

The use of beam polarization in the search for dark matter at the ILC

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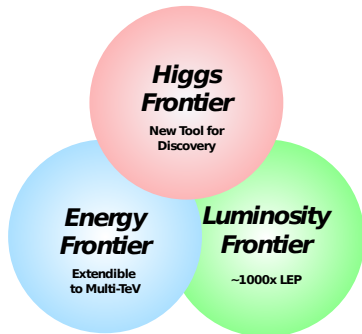
Dark Matter

Many hints for existence of Dark Matter (DM), but its nature is unknown.
Many possible scenarios, wide range of masses and couplings to consider.

ILC is a unique machine offering many options for DM searches.

This talk will focus on ILC sensitivity to DM particle pair-production with the mono-photon signature, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi\chi + \gamma$.

For overview of ILC capabilities in probing DM see my presentation at SUSY'2021

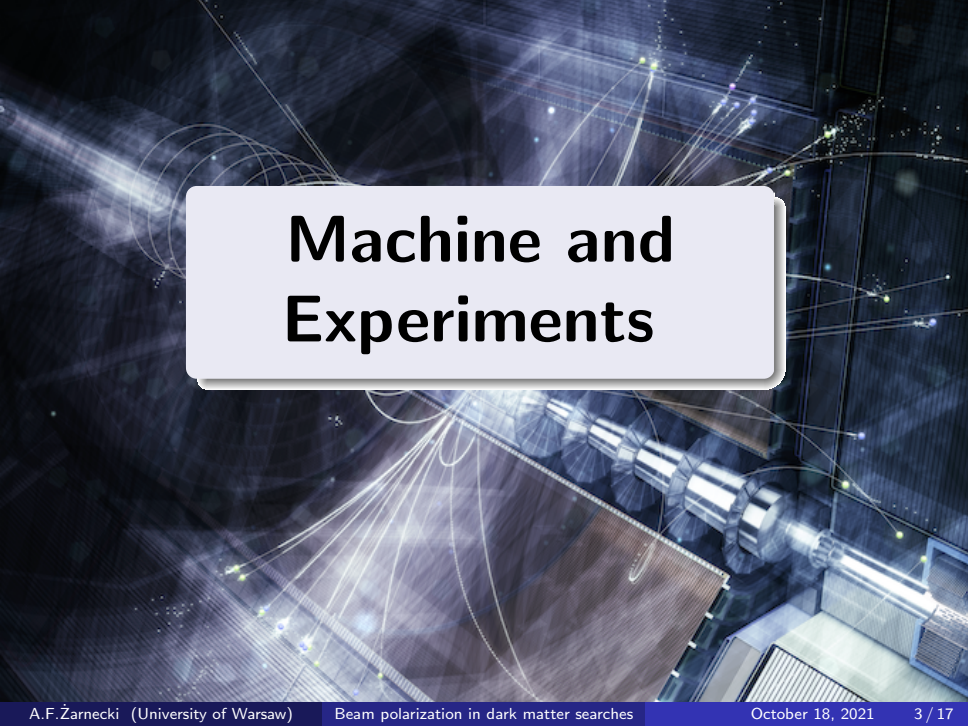


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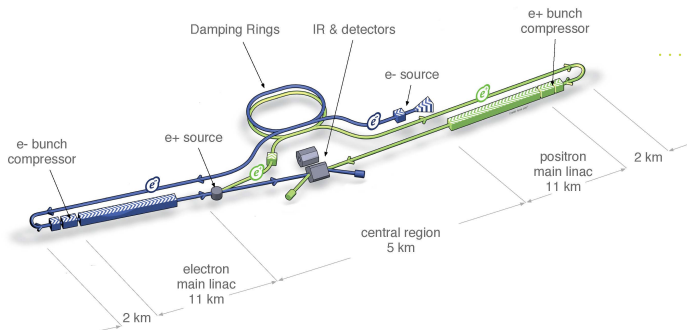
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A detailed view of a particle accelerator tunnel, showing a long, cylindrical structure with various components like magnets and detectors. The scene is illuminated by bright, glowing beams of light, creating a sense of high energy and scientific precision. The background is dark, making the glowing elements stand out prominently.

Machine and Experiments

International Linear Collider



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Technical Design (TDR) completed in 2013

[arXiv:1306.6328](https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.6328)

- superconducting accelerating cavities
- 250 – 500 GeV c.m.s. energy (baseline), 1 TeV upgrade possible
- polarisation for both e^- and e^+ (80%/30%)
- staged construction, starting as 250 GeV Higgs factory [arXiv:1903.01629](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.01629)

Polarisation

The unique feature of the ILC is the possibility of having **both electron and positron** beams polarised! This is crucial for many precision measurements as well as BSM searches. **Four independent measurements** instead of one:

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

Integrated luminosity planned with different polarisation settings [fb^{-1}]

H-20 \sqrt{s}	$\text{sgn}(P(e^-), P(e^+))$				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

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

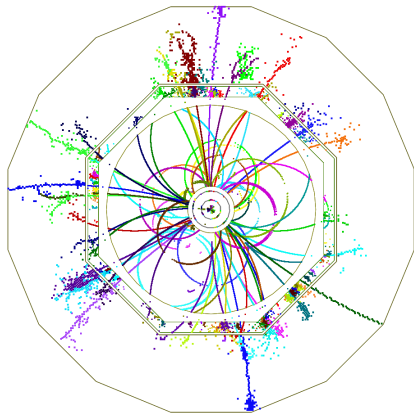
⇒ very efficient flavour tagging

Instrumentation down to smallest angles

⇒ hermeticity, missing energy tagging

Example event

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

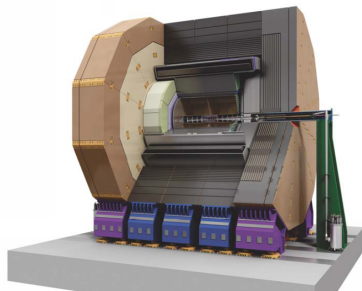


Detector Requirements

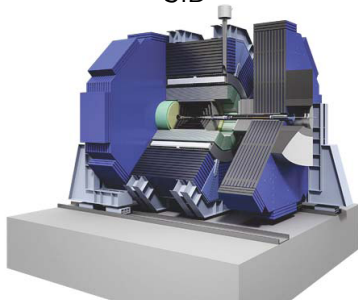
- Track momentum resolution: $\sigma_{1/p} < 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
- Impact parameter resolution: $\sigma_d < 5 \mu\text{m} \oplus 10 \mu\text{m} \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{p \sin^{3/2} \Theta}$
- Jet energy resolution: $\sigma_E/E = 3 - 4\%$ (for highest jet energies)
- Hermeticity: $\Theta_{min}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


Two detailed ILC detector concepts:

ILD



SiD

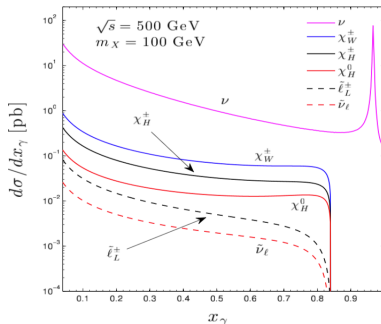
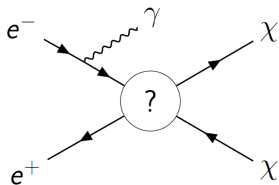




Mono-photon events

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...

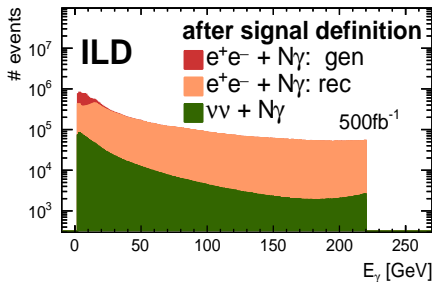
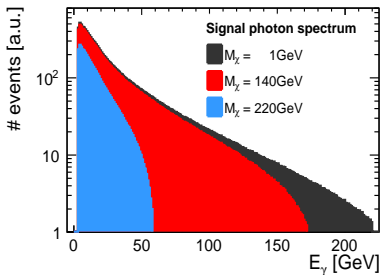
Heavy mediator study (full simulation)

arXiv:2001.03011

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

Signature: single photon in an “empty” detector

Main backgrounds: radiative Bhabha and neutrino pair-production



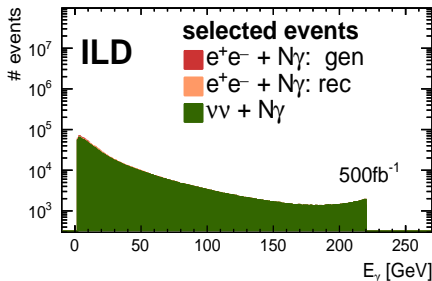
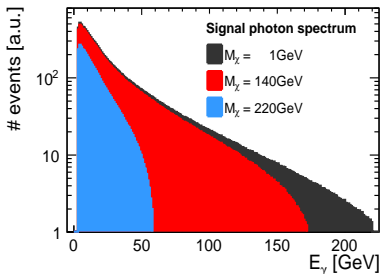
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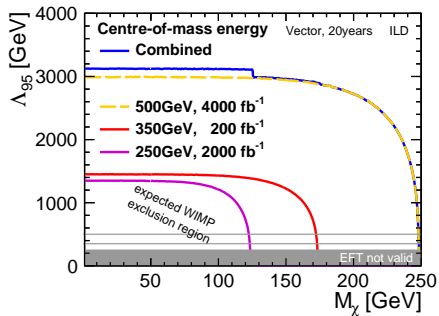
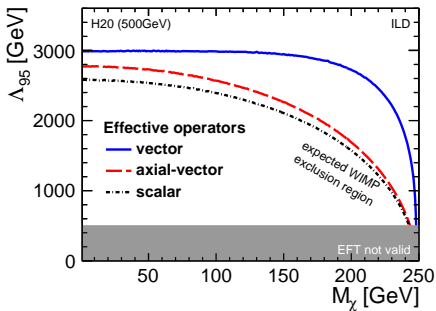
“Irreducible” background from radiative neutrino pair-production events $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\nu + N\gamma$ dominates after selection and bg suppression cuts

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Mass scale limits based on combined analysis of data taken with different electron and positron beam polarisation combinations.



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

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{M_Y^2}{|g_{ee\gamma} g_{\chi\chi\gamma}|}$$

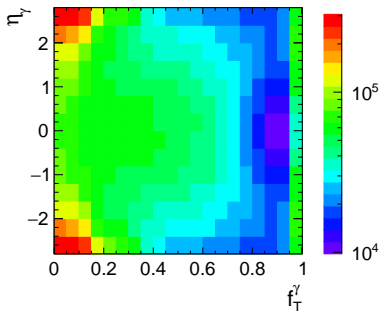
Light mediator scenarios (fast simulation)

arXiv:2107.11194

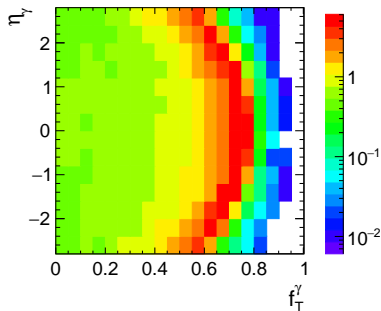
Still not excluded for very small mediator couplings to SM, $\Gamma_{\text{SM}} \ll \Gamma_{\text{tot}}$

Measured 2D distribution of $(p_T^\gamma, \eta^\gamma)$ used to constrain DM production cross section as a function of mediator mass and width

Background



Signal



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

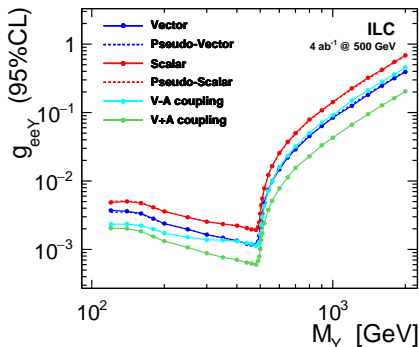
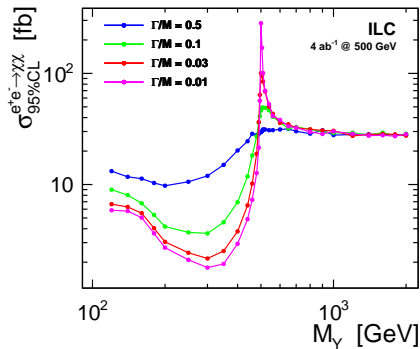
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Combined limits for ILC @ 500 GeV

Limits on total DM production cross section for Vector mediator

SM coupling limits for different mediator types, $\Gamma/M = 0.03$



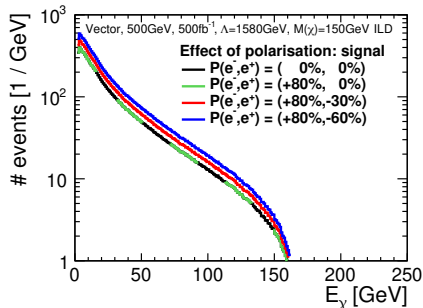
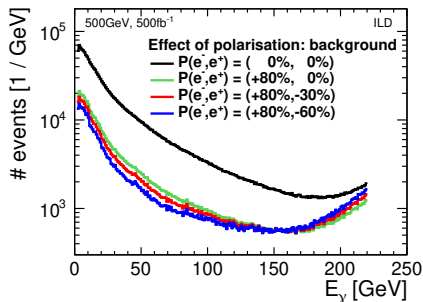
A complex particle accelerator facility with various components like magnets and detectors, overlaid with a network of glowing blue and yellow lines representing particle paths or data connections.

Impact of polarisation

Sensitivity to radiative DM production limited by the “irreducible” background from radiative neutrino pair-production events,
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\nu + \gamma$

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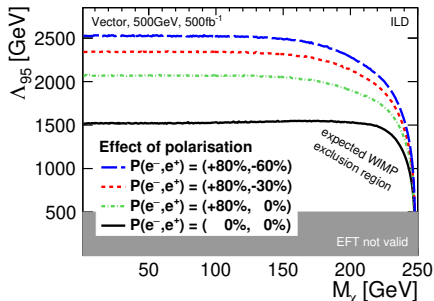
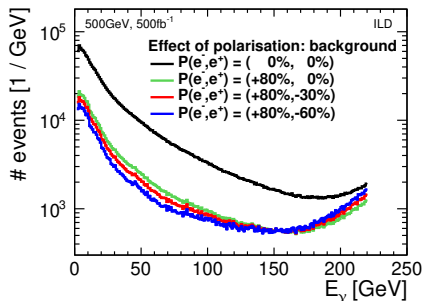
It can also enhance mono-photon signal (depending on the scenario).

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Mass scale limits improve significantly with proper choice of polarisation.

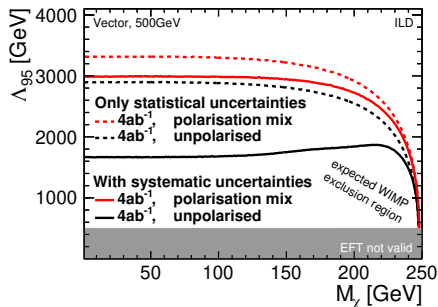
Mediator coupling structure unknown

⇒ need to combine data taken with different polarisation combinations

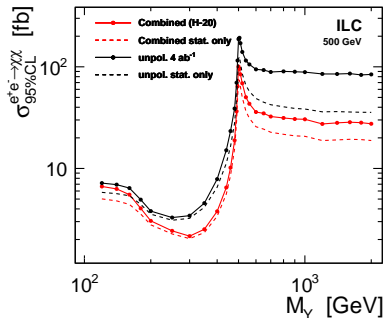
Combination results in **best sensitivity** to all scenarios

but also significantly reduces the impact of **systematic uncertainties**

Heavy mediator exchange



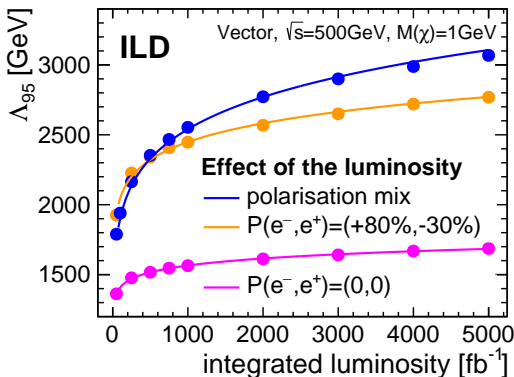
Light mediator exchange



By combining four independent data sets taken with different polarisation combinations systematic uncertainties can be significantly reduced

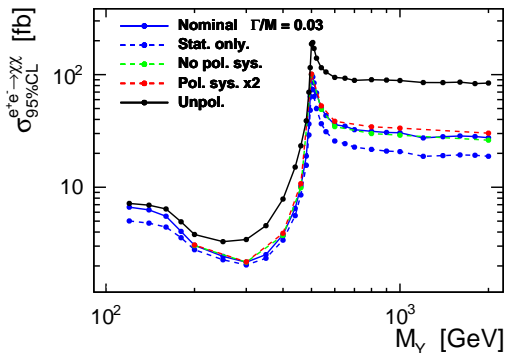
We profit from precision of polarisation dependence predictions for SM bg

Combined limits statistics limited up to the highest integrated luminosities



By combining the **polarimeter measurements** with **precision SM** measurements beam polarisation can be extracted with precision down to **0.2 per mille**

Impact of **polarisation uncertainty** on DM sensitivity is much smaller than that of other systematic uncertainties.



A detailed view of a particle accelerator tunnel. A central beam pipe is surrounded by various magnets and detectors. Glowing blue and white light trails represent particle paths or beam interactions. The scene is dark, with the primary light sources being the beams and the machinery's internal lighting.

Conclusions

Beam polarization in dark matter searches at the ILC

ILC will offer many complementary options for DM searches.

Mono-photon signature: the most general way to look for DM production

EFT sensitivity extending up to the $\mathcal{O}(10)$ TeV mass scales

order of magnitude higher than the collision energy

Sensitivity to the mediator coupling to electrons down to $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$

up to the kinematic limit $M_\gamma \leq \sqrt{s}$

Beam polarisation can be used to control background levels and significantly increases sensitivity to DM production

By combining data collected with different polarisation impact of systematic uncertainties can be significantly reduced



Thank you!

Recent documents

- Proposal for the ILC Preparatory Laboratory (Pre-lab) [arXiv:2106.00602](#)
- ILC Study Questions for Snowmass 2021 [arXiv:2007.03650](#)
- International Large Detector: Interim Design Report [arXiv:2003.01116](#)
- Tests of the Standard Model at the International Linear Collider [arXiv:1908.11299](#)

European Strategy submissions

- The International Collider. A Global Project [submission, arXiv:1903.01629](#)
- The International Collider. An European perspective [submission](#)
- The ILD Detector at the ILC [submission, arXiv:1912.04601](#)

Other reports

- The role of positron polarization for the initial 250 GeV stage of the International Linear Collider [arXiv:1801.02840](#)
- The International Linear Collider Machine Staging Report 2017 [arXiv:1711.00568](#)
- Physics Case for the 250 GeV Stage of the International Linear Collider [arXiv:1710.07621](#)
- The Potential of the ILC for Discovering New Particles [arXiv:1702.05333](#)
- The International Linear Collider Technical Design Report Volume 3.II: Accelerator Baseline Design [arXiv:1306.6328](#)
- The International Linear Collider Technical Design Report Volume 4: Detectors [arXiv:1306.6329](#)

General

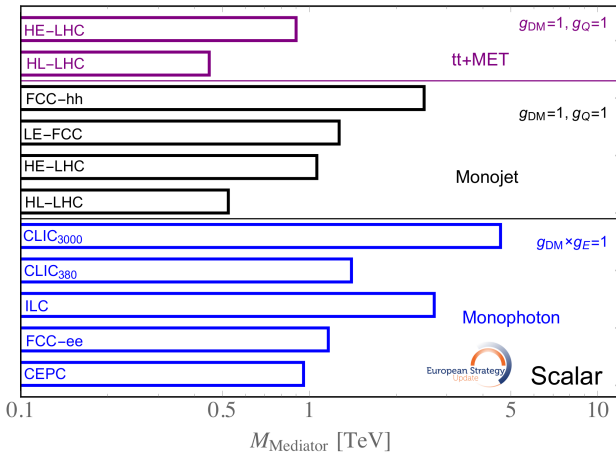
- ILC International Development Team <https://linearcollider.org/>
- ILC Newslines <http://newslines.linearcollider.org/>
- ILC IDT Working Group 3 (Physics and Detectors) <https://linearcollider.org/team/wg3/>
also including many [links to subgroups](#), indico sites etc.
- ILC Simulation Resources for Snowmass 2021 <http://ilcsnowmass.org/>
including links to past tutorials and [large sets of generated events samples](#)
- SiD detector concept for ILC <http://silicondetector.org>
- ILD detector concept for ILC <https://www.ilcild.org/>
<https://confluence.desy.de/display/ILD/ILD>

Software tools

- repository <https://whizard.hepforge.org/>
- ILC beam spectra files for https://whizard.hepforge.org/circe_files/ILC/
- repository <https://github.com/delphes/delphes>
- wiki <https://cp3.irmp.ucl.ac.be/projects/delphes>
- ILCgen model documentation <https://github.com/iLCSoft/ILCDelphes>
- LCIO package at github <https://github.com/iLCSoft/LCIO>
- Delphes2LCIO documentation <https://github.com/iLCSoft/LCIO/tree/master/examples/cpp/delphes2lcio>

Prospects for Dark Matter searches

Comparison of extracted mediator mass limits



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

Simplified DM model

Dark matter particles, X_j , couple to the SM particles via an mediator, Y_j .

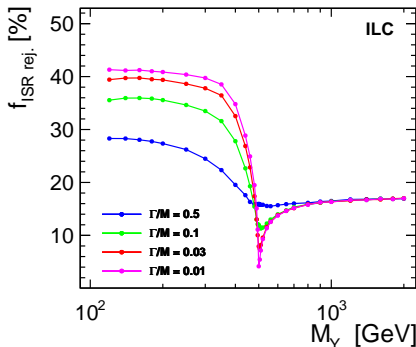
Each simplified scenario is characterized by one dark matter candidate and one mediator from the set listed below:

	particle	mass	spin	charge	self-conjugate	type
DM	X_R	m_{X_R}	0	0	yes	real scalar
	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

ISR rejection efficiency

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

ILC @ 500 GeV



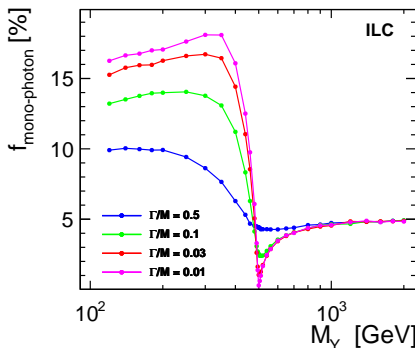
ISR emission enhanced for $M_Y < \sqrt{s}$, suppressed for $M_Y \sim \sqrt{s}$

Tagging efficiency

Detectable hard photon emitted only in a fraction of signal event

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

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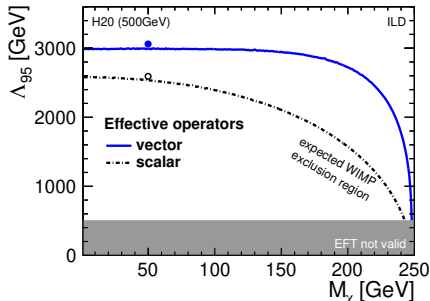
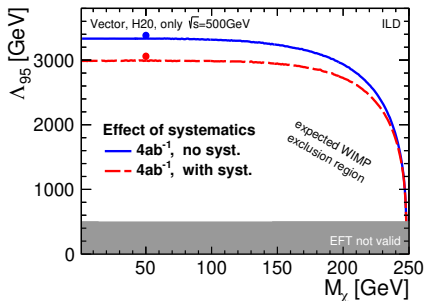
Emission strongly suppressed for narrow mediator with $M_\gamma \sim \sqrt{s}$

Mono-photon events

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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!
 \Rightarrow reliable extrapolation to low mediator mass domain...