

# Doubly-charged scalars

## phenomenology and perspectives at CLIC

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[Low- and high-energy phenomenology of a doubly charged scalar](#)

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and

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[SU\(2\) singlets and neutrino mass from higher dimensional operators](#)

section 7.3 of J. de Blas *et al.*, "The CLIC Potential for New Physics," arXiv:1812.02093 [hep-ph]

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**Let's focus on mechanisms for neutrino mass generation!**

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## Type-II see saw

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -f_{ij} \left( l_i^T C i \tau_2 \boldsymbol{\tau} l_j \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = -f_{ij} \left( l_i^T C i \tau_2 \boldsymbol{\Delta} l_j \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \boldsymbol{\Delta} \equiv \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} S^+ & \sqrt{2} S^{++} \\ \sqrt{2} S^0 & -S^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

The triplet vev  $\langle \boldsymbol{\Delta} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ w & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  leads to Majorana mass for neutrinos  $m_{ij}^\nu \propto f_{ij} w$

**Neutral, charged and doubly-charged scalars as part of a triplet**

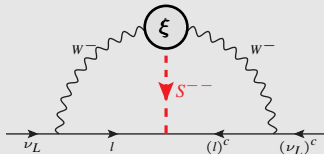
T. P. Cheng and L. F. Li, Phys. Rev. D **22** (1980) 2860



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## Minimal effective model



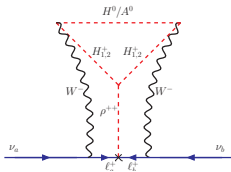
Neutrino mass at two loops in the effective theory  
(three loops in UV realisations)

$$\mathcal{M}_{\nu,ab}^{2\text{-loop}} = \frac{2 \xi m_a m_b M_S^2 f_{ab} (1 + \delta_{ab})}{\Lambda^3} \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{I}}(M_W, M_S, \mu)$$

**One doubly-charged singlet scalar**

S. F. King, A. Merle and LP, JHEP **1411** (2014) 124

T. Geib, S. F. King, A. Merle, J. M. No and LP, Phys. Rev. D **93** (2016) no.7, 073007



**Example of UV realisation: the “cocktail model”**

M. Gustafsson, J. M. No and M. A. Rivera, Phys. Rev. Lett. **110** (2013) no.21, 211802

## Further scenarios:

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Considering **singlet representation**:

$$(D_\mu S^{++})^\dagger (D^\mu S^{++}) + (\lambda_{ab} \overline{(l_R)_a^c} (l_R)_b S^+ + \text{h.c.})$$

- 1) Bounds from **low energy**
- 2) Bounds at the **LHC** and perspectives for higher luminosity
- 3) **What is the potential of CLIC for discovering them?**

Is it possible to **reinterpret** results for different representations?

# Constraints from low energy

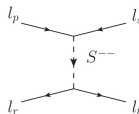
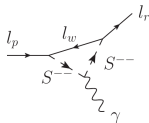
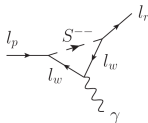
$l_a \rightarrow l_b \gamma$

$l_a \rightarrow l_b l_c l_d$

$\mu^- e^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ e^-$

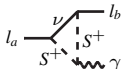
lepton dipole moment

$\mu$  to  $e$   
conversion  
in nuclei



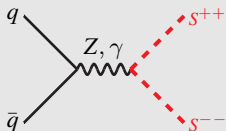
$$BR(l_p \rightarrow l_r \gamma) \simeq \frac{\alpha m_p^5}{(24\pi^2)^2 m_S^4 \Gamma_p} \left| \sum_{w=1}^3 \lambda_{pw} \lambda_{rw}^* \right| \quad BR(l_p \rightarrow l_r l_s l_t) \simeq \frac{m_p^5 |\lambda_{ps}|^2 |\lambda_{rt}|^2}{s_{rt} 6(4\pi)^3 m_S^4 \Gamma_p}$$

But some low-energy bounds are affected also by singly-charged scalars!

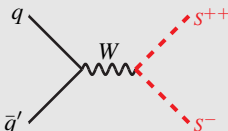


# Current searches at LHC

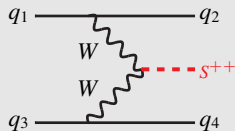
## Topologies



Pair production  
Any representation



Associate production  
Only non-trivial representations



Single production  
Only at EFT level for singlet

## ATLAS (only 13 TeV)

- Pair production with decay into  $e$  or  $\mu$   
Bounds for BRs = 100%:  
singlet around  $\sim 600$  GeV  
triplet around  $\sim 700$  GeV  
Eur. Phys. J. C **78** (2018) no.3, 199
- Pair production with decay into  $WW$   
Bound above  $\sim 200$  GeV (triplet)  
arXiv:1808.01899 [hep-ex]

## CMS (only 13 TeV)

- Pair and associate production with decay into leptons  
Pair production bounds (triplet):  
above  $\sim 650$  GeV (decays into  $e/\mu$ )  
above  $\sim 400$  GeV (decays with  $\tau$ )  
Associate production bounds:  
above  $\sim 700$  GeV (decays into  $e/\mu$ )  
above  $\sim 450$  GeV (decays with  $\tau$ )  
CMS-PAS-HIG-16-036

# Photon contribution and width effects

Singlet case

	narrow-width approximation	finite width
quark-initiated		
photon-initiated		

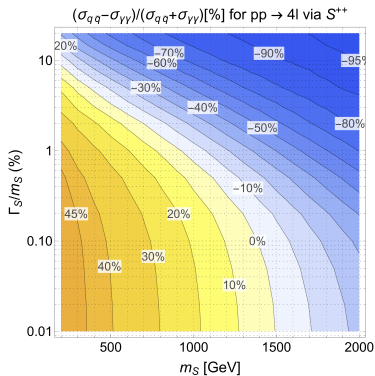
- **Photon contribution** included in the LUXQED PDFs
- no gluon-initiated topologies for  $S^{++}$  singlet
- Allowing for **non-resonant contributions** and **new topologies** which are negligible in the NWA

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Singlet case

Parametrisation of the cross-section:

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow l_a^+ l_b^+ l_c^- l_d^-}(m_S, \Gamma_S, \lambda_{ab,cd}) = \lambda_{ab}^2 \lambda_{cd}^2 (\hat{\sigma}_{qq}(m_S, \Gamma_S, g_{ZSS}) + \hat{\sigma}_{\gamma\gamma}(m_S, \Gamma_S))$$

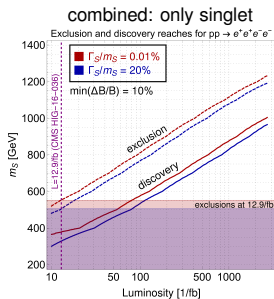
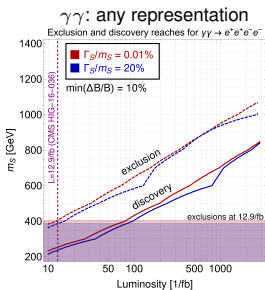
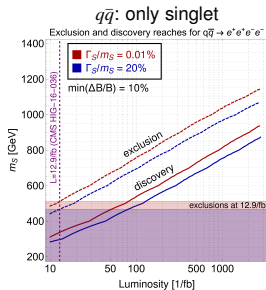


- Width as a free parameter ( $\sum_{ab,cd} \Gamma_S^{\text{part}} \leq \Gamma_S$ )
- Photon contribution can be sizable, especially in the large width regime
- Not possible to factorise  $g_{ZSS}$ : total results only valid for singlet  $S^{++}$

# Bounds and projections at LHC

Recasting of CMS-PAS-HIG-16-036

Results for decay into  $e + e^-$



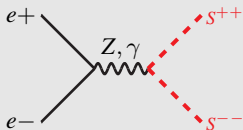
- **Current combined recast bound** above  $\sim 500$  GeV
- **Projected combined bound** for high-luminosity around  $\sim 1200$  GeV
- **Projected combined discovery reach** around  $\sim 1000$  GeV
- Weak width dependence (due to cut on invariant mass window of SS dileptons)

For non-trivial representations bounds and discovery slightly higher due to larger ZSS coupling

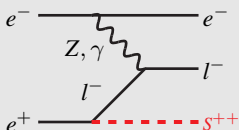
# Signatures at CLIC

	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III
$\sqrt{s}$	380 GeV	350 GeV	1.5 TeV
$\mathcal{L}$	0.9/ab	0.1/ab	2.5/ab
			3 TeV
			5/ab

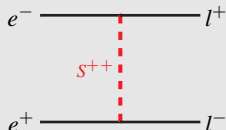
## Topologies



Pair production



Single production



t-channel

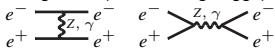
- Pair production limited by phase space to probe  $M_S < 1500$  GeV
- Single production can probe twice as much (in principle)
- The t-channel probes the dependence of mass-Yukawa up to any mass, but requires  $S^{++}$  to interact with electrons

# t-channel

Cross-sections and distributions for  $e^-e^+$  final state @  $\sqrt{s} = 3$  TeV

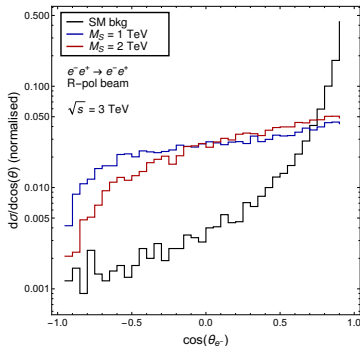
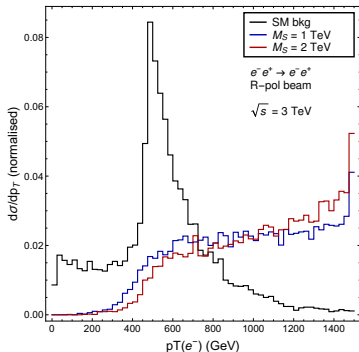
- Simulation with CALCHEP including ISR and beamstrahlung
- Standard acceptance cuts:  
 $E(l) \geq 10$  GeV and  $|\cos(\theta)| \leq 0.95$

- SM background (not showing Higgs):



- Peak at  $p_T \sim 500$  GeV due to ISR+beamstrahlung

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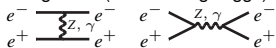




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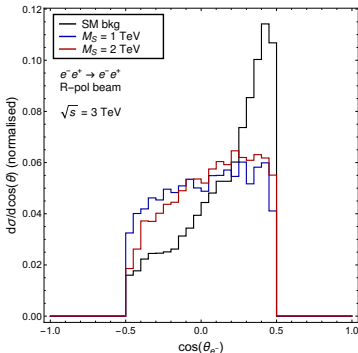
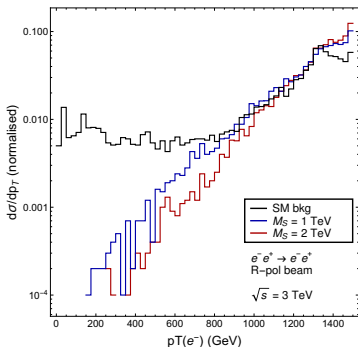
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- $|\cos(\theta)| \leq 0.5$  for  $e$  to reduce the bkg

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$ \cos(\theta_e)  \leq 0.5$	
SM	$\sim 30$ fb
$M_S = 1$ TeV	$\sim 890 / \lambda_{ee}^4$ fb
$M_S = 2$ TeV	$\sim 320 / \lambda_{ee}^4$ fb



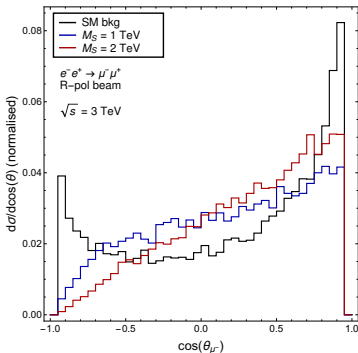
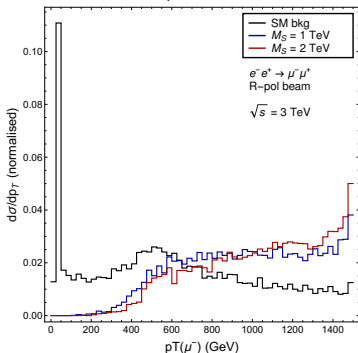
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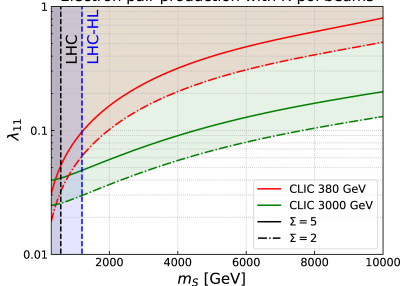
	SM	$\sim 30$ fb
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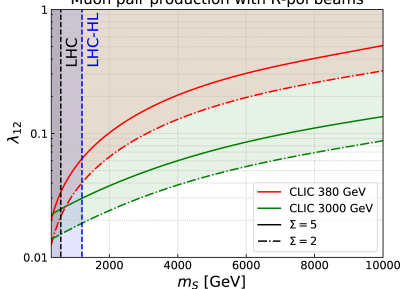
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- For  $\tau_h$  final states, assuming a reconstruction efficiency of 70%
- Significance without systematic errors:  $S/\sqrt{S+B}$
- **Singlet/Triplet difference at x-sect. level and propagation of neutral scalar**

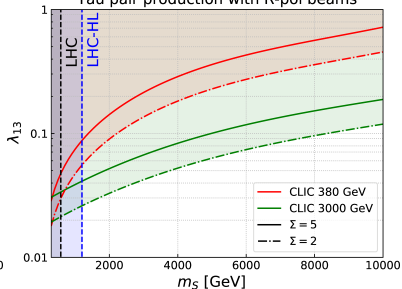
Electron pair production with R-pol beams



Muon pair production with R-pol beams

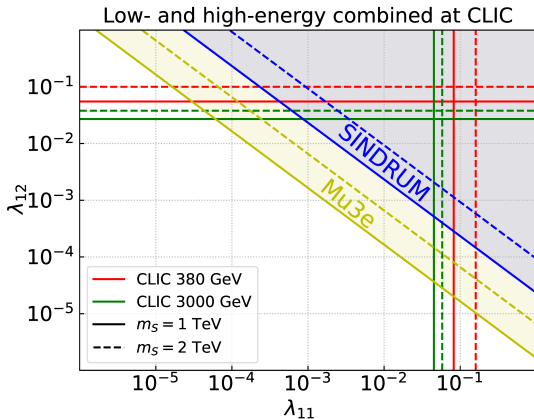


Tau pair production with R-pol beams



# Complementarity with low energy

Yukawa couplings with electrons and muons



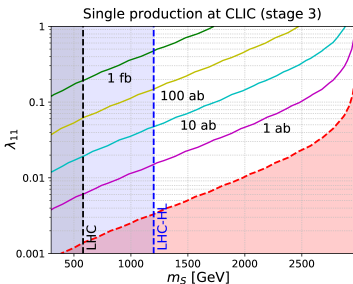
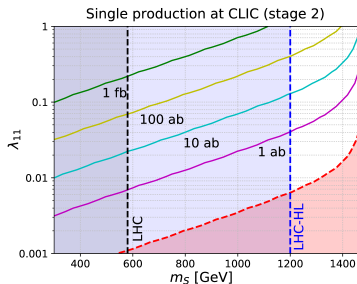
- At CLIC the two Yukawas are mostly explored independently

- Through  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  the product of the Yukawa is constrained:  $BR(l_p \rightarrow l_r l_s l_t) \simeq \frac{m_p^5 |\lambda_{ps}|^2 |\lambda_{rt}|^2}{s_{rt} 6(4\pi)^3 m_S^4 \Gamma_p}$

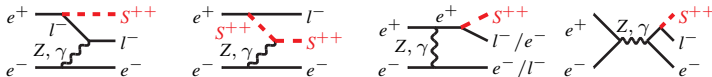
$$BR(\mu \rightarrow 3e)_{SINDRUM} < 10^{-12} \text{ and } BR(\mu \rightarrow 3e)_{Mu3e} < 5 \times 10^{-15}$$

# Single production

Cross-section, unpolarised beams



Contributions from different topologies with different kinematics



- Interference between topologies with Yukawa and gauge couplings
- After decay of  $S^{++}$ , same signature as pair production topologies (relevant for large width)

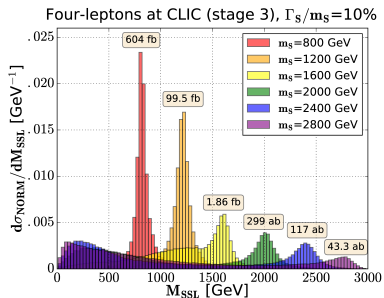
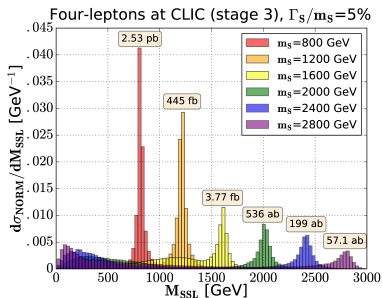
**Results for singlet cannot be easily reinterpreted for triplet**

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Invariant mass of same-sign leptons

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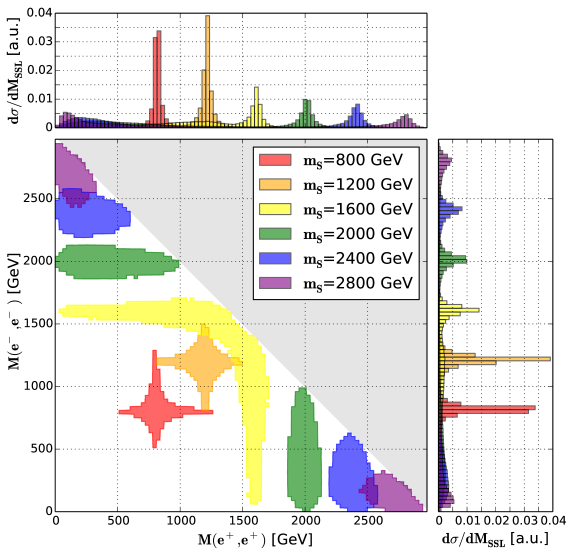
Cross-sections for  $\lambda_{11} = 1$  and binning of 30 GeV



Shoulder at low invariant mass appearing when  $\sqrt{s}$  is below the threshold for pair production

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## Perspectives at CLIC

- Direct production (pair and single) and contributions to SM processes (t-channel)
- Potentially larger sensitivity to masses and couplings than LHC and its upgrades
- Results with minimal setup: more realistic treatment is needed