

# ILD contribution for $H \rightarrow ss$ ECFA focused study

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# 1 $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$ with $h \rightarrow ss$ ( $Z \rightarrow$ anything) at $\sqrt{s} = 240..250$ GeV

## HtoSS, HTE

### Theoretical, phenomenological and MC generator targets

Expanding the BSM interpretations of the studies that have already been performed or developing new simulation-based analyses targeting specific BSM scenarios would enlarge the physics case for strange tagging at future colliders.

- Detailed uncertainty measurements
- BSM models [37];
- BSM models including strange quarks, e.g., 2HDM  $H^+ \rightarrow cs$  BR  $\approx 50\%$ ;
- $s\bar{s}$  vs.  $b\bar{b}$  in BSM models: gain from  $s\bar{s}$ ;
- BSM flavour structure and  $h \rightarrow s\bar{s}$  signal.

- extraction of h-ss coupling strength
- BSM!

### Target physics observables

Several

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$
  - $h \rightarrow ss$
  - $Z \rightarrow$  anything
  - precision
  - flavour changing decays
- $ee \rightarrow Zh$  with  $h \rightarrow ss$  at all energies
  - projected precision on BR and diff. x-sec
  - Flavour changing decays

### Target analysis techniques

The performed proof-of-concept studies [49, 51] showed that to improve the results there will be a large need for more powerful background rejection techniques as well as a potentially more global approach in the extraction of the Higgs couplings. Two areas of particular interest will be:

- diboson background suppression;
- signal extraction (fit discriminant variables, counting experiments, etc.).

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- control of strange-tagging related systematic uncertainties;
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- strangeness-tagging with ML techniques and compared with other methods;
- $s$  vs  $\bar{s}$  separation;
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- strange tagging
- in-flight decays
- PID techniques
- $g \rightarrow ss$

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The obtained results will inform the community on two crucial aspects:

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- technology benchmarks for sub-detectors.

### Generation and Simulation needs

Full simulation samples will be needed to perform the studies listed above.  $\sqrt{s} = 240/250$  GeV and  $350/380/550$  GeV are available as indicated in the table. In the years to come, it will be important to iterate with the detector design and fragmentation uncertainties in order to account for more realistic conditions.

- fragmentation uncertainties
- ...

# List of active works (ongoing and planned)

- ILD: Comprehensive  $H \rightarrow ss$  paper exists, including discussion on additional RICH on detector [arxiv:2203.07535](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07535)  
(maybe good to replace with latest strange tagging)
- ILD: Ongoing work with DNN (ParticleNet/Par. Transformer)
  - For us: first result targeted at March (JPS) or July (LCWS)
- IDEA: strange tagging with ParticleNet etc. gives good results, real  $H \rightarrow ss$  analysis to be done? [arxiv:2202.03285](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.03285)
- CEPC: work ongoing based on ParticleNet [arxiv:2310.03440](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.03440)
- Others?

# What to do in ILD?

- Establish strange tagging algorithm: by ~ middle 2024
  - Probably DNN-based, PID input important (CPID?)
  - Should also include charge ID
  - Consideration of systematic effects
- Dependence on detector performance
  - dE/dx (pixel TPC? Difference with drift chamber in FCC?)
  - Timing (some model needed for physics analysis)
  - Cherenkov? (ambitious for ECFA timescale?)
- Physics analysis based on the algorithm (250 GeV and higher)
  - Separation of b/c/s/ud/g (gluon tag is also important)
- Other BSM contributions?
  - $H \rightarrow bs$ ?

# Backup

Slides from Paestum workshop



# H → ss: target by organizers (1)

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- $s\bar{s}$  vs.  $b\bar{b}$  in BSM models: gain from  $s\bar{s}$ ?
- flavor assumptions in EFTs: decouple 3rd from 1st/2nd family? Partially looked at in the context of the Spontaneous Flavour Violating framework.

No serious model discovered so far?

TBD?

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Works exist

## Target physics observables

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$  with  $h \rightarrow ss$  ( $Z \rightarrow$  anything) at  $\sqrt{s} = 240/250$  GeV (higher center of mass energies still unexplored)
- projected precision on branching fraction, and differential cross-section in  $\cos\theta_s$
- Flavour changing decays are very rare in the SM, for example  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow bs) \simeq 10^{-7}$ . NP models, which can be encapsulated by an EFT, allow larger values.

Done with some concepts: to be collected and compared?

TBD?

## Target methods to be developed

- charged hadron ID from  $dN/dx$ ,  $dE/dx$ , ToF, RICH, study complementarity in momentum reach.
- reconstruction of in-flight decays, e.g.  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
- strangeness-tagging
- $s$  vs  $\bar{s}$  separation
- control of strange-tagging related systematic uncertainties

Work in progress

TBD?

TBD (some ongoing)?

Some works exist, some ongoing

TBD?

# H $\rightarrow$ ss: target by organizers (2)

## Target analysis techniques

- diboson background suppression
- signal extraction (fit discriminant variables, counting experiment etc)

Done in ILD study, more to come?

## Target detector performance aspects

- dependence of the precision on physics observables on particle ID and reconstruction capabilities

Some works exist, more to come?

## MC samples needed

full SM and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}h$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 240/250$  GeV and 350...380 GeV available in general samples listed in Section

## Existing tools / examples

- similar ILD analysis for  $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}/c\bar{c}/s\bar{s}$ : [https://github.com/ILDAnaSoft/ILDbench\\_Hbbccgg](https://github.com/ILDAnaSoft/ILDbench_Hbbccgg)
- similar SiD analysis ...
- similar CLICdp analysis ...
- similar IDEA analysis ...
- similar CLD analysis ...

# Common topics

- Demonstration of technologies  
( $dE/dx$  or  $dN/dx$ , large-scale picosec timing detectors, RICH)
  - Clarify difference of the performance between detector concepts
- Reconstruction algorithm
  - GNN/Transformer seems promising, dependence on detector performance to be seen
  - Common framework to use ML-based algorithm to analysis
  - Difference between fast and full sim identified
- Physics analysis – comparison of results
- Interpretation (BSM sensitivity?)



# Difference on PID (e.g. ILD and FCCee)

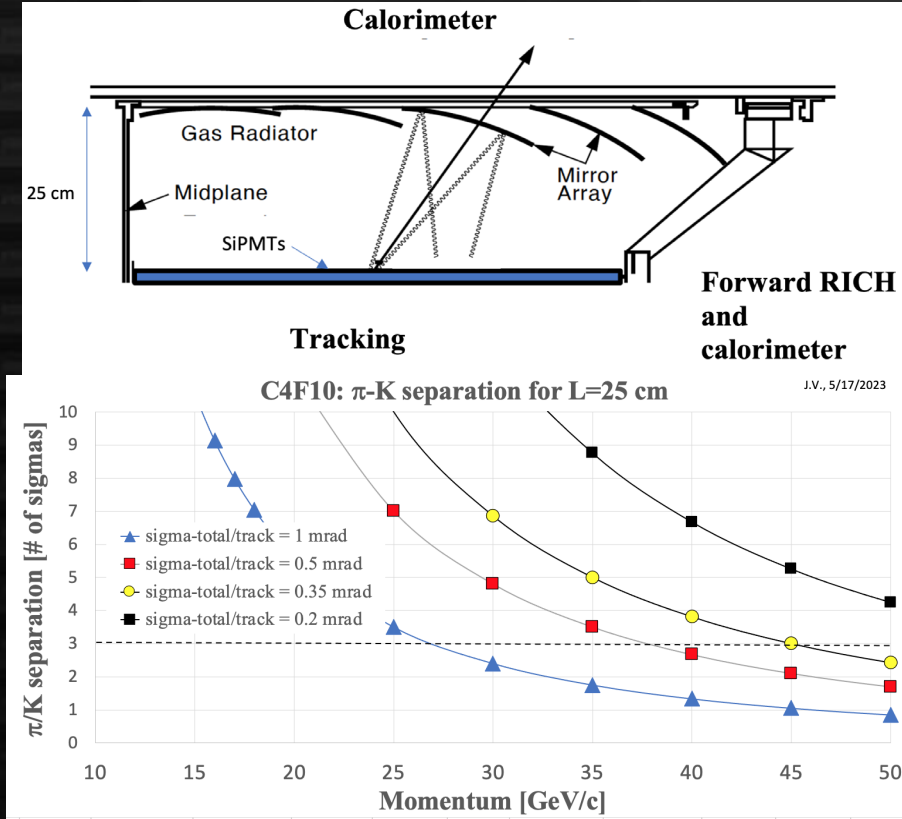
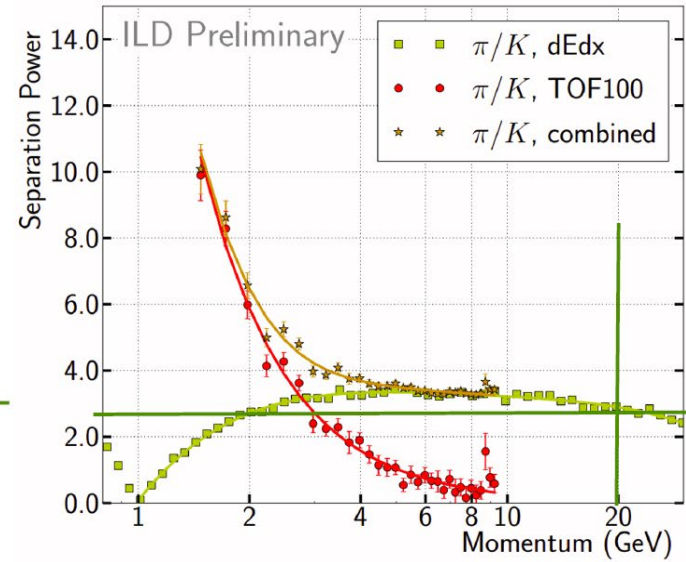
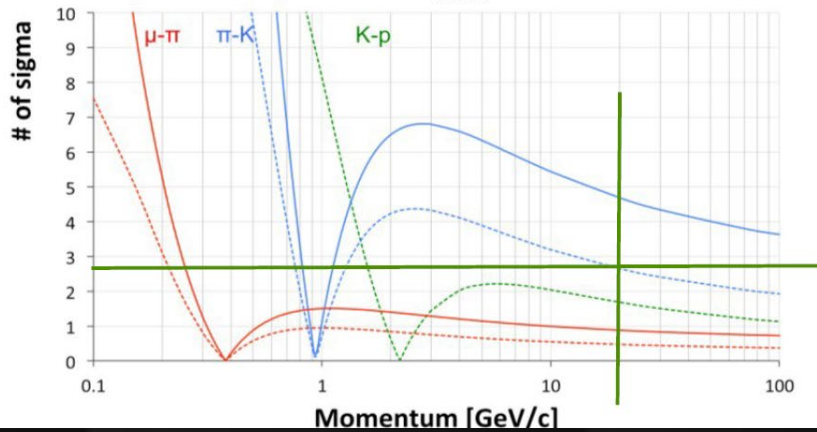
arXiv: 2307.01929

## Particle ID is critical

Both IDEA@FCC and ILD@ILC feature a PID detector, a drift chamber or TPC respectively

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Particle Separation (dE/dx vs dN/dx)



How the performance should be validated? Detector prototype available?  
 Picosec detectors at calorimeter practical? Power consumptions?  
 RICH to be included? Impact on detector design/performance?  
 Other technologies?

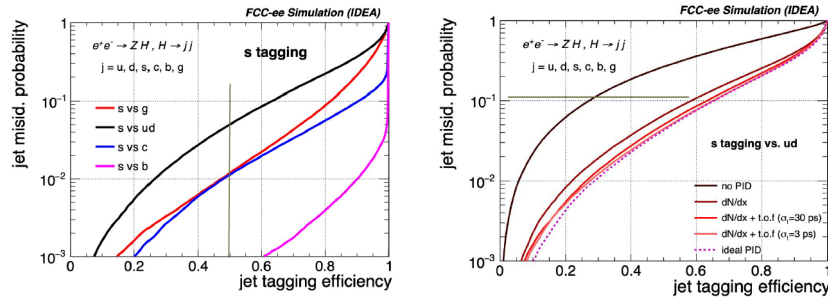
# Current status of strange tagging

PRD 101 056019 (2020)  
EPJ C 82 646 (2022)  
L. Gouskos @FCC week

## Strange tagging performance 1/2

IDEA-like detector and Particle cloud graph neural network (fast sim)

- Both TOF and  $dN/dx$  ( $3\sigma < 30$  GeV) included as inputs
- No PID to PID with  $dN/dx$  → at fixed mistag, efficiency doubles



WP	Eff (s)	Mistag (g)	Mistag (ud)	Mistag (c)	Mistag (b)
Loose	90%	20%	40%	10%	1%
Medium	80%	9%	20%	6%	0.4%

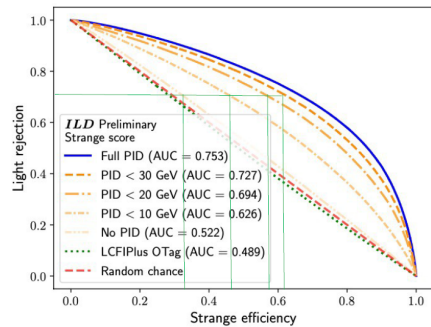
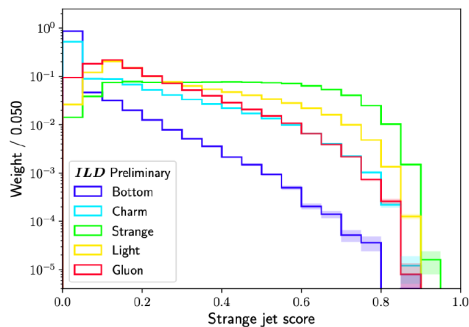
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## Strange tagging performance 2/2

ILD-like detector with full simulation and Recurrent NN

- Includes PDG-based PID → assuming perfect detector capability
- At 50% s-tag efficiency, 90% background rejection
- No PID to PID < 10 (30) GeV → at fixed mistag, 1.5x (2x) efficiency

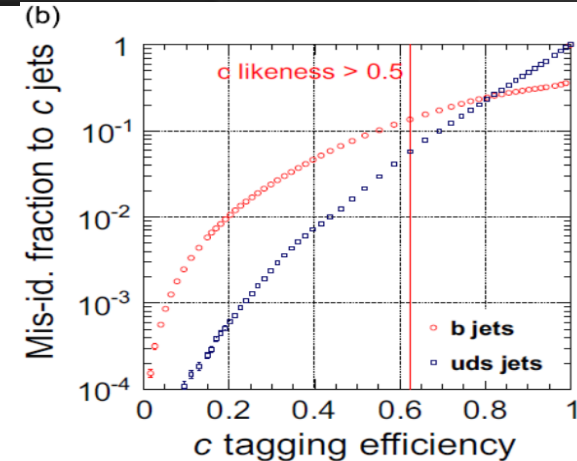
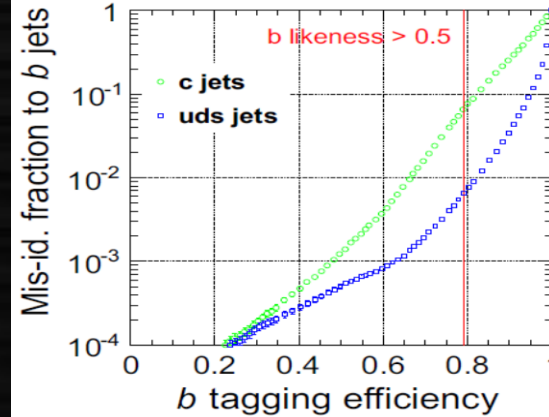


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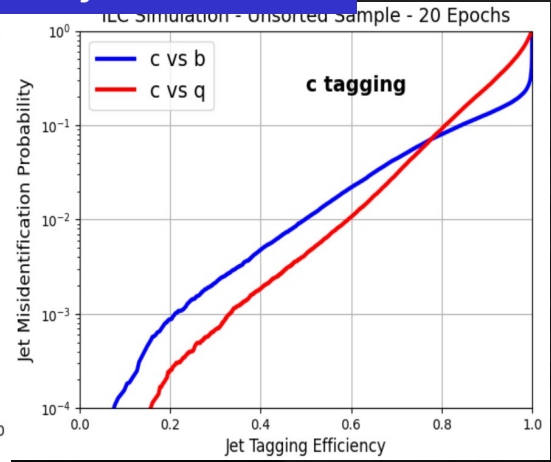
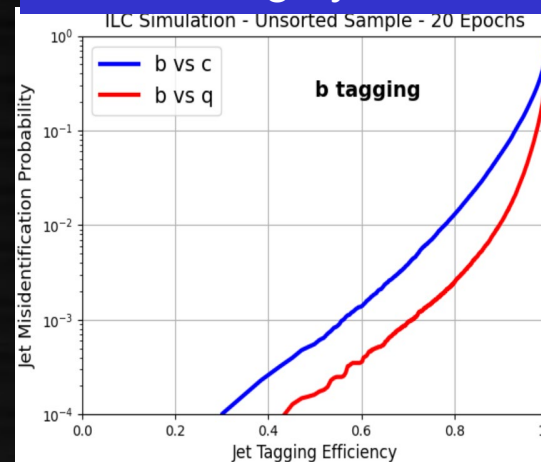
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ILD: b/c tagging with Particle Transformer  
strange tagging to be investigated

LCFI+



ParT – roughly 10x better rejection ratio



# Analyses to be compared

- Strange tag need to be fixed first
  - DNN-based tagger seems to be baseline
  - Need to incorporate into (common?) analysis framework
- Analyses are usually difficult to compare
  - Detector different
  - Simulation details different
  - Analysis method different

Difficult to disentangle those – common framework / analysis would help (to be discussed)

# Issues on $H \rightarrow ss$ (apart from strange tag)

- Higgs with other decays ( $bb/cc/gg$ ): main background
  - Need to clarify  $Z/W$  background for some channels though
- Separation of  $H \rightarrow bb/cc$  is relatively easy  
( $H \rightarrow bb$ : clear signature,  
 $H \rightarrow cc$ : statistically less demanding)  
→ the critical part is discrimination of  $H \rightarrow gg/ss$   
(if we ignore  $H \rightarrow$  light quarks / exotic)
- “Gluon tagging” may be rather essential
  - Included in the current tagger (in part of multiclass)
  - Different from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow ss$  (where strange tag is essential)



# Investigating more issues

- Jet charge of strange?
- Exotic decay of Higgs like  $H \rightarrow bs$ ?
- Differential cross section of  $H \rightarrow ss$ ?
- Decay of  $K_0$  short?
- Heavy Higgs decay e.g.  $H^+ \rightarrow cs$ ?
- Systematic effects?
  - Esp. serious for DNN-based algorithms



# Interpretation?

- Theory colleagues would propose way to go...
  - Sorry, not available today
  
- Some quasi-personal comments:
  - Physics case for  $H \rightarrow ss$  is not very strong  
(not the first 2<sup>nd</sup> generation quark, not easy to reach SM...)  
Worthwhile to separate from 1<sup>st</sup> generation in case of large deviation?
  - How about  $H \rightarrow bs$ ,  $H^+ \rightarrow cs$ , other exotics?

# Caterina's summary

## Conclusions and next steps

s-tagging & PID would allow for a complete exploration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Yukawa couplings

- First simulations with some assumptions on detector performance show promise to test  $\kappa_s$
- Moving forward we want to:
  - map this into phenomenological targets
    - i.e. BSM models predicting deviations in  $h \rightarrow ss$ , or  $h \rightarrow cs$
  - refine the analysis for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$  with  $h \rightarrow ss$  ( $Z \rightarrow X$ ) at 240/250 GeV
    - higher center of mass energies still unexplored
  - study detector benchmarks:
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    - ***Important to evaluate simultaneously other Higgs benchmarks***

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- Detailed understanding of how to extract the Higgs-strange coupling strength from a  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow s\bar{s})$  measurement, given contributions from Dalitz decays, e.g.,  $h \rightarrow g^*(\rightarrow s\bar{s})g$  or  $h \rightarrow \gamma^*(\rightarrow s\bar{s})\gamma$ .
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### Existing tools / examples

There are several existing tools and analysis codes available. At the time of writing, this includes examples for ILC and FCC-ee. However, due to ongoing developments, in case you would like to get actively engaged, please contact us directly (see below), such that we can point you to the up-to-date tools and code repositories.