

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

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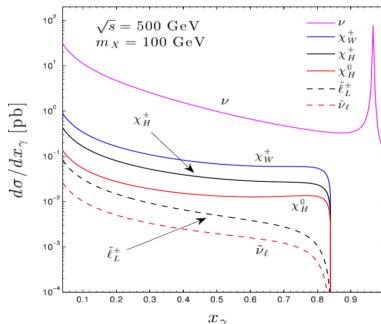
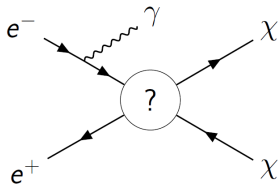


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## Mono-photon signature

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...

## Talk to be given at SPIN'2021

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

*The International Linear Collider has the opportunity to discover dark matter particles in the monophoton signature  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma + (\text{missing})$ . The sensitivity to new physics in this channel depends crucially on the control and correct estimation of backgrounds. This talk will explain how beam polarization can be used at the ILC to improve the reach of this search.*

Impact of polarisation already included in the existing studies:

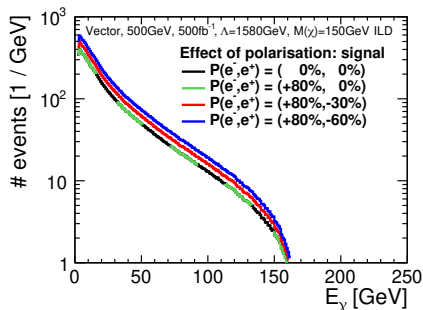
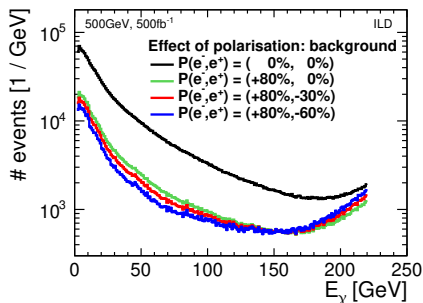
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for details see also May 12th presentation: <https://agenda.linearcollider.org/event/9223/>

But maybe some more information can be extracted?

Heavy mediator (EFT limit), full simulation

arXiv:2001.03011

Beam polarisation can be used to suppress/control background levels  
 combination of different polarisations helps to reduce the systematics

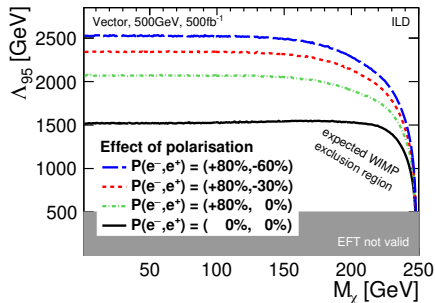
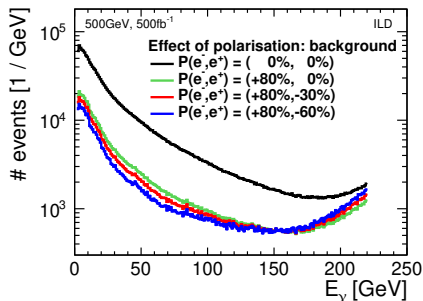


It can also enhance mono-photon signal (depending on the scenario).

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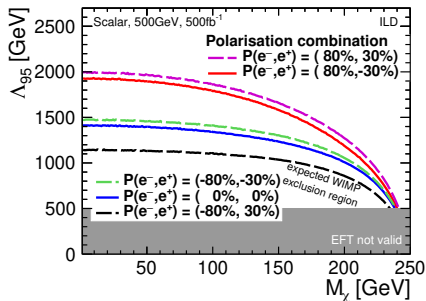
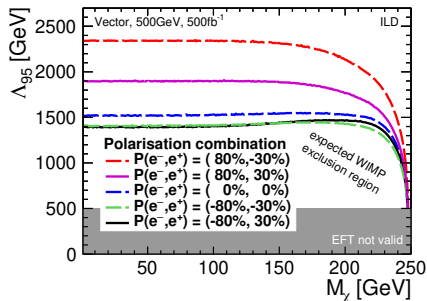


Mass scale limits improve significantly with proper choice of polarisation.

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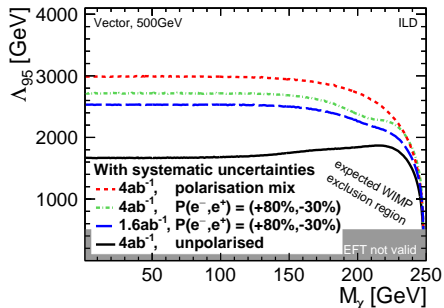
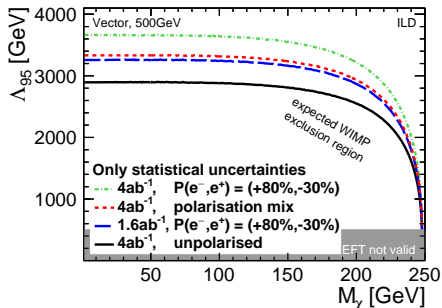


Polarisation choice depends on the BSM scenario...

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⇒ combined analysis of data taken with different polarisations

## Cross section limits

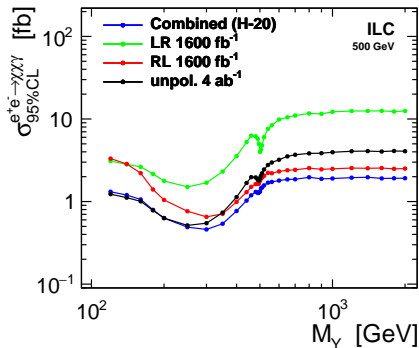
for events with tagged photon

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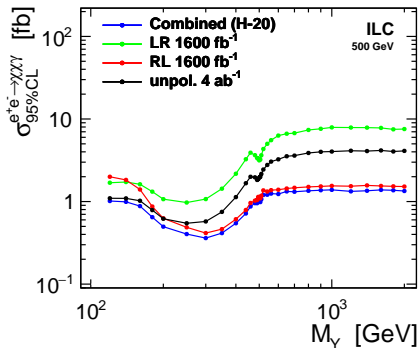
as a function of mediator mass,  $M_\gamma$   
for fixed  $\Gamma/M = 0.03$

Dirac fermion DM,  $m_\chi = 50$  GeV

Scalar



Vector



Impact of polarisation reduced for small mediator masses



## Cross section limits

for events with tagged photon

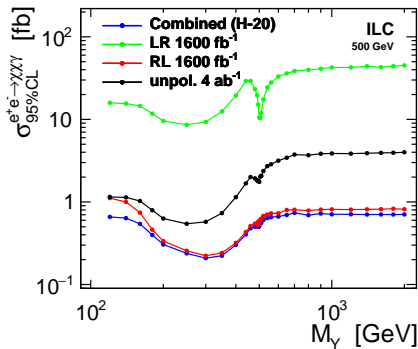
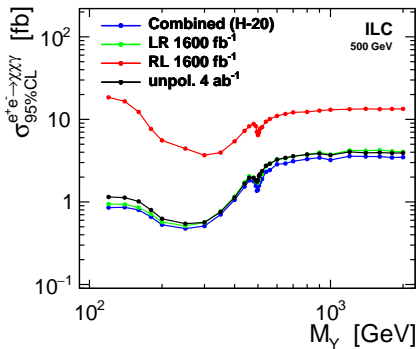
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V-A coupling

V+A coupling



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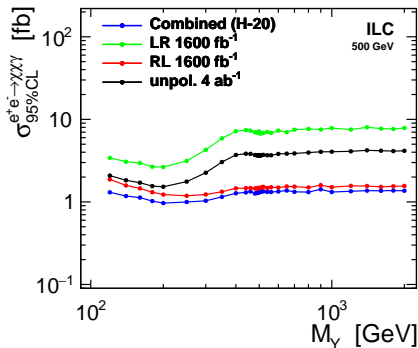
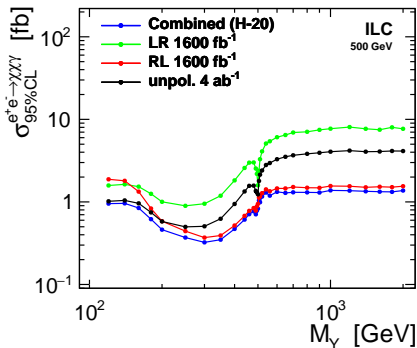
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as a function of mediator mass,  $M_\gamma$   
for vector mediator

Dirac fermion DM,  $m_\chi = 50$  GeV

$\Gamma/M = 0.01$

$\Gamma/M = 0.5$



Impact of polarisation reduced for narrow mediator

## Systematic uncertainties

following ILD study: Phys. Rev. D 101, 075053 (2020), [arXiv:2001.03011](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.03011)

Considered sources of uncertainties:

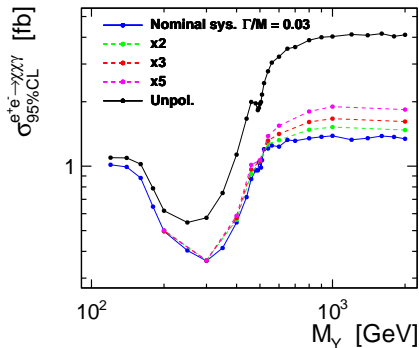
- Integrated luminosity uncertainty of 0.26%  
uncorrelated between polarisations
- Luminosity spectra shape uncertainty  
correlated between polarisations
- Uncertainty in neutrino background normalisation of 0.2% (th+exp)  
correlated between polarisations
- Uncertainty in Bhabha background normalisation of 1% (th+exp)  
correlated between polarisations
- Uncertainty on beam polarisation of **0.02–0.08%**  
correlated for runs with same beam polarisation at ILC

⇒ 11 nuisance parameters in the model fit

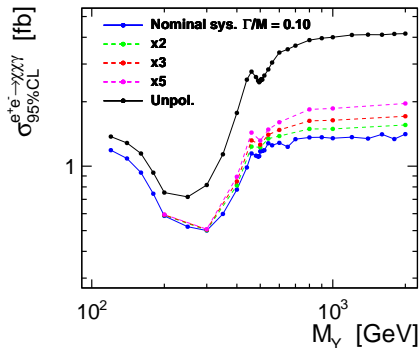
## How important is the polarisation uncertainty!?

Radiative cross section limits (for events with tagged photon) as a function of the polarisation uncertainty scaling factor

$\Gamma/M = 0.03$



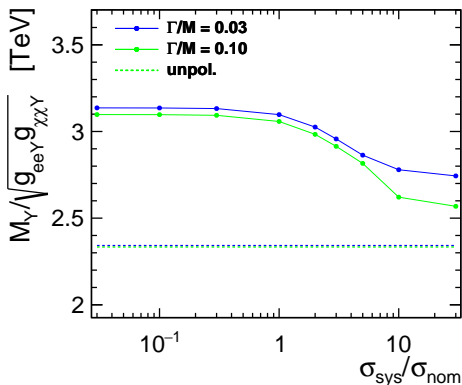
$\Gamma/M = 0.10$



Systematic uncertainties relevant only for heavy mediator exchange

## How important is the polarisation uncertainty!?

Limits on the EFT mass scale  $\Lambda$  vector mediator, Dirac fermion DM  
as a function of the polarisation uncertainty scaling factor



Significant impact of polarisation even with much higher uncertainty  
 $\Rightarrow$  polarisation constrained by the data itself