New BSM Physics with LHeC and FCC-eh

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The Large Hadron-Electron Collider at the HL-LHC

LHeC and FCC-he Study Group

P. Agostini *et al.*, [arXiv:2007.14491 [hep-ex]]

LHeC $E_e = 50$ GeV, $\sqrt{s} \simeq 1.2$ TeV, $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 1$ ab^{-1}, parallel to HL-LHC

FCC-he $E_e = 50$ GeV, $\sqrt{s} \simeq 3.2$ TeV, $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 3$ ab^{-1}, parallel to FCC-hh

The Large Hadron-Electron Collider at the HL-LHC – chapter 8

Beyond the Standard Model studies at *ep*

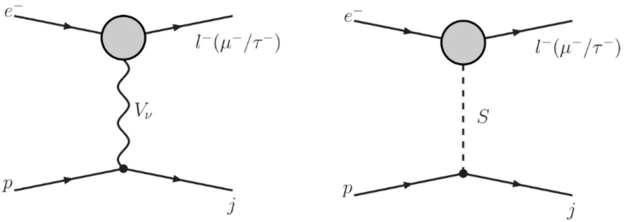
- **Electron-proton collider** ideal laboratory to study common features of electrons and quarks with EW / VBF production, LQ,multi-jet final states, forward objects
- **Upside:**
  - Small background (no QCD interaction between e and p)
  - Very low pileup
- **Downside:** low production rates for new physics processes due to small $\sqrt{s}$
- Increased engagement from theory community in recent years, summarised in "chapter 8" (almost 100 articles).

Here: brief overview over some of the "latest" contributions.

Searching for charged lepton flavor violation at ep colliders

S. Antusch, A. Hammad and A. Rashed, JHEP **03** (2021), 230 [arXiv:2010.08907 [hep-ph]].

Lepton flavor violating processes



- An effective vertex couples incoming electron to a muon or a tau and a neutral scalar or vector boson.
- Flavor changing physics parametrised via an effective vertex coupling of leptons with Higgs, photon, and Z.
- Analysis for the LHeC at the detector level.

Backgrounds: small cross sections, well separable

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bkg3	$pe^- \to Z/\gamma^*(\to \tau^-\tau^+ \to \text{leptons})\ \nu_l\ j$	9.1×10^{-4}
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bkg5	$pe^- \to ZZ(\to \mu^-\mu^+)\ \nu_l\ j$	1.1×10^{-5}
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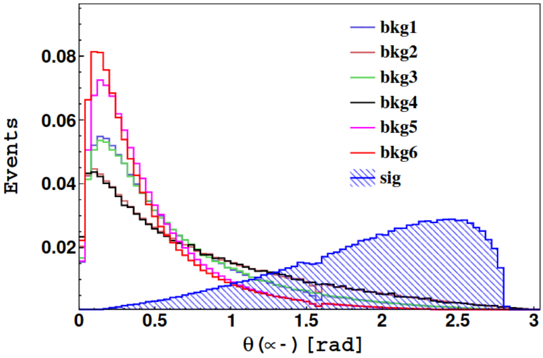
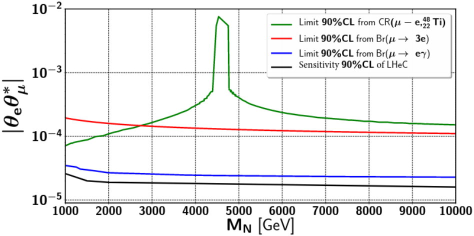
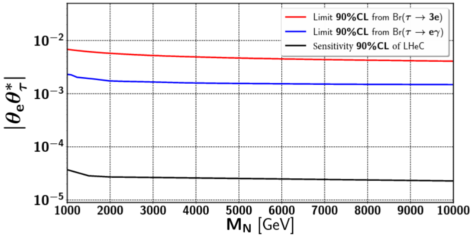


Cut-based optimisation of signal-to-background ratio.

Sensitivity to flavor violation



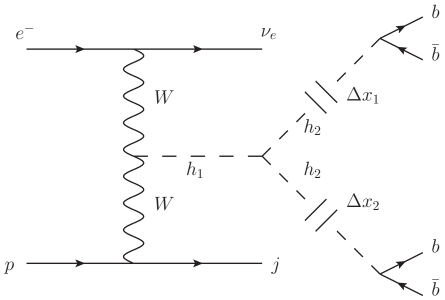


- Model independent limits on form factors for LHeC.
- Recast in specific model, here: sterile neutrinos.
- Flavor violation proportional to $|\theta_e \theta^*_\alpha|$

Exotic Higgs decays into displaced jets at the LHeC

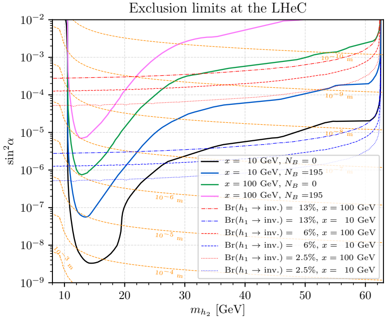
K. Cheung, O. Fischer, Z. S. Wang and J. Zurita, JHEP **02** (2021), 161 [arXiv:2008.09614 [hep-ph]].

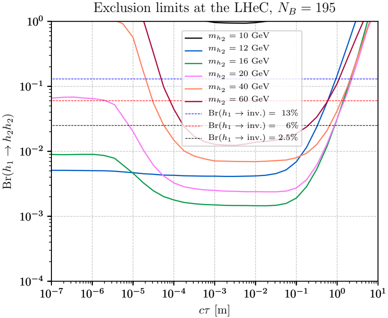
Extending the SM with a complex neutral scalar singlet S



- S can couple to and mix with the SM Higgs field.
- Physical fields: h_1 ('Higgs'), h_2 with $m_{h_2} = \mathcal{O}(10)$ GeV.
- h_2 production at LHeC: $h_1 \to 2h_2$ with small branching ratio.
- Decay rate of h_2 suppressed by mixing $\Rightarrow$ long-lived particle

Sensitivity





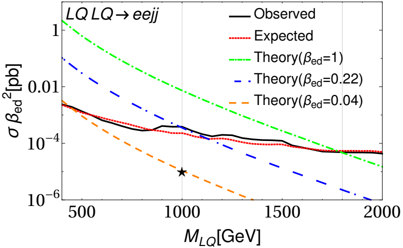
- Consider only CC Higgs production: $e^- p \to \nu_e h_1 j$.
- $h_1 \to 2h_2 \to 4b$ with two displaced vertices.
- Analysis at the detector level.
- From events with $n_{jet} \geq 5$, reconstruct m_{h_2}, require displacement. "Delphes with displacement." https://sites.google.com/site/leftrighthep/delphes.
- Inclusive backgrounds: $e^- p \to \nu_e + n_b b + n_j j + n_\tau \tau$

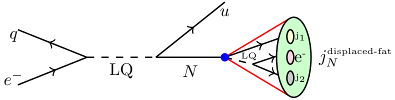
Displaced Neutrino Jets at the LHeC

G. Cottin, O. Fischer, S. Mandal, M. Mitra and R. Padhan, [arXiv:2104.13578 [hep-ph]].

Leptoquark $\tilde{R}_2$ and longlived sterile neutrino

$$\mathcal{L}_{LQ} = -Y_{ij}\bar{d}^i_R \tilde{R}^a_2 \epsilon^{ab} L^{j,b}_L + Z_{ij}\bar{Q}^{i,a}_L \tilde{R}^a_2 N^j_R + \text{H.c.}$$





- Heavy neutrino N with mass $\sim GeV$; long lived particle.
- $\tilde{R}$ with dominant branching into qN difficult to study at LHC.
- Can be produced in ep collisions via $\tilde{R}$:
  $ep \to \tilde{R} \to jN$, with $N \to$ displaced fat jet.
- 5σ with 120 fb^{-1} for $M_N \sim 10$ GeV and $\tilde{R}Nq$ coupling ~ 0.1.
- Significant improvement from positron-proton scattering.

Search for Leptophilic Dark Matter at the LHeC

G. y. Huang, S. Jana, A. S. de Jesus, F. S. Queiroz and W. Rodejohann, [arXiv:2207.01656 [hep-ph]].

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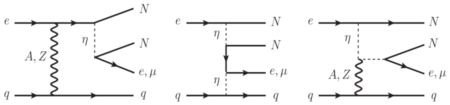
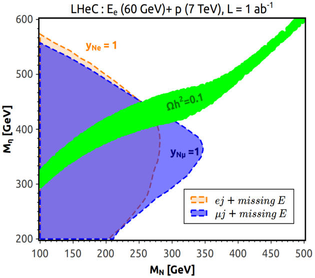


LHeC can probe a weak scale fermion dark matter, *N*, for masses up to 350 GeV, through a generic Lagrangian containing an inert doublet.

$$\mathcal{L}_Y \supset y_{N\ell}\eta\overline{N}L_\ell + \text{h.c.}$$

If dark matter features leptonic interactions, an LHeC that features an electron beam allowing synchronous operation of *ep* with *pp* collisions at the LHC would be helpful.

Future colliders such as the FCC and the ILC are very long-term proposals, and LHeC can be seen as a very important step towards this major new facilities in terms of physics as well as technology.

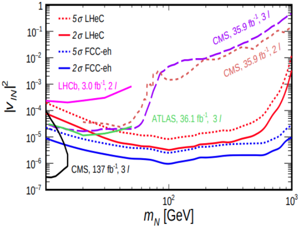


Other recent articles

"Search for heavy Majorana neutrinos at electron-proton colliders," [arXiv:2201.12997 [hep-ph]].

- By H. Gu and K. Wang.
- Analysis at detector level with boosted decition tree.
- Sensitivity similar to lepton-number conserving signatures,

⇒ Background free to excellent approximation.



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- G. D. Kribs, D. McKeen and N. Raj, **"Breaking up the Proton: An Affair with Dark Forces,"** Phys. Rev. Lett. **126** (2021) no.1, 011801 [arXiv:2007.15655 [hep-ph]].
- A. Gutiérrez-Rodríguez, M. A. Hernández-Ruíz, E. Gurkanli, V. Ari and M. Köksal, **"Study on the anomalous quartic $W^+W^-\gamma\gamma$ couplings of electroweak bosons in e^-p collisions at the LHeC and the FCC-he,"** Eur. Phys. J. C **81** (2021) no.3, 210 [arXiv:2005.11509 [hep-ph]].

Conclusions

- Top and BSM in electron-proton generated a lot of interest in the pheno community.
- Driving factor: complementary to pp and ee colliders.
- Opportunities for precision measurements of top physics:
  - ⋆ Single top and $t\bar{t}$ production;
  - ⋆ top couplings to γ, Z, W, and FCNC interactions.
- Opportunities for BSM that is hidden at the LHC:
  - ⋆ Displaced vertices from long lived particles;
  - ⋆ Lepton flavor violation (electron-tau);
  - ⋆ Not-too-heavy scalars;
  - ⋆ GeV-scale bosons.