

# **Snowmass 2021:**

# **Dark matter at colliders**

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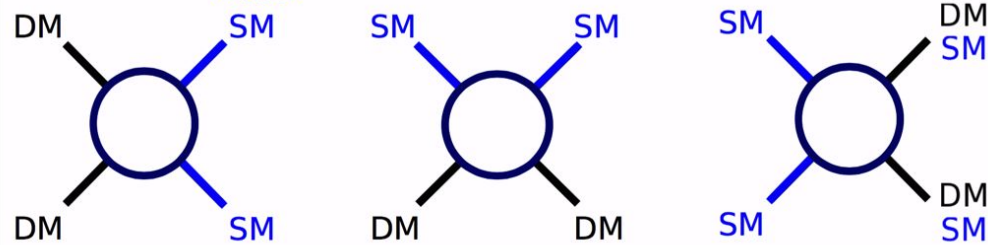
# DM@colliders in the broader Snowmass context

Observations, experiments and theories all needed for DM discovery

- DD/ID can discover DM with cosmological origin
- Colliders / accelerators can produce DM and probe the dark interaction
- Observations motivating DM come from astrophysics / gravitational interactions
- Theoretical frameworks are necessary to put different observations in context

Dark Matter

Standard Matter

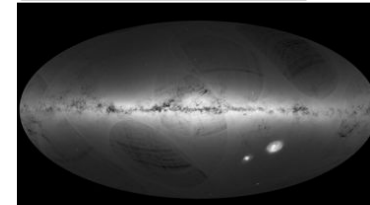


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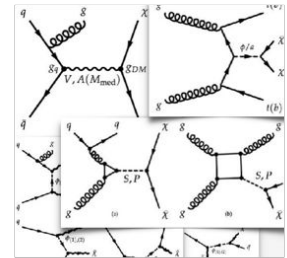
Direct Detection

Colliders & accelerators

Credit: ESA/Gaia/DPAC.



Astrophysics



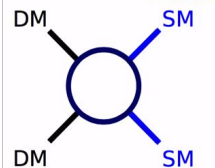
Theory

**DM @ Colliders:** continued exploration of *different experimental signatures of DM* at *different energy scales (MeV -- TeV)*, motivated by many *different DM models* (WIMP-like, SUSY, dark sectors...)

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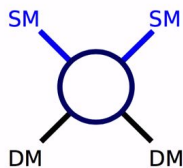
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Dark Matter



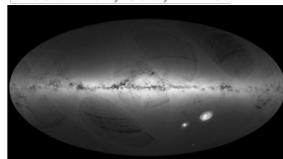
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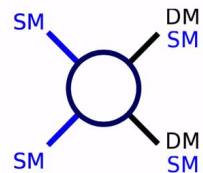
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Astrophysics

Cosmic Frontier 01 (particle-like DM)  
CF02 (wave-like DM)  
CF03 (cosmic probes of DM)  
Underground Frontier  
Neutrino Frontier



Colliders & accelerators

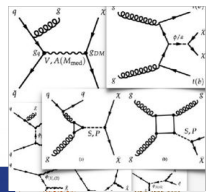
EF10 (this TG), EF02, EF03, EF08, EF09  
(+ others for backgrounds)

Rare & precision Frontier 06 (dark sectors at accelerators)

Accelerator Frontier 05 (accelerators for dark sectors)

Nearly all the physics in EF10 is **synergistic** with other groups / frontiers

→ keeping in sync & communicating often is part of our day-to-day work



Theory

Theory Frontier 07 (collider phenomenology)

TF07 (BSM model building)

TF09 (Astro-particle physics & cosmology)

(+ others for backgrounds)

# How we started our work: discussion of benchmarks

We need guiding principles to organize DM @ Colliders studies for Snowmass

- Necessary to coordinate the work in practice, given the breadth of DM explanations
  - At colliders, different benchmark models give different signatures → different searches
- Necessary to put studies in a broader context and compare to other experiments

→ EF10 has categorized LOIs and community work in two categories:

- 1) Test the **WIMP paradigm** (including non-minimal WIMPs/simplified models) [this session]
- 2) Explore signatures of DM **beyond WIMPs** (including dark sectors) [session #108, #127]

Keeping in mind what **Brian Shuve & Raman Sundrum** presented at the [EF08-10 parallel sessions at EF Workshop \(July\)](#):

- Need broad and comprehensive search strategies to counteract small probability that any individual scenario is correct

[notes [here](#)]

*What you think is plausible plays a big role in making superhuman (not just human) efforts to make discoveries, as that is what it might take. So I think there's nothing wrong with saying dark matter is a big mystery, and even that mystery may be informed by considerations of naturalness.*

# Organization of work around benchmarks

The DM @ Colliders community is quite broad  
→ we want to be as inclusive as possible while keeping an eye on big picture

Studies of **common DM benchmarks** agreed-upon with other groups/frontiers

- Leads to “big picture” plots e.g. comparing other experiments
  - Similar to what was done for the European Strategy Briefing Book
- We are working towards providing **technical help** to the collaborations/interested parties
  - e.g. model repository, common code pipelines (with CompF07?)
    - Interest within EF10, see e.g. [this talk](#) at the Preparatory Meeting and this LOI

See **Simplified Models** discussion (& [intro by Suchita Kulkarni](#)) at EF08-10 parallel sessions at the EF Workshop [notes [here](#)]

Studies that **highlight potential differences wrt common benchmarks**

- Not necessarily comprehensive in terms of experimental coverage
- E.g. highlight different complementarity or different signatures

Studies that **point out novel / less-explored DM models**

E.g. highlighting uncovered phase space



# List of focused questions from EF10

## 1. How can we best test the WIMP paradigm?

- Through the simplest/minimal WIMP models (EW multiplets) and their extensions
- Using simple mediator models (s-channels/t-channels) already used for collider searches
- Through the Higgs portal, since the Higgs boson is the most relevant portal operator between SM and DM and there are connections to precision measurements

## 2. How can we best explore beyond-WIMP scenarios?

- Using portals that privilege light dark sectors / dark matter
- Focusing on less-explored signatures of dark sectors that can highlight present/future blind spots

## 3. How to best exploit synergies between DM@colliders & others

- In terms of different experiments / observations answering the same physics question on the nature of DM
- In terms of detector, data acquisition and trigger design [e.g. [IF04 kick-off](#)]

# Testing the WIMP paradigm: three main directions

## 1. Electroweak multiplets [[meeting 04/06, 02/07](#)]

- Electroweak multiplet: higgsino/wino(minimal DM). Mediator: W/Z/h.
- Target: TeV-scale DM masses, motivated by relic density

Common benchmarks to be discussed with EF08 (after LOIs)

## 2. Simplified mediator models [[meeting 18/06](#)]

- S-channel and t-channel mediators.
- Well established benchmarks for LHC, simple benchmarks for comparisons
- Target: DM masses  $\sim$  GeV-scale and above

Common benchmarks in discussion with EF09/RF05, to be discussed with CF

## 3. Higgs portal [[upcoming meeting](#)]

- Well motivated coupling between SM to the dark world
- Target: DM masses  $\sim$  GeV-scale and above

Common benchmark to be discussed with EF02

# Ongoing work on simple WIMP models

## Electroweak multiplet WIMP

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF9-069.pdf](#) - Electroweak multiplets at the Muon Collider

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF0\\_Armesto\\_LHeC\\_BSM10-180.pdf](#) LHeC and FCC-he: Dark Matter (EF 10)

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF9-071.pdf](#), singlet + doublet WIMP simplified model

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF9\\_diego\\_redigolo-104.pdf](#) - Electroweak multiplets at the Muon Collider

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF8-TF7\\_TF0-CompF2\\_CompF0\\_Kulkarni\\_Suchita-139.pdf](#) - Long lived charginos

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF9\\_EF10-TF7\\_TF0\\_Haipeng\\_An-237.pdf](#) - stop-bino coannihilation with open data

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF8\\_EF10-258.pdf](#) - light dark matter in NMSSM via light higgs and electroweakino searches

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF0\\_Peiwen\\_WU-103.pdf](#) - top+jet+MET at future e+e- colliders

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF0\\_Kilic-051.pdf](#) - Optimizing Higgsino searches

## Higgs portals:

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF2\\_Ketevi\\_Assamagan-035.pdf](#) *LOI on H → invisible*

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF1\\_EF2\\_Patrick\\_Janot-172.pdf](#) - H → invisible at the FCC-ee

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF0\\_Xin\\_Shi-080.pdf](#) - DM via Higgs portal at CEPC

Full list of LOIs and recording [here](#) (please contact us if we missed yours due to the cross-listing form limitations!)





# Ongoing work on DM simplified models

## DM Simplified models at colliders

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF0\\_Peiwen\\_WU-103.pdf](#) - Search for  $t + j + \text{MET}$  signals from dark matter models at future ee collider

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF9\\_Filip\\_Zarnecki-054.pdf](#) - New approach to DM searches with mono-photon signature

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF9\\_Andreas\\_Albert-094.pdf](#) - Displaying dark matter constraints from colliders with varying simplified model parameters

[EF/SNOWMASS21-EF9\\_EF10-RF6\\_RF0-CF1\\_CF3\\_Boyu\\_Gao-160.pdf](#) - Summarizing experimental sensitivities of collider experiments to Dark Matter models and comparison to other experiments

## Future collider and experiment (they group more than one search)

HL-LHC ATLAS: [EF/SNOWMASS21-EF0\\_EF0-RF0\\_RF0\\_ATLASCollaboration-195.pdf](#)

HL-LHC CMS: [EF/SNOWMASS21-EF1\\_EF10-RF5\\_RF7\\_CMSCollaboration-109.pdf](#)

Muon collider: [EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF0\\_Jayatilaka-225.pdf](#)

LHeC: [EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10\\_EF0\\_Armesto\\_LHeC\\_BSM10-180.pdf](#)

CLIC: [EF/SNOWMASS21-EF0\\_EF0\\_CLICphysics-170.pdf](#)

Lepton colliders: [EF/SNOWMASS21-EF0\\_EF0-TF0\\_TF0-AF0\\_AF0-244.pdf](#)

## Also: theory (general BSM overviews)

[Energy Frontier BSM Wishlist](#)

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# Ongoing work on complementarity

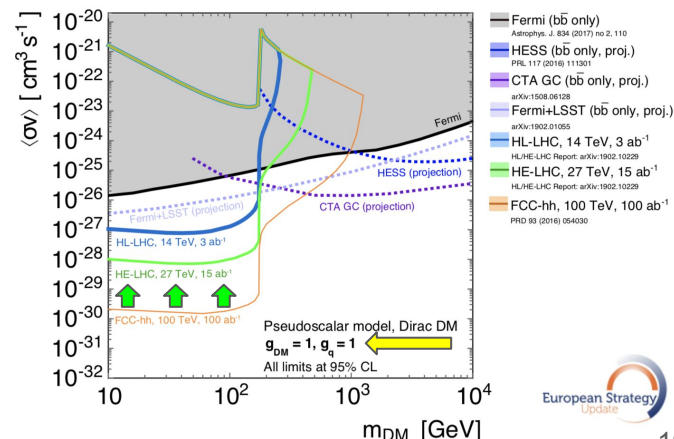
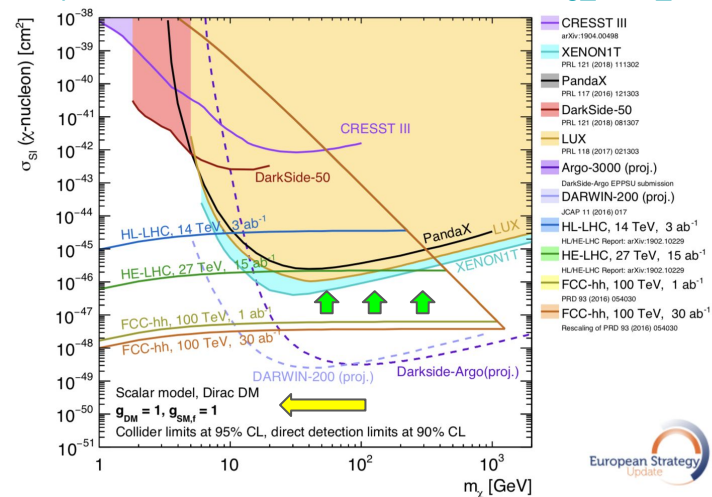
From European Strategy BSM and DM working groups:

- Plots including collider / direct / indirect detection results, using a simple WIMP-like model scenario (pseudo/scalar SM-DM mediator with fixed  $o(1)$  couplings)
- After discussions with other communities, will be updating plots to lower coupling hypotheses to better connect to other DM searches e.g. accelerator-based
  - See this LOI (w/Dark Matter Working Group) and this LOI (plots of heavier WIMPs by EF10)

## Other synergies emphasized by European Strategy

- What can we learn from:
  - Non-collider experiments (for dark sector searches)
  - Astrophysics and nuclear physics
- How can we work together towards the same physics goals:
  - In collaboration with theory, instrumentation & computing

(see also [ESCAPE project](#) / [HSF](#) / [IRIS-HEP](#) (US))



# Some initial questions on possible joint summary plots

Need discussion between EF/CF/RF/NF/TF (topical workshop(s)?)

- Are simple WIMP models / simplified models [[Dark Matter Working Group](#)] / portals [[Physics Beyond Colliders](#)] a framework we want to agree upon for summary plots? (Widely used by the collider community already)
- Exclusion areas plotted by colliders don't impose any relic density constraints on exclusion areas from simplified models → is this making the constraints incompatible?
- Is extending collider limits for thermal relics below 1 GeV in summary plots theoretically sound, and welcome by other communities?
- What is the best way to display uncertainties for the experiments involved?

# Conclusions and outlook

1. Lively community → broad program of DM@Collider studies within EF10
  - Work on common “big picture” benchmarks alongside unexplored models/signatures
2. Future discovery of / constraints on DM requires a broad physics perspective
  - Coordinate with other Topical Groups and frontiers
  - Would like to update the [DM Complementarity Snowmass 2013 whitepaper](#) with an even more global picture of DM (including accelerators and large astro surveys)
    - i. See [session #150, tomorrow at 12:15](#)
  - Willing to start this journey with CF/EF/RF with joint meetings for joint summary plots!
3. Important to consider *tools* to answer questions about physics of DM
  - Necessary to plan for reinterpretable / reusable searches & measurements (already at the LHC) [potential collaborations with CompF07]
  - Follow detector, data acquisition and trigger design [e.g. [IF04 kick-off](#)]

# Join us, give input

Webpage of EF 10: [https://snowmass21.org/energy/dark\\_matter](https://snowmass21.org/energy/dark_matter)

Slack channel: #ef10-dark\_matter under <https://snowmass2021.slack.com>

Email list: [SNOWMASS-EF-10-DARK\\_MATTER@FNAL.GOV](mailto:SNOWMASS-EF-10-DARK_MATTER@FNAL.GOV)

Instructions on how to join: <https://snowmass21.org/energy/start#communications>

List of all EF10 LOIs (title / authors): [Spreadsheet with presentation recordings \(more will be added\)](#)

# Beyond WIMPs: two main directions

[joint [EF09-10/RF05/AF06 meeting 16-17/07](#)]

1. (Very) different DM masses and couplings with respect to the WIMP
  - a. Strongly interacting DM, light DM ( $< \text{GeV}$ )
2. Different portals with respect to LHC simplified models:
  - a. dark photon and generic dark scalar/pseudoscalar (including rare decays)
    - i. Develop connections between these portals and DM simplified models  
See [this talk by N. Toro](#) at the “LLP preparatory meeting” (EF8-10/RF05/AF06)
    - ii. Understand how to present them coherently - see [this talk by N. Toro](#) at EF10 meeting

Common benchmarks  
in discussion with  
EF09/RF05, also to be  
discussed with CF

←  
RF6 most sensitive to weakly  
coupled, light mediators

→  
EF10 most sensitive to strongly  
coupled, heavy mediators