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Feasibility Study to Search for Additional Scalars at Future e^+e^- Colliders

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We present a full simulation study of the production of a scalar (M_S) using $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZS$ at the future e^+e^- colliders. We consider the events in which a Scalar recoils against a Z boson decaying into a pair of muons or electrons at $\sqrt{s} = 250$ GeV. We evaluate the statistical precisions of the Scalar mass m_S measurement at the future e^+e^- colliders in the $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ channel and provide the extension to additional $Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ channel. For the whole mass range, $M_S = 90-200$ GeV, the observed limit on the cross section is weaker than expected. Furthermore, at ≈ 95 GeV the limit is weakest and a new scalar subsequently decays leptonically with a cross section ≈ 0.5 pb indistinguishable over the Standard Model hypothesis. We use Deep Neural Network (DNN) as a machine learning technique to provide discrimination at ≈ 95 GeV.

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