

Light Dark Matter search using electron beams

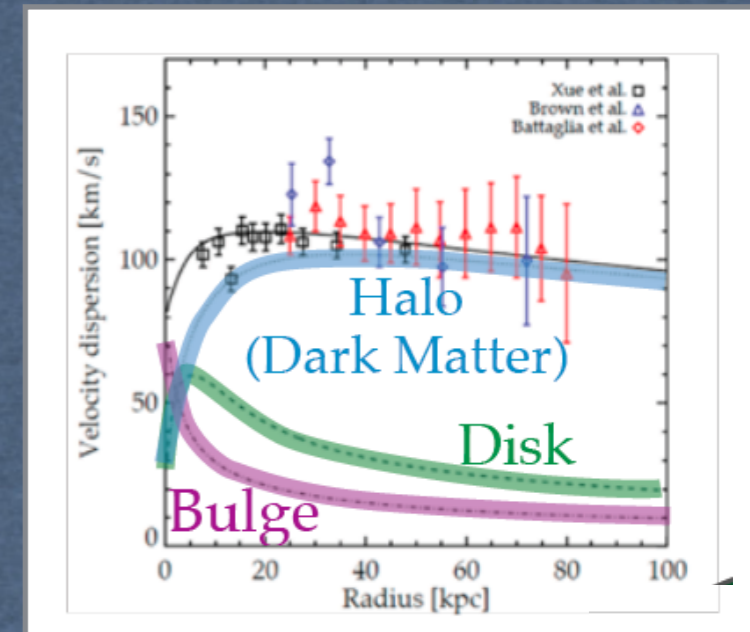
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Dark matter proofs

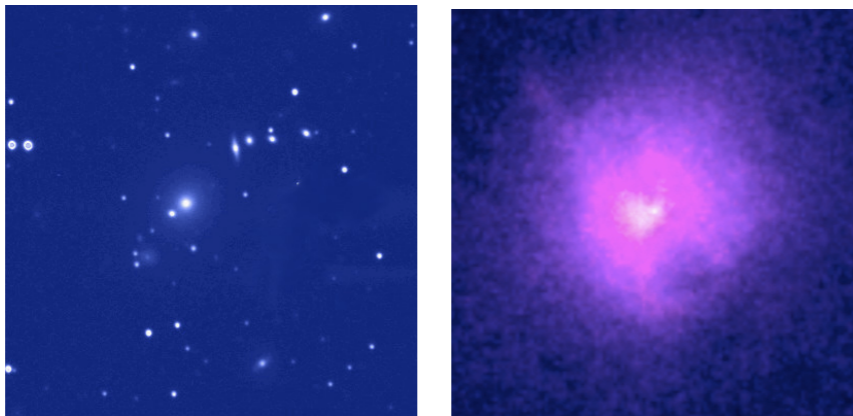
- ★ Galaxies rotation curve shows constant velocity despite *visible* mass is concentrated at the center

Big portion of *invisible* mass in the outer regions (halo)

- ★ The mass of galaxy clusters can be estimated in different ways:



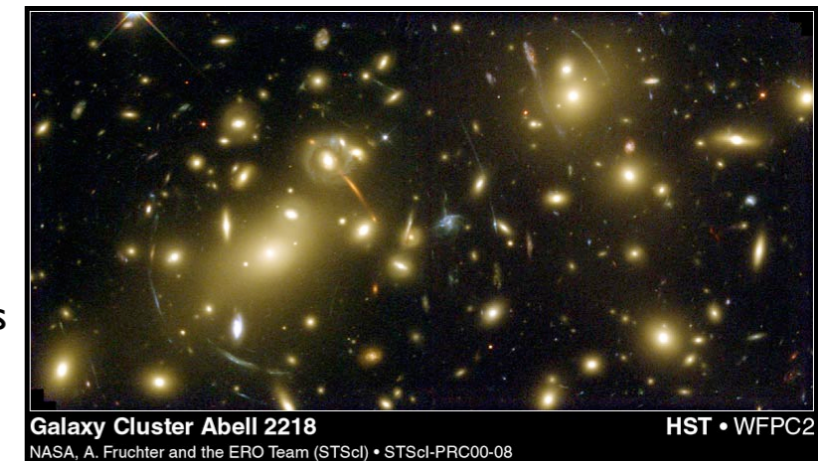
- **X - R a y e m i s s i o n:** hydrostatic equilibrium links pressure, Temperature, Density (mass)



Hydra A galaxy cluster. Chandra X-ray observations reveal a large cloud of hot gas that extends throughout the cluster

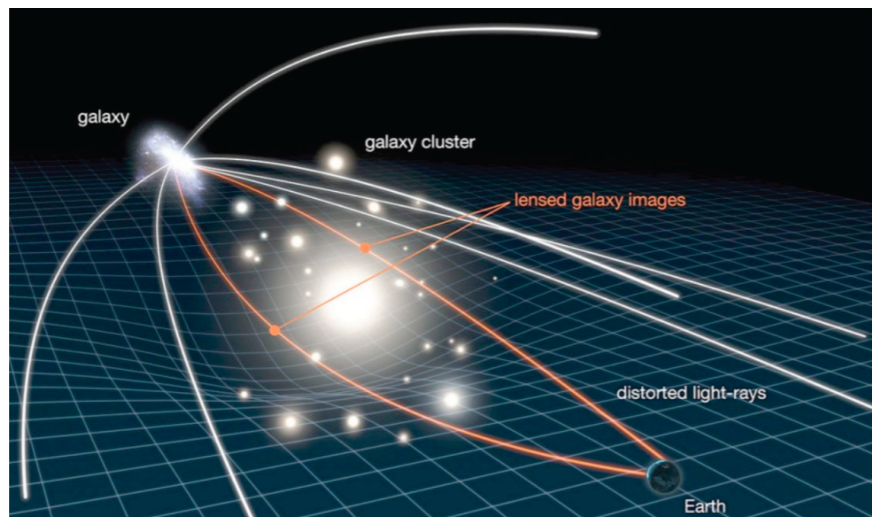
Mass balance

Total mass $10^{14} - 10^{15} M_{\odot}$
 Gas fraction $\sim 16\%$ ($\sim 13\%$ ICM, $\sim 3\%$ galaxies).
 Remaining 84% of the mass is in dark matter

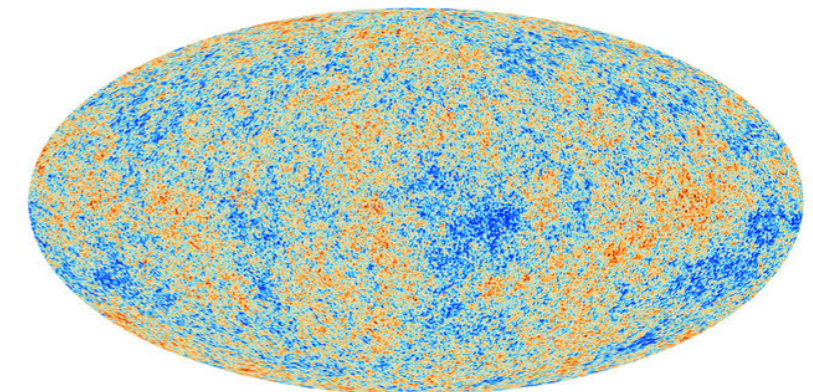


Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218
 NASA, A. Fruchter and the ERO Team (STScI) • STScI-PRC00-08

- **Gravitational lensing:** a mass in between the source and the observer distorts the light propagation acting as a lens



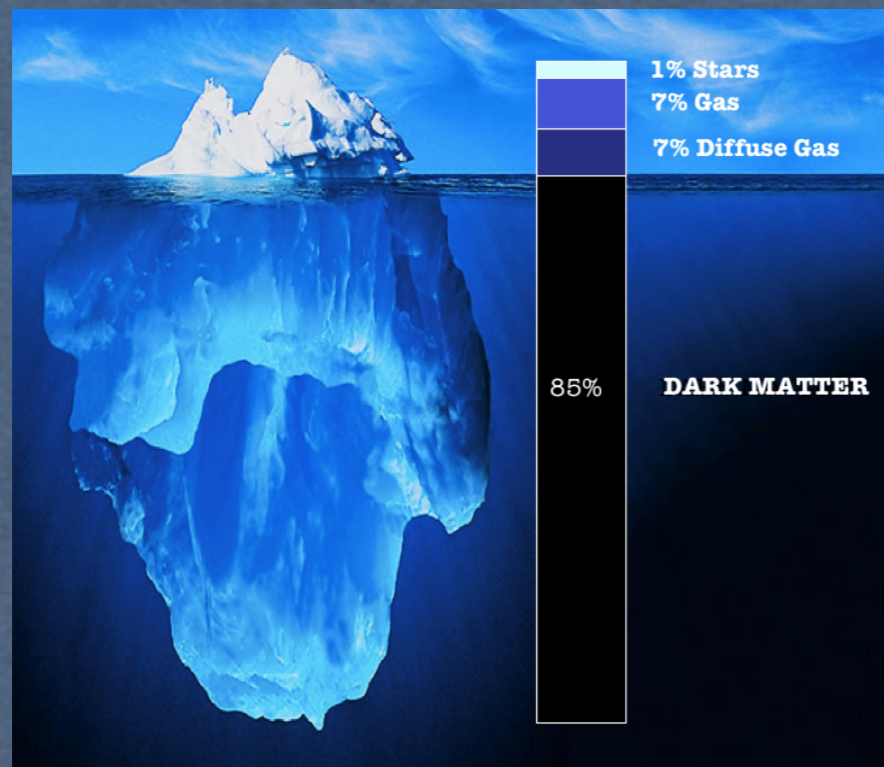
- ★ DM in CMB
- ★ Clusters of galaxies
- ★ Cluster collisions
- ★ ...



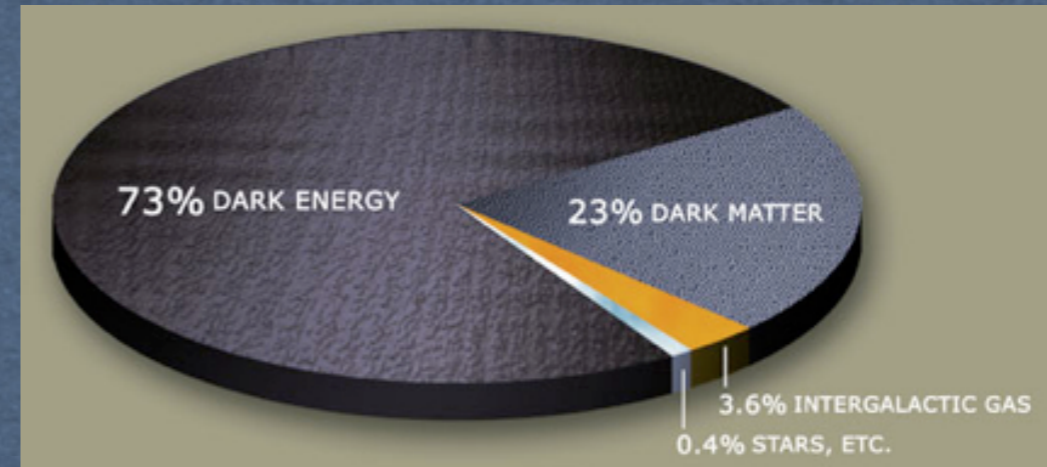
Compelling astrophysical indications about DM existence

Dark Matter (DM) vs Baryonic Matter (BM)

★ How much DM w.r.t. BM?



.. even worse if we consider the total balance



Only ~4% of the Universe is explained by the Standard Model of the elementary particles

★ Is DM undergoing to other interactions? is the DM made by 'particles' (such as the ones in the Standard Model)?

★ Constraint on DM mass and interactions

- should be 'dark' (no em interaction)
- should weakly interact with SM particles
- should provide the correct relic abundance
- should be compatible with CMB power spectrum

... assuming that the gravity is not modified and DM undergoes to other interactions

★ We can use what we know about standard model particles to build a DM theory

Use the SM as an example: $SM = U(1)_{EM} \times SU(2)_{Weak} \times SU(3)_{Strong}$

Forces in nature

4 fundamental interactions known so far: strong, electromagnetic, weak and gravitational

Particles, interactions and symmetries

Known particles & new force-carriers

Particles: quarks, leptons

Force-carriers: gluons, γ , W, Z, graviton (?), Higgs, ...

Two options:

- ★ **New matter** interacting through the **same forces**
- ★ **New matter** interacting through **new forces**

Dark Matter

New particles & new force-carriers

Spin-1: U bosons ('hidden' or 'dark' photons)

Spin-0: Axions (or axion-like particles)

Spin-0 (scalars): Higgs-like



Any guess about the DM mass and interaction?

Yes, if we do a couple of assumptions:

★ DM thermal origin

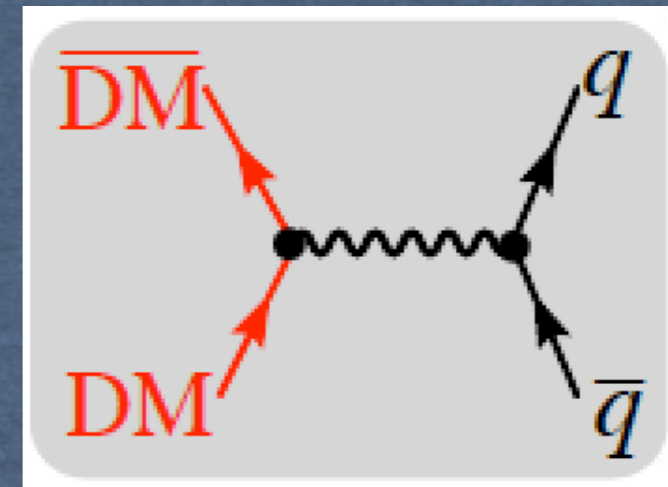
in the early Universe DM was in thermal equilibrium with regular matter (via annihilation)

★ DM as thermal relic from the hot early Universe

Minimal DM abundance is left over to the present day

Correct DM density for an annihilation xsec:

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} \sim 1/(20 \text{ TeV})^2$$



$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim M_{\text{DM}}^2 / M_{\text{mediator}}^4$$

WIMPs (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles)

- Massive DM with massive mediator
- For ~ 100 GeV DM mass, weak-scale mediators provide reasonable annihilation rate and range of DM-scattering rates

Thermal origin suggests DM interactions and mass in the vicinity of the weak-scale

$$\sigma_n \sim \frac{\alpha_2^2 \mu_n^2}{m_Z^4} \sim 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2$$

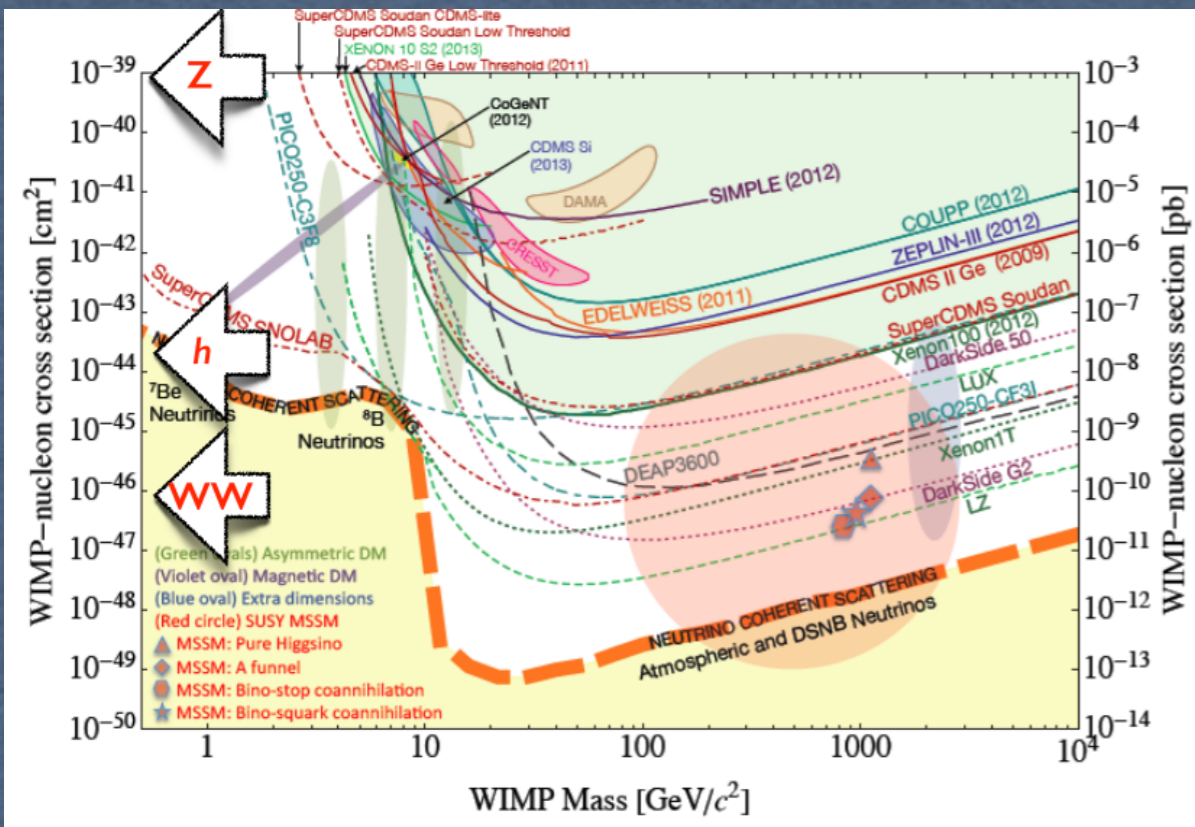
Z exchange

$$\sigma_n \lesssim 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$$

Higgs exchange

Exploring the WIMP's option

★ Experimental limits



Slow-moving cosmological weakly interacting massive particles

- DM detection by measuring the (heavy) nucleus recoil
- Constraints on the interaction strength from the DM Direct Detection limits
 - Scattering through Z boson ($\sigma \sim 10^{-39} \text{cm}^2$): ruled out
 - Approaching limits for scattering through the Higgs ($\sigma \sim 10^{-45} \text{cm}^2$)
 - Close to irreducible neutrino background

Direct Detection



- * No signal in direct detection
- * Experiments have (almost) no sensitivity to (light) DM ($< 1 \text{ GeV}$)

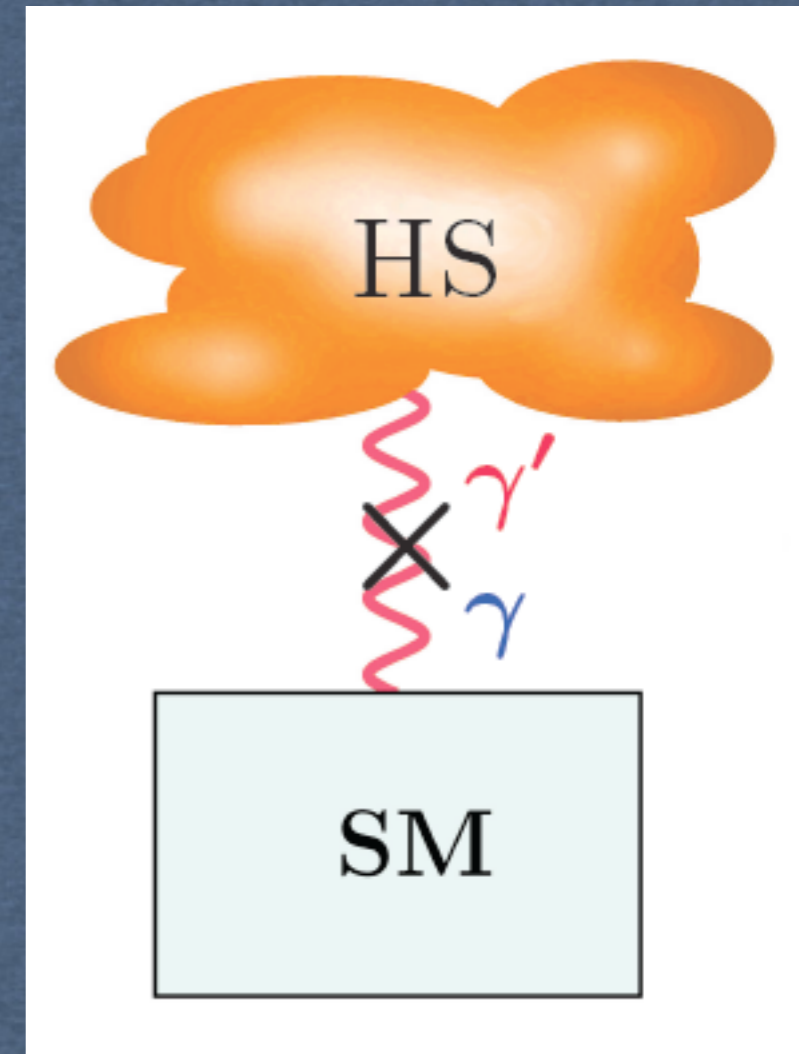
Introducing a new force in nature

- *Hidden sector (HS) present in string theory and super-symmetries
- *HS not charged under SM gauge groups (and v.v.)
no direct interaction between HS and SM
HS-SM connection via messenger particles

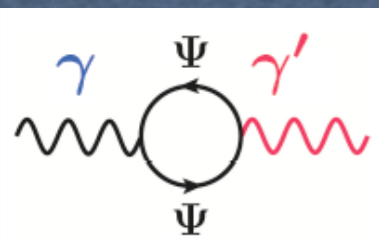
A simple way to go beyond the SM (not yet excluded!):

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times \text{extra } U(1)$$

Color Electroweak Hypercharge Hidden sector

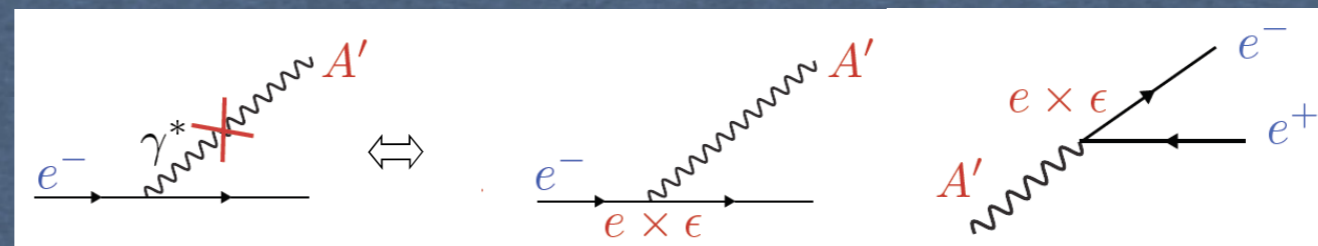


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} X_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\chi}{2} X_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Hidden}} F^{\mu\nu}_{\text{Visible}} + \frac{m_{\gamma'}^2}{2} X_{\mu} X^{\mu}$$



γ'/A' couples to SM via electromagnetic current (kinetic mixing)

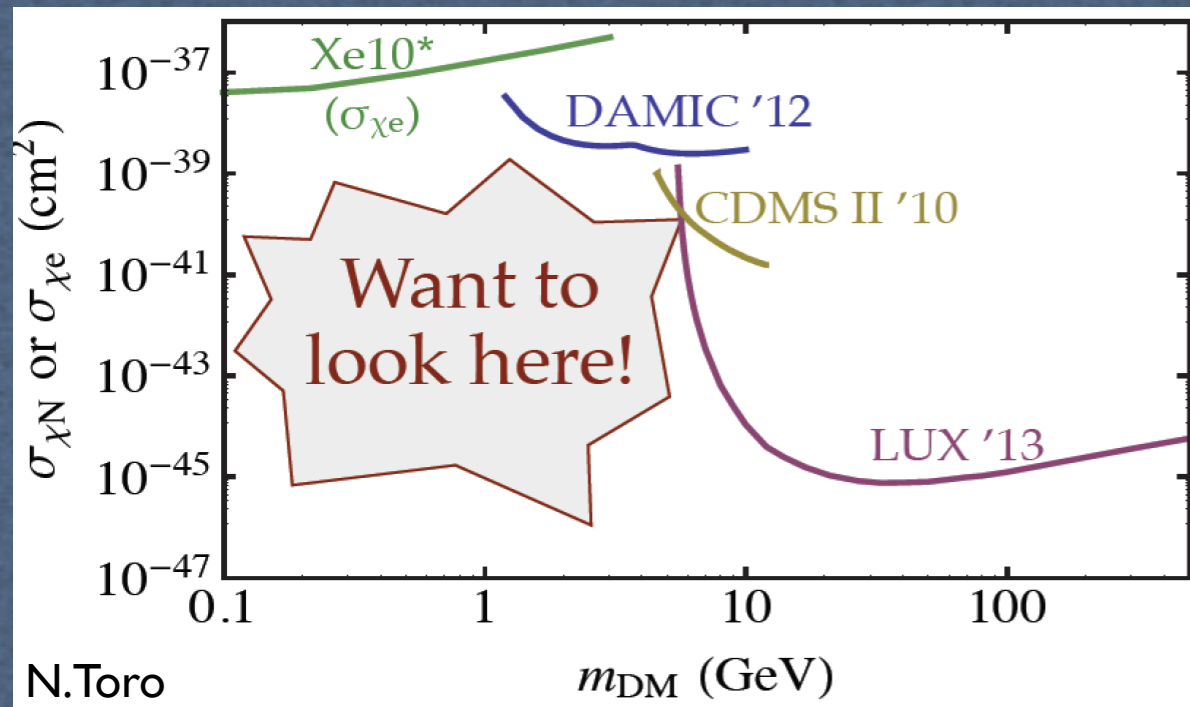
$$\rightarrow A_{\mu} \rightarrow A_{\mu} + \epsilon a_{\mu} \quad \chi = \epsilon \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-2} \quad (\alpha_{\text{Dark Photon}} = \epsilon^2 \alpha_{\text{EM}})$$



Ψ can be a huge mass scale particle ($M_{\Psi} \sim 1 \text{ EeV}$) coupling to both SM and HS

Light Dark Matter

★ Experimental limits



Light Dark Matter with a (almost) weak interaction (new force!)

- Direct Detection is (almost) impossible
 - Low mass elastic scattering on heavy nuclei produces small recoil
 - eV-range recoil requires a different detection technology
 - Directionality may help to go behind existing limits at large masses

Accelerators-based DM search

covers an unexplored mass region extending the reach outside the classical DM hunting territory

- **High intensity**
- **Moderate energy**

Light Dark Matter

Direct Detection

1 MeV

1 GeV

Mz

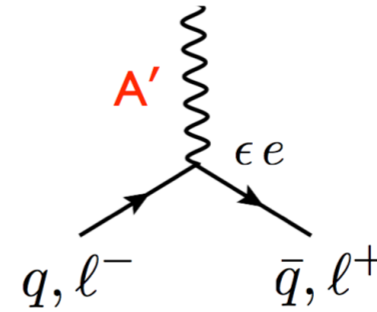
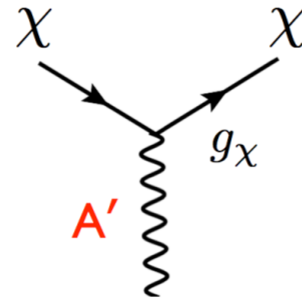
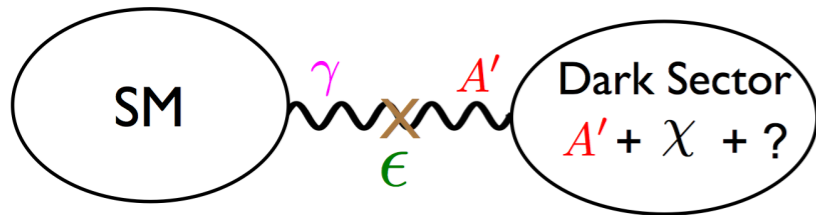
10 TeV

WIMPs

Dark Sector or Hidden Sector (DM not directly charged under SM interactions)

Can be explored at accelerators!

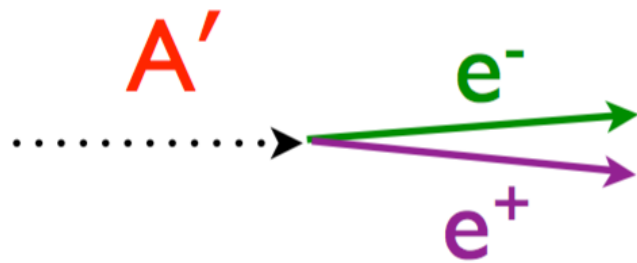
Dark forces and dark matter (Light WIMPs - light mediators)



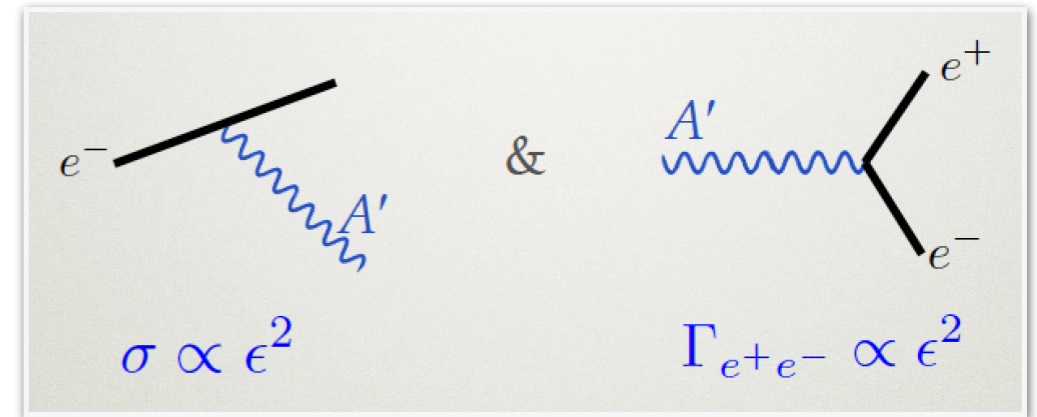
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$$m_\chi \sim m_{A'} \sim \text{MeV} - 5 \text{ GeV}$$

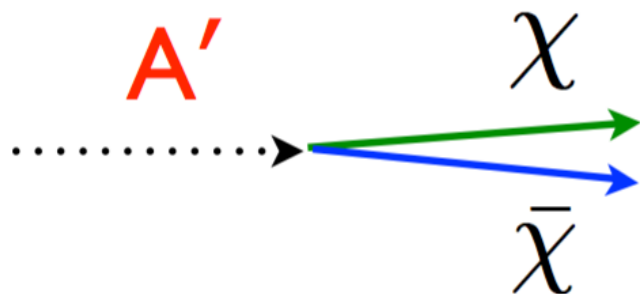
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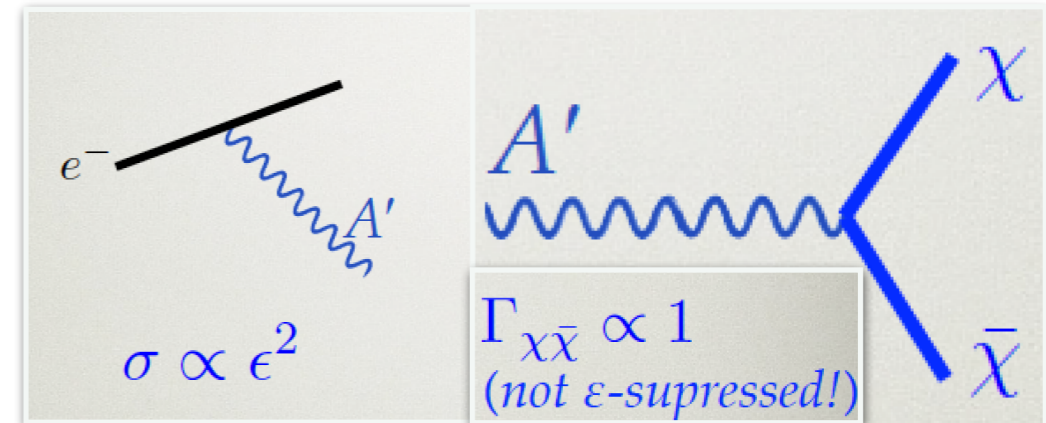
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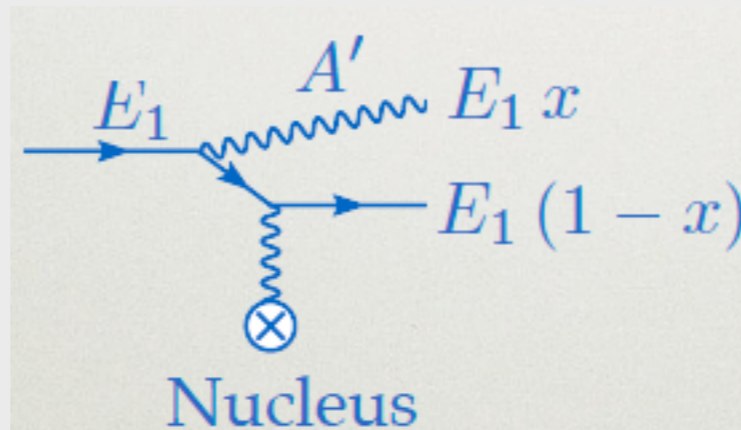
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- $\alpha_D = g_\chi^2/4\pi \gg \epsilon^2 \alpha_{EM}$



Fixed target vs. collider

Fixed Target

Process



Luminosity

$10^{11} e^-$

$\sim 10^{23}$
atoms
in
target

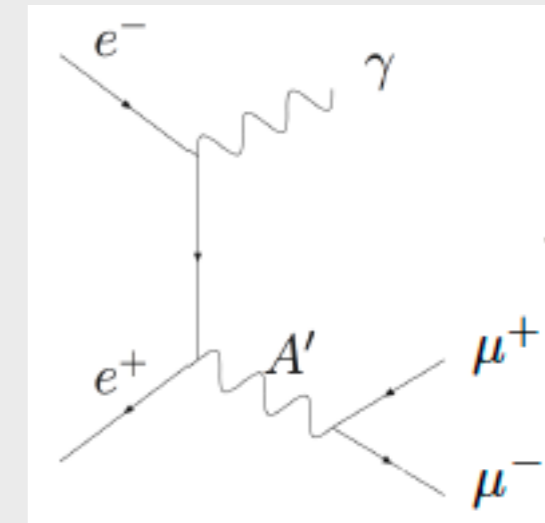
Cross-Section

$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^3 Z^2 \epsilon^2}{m^2} \sim O(10 \text{ pb})$$

- * $1/M_{A'}$ vs. $1/E_{\text{beam}}$
- * Coherent scattering from Nucleus ($\sim Z^2$)

- high backgrounds
- limited A' mass

e^+e^- colliders



$10^{11} e^-$

$10^{11} e^+$

$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^2 \epsilon^2}{E^2} \sim O(10 \text{ fb})$$

- low backgrounds
- higher A' mass

HPS@JLab Heavy Photon Search

HEAVY PHOTON SEARCH

DM

Heavy photon signatures in HPS

1) Bump Hunting (BH)

Narrow e^+e^- -resonance over a QED background

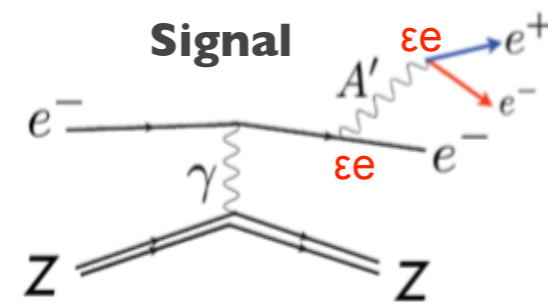
↳ good mass resolution: $\sigma_{A'_{\text{mass}}} \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$

2) Secondary decay vertex (vertexing)

Detached vertex from few mm to tens cm

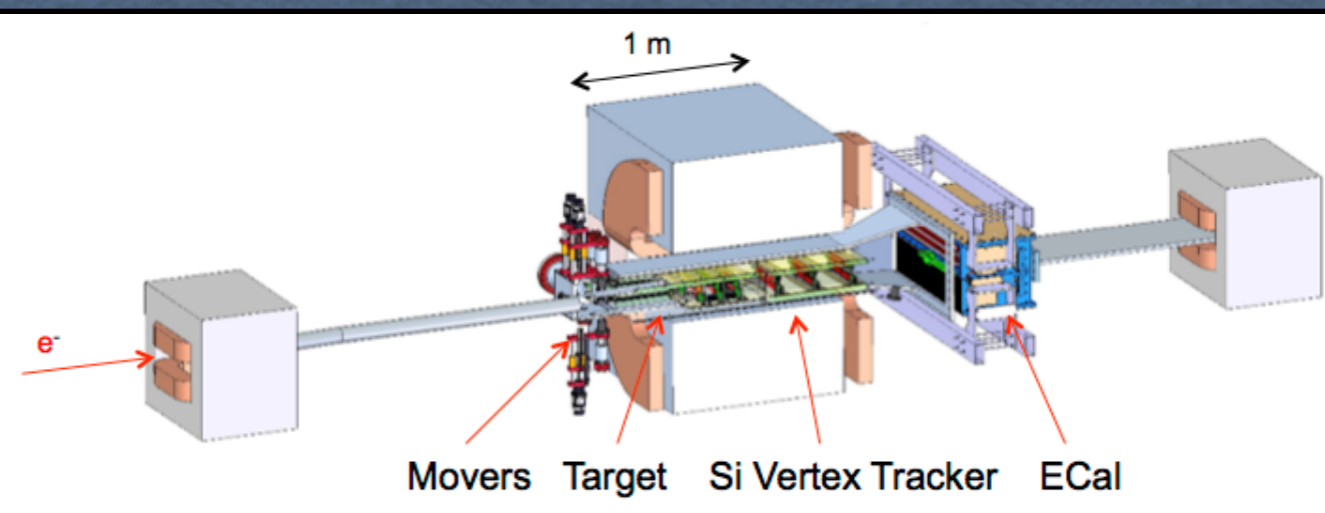
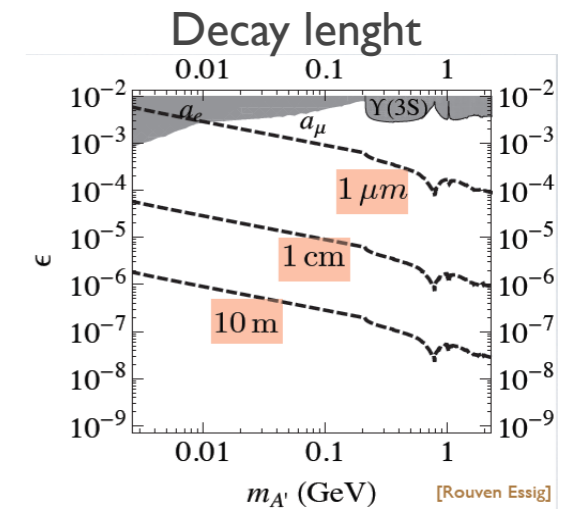
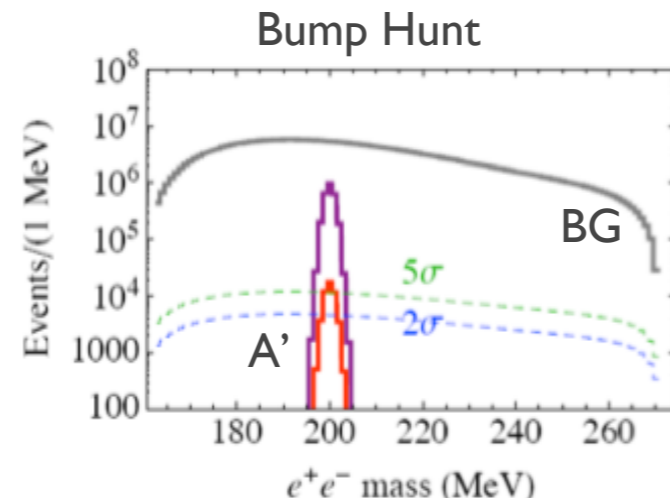
↳ good spacial resolution: $\sigma_{\text{vertex}} \sim 1 \text{ mm}$

**BH + Vertexing =
enhanced
experimental reach**

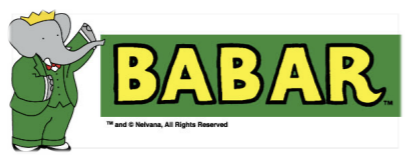
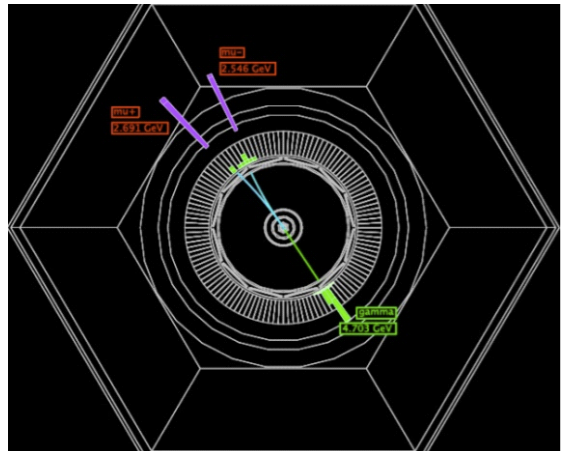
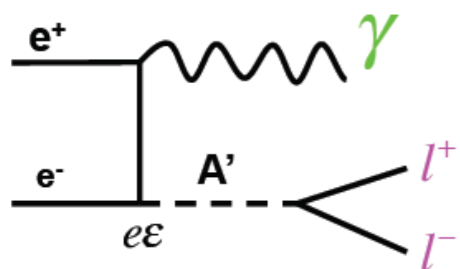


BG: "Radiative"

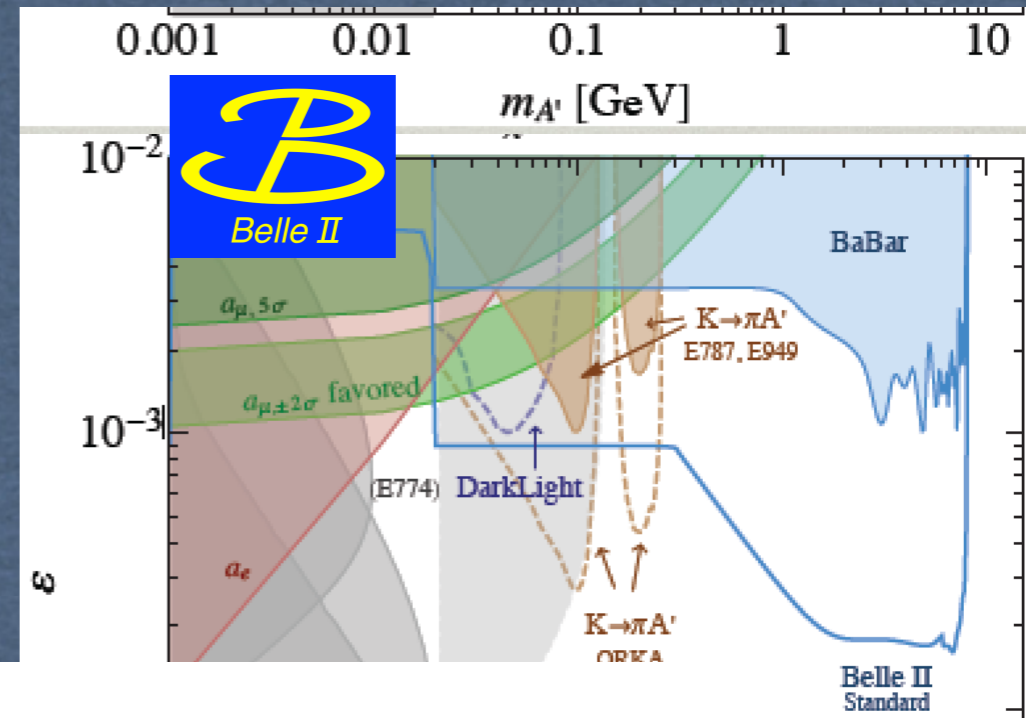
BG: "Bethe-Heitler"



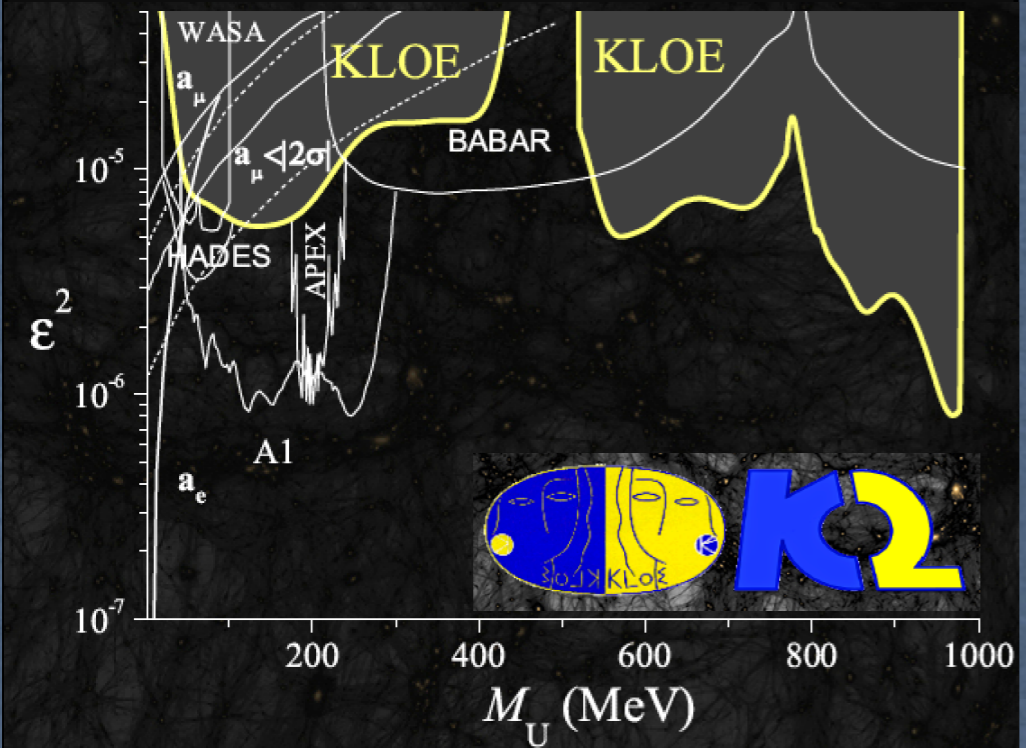
e+e- Colliders Recent & future results - visible -



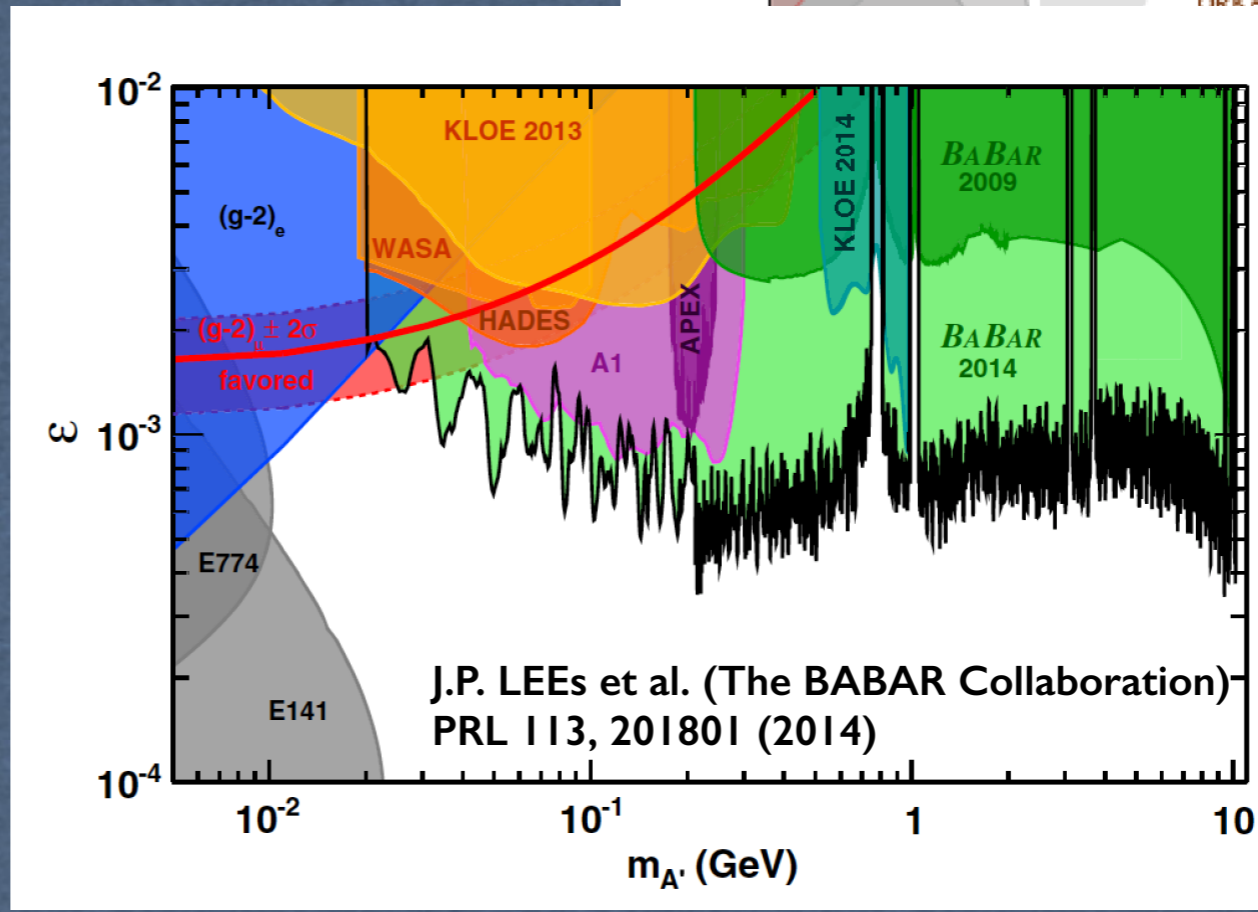
- 1 gamma + 2 opposite leptons
- Di-lepton mass fit to a bg
- Mass resolution: 1.5 MeV - 8 MeV
- Int (L) = 514 fb⁻¹



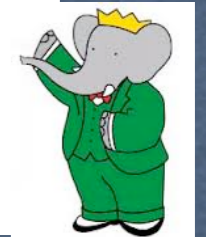
Phys. Lett. B 736 (2014) 459



- Events with mu+mu- detected
- L ~ 240 pb⁻¹



J.P. LEEs et al. (The BABAR Collaboration)
PRL 113, 201801 (2014)



Hunting for A' at accelerators

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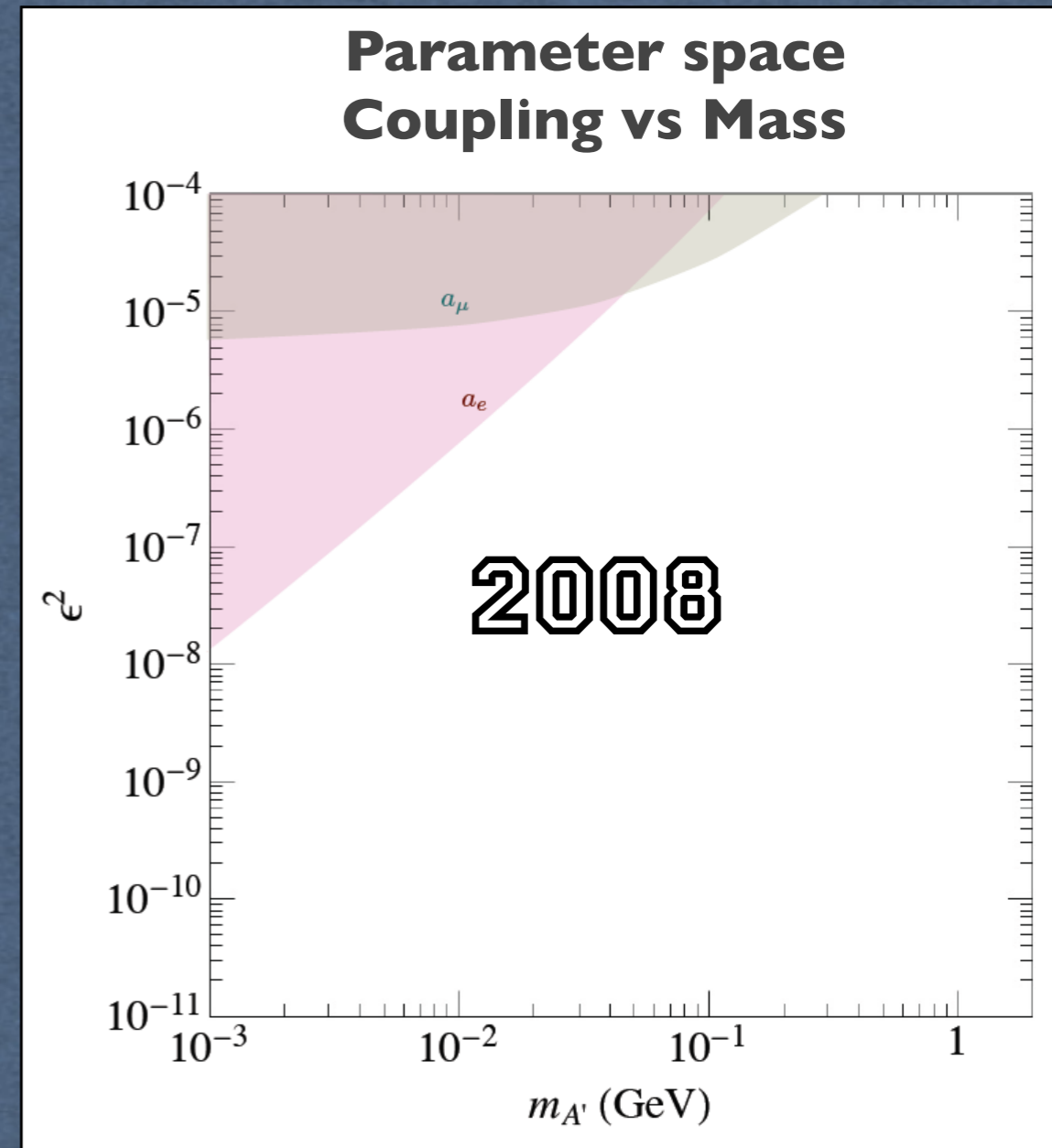
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coupling vs mass



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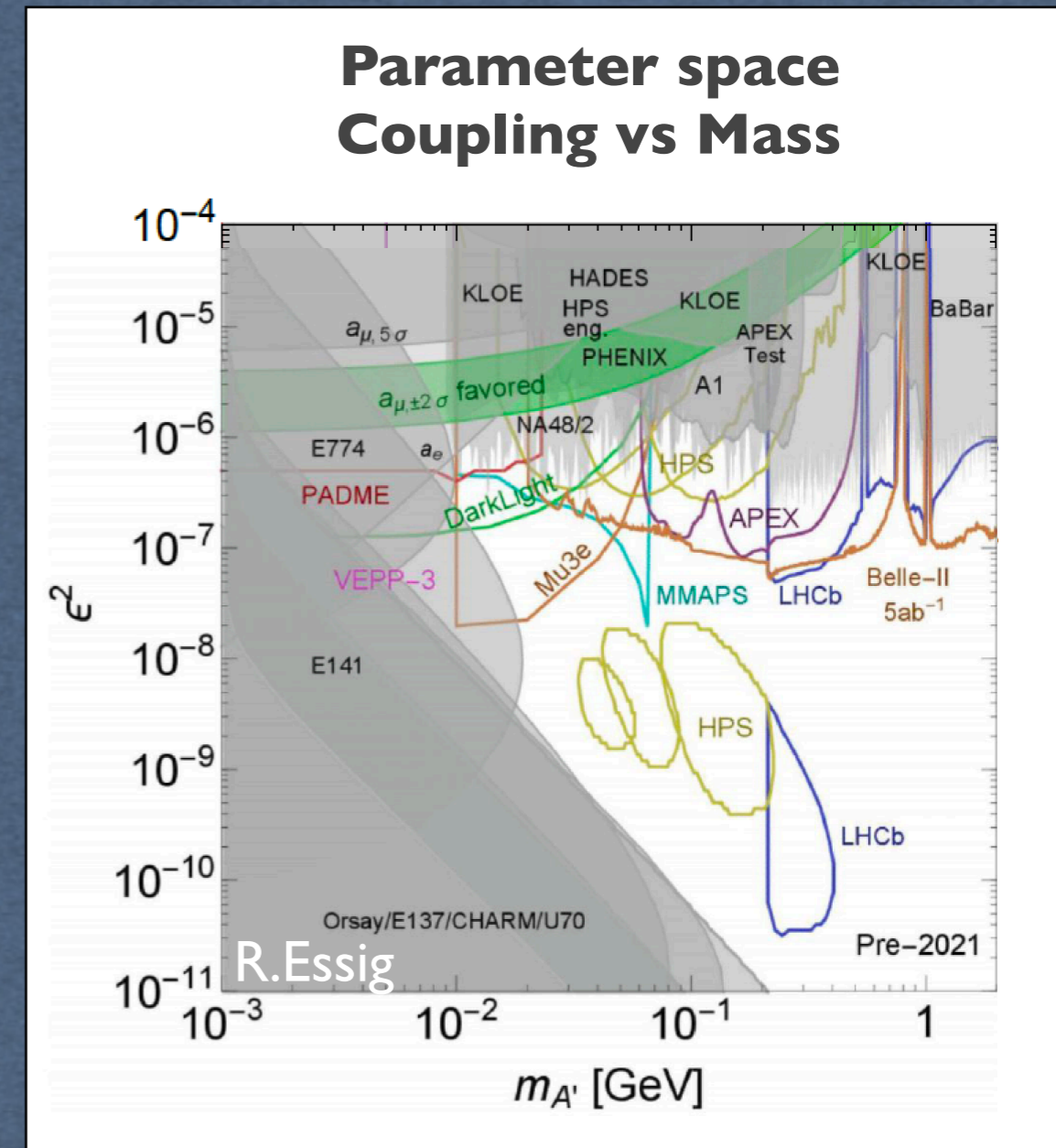
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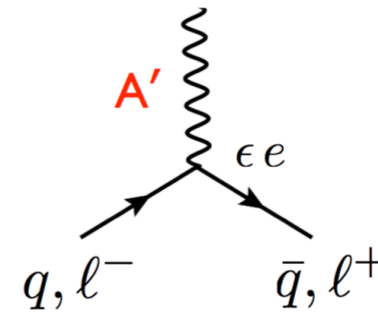
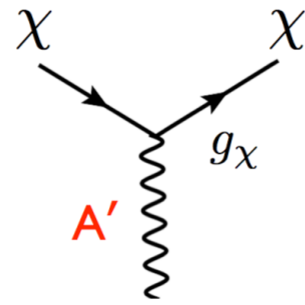
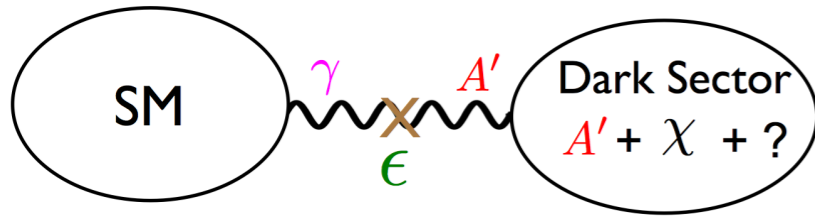
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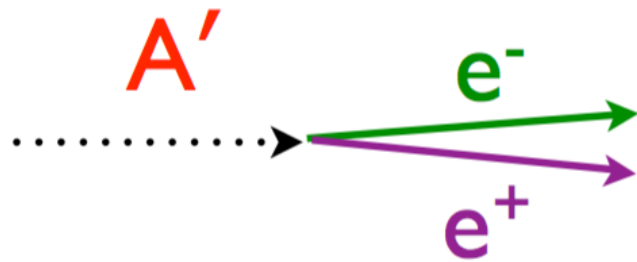


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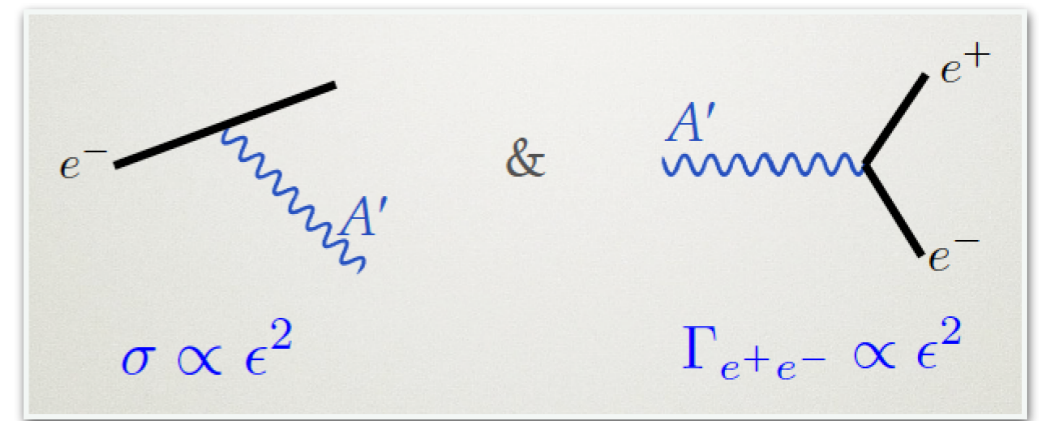


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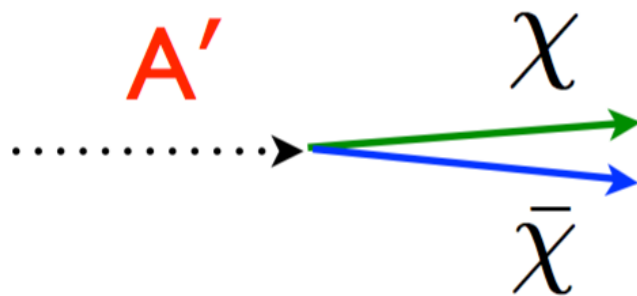
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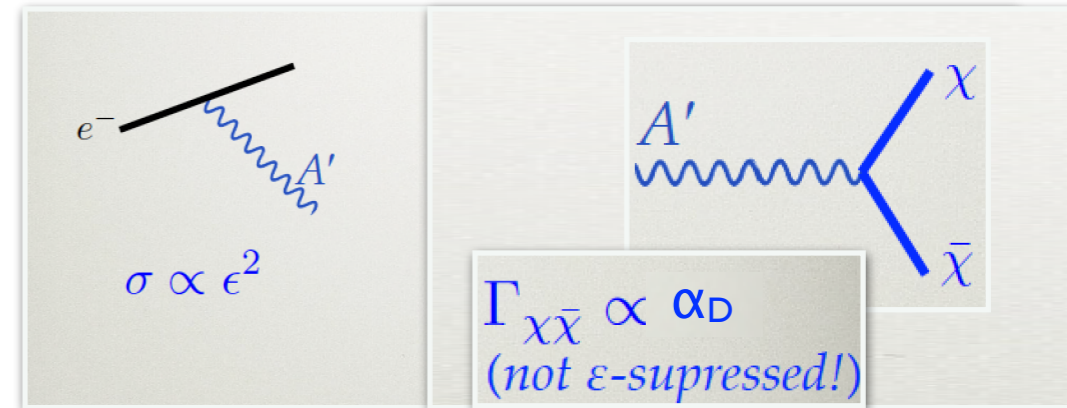
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Particle physics search of A' - invisible -

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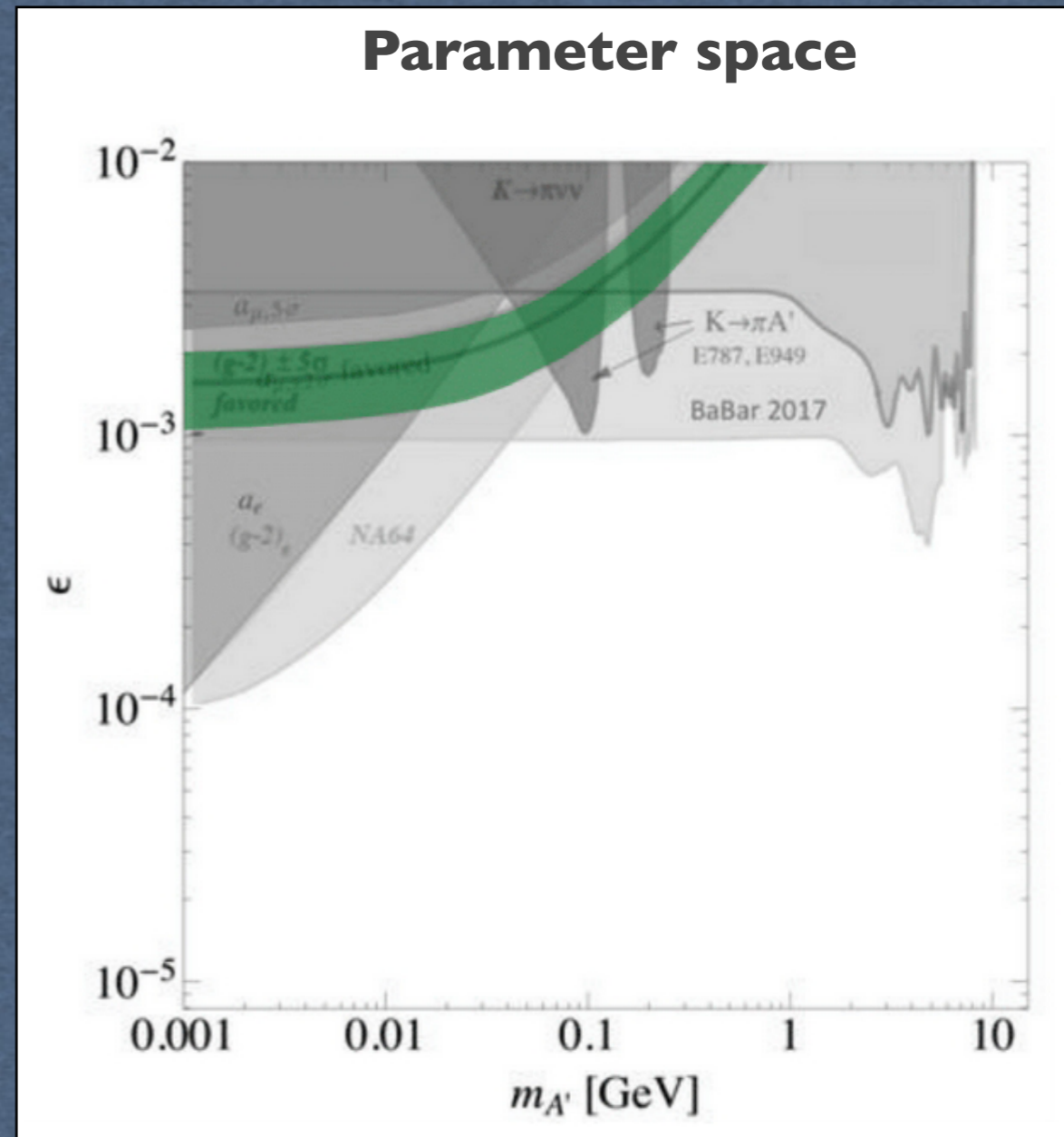
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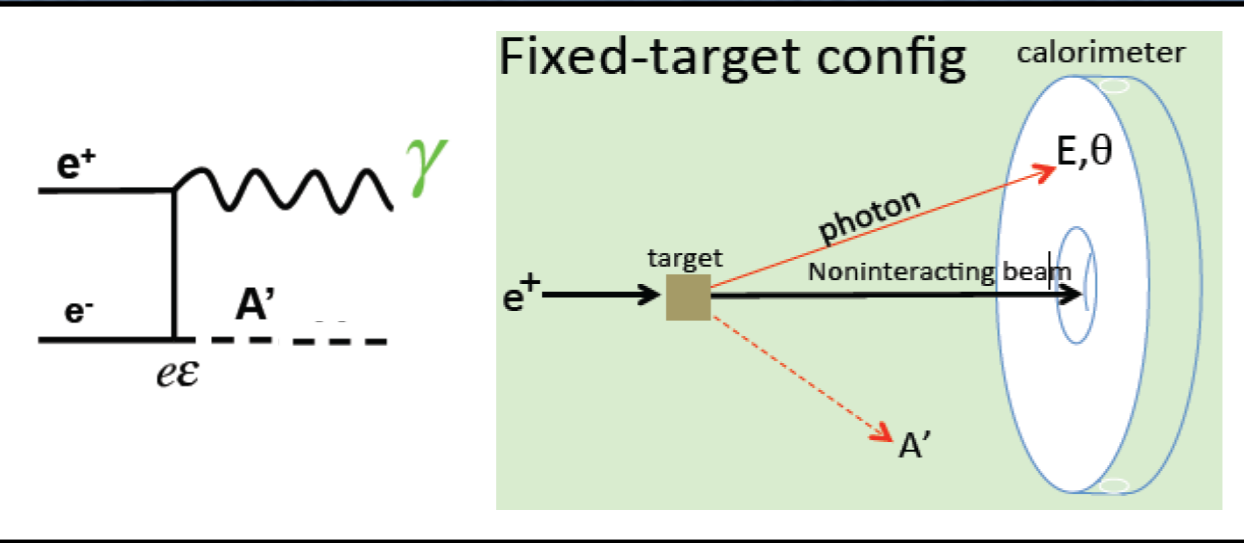
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e^+ annihilation on fixed (thin) target - invisible -



Missing mass search:

- Independent of A' decay mechanism
- Bump hunt (monophoton@collider)
- Need a positron beam
- Limited $M_{A'}$ accessible
 - 1 GeV beam: $M_{A'} < 31$ MeV
 - 5 GeV beam: $M_{A'} < 71$ MeV
 - 11 GeV beam: $M_{A'} < 106$ MeV

- **Novosibirsk**
- **LNF**
- **Cornell**
- **Jefferson Lab**

LNF

- $E_{e^+} = 550$ MeV
- EOT $\sim 10^{13} - 10^{14}$ year $^{-1}$

Cornell

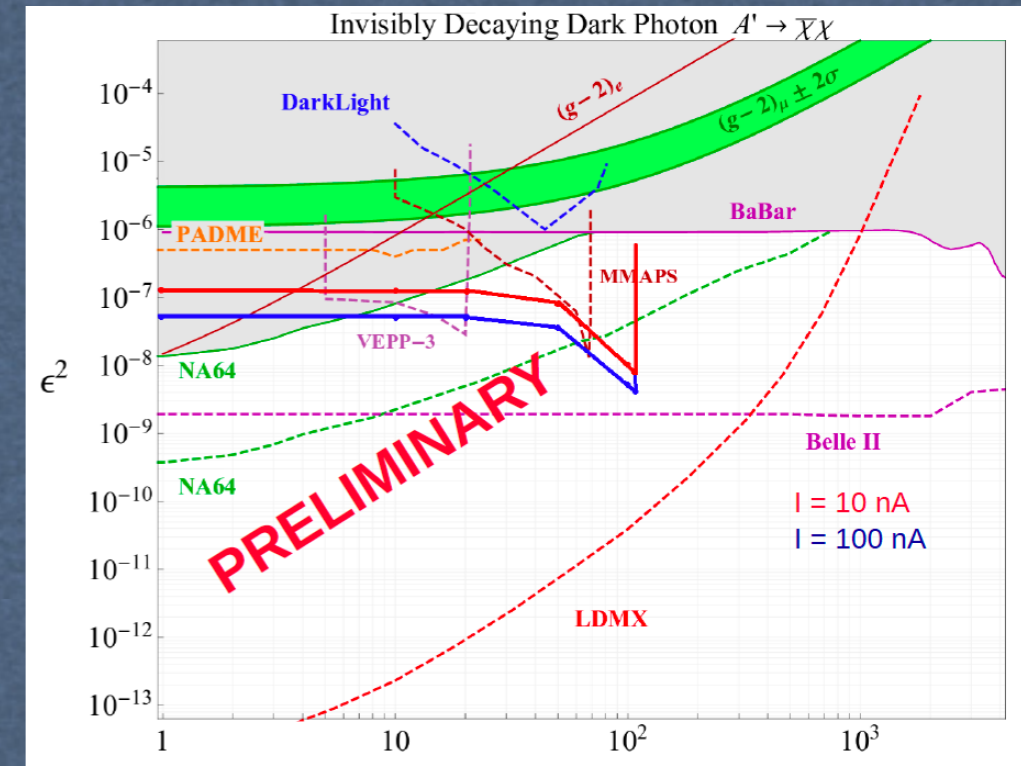
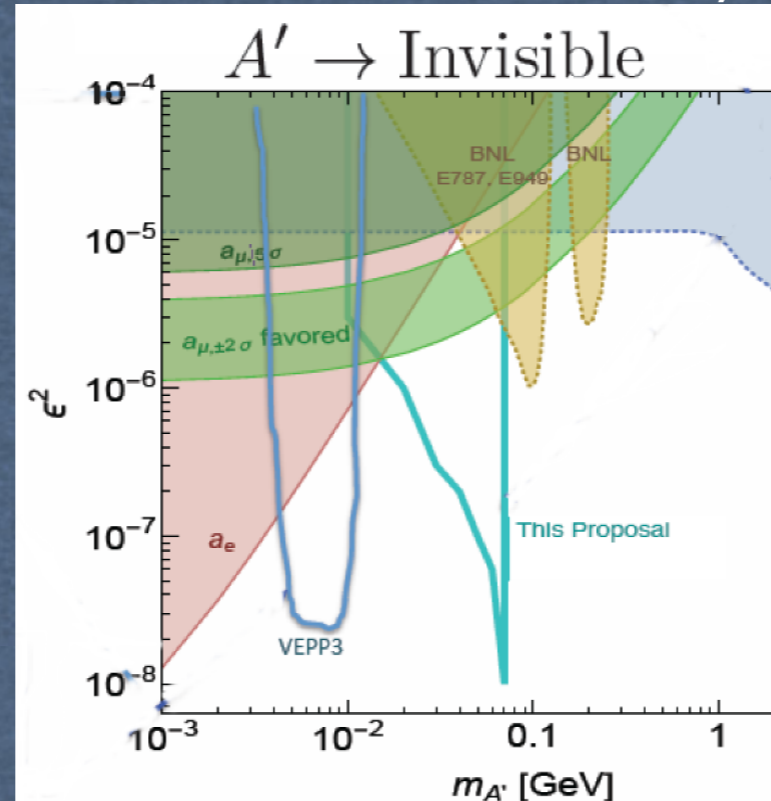
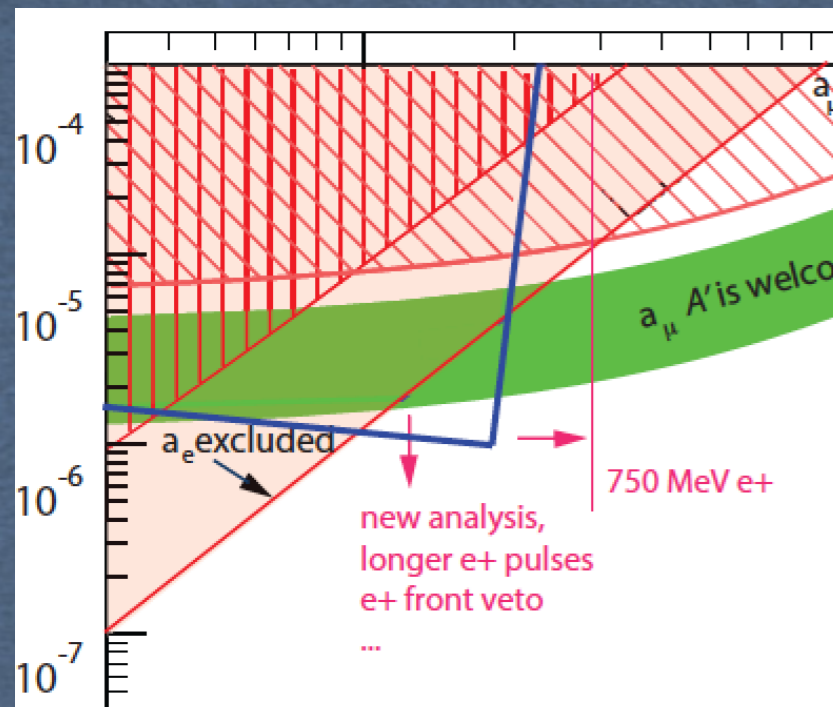
- $E_{e^-} = 5.3$ GeV
- EOT $\sim 10^{17} - 10^{18}$ year $^{-1}$

VEPP3

- $E_{e^+} = 500$ MeV
- EOT $\sim 10^{15} - 10^{16}$ year $^{-1}$

JLab

- $E_{e^-} = 11$ GeV
- EOT $\sim 10^{18} - 10^{19}$ year $^{-1}$



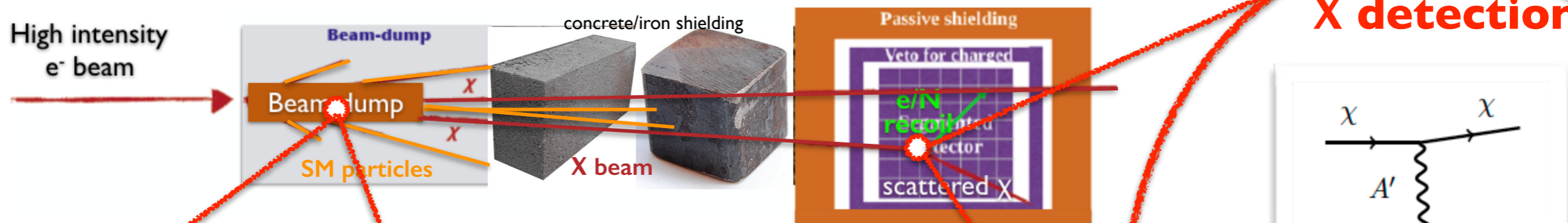
The BDX experiment

Two step process

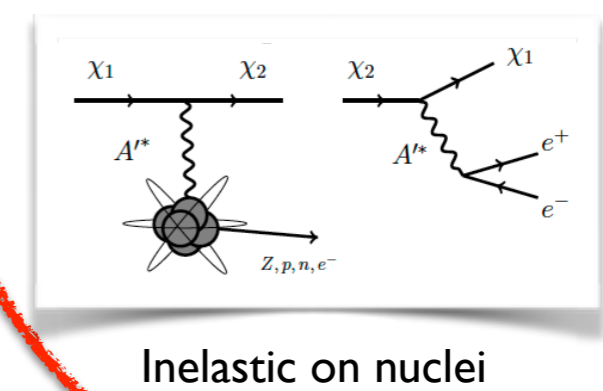
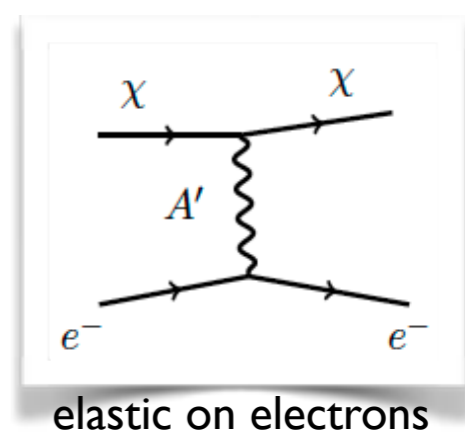
I) An electron radiates an A' and the A' promptly decays to a χ (DM) pair

II) The χ (in-)elastically scatters on a e^- /nucleon in the detector producing a visible recoil (GeV)

PhysRevD.88.114015 E.Izaguirre, G.Krnjaic, P.Schuster, N.Toro

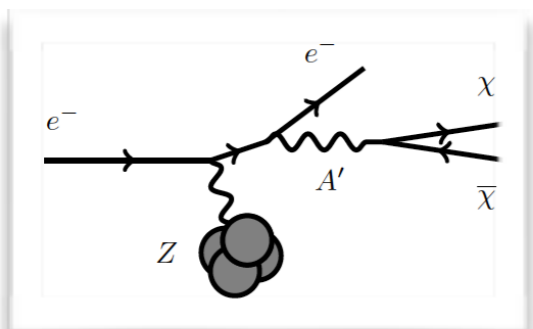


X detection



BDX @ JLab

X production



A' yield: $N_{A'} \propto \frac{\epsilon^2}{m_{A'}^2}$

χ cross-section: $\sigma_{\chi e} \propto \frac{\alpha_D \epsilon^2}{m_{A'}^2}$

Number of events: $N_\chi \propto \frac{\alpha_D \epsilon^4}{m_{A'}^4}$

- Intense electron beam
- ~ few GeV range energy

Experimental signature in the detector:

X-electron \rightarrow EM shower ~GeV energy

BDX @ JLab

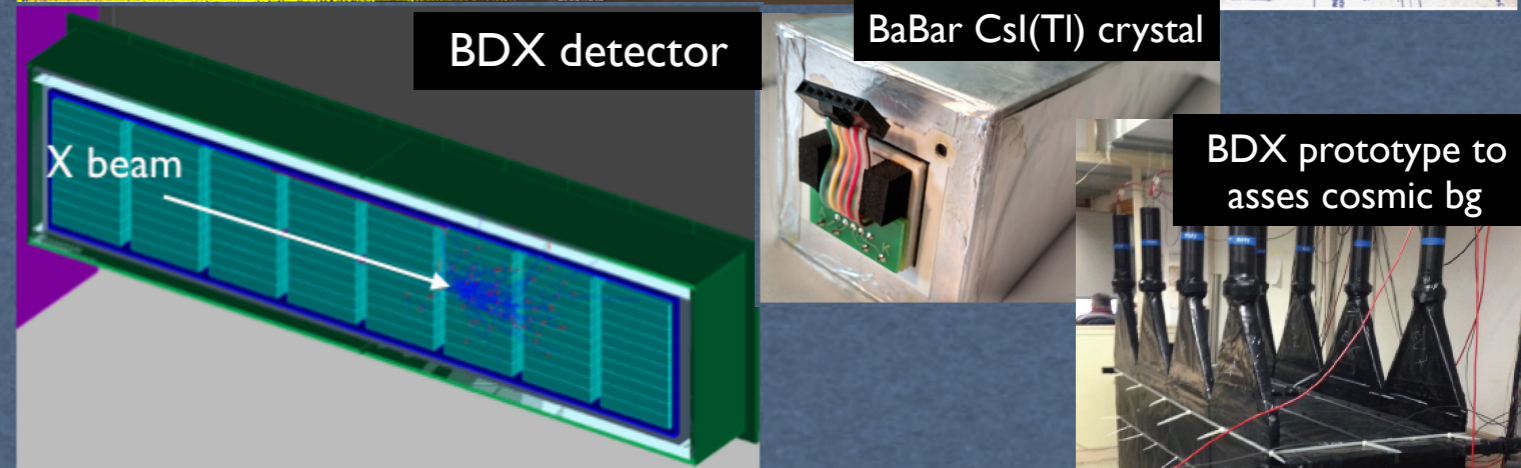
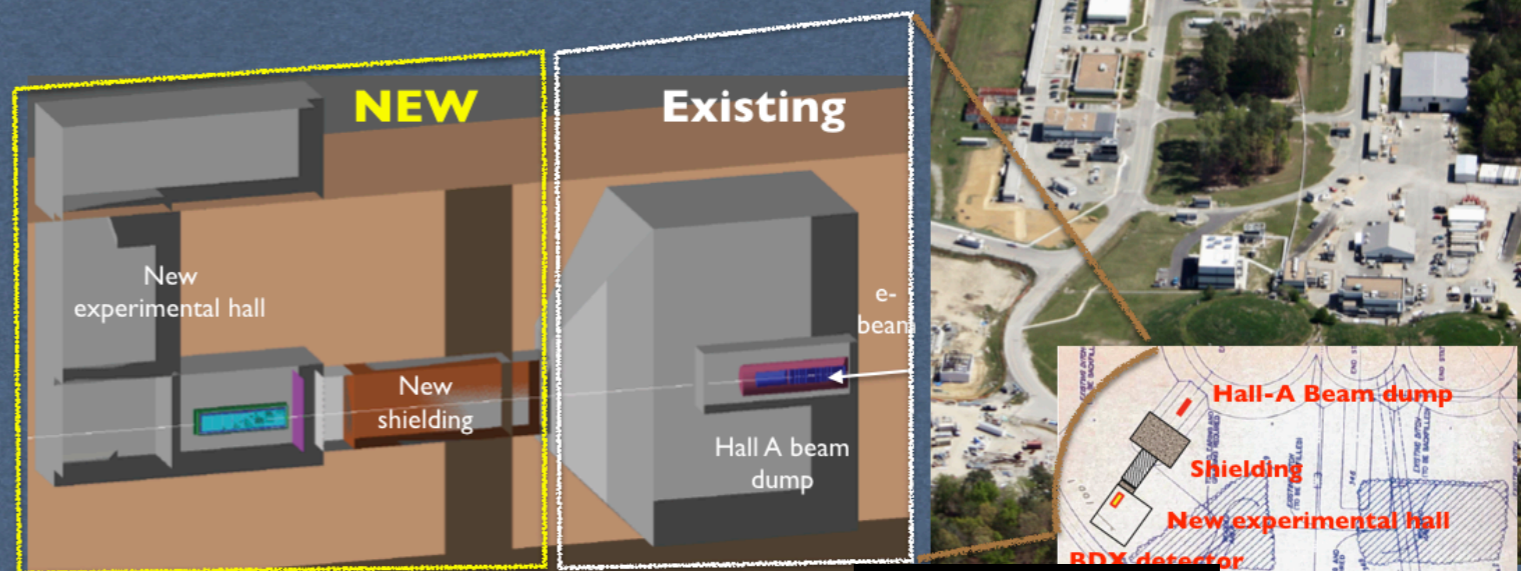
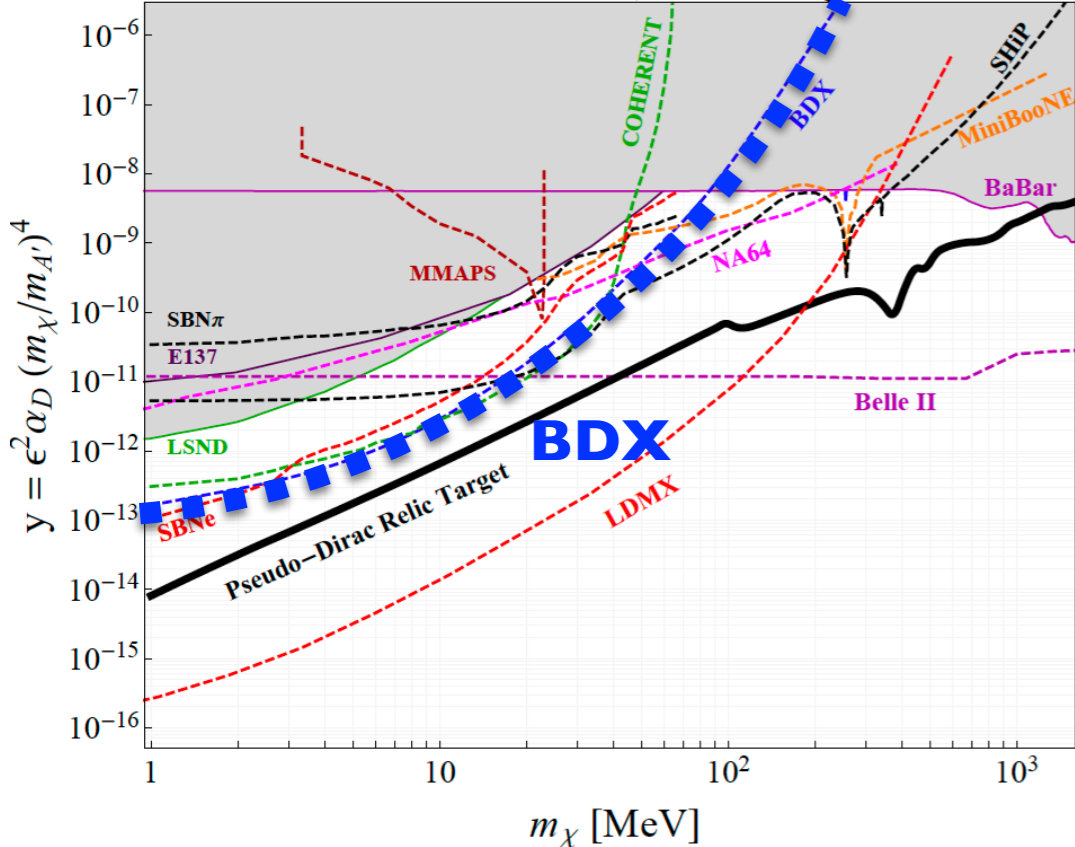
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- ★ High energy beam available: 11 GeV
- ★ The highest available electron beam current: ~65 uA
- ★ The highest integrated charge: 10²² EOT (41 weeks)
- ★ New experimental hall (~2\$M) at JLab
- ★ BDX detector (recycling BaBar Csl crystals) ~\$1M
- ★ Expected to run in ~2y



Expected BDX reach

Pseudo-Dirac DM (Kinetic Mixing)



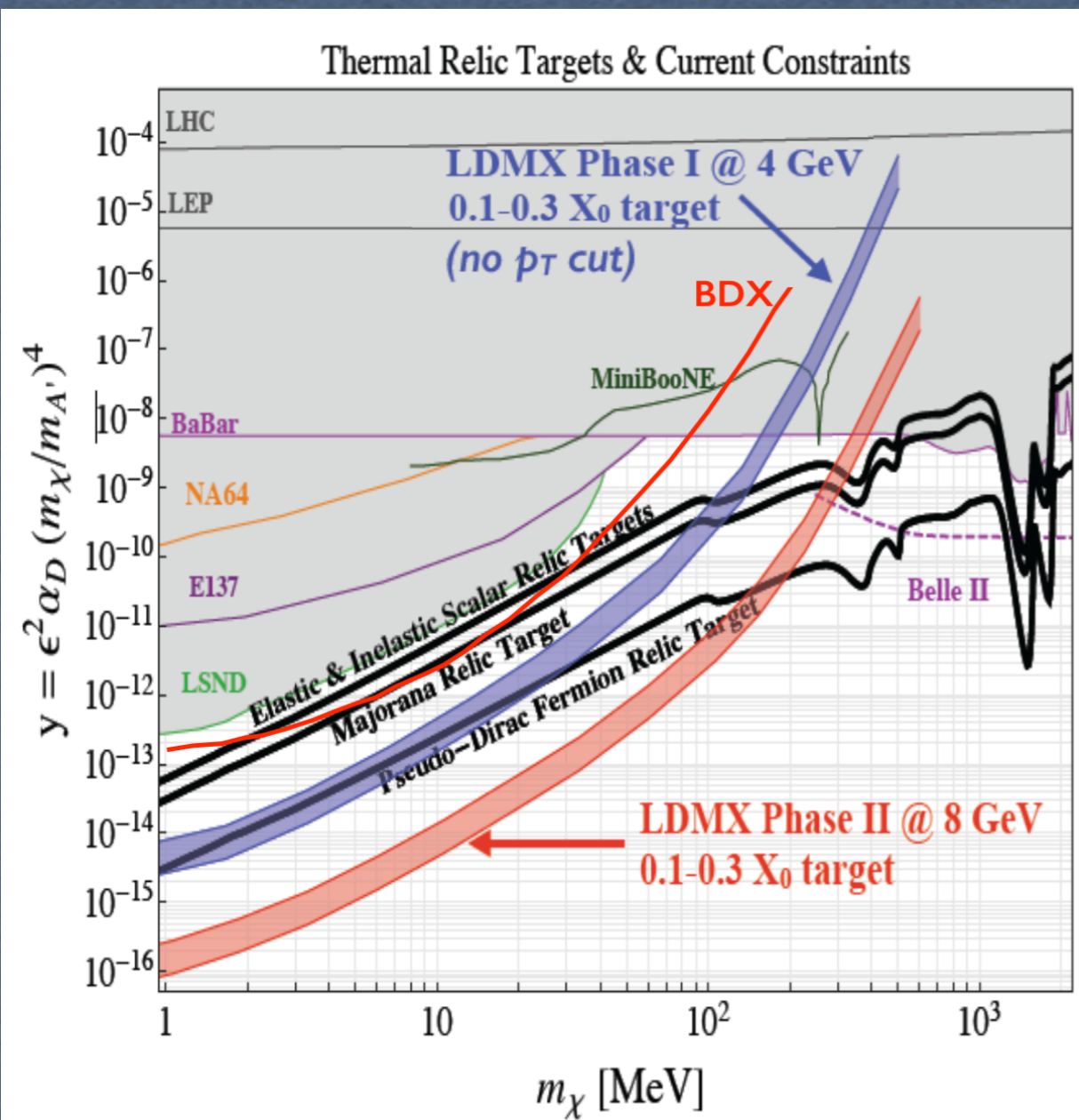
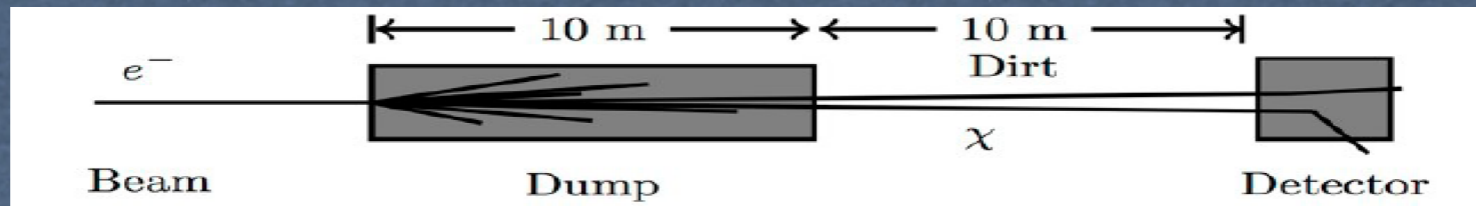
Accumulating 10²² EOT in ~1y BDX sensitivity is 10-100 times better than existing limits on LDM

BDX detector: E.M. Calorimeter + Veto

- 8 modules 10x10 crystals each
- 800 Csl(Tl) crystals (from BaBar EMCal)
- 6x6 mm² Hamamatsu SiPM readout
- Plastic scintillator + WLS fibres, sips RO



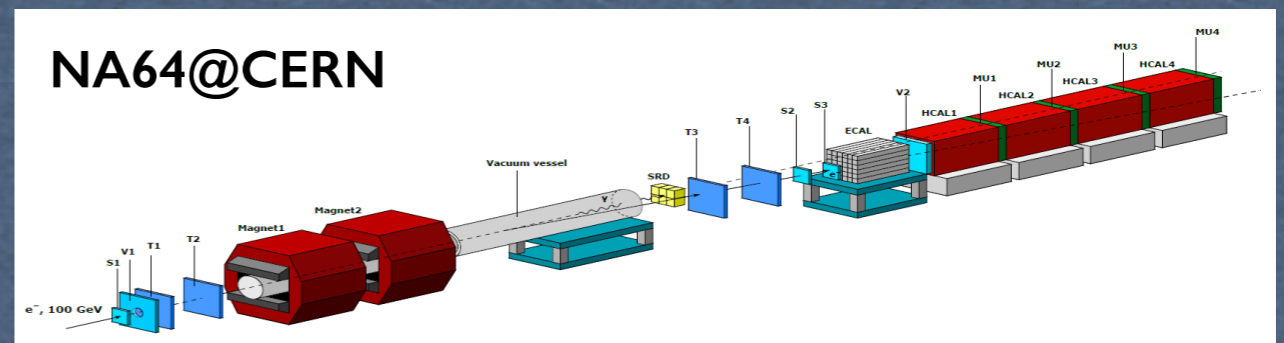
Missing energy/momentum BD experiments



Present ...

- E137 and NA64: null results interpreted as invisible decay search
- No showering effects included

NA64@CERN



- Active beam-dump experiment
- Missing energy exp ($e Z \rightarrow e Z' A'$ with $A' \rightarrow$ invisible)
- 100 GeV SPS electron beam at SPS
- Active target (calorimeter)
- Exclusion plots based on 3×10^9 EOT

... and future BD experiments

- LDMX: missing momentum exp proposed at SLAC-LCLS-II 4 GeV e-beam, (Active beam-dump)
- BDX: beam-dump exp proposed at JLAB 11 GeV e- beam with 10^{22} EOT in 1y run

Conclusions

- * Existence of Dark Matter is a compelling reason to investigate new forces and matter over a broad range of mass
- * Accelerator-based (Light)DM search provides unique feature of distinguish DM signal from any other cosmic anomalies or effects
- * Extensive experimental plans at high intensity e-facility: JLab, LNF, Cornell, Mainz, SLAC (+ p beam at FNAL and CERN)
- * A new generation of dedicated and optimised experiments at high intensity frontier will test the relic (light) dark matter scenario
- * Many experiments run at electron-beam facilities excluding a significant fraction of parameter space
- * ... and more are expected in the future
- * Discovery or decisive tests of simplest scenarios will possible in the next ~5-8 years!