Sensitivity to new physics scenarios in invisible Higgs boson decays at CLIC

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Compact Linear Collider (CLIC)

First stage @ 380 GeV

 \Rightarrow focus on studying Higgs boson and top-quark properties



Higgs couplings to SM particles tested at % level What about couplings (decays) to BSM states?

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Signal

SM(-like) Higgs boson decay to invisible states (Dark Matter ?)



Signature of invisible Higgs decay:

- two jets consistent with hadronic Z decay higher statistics
- missing energy-momentum consistent with production of invisible massive state of 125 GeV

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Background processes considered





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Simulation framework

- \bullet event samples generated with $\rm WHIZARD~2.7.0$
 - Non-Higgs background: qq, ll, qqqq, qqll, $qql\nu$, $qq\nu\nu$
 - SM Higgs boson production: H + qq, H + II, $H + \nu\nu$

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(with 100% SM decays)
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- Signal: H + qq production with Higgs defined as stable
- CLIC energy spectra for 380 GeV
- CLIC integrated luminosity of **1000** fb⁻¹ (unpolarised)
- detector simulation and event reconstruction with DELPHES, using modified¹ CLICdet_Stage1 cards

Two jets reconstructed with VLC algorithm ($R = 1.5, \beta = \gamma = 1$)

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¹required to make Higgs invisible in the detector

Signature of $e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ \rightarrow jj$ + inv

Two-jet events without electrons, muons, or isolated photons...



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Preselection

Preselection cuts were used to select events with proper signature and kinematics consistent with invisible Higgs boson decay:

- Remove events with isolated electrons, muons or photons with energy above 2 GeV, 3 GeV and 5 GeV respectively
- Energy "lost" in jet clustering below 10 GeV
- Two-jet topology: $y_{23} < 0.01$ and $y_{34} < 0.001$
- Jet invariant mass: $80 < M_{jj} < 100 \,\text{GeV}$
- Dijet emision angle: $|\cos \Theta_{jj}| < 0.8$

(Z mass) (Z direction)

Preselection cut example

Di-jet invariant mass distribution with preselection cut indicated



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Preselection

Efficiency of preselections cuts

Event class	Efficiency
Non-higgs background	0.37%
including $qq\nu\nu$	23%
qql u	0.68%
qq	0.087%
SM Higgs decays	1.70%
including $H + u u$	4.60%
H + qq invisible decays	47.0%

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Preselection

Recoil mass distribution after preselection cuts For 1000 fb⁻¹ collected at 380 GeV $$assuming BR(H{\rightarrow}inv)=10\%$$



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Selection

Final event selection based on the multivariate analysis. Variables used as input for Boosted Decision Tree (BDT):

- α_{jj} angle between two jets in LAB frame
- Image: mjj dijet invariant mass
- m^{miss} missing mass
- E_{jj} dijet energy
- p_t^{miss} missing transverse momentum

Selection



Highest significance for invisible Higgs decays for BDT cut \sim 0.06

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Results

95% C.L. limit expected for 1000 fb $^{-1}$ collected at 380 GeV:

$BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 0.86\%$

Assuming **no excess** above predicted SM background is observed CLICdp preliminary

Result consistent with the old study: $BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 0.94\%$ expected for 500 fb⁻¹ collected at 350 GeV M. A. Thomson, The European Physical Journal C, 76(2):72

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Interpretation

In Higgs-portal models, new scalars fields ϕ coupling to dark matter particles can mix with the SM Higgs field *h* resulting in two mass eigenstates:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}h_1\\h_2\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c}\cos\alpha & \sin\alpha\\-\sin\alpha & \cos\alpha\end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c}h\\\phi\end{array}\right)$$

If $\alpha \ll 1$, h_1 is SM-like (the observed 125 GeV state), but it can also decay invisibly via ϕ component (BR $\sim \sin^2 \alpha$)

If h_2 is also light, it can be produced in e^+e^- collisions in the same way as the SM-like Higgs boson; invisible decays dominate.

We consider Vector-fermion dark matter model (VFDM) [arXiv:1710.01853]

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Interpretation

Limit on the invisible decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson (h_1) can be interpreted in terms of the VFDM mixing angle limits.



Based on WHIZARD calculations assuming $g_X = 1$.

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Limits on new scalar production

Same approach can be used to search for production of h_2 state in the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z h_2 \rightarrow qq + inv$



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Limits on new scalar production

Expected limits on the h_2 production cross section, relative to SM, for 1000 fb⁻¹ at 380 GeV assuming BR($h_2 \rightarrow inv$) $\approx 100\%$



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Limits on new scalar production

Expected limits on the h_2 production cross section, relative to SM, for 2500 fb⁻¹ at 1500 GeV assuming BR($h_2 \rightarrow inv$) $\approx 100\%$



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The VFDM model

Expected limits on the production cross section can be translated within the VFDM model into limits on the mixing angle α .



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Conclusions

- Search for invisible Higgs boson decays based on the WHIZARD event generation and fast simulation with DELPHES.
- CLIC running at 380 GeV can constrain the invisible decays of the SM Higgs boson to below 1%.
- Results consistent with the previous study based on full simulation.
- The study can be extended to search for extra scalars at CLIC operating at 380 GeV and 1.5 TeV.
- Cross section limits can be translated to the limits on new physics model parameters.

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Results of the model-independent fit to Higgs boson measurement at CLIC.

Parameter	Relative precision		on	5 1.2 November 201
	350 GeV 1 ab ⁻¹	$+ 1.4 \text{ TeV} + 2.5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	$+ 3 \text{ TeV} + 5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	CLICdp o - model independent -
gHZZ gHWW gHbb gHcc gHtt gHµµ gHut	0.6% 1.0% 2.1% 4.4% 3.1%	0.6% 0.6% 0.7% 1.9% 1.4% 12.1% 3.0%	$\begin{array}{c} 0.6\%\\ 0.6\%\\ 0.7\%\\ 1.4\%\\ 1.0\%\\ 5.7\%\\ 3.0\%\end{array}$	
$\begin{array}{c} g^{\dagger}_{Hgg} \\ g^{\dagger}_{H\gamma\gamma} \\ g^{\dagger}_{HZ\gamma} \end{array}$	2.6 % 	1.4 % 4.8 % 13.3 %	1.0 % 2.3 % 6.7 %	$\begin{array}{c c} 0.9 & - & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\$
$\Gamma_{\rm H}$	4.7 %	2.6 %	2.5 %	0.8

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Preselection cuts on jet clustering resuts



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Preselection cuts on di-jet final state (Z boson)



Di-jet emission angle



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Input variables for multivariate analysis, for invisible decays of 125 GeV Higgs



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Signal significance as a function of the BDT cut assuming ${\sf BR}({\sf H}{\rightarrow}{\sf inv})=1\%$



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Final state	Efficiency	N _{pre}				
Background						
qqvv	23,00%	72135				
$qql\nu$	0,68%	37588				
qq	0,087%	19234				
qqll	0,043%	593				
qqqq	0,0010%	51				
In total:	0,37%	129601				
SM Higgs decays						
$H_{SM} + \nu\nu$	4,60%	2515				
$H_{SM} + II$	0,017%	3				
$H_{SM} + qq$	0,0057%	47				
In total:	1,70%	2565				
Invisible Higgs boson decays						
$H_{inv} + qq$	47,00%	38557				

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