



# Search for Dark Photons at future $e^+e^-$ colliders

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FCC-ee physics zoom meeting  
27/07/2020

# Brief Dark Matter intro

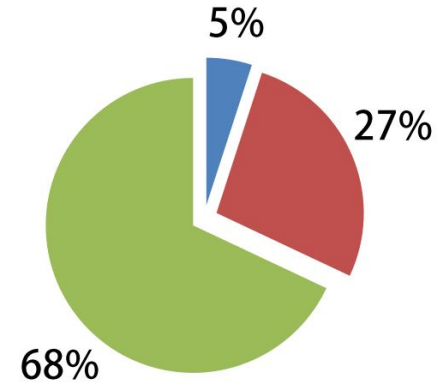
## Evidences

- Rotation curves of galaxies
- CMB fluctuations

## Properties

- Dark
- Gravitational interaction
- Stable
- Non-relativistic
- Collisionless

## $\Lambda$ CDM model



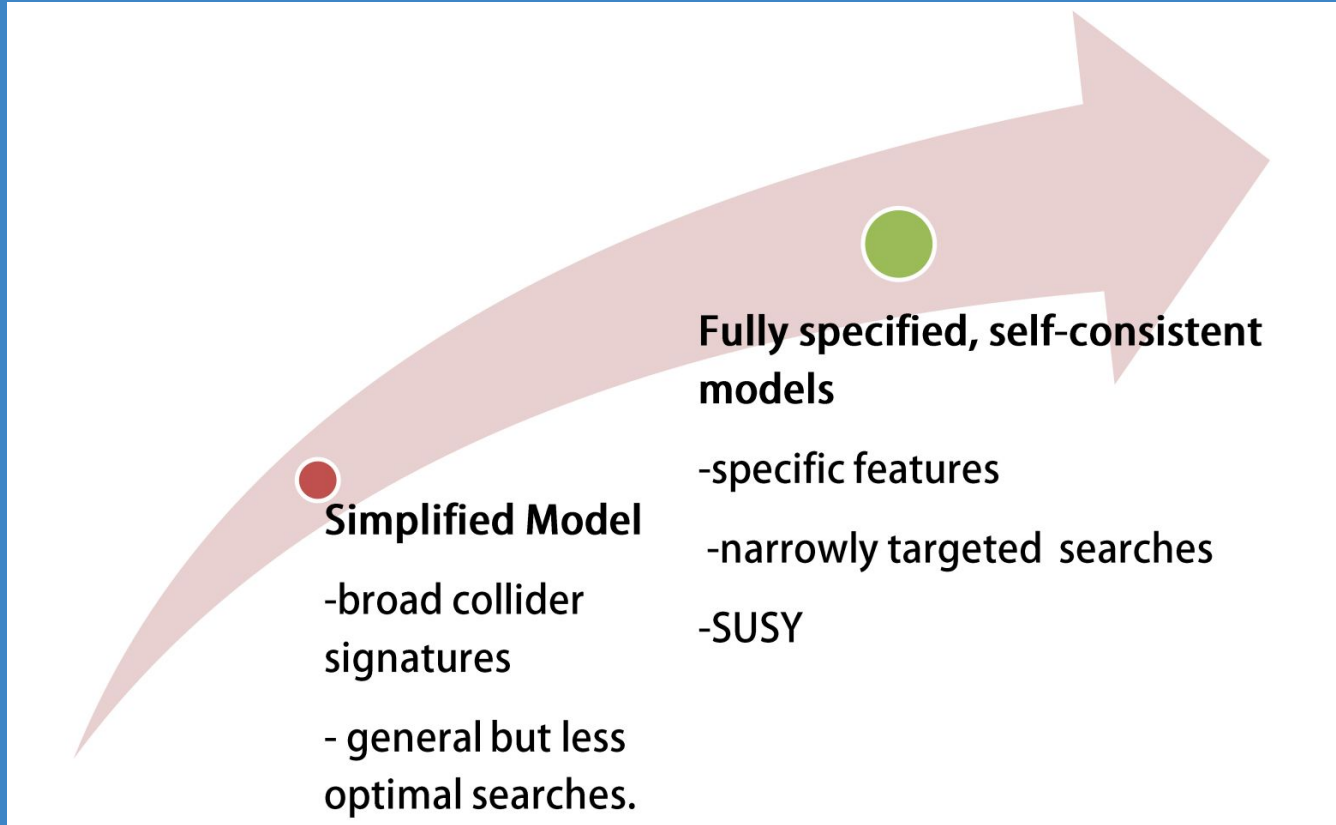
Universe:

■ Matter

■ Dark matter

■ Dark energy

# DM models



# DM traditional search strategies

## Direct Detection

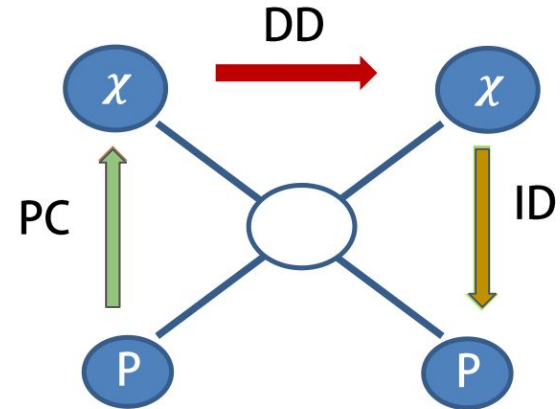
- Galactic DM colliding with underground targets made of ordinary matter

## Indirect Detection

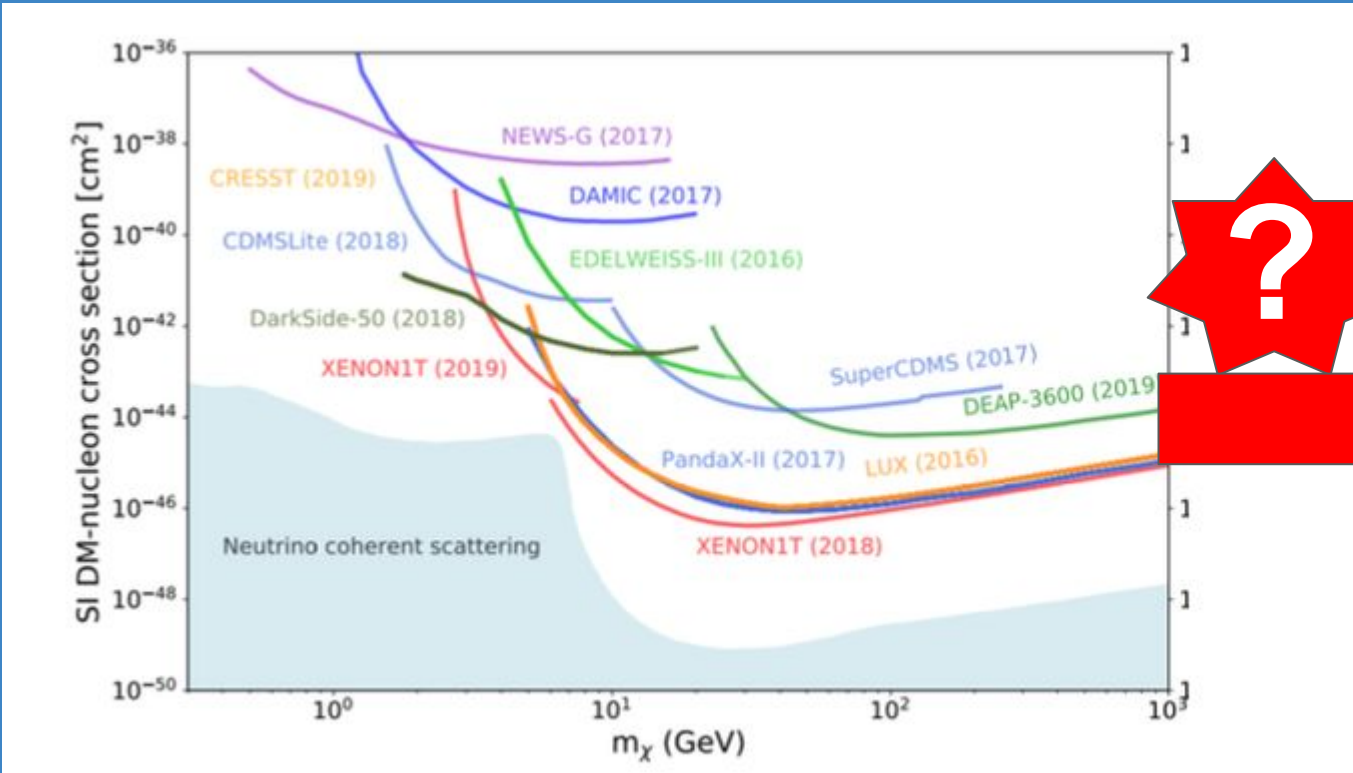
- Search for the products of annihilating DM

## Production at Colliders

- Search for invisible particles at Colliders



# DM bounds



# Dark photons

- “**photon:**” boson, spin 1 particle, neutral under  $U(1)_{EM}$
- but “**dark:**” not the gauge boson of  $U(1)_{EM}$ 
  - do not interact (directly) with any  $U(1)_{EM}$  charged particle

Despite from the name, both options are present in literature:

## Massive (generically light)

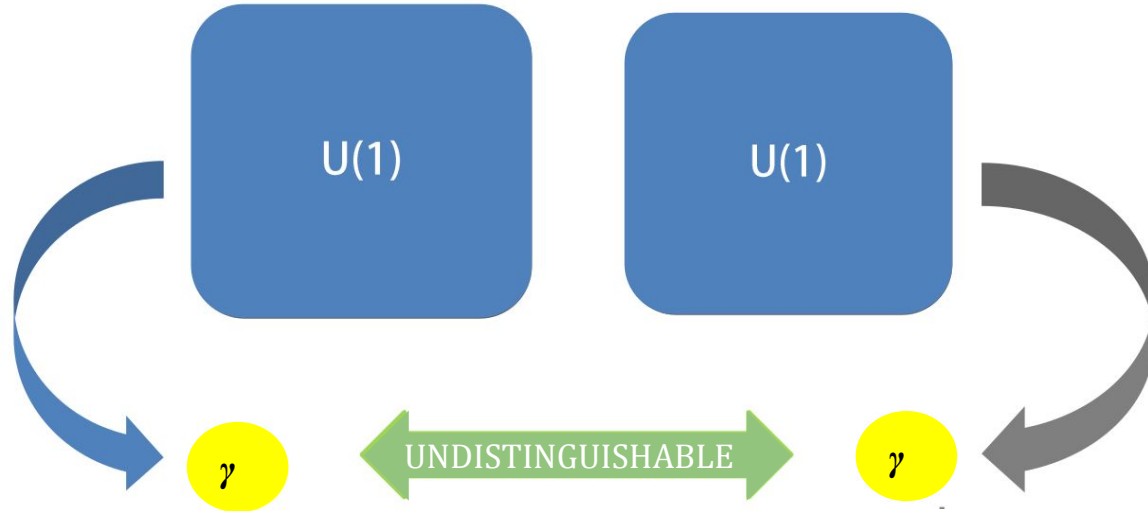
- Typically from (spontaneously) broken  $U(1)_D$
- Always kinetic mixing with photon
- Can decay (loop level) to  $e^+e^-$

## Massless

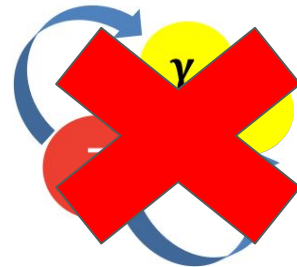
- Gauge boson of unbroken

Searching for what *keeps*  
dark matter candidates  
*stable*

# Landau-Yang theorem

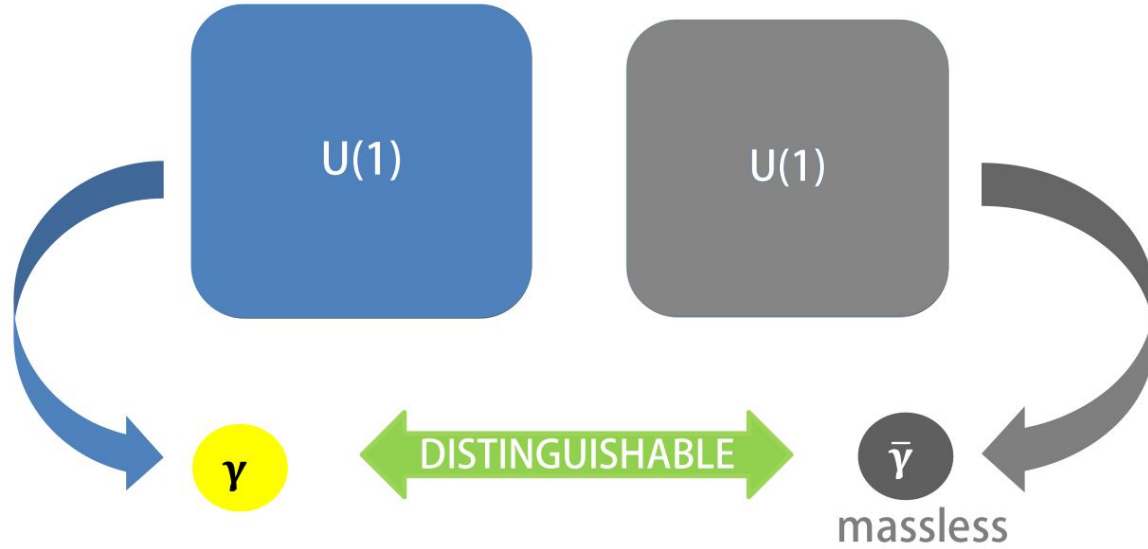


Forbids  $Z$  to two photons decay

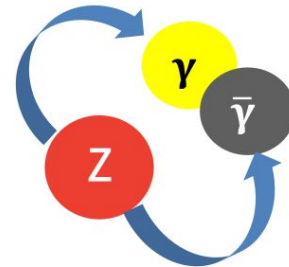


M. Fabbrichesi et al,  
Phys.Rev.Lett. 120  
(2018) 17

# Landau-Yang theorem

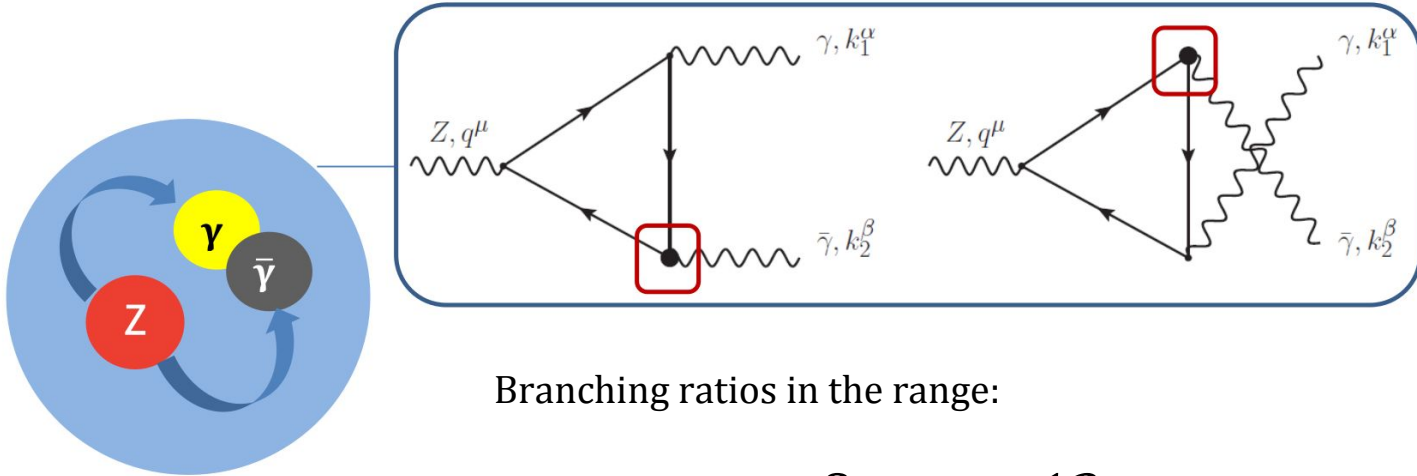


Non applicability  
Landau-Yang theorem





# Evading Landau-Yang theorem



Branching ratios in the range:

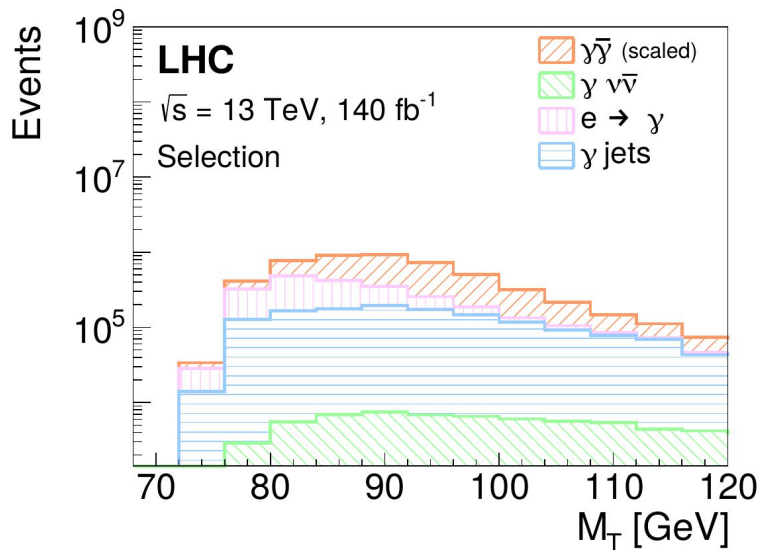
$$\text{BR} \sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-12}$$

# Sketch: LHC ...

- $L = 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- $\text{BR}_{LHC} = 8 \times 10^{-6}$

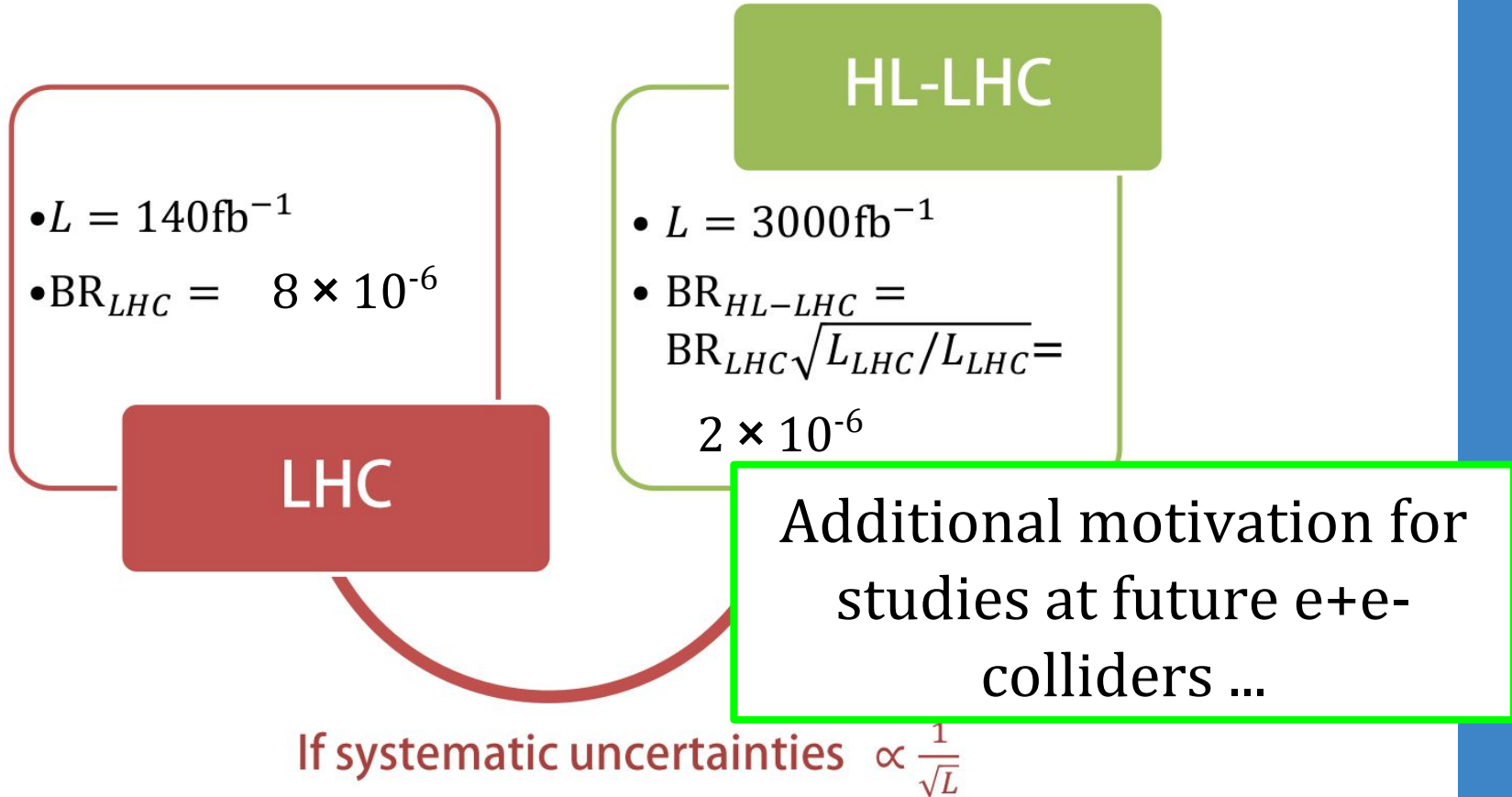


Observable	Systematic uncertainty	$c_i$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	1%	0.04
$p_T^\gamma$	0.3 %	< 0.01
$\sigma_b$	3.7%	0.04
$F_{e \rightarrow \gamma}$	70%	-



Cut
$p_T^\gamma > 35 \text{ GeV}$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
$\Delta\phi(\gamma, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 2.8 \text{ rad}$
$80 \text{ GeV} < M_T < 105 \text{ GeV}$

# Sketch: ... and HL-LHC



# Analysis validation: LEP

“Search for New Phenomena Using Single Photon Events in the DELPHI Detector at LEP”,  
Z.Phys. C74 (1997) 577-586

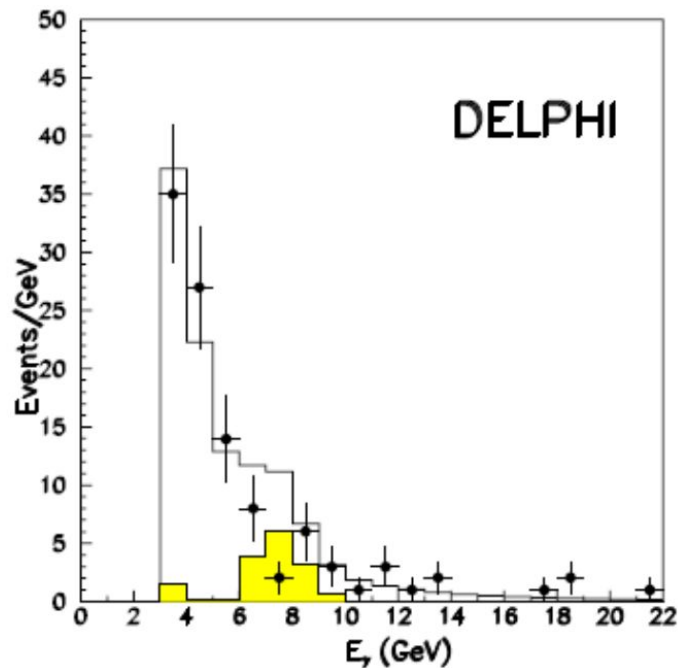


Fig. 3. Distribution in energy of the single photon events (*points*). The *histogram* shows the distribution expected from the signal  $\nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$  events plus the background  $e^+e^-\gamma$  events (*shaded region*) in which the final state positron and electron both escape detection

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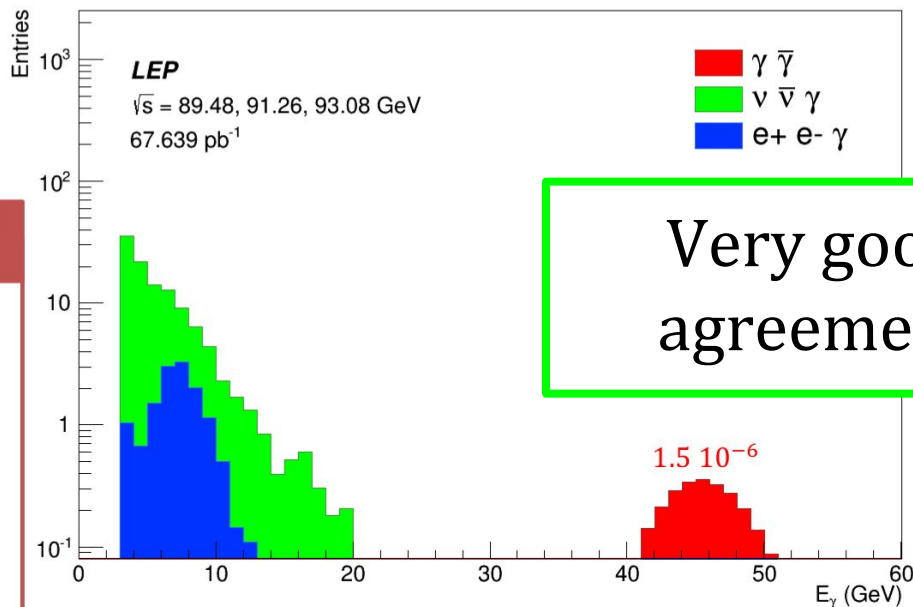
	$n_{sim}$	$n$
$\nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$	99.1	92.6
$e^+e^-\gamma$	13.5	14.3

## Exclusion limits in the presence of no background

- $E_\gamma > 20$  GeV
- $n_o = b = 0, CL=0.95$

$$CL = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{n_o} \frac{s^n e^{-s}}{n!}$$

- $s = 3$
- $s = BR \sum_i L_i \sigma_{Z_i}^{fid} \epsilon_{int_i} \epsilon_{cut_i}$   
 $\epsilon_{cut_i} = 1$   
 $\epsilon_{int_i} = \epsilon_{trig_i} \epsilon_{rec_i} = 0.57$

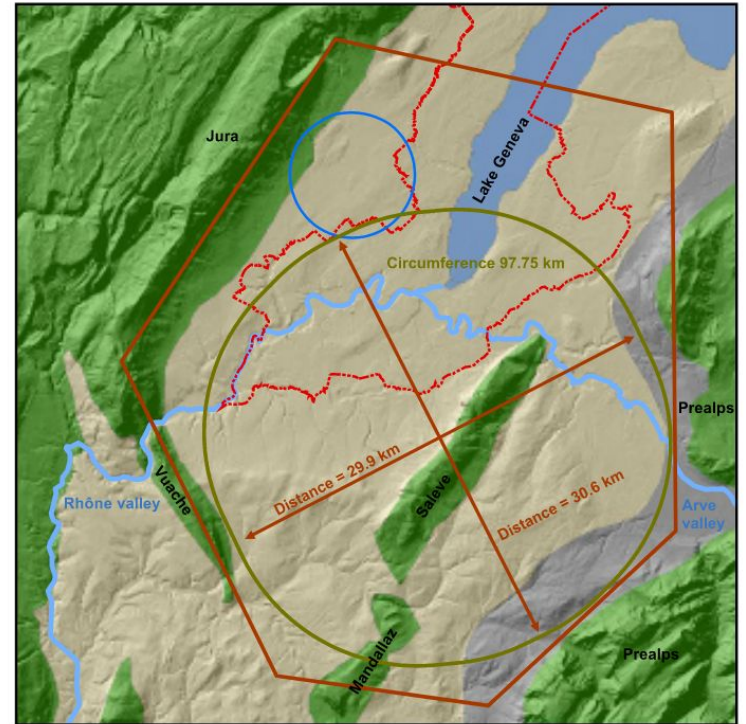
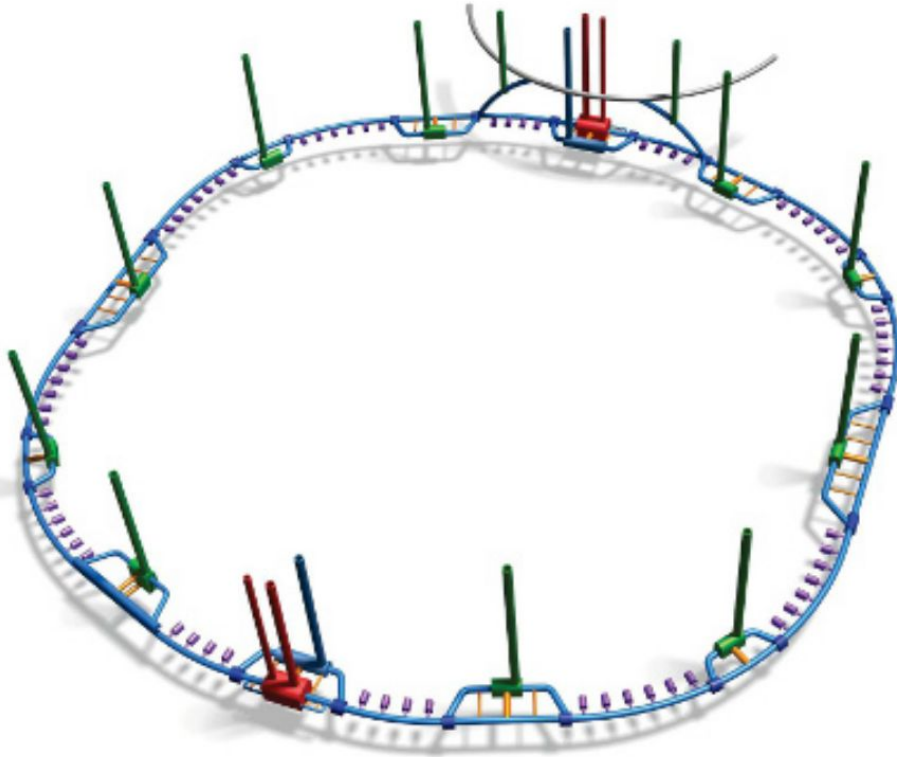


Very good agreement

$$BR_{sim} < 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$$

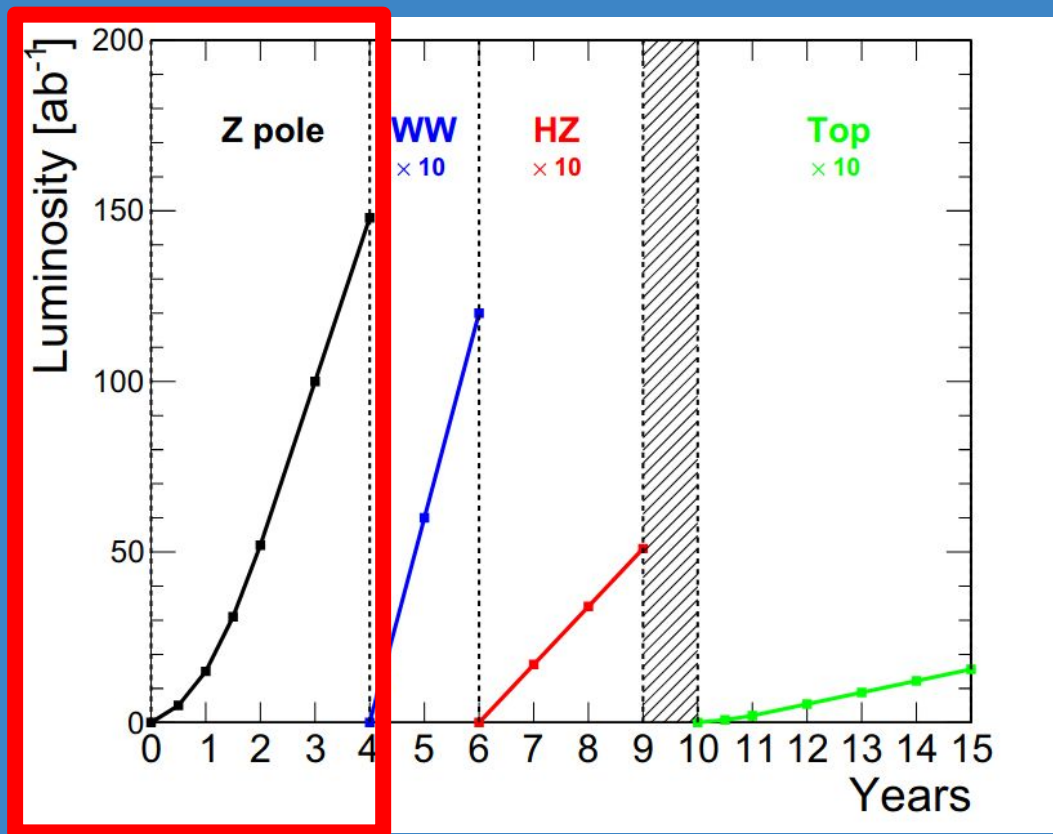
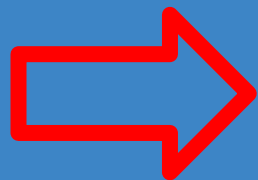
$$BR_{LEP} < 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$$

# FCC-ee



- LHC shape
- FCC shape
- Study boundary
- Limestone
- Molasse Carried
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# FCC-ee



# CEPC

## Circular Electron-Positron Collider

Place

• China

Period

- Start construction: 2022
- Finish construction: 2030

c.m. energy

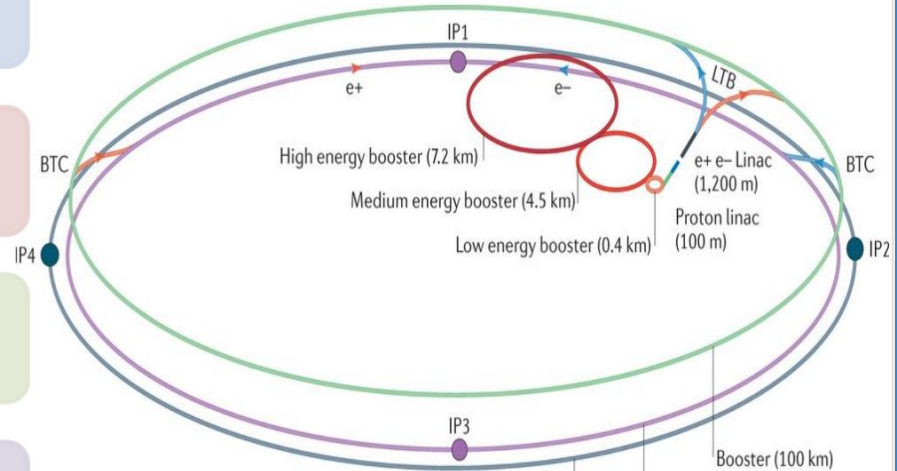
- 91.2 GeV (Z-factory)
- 160 GeV (WW threshold scan)
- 240 GeV (Higgs-factory)

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- 8-16  $\text{ab}^{-1}$
- 2.6  $\text{ab}^{-1}$
- 5.6  $\text{ab}^{-1}$

Measurements

- Precision physics program:  
Higgs boson, Z boson, W boson



Comparable efficiencies wrt to FCC-ee,  
but **FCC-ee** with **higher**  
**luminosity** at 91.2 GeV and **better**  
**energy resolution**



# Fast simulation setup

- MG5\_aMC + Pythia8 + **DELPHES 3**
- Detector cards shipped within:
  - **delphes\_card\_IDEA.tcl** (version of 23/08/2019)
    - E.Fontanesi, L. Pezzotti and M. Antonello
  - **delphes\_card\_CEPC.tcl** (vers. of 12/12/2016)

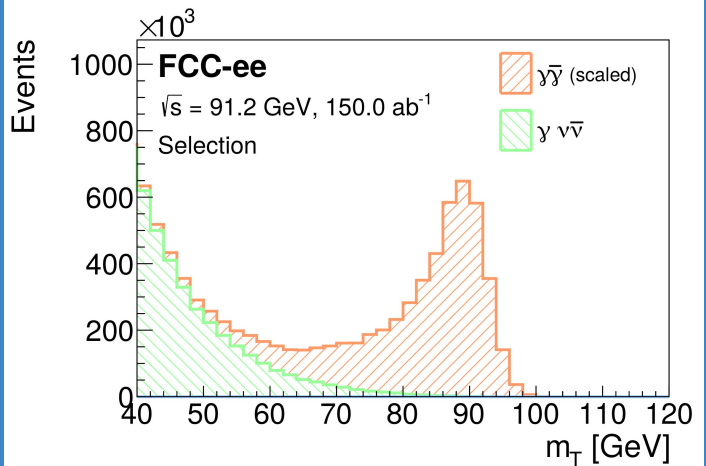
# FCC-ee

## Event selection

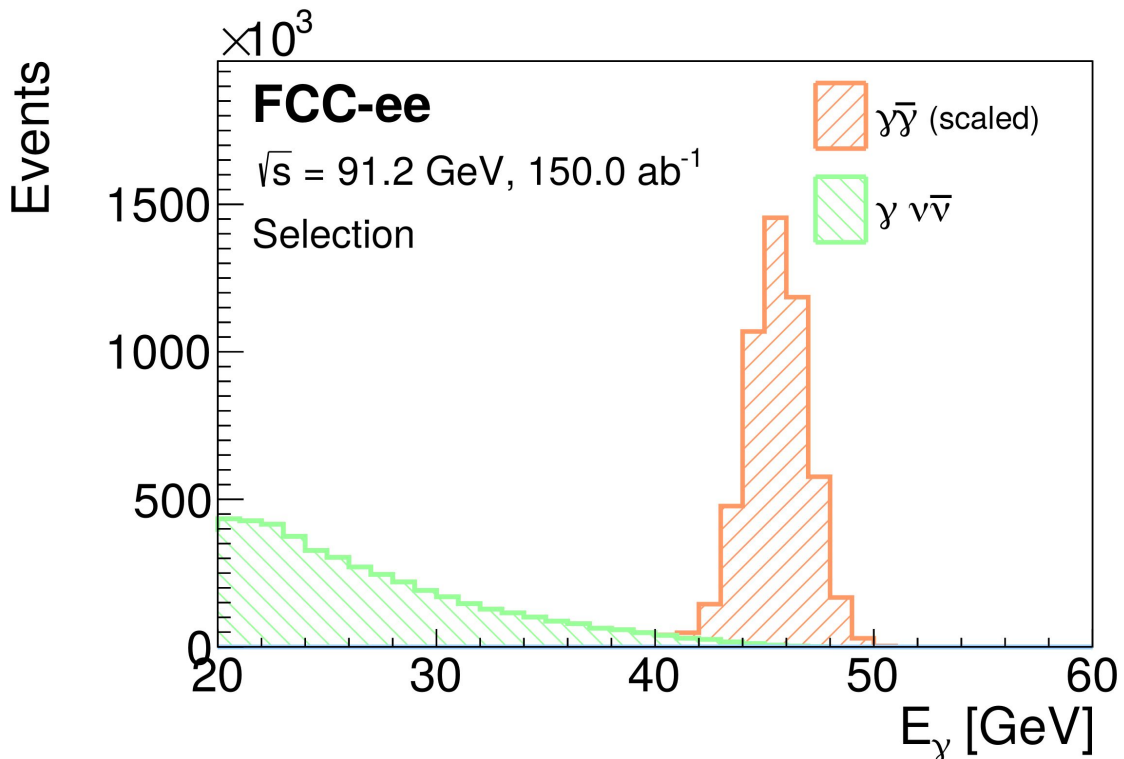
Cut	$\epsilon_s$	$\epsilon_b$
Preselection	0.96	0.067
$ \cos \theta_\gamma  < 0.905$	0.95	$3.4 \times 10^{-3}$
$ \cos \theta_\gamma  < 0.905$ and $p_T^\gamma > 18$ GeV	0.95	$2.3 \times 10^{-6}$

Process	Slice	$N_{\text{sim}}$	$\sigma$ (pb)	$E_\gamma^{\text{min}}$ (GeV)
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma}$	-	50000	$(6.19 \pm 0.01) \times 10^4$	-
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\nu\bar{\nu}$	I	5000000	$5025.0 \pm 4.5$	-
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\nu\bar{\nu}$	II	500000	$0.1599 \pm 0.0002$	18
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$	I	5000000	$8100 \pm 1176$	-
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$	II	500000	$220.9 \pm 0.4$	30

# FCC-ee



Background from  $e^+e^- \gamma$  do not pass selection requirements.



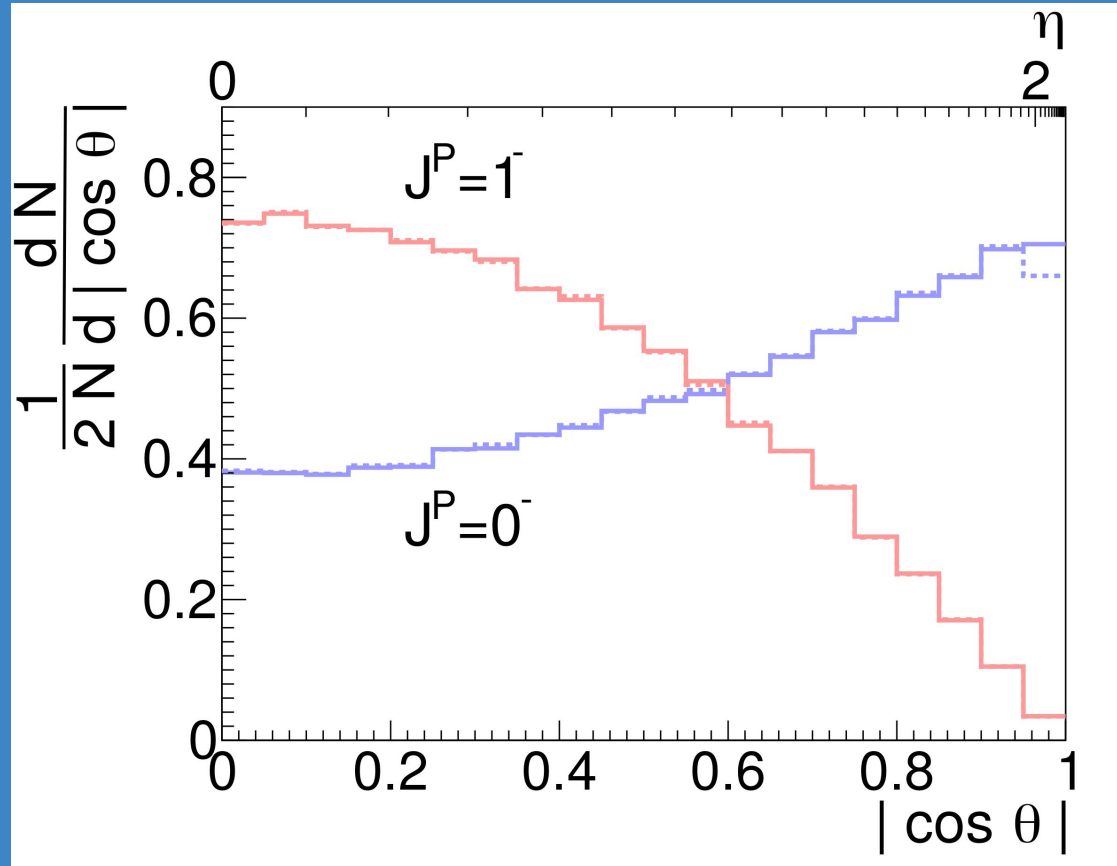
# Summary of results

			BR( $Z \rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma}$ )	
	$\sqrt{s}$	$L$ (ab $^{-1}$ )	$M_T$	$E_\gamma$
LHC	13 TeV	0.14	$8 \times 10^{-6}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
HL-LHC	13 TeV	3	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$
FCC-ee	91.2 GeV	150	$2 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-11}$
CEPC	91.2 GeV	16	$7 \times 10^{-11}$	$8 \times 10^{-11}$

**... and what if we find it?**

# Signal distribution pdfs

Comparison of the two spin hypotheses (dark photon wrt Axion-like particle ALP)



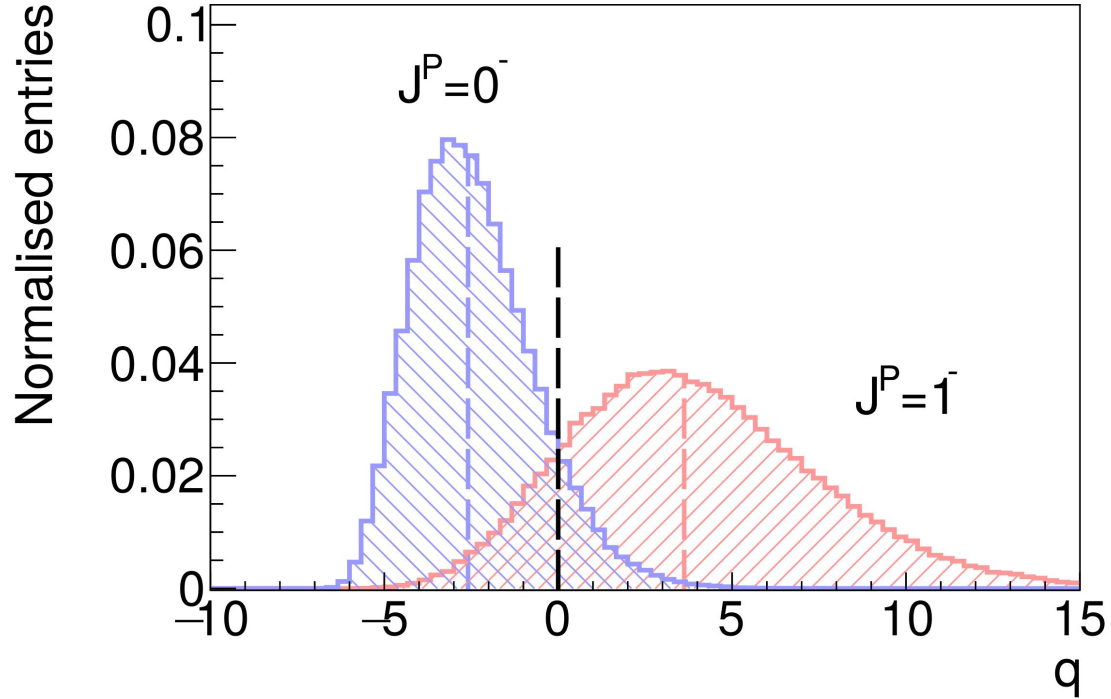
# Signal distribution pdfs

Test statistics:

$$q = \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(J^P = 1^-, \hat{\mu}_{1^-}, \hat{\theta}_{1^-})}{\mathcal{L}(J^P = 0^-, \hat{\mu}_{0^-}, \hat{\theta}_{0^-})}$$

If syst. unc. on background “well controlled”:

$N > 6$  events can reject the ALP hypothesis at 95% CL



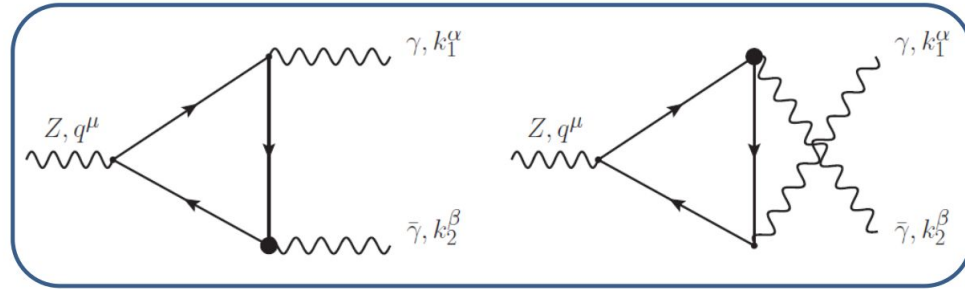
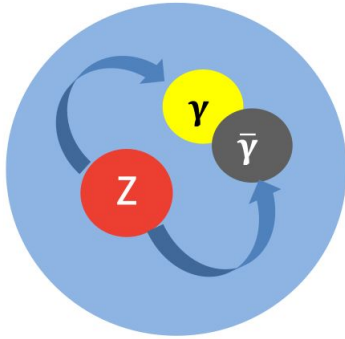
Thanks !



# BACKUP

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# Evading Landau-Yang theorem



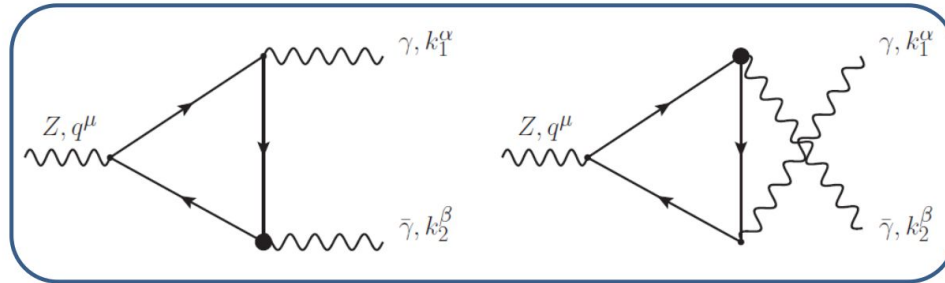
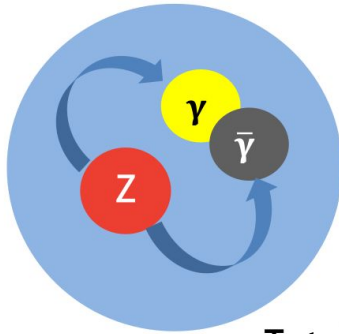
$$\mathcal{L} \sim \bar{\psi} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (d_M + i\gamma_5 d_E) \psi B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^M_{eff} = \sum_i k_i O_i(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^E_{eff} = k_E O(x)$$

$O_i(x)$  and  $O(x)$  : dimension-six operators defined through the field strengths  $(Z, B, A)_{\mu\nu}$

# Evading Landau-Yang theorem



Total amplitude  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_E + \mathcal{M}_M \rightarrow$  Total decay width  $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma})$

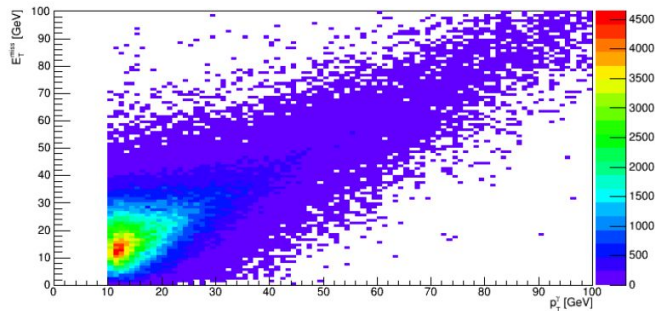
$$BR_f = \frac{\Gamma_f}{\Gamma_Z} \rightarrow \sum_f \rightarrow BR(Z \rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma}) = \frac{2.52\alpha_D}{\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2} (|d_M|^2 + |d_E|^2) 10^{-8}$$

$$\alpha_D = 0.1, \Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}, d_E \cong d_M = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow BR \cong 10^{-9}$$

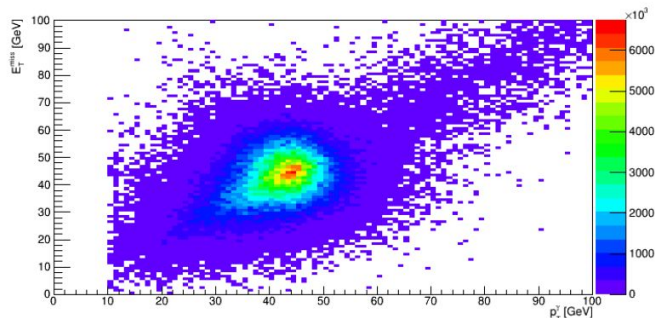
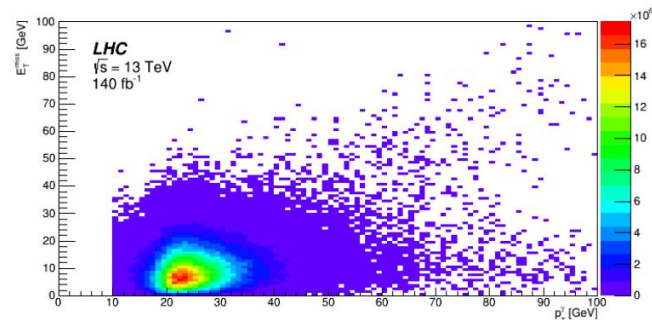
$$\alpha_D = 0.1, \Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}, d_E \cong d_M = 0.1 \rightarrow BR \cong 10^{-11}$$

# LHC and HL-LHC

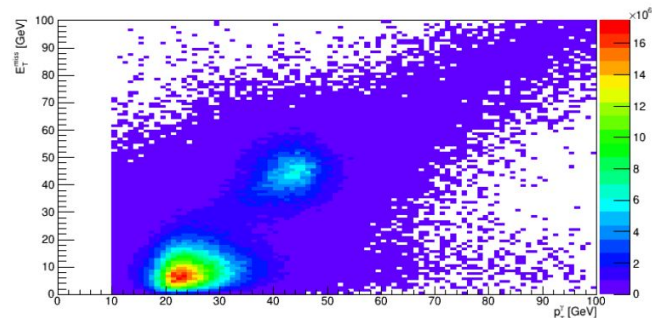
$pp \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$



$pp \rightarrow \text{jets} + \gamma$



$pp \rightarrow \gamma\bar{\gamma}$



Total

Dark photon identification