

Snowmass 2021: Dark matter at colliders

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Quick re-introduction to EF10



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Organization of work around benchmarks

The DM @ Colliders community is quite broad and **shares work** with many other TGs and Frontiers
→ we want to be as **inclusive** as possible while keeping an eye on **big picture**

1. **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
 - Our contributors have been working towards providing **technical help** to the collaborations and interested parties
 - e.g. model repository, common code pipelines (potentially with CompF07?)
 - Interest within EF10, where some contributors work within [this project](#)
2. **Studies that highlight potential differences wrt common benchmarks**
 - Not necessarily comprehensive in terms of experimental coverage
 - E.g. highlight different complementarity or different signatures
3. **Studies that point out novel / less-explored DM models (mostly joint with EF09)**
 - E.g. highlighting uncovered phase space

List of focused questions from Snowmass EF10 (DM @ Colliders)

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 & complementarity** between DM@colliders & other TGs and Frontiers

- 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]

EF10 goals recap: testing the WIMP paradigm

1. Electroweak multiplets [[meeting 04/06/20](#), [02/07/20](#)]

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

Common benchmarks
with EF08/CF

2. Simplified mediator models [[meeting 18/06/20](#)]

- S-channel and t-channel mediators. (This meeting)
- Well established benchmarks for LHC, simple benchmarks for comparisons
- Main target: DM masses $< \frac{1}{2}$ mediator mass.

Common benchmarks
with EF09/RF06/CF

3. Higgs portal [upcoming meeting]

- Well motivated coupling between SM to the dark world
- Main target: DM masses $< \frac{1}{2}$ Higgs mass.

Common benchmark
with Higgs EFs

EF10 goals recap: beyond WIMPs

[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 ($< \text{GeV}$)
 - i. E.g. dark QCD benchmarks LOI
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

Next steps



Tentative plan for the future

- Resuming monthly meetings
 - Next meetings: **September 22, Oct 27, and Nov 17**
- To potential contributors: don't hesitate to bring updates to our attention (even though we will inquire for progress with LOI authors)
 - We can only include in final whitepapers what we know about!
- Discussions for DM complementarity plots also expected to resume once Cosmic Frontier restarts (September onwards)
- Discussion ongoing for a joint EF-8/9/10 workshop in early 2022



Backup slides



Before the break: work on LOIs

44 LOIs so far [EF10 LOIs: links and titles](#)

Mostly cross-listed with EF09/CF

Roughly grouped by topics:

- WIMP (9) Covered in September 10 biweekly meeting.
- Alternative models (2) Covered in September 10 biweekly meeting.
- Displaced, dark sector (17)
- Higgs portal (2)
- Directly related to a facility. (5) Covered in Sept 23rd meeting
- Computing. (4)
- Complementarity between different probes (4)
Covered in Sept 23rd meeting

EF	COMPLEMENTARITY	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF9_Liu_W	29/08/2020		EP9	EF10 Lepton portal dark matter, gravitational waves and collider probes
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CompF	COMPUTING	CompF/SNOWMASS21-CompF7_Co	31/08/2020		EP10	EP10 The ESCAPE Dark Matter Test Science Project
EF	COMPUTING	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF10-CompF	31/08/2020		EP10	EP10 Optimization of High Energy Physics Analysis Performance Using
CF	COMPUTING	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF9_EF10-CompF	3/8		EP9	EP10 Anomaly Detection at Future Colliders
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EF	DISPLACED/DARK	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF9_EF10-301	30/08/2020		EP9	EP9 Probing Dark Matter Dynamics with Long-Lived Particle Searches
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EF	DISPLACED/DARK	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF8_Rahm	31/08/2020		EP8	EP10 Vector-Portal Search for Dark Matter Particles
EF	DISPLACED/DARK	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF9_Kulkar	31/08/2020		EP10	EP10 Studies of dark shower benchmarks
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EF	DISPLACED/DARK	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10-009.pdf	27/05/2020		EP10	EP10 Dark Photons, Kinetic Mixing and UV Scenarios
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EF	HIGGS PORTAL	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF9_Xin_S	28/08/2020		EP10	EP10 Dark Matter via Higgs portal at CEPC
EF	HIGGS PORTAL	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF9_Semir	31/08/2020		EP10	EP10 LQ on W → invisible
EF	OTHER MODEL	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF8-079.pdf	29/08/2020		EP8	EP10 Sharing but not Caring at colliders
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EF	SIMPLE WIMP SEARCH	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF9_Filip_Z	27/08/2020		EP9	EP10 New approach to DM searches with mono-photon signature
EF	SIMPLE WIMP SEARCH	EF/SNOWMASS21-EF10_EF0_Pelaez	30/08/2020		EP10	EP10 Search for t+j+ MET signals from dark matter decays at future e+e-

We answered ~all LOIs individually

- Useful to build a discourse with the proponents, and to match-make with SEC members who contacted us

Recordings and notes available in the spreadsheet

What happened during the break?

Our feeling: people (us included) really took a Snowmass break
→ mostly worked on other things (still relevant for Snowmass)

We did not organize a conversation meeting - mostly because main EF10 contributors were busy/left

Parallel efforts were encouraged and followed, naming the most relevant/active:

- Snowmass *Dark Showers group* (joint with EF09) - Suchita Kulkarni [th], Marie-Helene Genest [exp]
 - Had a number of meetings on new publications / benchmark discussions (~ every 3 weeks)
 - Organized a tutorial/workshop with experts during the Long Lived Particles Community Workshop
 - [Talk by Suchita Kulkarni today](#)
- WIMPs at muon colliders
 - There have been several studies on the search for WIMP dark matter (focusing on the so called Minimal Dark Matter scenario) at muon collider (with various energy and luminosity options), as well as a few more on-going work.
 - While it may not be as complete as the study for the 100 TeV pp collider for the briefing book, a set of basic results are available now to paint a big picture on this topic.
 - [Talks by M. Costa and J. Zurita today](#)
- WIMPs and lighter DM at hadron/lepton colliders → see also next slide
 - Some of our main contributors graduated, some are back as PhD students starting in September, some are new
 - One of the postdoc leaders of whitepaper also moving on to new jobs (!colliders) but want to keep contributing once Snowmass restarts
 - [Talks by A. Albert today](#)



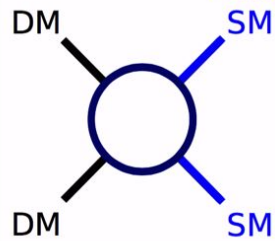
DM@colliders in the broader Snowmass context

Observations, experiments and theories all needed for DM discovery

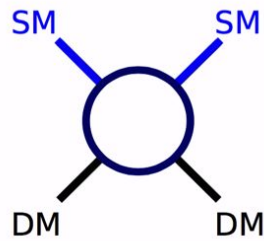
- DD/ID can discover DM with cosmological origin
- Colliders / accelerators can produce DM and probe the dark interaction
- Observations motivating DM come from astrophysics / gravitational interactions
- Theoretical frameworks are necessary to put different observations in context

Dark Matter

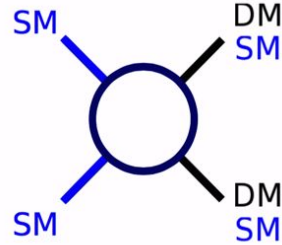
Standard Matter



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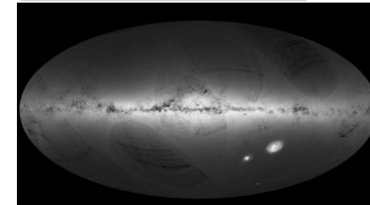


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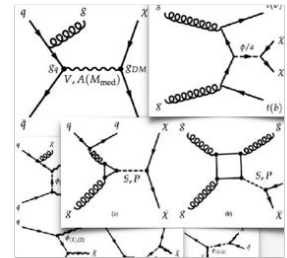


Colliders & accelerators

Credit: ESA/Gaia/DPAC.



Astrophysics



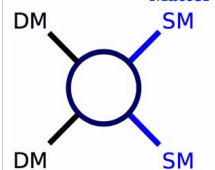
Theory

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...)

DM@colliders in the broader Snowmass context

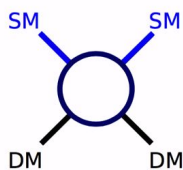
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Dark Matter



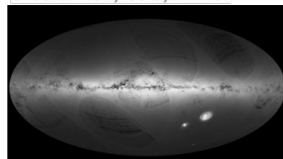
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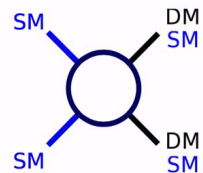
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Credit: ESA/Gaia/DPAC.



Astrophysics

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



Colliders & accelerators

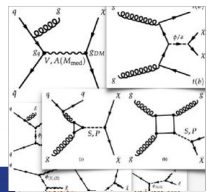
EF10 (this TG), EF02, EF03, EF08, EF09
(+ others for backgrounds)

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)

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

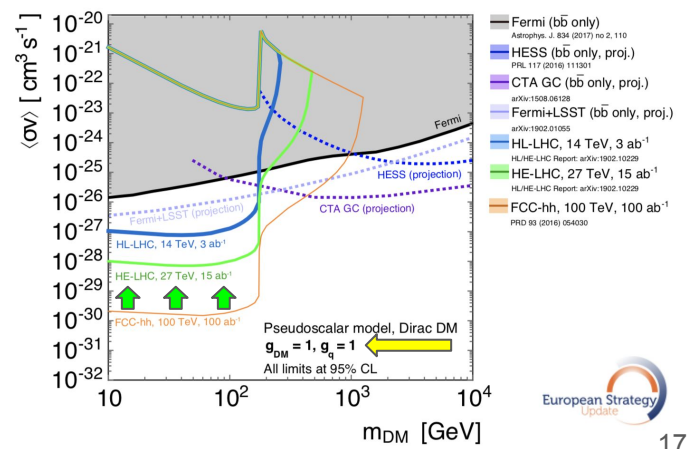
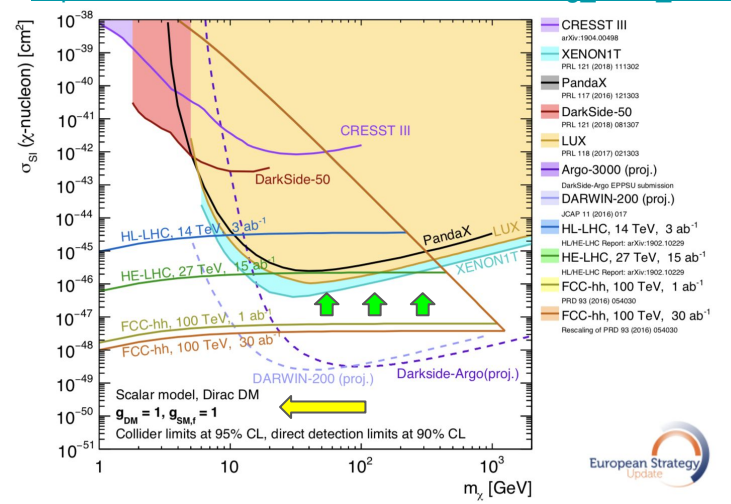
From European Strategy BSM and DM working groups:

- 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 from CPM

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

Slack channel: #ef10-dark_matter under <https://snowmass2021.slack.com>

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

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