

# BSM searches at the linear collider facility

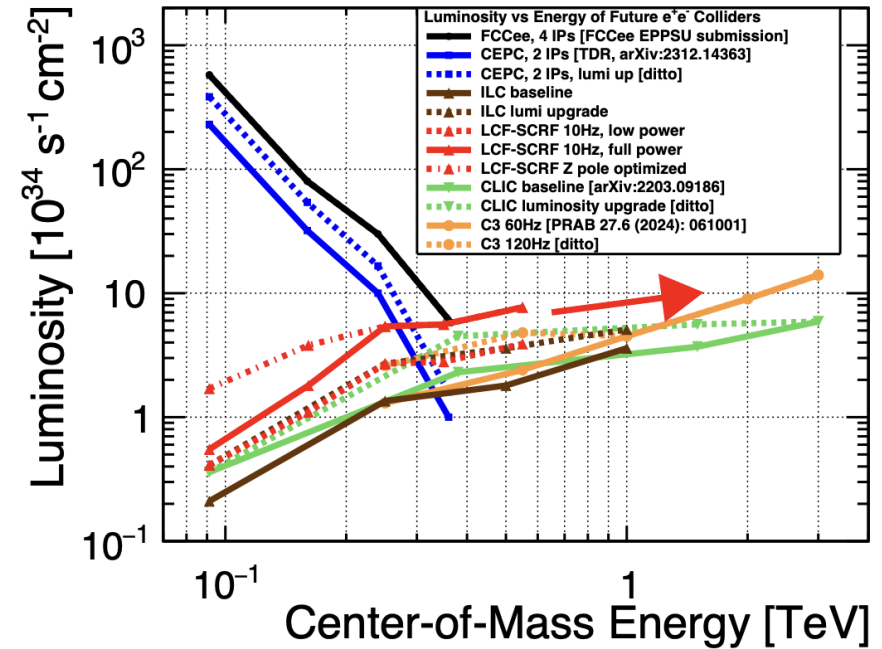
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# Linear Collider Facility (LCF) at CERN



- A linear  $e^+e^-$  collider, with the energies from **91 GeV** to **1 TeV** or more
- Superconducting RF technology, proven and industrialised
- 2 interaction points,  $\pm 80\%$  ( $\pm 30\text{-}60\%$ ) electron (positron) beam polarisation
- First stage at **250 GeV** for Higgs measurements, followed by upgrade to **550 GeV**
- Affordable and flexible option:



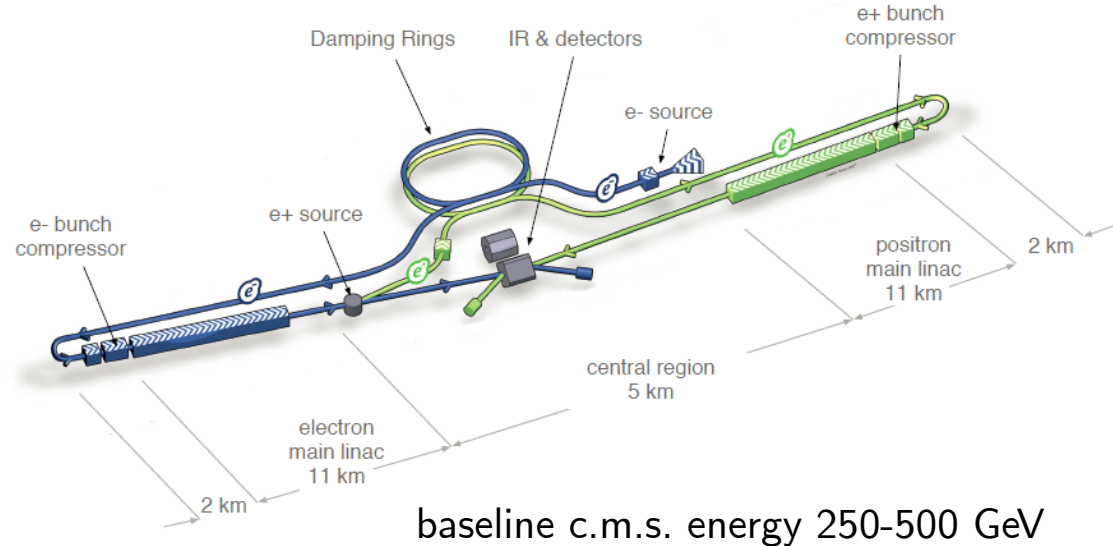
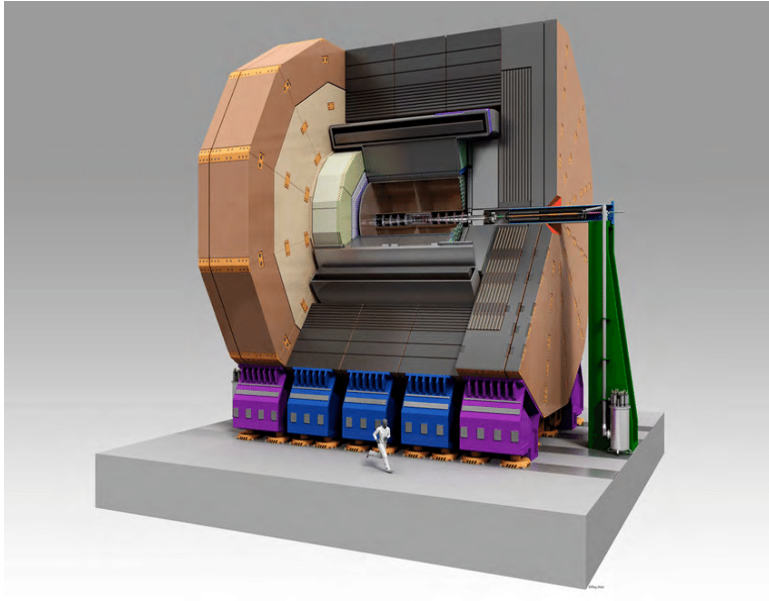
[LCF](#) and [LCV](#) documents

- First stage minimises the need to extend the CERN budget
- Adaptable in case of potential discoveries at HL-LHC or one of the early running stages
- A variety of options for future high-energy or high-lumi upgrades, depending on the choice of technology (see [Linear Collider Vision talk](#) by Gudrid Moortgat-Pick)

# International Large Detector (ILD)



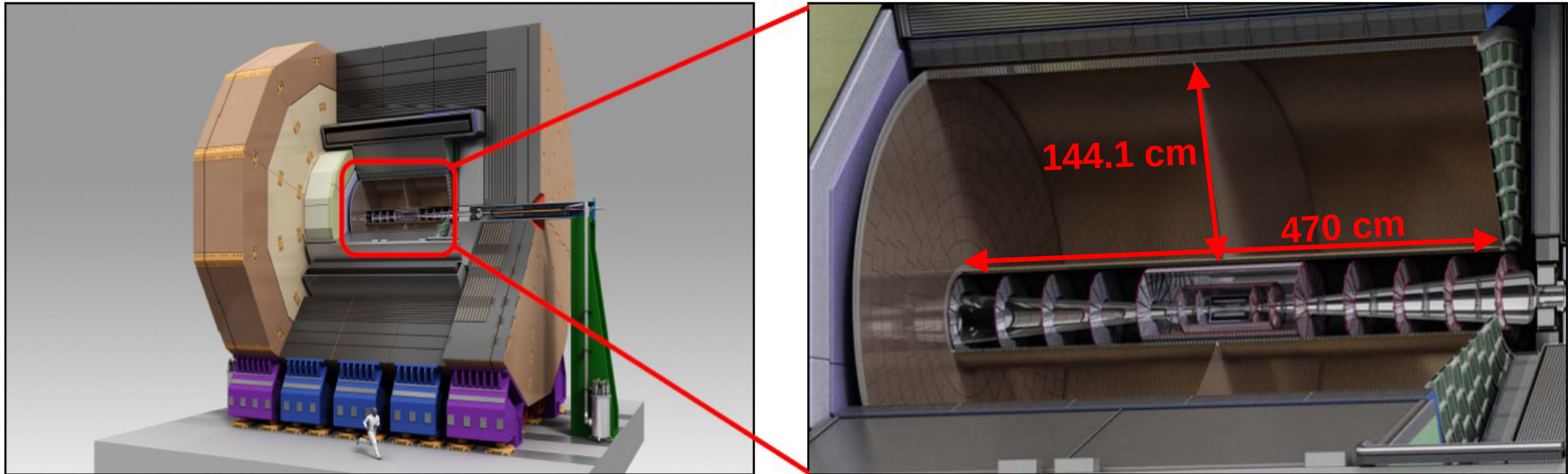
- Multi-purpose detector for an  $e^+e^-$  Higgs factory, originally proposed for the International Linear Collider (ILC)
- Possible operation at circular  $e^+e^-$  machines currently under study
- Results presented in this talk are the ILD contributions to the [ECFA Higgs/EW/top study report](#) and assume **ILC running conditions** (very similar to LCF)



# International Large Detector (ILD)



- Nearly  $4\pi$  angular coverage, optimised for particle flow
- **Time projection chamber (TPC)** as the main tracker allowing for continuous tracking and  $dE/dx$  PID
- Highly granular calorimeters with minimal material in front inside of 3.5 T solenoid



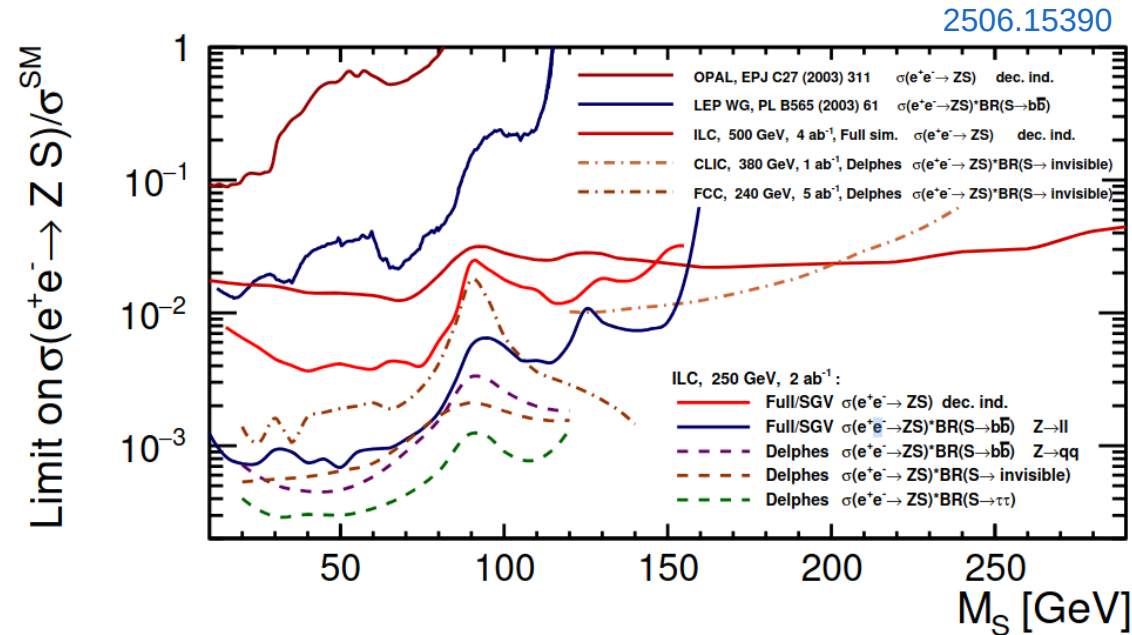
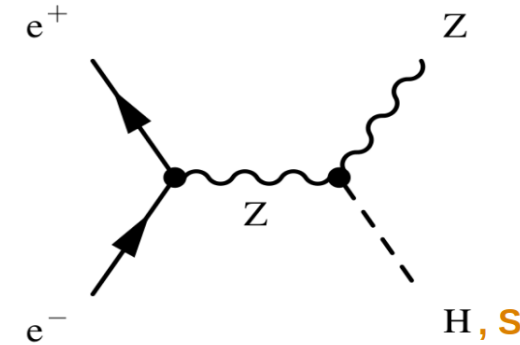
# ILD and LCF at EPS-HEP2025



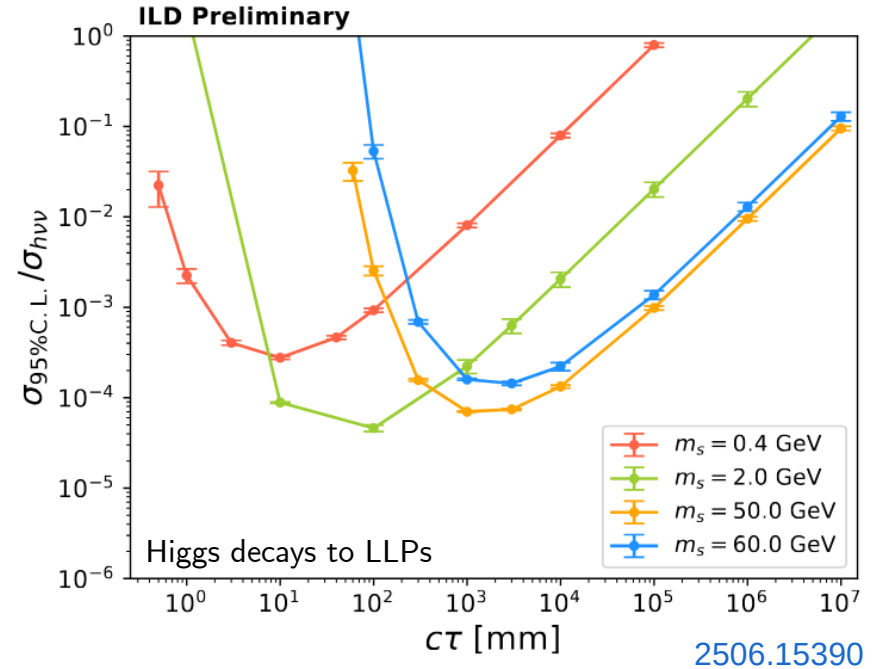
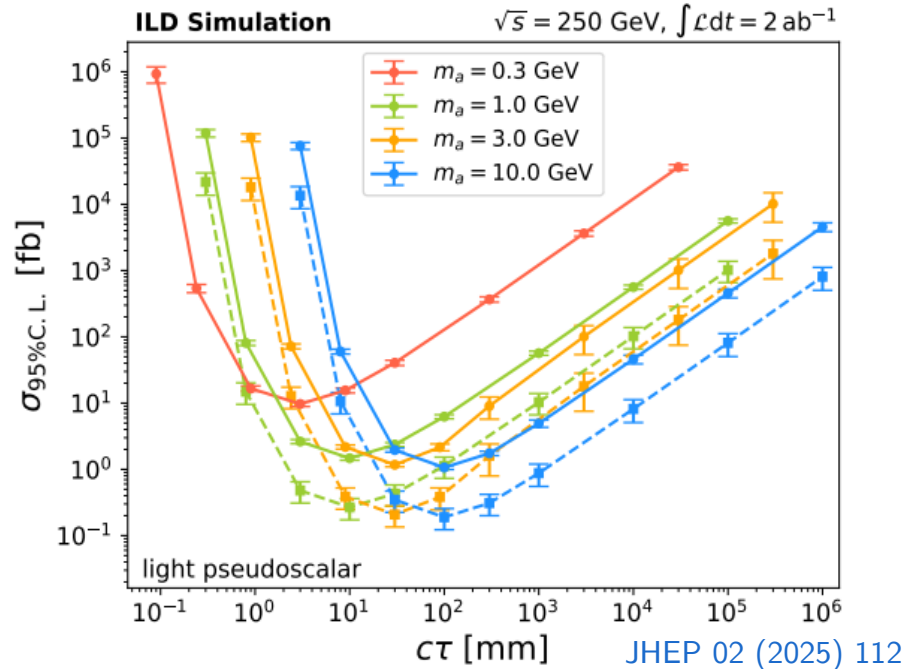
- Gudrid Moortgat-Pick, [A Linear Collider Vision for the Future of Particle Physics](#)
- Vincent Boudry,  
[The ILD Detector: A Versatile Detector for an Electron-Positron Collider at Energies up to 1 TeV](#)
- Krzysztof Mękała, [Top and Electroweak physics at the linear collider facility](#)
- Maria Teresa Nunez Pardo De Vera,  
[Prospects for light exotic scalar measurements at the  \$e^+e^-\$  Higgs factory](#)
- Maria Teresa Nunez Pardo De Vera, [Stau searches at future  \$e^+e^-\$  colliders](#)
- Vincent Boudry, [A Silicon-Tungsten ECAL for Higgs Factory Detectors](#)
- Krzysztof Mękała, [Determination of the first-generation quark couplings at the Z-pole](#)
- JK, [Long-Lived Particle Searches at a Future Higgs Factory with the ILD experiment](#)

# Extended scalar sector

- Additional (light) scalars still not excluded by the LHC
- A number of models (singlet extensions, 2HDMs, N2HDM, IDM, scalar triplet, ...)
  - large parameter space allowed and accessible at  $e^+e^-$  colliders
- Can be produced in scalar-strahlung, or in SM Higgs decays
- Searches for  $S \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ,  $\tau\tau$ , invisible, and decay-independent, with  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  ( $ee + \mu\mu$ ) or  $qq$
- ILC can exclude new scalars at sub-percent level of the SM Higgs cross sections



# Long-lived particles



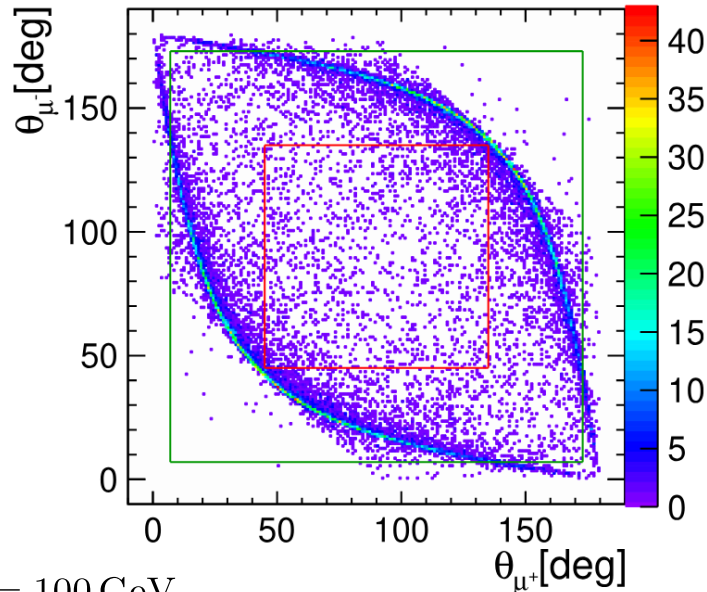
- Model-independent search for neutral long-lived particles in the ILD's TPC
- Search optimised for Higgs decays to LLPs, preliminary results for charged LLPs
- For details see the [next talk](#) in this session...



# New gauge bosons

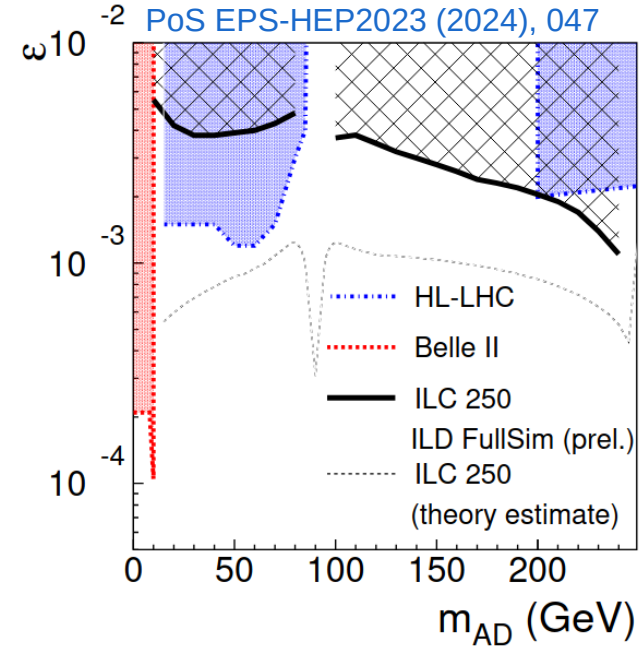
- U(1) dark photon is a good candidate for a messenger to dark sector
- Coupled to SM photon via kinetic mixing  $\varepsilon$  which must be small, could be produced in  $e^+e^-$  collisions

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma_{ISR} A_D \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma_{ISR}$$



$m_{A_D} = 100 \text{ GeV}$

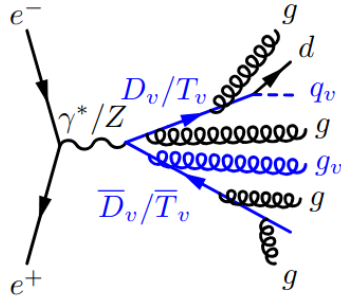
Green: tracking acceptance  
Red: barrel region acceptance



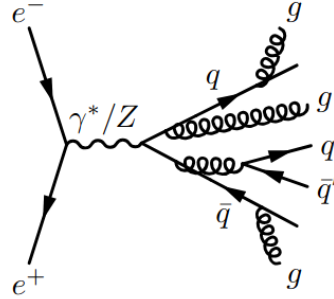
- Limited probability of detecting both muons within the acceptance  
→ Importance of wide angular coverage and full detector simulation
- Mass resolution of  $\sim 0.2\%$  including detector effects
- Sensitivity up to kinematic limit



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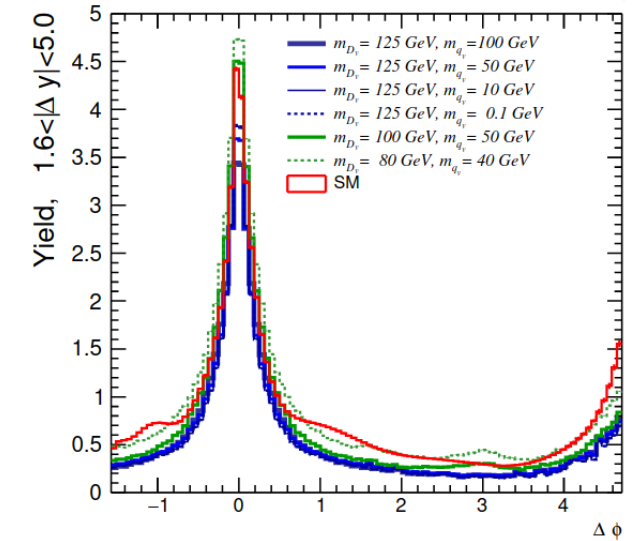
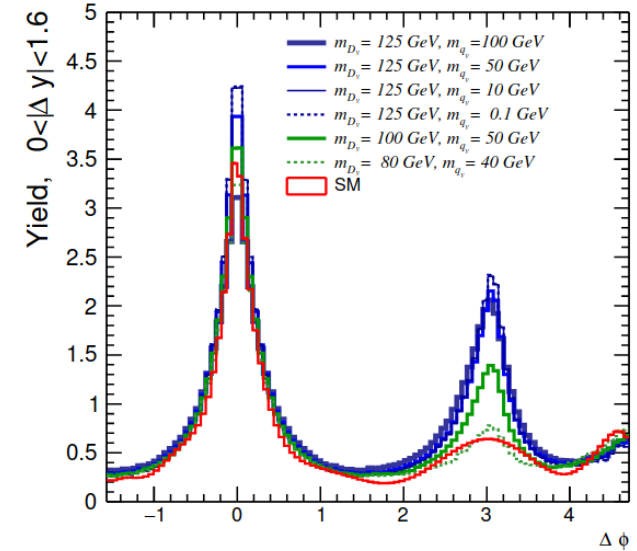


(a) Hidden valley



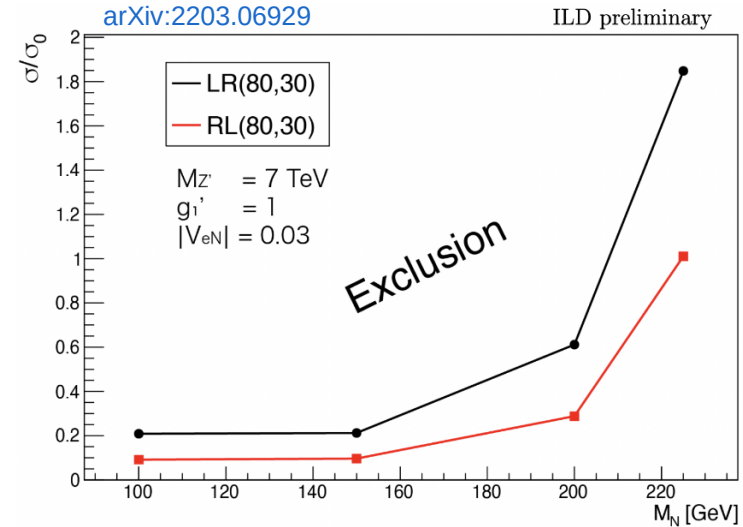
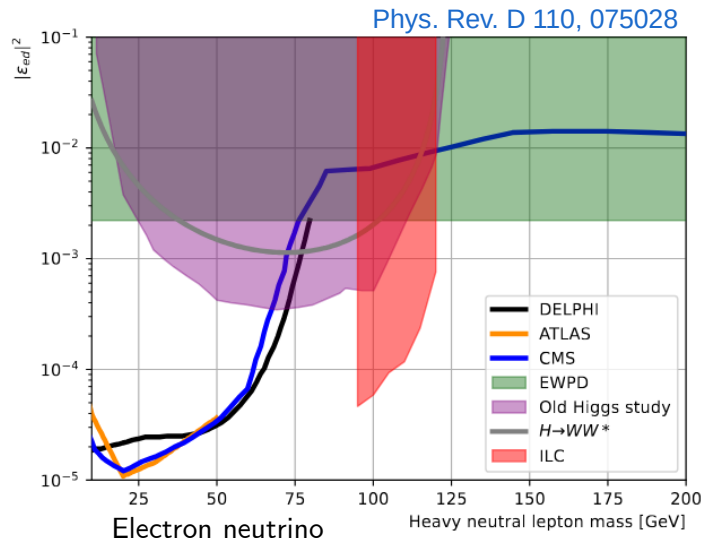
(b) SM light quarks

- Two-particle correlations can be used to discover dark sector particles in Hidden Valley (HV) models
- A range of masses for *communicators* ( $D_v/T_v$ ) and hidden sector particles ( $q_v$ ) considered
- Study based on Pythia 8 and SGV fast simulation
- Sizable peaks visible in distributions of azimuthal yield  $Y(\Delta\Phi)$ , defined by integrating over a range of rapidity differences



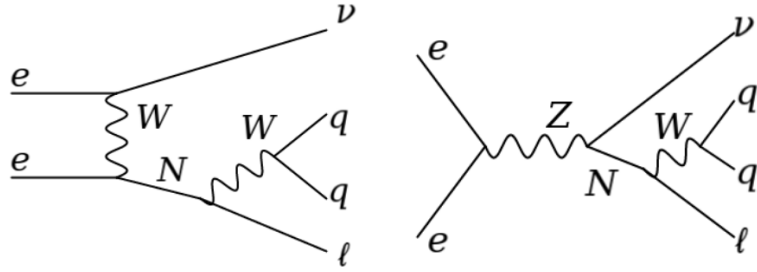
# Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNLs)

- HNLs could solve the neutrino mass and baryon asymmetry problems, or be dark matter candidates
- Full simulation studies show linear colliders are well-suited to search for HNLs above the Z mass



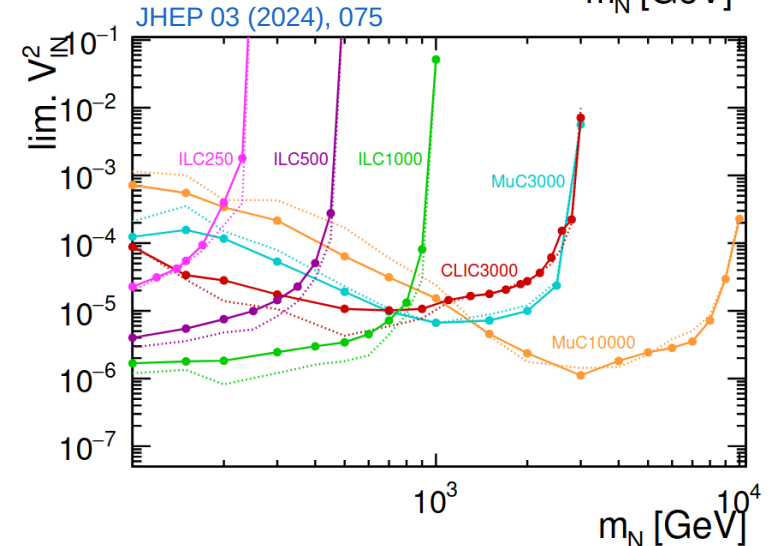
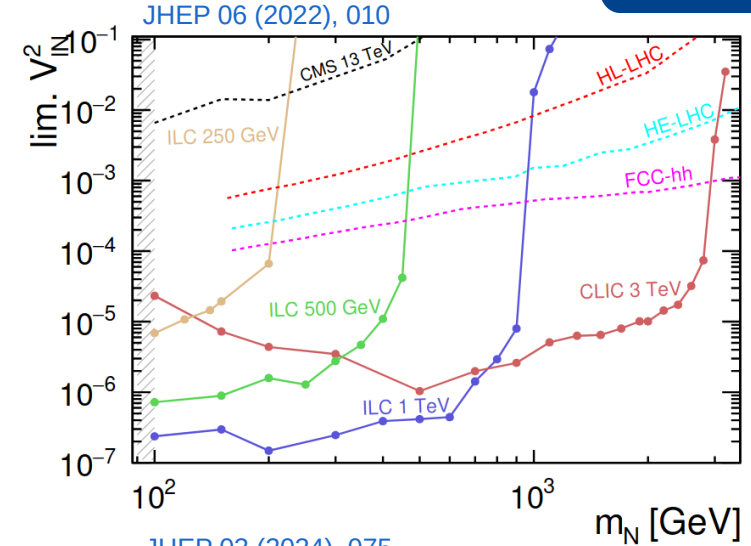
- Search in Higgs decays to HNLs via Higgsstrahlung, with  $Z \rightarrow qq$  and  $H \rightarrow N\nu \rightarrow qq\ell\nu$
- 2 polarization schemes and 95-120 GeV mass range
- Staged selection including ML techniques
- $U(1)_{(B-L)}$  model:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow NN$ , with  $N \rightarrow e^\pm W^\mp \rightarrow e^\pm qq$  channel
- Visible influence of the beam polarisation
- Exclusion for 100-220 GeV HNL masses

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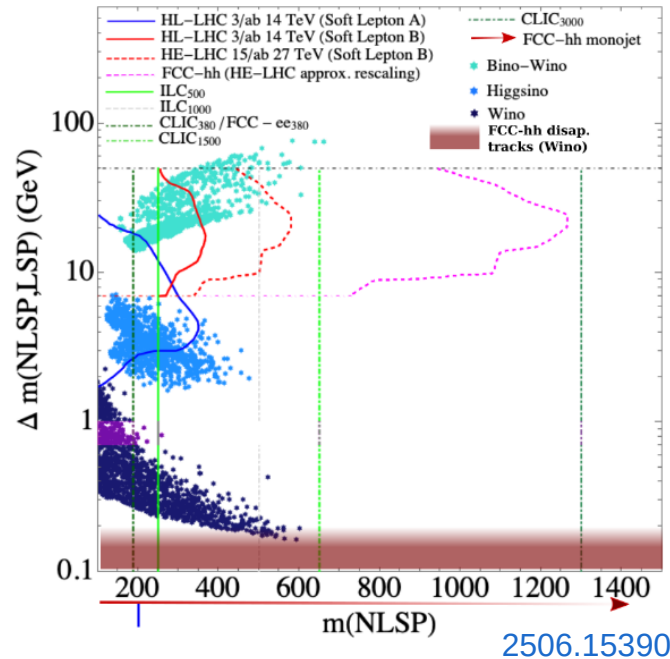


Full reconstruction  
of HNL mass  
possible

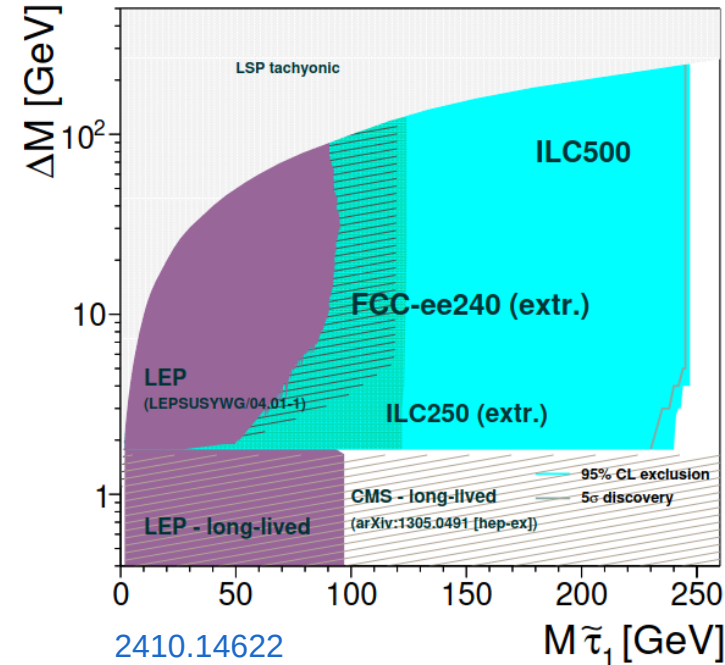
- Mixing  $V_{IN}$  set to the same value for all leptons
- Fast simulation study, including  $e\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  backgrounds
- Observation expected almost up to the kinematic limit
- Possibility of discriminating Dirac vs. Majorana nature of HNLs considered
- MVA (BDT) analysis involving angular variables
- Discrimination (dotted lines) following  $5\sigma$  discovery (solid lines) possible at all linear colliders



SUSY is still far from being excluded...

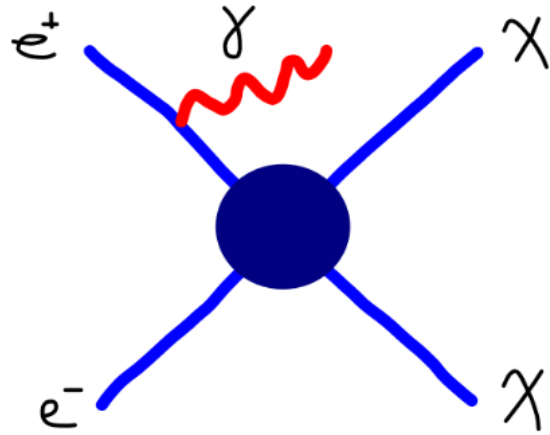


- Many scenarios favour compressed spectra (Higgsino/Wino LSP)
- $e^+e^-$  colliders can exclude all (N)LSP candidates in the whole  $m$ - $\Delta m$  plane



- Dedicated stau search at 500 GeV ILC, full simulation
- Recasts for ILC250, ILC1000, FCC-ee240
- More details in [a talk](#) by M.T. Nunez Pardo De Vera in this session

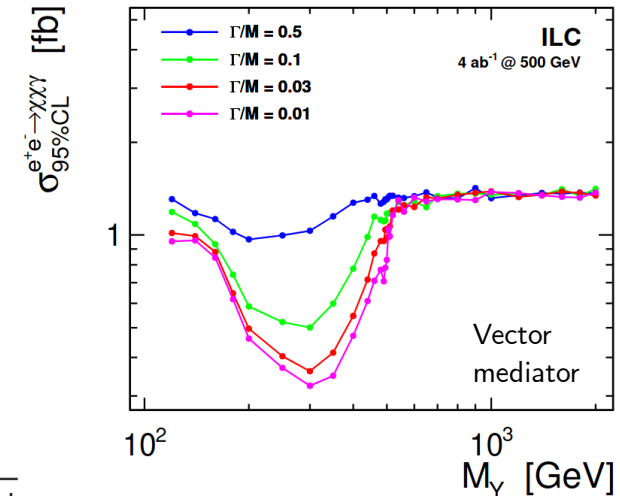
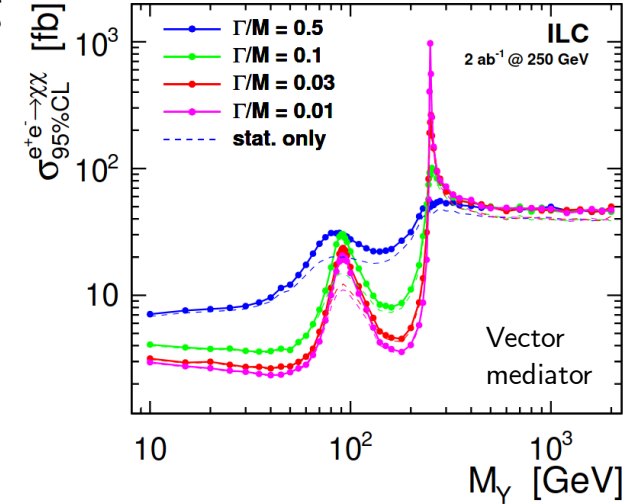
# Dark Matter (DM) searches



- Mono-photon channel search assuming simplified DM model
- Small and moderate mediator masses
- Limits on cross sections and couplings, depending only on width and mass
- Fast simulation study based on 2D distributions

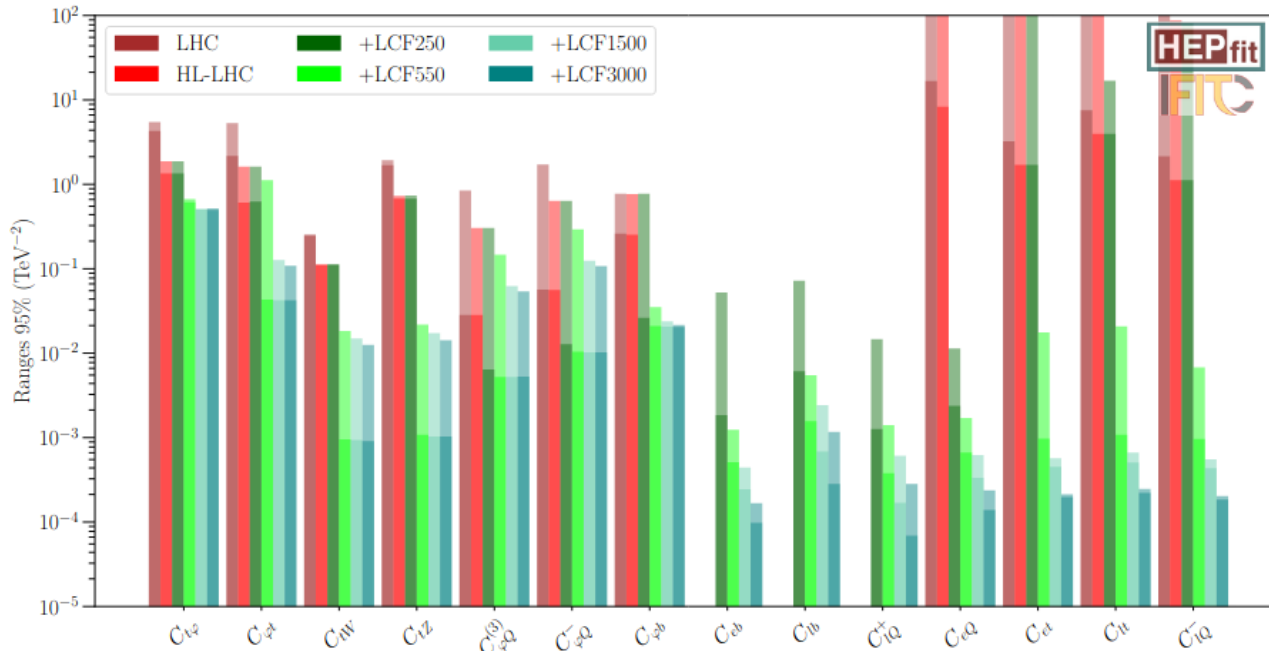
- Different coupling structures considered
- Best limits for light and narrow mediators
- For heavy mediators ( $M_Y \gg \sqrt{s}$ ) weak dependence on mass and width
- For 500 GeV ILC expected limits on EFT mass scale from 2.6 TeV to 5 TeV, depending on coupling structure

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



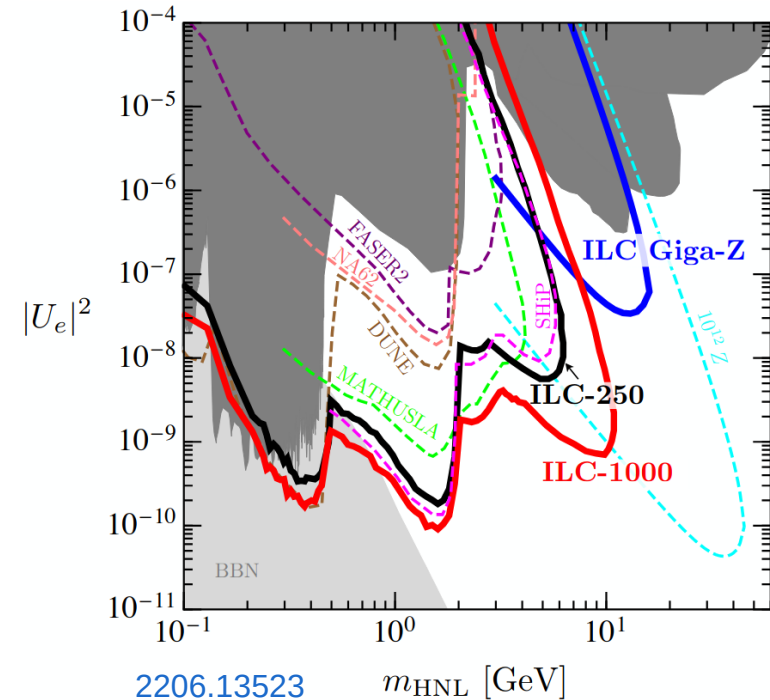
# Reach via EFT and beam dump

Operators with top and bottom quarks



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ILC beam dump reach to HNLs



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Thank you!