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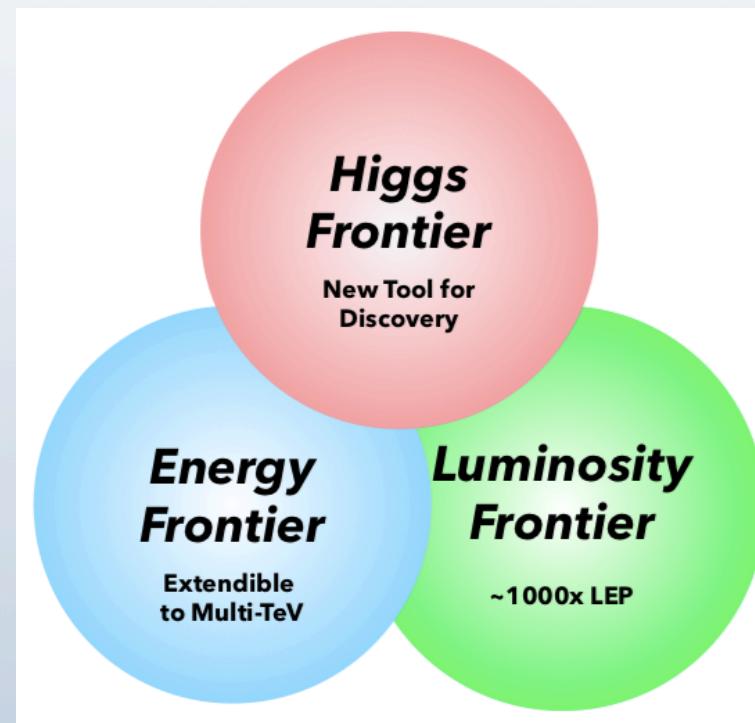


Many hints for Dark Matter (DM) but its nature is unknown

Many possible scenarios with wide range of masses and couplings

e+e- colliders are unique offering many options for DM searches

New uncharted area to be explored at high energy colliders



Higgs boson – a unique probe of fundamental questions in HEP today

Possible discovery in areas that at LEP were limited statistically

Tomohiko Tanabe @LCWS2021

# Outline

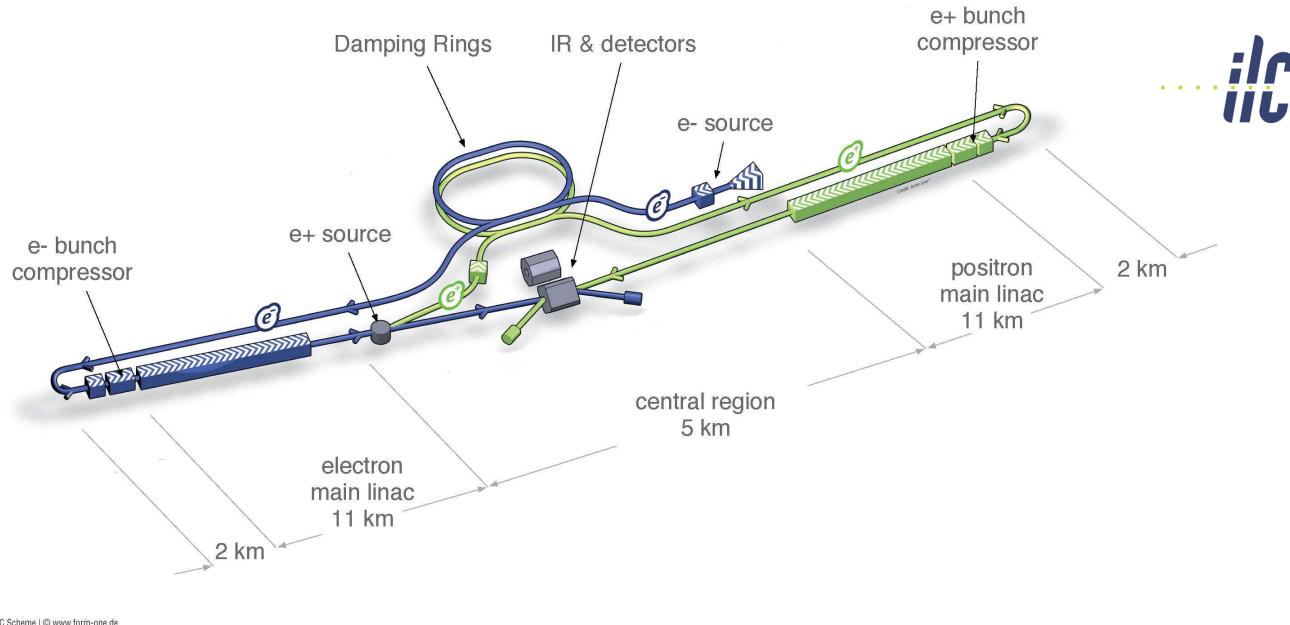
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- ❖ Linear collides and experiments
- ❖ Collider measurements
  - Higgs frontier
  - Energy frontier
- ❖ Non-collider experiments
- ❖ Conclusions

# Linear colliders and experiments



## International Linear Collider



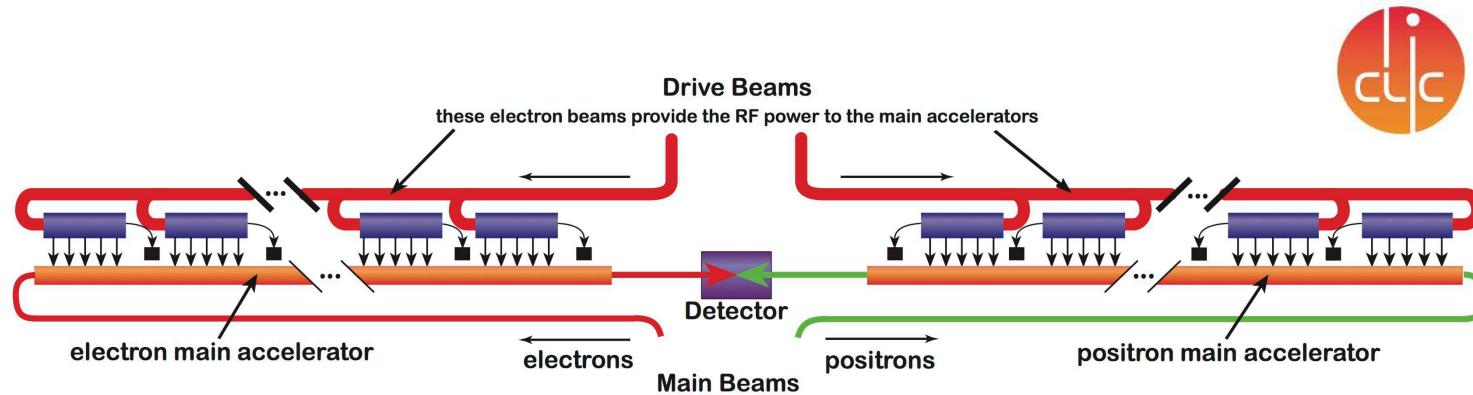
ILC Scheme | © www.form-one.de

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 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: detectors

## Detector Requirement

“Particle Flow” concept:

High calorimeter granularity

⇒ single particle reconstruction/ID

Precise momentum measurement

⇒ best energy for charged particles

⇒ dominates jet energy resolution

High precision vertex detector

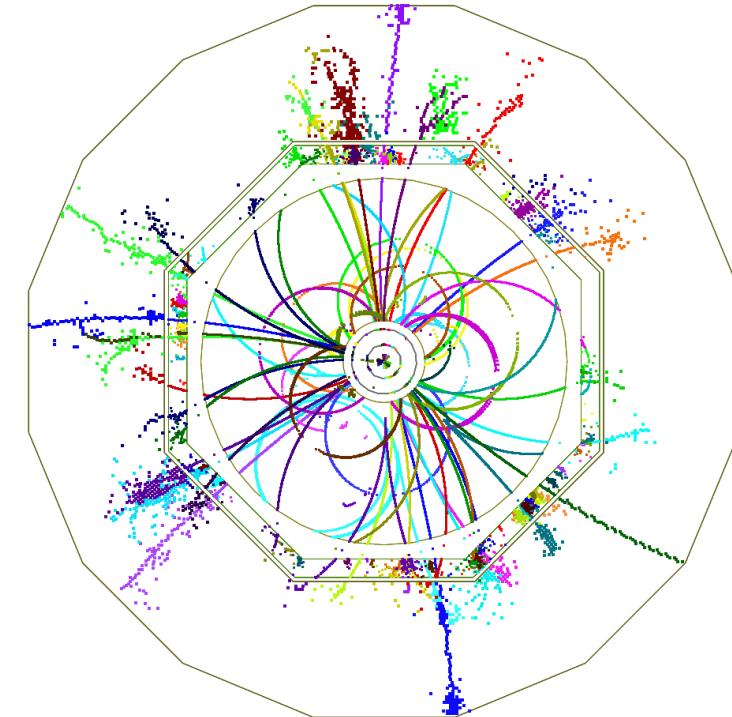
⇒ very efficient flavour tagging

Instrumentation down to smallest angles

⇒ hermecity, missing energy tagging

Example event

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow 6j$$

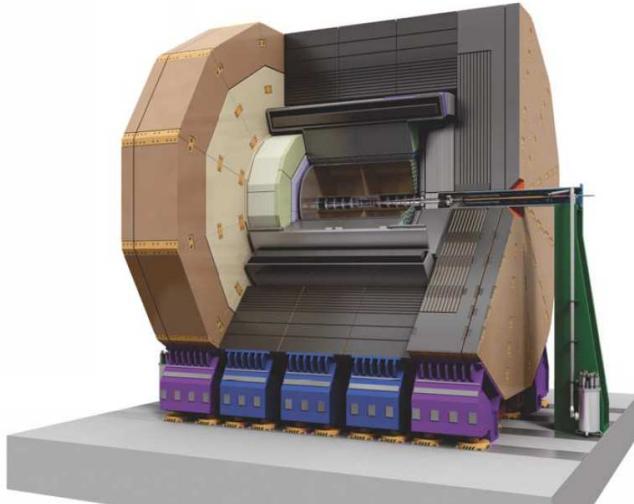


## Detector Requirements same for ILC and CLIC

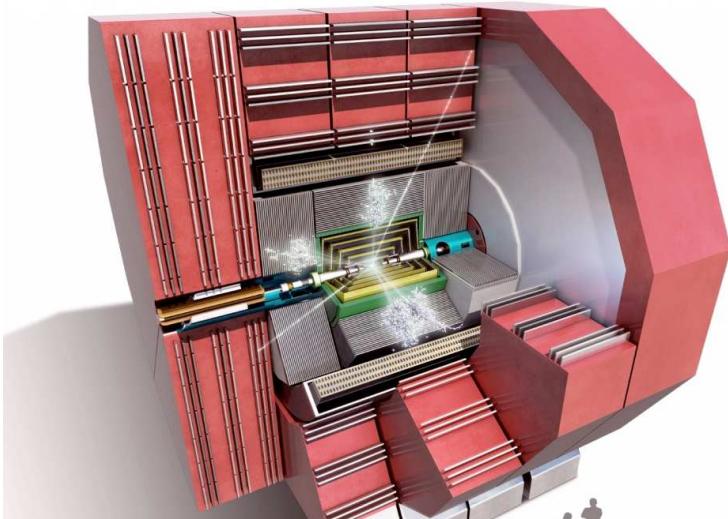
- Track momentum resolution:  $\sigma_{1/p} < 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
- Impact parameter resolution:  $\sigma_d < 5\mu\text{m} \oplus 10\mu\text{m} \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{p \sin^{3/2} \Theta}$
- Jet energy resolution:  $\sigma_E/E = 3 - 4\%$  (for highest jet energies)
- Hermicity:  $\Theta_{min}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

Detailed detector concepts for ILC and CLIC:

ILD



CLICdet



# Colliders at the Higgs frontier

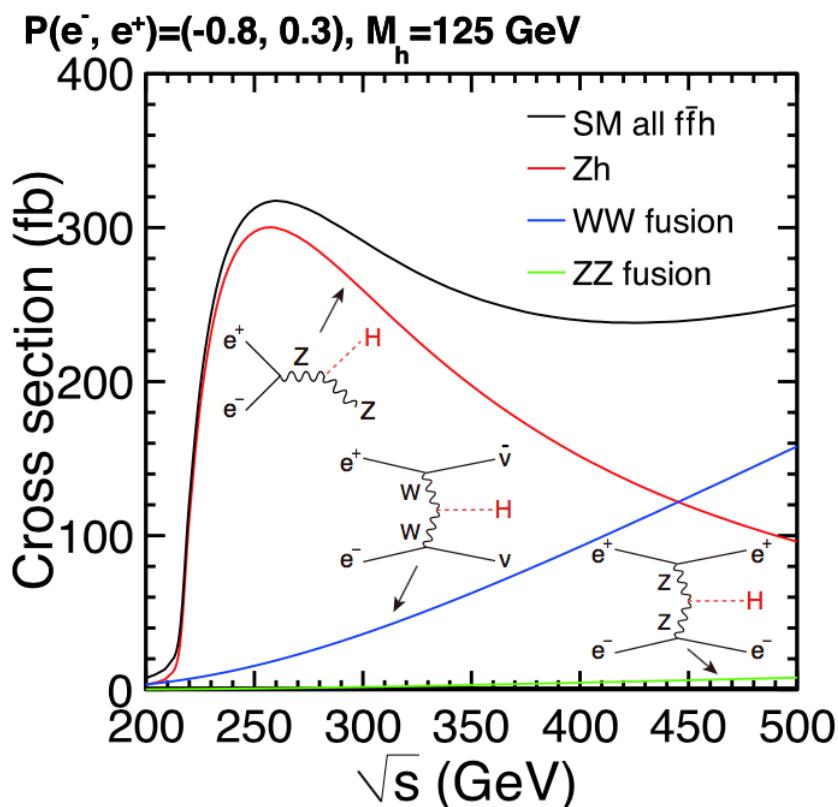
- Higgs precision measurements
- search for light scalars



# Higgs precision measurements

First ILC running will be focused on Higgs measurements

Production cross sections



approx. 0.5 million Higgs with 2/ab at 250 GeV

beam polarisation crucial

For ILC both beams polarised

Integrated luminosity planned with different polarisation settings [fb<sup>-1</sup>]

$\sqrt{s}$	sgn( $P(e^-)$ , $P(e^+)$ )				Total
	(-,+)	(+,-)	(-,-)	(+,+)	
250 GeV	900	900	100	100	2000
350 GeV	135	45	10	10	200
500 GeV	1600	1600	400	400	4000

arXiv:1903.01629

four measurements instead of one to:

- increase accuracy of precision measurements
- more input to global fits and analyses
- remove ambiguity in many BSM studies
- reduce sensitivity to systematic effects

For CLIC only electrons polarised

380 GeV    1.5 TeV    3 TeV

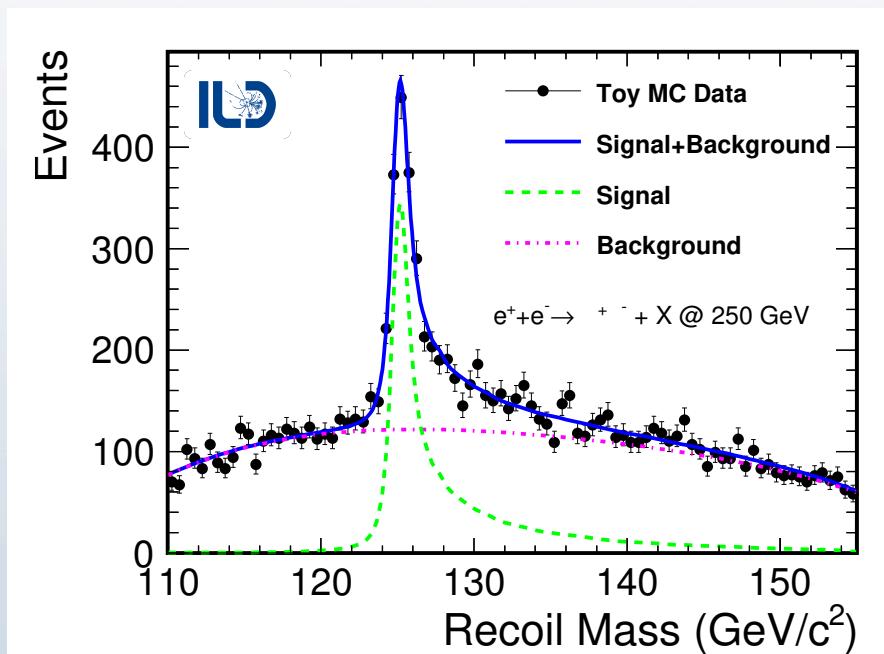
1/ab            2.5/ab            5/ab

# Higgs precision measurements

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- initial state known
- reconstruct Z decay
- compute recoil mass

arXiv:2002.12048



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model independent ZH production  
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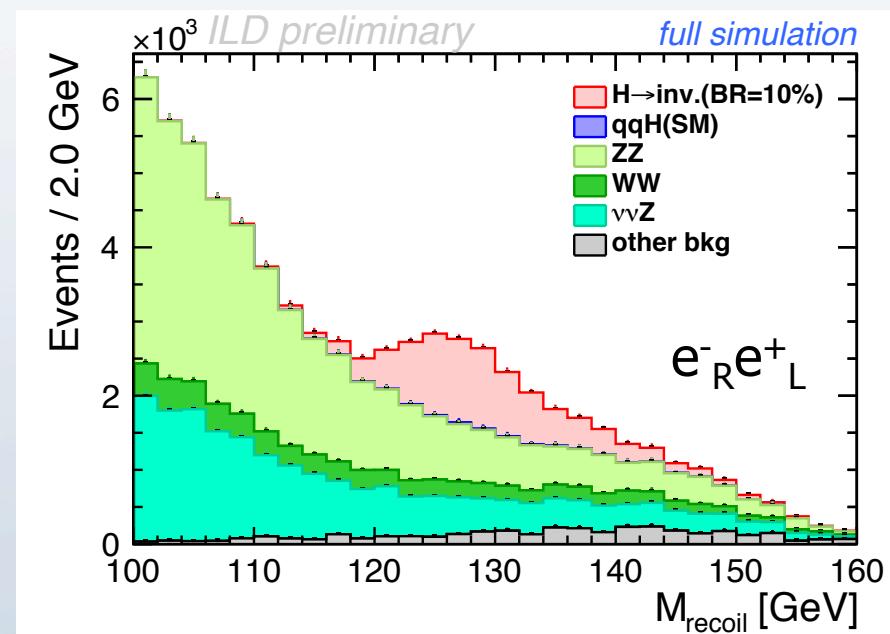
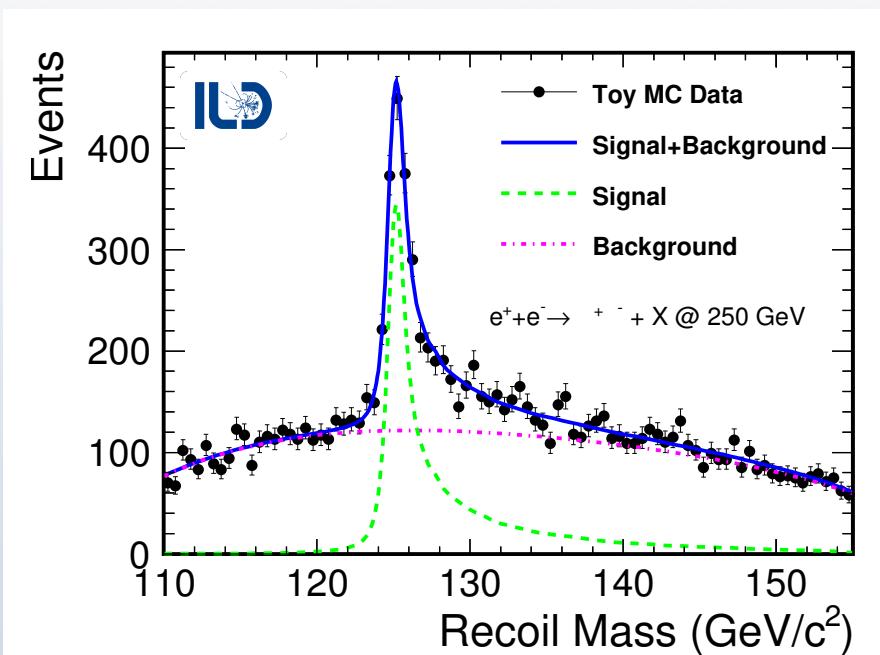


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High sensitivity to invisible decay



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with  $2/\text{ab}$  at 250 GeV expected  
95% CL limit:  $\text{BR}_{\text{INV}} = 0.23\%$   
a factor 10 better than HL-LHC

# Search for light scalars

**Higgs portal models:** new scalars that couple to DM particles can mix with the SM one

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

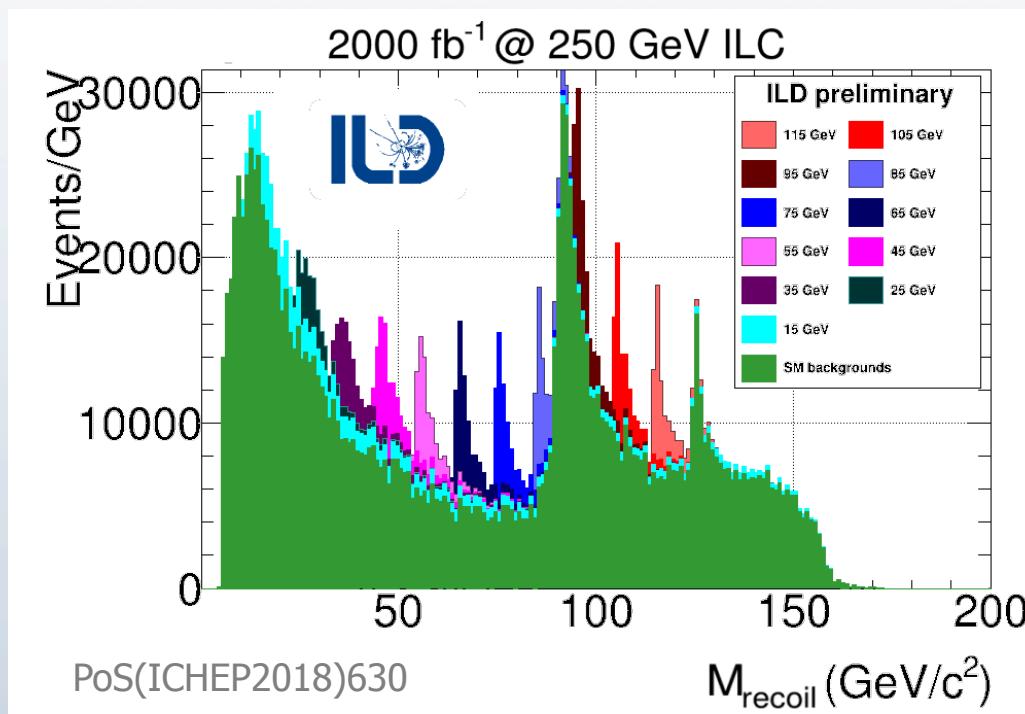
- if mixing small, the  $h_1$  state is the SM-like (125 GeV state)  
it can also decay invisibly to DM by the  $\phi$  component with  $\text{BR} \sim \sin^2 \alpha$ 
  - => search for invisible Higgs decay
- if  $h_2$  is also light, it can be searched in e+e- collisions in the same way as the SM-like Higgs
  - => search for additional scalars either directly or via recoil mass

# Search for light scalars

Many BSM predict new scalars that could be light if weakly coupled to SM particles

recoil mass distribution for various signals

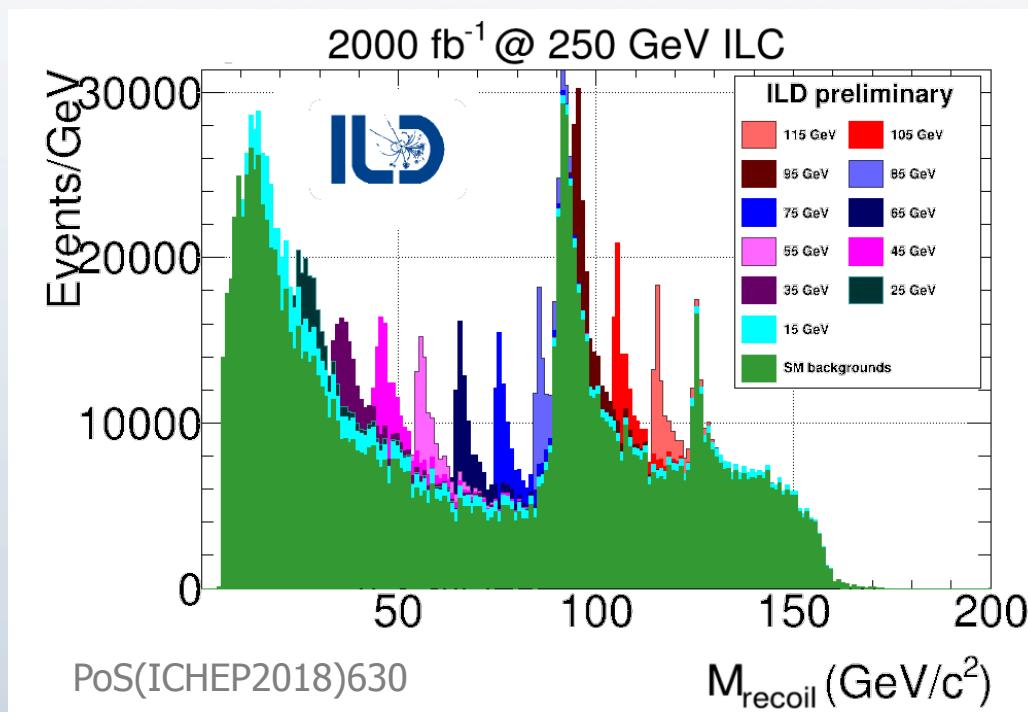
$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + X$$



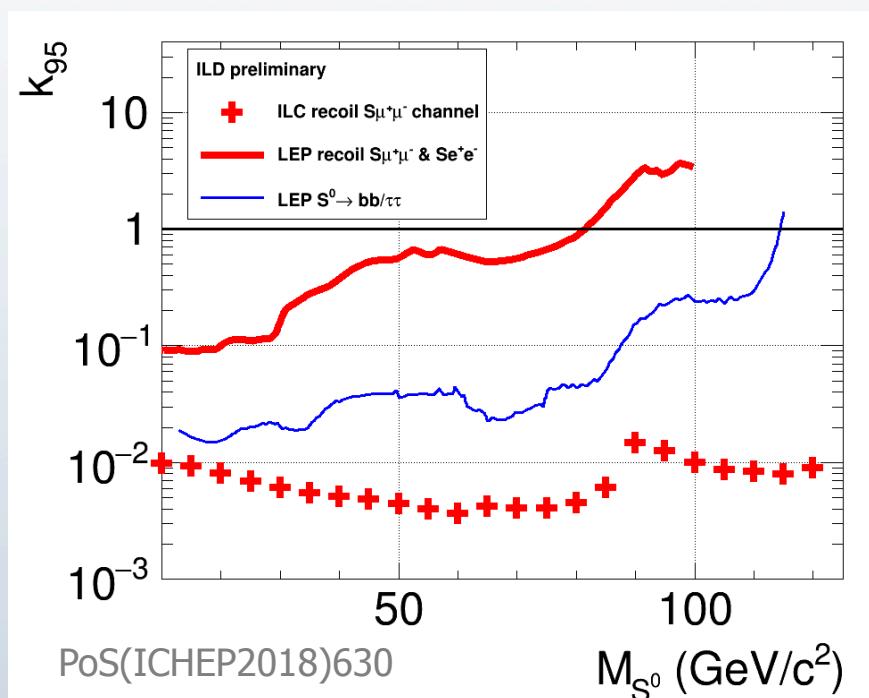
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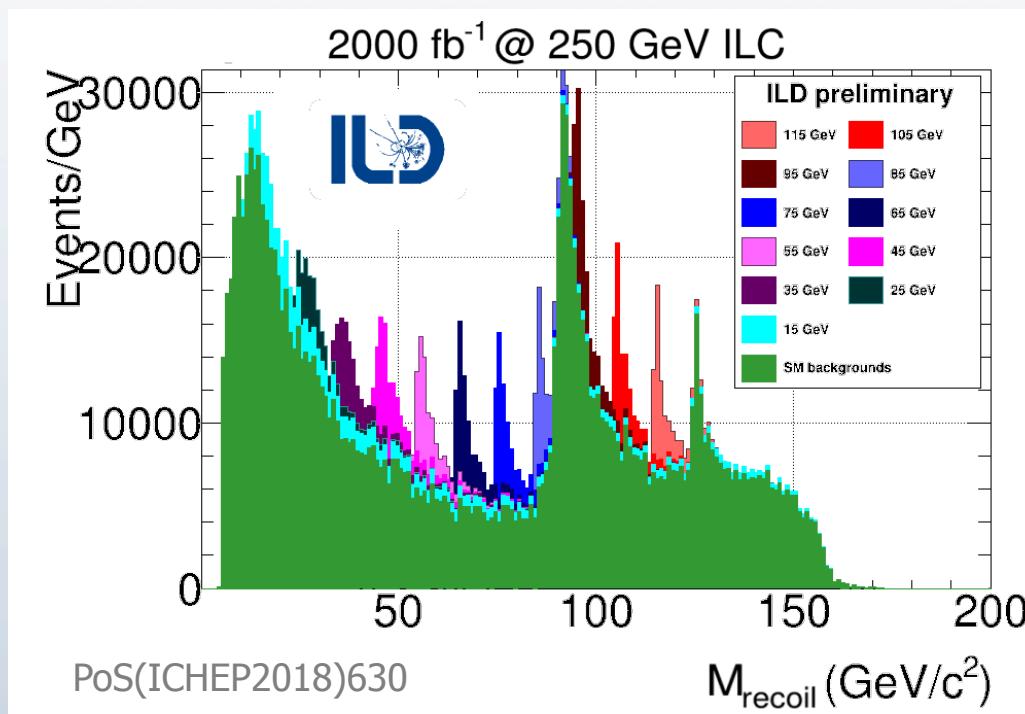


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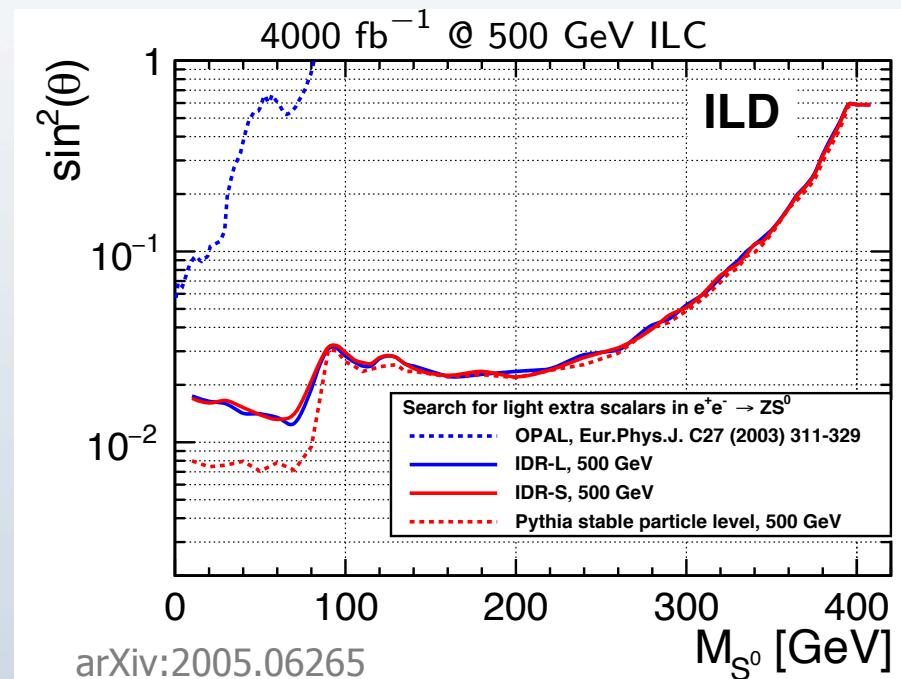
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# Colliders at the energy frontier

- lepton signatures: e.g. Inert doublet model (IDM)
- mono-photon signature: a light mediator case



# Inert doublet model

One of the simplest extensions of the Standard Model (SM).

The scalar sector consists of two doublets:

- $\Phi_S$  is the **SM-like Higgs** doublet,
- $\Phi_D$  (**inert doublet**) has four additional scalars  $H, A, H^\pm$ .

$$\Phi_S = \begin{pmatrix} G^\pm \\ \frac{v+h+iG^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Phi_D = \begin{pmatrix} H^\pm \\ \frac{H+iA}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

We assume a discrete  $Z_2$  symmetry under which

- SM Higgs doublet  $\Phi_S$  is **even**:  $\Phi_S \rightarrow \Phi_S$  (also other SM $\rightarrow$ SM)
  - inert doublet  $\Phi_D$  is **odd**:  $\Phi_D \rightarrow -\Phi_D$ .
- ⇒ Yukawa-type interactions only for Higgs doublet ( $\Phi_S$ ).  
 The **inert doublet ( $\Phi_D$ ) does not interact with the SM fermions!**
- ⇒ The lightest inert particle is stable: a natural **candidate for dark matter!**  
 We assume the neutral scalar  $H$  is the dark matter particle.

$$m_H < m_A, m_{H^\pm}$$

# Inert doublet model

$$V = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ m_{11}^2 (\Phi_S^\dagger \Phi_S) + m_{22}^2 (\Phi_D^\dagger \Phi_D) \right] + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} (\Phi_S^\dagger \Phi_S)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (\Phi_D^\dagger \Phi_D)^2 \\ + \lambda_3 (\Phi_S^\dagger \Phi_S)(\Phi_D^\dagger \Phi_D) + \lambda_4 (\Phi_S^\dagger \Phi_D)(\Phi_D^\dagger \Phi_S) + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} \left[ (\Phi_S^\dagger \Phi_D)^2 + (\Phi_D^\dagger \Phi_S)^2 \right]$$

After EWSB, the model contains a priori seven free parameters.

Two parameters can be fixed from the Standard Model ( $v$ ,  $m_h$ ).

We are left with **five free parameters**, which we take as:

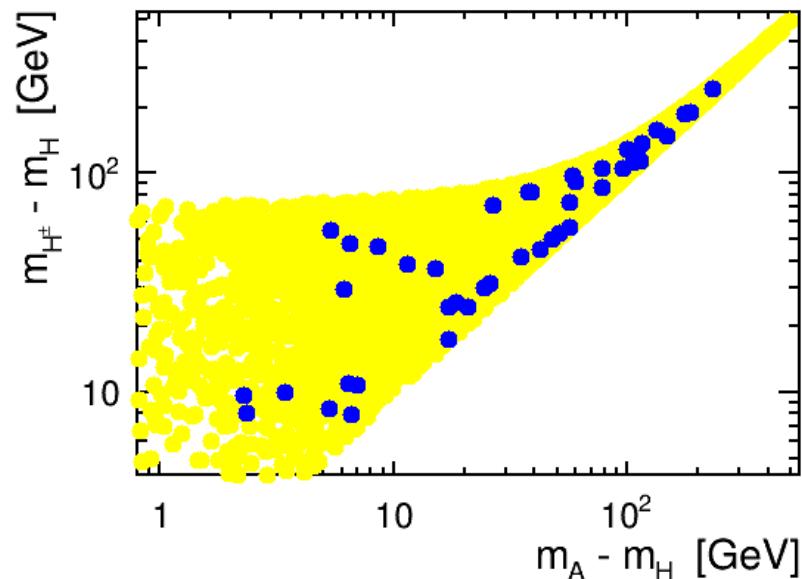
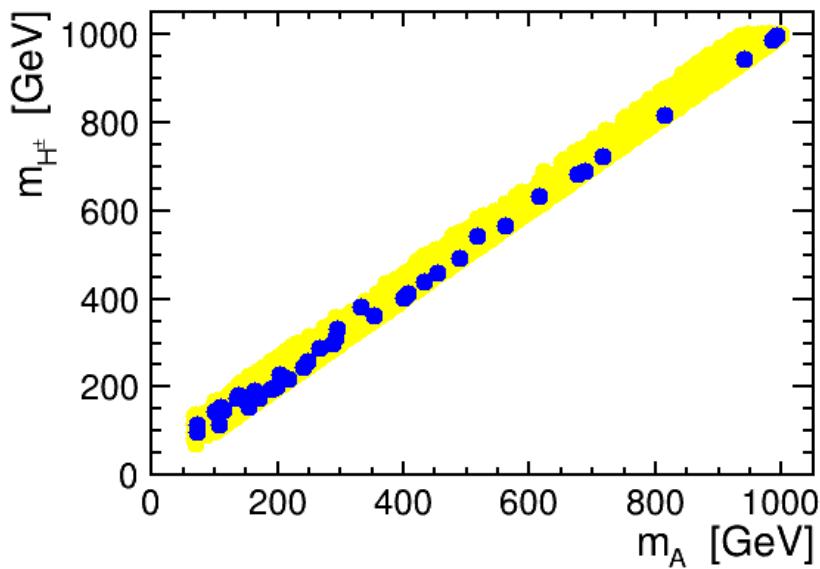
- ⇒ three inert scalar masses:  $m_H$ ,  $m_A$ ,  $m_{H^\pm}$
- ⇒ two couplings, eg.  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_{345} = \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5$

Inert scalars couplings to  $\gamma$ ,  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$  determined by SM parameters  
 ⇒ **well established predictions** for production and decay rates!

We scanned the IDM parameter space looking for scenarios consistent with current **theoretical** and **experimental constraints**, for masses up to 1 TeV.

# Inert doublet model

Out of about 15'000 points consistent with all considered constraints, we chose **41 benchmark points** (including 20 “high mass”) for detailed studies:



The selection was arbitrary, but we tried to

- cover wide range of scalar masses and the mass splittings
- get significant contribution to the relic density

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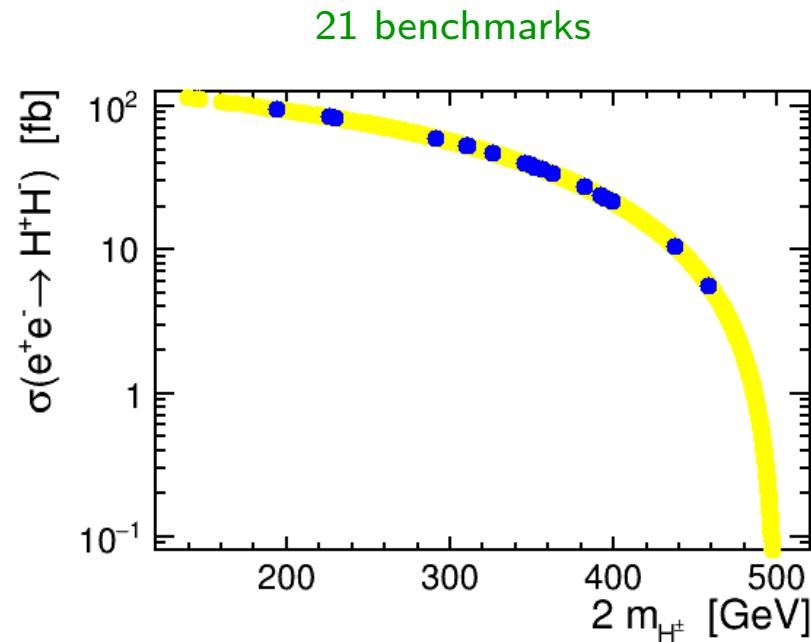
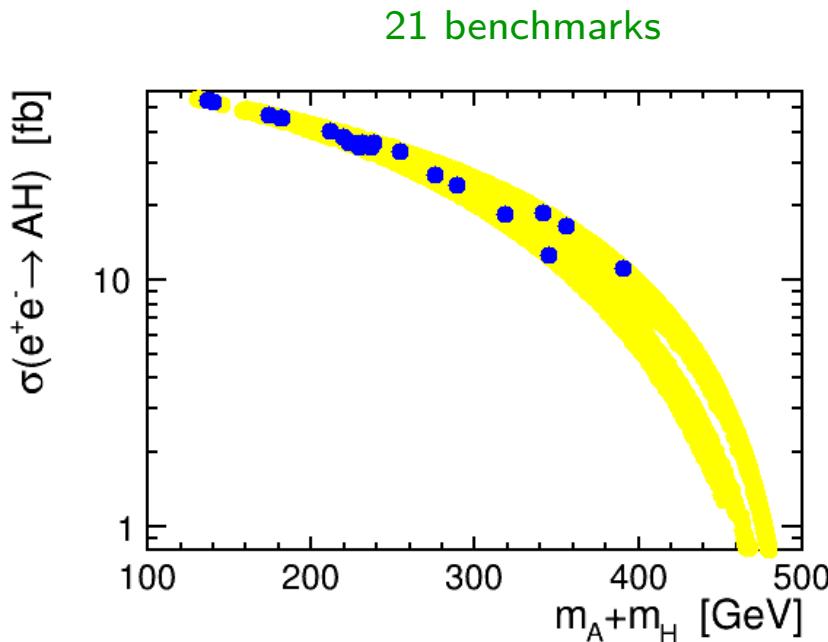
# IDM: dominant DM production

Production of IDM scalars at  $e^+e^-$  colliders dominated by two processes:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow A H$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^-$$

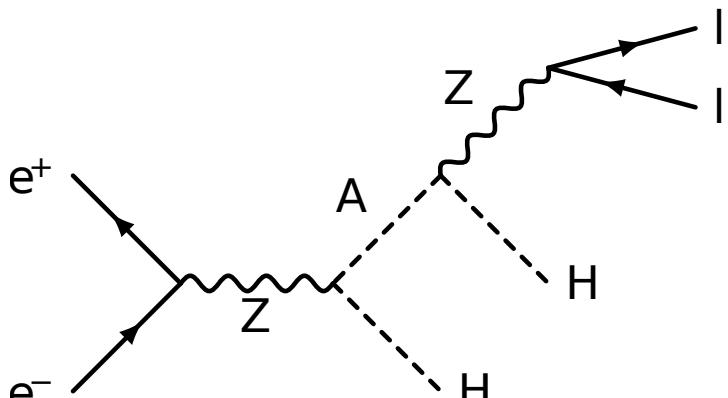
Leading-order cross sections for inert scalar production processes  
at 500 GeV:



# IDM: leptonic signatures

Same flavour lepton pair production can be considered a signature of the AH production process followed by the A decay:

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow HA \rightarrow HHZ^{(*)} \rightarrow HH\mu^+\mu^-$$



signal

$$\begin{aligned} e^+ e^- &\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- HH, \\ &\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu HH, \\ &\rightarrow \tau^+ \mu^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\mu HH, \quad \mu^+ \tau^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau HH, \\ &\rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- HH, \quad \tau^+ \tau^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau HH, \end{aligned}$$

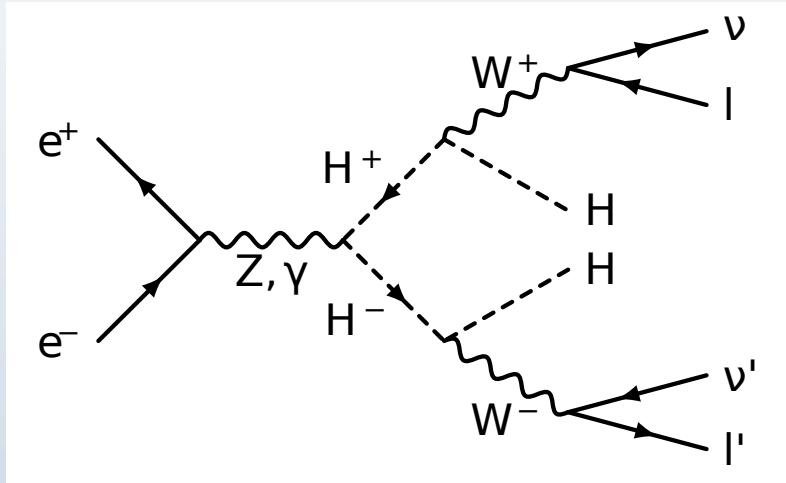
background

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# IDM: leptonic signatures

signature for  $H^+H^-$  production: different flavour lepton pair

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^- \rightarrow HHW^{+(*)}W^{-(*)} \rightarrow HH\ell^+\ell^-\nu\bar{\nu}'$$



signal

$$\begin{aligned} e^+e^- &\rightarrow \mu^+\nu_\mu e^-\bar{\nu}_e HH, \quad e^+\nu_e \mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu HH, \\ &\rightarrow \mu^+\nu_\mu \tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau HH, \quad \tau^+\nu_\tau \mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu HH, \\ &\rightarrow e^+\nu_e \tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau HH, \quad \tau^+\nu_\tau e^-\bar{\nu}_e HH, \\ &\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- HH, \quad \tau^+\nu_\tau \tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau HH, \end{aligned}$$

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# IDM: leptonic signatures

- muon pair production,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ , for  $AH$  production
- electron-muon pair production,  $\mu^+e^-$  or  $e^+\mu^-$ , for  $H^+H^-$  production

Both channels include contributions from  $AH$  and  $H^+H^-$  production!  
In particular due to leptonic tau decays.

Signal and background samples were generated with WHizard 2.2.8  
based on the dedicated IDM model implementation in SARAH,  
parameter files for benchmark scenarios were prepared using SPheno 4.0.3

Generator level cuts reflecting detector acceptance:

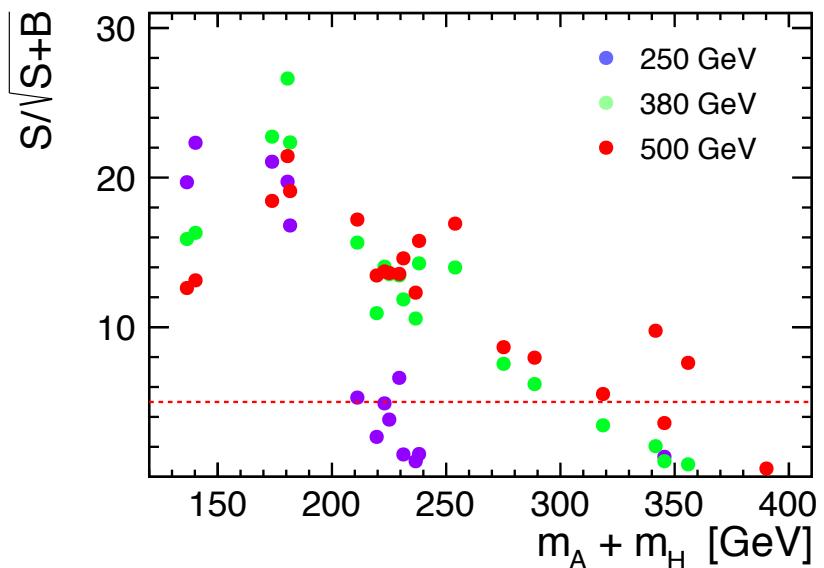
- require lepton energy  $E_l > 5 \text{ GeV}$  and lepton angle  $\Theta_l > 100 \text{ mrad}$
- no ISR photon with  $E_\gamma > 10 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\Theta_\gamma > 100 \text{ mrad}$

No detector resolution/efficiency taken into account  
(but only electrons and muons in the final state)

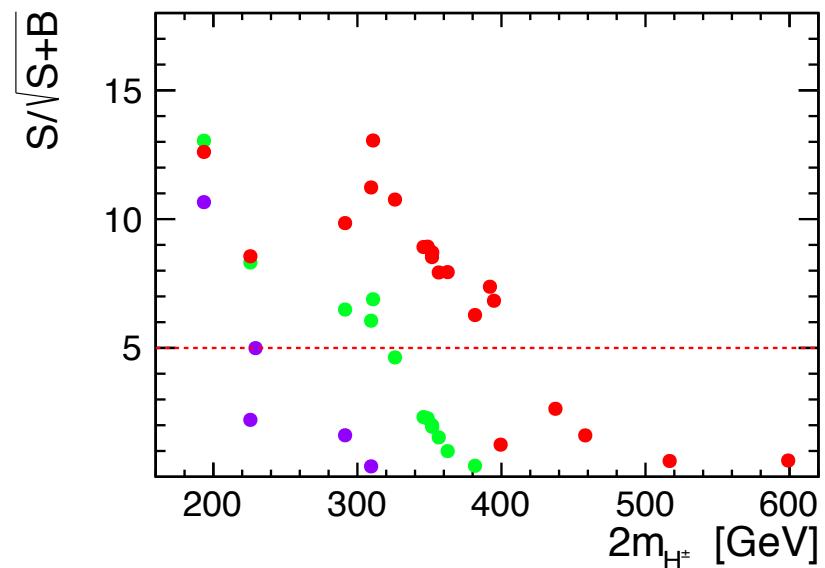
# IDM: expected significances

Search for pair-production of IDM scalars, for different  $\sqrt{s}$

*AH* signature ( $\mu^+ \mu^-$ )



*H<sup>+</sup>H<sup>-</sup>* signature ( $\mu^\pm e^\mp$ )



Discovery reach mainly depends on the scalar masses!

- $m_A + m_H < 220, 300, 330$  GeV
- $m_{H^\pm} < 110, 160, 200$  GeV

for  $1000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 250, 380, 500$  GeV

# IDM: expected significances

Comparing CLIC running scenarios:

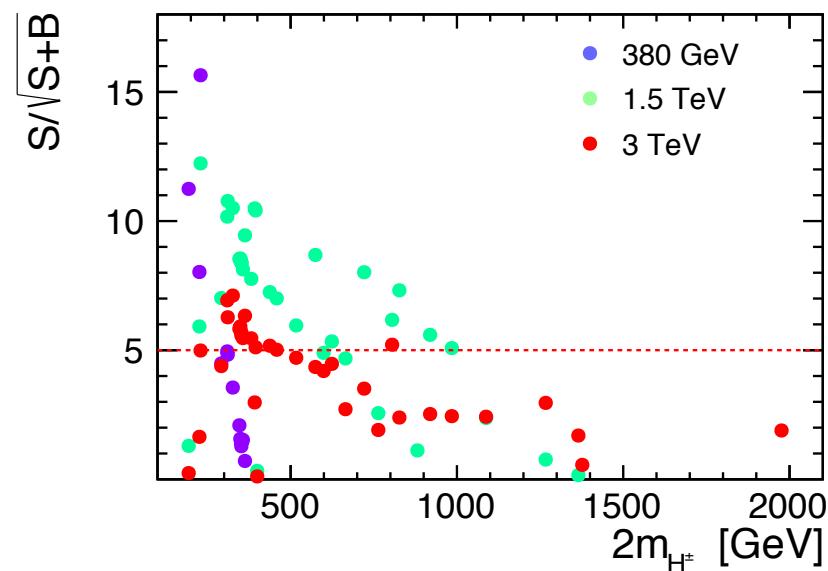
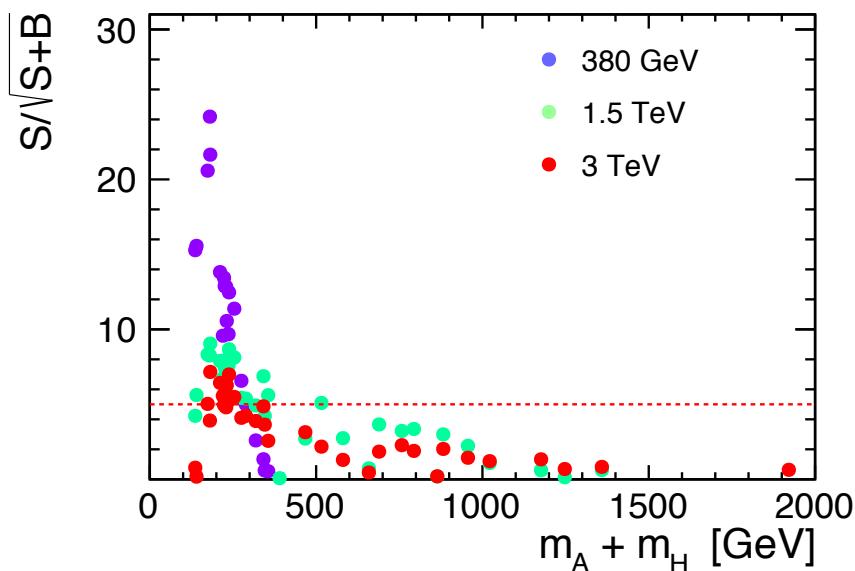
$1000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 380 GeV  
 AH signature ( $\mu^+ \mu^-$ )

$2500 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 1.5 TeV

including luminosity spectra

$5000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 3 TeV

$H^+ H^-$  signature ( $\mu^\pm e^\mp$ )



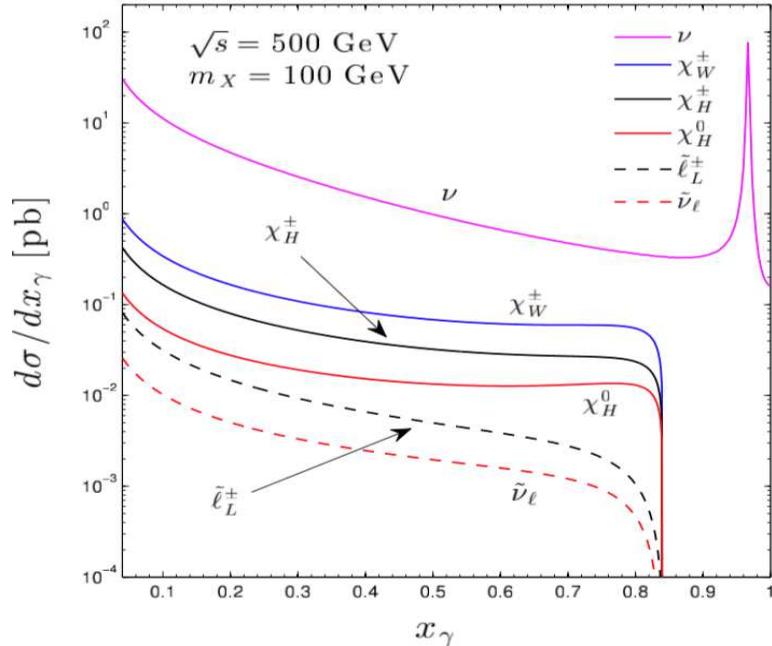
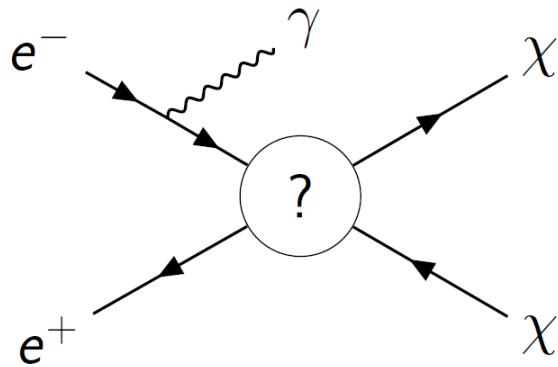
Only moderate increase in discovery reach for 1.5 TeV:

- neutral scalar production:  $m_A + m_H < 450 \text{ GeV}$  (290 GeV @ 380 GeV)
- charged scalar production:  $m_{H^\pm} < 500 \text{ GeV}$  (150 GeV @ 380 GeV)

might be worthwhile to investigate semi-leptonic signature for  $H^+ H^-$  channel

# 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.



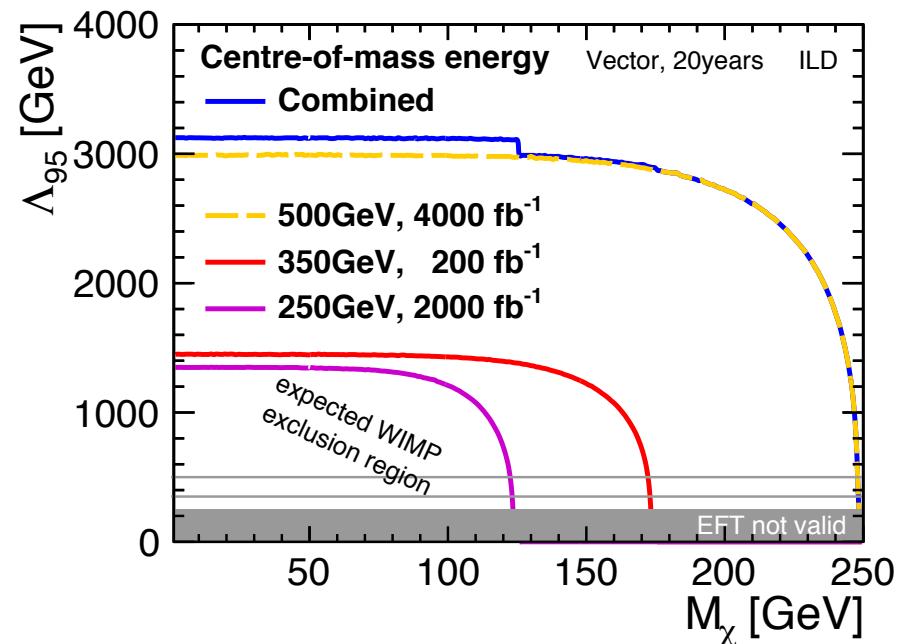
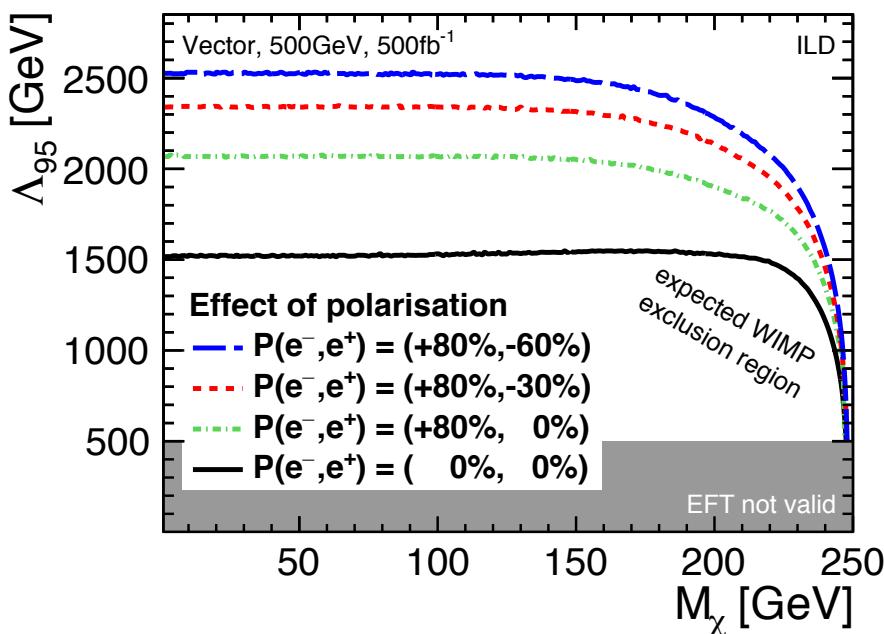
DM can be pair produced in the  $e^+e^-$  collisions via exchange of a new **mediator particle**, which couples to both electrons (SM) and DM states

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

# Heavy mediator studies

Scenarios with **heavy mediator** and **coupling values  $\mathcal{O}(1)$**  (EFT limit)

Different **polarisation** combinations help to reduce the **systematics**  
 ⇒ significant improvement of mass scale limits



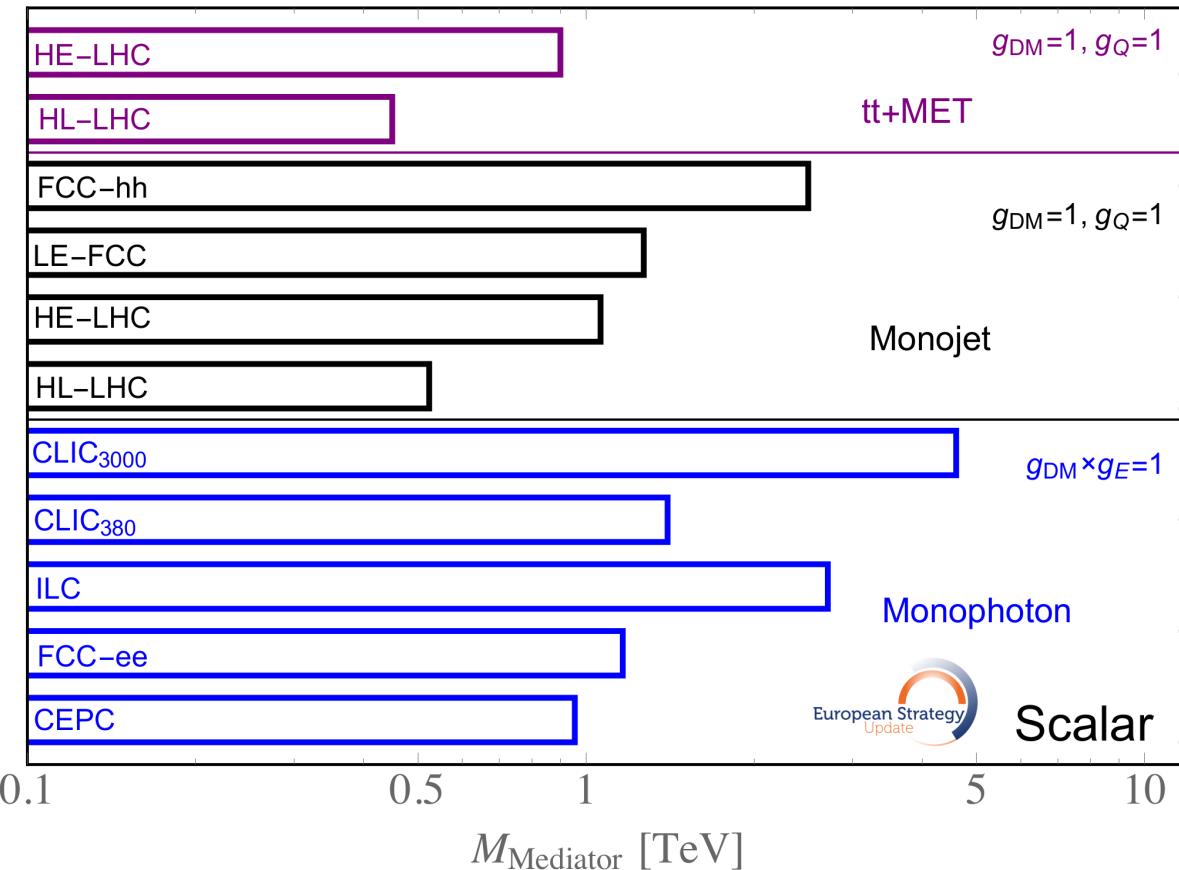
Sensitivity to the BSM mass scales up to  $\Lambda \sim 3 \text{ TeV}$

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{M_Y^2}{|g_{eeY} g_{\chi\chi Y}|}$$

with full simulation: see arXiv:2001.03011

# Heavy mediator studies

## Comparison of extracted mediator mass limits

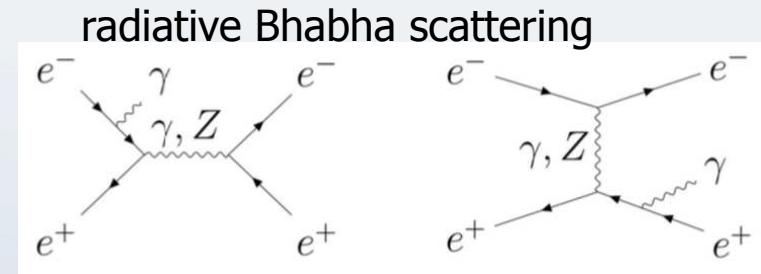
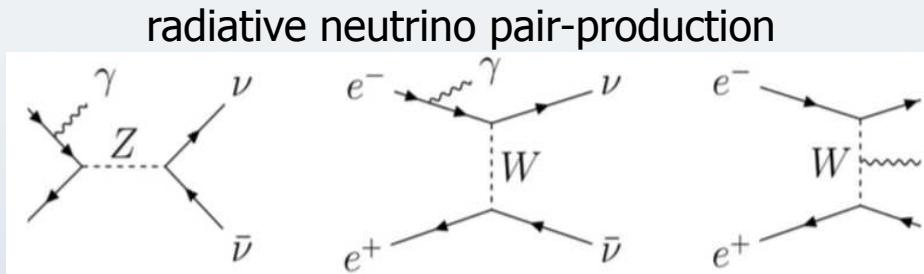


ILC mass reach comparable with that of FCC-hh !!!

# Light mediator study

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

- Before assessing the discovery potential of the mono-photon processes the SM background must be carefully studied



- For simulation we used **WHIZARD**  
the **WHIZARD** ISR photons are not ordinary final state photons  
hard photons from the matrix element must be added
- Dedicated simulation procedure to merge soft ISR and hard photons  
and avoids double counting

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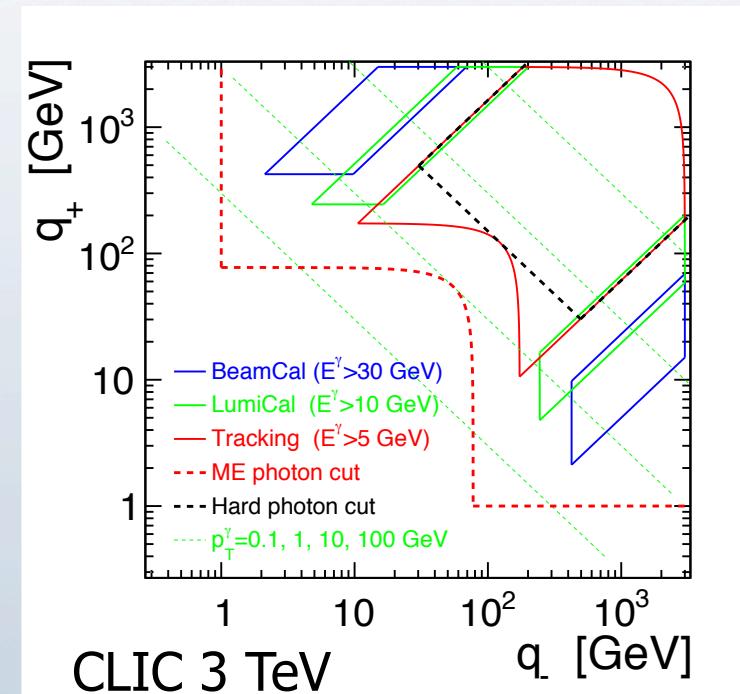
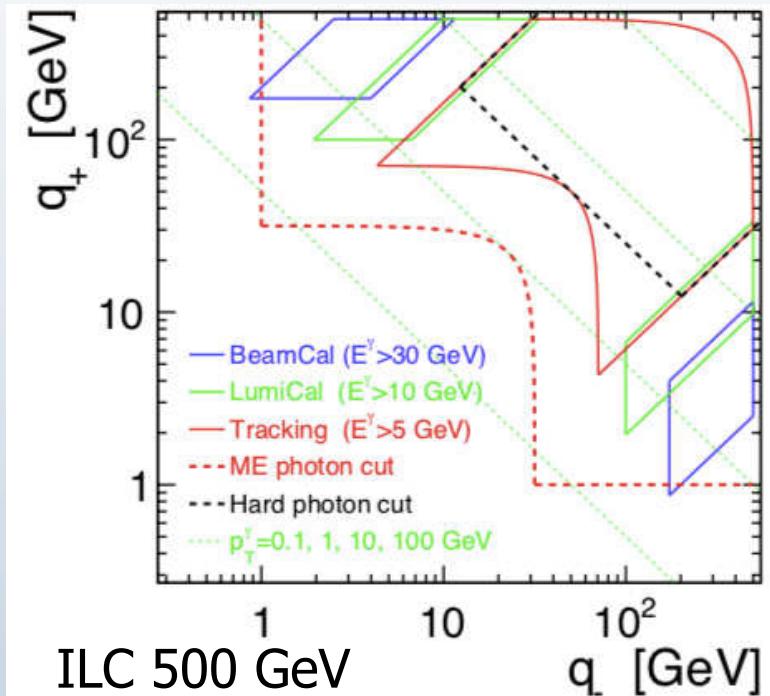
# Merging ISR and ME photons

Define for each photon

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

for events with only one photon these variables would correspond to virtualities of electron and/or positron after photon emission

detector coverage in  $q_-, q_+$  plane



$$E_{min} = 1 \text{ GeV}, \quad q_{min} = 1 \text{ GeV}$$

# Light mediator study

Simplified model covering most popular scenarios of dark matter pair-production

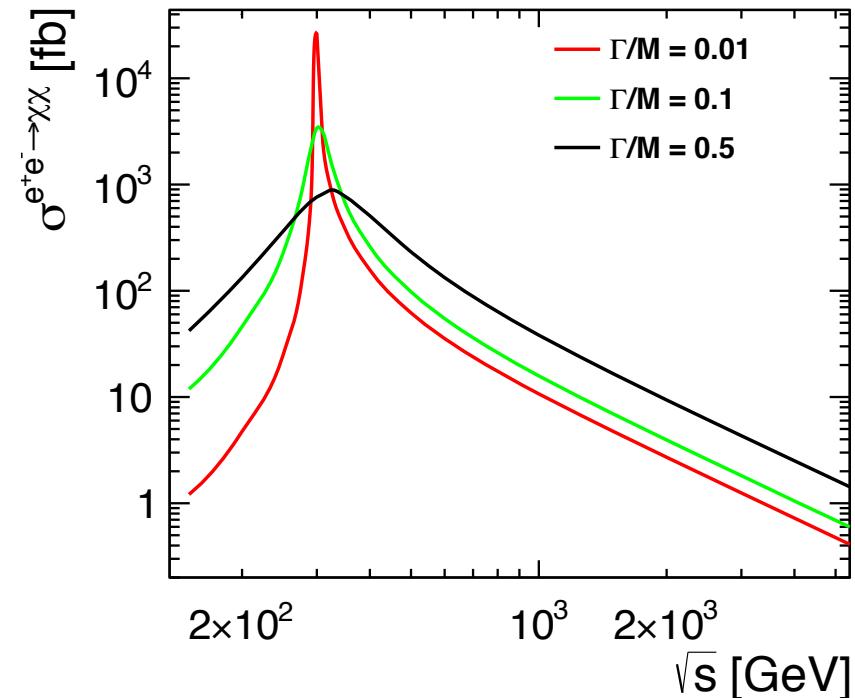
Possible mediators:  $\gamma$

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

Possible DM candidates:  $\chi$

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

Cross section for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi\chi$  for  
 $M_\chi = 50 \text{ GeV}$  and  $M_Y = 300 \text{ GeV}$



model encoded to FeynRules and exported in UFO for Whizard simulations

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# Light mediator study: setting limits

## Experimental-like approach

Cross section for DM pair-production via mediator exchange depends on

- mediator mass,  $M_Y$ , and DM mass  $m_\chi$
- SM-mediator coupling value,  $g_{eeY}$  and coupling structure  $\mathcal{O}_{eeY}$
- DM-mediator coupling value,  $g_{\chi\chi Y}$  and coupling structure  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi\chi Y}$

The cross section can also be expressed **in terms of the widths**

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \chi\chi) = \frac{12\pi}{M_Y^2} \frac{s \Gamma_{ee} \Gamma_{\chi\chi}}{(s - M_Y^2)^2 + M_Y^2 \Gamma_Y^2}$$

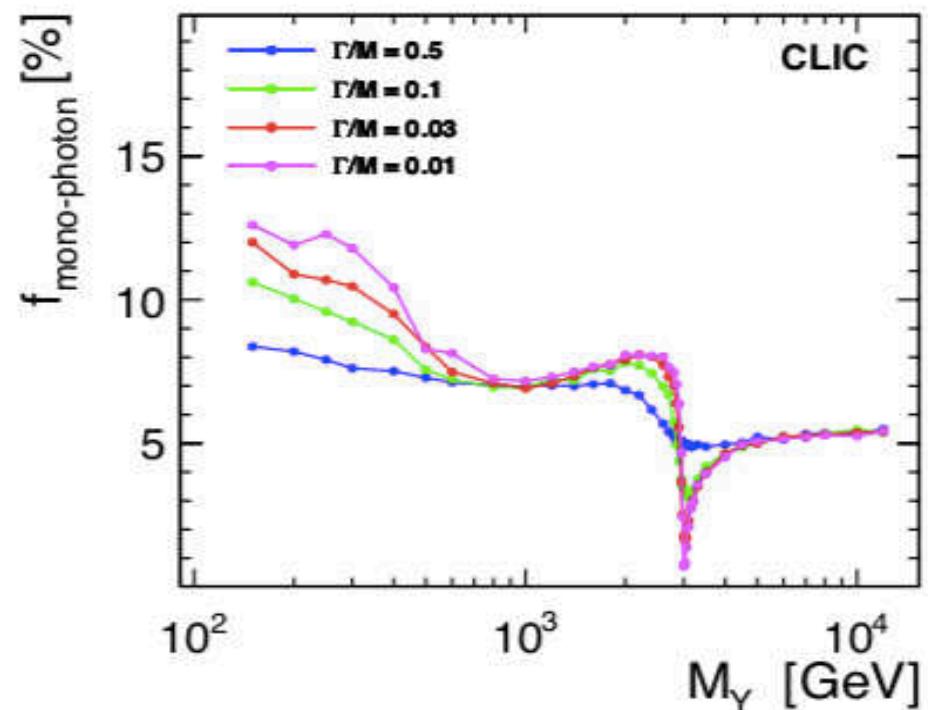
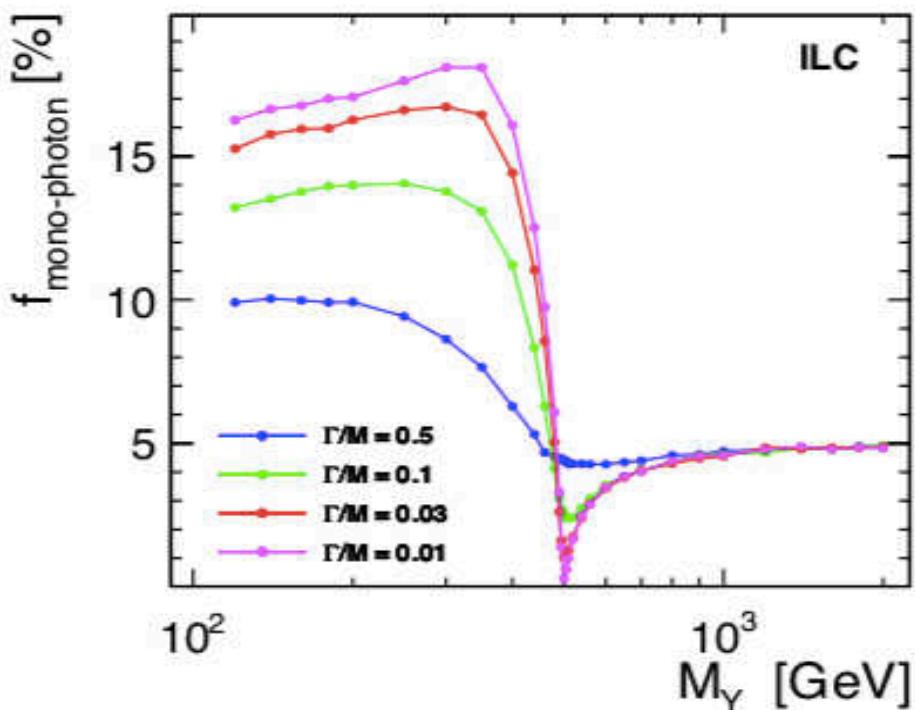
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⇒ study **limits** on the DM pair-production cross section (or  $g_{eeY}$ ) as a function of the mediator mass and width (for given  $\mathcal{O}_{eeY}$ )

# Simulating mono-photon events

Detectable hard photon emitted only in a fraction of signal events

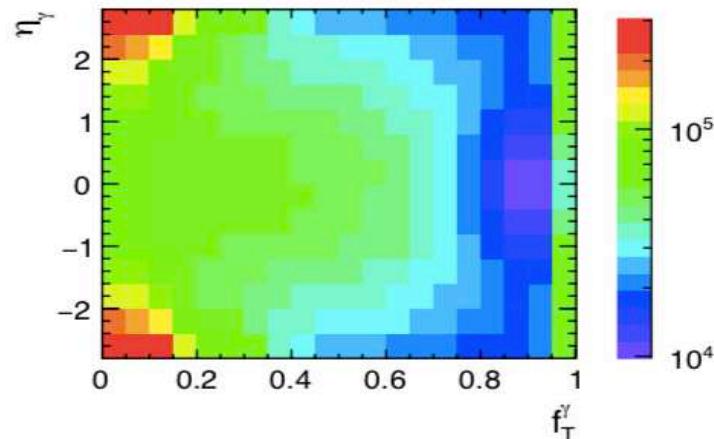
$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi\chi\gamma_{\text{tag}}) = f_{\text{mono-photon}} \cdot \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi\chi(\gamma))$$



efficiency: for light mediators  $\sim 10\text{-}15\%$   
 for heavy ones only  $\sim 5\%$  events can be tagged

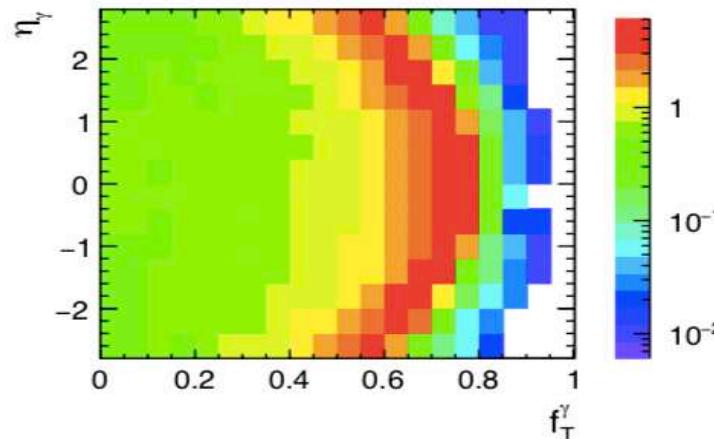
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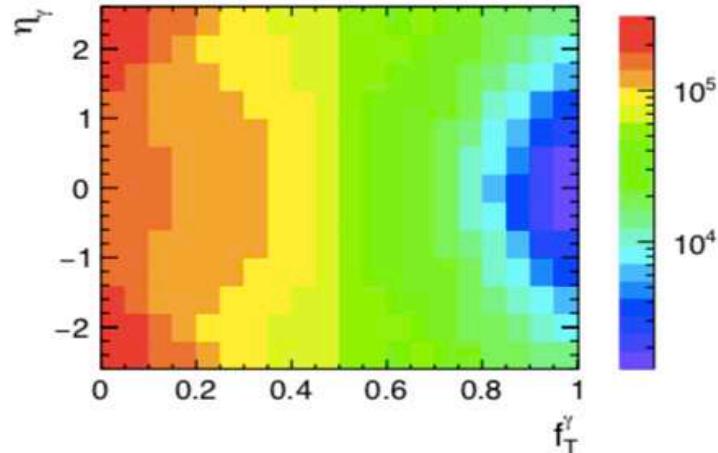


ILC 500 GeV (-80%/ $+30\%$ )  $1600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Signal

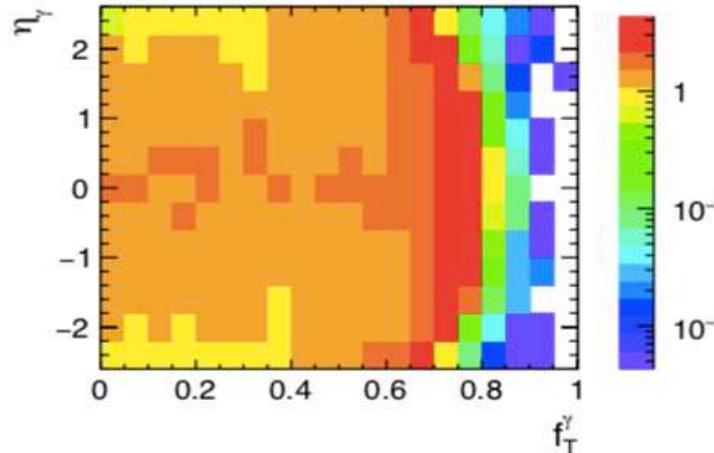


$M_Y = 400 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma/M = 0.03$



CLIC 3 TeV -80%  $e^-$   $4000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

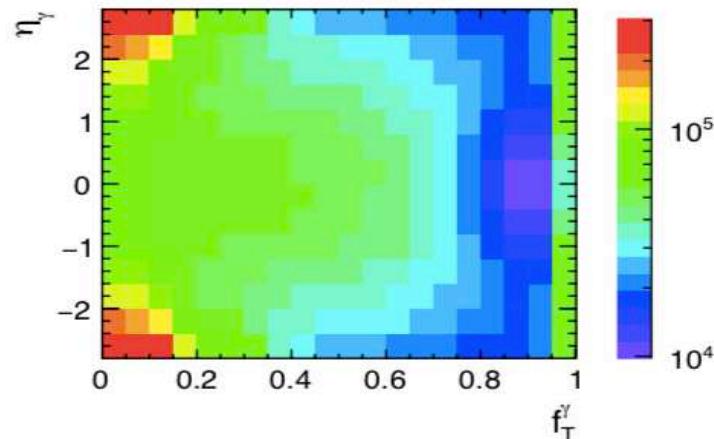
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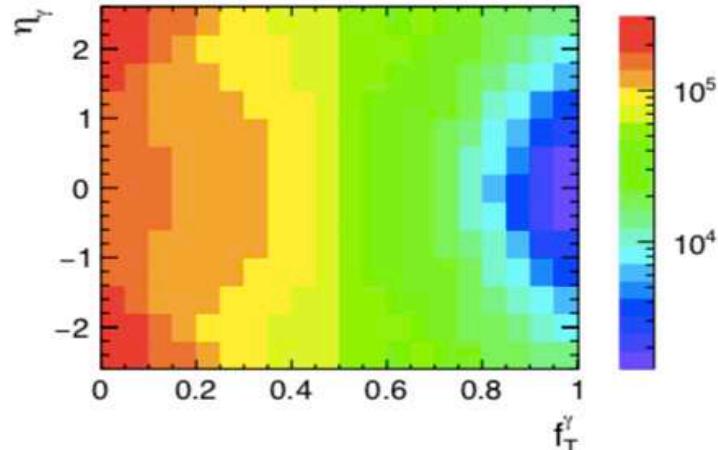
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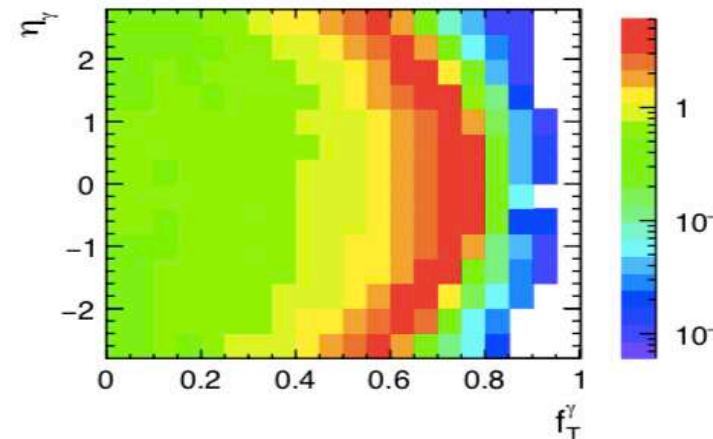


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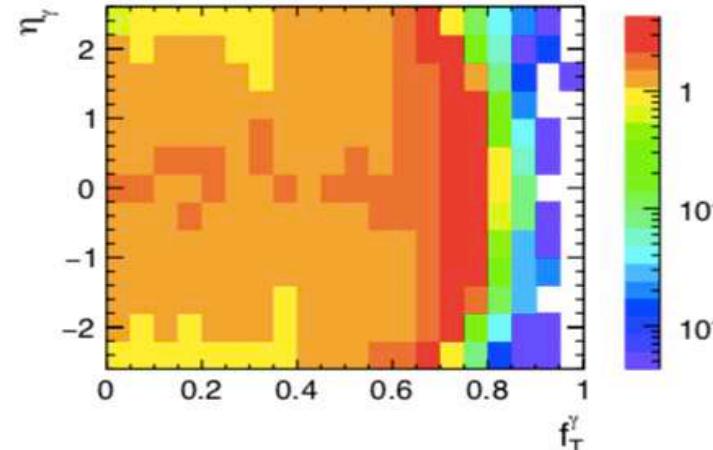


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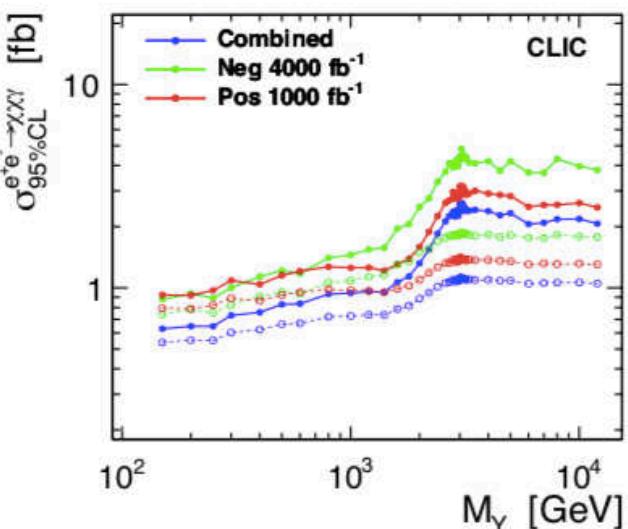
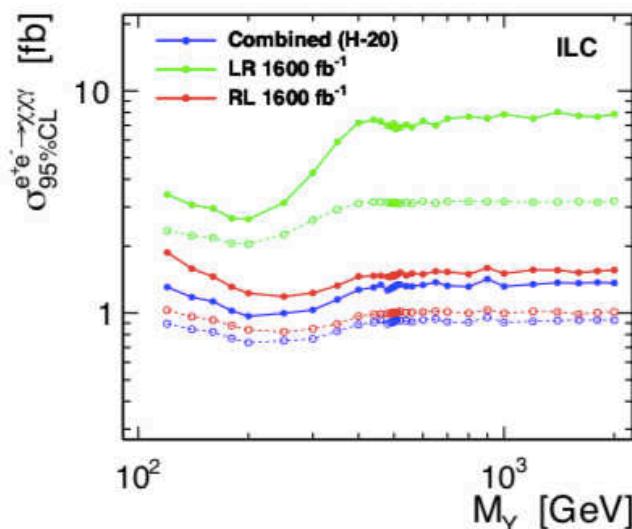
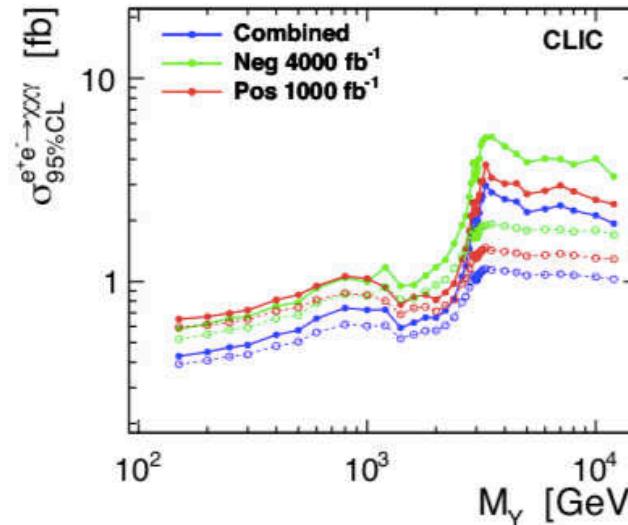
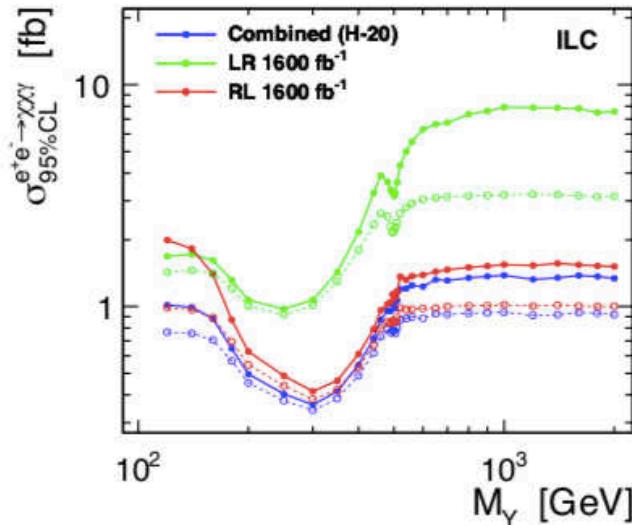


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use 2-D distributions  
as input to RooFit and  
calculate 95% C.L. for  
cross section limits  
using  $\text{CL}_s$

# Simulating mono-photon events



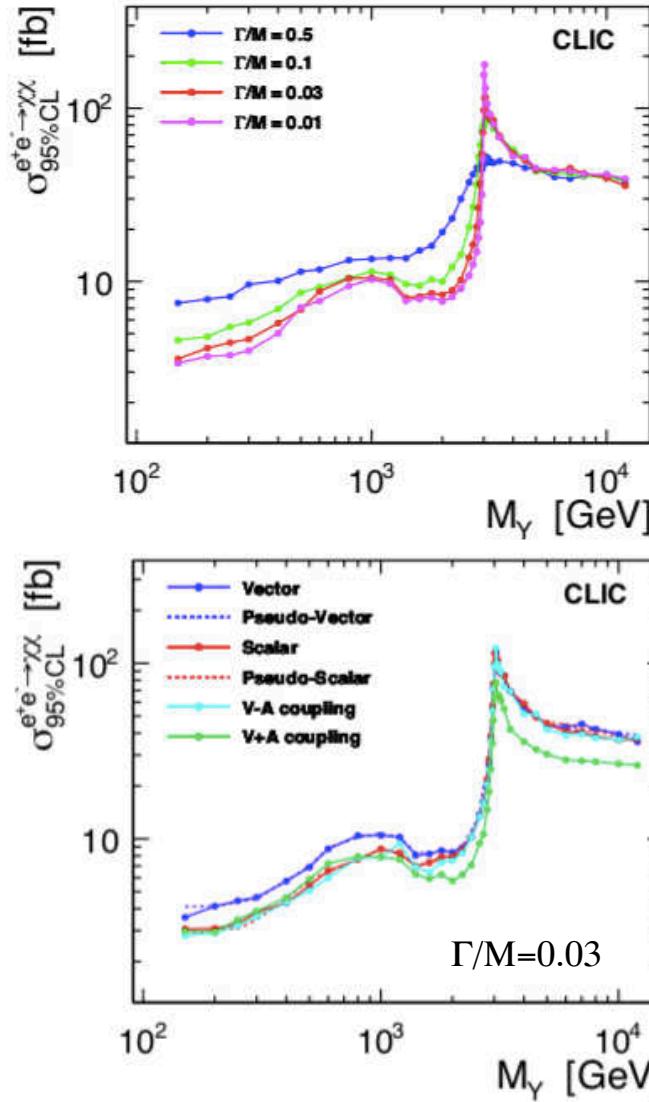
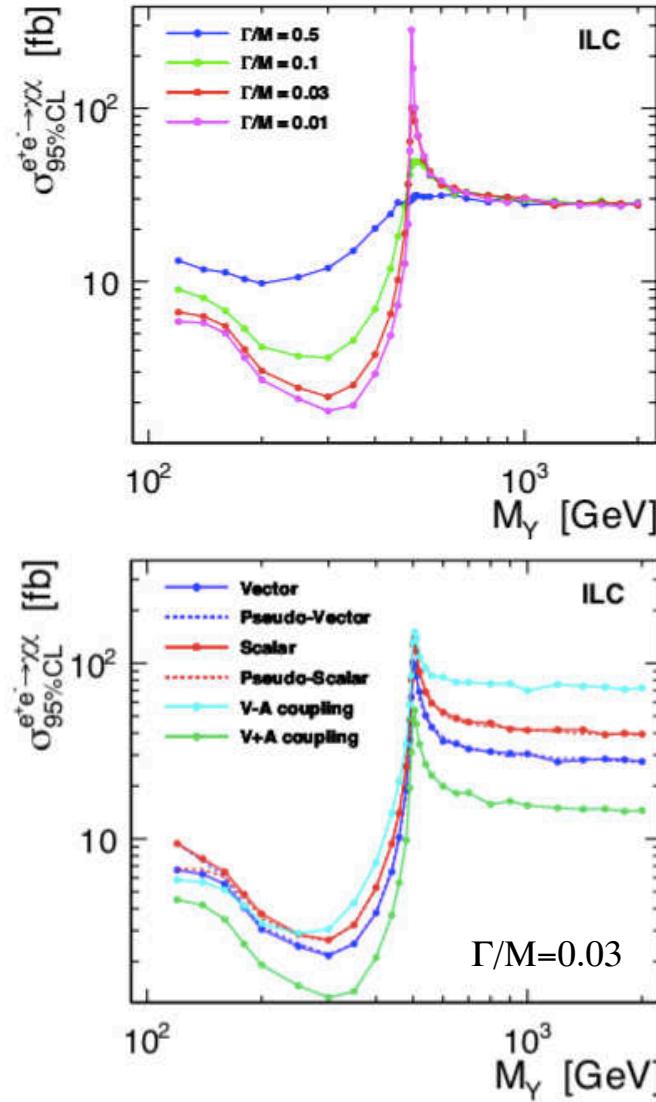
Cross section limits  
on radiative light DM  
pair-production with  
vector mediator

solid lines – with  
systematic uncert.  
dashes - without

systematic effects  
reduced for on-shell  
mediator production

top row       $\Gamma/M=0.03$   
bottom row     $\Gamma/M=0.5$

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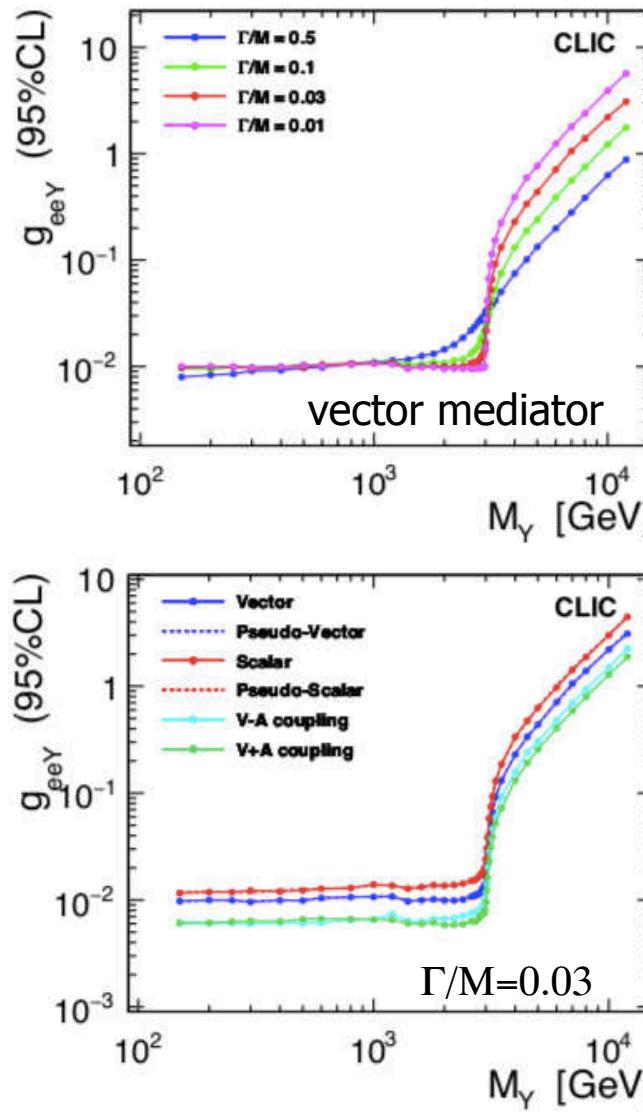
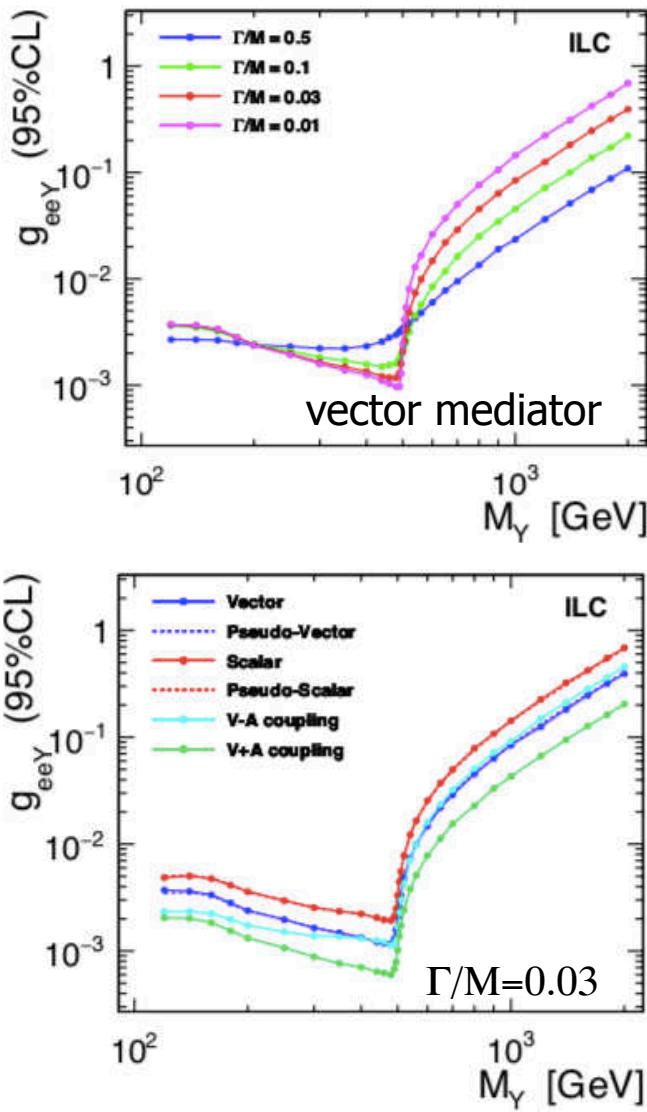


limits on cross sections including photon tagging efficiency

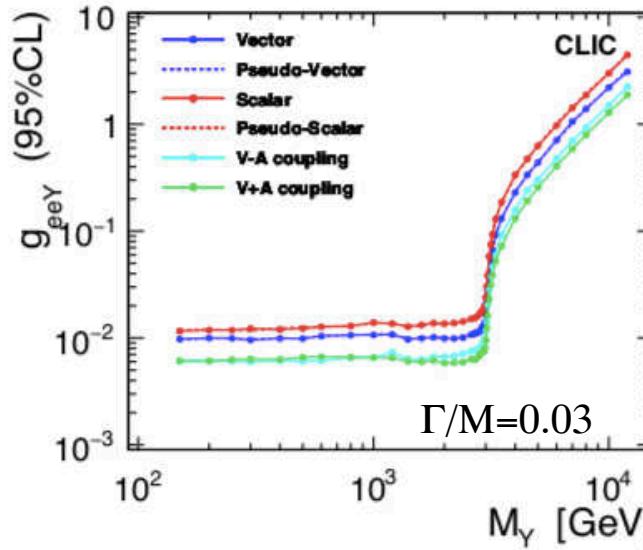
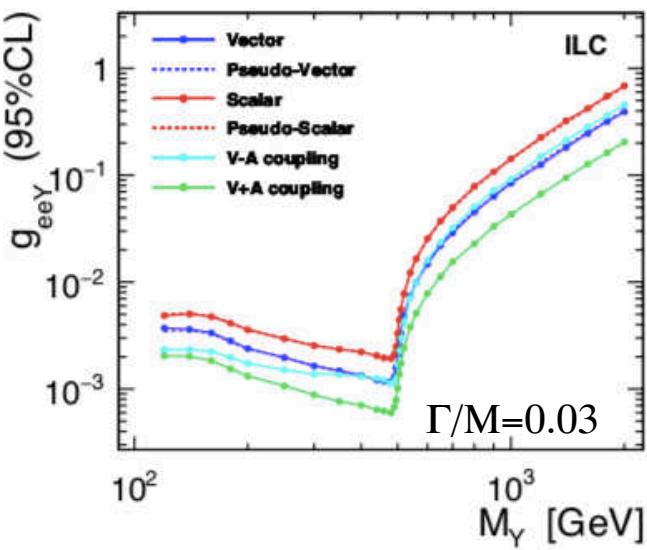
for light Y the difference between ILC and CLIC due wider CLIC luminosity spectra

for heavy Y limits hardly depend on its mass but more sensitive to its nature

# Simulating mono-photon events



limits on electron-mediator couplings

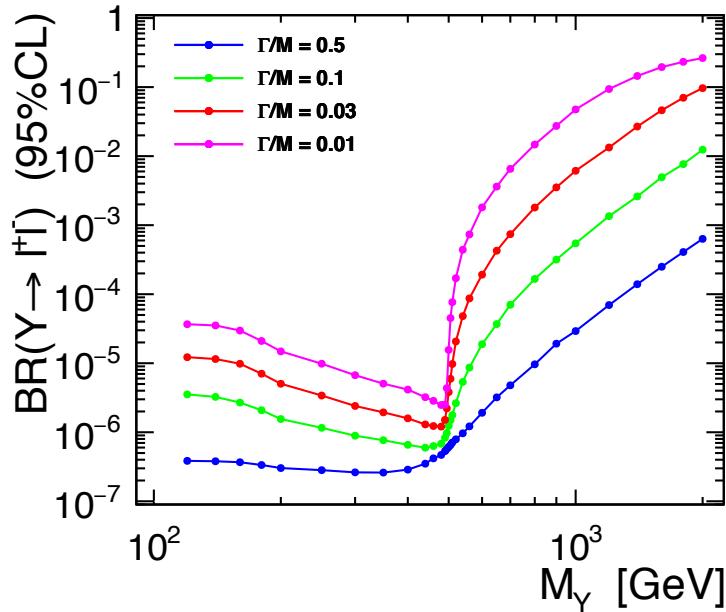


best limits for V+A scenario

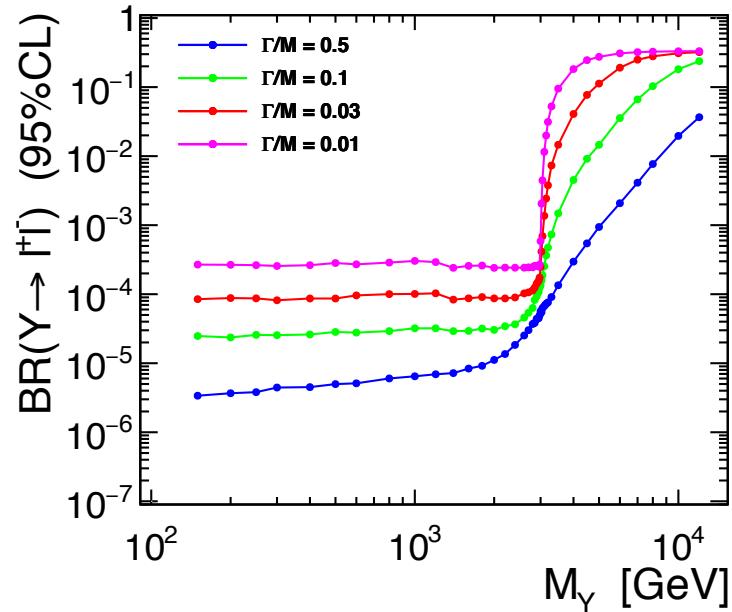
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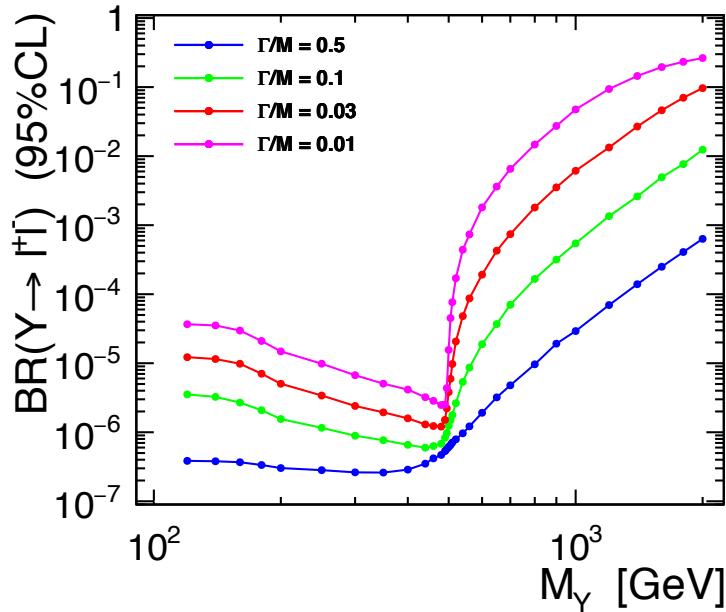
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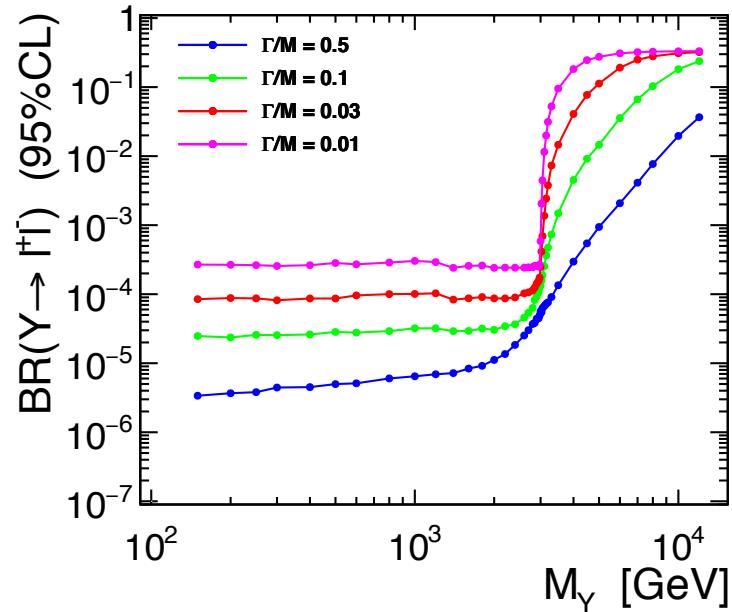
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$\mathcal{O}(1)$   $e^+e^- \rightarrow Y \rightarrow e^+e^-$  events expected at ILC or CLIC

⇒ for light mediators the limits from mono-photon search are more stringent than from the direct resonance search

# Simulating mono-photon events

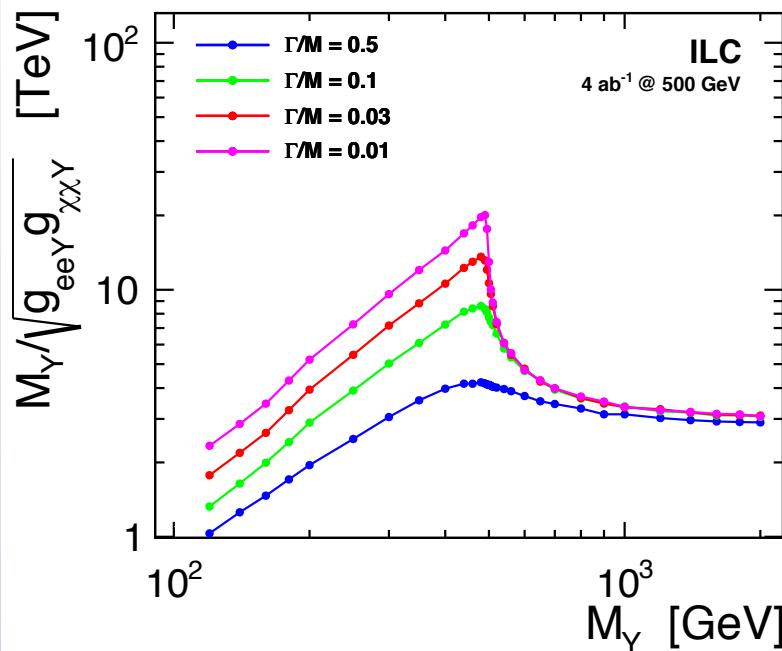


Effective mass scale limits

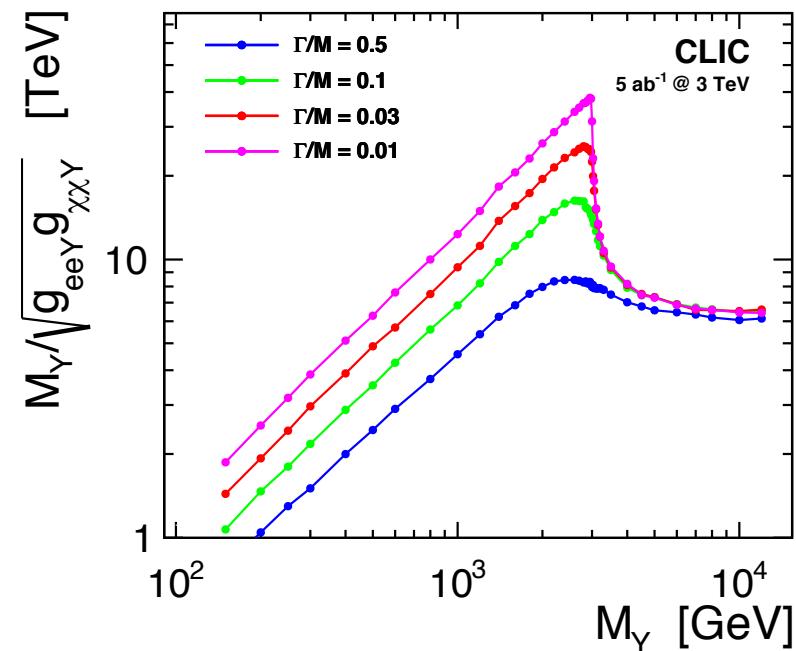
$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{M_Y^2}{|g_{eeY}g_{\chi\chi Y}|}$$

Combined limits for Vector mediator

ILC @ 500 GeV



CLIC @ 3 TeV



EFT approach valid only for  $M_Y \gtrsim 3\sqrt{s}$  !...

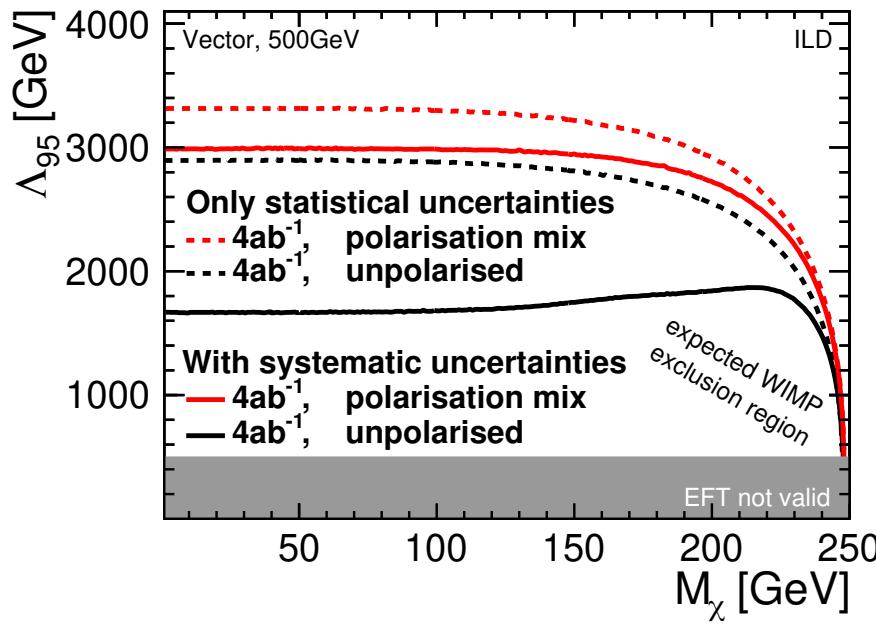
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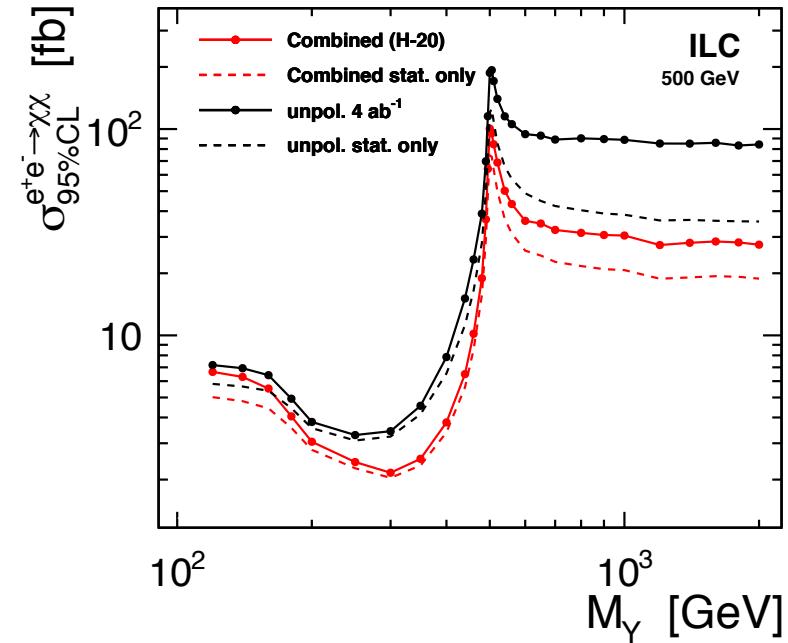
Impact of beam polarisation

Combination results in **best sensitivity** to all scenarios  
but also significantly reduces the impact of **systematic uncertainties**

Heavy mediator exchange



Light mediator exchange



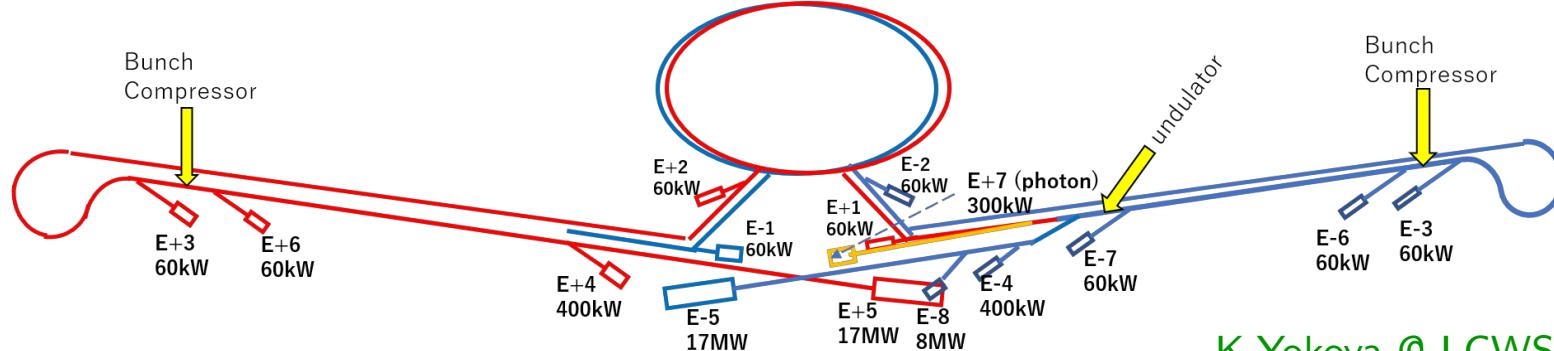
# Non-collider experiments

- beam-dump experiments
- experiments with extracted beams



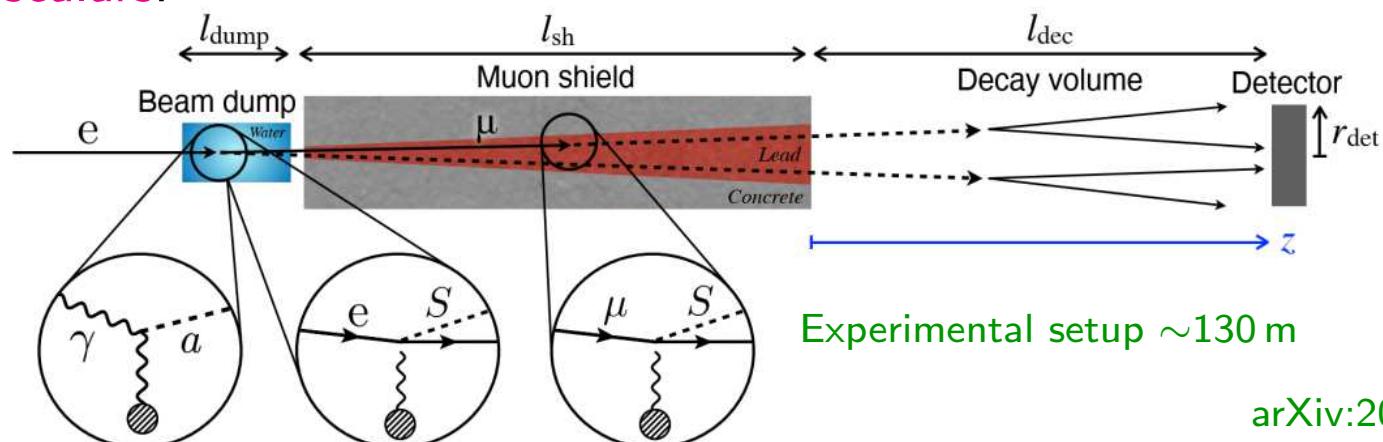
# ILC beam-dump experiments

Electron and positron beams, with **extreme intensities**  
 $(\sim 10^{22} e^\pm/y)$   
 Many beam dump points planned around the ILC facility



K.Yokoya @ LCWS'2021

Concept of main beam dump experiments searching for **axion-like particles** or **new scalars**:

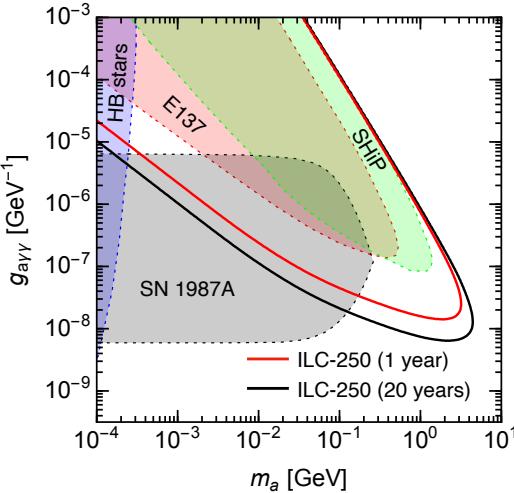


Experimental setup  $\sim 130$  m

arXiv:2009.13790

# ILC beam-dump experiments

Looking for SM decays of new exotic particles produced in the beam dump  
 arXiv:2009.13790



Axion-like particle model      looking for  $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

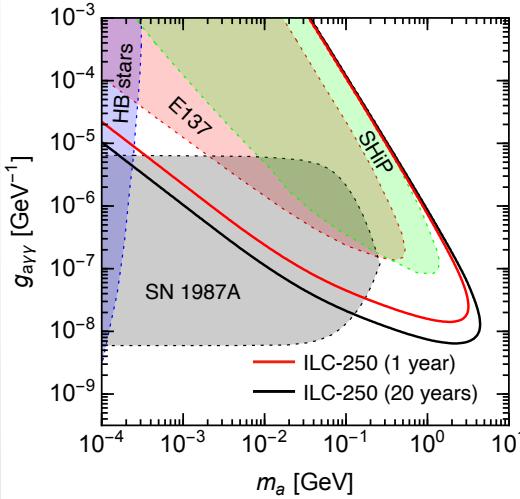
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An order of magnitude better sensitivity than other experiments

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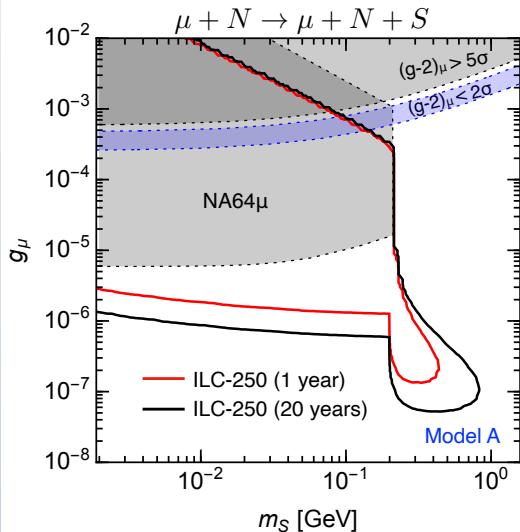


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Light scalar coupled to charged leptons

$$\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu S)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_S^2 S^2 - \sum_{I=e,\mu,\tau} g_I S \bar{I} I$$

Model A:  $g_I \propto m_I$

Sensitivity down to very small couplings

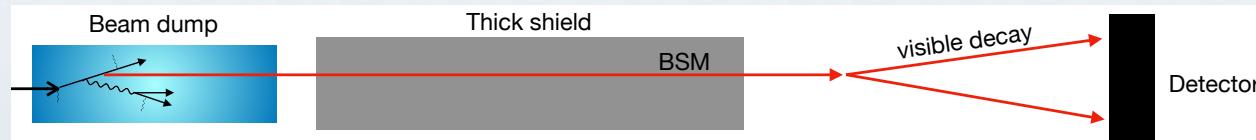
# ILC beam-dump experiments

Significant interest in searches for sub-GeV DM with feeble couplings to SM

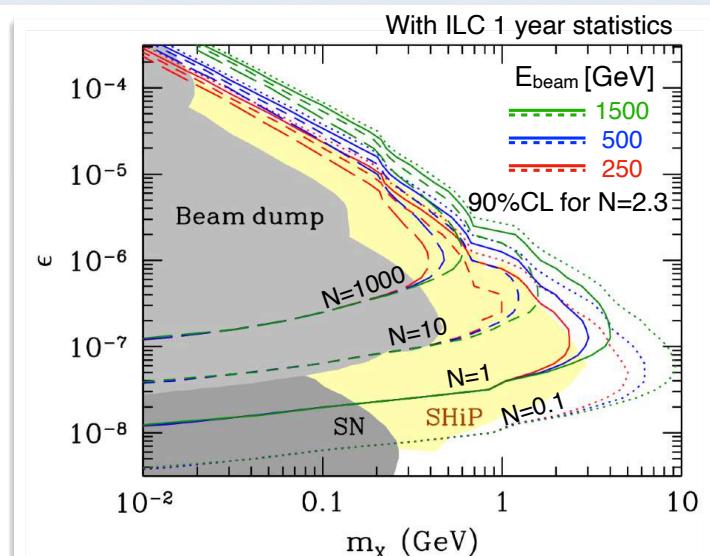
Benchmark model: dark photon mediating interactions of SM and DM

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_{A'}^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu - \frac{\epsilon}{2}F'_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\chi}(i\not{D} - m_\chi)\chi$$

a)  $m_{A'} < 2m_\chi$  dark photon decays visibly



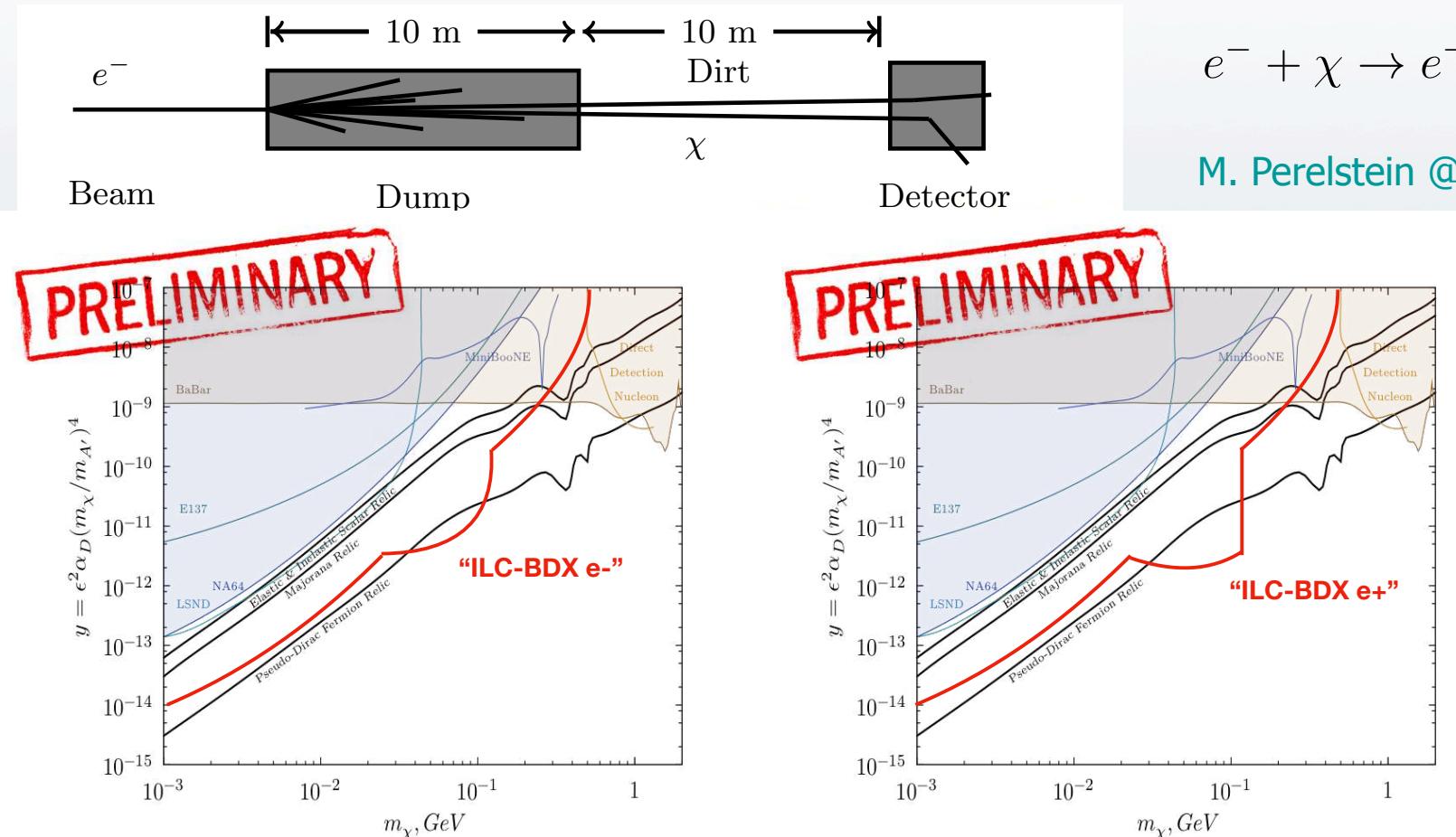
- ✓ Main beam dump experiments can search on the large unexplored region.
- ✓ If SHiP will not be realized due to high-cost issues, ILC will be the only experiment that can access the small-coupling and high-mass region.



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# ILC beam-dump experiments

b)  $m_{A'} > 2m_\chi$  dark photon decays invisibly  
scenario compatible with DM thermal origin



# Experiment with extracted e+ beam



- Missing Mass technique: positron beam on thin target,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow A' + \gamma$
- Detect photons ~10 m downstream at 0.5-2 deg. angle
- Reconstruct MM:  $m_{\text{miss}}^2 = (p_{e^+} + p_{e^-} - p_\gamma)^2$
- Bump-hunt over SM bg:  $2\gamma, 3\gamma, \text{ brem}, \dots$
- Setup similar to PADME experiment running at Frascati, with  $\sim 500 \times$  beam energy and large increase in statistics

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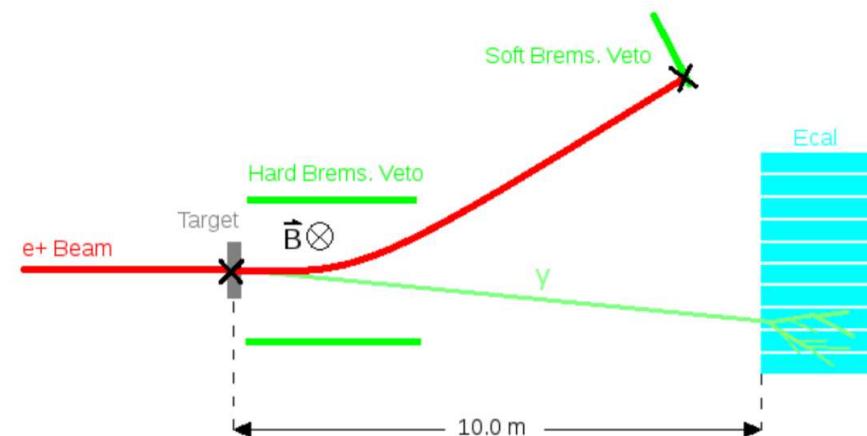


Figure: Marsicano et al, 2007.15081

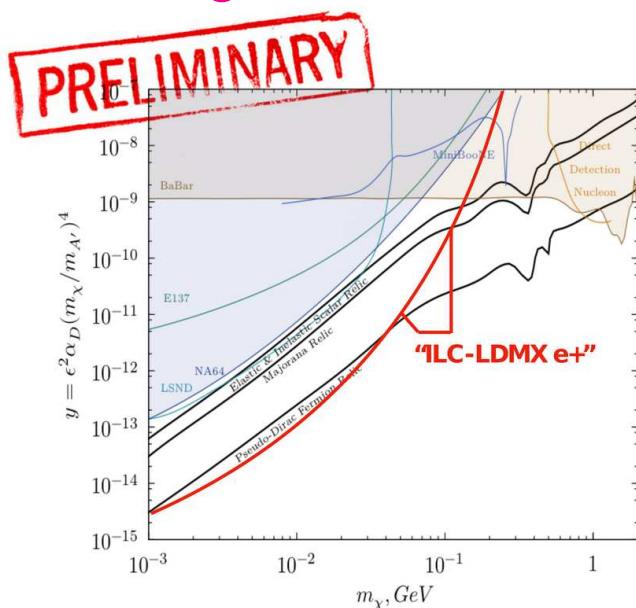
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Searching for Dark Photons with extracted positron beams

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow A' \gamma$$

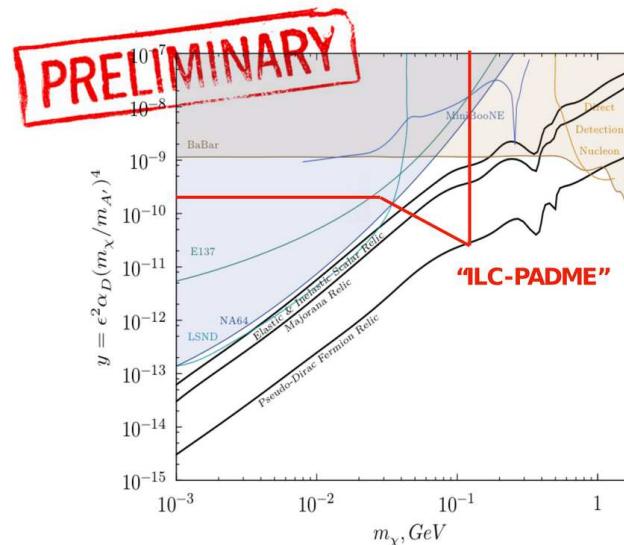
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Missing energy reconstruction in thick active target



LDMX for SLAC: arXiv:1807.05884

Thin target, missing mass reconstruction in dedicated detector



PADME @ Frascati: arXiv:1910.00764

Sensitivity extending down to the minimum couplings allowed by relic density bounds

# Conclusions



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Linear e+e- colliders will **offer many complementary** options for DM searches

- Different scenarios can be constrained via precision Higgs studies
- Clean environment, kinematic constraints and polarised beams in e+e- collisions result in high sensitivity to different DM production scenarios
- Sensitivity extends to the TeV mass scales,  
order of magnitude higher than the collision energy
- Unprecedented intensities of high energy electron and positron beams  
for beam-dump and extracted-beam experiments enhance the value  
of linear colliders

# Additional slides



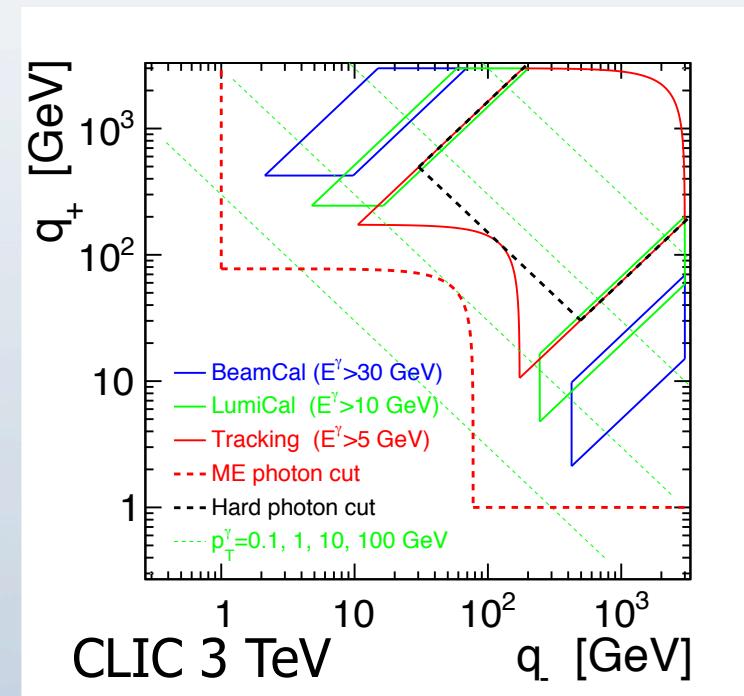
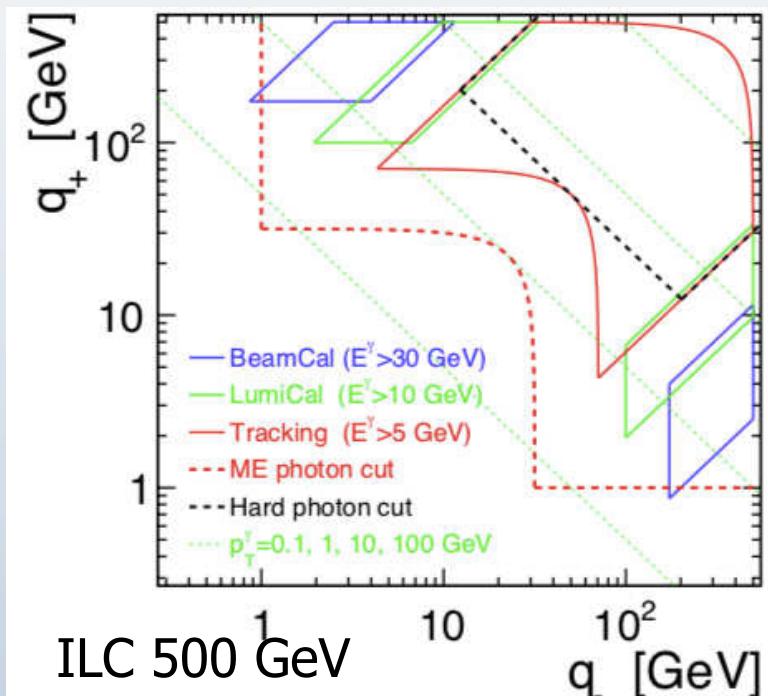
# Merging ISR and ME photons

Define for each photon

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

for events with only one photon these variables would correspond to virtualities of electron and/or positron after photon emission

detector coverage in  $q_-, q_+$  plane

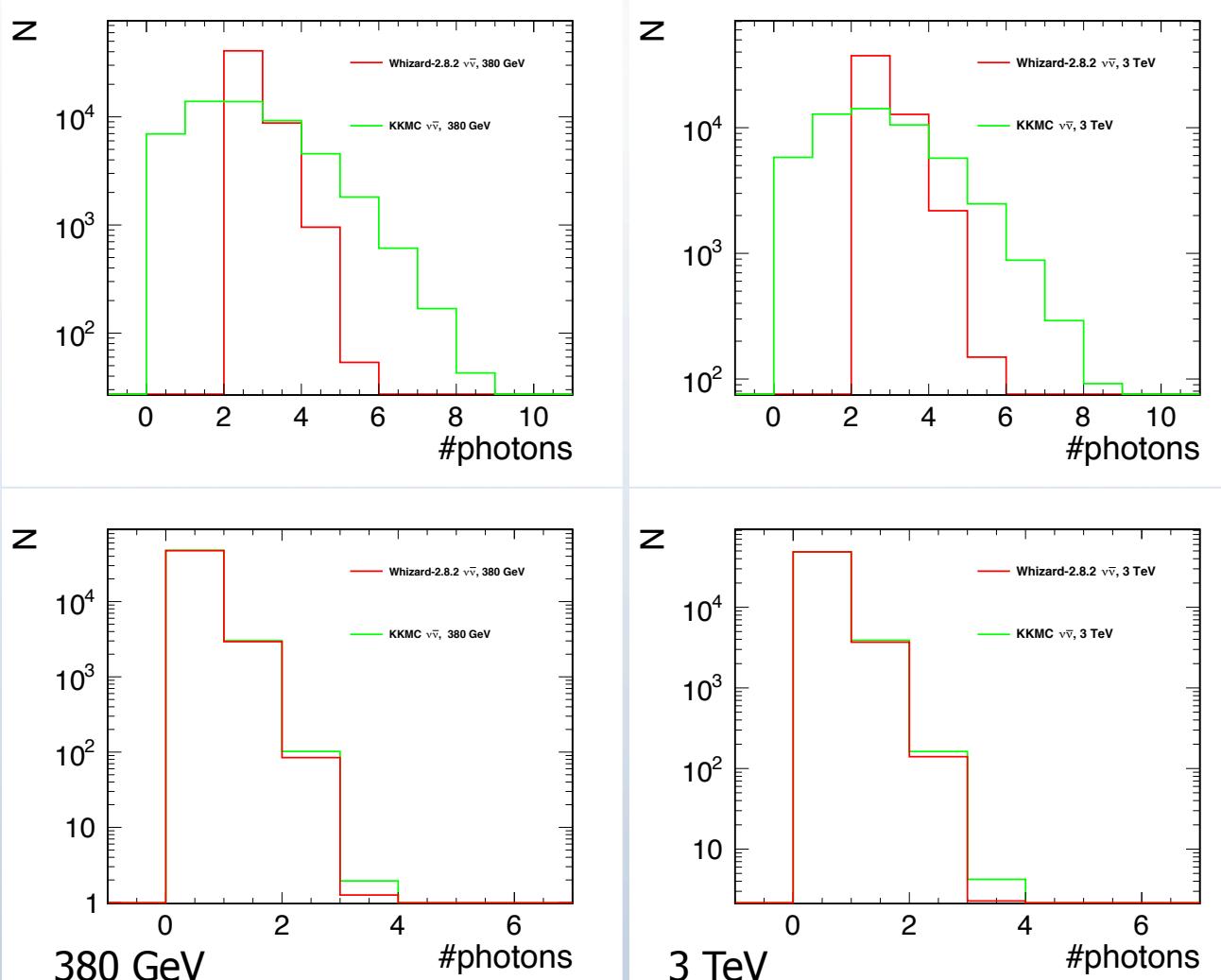


$$E_{min} = 1 \text{ GeV}, \quad q_{min} = 1 \text{ GeV}$$

# Comparison with KK MC: photon multiplicity

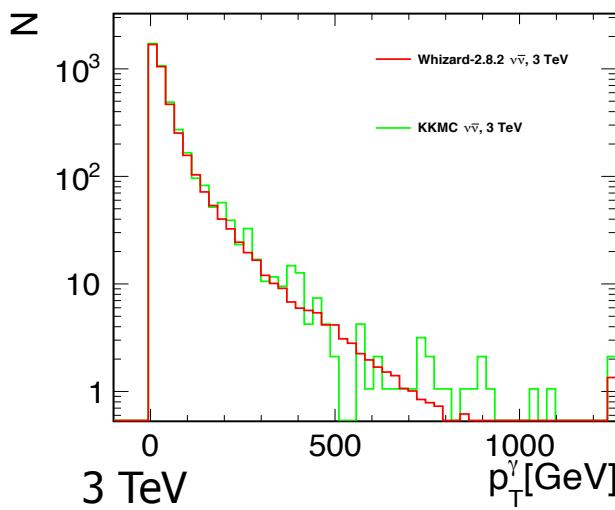
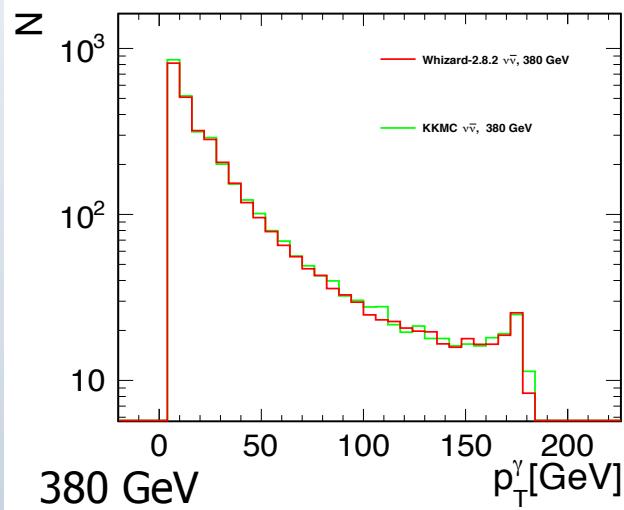
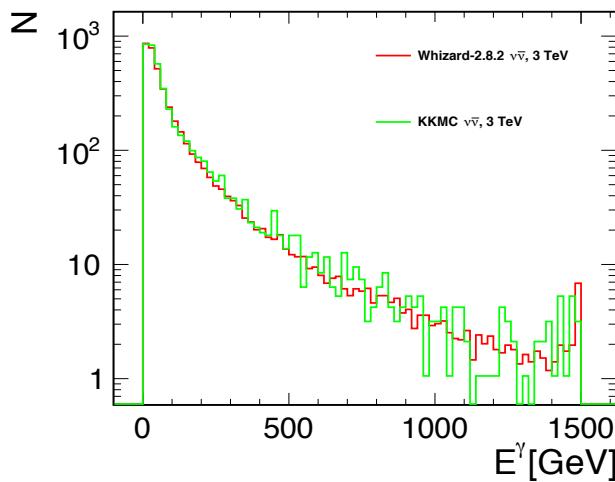
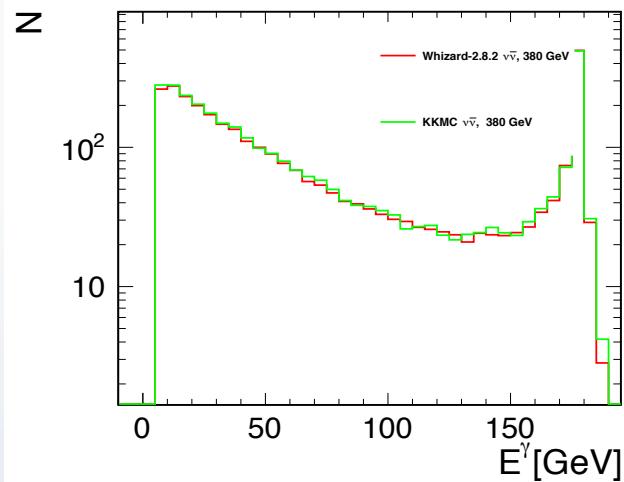


KKMC: soft photon resummation in CEEX + exact O(Born +  $\alpha^{3/2}$ )



distributions normalised to # events expected for 1/fb

# Comparison with KK MC: photon $p_T$



after hard photon selection

# Simplified DM model

Dark matter particles,  $X_i$ , couple to the SM particles via an 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
mediator	$Y_R$	$m_{Y_R}$	0	0	yes	real scalar
DM	$X_C$	$m_{X_C}$	0	0	no	complex scalar
mediator	$Y_V$	$m_{Y_V}$	1	0	yes	real vector
DM	$X_M$	$m_{X_M}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	yes	Majorana fermion
mediator	$T_C$	$m_{T_C}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	no	Dirac fermion
DM	$X_D$	$m_{X_D}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	no	real vector
mediator						

# mono-photons: systematic uncertainty

systematic uncertainties: following ILD study arXiv:2001.03011  
CLIC mono-photon study arXiv:2103.06006

- integrated luminosity uncertainty 0.26% (ILD), 0.2% (CLIC)
- neutrino background normalisation 0.2% (th+exp)
- Bhabha background normalisation 1% (th+exp)
- uncertainty on beam polarisation 0.02-0.08% (ILD), 0.2% (CLIC)
- luminosity spectra shape uncertainty

nuisance parameters in the model fit: 11 (ILD H-20 scenario), 7 (CLIC)

Limits on production cross sections calculated with  $CL_s$  using RooFit v3.60

# mono-photons: analysis framework

JK, W. Kotlarski, K. Mękała, P. Sopicki, A.F. Żarnecki, arXiv:2107.11194

## Event selection

On generator level:

- 1, 2 or 3 ME photons  
nonradiative events for signal only (for normalisation)
- all ME photons with  $q_{\pm} > 1 \text{ GeV}$  &  $E^{\gamma} > 1 \text{ GeV}$   
rejected are events with  $q_{\pm} > 1 \text{ GeV}$  &  $E^{\gamma} > 1 \text{ GeV}$  for any of the ISR photons
- at least one ME photon with  $p_T^{\gamma} > 2 \text{ GeV}$  &  $5^\circ < \theta^{\gamma} < 175^\circ$  (ILC 500 GeV)  
 $p_T^{\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}$  &  $7^\circ < \theta^{\gamma} < 173^\circ$  (CLIC 3 TeV)

Delphes framework used for detector simulation and event reconstruction.

Require:

- single photon with  $p_T^{\gamma} > 3 \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta^{\gamma}| < 2.8$  (ILC)  
 $p_T^{\gamma} > 10 \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta^{\gamma}| < 2.6$  (CLIC)
- no other activity in the detector other reconstructed objects
  - no electrons
  - no LumiCal photons
  - no BeamCal photons
  - no jets

Detector response simulated in the Delphes framework:

ILCgen for ILC, CLICdet extended to include BeamCal and LumiCal

# Mono-Z search at the LHC

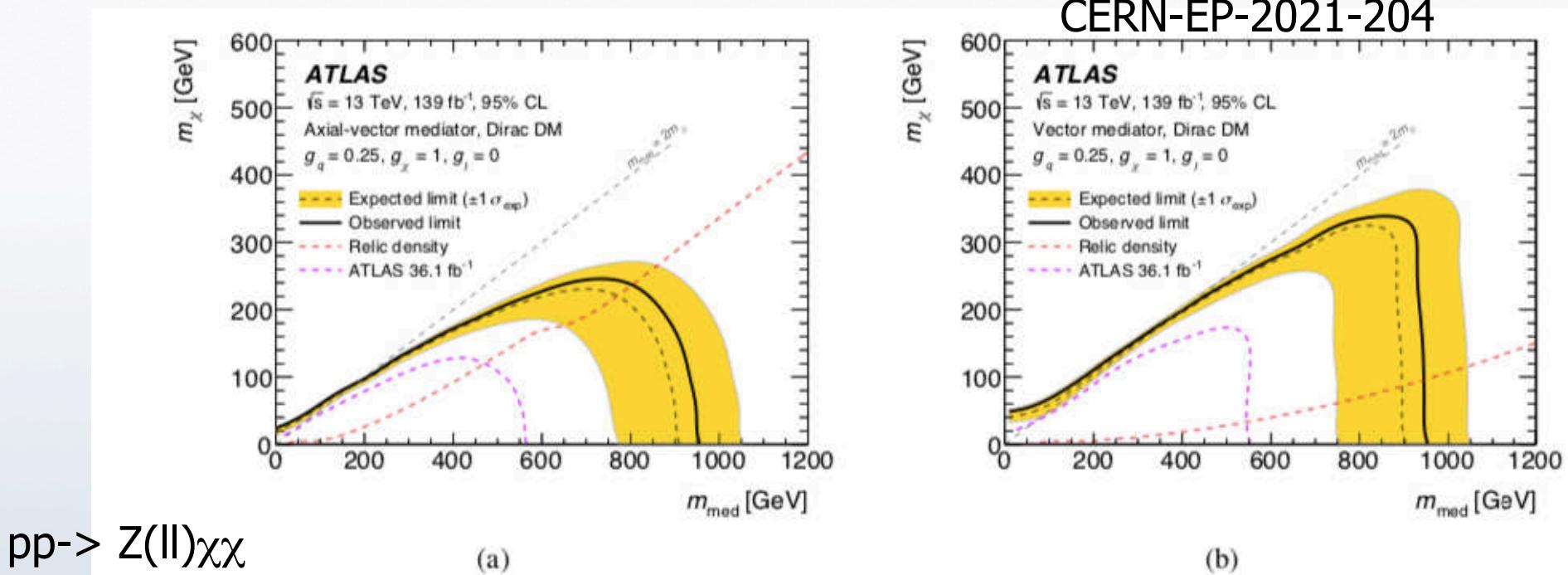


Figure 4: Exclusion limits for simplified DM models with  $g_\chi = 1.0$ ,  $g_q = 0.25$ , and  $g_\ell = 0$ , when assuming (a) an axial-vector mediator or (b) a vector mediator. The region below the solid black line is excluded at the 95% CL. The dashed black line indicates the expected limit in the absence of signal, and the yellow band the corresponding  $\pm 1\sigma$  uncertainty band. The dashed red line labelled ‘Relic density’ corresponds to combinations of DM and mediator mass values that are consistent with a DM density of  $\Omega h^2 = 0.118$  and a standard thermal history, as computed in Ref. [13]. Below the line, annihilation processes described by the simplified model mostly predict too high a relic density while regions with too low a relic density are mostly found for  $m_{\text{med}}$  closer to the DM mass. The dashed magenta line indicates the previous ATLAS result from a  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  dataset [21].

BR(H->inv) < 19% at 95% C.L.