

Dark matter searches with mono-photon signature at future e^+e^- colliders

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1. 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**, coupling to both electrons (SM) and DM states

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

2. INTERNATIONAL LINEAR COLLIDER

Technical Design completed in 2013 [arXiv:1306.6328](#)

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

Total of 4000 fb^{-1} assumed at 500 GeV [arXiv:1903.01629](#)

3. COMPACT LINEAR COLLIDER

Conceptual Design presented in 2012 [CERN-2012-007](#)

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

Total of 5000 fb^{-1} assumed at 3 TeV [arXiv:1812.06018](#)

4. SIMULATING MONO-PHOTON EVENTS IN WHIZARD

Detected photons need to be simulated on the matrix-element level. [arXiv:2004.14486](#)

Dedicated matching procedure developed to avoid double-counting of ISR and hard photons emission. [arXiv:2004.14486](#)

5. DARK MATTER SEARCHES AT 3 TeV CLIC

Generator level study for CLIC [arXiv:2103.06006](#)

Signature: **high energy, isolated photon** no other “hard” activity

Main backgrounds: **radiative Bhabha** and **neutrino pair-production**

Highest sensitivity to DM production from the **ratio of photon energy distributions** for two electron beam polarisations

Ratio \Rightarrow cancellation of systematic uncertainties, but results model-dependent

6. DARK MATTER SEARCHES AT 3 TeV CLIC

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Limits on the mono-photon cross section can be translated to the expected **exclusion range** in the DM-mediator mass space.

If **significant excess** of mono-photon events is observed, WIMP mass in a TeV range can be extracted with a 1% accuracy.

7. WIMP DARK MATTER AT THE ILC

Full simulation study for ILC [arXiv:2001.03011](#)

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

Very efficient background suppression but for “irreducible” background from radiative neutrino pair-production: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\nu + N\gamma$

8. WIMP DARK MATTER AT THE ILC

Full simulation study for ILC [arXiv:2001.03011](#)

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

Sensitivity to the BSM mass scales up to $\Lambda \sim 3 \text{ TeV}$ $\Lambda^2 = \frac{M_Y^2}{|g_{e\gamma} g_{\chi\chi Y}|}$

9. EFT LIMIT COMPARISON

Mediator mass limits expected at different colliders in the EFT approach [arXiv:1910.11775](#)

ILC and CLIC mass reach better than that of FCC-hh !!! for the equivalent scenario

10. LIGHT MEDIATOR EXCHANGE

Fast simulation, new analysis approach: [arXiv:2107.11194](#)

2D distribution in $(f_T^\gamma, \eta_\gamma)$ used to constrain DM production

Background $f_T^\gamma = \log\left(\frac{p_T^\gamma}{p_T^{min}}\right) / \log\left(\frac{p_T^{max}}{p_T^{min}}\right)$ Signal

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

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

11. LIGHT MEDIATOR EXCHANGE

Limits for total DM production cross section [arXiv:2107.11194](#)

Corrected for probability of hard photon tagging!

Vector mediator (ILC 500 GeV) $\Gamma/M = 0.03$ (CLIC 3 TeV)

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

12. LIGHT MEDIATOR EXCHANGE

Combined mediator-electron coupling limits [arXiv:2107.11194](#)

Vector mediator (ILC 500 GeV) $\Gamma/M = 0.03$ (CLIC 3 TeV)

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

For $M_Y \gg \sqrt{s}$ very good agreement with ILC full simulation results! \Rightarrow reliable extrapolation to low mediator mass domain...