New approach to DM searches with mono-photon signature

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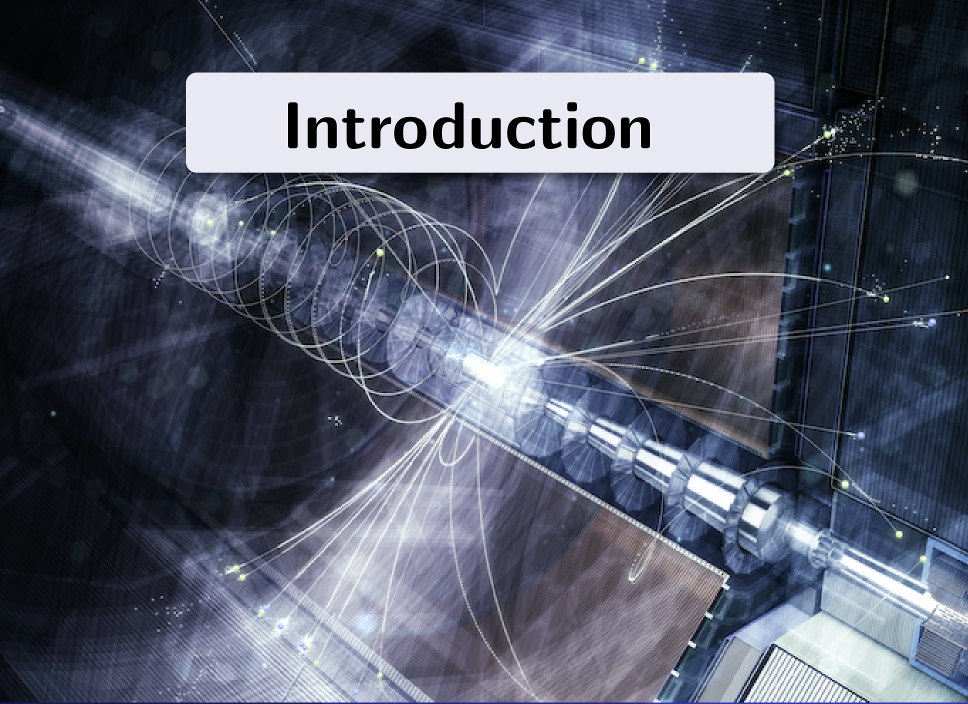
Introduction

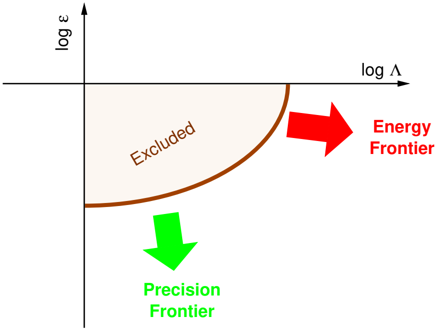


Dark Matter

Many hints for existence of Dark Matter (DM), but its nature is unknown.

Many possible scenarios, wide range of masses and couplings to consider.

No direct evidence within the LHC energy reach

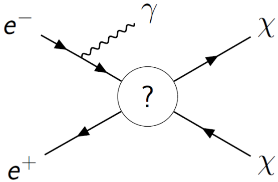


⇒ two options:

- new physics mass scales are even larger
  ⇒ energy frontier
- new particles are light, but their couplings to SM are very small
  ⇒ precision frontier

Mono-photon signature

The mono-photon signature is considered to be the most general way to look for DM particle production in future e^+e^- colliders.



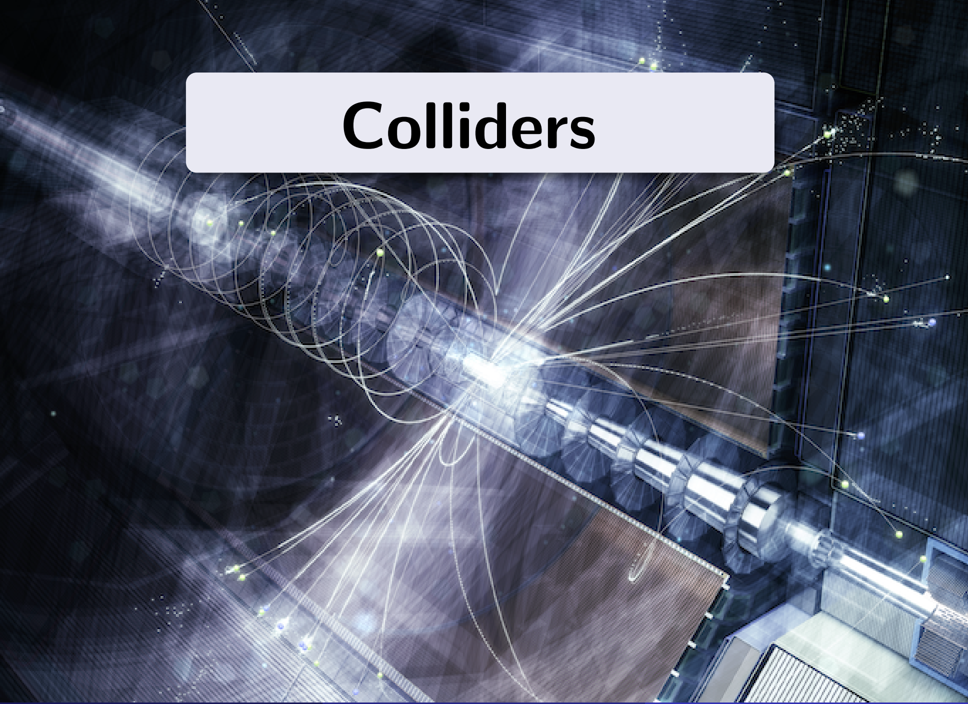
DM can be pair produced in the e^+e^- collisions via exchange of a new mediator particle, which couples to both electrons (SM) and DM states

This process can be detected, if additional hard photon radiation from the initial state is observed in the detector...

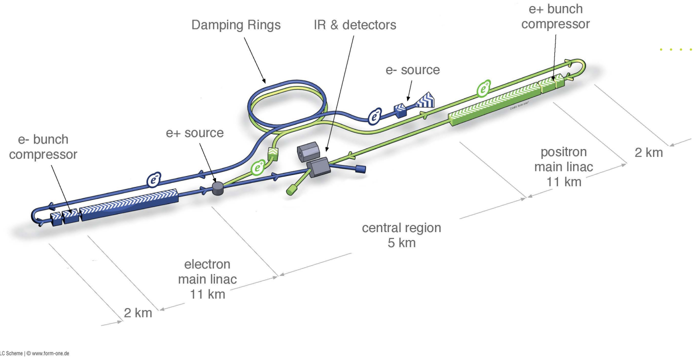
Outline

For details: J. Kalinowski et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 80 (2020) 634, arXiv:2004.14486
J. Kalinowski et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 955, arXiv:2107.11194

Colliders



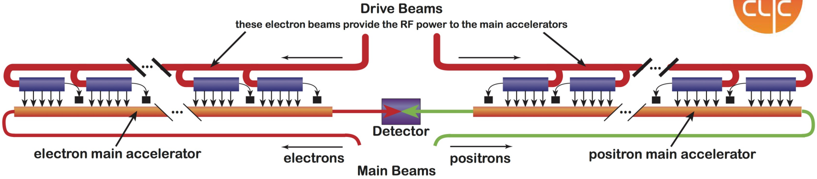
International Linear Collider



Technical Design (TDR) completed in 2013 arXiv:1306.6328

- superconducting accelerating cavities
- 250 – 500 GeV c.m.s. energy (baseline), 1 TeV upgrade possible
- footprint of 31 km
- polarisation for both e^- and e^+ (80%/30%)

Compact LInear Collider



Conceptual Design (CDR) presented in 2012 CERN-2012-007

- high gradient, two-beam acceleration scheme
- staged implementation plan with energy from 380 GeV to 3 TeV
- footprint of 11 to 50 km
- e^- polarisation (80%)

For details refer to arXiv:1812.07987

Colliders

Running scenarios

Staged construction assumed for both ILC and CLIC.

ILC

Total of $4000\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ assumed at 500 GeV (H-20 scenario)

- $2\times1600\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ for LR and RL beam polarisation combinations
- $2\times400\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ for RR and LL beam polarisation combinations

assuming polarisation of $\pm80\%$ for electrons and $\pm30\%$ for positrons

arXiv:1903.01629

CLIC

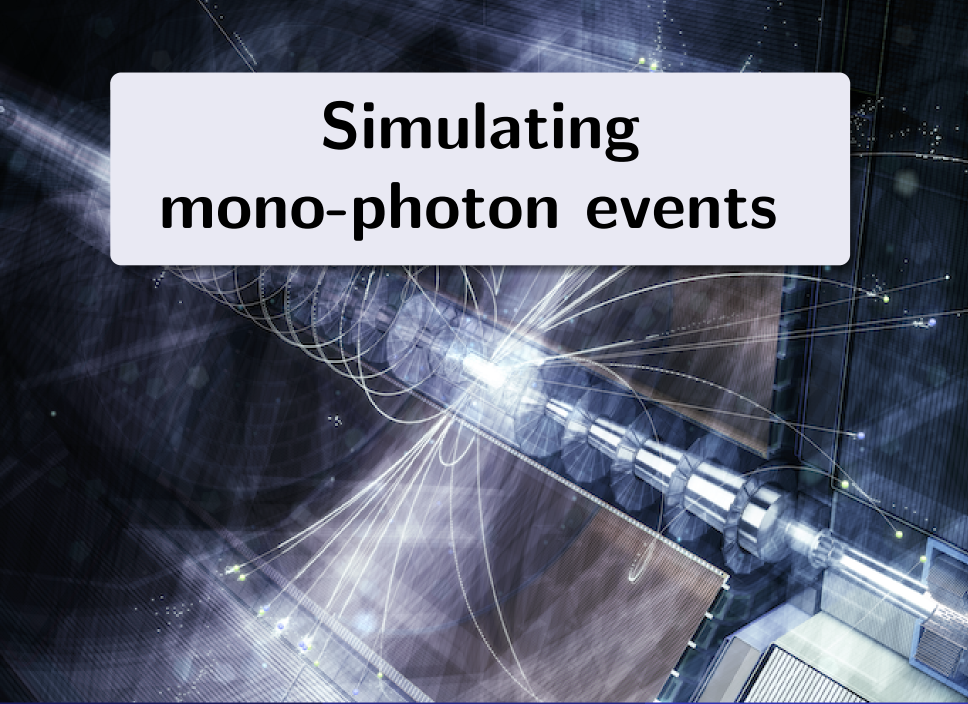
Total of $5000\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ assumed at 3 TeV

- $4000\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ for negative electron beam polarisation
- $1000\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ for positive electron beam polarisation

assuming polarisation of $\pm80\%$ for electrons

arXiv:1812.06018

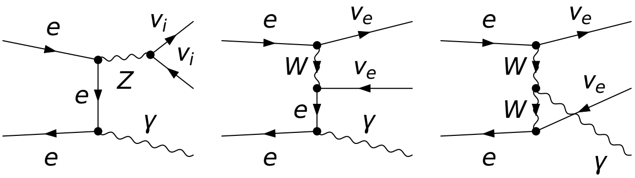
Simulating mono-photon events



Simulating mono-photon events in WHIZARD

For proper estimate of the mono-photon signature sensitivity consistent simulation of BSM processes and of the SM backgrounds is crucial.

"Irreducible" background comes from radiative neutrino pair-production



Detector acceptance & reconstruction efficiency
$\Rightarrow$ significant contribution from radiative Bhabha scattering

WHIZARD provides the ISR structure function option that includes all orders of soft and soft-collinear photons as well as up to the third order in high-energy collinear photons.

However, WHIZARD ISR photons are not ordinary final state photons: they represent all photons radiated in the event from a given lepton line.

Simulating mono-photon events in WHIZARD

ISR structure function cannot account for hard non-collinear photons
$\Rightarrow$ all "detectable" photons generated on Matrix Element level

Dedicated procedure developed to avoid double-counting of ISR and ME
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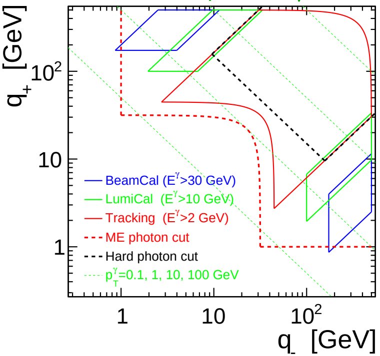
Two variables, calculated separately for each emitted photon:

$$q_- = \sqrt{4E_0 E_\gamma} \cdot \sin\frac{\theta_\gamma}{2} \, ,$$
$$q_+ = \sqrt{4E_0 E_\gamma} \cdot \cos\frac{\theta_\gamma}{2} \, ,$$

are used to separate the "soft ISR" emission region from the region described by ME calculations.

Detector acceptance $\sqrt{s} = 500\,\text{GeV}$



Simulating mono-photon events in WHIZARD

Simplified DM model

UFO model covering most popular scenarios of DM pair-production

⇒ FeynRules wiki

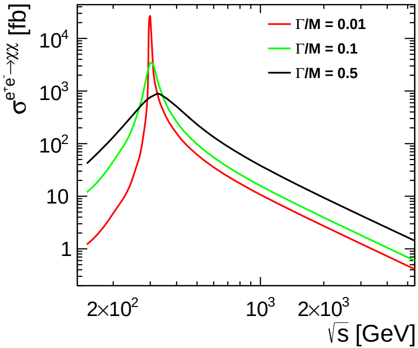
Possible mediators:

- scalar
- pseudo-scalar
- vector
- pseudo-vector
- V−A coupling
- V+A coupling

Possible DM candidates:

- real or complex scalar
- Majorana or Dirac fermion
- real vector

Cross section for $e^+e^- \to \chi\chi$ for $M_\chi = 50\ GeV$ and $M_Y = 300\ GeV$



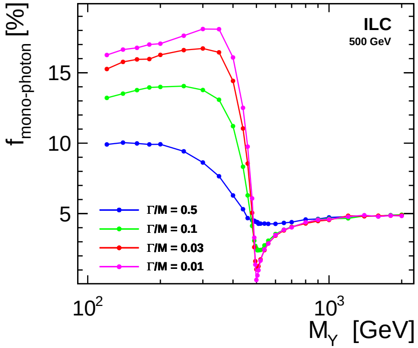
Tagging efficiency

based on DELPHES simulation

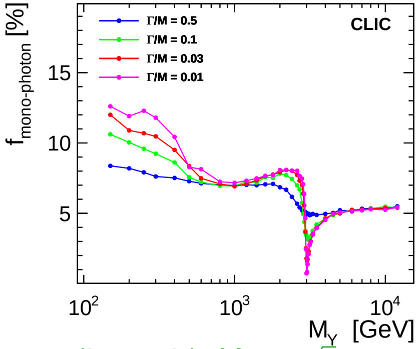
Mono-photons reconstructed only in a fraction of generated signal event

$$\sigma\left(e^+e^- \to \chi\,\chi\,\gamma_{\text{tag}}\right) \;=\; f_{\text{mono-photon}} \cdot \sigma\left(e^+e^- \to \chi\,\chi\,(\gamma)\,\right)$$

ILC @ 500 GeV

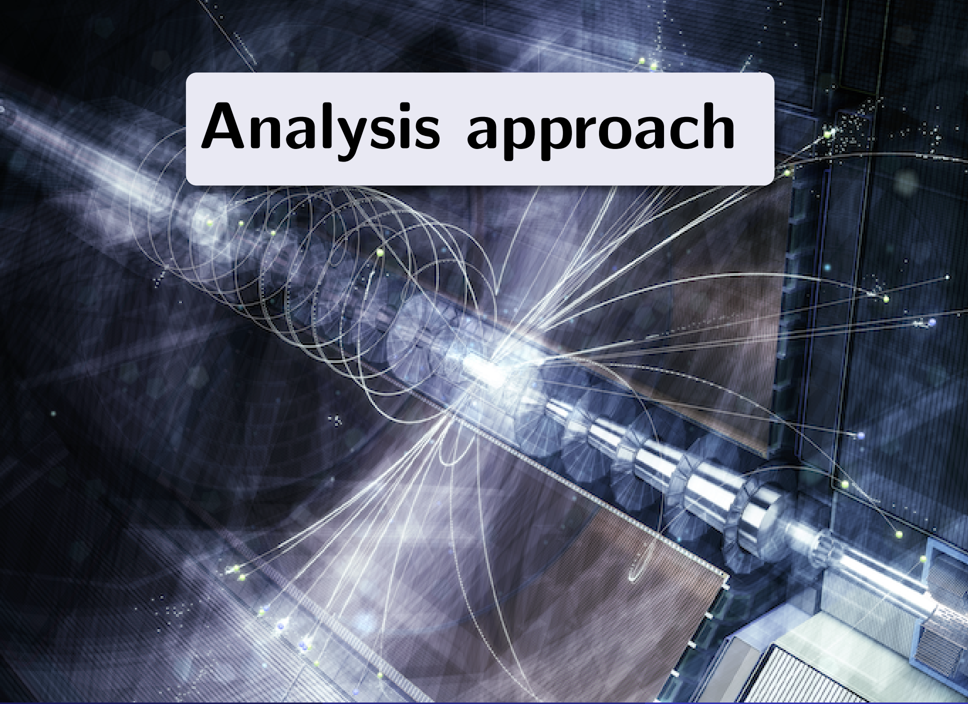


CLIC @ 3 TeV



Emission strongly suppressed for narrow mediator with $M_Y \sim \sqrt{s}$

Analysis approach



Light mediator exchange Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 955 [arXiv:2107.11194]

DM production via light mediator exchange **still not excluded** for scenarios with very small mediator couplings to SM, $\Gamma_{SM} \ll \Gamma_{tot}$

"Experimental-like" approach
$\Rightarrow$ focus on cross section limits as a function of mediator mass and width
$\Rightarrow$ reduced dependence on the dark sector details

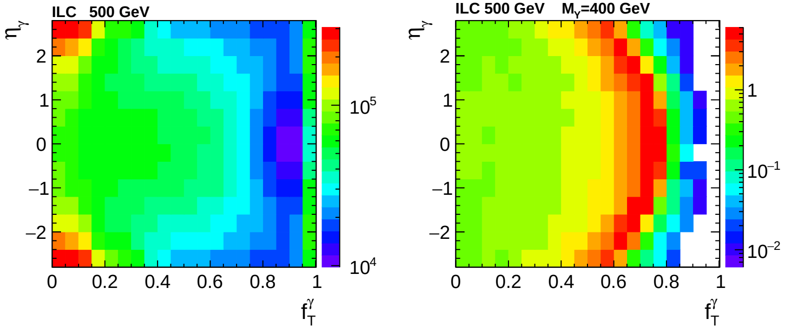
Detector response simulated in the DELPHES framework (fast simulation).

Background vs. signal distributions

arXiv:2107.11194

For mono-photon events, two variables fully describe event kinematics
$\Rightarrow$ use 2D distribution of (p_T^γ, η) to constrain DM production

Background   Signal



ILC 500 GeV (-80%/+30%) 1600 fb^{-1} $M_Y = 400$ GeV, $\Gamma/M = 0.03$

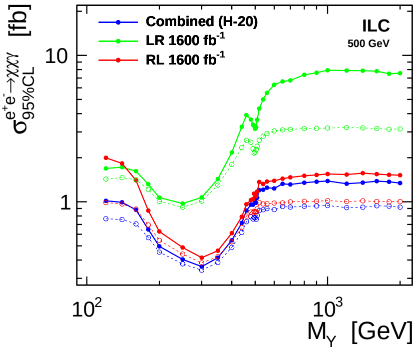
Signal normalised to unpolarised DM pair-production cross section of 1 fb

Analysis approach

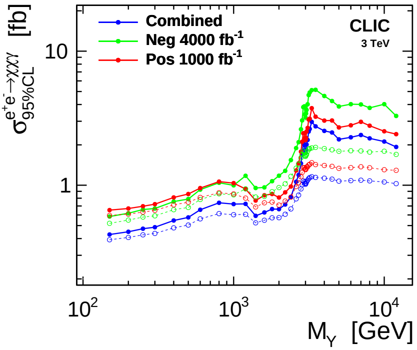
Cross section limits for radiative events (with tagged photon)

Vector Mediator $\Gamma/M = 0.03$ with and without systematics

ILC @ 500 GeV



CLIC @ 3 TeV



Systematic effects reduced for on-shell production of narrow mediator

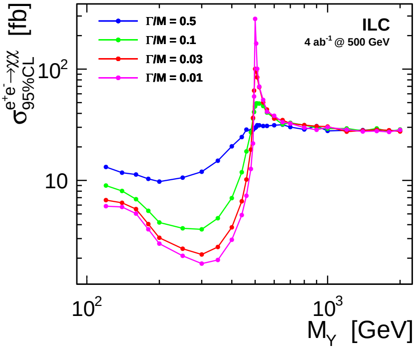
Results

Cross section limits for total DM production cross section

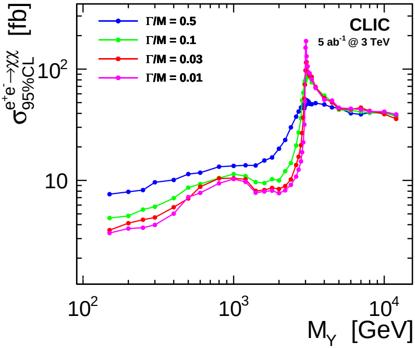
Corrected for probability of hard photon tagging!

Combined limits for Vector mediator

ILC @ 500 GeV



CLIC @ 3 TeV

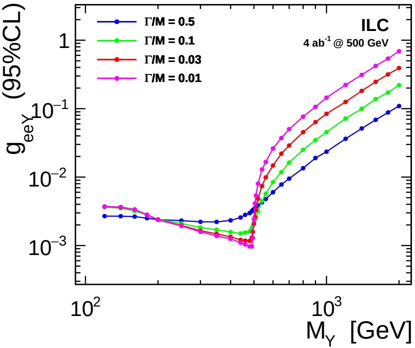


Radiation suppressed for narrow mediator with $M_Y \sim \sqrt{s} \Rightarrow$ weaker limits

Coupling limits for mediator coupling to SM fermions
$\mathcal{O}(1)$ mediator coupling to DM, fixed by mediator width

Combined limits for Vector mediator

ILC @ 500 GeV



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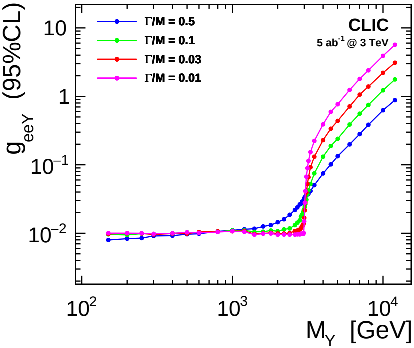


Almost uniform sensitivity to mediator coupling g_{eeY} up to kinematic limit

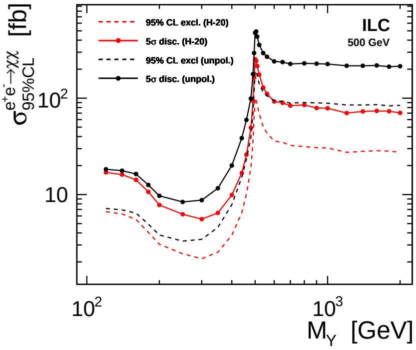
Mediator studies

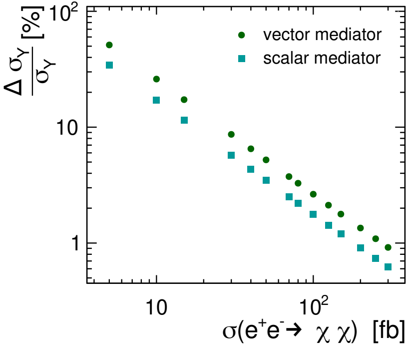
Light mediator scenarios can be discovered at future e^+e^- colliders already for DM production cross sections of $\mathcal{O}$(10 fb)

Percent level measurement for cross sections of $\mathcal{O}$(100 fb)

Vector mediator at 500 GeV ILC

M=300 GeV, Γ=30 GeV





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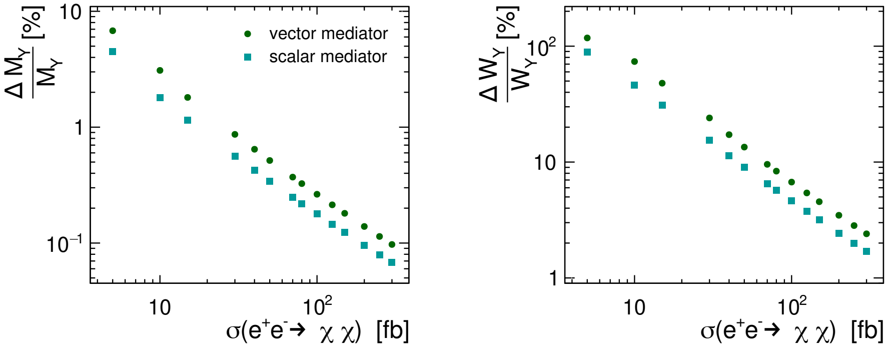
Sub-percent precision for mediator mass determination

Vector mediator at 500 GeV ILC M=300 GeV, Γ=30 GeV



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Mediator coupling structure can be identified using beam polarisation

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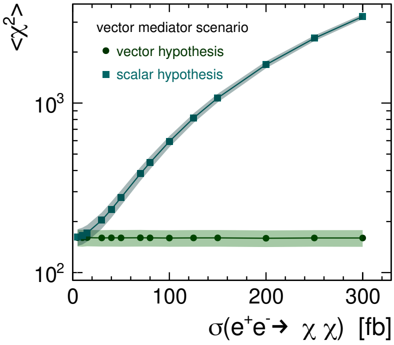
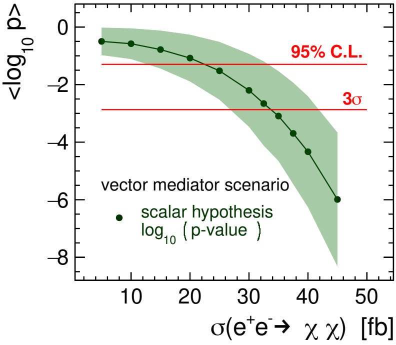
Signal scenario fit to mono-photon energy spectra for four polarisation settings





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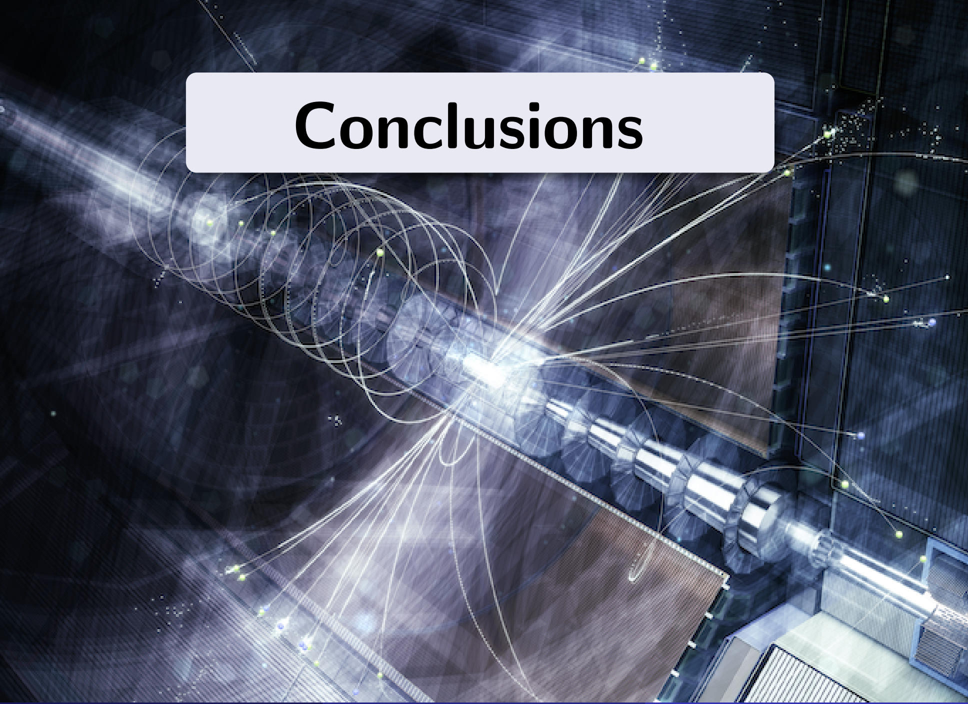


Conclusions

New approach to DM searches with mono-photon signature

Future e^+e^- colliders: complementary option for DM searches.
Mono-photon signature: the most general way to look for DM production
EFT sensitivity extending to the $\mathcal{O}(10)$ TeV mass scales

New framework for mono-photon analysis developed
focus on light mediator exchange and very small mediator couplings to SM

- $\mathcal{O}(10\,\mathrm{fb})$ limits on the DM pair-production $e^+e^- \to \chi\chi(\gamma)$
  except for the resonance region $M_Y \sim \sqrt{s}$
- $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3} - 10^{-2})$ limits on the mediator coupling to electrons
  up to the kinematic limit $M_Y \leq \sqrt{s}$

For light mediators limits more stringent than from direct resonance search

If discovered, new mediator can be precisely studied at e^+e^- collider
Coupling structure determination possible thanks to beam polarisation

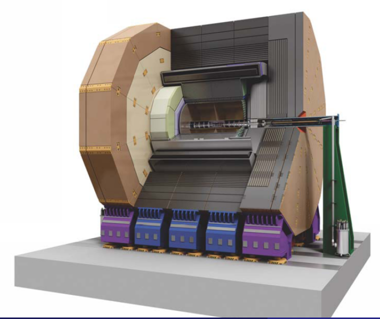
Detector Requirements

same for ILC and CLIC

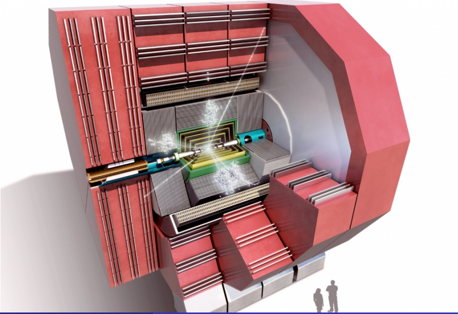
- Track momentum resolution: $\sigma_{1/p} < 5 \cdot 10^{-5}\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$
- Impact parameter resolution: $\sigma_d < 5\mu m \oplus 10\mu m \frac{1\ \mathrm{GeV}}{p\ \sin^{3/2}\Theta}$
- Jet energy resolution: $\sigma_E/E = 3 - 4\%$ (for highest jet energies)
- Hermecity: $\Theta_{min} = 5$ mrad

Detailed detector concepts for ILC and CLIC:

ILD



CLICdet



Analysis cuts

WHIZARD level selection:

- 1, 2 or 3 ME photons
- at least one ME photon with
  $p_T^\gamma > 2\, GeV$ & $5^\circ < \theta^\gamma < 175^\circ$
  (ILC 500 GeV)

  $p_T^\gamma > 5\, GeV$ & $7^\circ < \theta^\gamma < 173^\circ$
  (CLIC 3 TeV)

DELPHES level selection:

- single photon with

$p_T^\gamma > 3\, GeV$ & $|\eta^\gamma| < 2.8$ (ILC)

$p_T^\gamma > 10\, GeV$ & $|\eta^\gamma| < 2.6$ (CLIC)

- no other activity in the detector
  other reconstructed objects

Simplified DM model

Dark matter particles, X_i, couple to the SM particles via a mediator, Y_j.

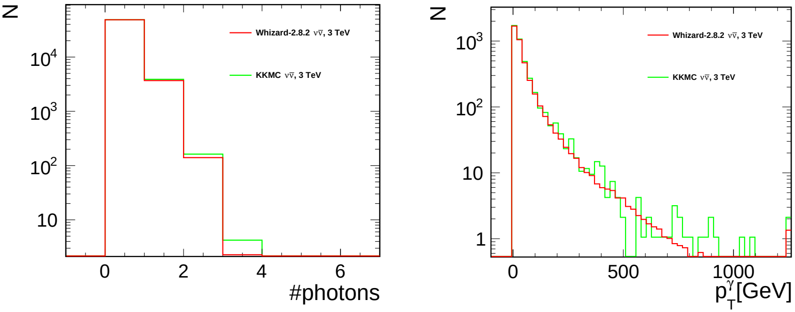
Each simplified scenario is characterized by one dark matter candidate and one mediator from the set listed below:

	particle	mass	spin	charge	self-conjugate	type
DM	X_R	m_{X_R}	0	0	yes	real scalar
	X_C	m_{X_C}	0	0	no	complex scalar
	X_M	m_{X_M}	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	yes	Majorana fermion
	X_D	m_{X_D}	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	no	Dirac fermion
	X_V	m_{X_V}	1	0	yes	real vector
mediator	Y_R	m_{Y_R}	0	0	yes	real scalar
	Y_V	m_{Y_C}	1	0	yes	real vector
	T_C	m_{T_C}	0	1	no	charged scalar

Validation of the simulation procedure

WHIZARD predictions were compared to the results from the KKMC code for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} + N\gamma$

3 TeV CLIC



$\Rightarrow$ very good agreement observed (both for shape and normalisation)

For more details:

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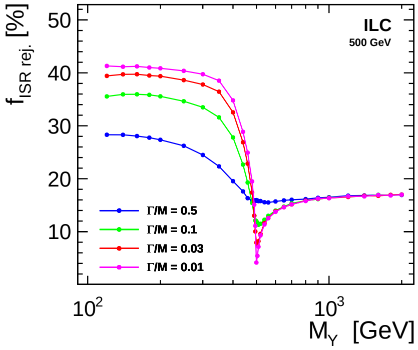
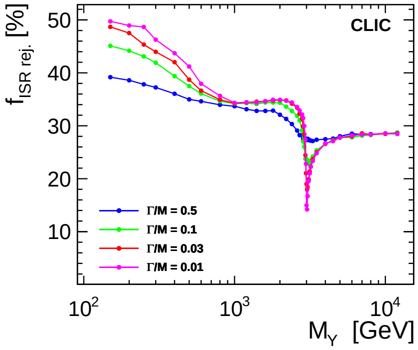
ISR rejection probability

Fraction of events generated by WHIZARD **removed** in merging procedure (ISR photons emitted in the phase-space region covered by ME)

ILC @ 500 GeV



CLIC @ 3 TeV



Systematic uncertainties

following ILD study: Phys. Rev. D 101, 075053 (2020), arXiv:2001.03011

Considered sources of uncertainties:

- Integrated luminosity uncertainty of 0.26%
  uncorrelated between polarisations
- Luminosity spectra shape uncertainty
  correlated between polarisations
- Uncertainty in neutrino background normalisation of 0.2% (th+exp)
  correlated between polarisations
- Uncertainty in Bhabha background normalisation of 1% (th+exp)
  correlated between polarisations
- Uncertainty on beam polarisation of 0.02–0.08% (ILC)/0.2% (CLIC)
  correlated for runs with same beam polarisation at ILC

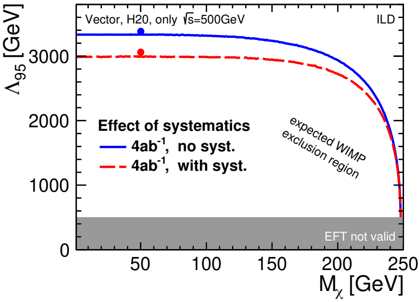
⇒ nuisance parameters in the model fit (11 for ILC, 7 for CLIC)

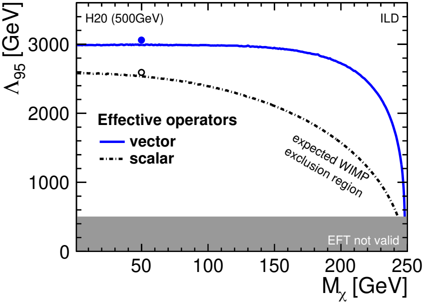
Comparison with ILD study

arXiv:2001.03011
arXiv:2107.11194

Effective mass scale limits: $\Lambda^2 = \frac{M_Y^2}{|g_{eeY} g_{\chi\chi Y}|}$

Limits from fast simulation (points) vs limits from full simulation (lines)





Very good agreement between full simulation and fast simulation results!
⇒ reliable extrapolation to low mediator mass domain...