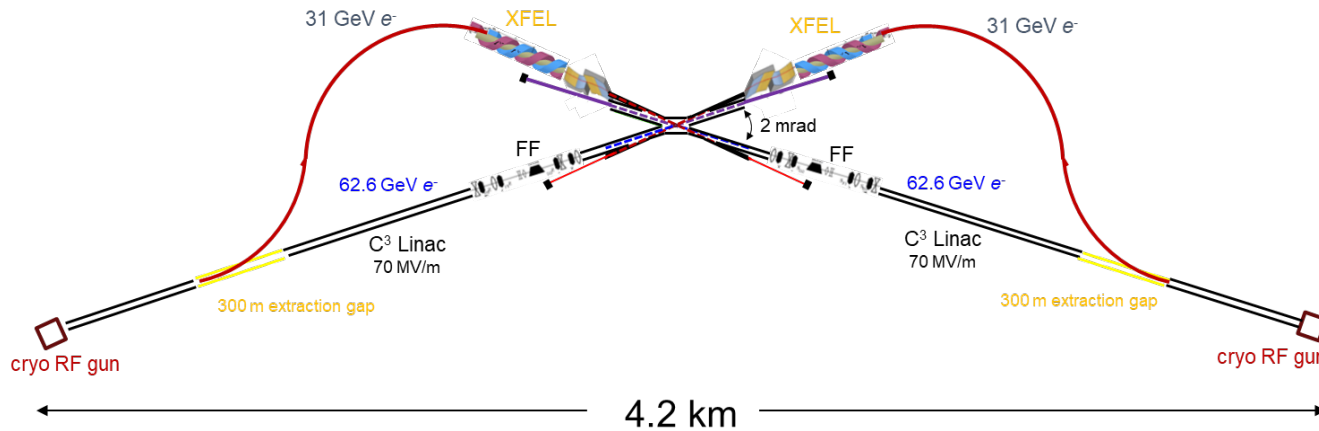


XCC: XFEL Compton $\gamma\gamma$ Collider Higgs Factory

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XCC s-channel $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 125$ GeV

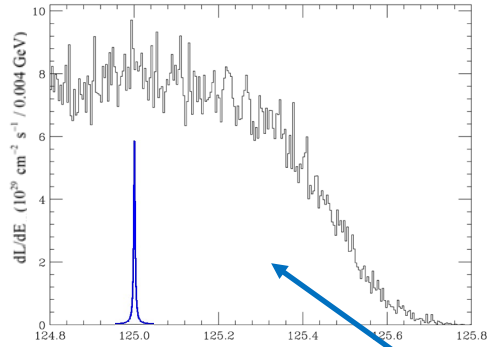


Project Cost (no esc., no cont.)	4	7	12	18	30	50
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FCCee-0.37						
FNAL eeHF						
ILC-0.25						
ILC-0.5						
CLIC-0.38						
CCC-0.25						
CCC-0.55						
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XCC-0.125						

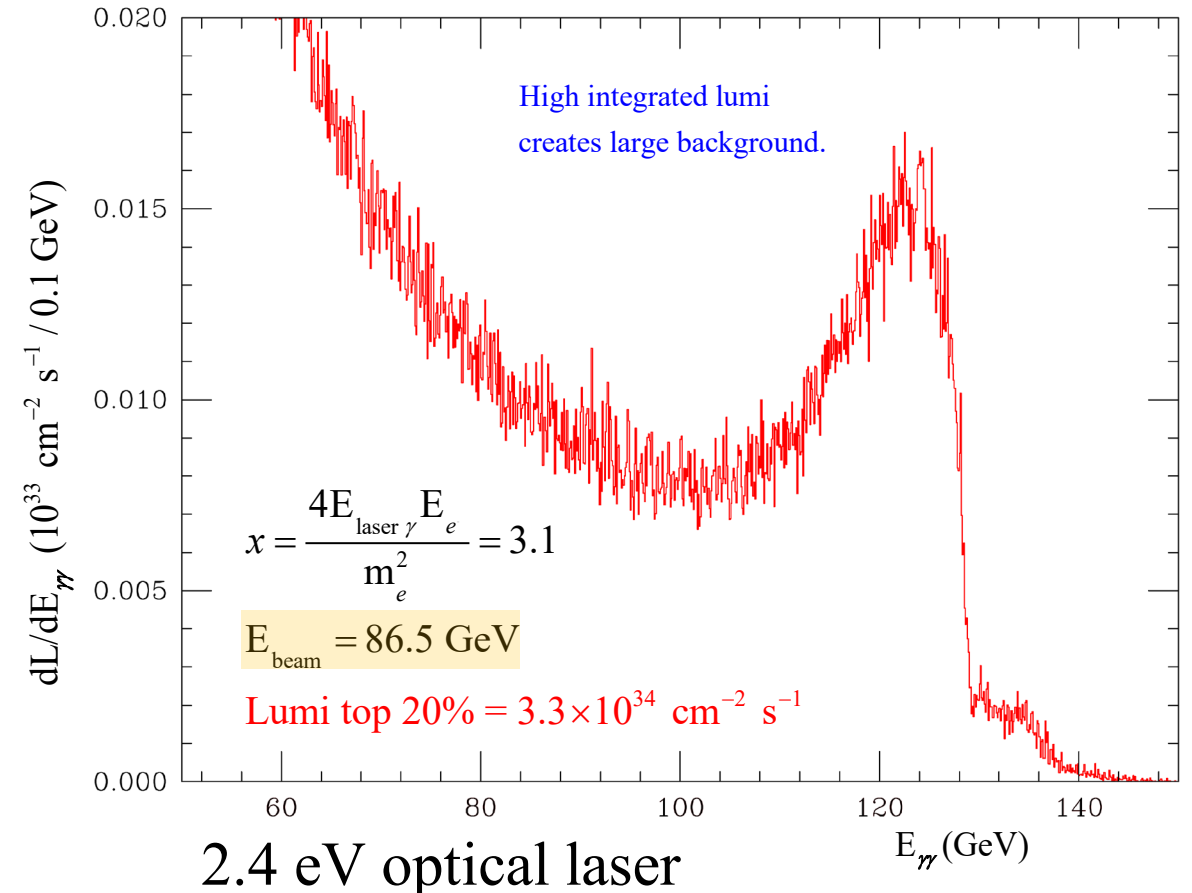
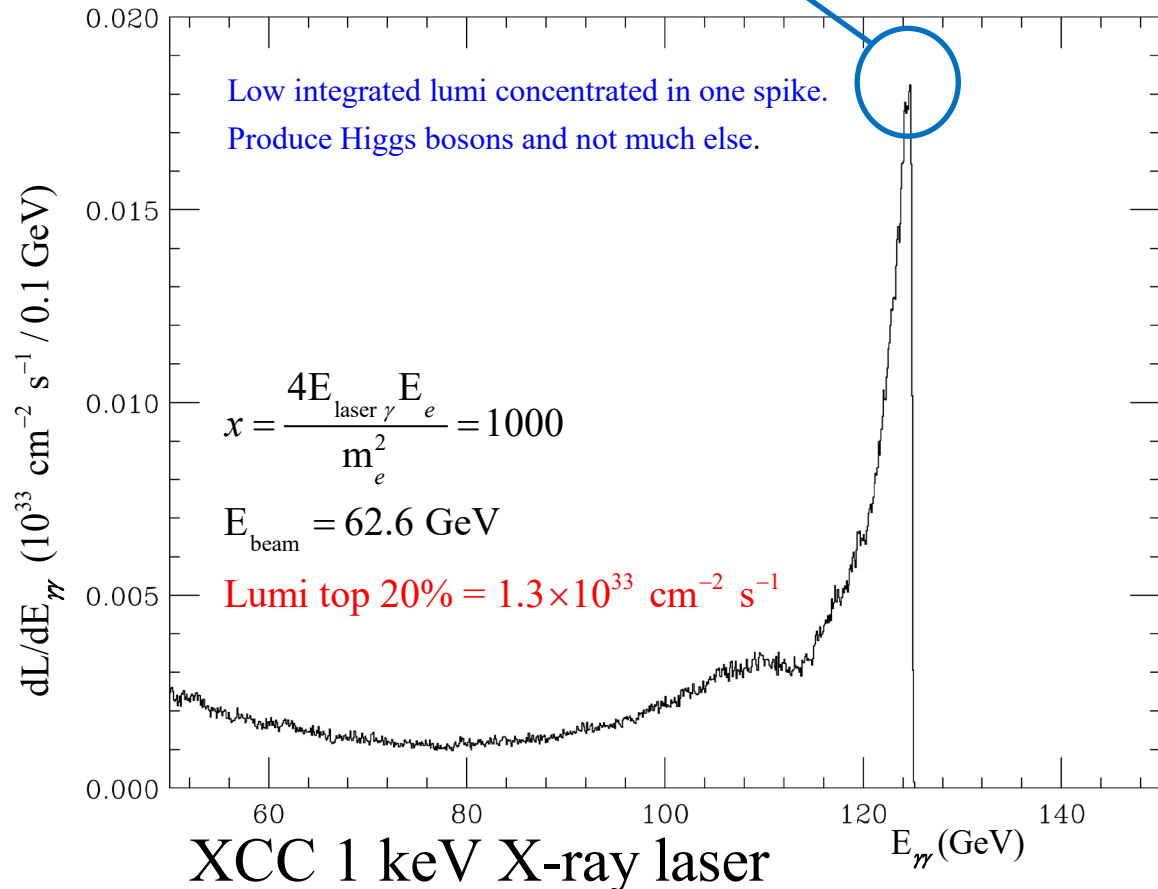
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- Staging an e^+e^- collider with an initial $\gamma\gamma$ collider at the Higgs resonance is not a new idea. Such a suggestion by H. Sugawara in 2009 for the ILC was rejected in part due to a weak physics case.
- With an X-ray laser in place of an optical laser, the physics case for a 1st stage $\gamma\gamma$ collider Higgs factory is strengthened considerably. The optimum 2nd stage could again be a $\gamma\gamma$ collider, at $\sqrt{s}=380$ GeV to produce $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow HH$.
- The XCC could begin operation on an earlier time scale than an e^+e^- Higgs factory due to its lower cost and smaller footprint.

The XCC is very different from previous $\gamma\gamma$ collider concepts



Machine	E_{e^-} (GeV)	Polarization	N_H/yr	N_{Bgdnd}/N_H	$N_{\text{minbias}}/\text{BX}$
XCC	62.8	90% e^-	80,000	170	9.5
2.4 eV laser	86.5	90% e^-	70,000	540	50
ILC	125	-80% e^- +30% e^+	98,000	140	1.3
ILC	125	+80% e^- -30% e^+	65,000	60	1.3



ILC/C³ vs. XCC Physics Comparison

Stage I & II Parameters

Stage I, 10 years

Stage I+II, 20 years

κ framework $BR_{BSM} = 0$

Model Independent EFT

Colliding Particles	ILC/C ³ e^+e^-	XCC $\gamma\gamma$
Stage I:		
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	250	125
Luminosity (fb ⁻¹)	2000	460
Beam Power (MW)	5.3 / 4.0	4.0
Run Time (yr)	10	10
# Single Higgs	0.5×10^6	1.3×10^6
Stage II:		
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	550	380
Luminosity (fb ⁻¹)	4000	4900
Beam Power (MW)	11 / 4.9	4.9
Run Time (yr)	10	10
# Single Higgs (I+II)	1.5×10^6	1.3×10^6
# Double Higgs	840	1800
# $t\bar{t}$	2.0×10^6	2.9×10^6

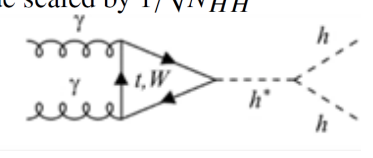
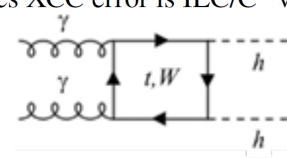
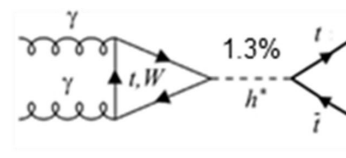
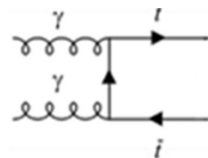
coupling a	HL-LHC [†] Δa (%)	ILC/C ³ Δa (%)	XCC Δa (%)
HZZ	2.4	0.46	0.83
HWW	2.6	0.44	0.84
Hbb	6.0	0.83	0.85
$H\tau\tau$	2.8	0.98	0.89
Hgg	4.0	1.6	1.1
Hcc	-	1.8	1.2
$H\gamma\gamma$	2.9	1.1	0.10
$H\gamma Z$	-	-	1.5
$H\mu\mu$	6.7	4.0	3.5
Γ_{tot}	5	1.6	1.7

coupling a	ILC/C ³ Δa (%)	XCC Δa (%)
HZZ	0.38	0.94
HWW	0.37	0.94
Hbb	0.60	0.95
$H\tau\tau$	0.77	0.99
Hgg	0.96	1.2
Hcc	1.2	1.2
$H\gamma\gamma$	1.0	0.44
$H\gamma Z$	4.0	1.5
$H\mu\mu$	3.8	3.5
Htt	2.8	4.6
HHH	20	14*
Γ_{tot}	1.6	2.4
Γ_{inv}^\dagger	0.32	-
Γ_{other}^\dagger	1.3	1.5

[†] S1 from Table 36 in arXiv:1902.00134 [hep-ph]

[†] 95% C.L. limit

*assumes XCC error is ILC/C³ value scaled by $1/\sqrt{N_{HH}}$



XCC Technical Challenges and P5 Ask

Technical Challenges

- e^- accelerator with 70–120 MV/m (common with C³ e^+e^- collider)
- Focusing of round e^- beams to $\sigma_{x,y} = 5.5$ nm
- Focusing of 1 keV γ XFEL with 700 mJ/pulse to 70 nm FWHM waist
- XFEL and e^- beamline layouts around the IP
- Timing stability of the XFEL laser beam and e^- beam at Compton IP.

P5 Ask

- Support for 5 to 6 FTE's for a few years to write a CDR.
- Due to common accelerator technology, we propose that the XCC CDR be incorporated into the C³ CDR as a 2nd collider configuration option, with the choice between e^+e^- and $\gamma\gamma$ to be made at a later date (much like a CDR might contain several site options).

XCC vs. FCC-hh

