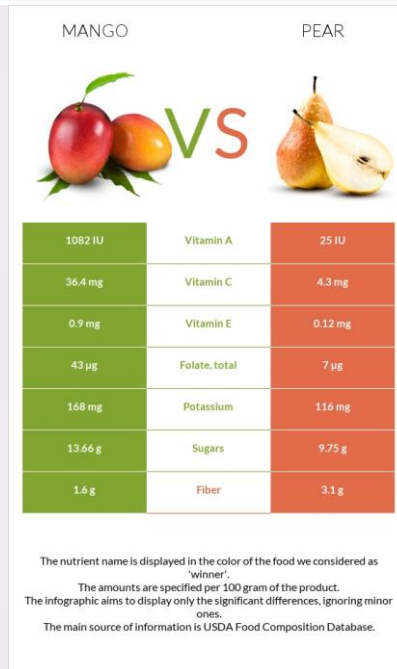
Members: The CRP consists of around 10 international experts, not directly involved in the Feasibility Study, with renowned expertise in costing and project management aspects related to the scientific and technical domains relevant to the Study (accelerators, technical infrastructure, civil engineering, detectors, etc.). Members and Chair appointed by SC.

### CRP members:

Carlos Alejandre (F4E), Austin Ball (CERN, ret.), Umberto Dosselli (INFN), Vincent Gorgues (CEA), Norbert Holtkamp, chair (Stanford U.), Christa Laurila (VTV), Ursula Weyrich (DKFZ), Jim Yeck (BNL), Thomas Zurbuchen (ETH Zürich)

# Comparing future colliders

See [report](#) from the Snowmass '21 Implementation task force



... is hard! Its important to define your comparison metrics carefully and consider the errors involved!

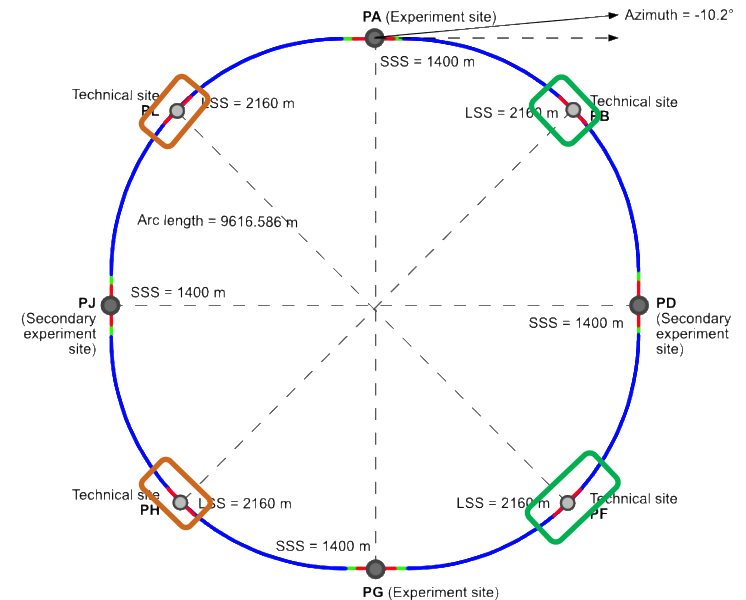
- See [slides](#) by L. Nevey at IOP-HEPP 2023
- Some claim that "FCC-ee is, by very large factors, the least disruptive in terms of environmental impact" ([arXiv:2208.10466](#)).
- For discussion of the potential of HTS to make FCC-ee more sustainable see these [slides](#).

(Also consider whether the people making the comparison might prefer apples or pears)

**Personal recommendation: go through the numbers, look at the whole picture (physics goals, upgrades, operation time etc) and critique the numbers for yourselves!**

# FCC-ee accelerators

- Separate rings for electrons and positrons and full-energy top-up booster ring in same tunnel.
- Max 50MW synchrotron radiation per collider ring across full operating range.
- Asymmetric IR layout limits photon synchrotron radiation 500m upstream of IP towards detectors, and generates large 30mrad crossing angle.
- Crab waist technique to optimize luminosity.



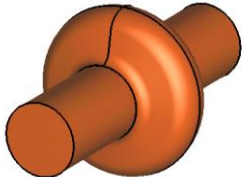
**4 possible experimental sites at PA, PD, PG and PJ with RF stations at PH, PL and injection/extraction and collimation in PB/PF straights.**

# FCC-ee SRF system

Schematic taken from slides by F. Zimmerman at [US Snowmass townhall](#)

**Z**

1-cell  
400 MHz,  
Nb/Cu

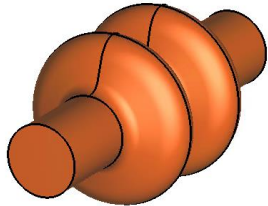


low R/Q, HOM damping,  
powered by 1 MW RF  
coupler and high efficiency  
klystron

F. Peauger,  
O. Brunner

**W, H**

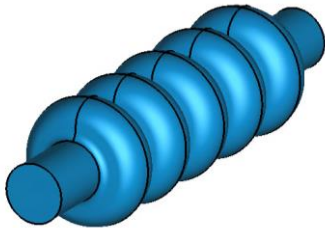
2-cell  
400 MHz,  
Nb/Cu



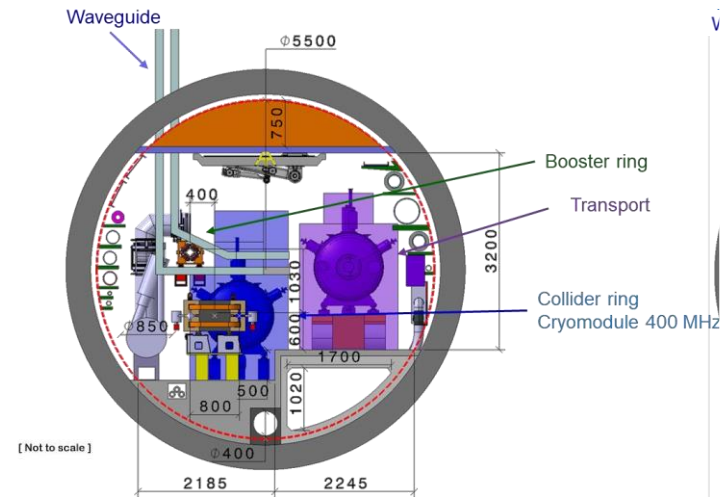
moderate gradient and HOM  
damping requirements; 500 kW /  
cavity, allowing reuse of klystrons  
already installed for Z

**ttbar,  
booster**

5-cell  
800 MHz,  
bulk Nb



high RF voltage and limited  
footprint thanks to multicell  
cavities and higher RF frequency;  
200 kW/ cavity



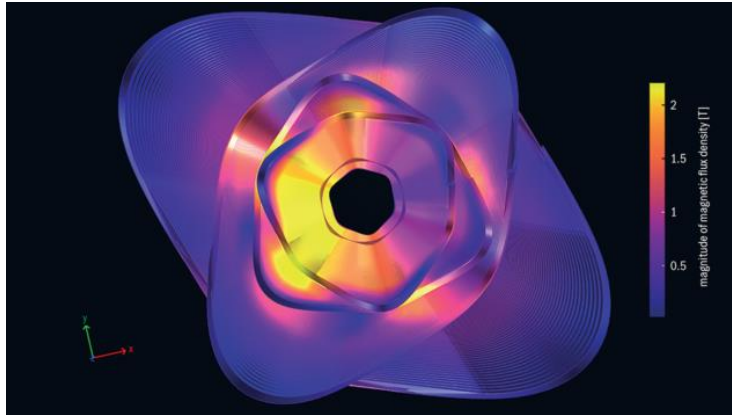
**RF for collider and booster in separate sections (collider in PH- 400 & 800 MHz, booster in ML- 800 MHz only) with fully separated technical infrastructure (cryogenics)**



# FCC-ee beam optics

Two new projects backed by CHART aim to explore use of HTS to improve energy efficiency. See CERN courier article [here](#)

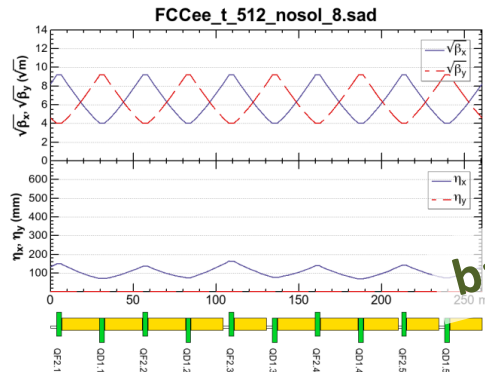
## Maximising energy efficiency is a major factor!



- Focussing and defocussing by  $\sim 3000$  quadrupoles and  $\sim 6000$  sextupoles.
- Designs being considered to reduce power consumption (single-cells vs super-cells).

### arc

Short 90/90:  $n\bar{n}$ , Zh

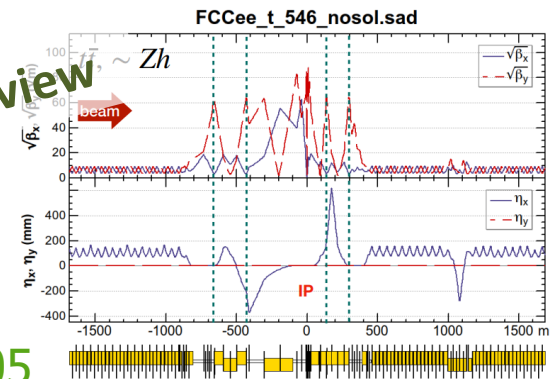


FODO lattice, many  $-/$  sext pairs; periodic unit cell length  $\sim 260$  m

baseline for 2023 FCC "mid-term" review

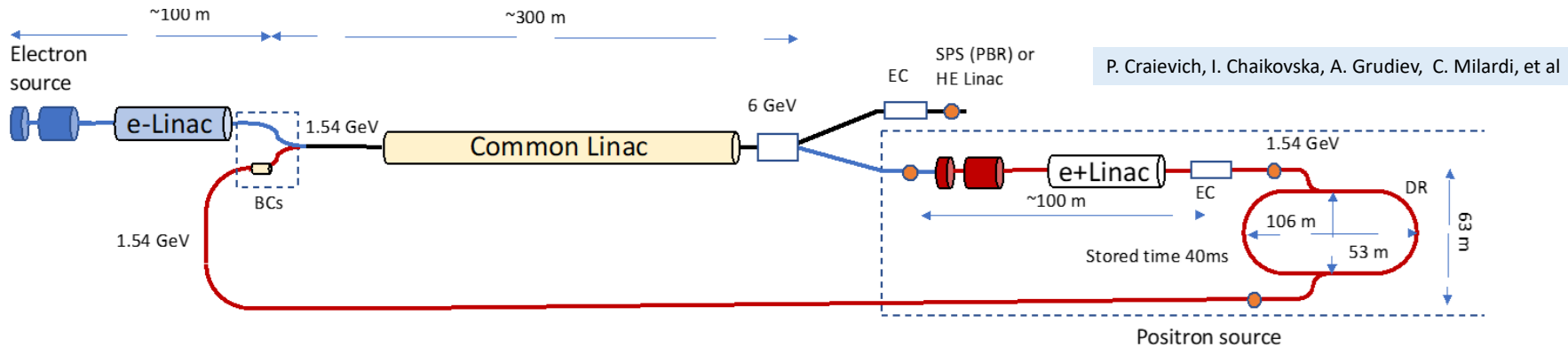
[Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams \*\*19\*\*, 111005](#)

### interaction region

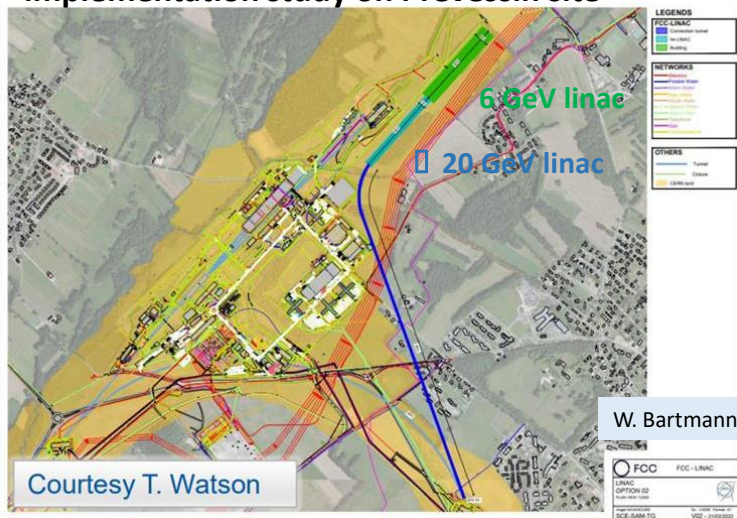


# New FCC-ee injector layout

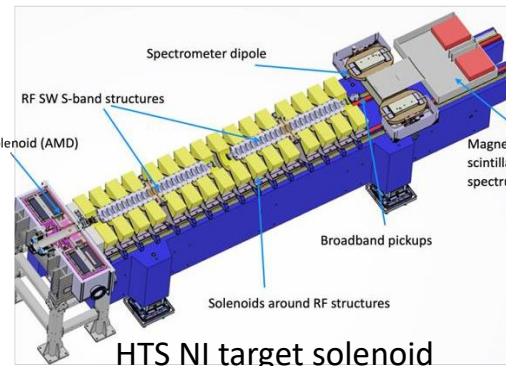
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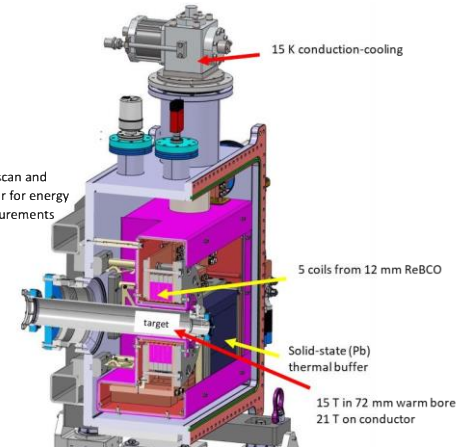
## implementation study on Preveessin site



## SwissFEL, beam tests from 2025/26



J. Kosse, T. Michlmayr, H. Rodrigues



# FCC-ee LLP group: past and present

- Following a [Snowmass LOI](#), an LLP white paper was recently published in [Front. Phys. 10:967881 \(2022\)](#) which included case studies with the official FCC analysis tools.
- These initial studies motivate further optimization of experimental conditions and analysis techniques for LLP signatures.
- Currently a very active community, with meetings on Thursdays 13:00 CERN time.

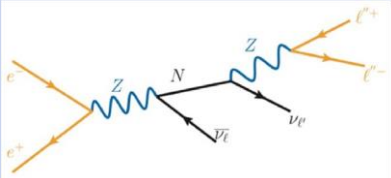
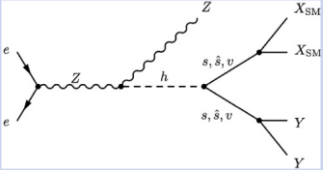
## Searches for long-lived particles at the future FCC-ee

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# Ongoing FCC-ee LLP studies

Note: this table will soon be updated following the mid-term review!

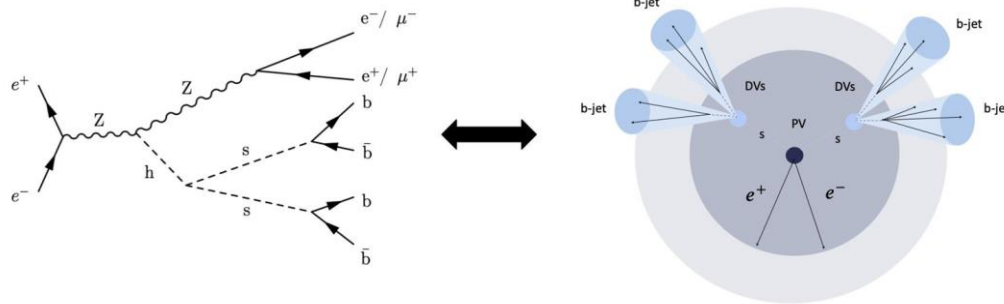
Physics scenario	FCC-ee signature	Studies for snowmass	Ongoing work
Heavy neutral leptons (HNLs)	Displaced vertices 	Generator validation and detector-level selection studies for ee! !. First look at Dirac vs Majorana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update ee! ! studies for winter23 samples.</li> <li>● First look at " " ! ! channel (prompt +LLP)</li> <li>● First look at " ! jj (prompt+LLP)</li> <li>● First look at e! jj including Dirac vs majorana (prompt)</li> </ul>
Axion-like particles (ALPs)	Displaced photon/lepton pair	Generator-level validation for $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at Z-pole run.	<i>No studies ongoing -&gt; <b>Opportunities to get involved :</b></i>
Exotic Higgs decays	e.g. 	Theoretical discussion and motivation for studies at ZH-pole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reco-level studies (inc. vertexing) for <math>h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow bbbb</math></li> </ul>

# FCC-ee LLP studies: recent highlights

Magdalena Vande Voorde, Giulia Ripellino

Nice [overview](#) by  
Juliette Alimena at  
EPS 2023

## First simulation and sensitivity studies for Higgs decays to long-lived scalars



- Extend SM with additional scalar.
- Probe  $h \rightarrow ss \rightarrow bbbb$  in events with 2 displaced vertices, tagged by Z

- Look at events with at least one scalar within acceptance region  $4\text{mm} < r < 2000\text{mm}$ - all except longest and shortest on RHS.
- Aim to develop event selection and perform early sensitivity study.

For further details see [presentation](#) by Magda at topical ECFA WG1-SRCH meeting

