# Monophoton Dark Matter Studies at Muon Colliders

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## Motivation

- Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMP) are natural cold DM candidates
- Muon Colliders offer great potential in discovering new physics, particularly in probing WIMP dark matter
- With a large event sample, the monophoton channel of production offers good prospects



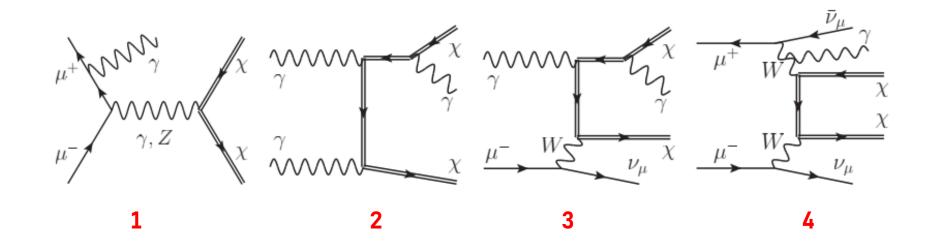


### Theory

- Theory from "WIMPs at High Energy Muon Colliders" \*
- Results in paper produced from signal and background events generated through MadGraph
- Events generated with COM energy = 14 TeV and two DM masses = 1 TeV, 3 TeV
- \* <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.11287</u>



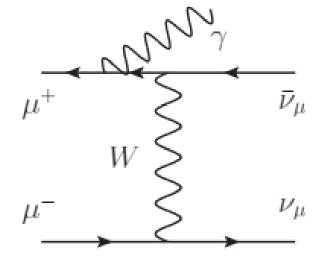
## Monophoton Channel - Signal



- $1 \quad \mu^+\mu^- \to \gamma \chi \chi$
- $2 \quad \gamma\gamma \quad \rightarrow \gamma\chi\chi$
- $3 \quad \gamma \mu^{\pm} \rightarrow \gamma \nu \chi \chi$
- 4  $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \gamma \nu \nu \chi \chi$



## Monophoton Channel - Background



Most significant background:

$$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \gamma v \overline{v}$$

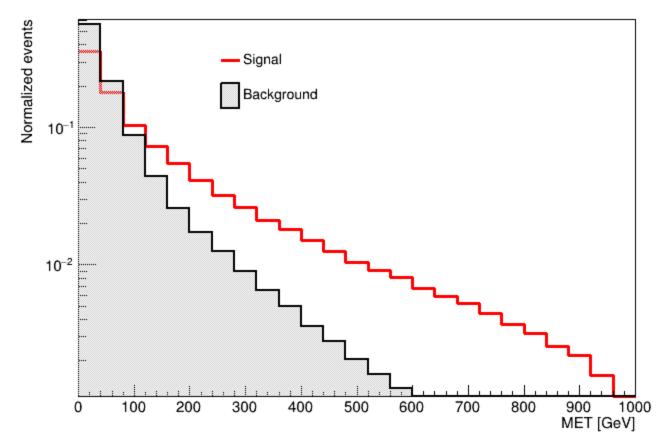


## **Current progress**

- Studying the primary signal process:  $\mu^+\mu^- o \gamma\chi\chi$
- Using the major SM background:  $\mu^+\mu^- o \gamma v \overline{v}$
- Generating 500,000 events with MadGraph, hadronizing with Pythia and simulating detector response with DELPHES
- Currently working with COM energy = 3 TeV and DM mass = 0.8 TeV

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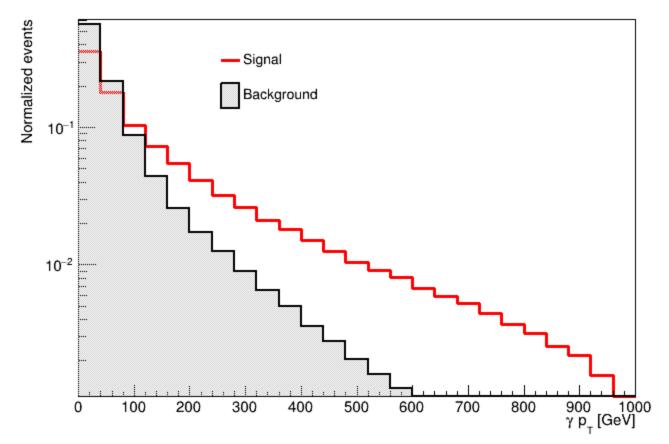
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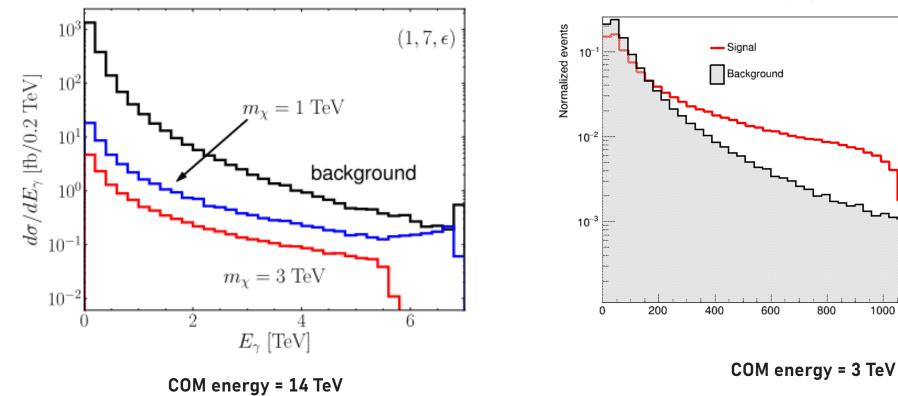


### Photon $p_T$

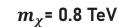
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### **Energy of photon**







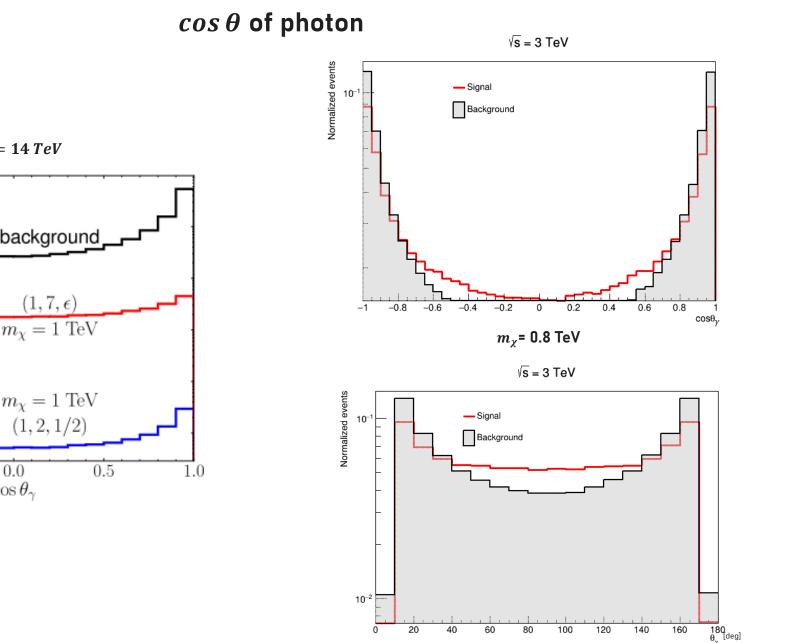
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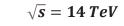
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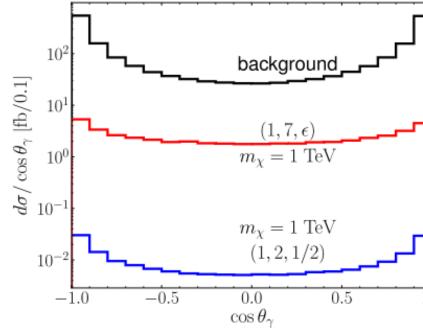
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1400 Ε<sub>γ</sub> [GeV]



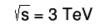


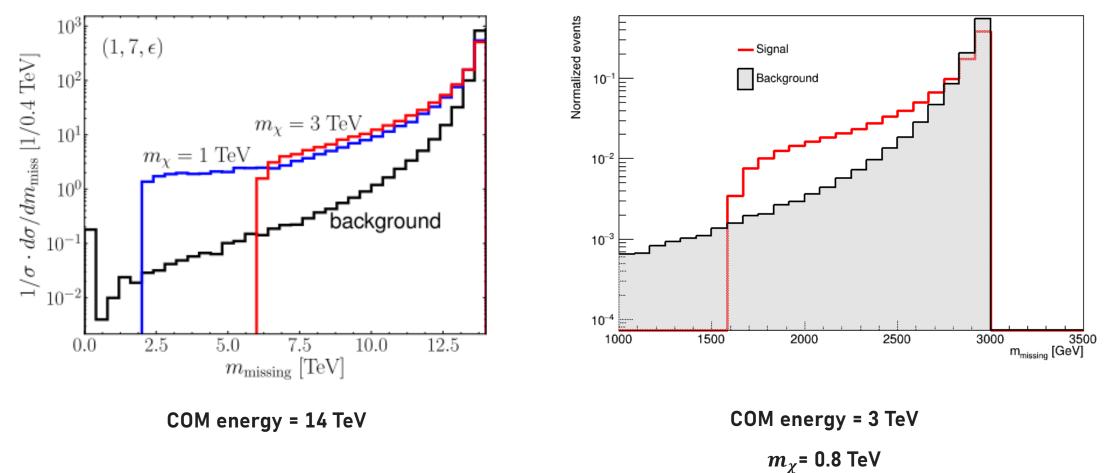


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#### Missing mass







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### **Conclusions and next steps:**

- Comparing produced and theoretical distributions verifies the private production
- Increase number of events
- Use different DM masses
- Use higher COM energies
- Include additional signal processes
- Apply selections to improve signal sensitivity (Selections on energy of

photon, missing mass and photon  $\theta$  applied in the paper)



### Timeline

- 1 million events at  $\sqrt{s}$  = 14 TeV with DM mass = 0.8 TeV
- 1 million events at  $\sqrt{s}$  = 3 TeV with DM mass = 3 TeV
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- Selections and additional processes

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- $\rightarrow$ 1.5 weeks
- Signal sensitivity analyses (Figure of merit =  $Signal/\sqrt{Background}$ )  $\rightarrow$  1.5 weeks