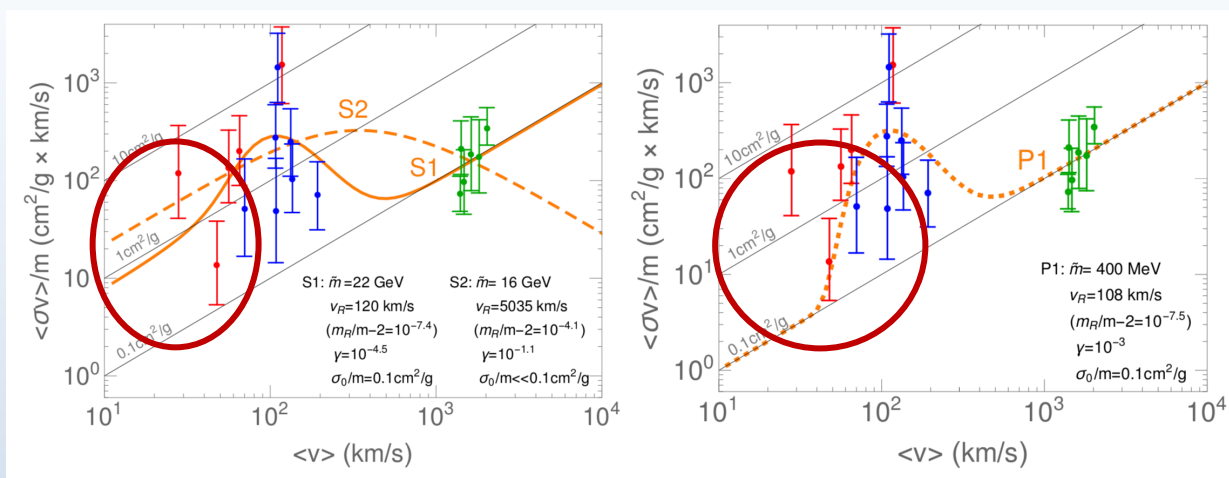


# When High Energy Meets High Intensity

Yu-Dai Tsai, **Fermilab/U Chicago**

- [1] FORMOSA: Looking Forward to Millicharged Dark Sectors ([2010.07941](#))
- [2] Dark photon, inelastic dark matter, muon g-2, and LongQuest ([1908.07525](#))
- [3] Cosmic-ray Produced MCPs in Neutrino Observatories ([2002.11732](#))
- [4] The FerMINI Experiment ([1812.03998](#), **PRD '19**)
- [5] Millicharged Particles (MCPs) in Neutrino Experiments ([1806.03310](#), **PRL '19**)



## New Experiments, New Models & Complementarity with Astro-Cosmo Searches

**Yu-Dai Tsai, Fermilab/U Chicago**

[6] Resonant Self Interacting Dark Mesons ([2008.08608](#))

[7] New Pathways to the Relic Abundance of Vector-Portal Dark Matter ([2011.01240](#))

[8] Elastically Decoupling Dark Matter ([1512.04545](#))

arXiv: [https://arxiv.org/a/tsai\\_y\\_1.html](https://arxiv.org/a/tsai_y_1.html)

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# What do I do?

- New Dark Matter Models
- Accelerator Probes (New Experimental Proposals)
- Novel Astrophysical/Cosmological Searches
  - **Light axion effects on Trans-Neptunian object (TNO) & exoplanet precessions**  
(w/ Vagnozzi, Visinelli, Wu)
  - Is GW170817 a primordial black hole event?
  - Dark Matter in neutron stars
  - **Small-scale test of v-dep. SIDM** (w/ Kaplinghat, Valli, Yu)

# Outline

- Dark Matter Complementarity
- Proton Fixed-Target: Scattering
- LHC Forward Experiment
- Proton Fixed-Target: Decay
- Resonant Dark Meson



# Dark Matter Complementarity:

Why accelerator / astro probe?

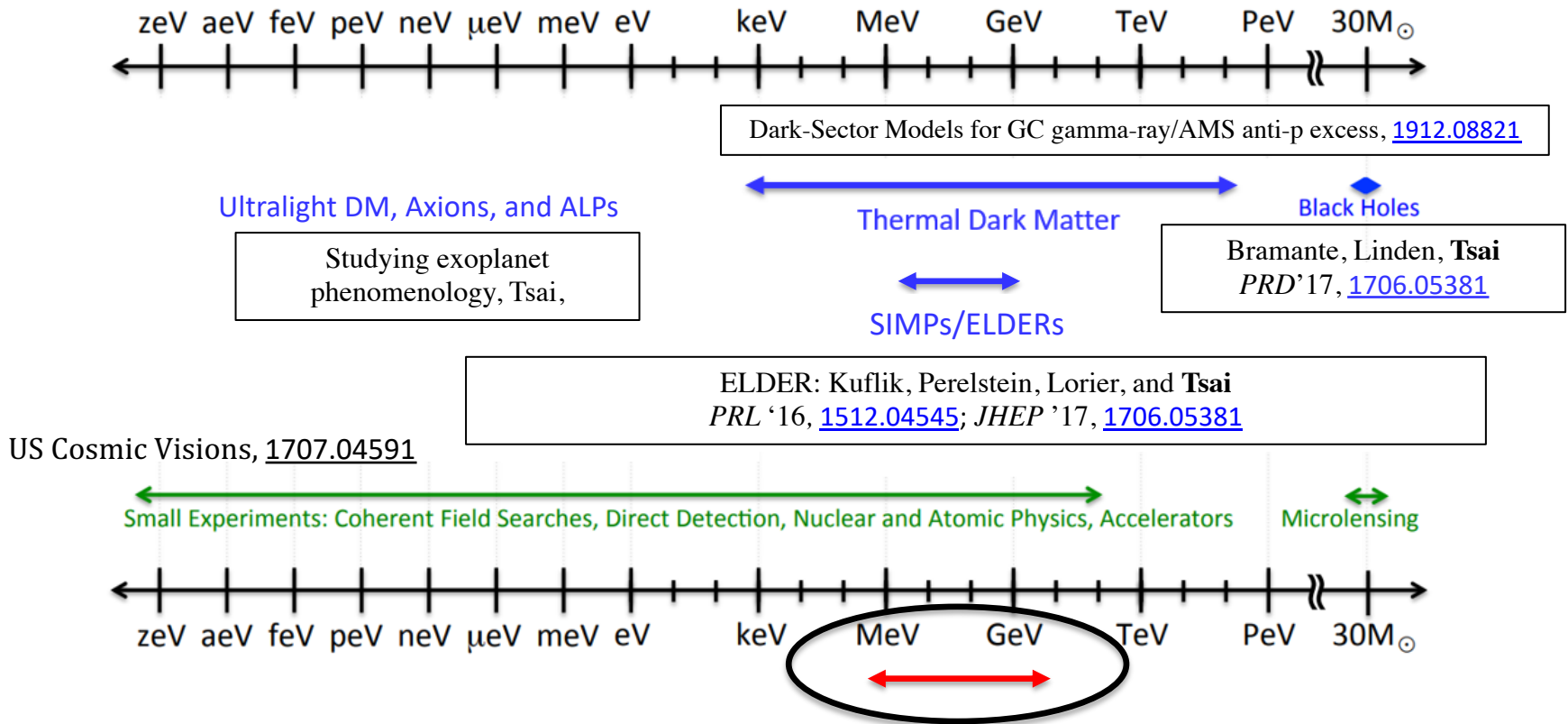
Why MeV – GeV range?

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# Exploration of Dark Matter & Mediator

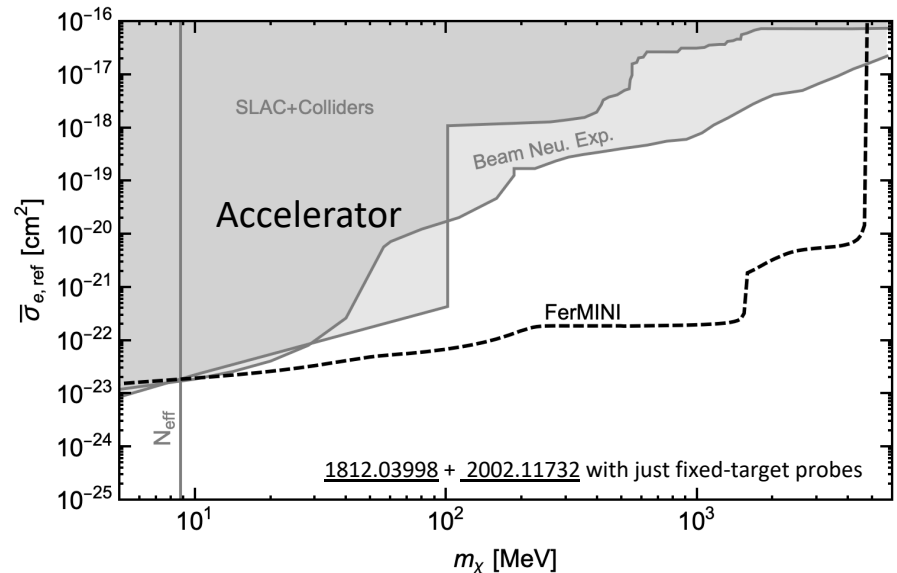
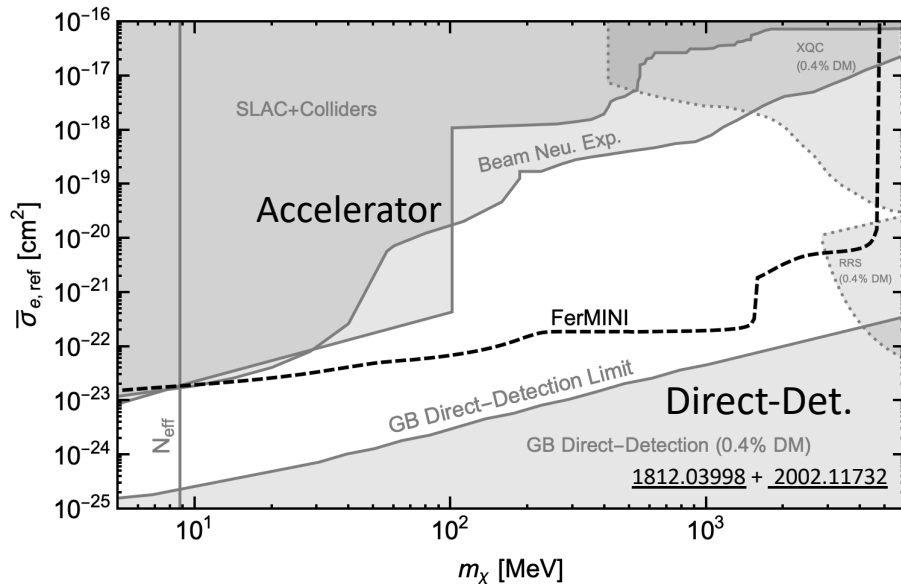
## Dark Sector Candidates

## Search Techniques



- Resonant SIDM w/ Hitoshi+; Kinetic Decoupling DM w/. Tracy+
- Two Major Probes: **Accelerator & Astro-Cosmo Searches**, and why?
- **MeV to GeV** mass region?

# Example: Constraints on Millicharged Dark Matter



Also consider **ambient dark matter**

**Produce dark particles** in collisions

Same mass and interaction strength.

**Different assumptions**

Some details of these figures will be explained later

# Not all bounds are created with equal assumptions

—————→ Assumptions

Or, how likely is it that theorists would be able to argue our ways around them

Accelerator-based: **Collider, Fixed-Target Experiments**  
Some other ground-based experiments

*technical*  
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Astrophysical productions (not from ambient DM): energy loss/cooling, etc:  
Rely on modeling/observations of (extreme/complicated/rare) systems  
(SN1987A & Cosmic ray, etc)

Dark matter direct/indirect detection: abundance,  
velocity distribution, etc

*} different*

Cosmology: assume cosmological history, species, etc

# Accelerator Experiments:

Focusing on Proton Fixed-Target  
& LHC Forward Experiments

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# Accelerator Experiments

- **Produce these particles**
- **“Robust” Bounds**
  - Independent of DM abundance / velocity dist.
- Many of them existing and many to come:  
**complement each other**
- **Dark matter attenuation** in atmosphere and crust  
is not an issue usually
- Are these really the astro / cosmo dark matter?

# Proton Fixed-Target & Neutrino Experiments

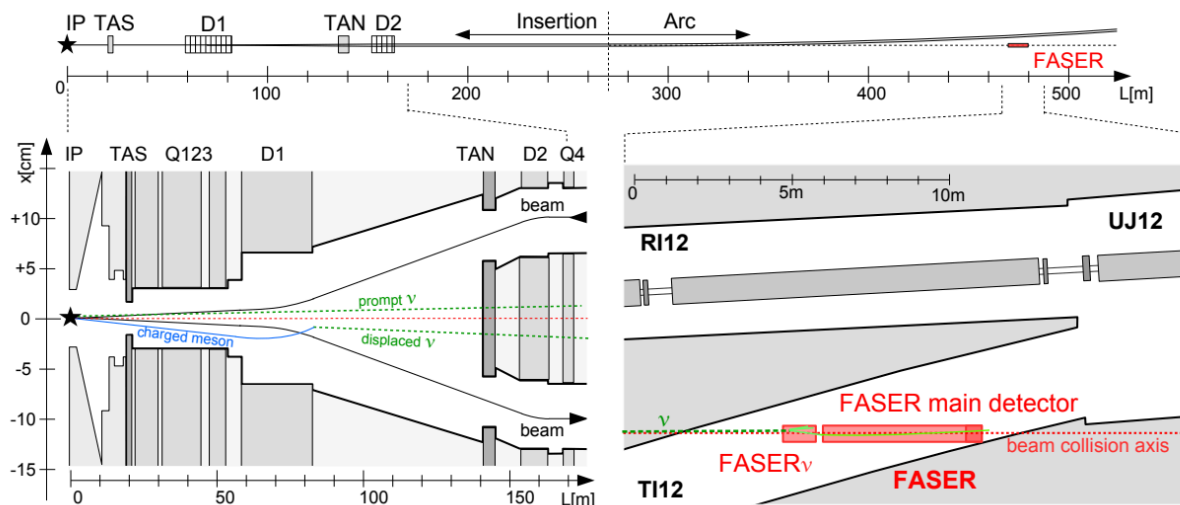
- **High-Energy Intensity Frontier**
- **High statistics**, e.g. LSND has  $10^{23}$  **Protons on Target (POT)**
- Neutrinos are **dark-sector particles**.
- Relatively high-energy proton beams on targets:  
**O(100 – 400) GeV** (I will compare Fermilab/CERN facilities)
- Shielded/underground: lower background
- Many of them existing and many to come:  
**strength in numbers**

# LHC Forward Physics Region

- LHC collision + fixed-target-like intensity:

## High-Intensity Energy Frontier

- Benefits from both worlds! No need to build a new beamline
- The **FASER & FASER-nu** collaboration
- **Forward Physics Facility** Proposal
- New proposal: **FORMOSA & Forward Proto-DUNE**,
- **New Neutrino Campus**





# Astro-Cosmo Dark Matter Searches

Why is it so important?

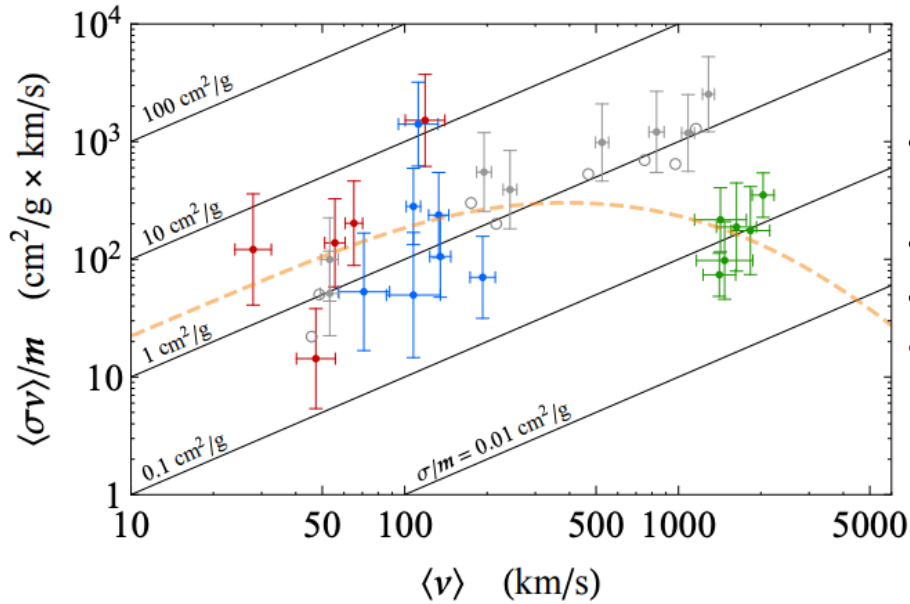
Hints on DM Properties

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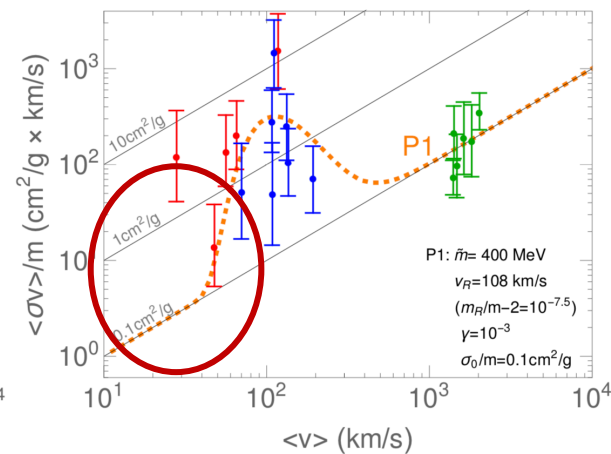
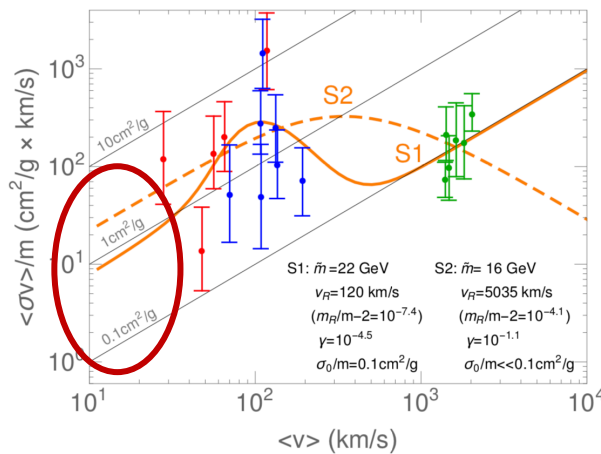
# Searching for “Actual” Dark Matter

- **Direct Detection:** Searching for local ambient dark matter
- **Small-scale structure study:** Searching for the effects of dark matter in galaxies and clusters
- **Cosmological measurement:** searching for the dark matter effects on the cosmic evolution
- **Reveal the actual story of dark matter!**

# Small-Scale Structure Study



- Plot includes **dwarfs** (red), **low surface brightness (LSBs) spiral galaxies** (blue) and **clusters** (green)
- Diagonal lines are contours of constant  $\sigma/m$ .
- **Velocity-Dependent Self-Interacting Dark Matter**
- Kaplinghat, Tulin, Yu, arXiv:1508.03339



# Why study MeV – GeV+ dark sectors?

## Revealing the dark secrets of the Universe

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# Signals of discoveries grow from anomalies

Maybe nature is telling us something so we don't have to search in the dark? (~~or probably systematics?~~)

# Some anomalies involving **MeV - GeV+** Explanations

⋮

- **Muon g-2 anomaly**
- **LSND & MiniBooNE anomaly**
- **EDGES result**
- **Beryllium anomaly**
- **Small-Scale Structure Problems**

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Below  $\sim$  MeV there are also **strong astrophysical/cosmological bounds** that are hard to avoid even with very relaxed assumptions

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**Boldface**: I studied / **Red**: I have studied and require dark matter property

# My studies on these anomalies

- **Proton charge radius anomaly:**

- Light Scalar & Dark Photon at Borexino & LSND, Pospelov, **Tsai**, PLB '18, [1706.00424](#)

- **LSND/MiniBooNE Anomalies**

- Dipole Portal Heavy Neutral Lepton,  
Magill, Plestid, Pospelov, **Tsai**, PRD '18, [1803.03262](#)
- Dark Neutrino at Scattering Experiments: CHARM-II & MINERvA  
Argüelles, Hostert, **Tsai**, *PRL* '20, [1812.08768](#)

- **EDGES 21-cm absorption spectrum anomaly**

- Millicharged Particles in Neutrino Experiments, Magill, Plestid, Pospelov & **Tsai**, PRL '19, [1806.03310](#)
- FerMINI Experiment, Kelly & **Tsai**, PRD '19, [1812.03998](#)
- Cosmic-ray produced MCP in neutrino observatories, [2002.11732](#)

- **Muon g-2 Anomaly**

Dark Photon, Inelastic Dark Matter, and Muon g-2 Windows in  
CHARM, NuCal, NA62, SeaQuest, and LongQuest,  
**Tsai**, de Niverville, Liu, [1908.07525](#)



When **High Energy** Meets **High Intensity**  
Proton Fixed-Target &  
Collider-Forward Experiments

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# When **Energy** meets **Intensity**

Vision of this part of my research program:

- Filling low-mass / high-mass gap  
(dark sector, e.g. portals, MCP, etc)
- low-energy / high-energy gap  
(neutrino, nuclear physics)

# Facilities

- **LSND:** Total of  $10^{23}$  POT (beam: 800 MeV), King of POT
- **Fermilab** (undergoing a Proton Improvement Plan, PIP):
  - Booster Beam (BNB):  $\sim 10^{20}$  POT/yr (8 GeV), now
  - NuMI beam:  $1 - 4 \times 10^{20}$  POT/yr (120 GeV), now
  - LBNF beam (future):  $\sim 10^{21}$  POT/yr (120 GeV), future
- **CERN SPS beam:**
  - NA62: up to  $3 \times 10^{18}$  POT/yr (400 GeV), now
  - SHiP: up to  $10^{19}$  POT/yr (400 GeV), future
- **CERN LHC:**  $10^{16}$  POT/yr,  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

Scattering Experiments  
VS  
Decay Experiments

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# Scattering Experiments: Studying Neutrinos and Dark Matter Scattering

## FORMOSA & Forward-DUNE

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# Scattering Detectors

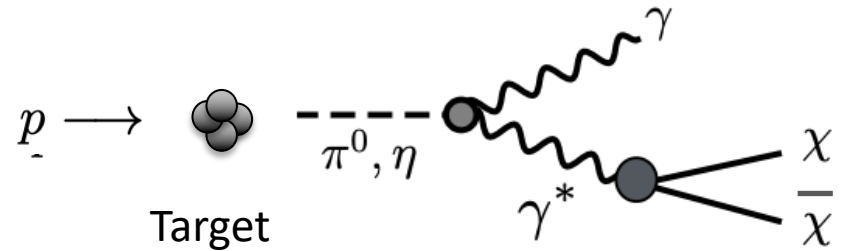
- **MiniBooNE, SBND, MicroBooNE, MINERvA, DUNE, etc**
- Many have primary goals to study **neutrino scattering** and/or **neutrino oscillation**

Features (comparing to decay detector):

1. higher density
2. complicated design compared to the decaying detector.
3. Smaller fiducial volume (for near-beam detectors); cost more.
4. Usually studying **stable particles** (**neutrino, dark matter, millicharged particles**)

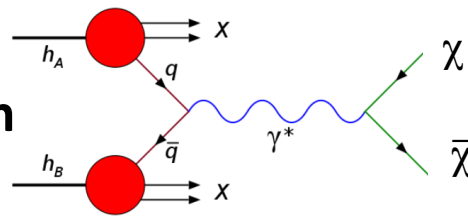
# Some Production Channels

□ Production: Meson Decays

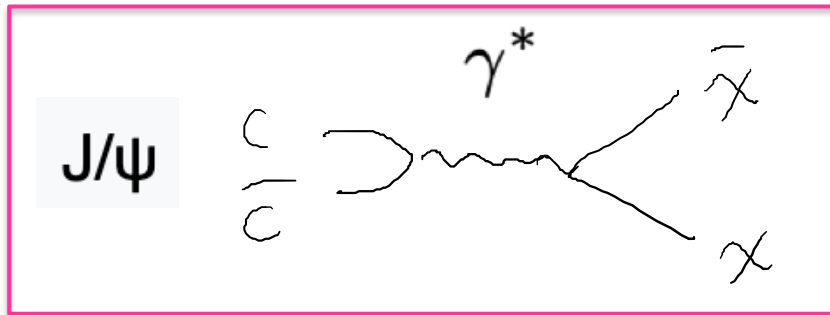


Modified from [1703.06881](#) (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella)

□ Production: Drell-Yan



□ Heavy (vector) mesons are important for high-mass mCP's in high-energy beams



$$\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma) = 0.99$$

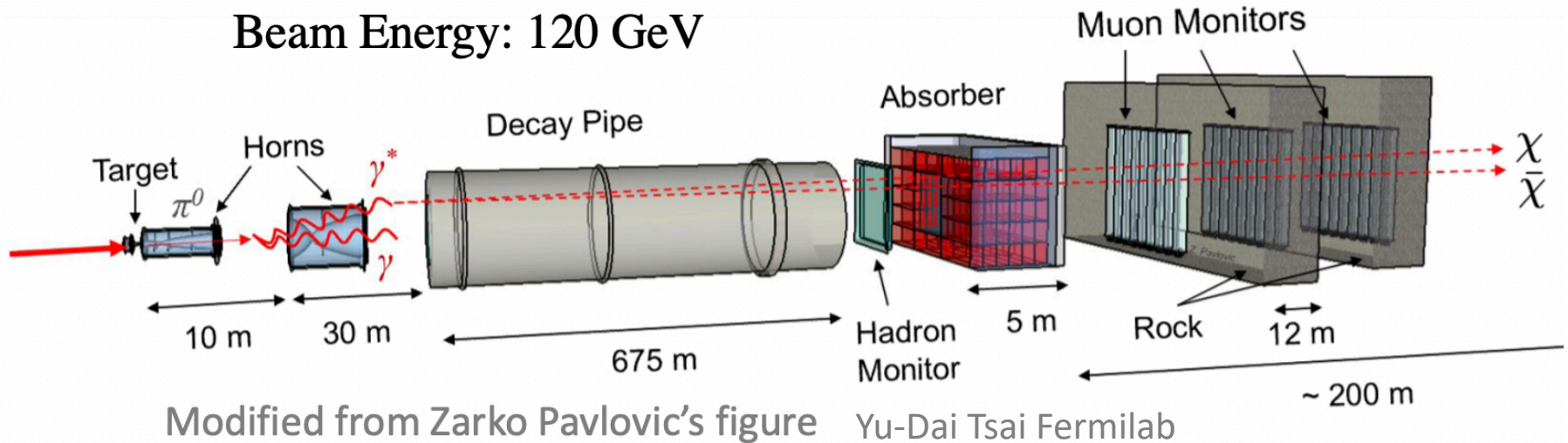
$$\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^- e^+) = 0.01$$

$$\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^- e^+) = 6 * 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{BR}(J/\psi \rightarrow e^- e^+) = 0.06$$

# MCP Produced in Fixed-Target Experiments

Example: Neutrinos at the Main Injector (NuMI) beamline  
See <https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.06690> (NuMI collaboration)

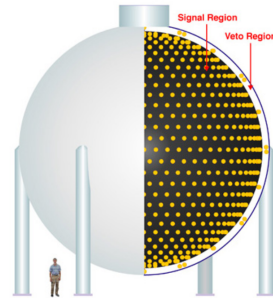


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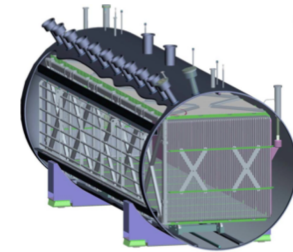
# Scattering Detectors

MiniBooNE Detector



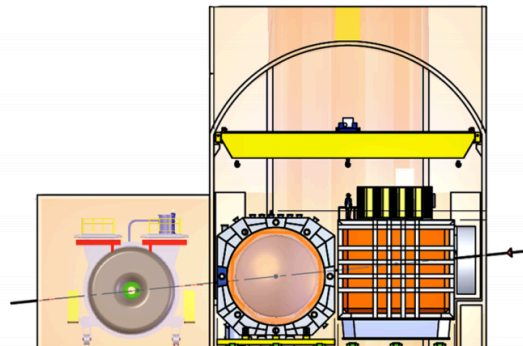
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MiniBooNE collaboration

MicroBooNE Detector



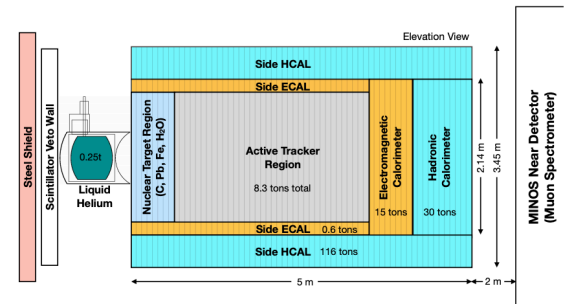
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MicroBooNE collaboration

DUNE Near Detector



[arXiv:2002.02967](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.02967), DUNE TDR V - I

MINERvA Detector



[arXiv:1109.2855](https://arxiv.org/abs/1109.2855)  
MINERvA collaboration



- NuMI Beam
- BNB
- LBNF (future)

# Specialized “Scattering” Detectors



- NuMI beam
- BNB
- LBNF (future)

Low-cost / specialized  
detectors to add to the beam  
facilities?

# Facilities

- **Fermilab NuMI beam:**  $\sim 10^{20}$  POT/yr (120 GeV), now  
**Neutrinos at the Main Injector (NuMI)** , for NIMOs +
- **Fermilab LBNF beam (future):**  $\sim 10^{21}$  POT/yr (120 GeV),  
**Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)**, for DUNE
- **CERN HL-LHC:**  $10^{16}$  POT/yr equivalent,  $\sqrt{s} = 13, 14$  TeV

# Millicharged Particle: Model & Signature

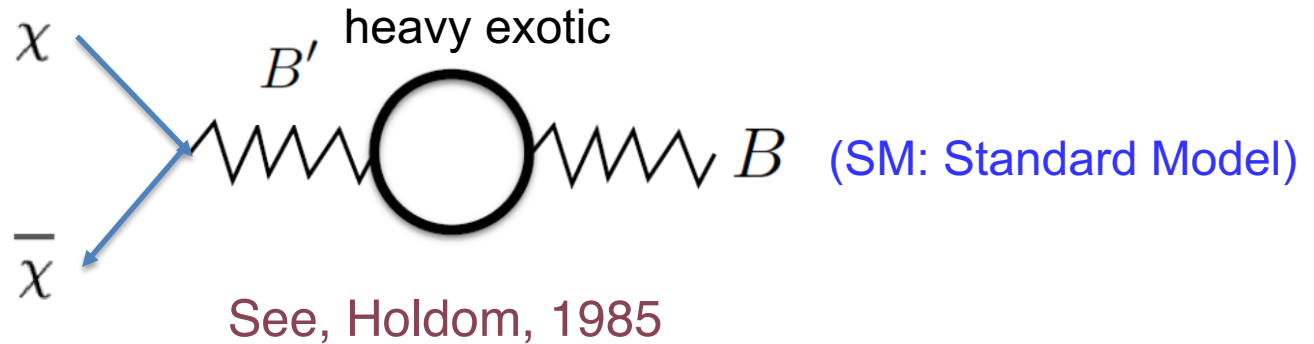
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# Model: Millicharged Particles

- Test of **charge quantization**, and thus **grand unification theory**, **superstring theory**, **string compactifications** (Wen, Witten, Nucl. Phys. B 261 (1985) 651-677, Youtube: [\[link\]](#))
- No need for dark photon, but can be a consequence of massless dark photon theory
- Our search is simply a search for particles (**fermion  $\chi$** ) with **{mass, electric charge}** =  $\{m_\chi, \epsilon e\}$
- A particle fractionally (or irrationally) charged under SM U(1) hypercharge  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{MCP}} = i\bar{\chi}(\not{\partial} - i\epsilon' e \not{B} + M_{\text{MCP}})\chi$
- **EDGES result** is another hint on **DM Properties**

# Kinetic Mixing and MCP Phase (skip)

- Coupled to new dark fermion  $\chi$

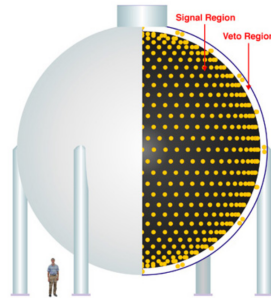


$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\kappa}{2} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\chi}(\not{\partial} + ie' \not{B}' + iM_{\text{MCP}})\chi$$

- New fermion  $\chi$  charged under new gauge boson  $B'$ .
- Millicharged particle (MCP) can be a **low-energy consequence** of **massless dark photon** (a new U(1) gauge boson) coupled to **a new fermion (become MCP in a convenient basis.)**

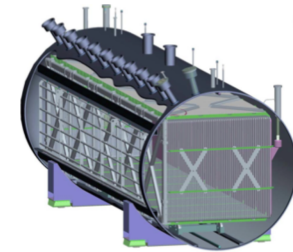
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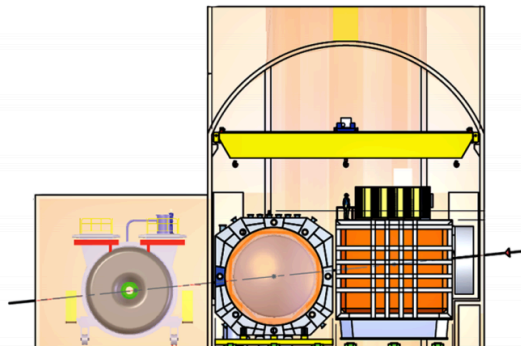
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MiniBooNE collaboration

MicroBooNE Detector



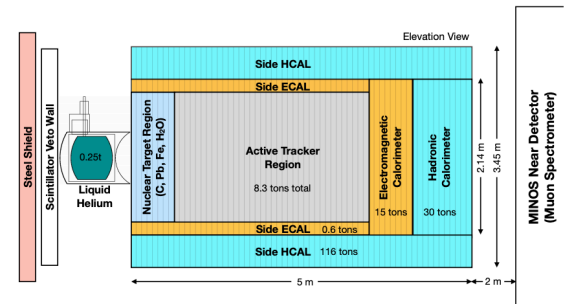
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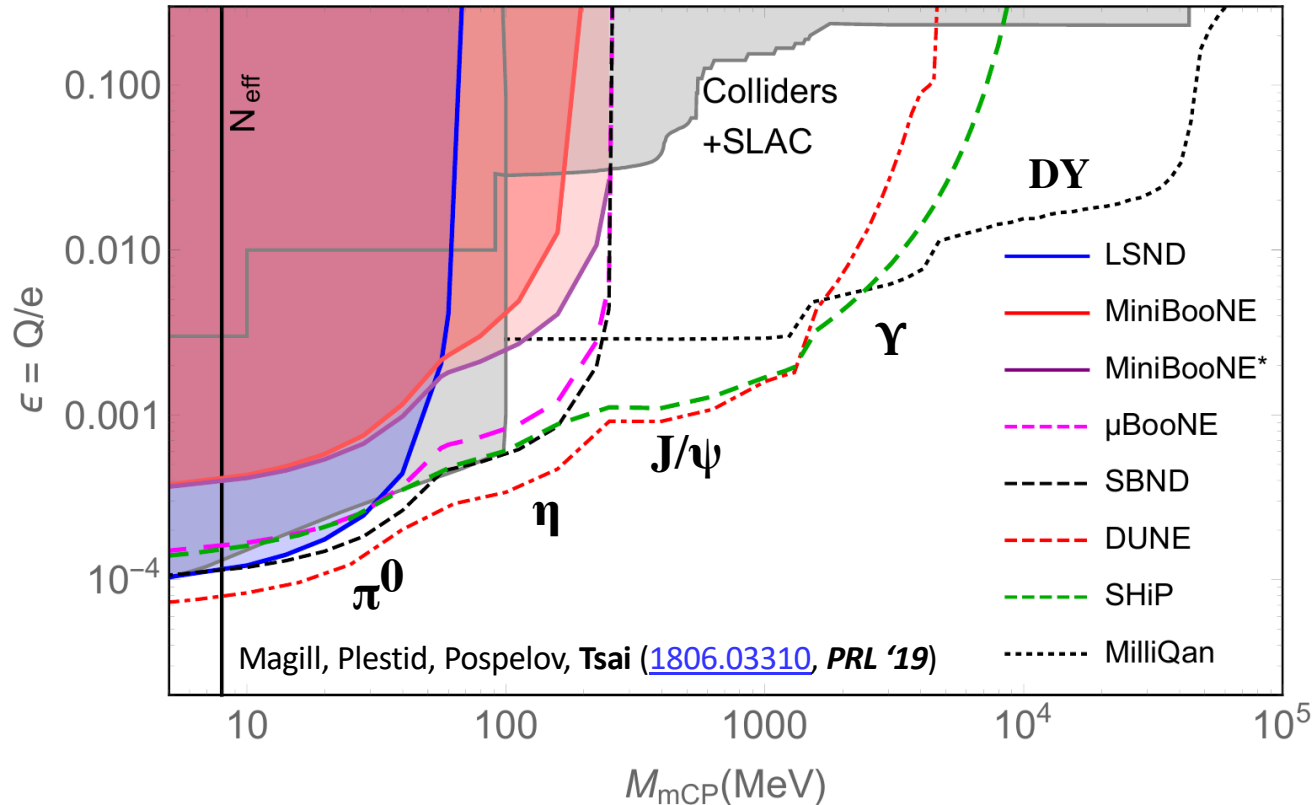


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- NuMI Beam
- BNB
- LBNF (future)

# Sensitivity at Neutrino Detectors

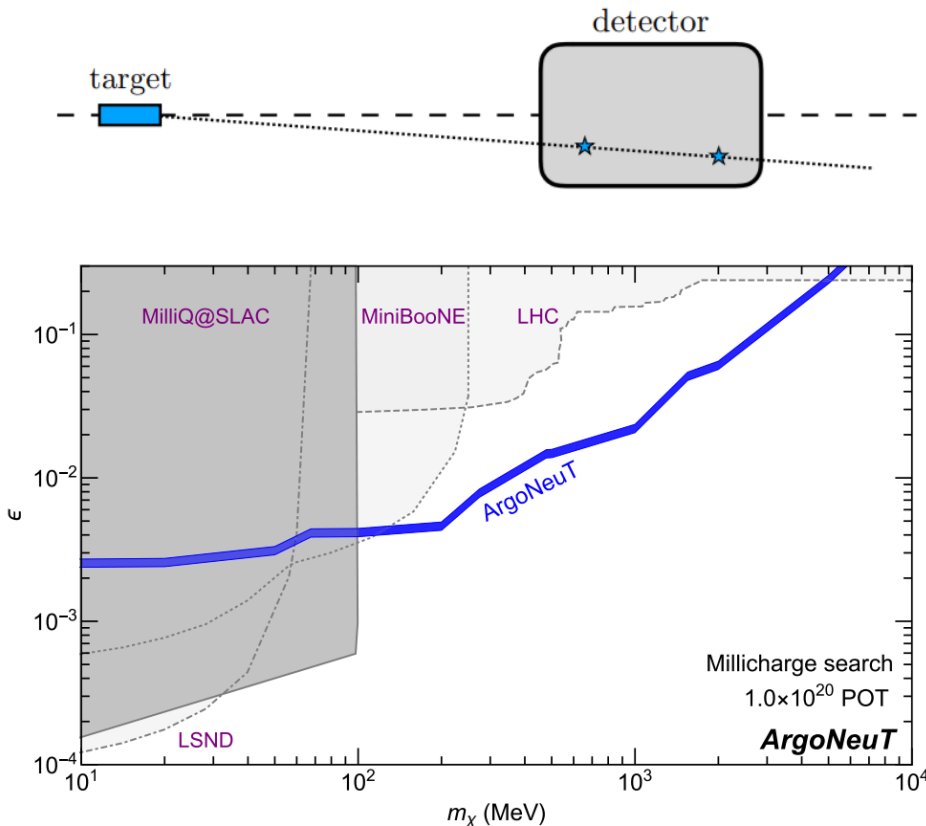


- **Electron recoil-energy threshold: MeV to 100 MeV**
- Can use **timing information** to improve sensitivity
- Double-hit to reduce background (**see next page**)
- Will include more updates later!

x-axis:  $m_x$  (MCP mass),  
 y-axis:  $\epsilon = Q_x/e$  (charge ratio).



# Double-Hit Consideration: ArgoNeuT Study & Constraint



**Harnik, Liu, Ornela:** multi-scattering,  
point back to target to reduce the  
background (ArgoNeuT & DUNE),  
arXiv:1902.03246 /

ArgoNeuT collab: arXiv:1911.07996

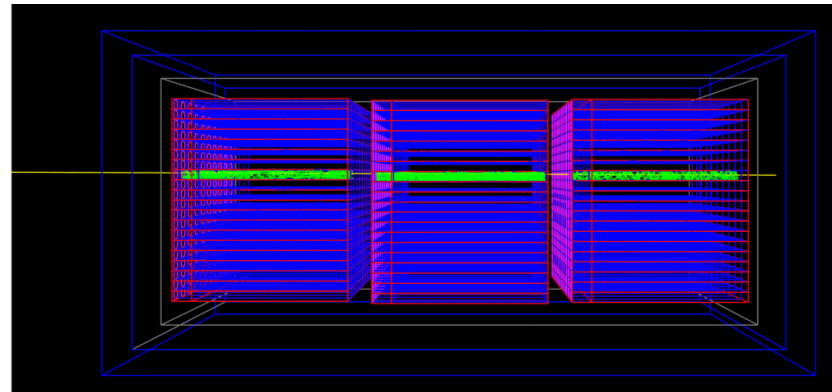
New related study:  
Marocco & Sarkar, arXiv:2011.08153

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# Specialized “Scattering” Detectors

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## Millicharged Detector



- NuMI beam
- BNB
- LBNF (future)

MilliQan, arXiv:1410.6816 (Haas, Hill, Izaguirre, Yavin)  
See also arXiv:1607.04669; arXiv:1810.06733;  
arXiv:2005.06518

# FerMINI @ NuMI-MINOS Hall

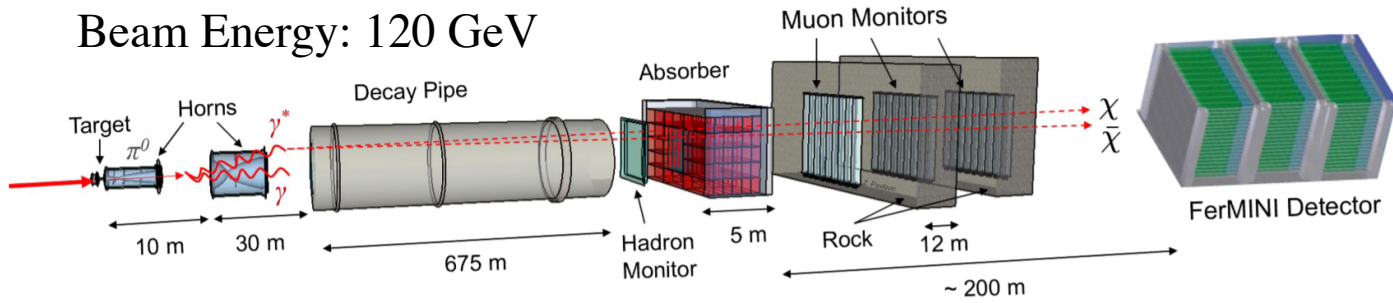
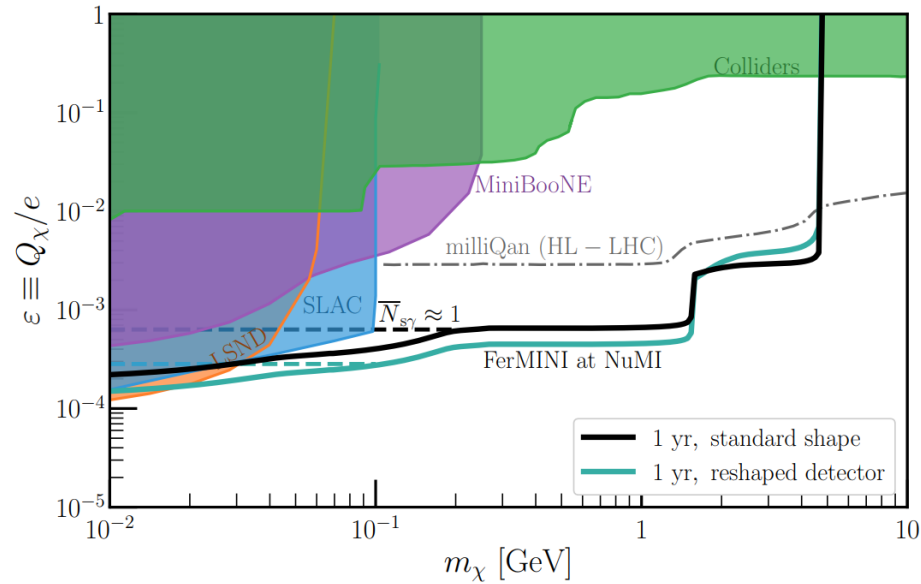


FIG. 3. An illustration of the FerMINI experiments utilizing the NuMI facility.



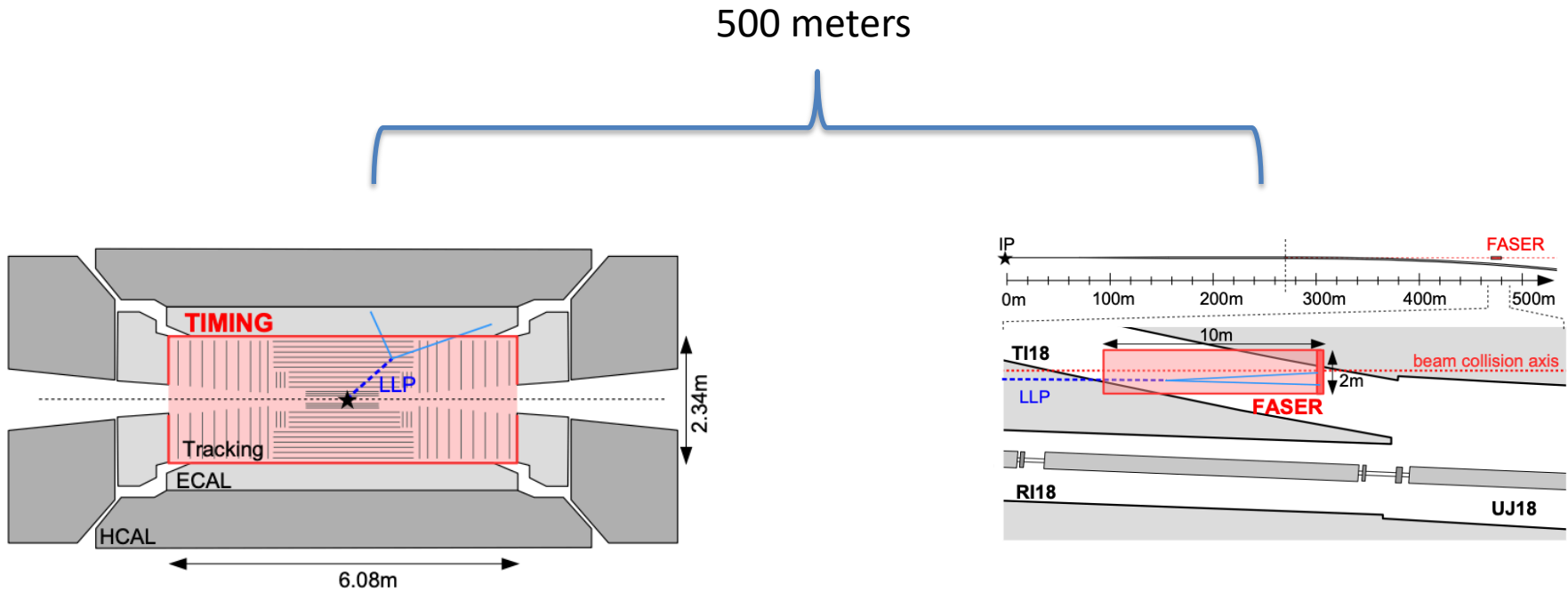
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MINOS hall downstream of NuMI beam

Going Forward:  
**LHC Forward Physics Region!**  
Best of both worlds  
Not fixed target, but has fixed-target intensity

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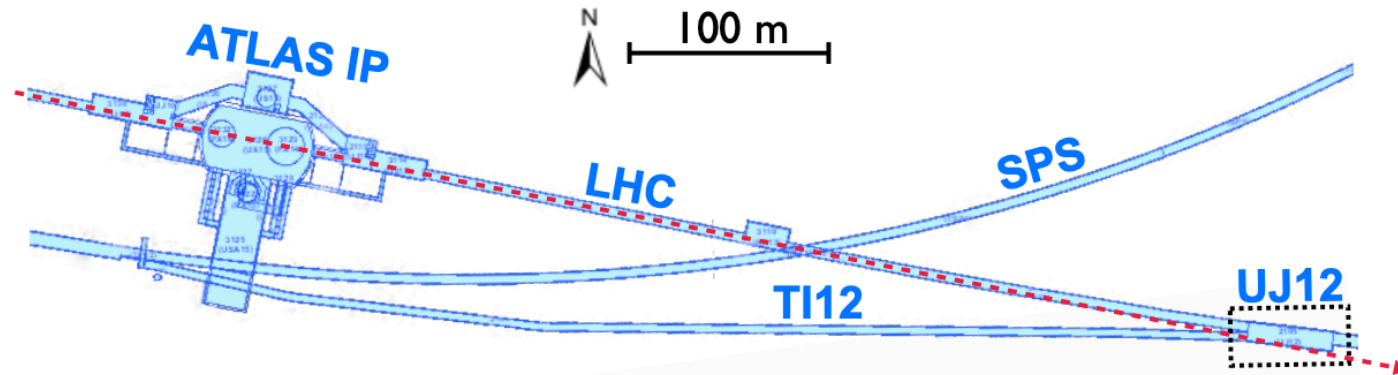
# Looking Forward at LHC!



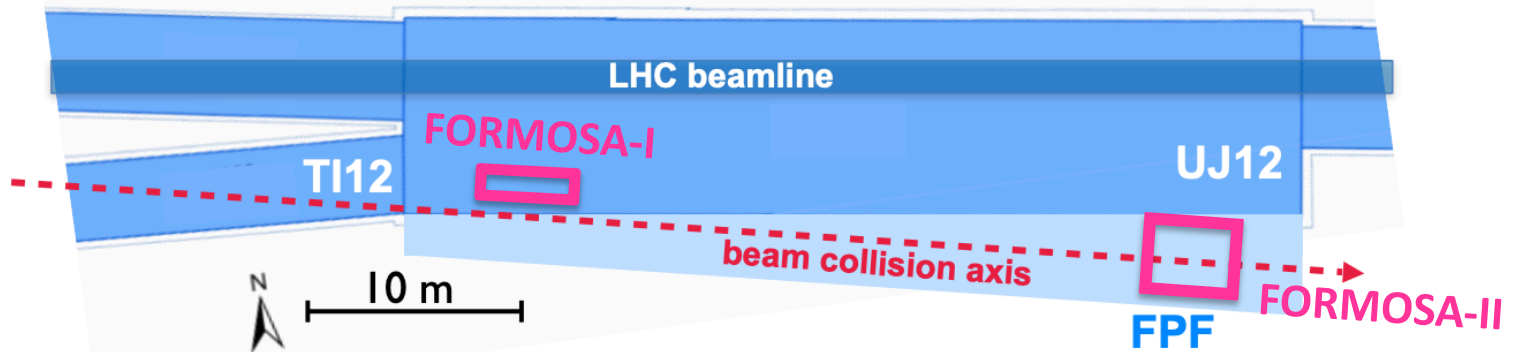
Berlin, Kling, 1810.01879

# FORMOSA: FORward MicroCharge SeArch

Foroughi, Kling, Tsai, [arXiv:2010.07941](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.07941)



Place milliQan-type detectors at ...

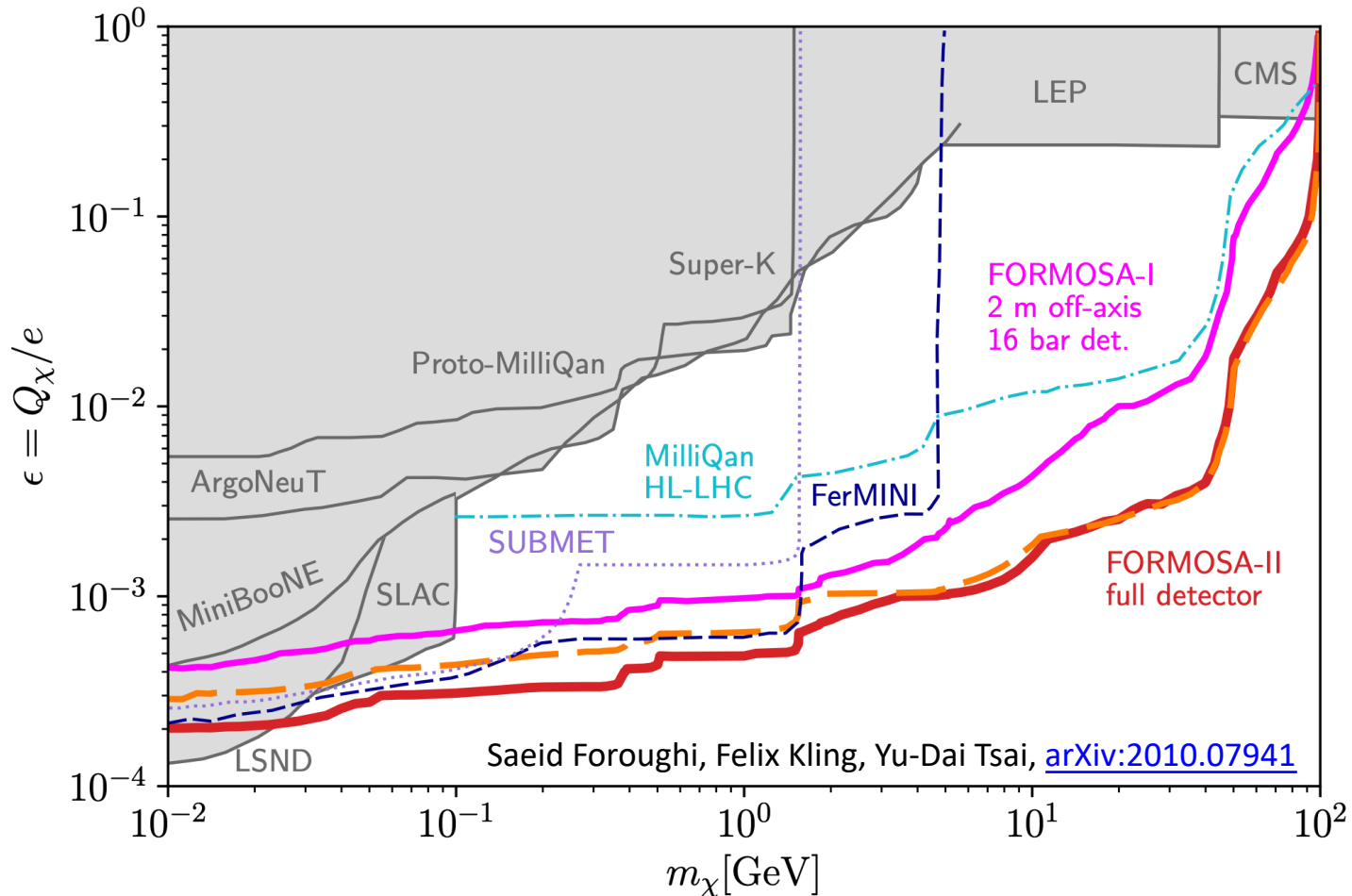


Forward Physics Facility (Feng, Kling +), FPF LOI: [link](#)

*Formosa* means “beautiful” in Portuguese and is the ancient name of Taiwan

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# FORMOSA Sensitivity



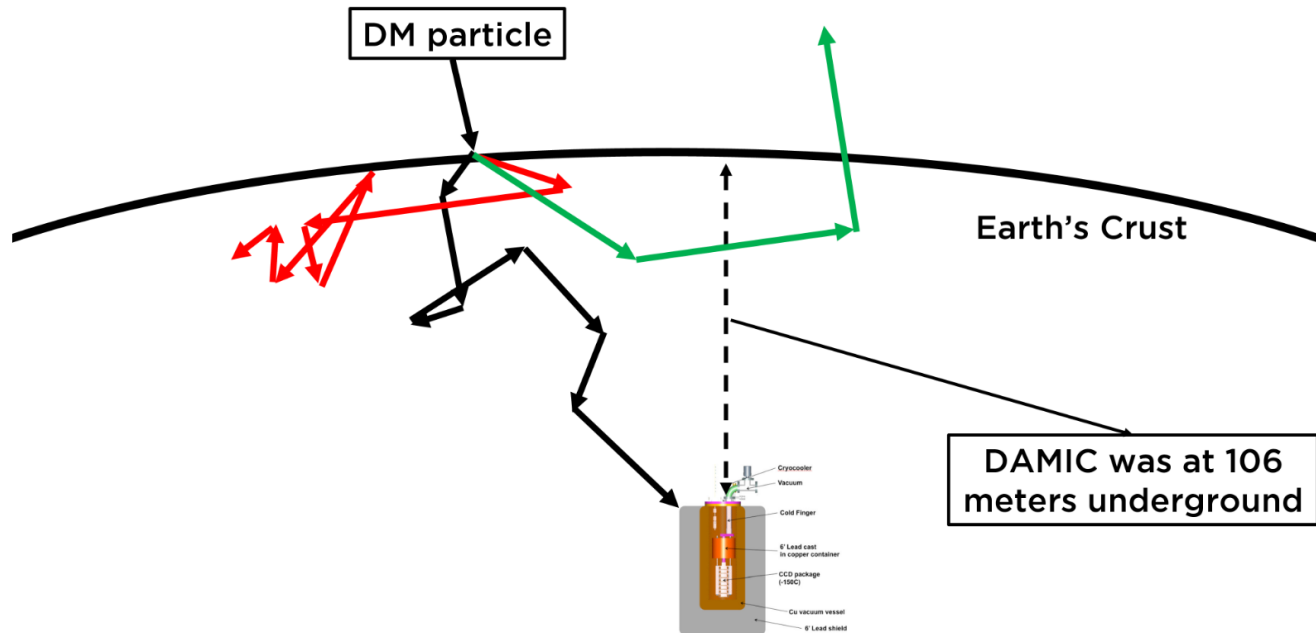
FORMOSA-I:  $\sim 0.2 \text{ m} \times 0.2 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m}$  consisting of 4 layers of 16 scintillator bars @UJ12/TI12 tunnel.

FORMOSA-II:  $\sim 1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m}$  consisting of 4 layers of 400 scintillator bars @ FPF.

Adding new related study: Marocco & Sarkar, arXiv:2011.08153

# Strongly Interacting Dark Matter

DM-SM Interaction too strong that attenuation stop the particles from reach the direct detection detector



**DMATIS (Dark Matter ATtenuation Importance Sampling), Mahdawi & Farrar '17**



# Reference Cross-Section

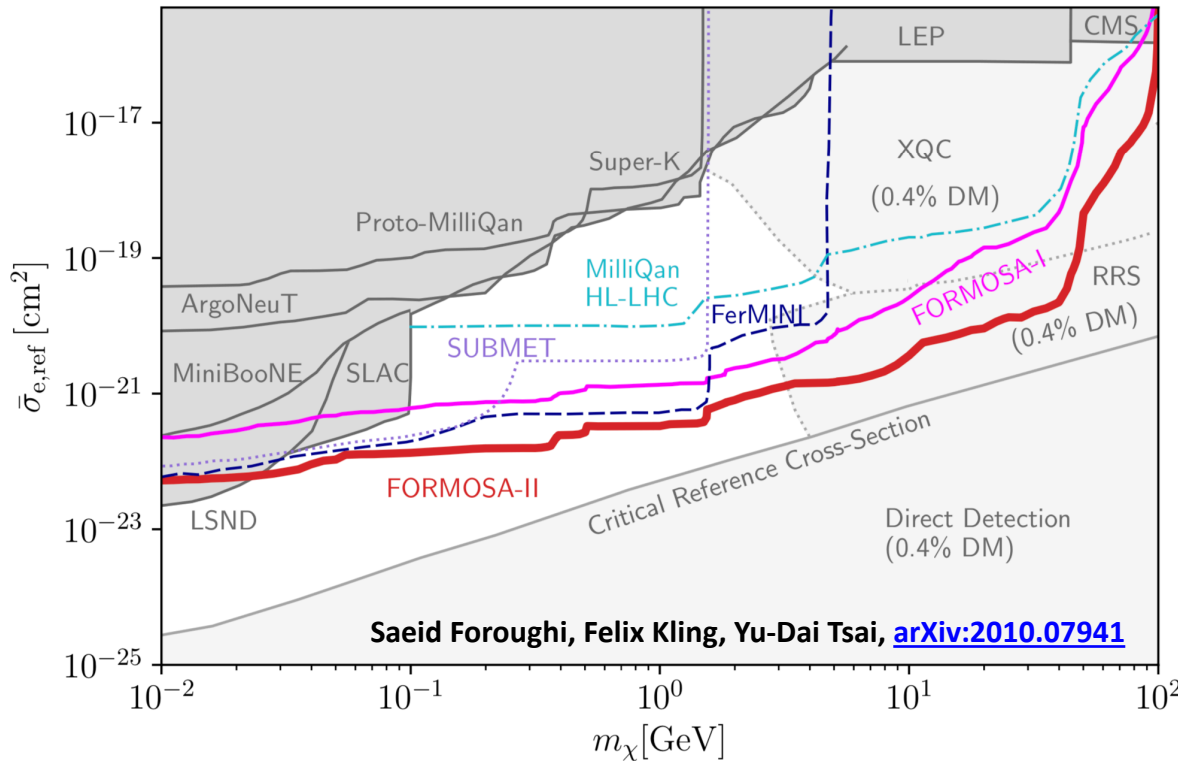
$$\bar{\sigma}_{e,\text{ref}} = \frac{16\pi\alpha^2\epsilon^2\mu_{\chi e}^2}{q_{d,\text{ref}}^4}, q_{d,\text{ref}} = \alpha m_e$$

- Reference Cross-section for MCP-Electron Scattering (Direct Detection)
- $\mu_{\chi e}$  is the reduced mass of the electron and  $\chi$ ,  $\alpha$  is the fine structure constant.
- $q_{\text{ref}}$  is a reference momentum transfer (for normalization)
- We choose the typical momentum transfer in DM-electron collisions for noble-liquid and semiconductor targets.
- **This just is a normalization!** Can choose the other one for comparison
- Comparing to e.g. **SENSEI, CDMS-HVeV, XENON10, XENON100, and DarkSide-50**

# Probe of Millicharged Dark Matter

MCP / LDM with ultralight dark photon mediators

$$\bar{\sigma}_e \simeq \frac{16\pi\alpha^2\epsilon^2\mu_{\chi e}^2}{q_{ref}^2}, \quad q_{ref} = \alpha m_e$$

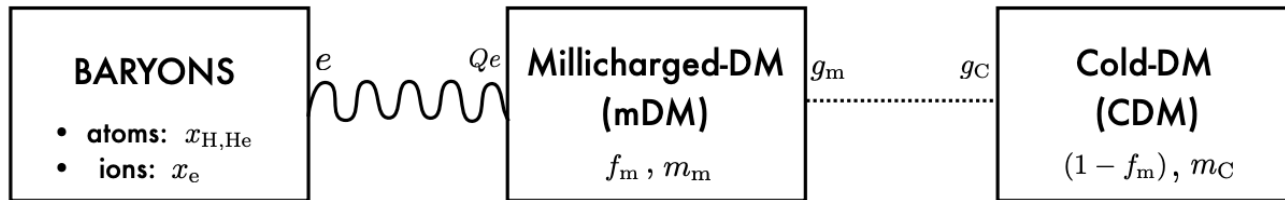
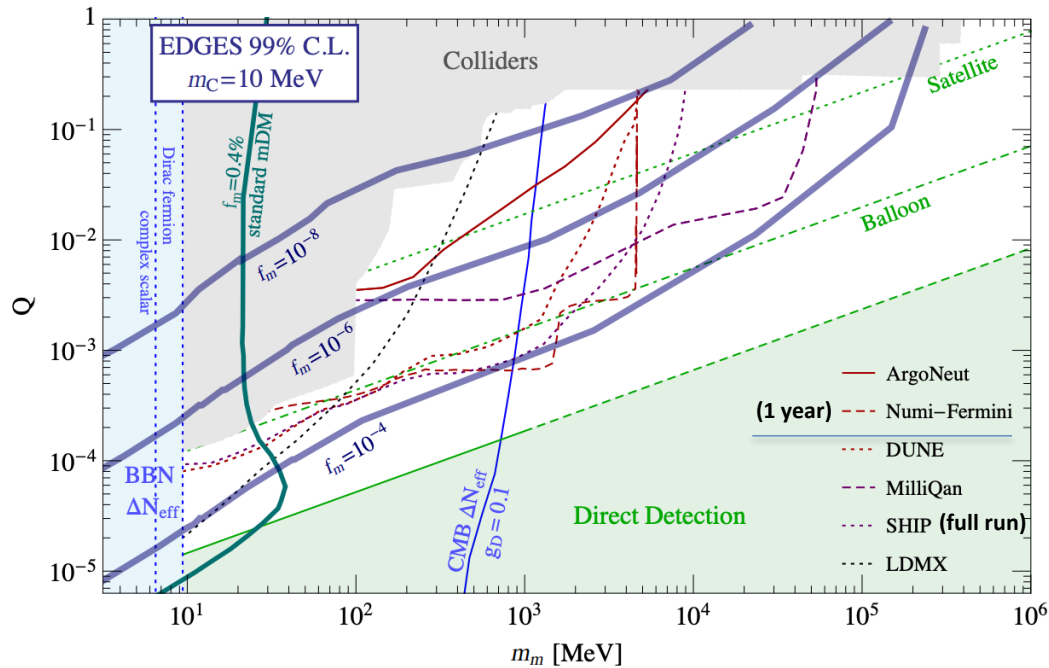


- We will add this figure with all the projections to the appendix of the LOI

- Here we plot the **critical reference cross-section** see [1905.06348](#) (Emken, Essig, Kouvaris, Sholapurkar)

- **Accelerator probes can help close the Millicharged SIDM window!**
- Cosmic-ray production & Super-K detection [2002.11732](#)

# Reviving MDM for EDGES



Liu, Outmezguine, Redigolo, Volansky, '19

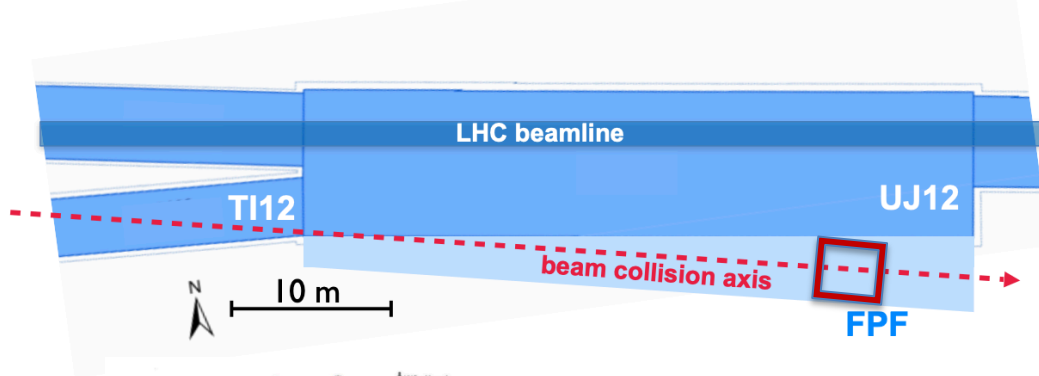
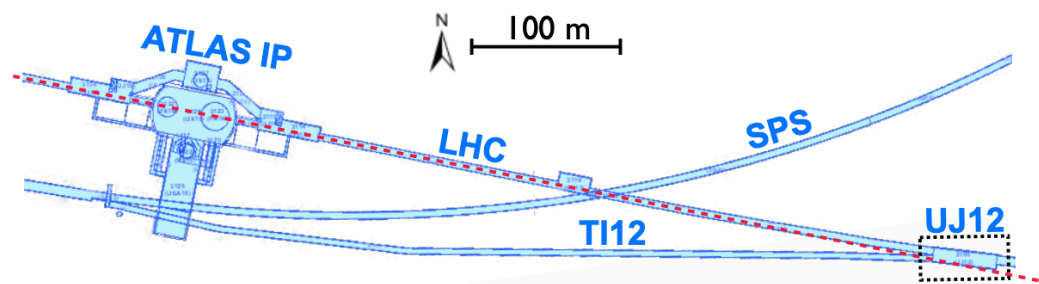
EDGES gives another hint of dark matter property, just like small-scale structure

# FORMOSA: Neutrino & EDM

FORMOSA can study

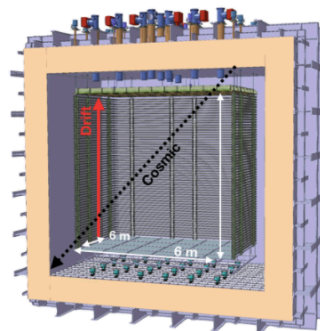
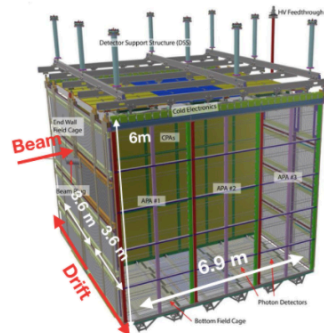
- Heavy Neutrino Electric Dipole Moment (ongoing)  
(Sher, Stevens, 1710.06894, MoEDAL-MAPP, 1909.05216 , Chu +, 2001.06042)
- **Tau Neutrino Electric Dipole Moment** (exciting!)  
Strong advantage at the FORMOSA site!
- Other Neutrino Physics Topics (maybe?)
- Saeid Foroughi, Felix Kling, Yu-Dai Tsai, ongoing

# Forward Proto-DUNE & Neutrino Campus!



**New idea!**  
Kling, Tsai (+ Feng,  
Foroughi, Cavanna)

Single-Phase (SP)  
liquid argon time  
projection chamber  
(LArTPC)  
 $7.2 \times 6.0 \times 6.9 \text{ m}^3$

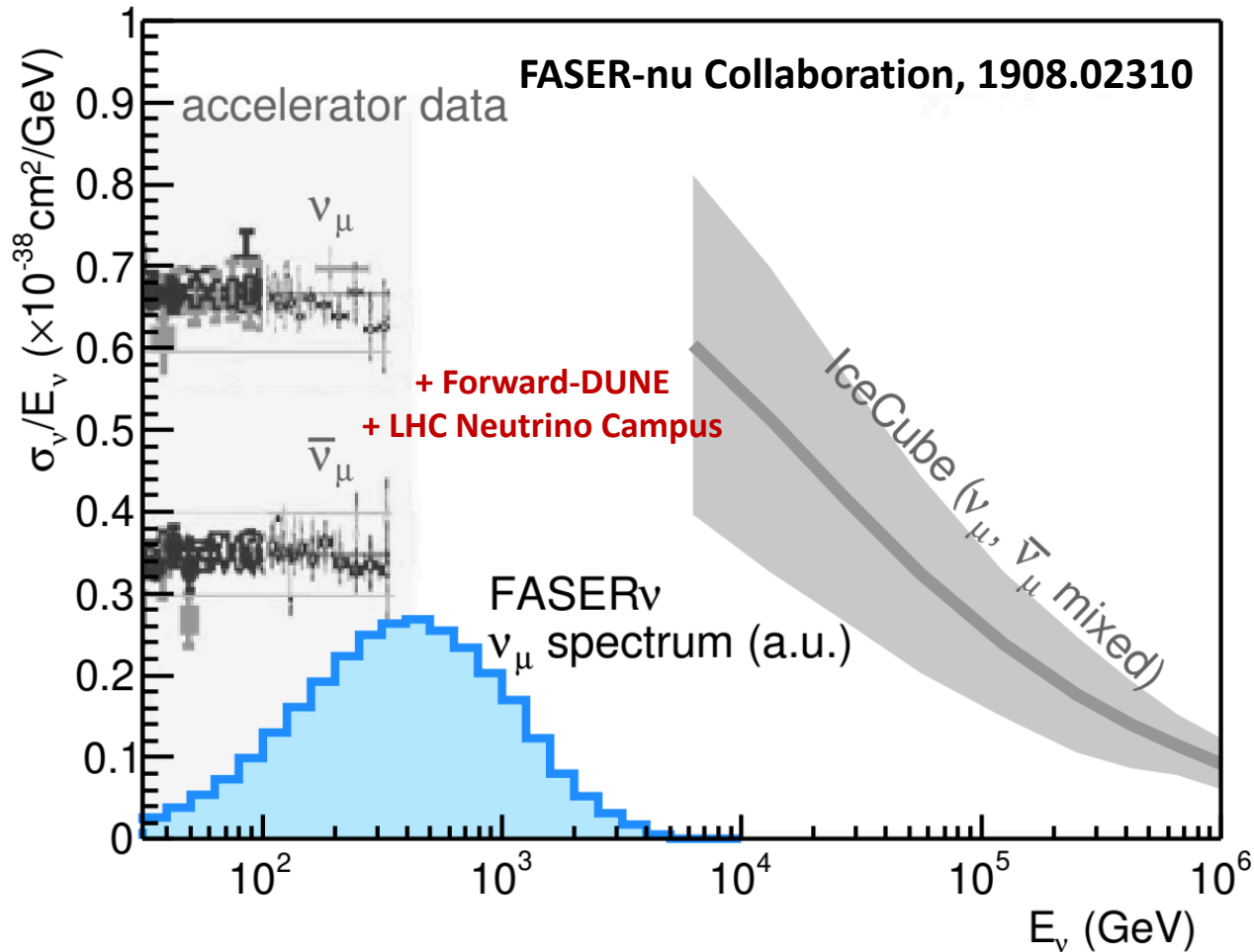


Dual-Phase (DP)  
Detector  
 $6 \times 6 \times 6 \text{ m}^3$  LAr TPC

Figure 3: Left: draft of ProtoDUNE-SP [2]. Right: draft of ProtoDUNE-DP [3]

DUNE Collaboration (arXiv:1706.07081 + arXiv:1409.4405)  
Updates, see, e.g. arXiv:1910.10115 & arXiv:2007.06722

# Forward Proto-DUNE & New Neutrino Campus!



**New Idea: FORWARD-DUNE & New Neutrino Campus**

Kling, Tsai (+ Feng, Cavanna)

# Summary

- **Proton Fixed-Target Experiments**
- **LHC Forward Experiments**

can study

- **Millicharged Particles**
- **Other Dark Matter Models**
- **Neutrinos & New Neutrino Physics**

# Decay Experiments

## LongQuest Experiment

Yu-Dai Tsai, Fermilab, 2020



# Decay Experiments/Detectors

Including **CHARM decay detector (DD)**, **NuCAL**, **NA62**, **SeaQuest**, **DUNE Near Detector (ND)** (see, e.g. [arXiv:1908.07525](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.07525)),

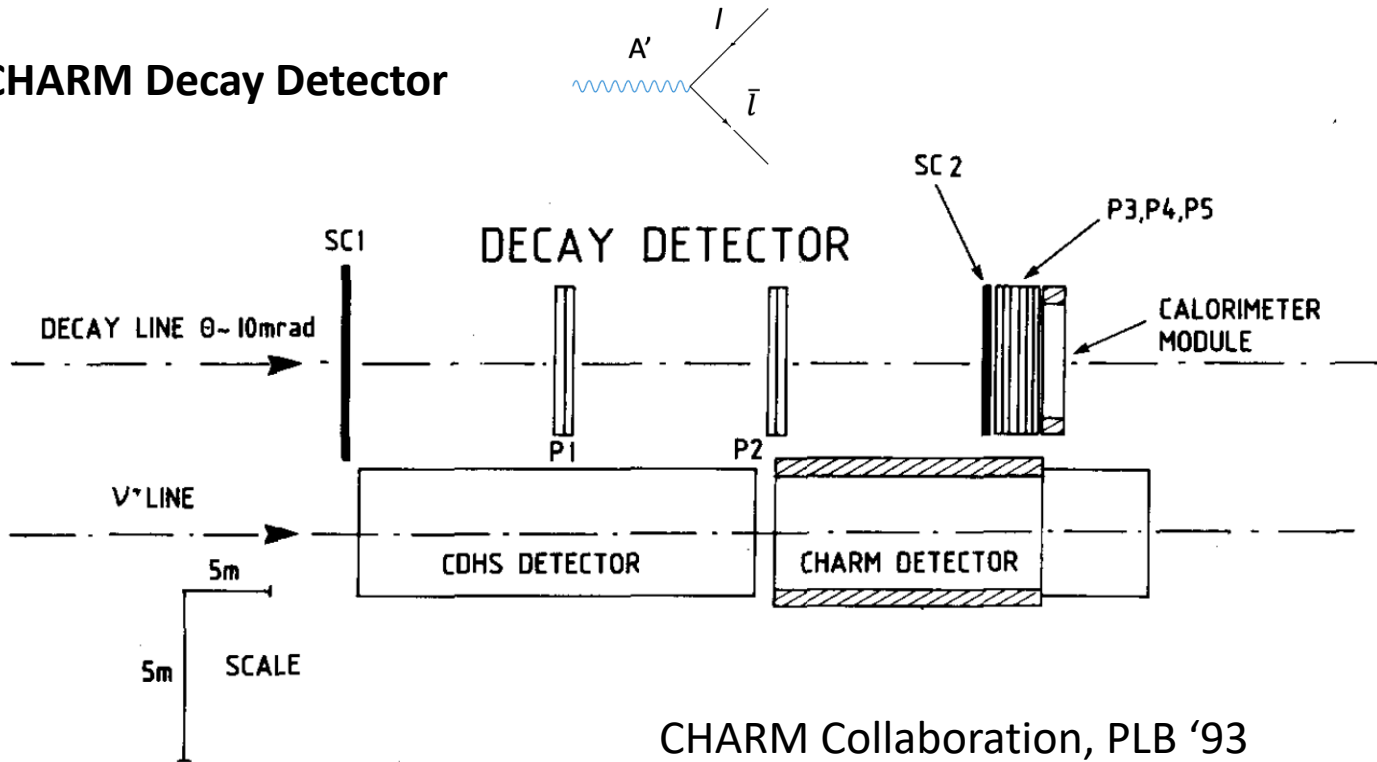
- Experiments optimized to study **decaying particles**, or **simply two charged particle final states**, e.g. from Drell-Yan (SeaQuest)

General features:

1. Large decay volume
2. Low density (likely vacuumed), low background
3. Simple design thus relatively low cost (tracking planes + ECal)
4. Often, there is external magnetic field (track separations/momentum reconstruction/filter-out soft SM radiation)
5. Usually studying **long-lived particles (mediators, e.g., dark photons)**

# Decay Experiments/Detectors

CHARM Decay Detector

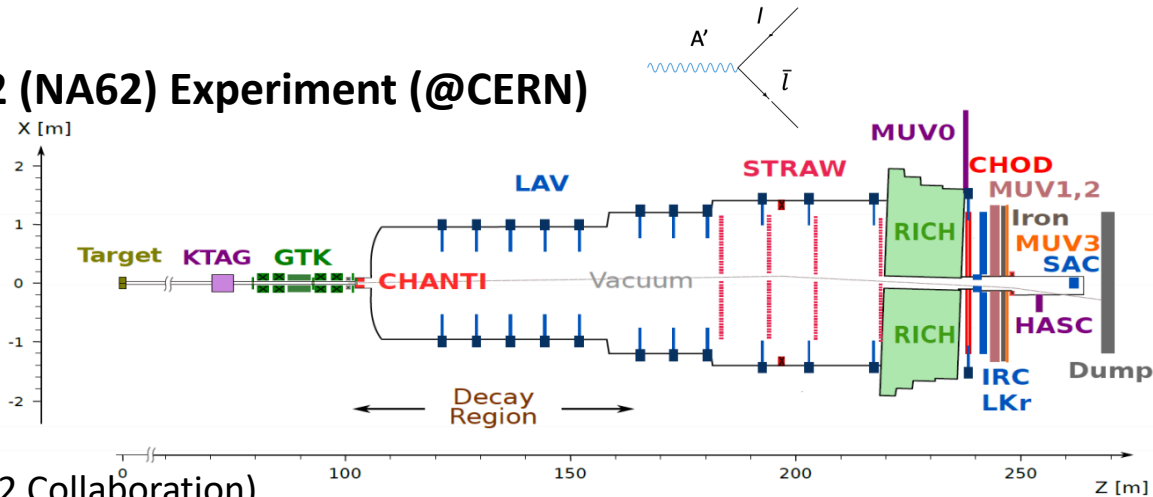


CHARM Collaboration, PLB '93

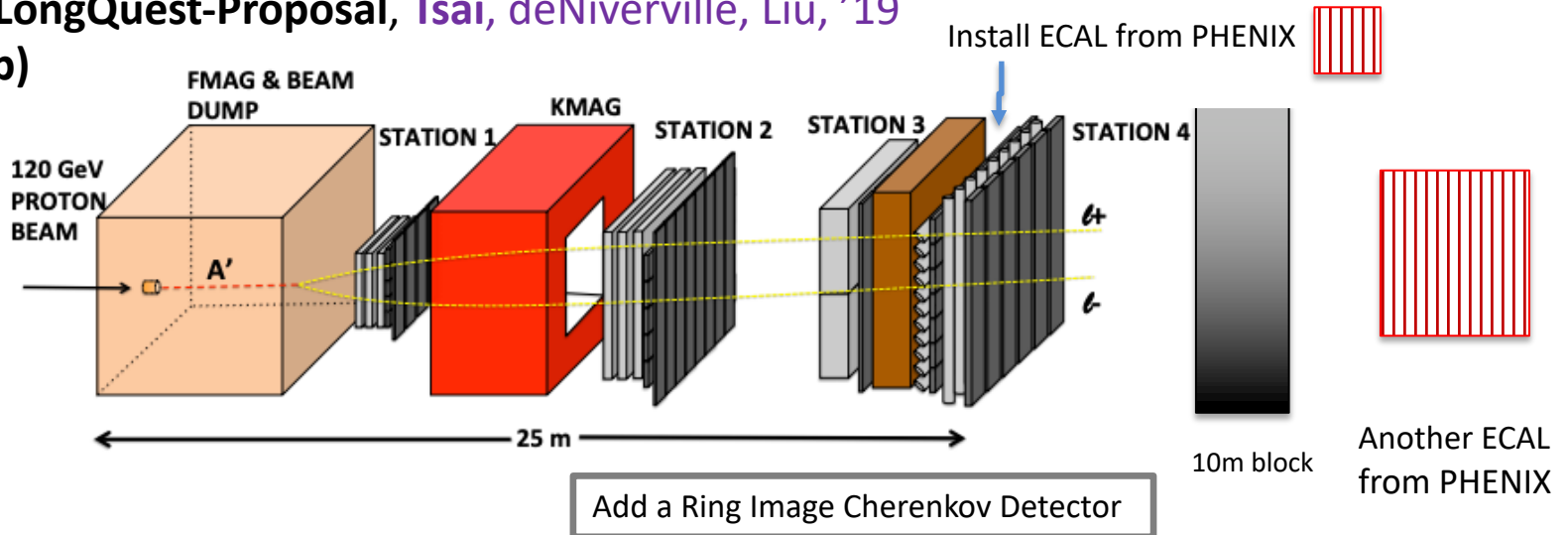
CHARM: CERN HAmbug Rome Moscow

# Decay Experiments/Detectors

## North Area 62 (NA62) Experiment (@CERN)

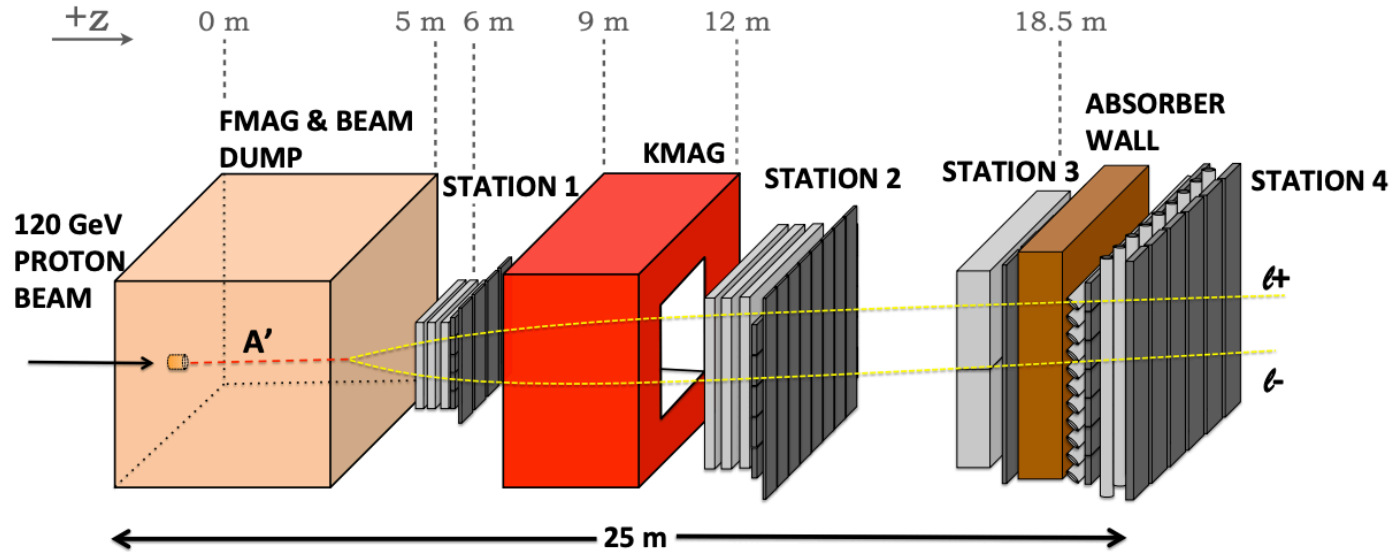


## SeaQuest/LongQuest-Proposal, Tsai, deNiverville, Liu, '19 (@Fermilab)



Gardner, Holt, Tadepalli, [1509.00050](#); Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro, [1804.00661](#), **DarkQuest**

# DarkQuest



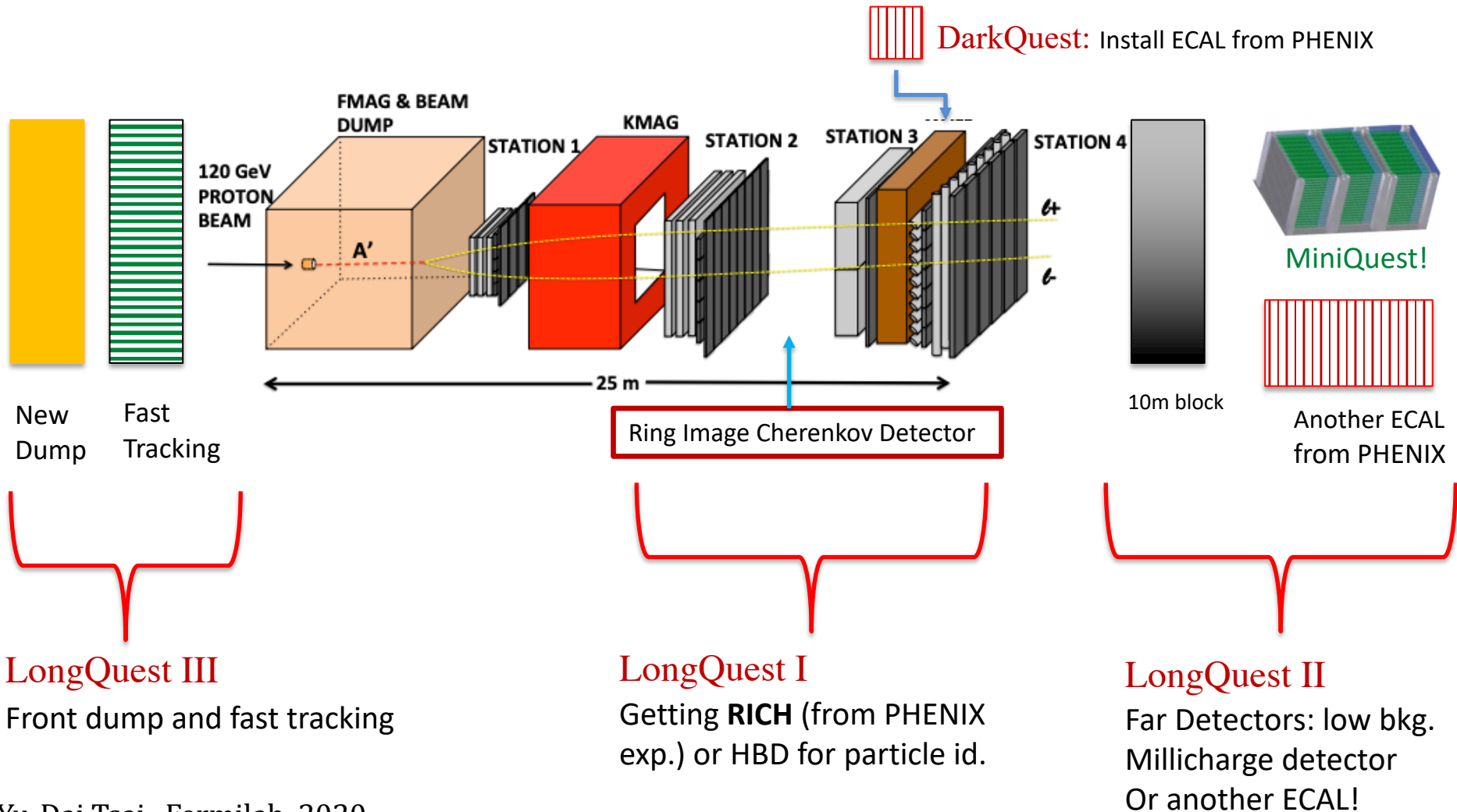
arXiv:1509.00050 (Gardner, Holt, Tadepalli); arXiv:1804.00661 (Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro)

Nhan Tran (Fermilab) was rewarded Fermilab LDRD funding (w/ Krnjaic & Toups) and is leading detailed SeaQuest/DarkQuest study + snowmass white paper.

We are looking into long-term plan: arXiv:1908.07525 (Tsai, de Niverville, Liu)

# LongQuest: Three Stage Retool of SpinQuest, as Dedicated Long-Lived Particle Experiment

arXiv:1908.07525, Tsai, de Niverville, Liu '19



# LongQuest (I-III)

- A search for long-lived particles **with extended decay length, improved decay detectors, and additional long based-line detectors** using SeaQuest (SpinQuest) facility.
- Working on a pheno paper with Ming Liu, Kun Liu, and Patrick de Niverville.



# Legion of Decay Experiments

	Experiment	Beam Energy	POT	$L_{\text{dist.}}$	$L_{\text{dec}}$
Existing Probes	CHARM	400 GeV	2.4e18	480 m	35 m
	NuCal	70 GeV	1.7e18	64 m	23 m
	NA62	400 GeV	*1.3e16/1e18	82 m	75 m
Future Probes	SeaQuest	120 GeV	*1.4e18/1e20	5 m	*7 m
	LongQuest	120 GeV	*1e20	5 m	*7/13 m

TABLE I. This table provides a comparison of experiments considered in this paper. \*Indicates not yet decided;  $L_{\text{dist.}}$  is the distance from the target to the decay region;  $L_{\text{dec.}}$  is the fiducial particle decay length. The detector areas  $A_{\text{dec.}}$  are more complicated and not listed in the table. Our information regarding the NA62 experimental configuration was updated directly through contact with the NA62 collaboration

# Interesting Long-Lived Particles for Decay Studies

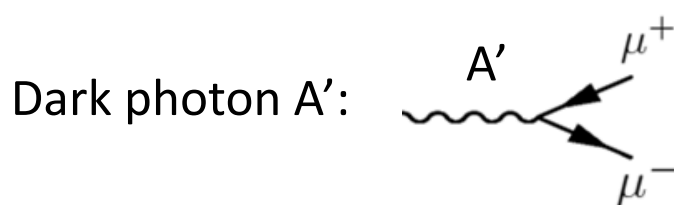
Yu-Dai Tsai, Fermilab, 2020



# Renormalizable “Portals”

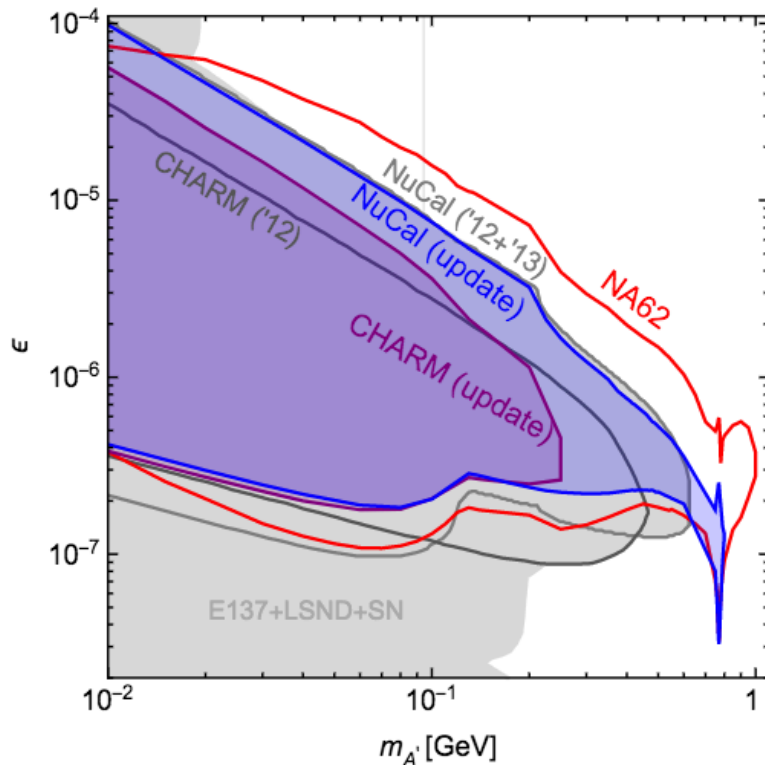
- Dark sectors can include mediator particles coupled to the SM via the following **renormalizable interactions**.
- **High-Dim. axion portal is also popular**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} B_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}, & \text{vector portal} \quad (\text{Holdom, '85}) \\ (\mu\phi + \lambda\phi^2)H^\dagger H, & \text{Higgs portal} \quad (\text{See Dark-Sector 2016 report } \underline{1608.08632}) \\ y_n L H N, & \text{neutrino portal} \end{array} \right.$$

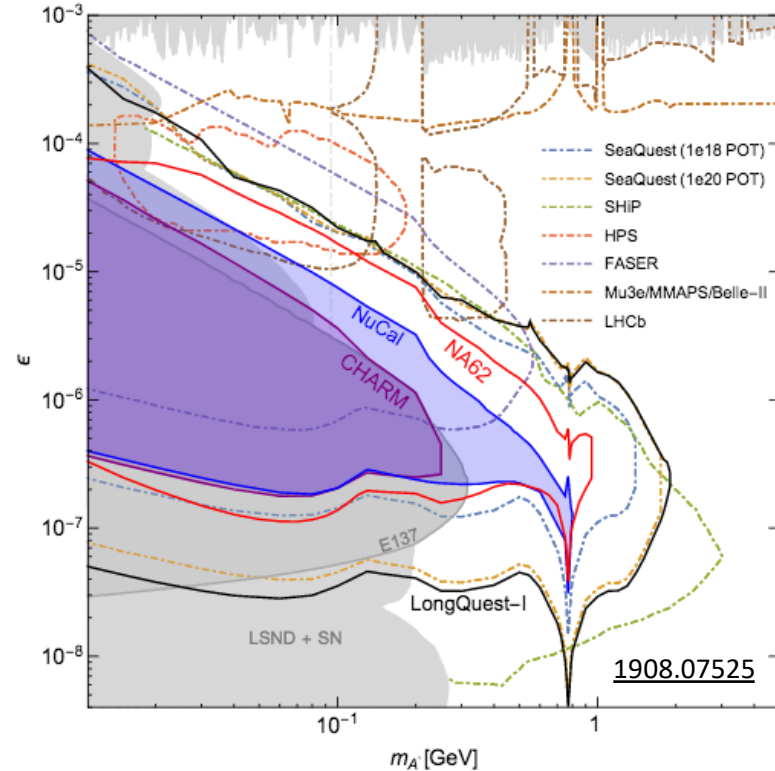


Mass from Dark Higgs or Stueckelberg  
mass basis

# Legion of Probes on Dark Photon



(a) Updates on dark photon bounds and NA62 projection.



(b) Compilation of projections and constraints on dark photon.

Ilten, Soreq,  
Williams, and Xue  
[1801.04847](#)  
compilation of  
probes

**Consider proton bremsstrahlung  
production properly**  
resonance from mixing with the  $\rho$  and  $\omega$   
mesons

**New Projections from NA62 and  
LongQuest,**  
Tsai, de Niverville, Liu, [1908.07525](#)

# Beyond Simple Dark-Sector Models

- Cosmology motivated models:  
Inelastic Dark Matter, etc
- Strongly Self-Interaction DM  
(motivated by dark QCD)  
Motivated by small-scale problems

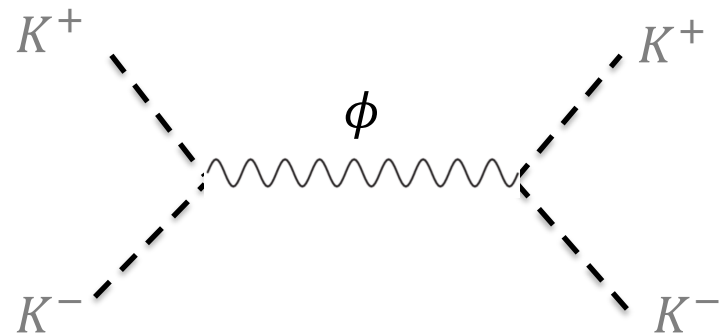
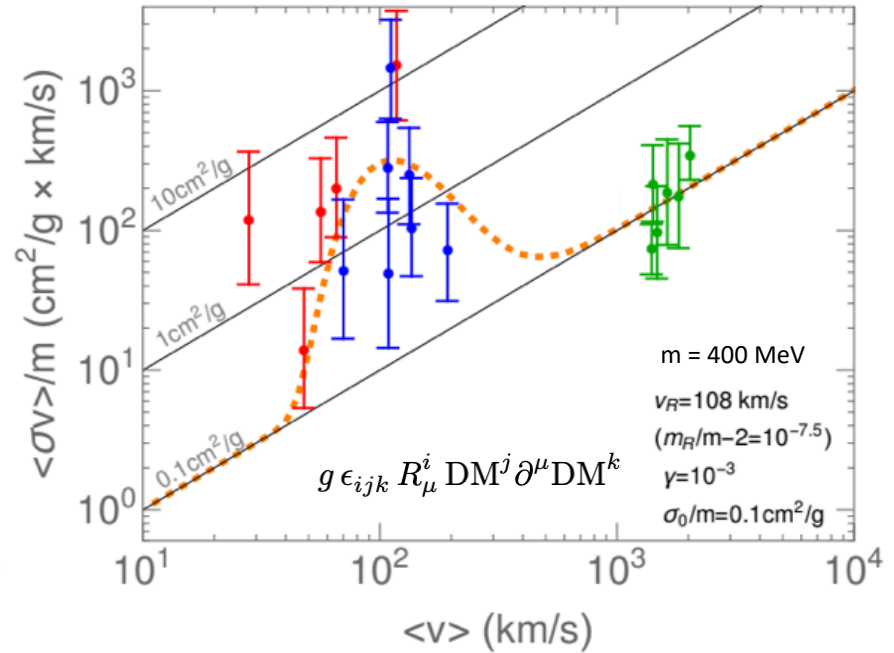
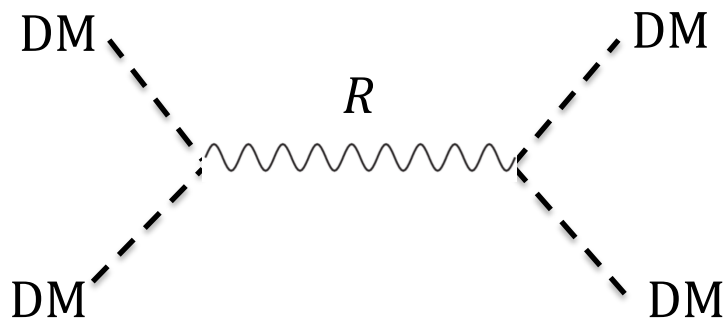
# Resonant Dark Mesons

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# Resonant SIDM: Vector Resonance

Interaction Lagrangian	$L$	$J_{\text{DM}}$	$J_R^P$	$S$	$\gamma$
$g R \overline{\text{DM}} \gamma^5 \text{DM}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$0^-$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{g^2}{32\pi^2}$
$g R \text{DM}^i \text{DM}^i$	0	0	$0^+$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{g^2}{16\pi m_R^2}$
$g \epsilon_{ijk} R_\mu^i \text{DM}^j \partial^\mu \text{DM}^k$	1	0	$1^-$	1	$\frac{g^2}{384\pi^2}$
$\frac{1}{\Lambda} R_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{T}_{\text{DM}}^{\mu\nu}$	2	0	$2^+$	5	$\frac{m_R^2}{30720\pi\Lambda^2}$

$$m_R = 2 m_{\text{DM}}(1 + \Delta),$$



# QCD & Meson Spectrum

Lessons from QCD.  $K^+K^- \rightarrow \phi$ ,  $B^0\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S)$ .

- $m_{K^\pm(u\bar{s}/\bar{u}s)} \approx 493 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $m_{\phi(s\bar{s})} \approx 1019 \text{ MeV}$ .
- $m_{B^0} \approx 5279 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $m_{\Upsilon(4S)} \approx 10580 \text{ MeV}$ .
- Inspired by these, we will build a 2-flavor light quarks with hidden-QCD and an asymmetric dark matter model later
- Can use the  $\phi$ -K-K system to build a light dark matter model with proper freeze-out
- Link to ELDER/SIMP models with existing lattice results
- See Tsai, McGehee, and Murayama, [arXiv:2008.08608](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.08608) for details

# SM resonances

$$\frac{m(^8\text{Be}) - 2m(\alpha)}{m(^8\text{Be})} = 0.000012,$$

$$\frac{m(^{12}\text{C}^*) - m(^8\text{Be}) - m(\alpha)}{m(^{12}\text{C}^*)} = 0.000026.$$

Triple-alpha process

$$\frac{m(\phi) - 2m(K^0)}{m(\phi)} = 0.024,$$

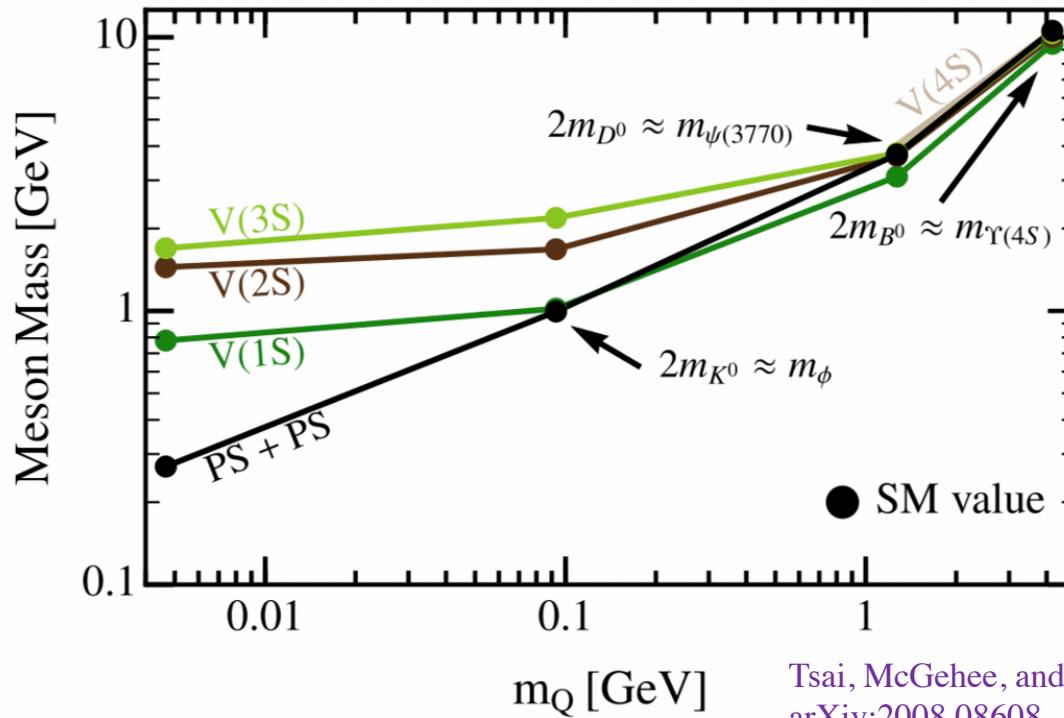
$$\frac{m(D^{0*}) - m(D^0) - m(\pi^0)}{m(D^{0*})} = 0.0035,$$

$$\frac{m(B_{s1}) - m(B^*) - m(K^0)}{m(B_{s1})} = 0.0011,$$

$$\frac{m(\Upsilon(4S)) - 2m(B^0)}{m(\Upsilon(4S))} = 0.0019.$$

- The beryllium-8 ground state has almost exactly the energy of two alpha particles.,  $^8\text{Be} + 4\text{He}$  has almost exactly the energy of an excited state of  $^{12}\text{C}$ . (7.66 MeV 0+ excited state of  $^{12}\text{C}$ ),
- The resonance greatly increases the probability that an incoming alpha particle will combine with beryllium-8 to form carbon.
- This resonance was predicted by Fred Hoyle before its actual observation, based on the physical necessity for it to exist, in order for carbon to be formed in stars.
- This energy resonance and process gave very significant support to Hoyle's hypothesis of stellar nucleosynthesis, which posited that all chemical elements had originally been formed from hydrogen, the true primordial substance.
- The anthropic principle has been cited to explain the fact that nuclear resonances are sensitively arranged to create large amounts of carbon and oxygen in the universe.
- Wiki/Triple-alpha process
- J. D. Barrow and F. J. Tipler, *The Anthropic Cosmological Principle*. 1988.

# Meson resonances



Tsai, McGehee, and Murayama,  
[arXiv:2008.08608](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.08608)

For  $m_Q = m_d$ ,

we show  $\pi^0$  as well as the average masses of the first three  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  states. For  $m_Q = m_s$ , we show  $K^0$  and the first three  $\phi$ 's. For  $m_Q = \{m_c, m_b\}$ , we show  $D^0$  and  $B^0$  as well as the first four  $\psi$  and  $\Upsilon$  states, respectively.



# Heavy Quark Dark Meson Model

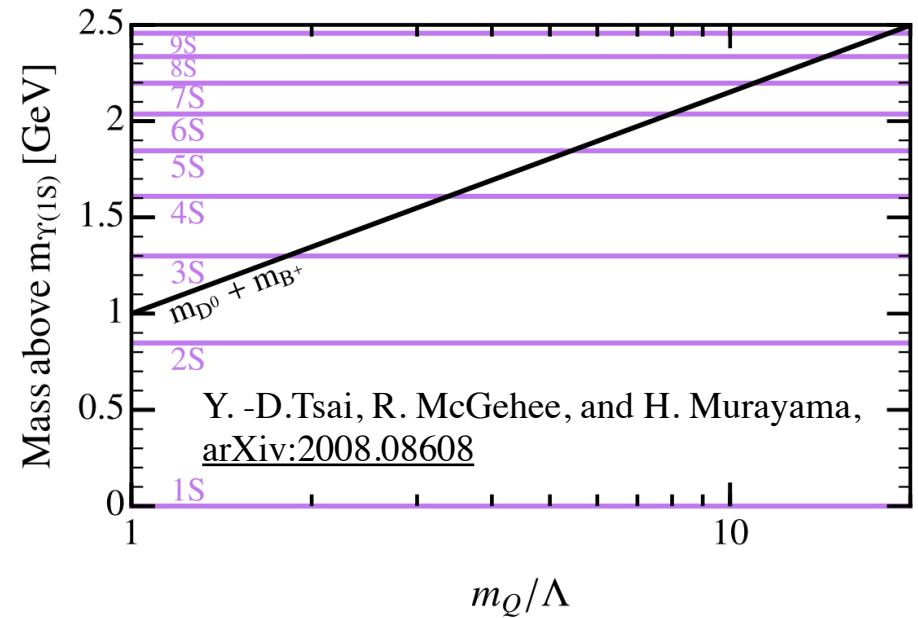
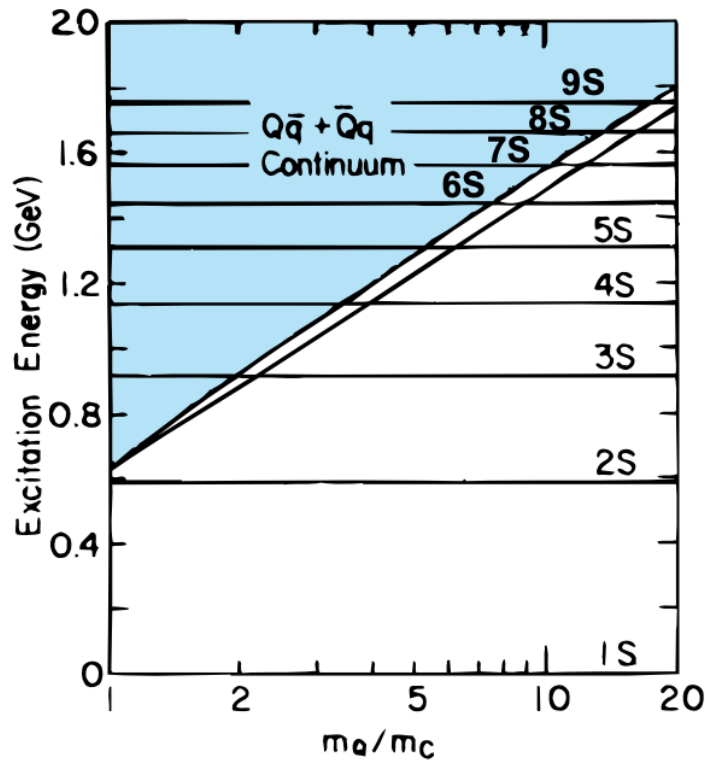


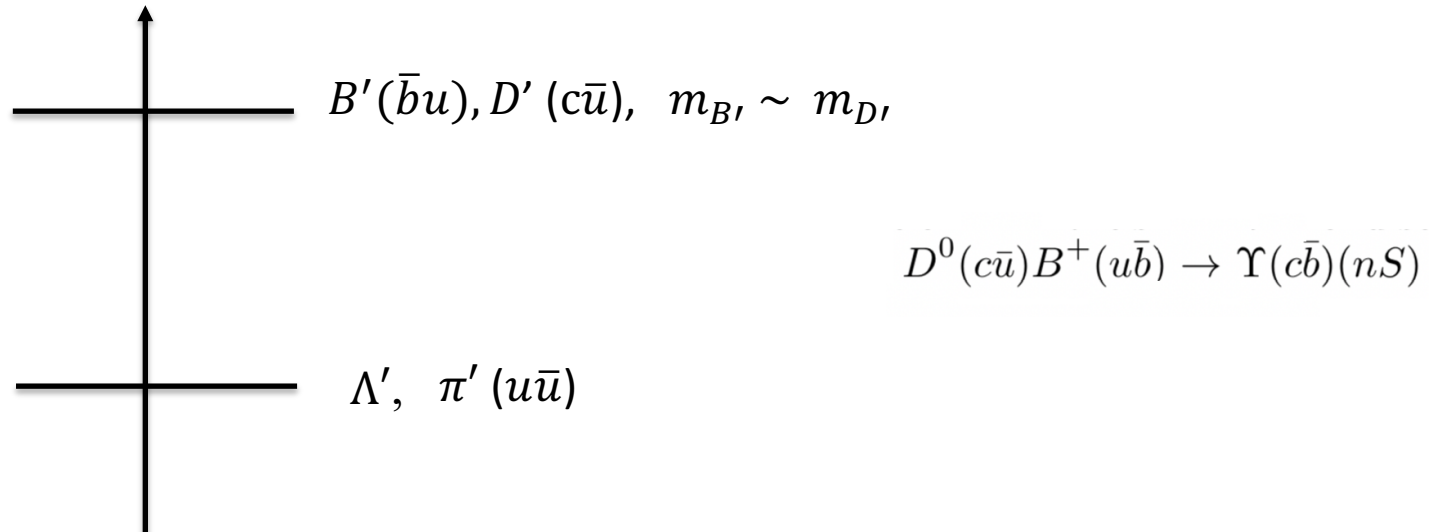
Figure 3: The crossings of the sum of heavy quark pseudoscalar meson masses and heavy quarkonium excited states for different heavy quark masses,  $m_Q$ .

- C. Quigg and J. L. Rosner, "Quarkonium Level Spacings," Phys. Lett. B 71 (1977) 153–157.

# Heavy Quark Meson ADM

- Dark matter are not the lightest meson (because of the heavy quark) in the theory, thus cannot be symmetric
- We consider one light quark  $u$  and two heavy quarks  $c'$  and  $b'$  and assume the  $c'$  and  $b'$  abundances are fixed by their asymmetry  $n_c = n_{\bar{b}}$ . we will drop the  $'$  since everything is dark state from now on.

Dark meson mass



# Heavy Quark Meson ADM

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$$D^0(c\bar{u})B^+(u\bar{b}) \rightarrow \Upsilon(c\bar{b})(nS)$$

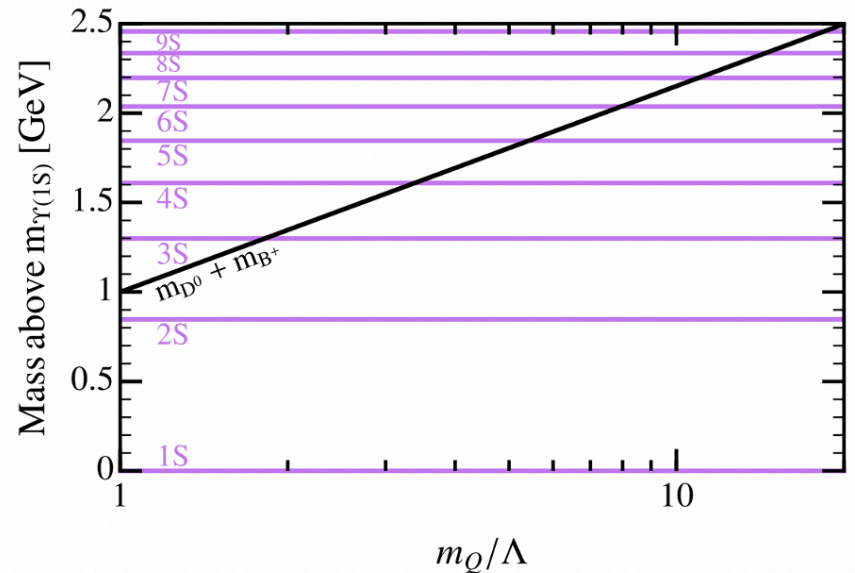
$$V(r) = C \ln(r/r_0),$$

$$m_{\Upsilon(nS)} - m_{\Upsilon(1S)} \approx C \ln\left(\frac{4n}{3}\right)$$

in the large  $n$  limit. The mass splitting is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_n &\equiv m_{\Upsilon(nS)} - m_{\Upsilon((n-1)S)} \\ &= C \left[ \frac{1}{n} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

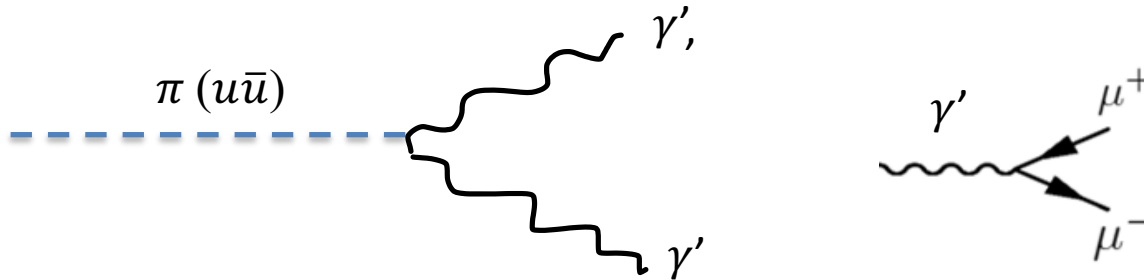
$$m_Q \approx n^2 \left(\frac{4}{3e}\right)^2 \Lambda.$$



$$\Delta_n/m_Q \sim n^{-3}$$

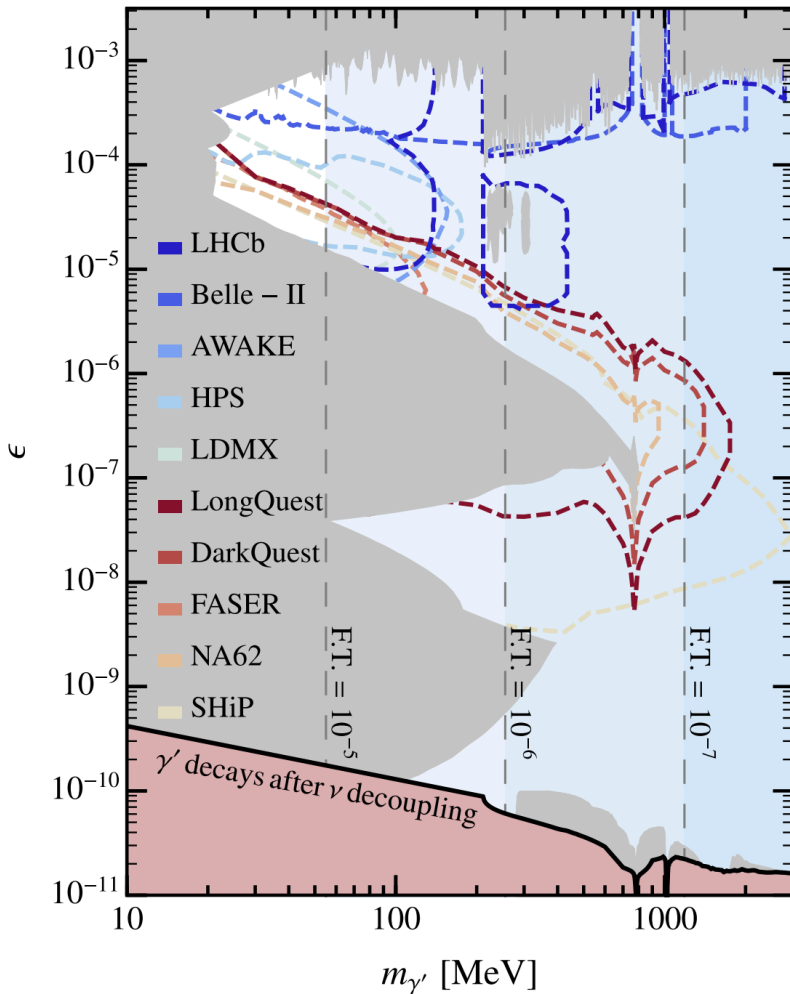
# Decays to Dark Photon

- Dropped the ' now except for  $\gamma$ , but these are all dark states



- $m_{ADM} = m_B \sim m_Q \sim 5 m_P \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Lambda \sim m_\pi > 2 m_{\gamma'}$   
(assuming the dark neutral pion  $\pi (u\bar{u})$  decays to two dark photons  $\gamma'$ )
- **The lower the mass of the dark photon is, the more likely one hits the resonance, since the mass of the dark matter is fixed to around 5 GeV**

# Dark photon for neutral pion decay



$$m_{ADM} = m_B \sim m_Q \sim 5 m_P$$

$$m_Q \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$$

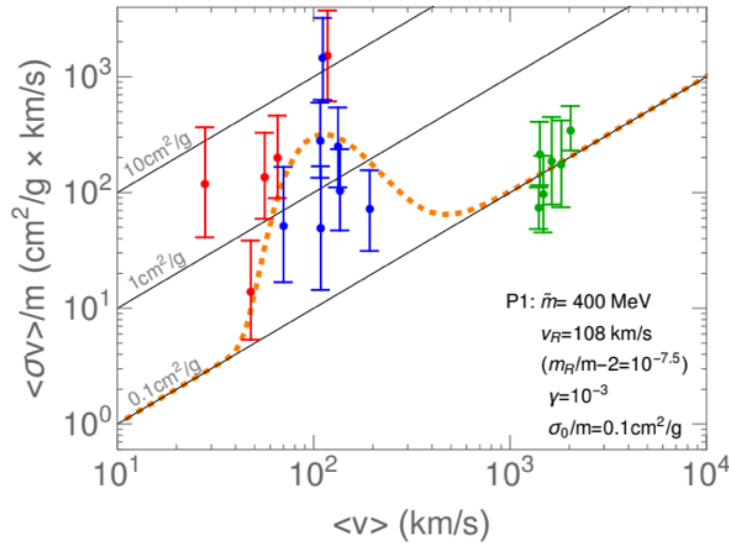
$$m_Q/\Lambda \sim 10 \text{ is desired}$$

$$\Lambda \sim m_{\pi'} > 2 m_{\gamma'}$$

(assuming the dark neutral pion  $\pi'$  ( $u\bar{u}$ ) decays to two dark photons  $\gamma'$ )

$\pi'$  ( $u\bar{u}$ ) decays to two massive dark photons

# Asymmetric Dark Matter Parameter



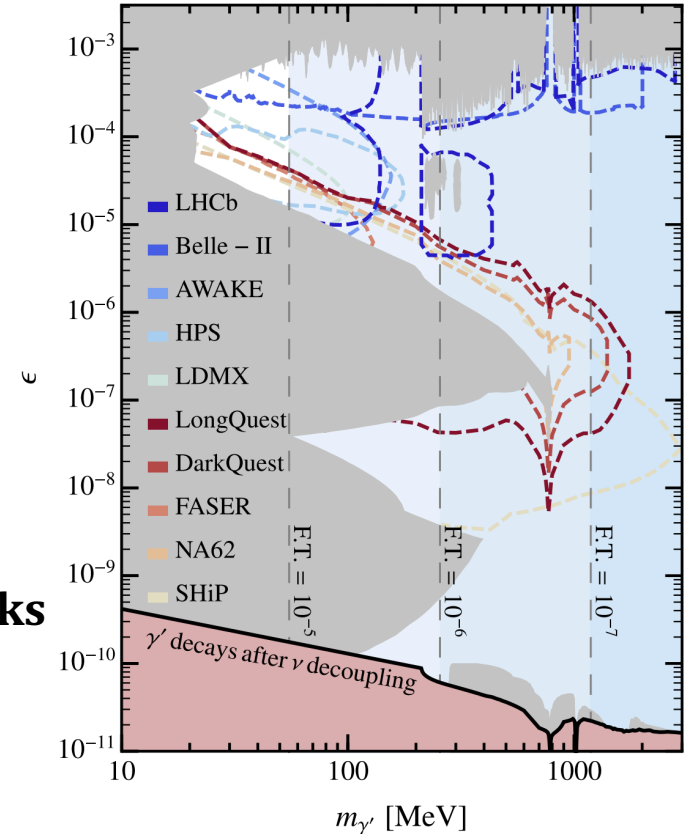
Interesting Parameter that everything works

$$m_{ADM} = m_B \sim m_Q \sim 5 m_P$$

$$g_{BD\gamma(nS)} \sim 27, \text{ (SM value, } g_{BB\gamma(4S)} \sim 25)$$

$$m_{\gamma'} \sim 100 \text{ MeV, so } m_Q/\Lambda > 50$$

$$\text{Kinetic mixing } \epsilon = 10^{-9} - 10^{-3}$$



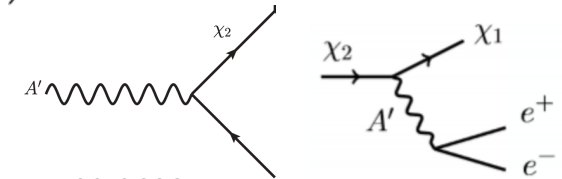
# Inelastic Dark Matter

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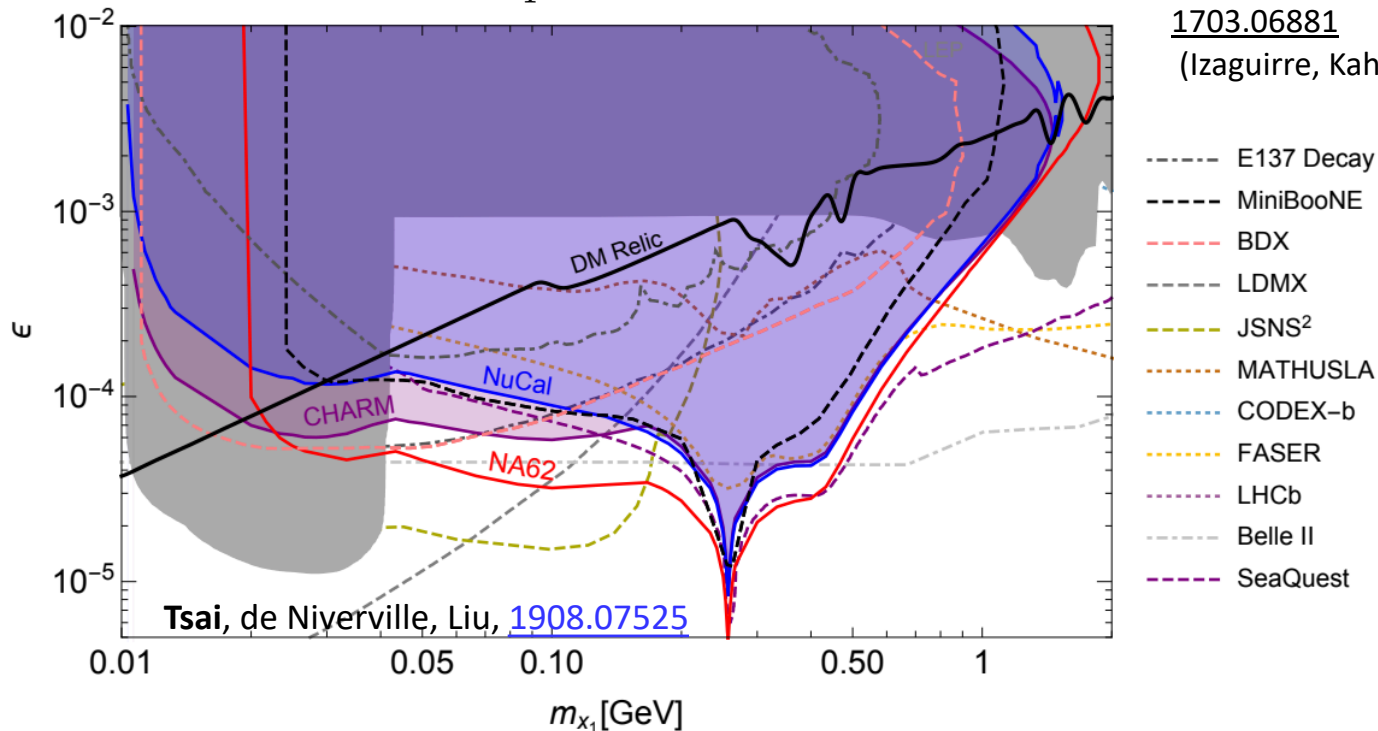
# New Bounds on Inelastic Dark Matter

Inelastic Dark Matter:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{i=1,2} \bar{\chi}_i (i\not{\partial} - m_{\chi_i}) \chi_i - (g_D A'_\mu \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + \text{h.c.})$ .

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1}, \quad g_D \equiv \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_D}$$



[1703.06881](#)  
(Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella),



(e) Compilation of relevant constraints and sensitivity projections for iDM with  $\alpha_D = 0.1$  and  $\Delta = 0.1$ .  $m_{A'}/m_{\chi_1} = 3$ .

[Tsai, de Niverville, Liu, 1908.07525](#)

See, Duerr, Ferber, Hearty, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg, Tunney, 1911.03176, for Belle II update



# Looking Ahead

- Exploring **New Physics where High Energy meets High Intensity**
- **Cosmology-driven models: relaxions, baryogenesis models**
- **Naturalness-motivated models, quirks, KOTO-related models**
- Near-future (and almost free) opportunity  
(**NuMI Facility, SBN program, DUNE Near Detector**, etc.)
- Other new **low-cost alternatives/proposals (~ \$1M)** to probe exotic stable particles (**FerMINI, FORMOSA**) and new forces (**LongQuest**)
- **Dark sectors in neutrino observatories**
- **New exciting searches for dark matter**

- General Collider Beam-dumps
- ILC Beam-Dump / Forward Exp

Thank You!  
Thank for the Invitation!

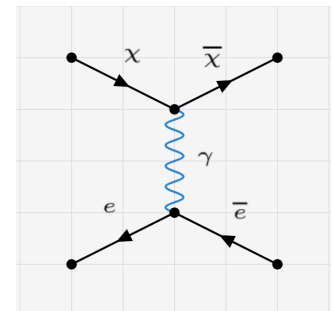
Yu-Dai Tsai, Fermilab, '20

# MCP Detection: Electron Scattering

- $Q^2$  is the squared 4-momentum transfer.
- lab frame:  $Q^2 = 2m_e (E_e - m_e)$ ,  $E_e - m_e$  is the electron recoil energy.
- Expressed in **recoil energy threshold**,  $E_e^{(min)}$ , we have

$$\sigma_{e\chi} \simeq 2.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{cm}^2 \times \epsilon^2 \times \frac{1 \text{ MeV}}{E_e^{(min)} - m_e}.$$

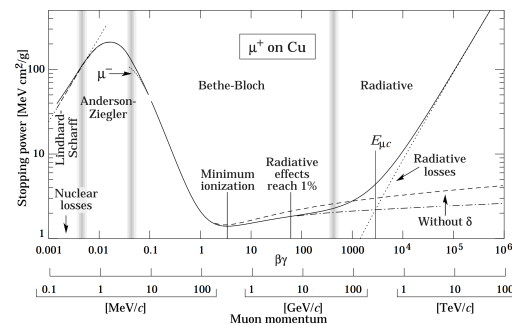
- Sensitivity greatly enhanced by accurately **measuring low energy electron recoils for MCP's & light-mediator scattering**



# MCP Detection: Ionization

- Want very low momentum transfer: **ionization and scintillation signature**
- Signature proportional to **- dE/dx of the MCP, referred to as energy loss/stopping power**
- Can be approximated with the Bethe-Bloch Formula (various modified versions and detailed considerations.)

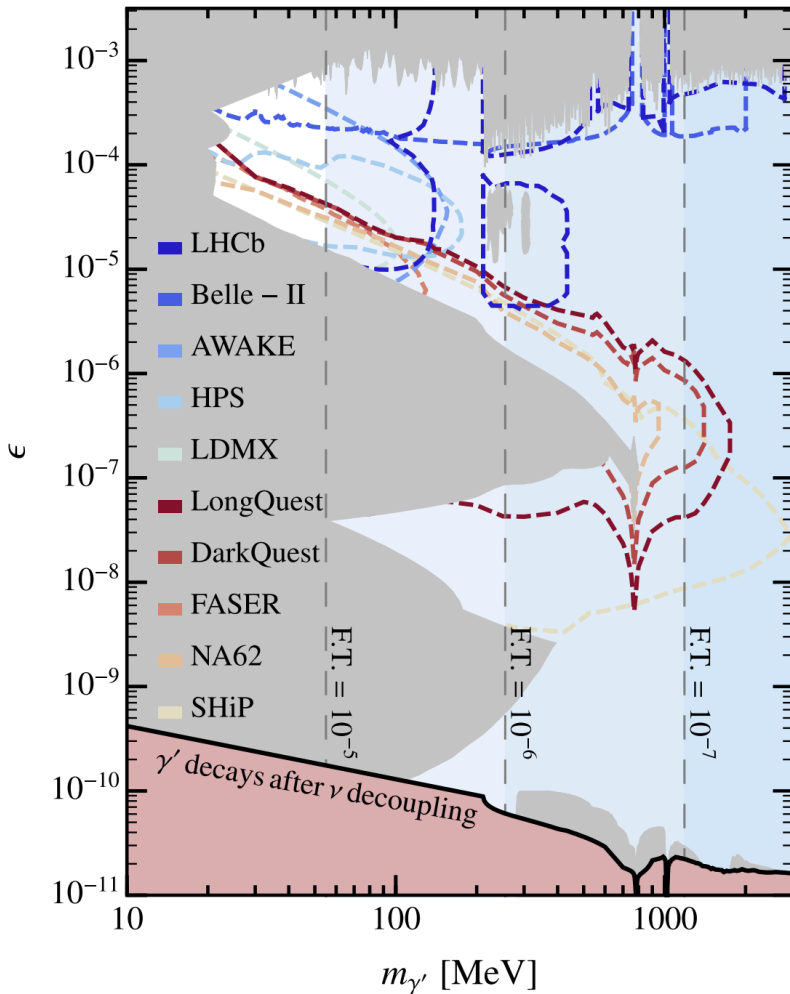
$$\left\langle -\frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle \propto \epsilon^2.$$



intentionally make the plot small so we don't get into too much details of this.

<http://pdg.lbl.gov/2020/reviews>

# Dark photon for neutral pion decay



$$m_{ADM} = m_B \sim m_Q \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$$

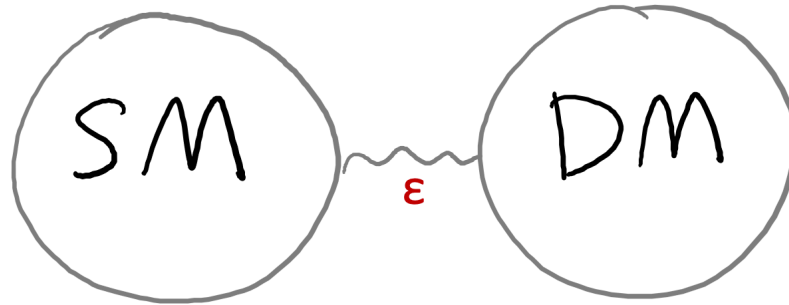
$$\Lambda \sim m_{\pi'} > 2 m_{\gamma'}$$

(assuming the dark neutral pion  $\pi'$  ( $u \bar{u}$ ) decays to two dark photons  $\gamma'$ )

$$\Lambda \approx m_Q \left( \frac{3e\Delta}{4\text{F.T.}} \right)^{2/3} \sim m_p \frac{\Omega_{DM}}{\Omega_{B,SM}} \left( \frac{3e\Delta}{4\text{F.T.}} \right)^{2/3}.$$

$\pi'$  ( $u\bar{u}$ ) decays to two massive dark photons

# The Rise of Dark Sector: Sub-GeV DM



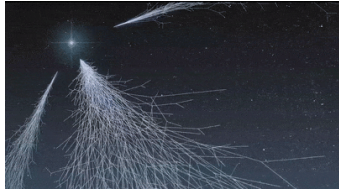
- The **Lee-Weinberg bound** (1977'): **below  $\sim 2$  GeV**, DM freeze-out through weak-Interaction (e.g. through Z-boson) would overclose the Universe.
- Could consider ways to get around this but generally **sub-GeV DM needs BSM mediators** to freeze-out to proper relic abundance.
- Mediator is needed for a proper freeze-out: the rise of “dark sector” (DM + mediators + stuffs).
- Another motivation to consider dark sector other than anomalies

# Cosmic-Ray Production & Neutrino Observatories

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# MCP in Neutrino Observatories



by Chantelauze, Staffi, and Bret

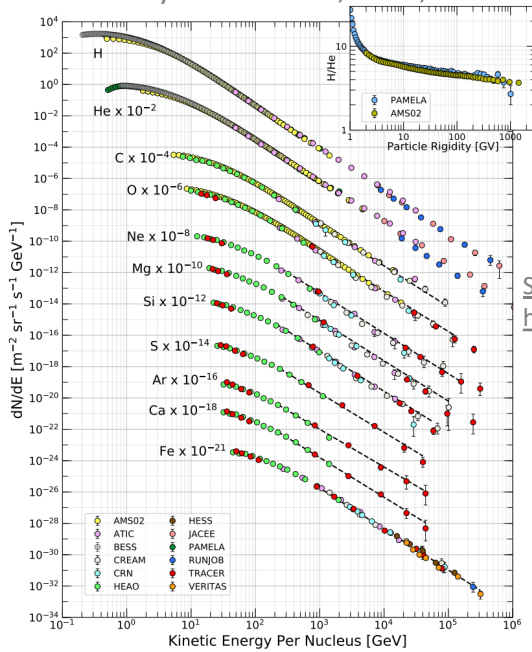
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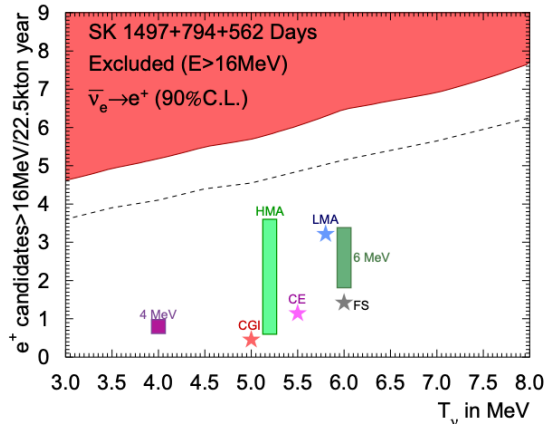
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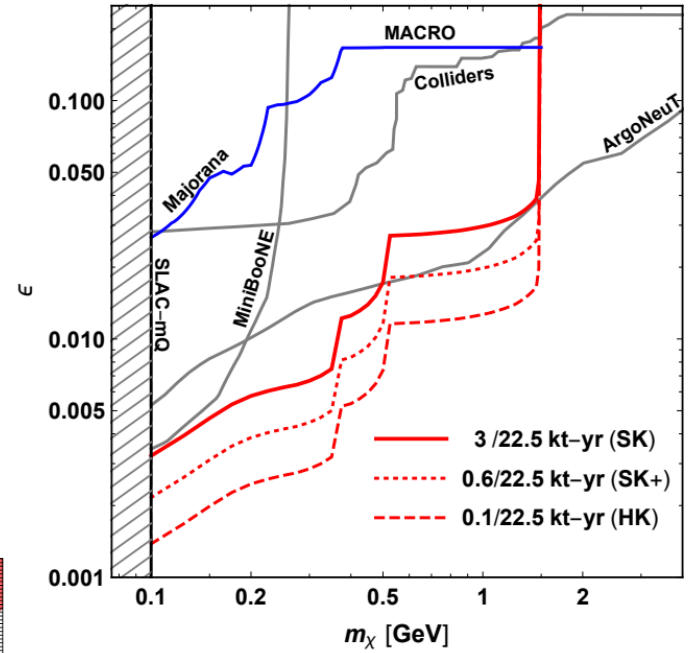


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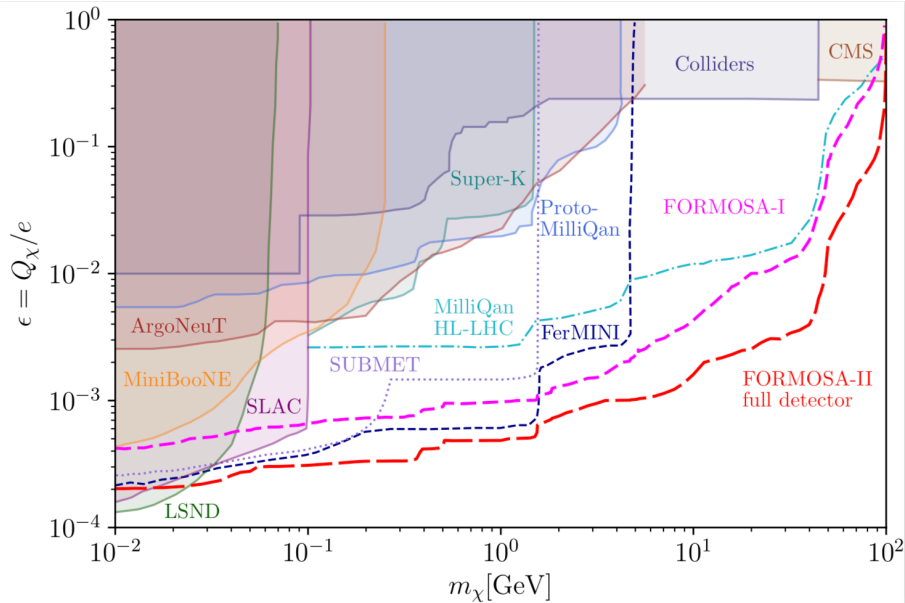
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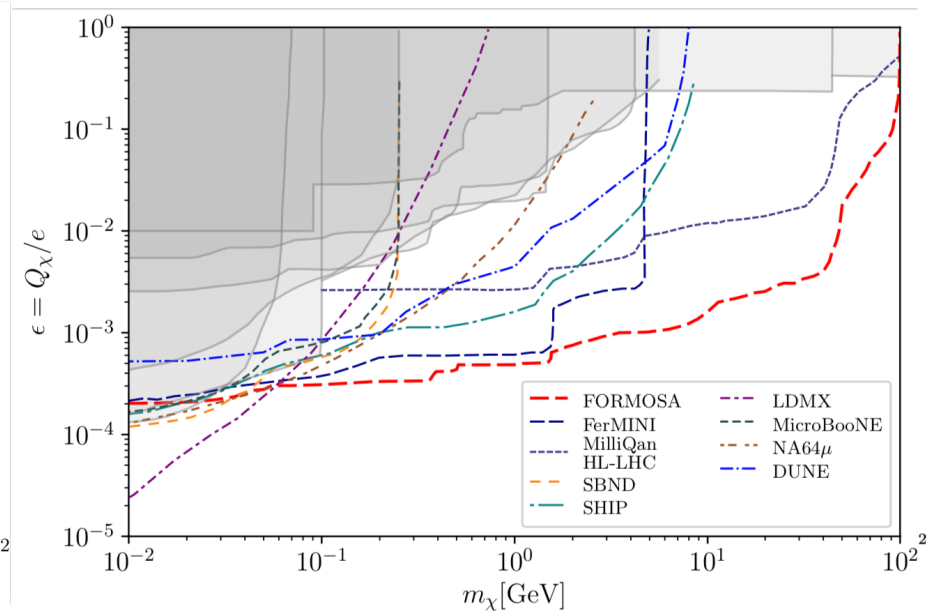


2002.11732 (Plestid, Takhistov, Tsai, Bringmann, Kusenko, Pospelov, '20)

# Compilation of MCP Probes



(a) Existing bounds and MCP dedicated experiments



(b) Comparison of future projections

LOI Update: [link](#)

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# Advantages of FerMINI-type experiments

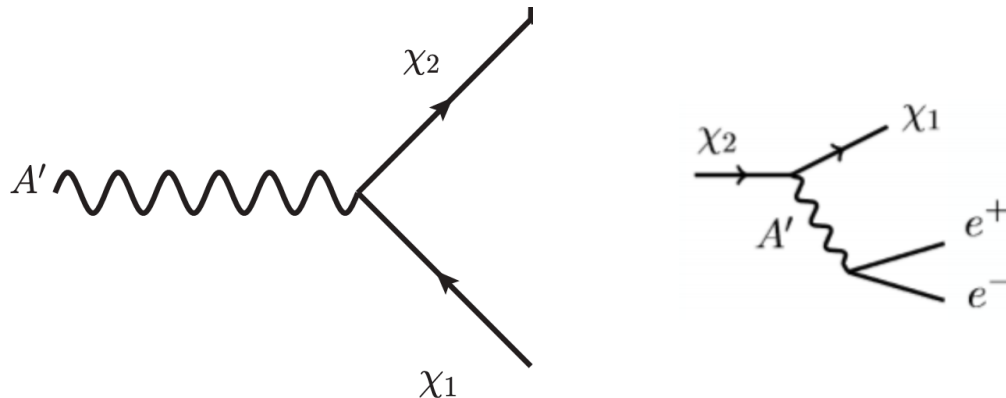
1. **LHC entering long shutdown**
2. **NuMI operating**, shutting down in 5 years  
**(DO IT NOW! Fermilab! USA!)**
3. Broadening the physics case for fixed-target facilities
4. **DUNE near detector design** still underway
5. Can develop at NuMI/MINOS and then move to DUNE
6. **Sensitivity better than milliQan for MCP up to 5 GeV** and don't have to wait for HL-LHC
7. **Timeliness, Low-cost, Movable, Tested, Easy to Implement,**
8. Synergy between **dark matter, neutrino, and collider** community.  
(contact [ytsai@fnal.gov](mailto:ytsai@fnal.gov))

# Inelastic Dark Matter

- One of the few viable **MeV – GeV thermal dark matter candidates**
- A “**thermal target**” for DM searches
- Can **explain g-2** and **freeze-out to the right relic DM abundance**
- Smith, Weiner, arXiv:0101138

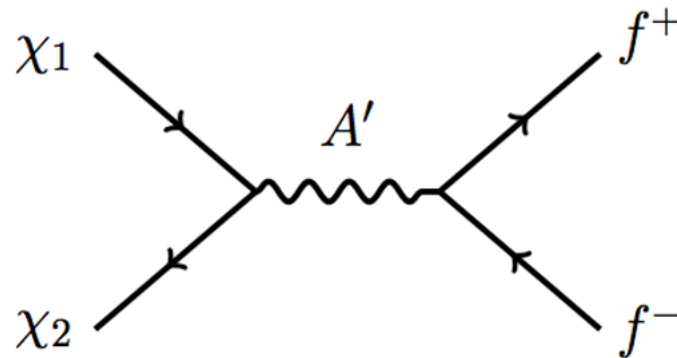
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{i=1,2} \bar{\chi}_i (i\not{\partial} - m_{\chi_i}) \chi_i - (g_D A'_\mu \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + \text{h.c.}).$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1}. \quad g_D \equiv \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_D}. \quad m_{A'} > m_{\chi_1} + m_{\chi_2}.$$



1703.06881 (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella)

# Inelastic Dark Matter (iDM)



- Suppressed at the CMB epoch
- [1703.06881](#) (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella)
- Co-annihilation freeze out to right relic abundance but **avoid CMB constraints**
- Considered **thermal targets** for newly proposed experiments

$$m_1 \sim \frac{\epsilon (\alpha_D \alpha_{\text{em}} T_{\text{eq}} m_{\text{pl}})^{1/2}}{(m_{A'}/m_1)^2} e^{-x_f \Delta/2},$$

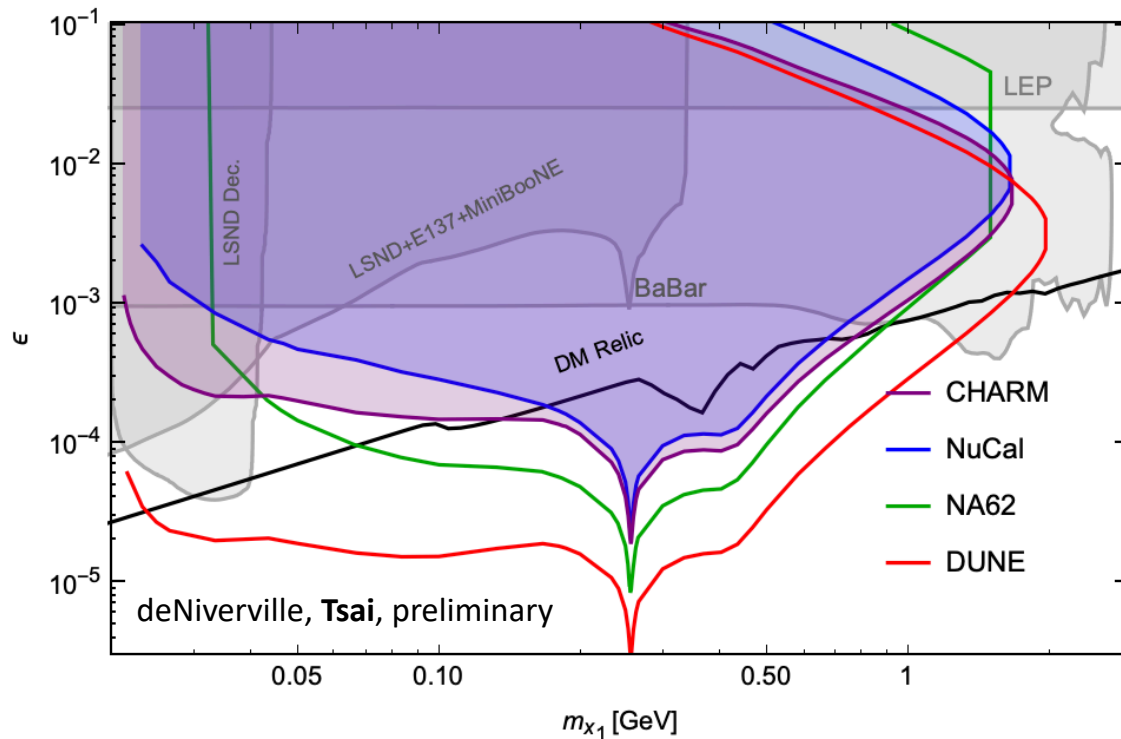
# iDM in Fixed-Target and Collider

- Collider: 1508.03050 (Izaguirre, Krnjaic, Shuve)
- Fixed target:
  - 1703.06881 (**FT**: Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella),
  - 1804.00661 (**SeaQuest**: Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro)
  - 1902.05075 (**g-2**: Mohlabeng)
  - 1908.07525 (**Strong bounds**: Tsai, de Niverville, Liu)

# New Bounds on Inelastic Dark Matter

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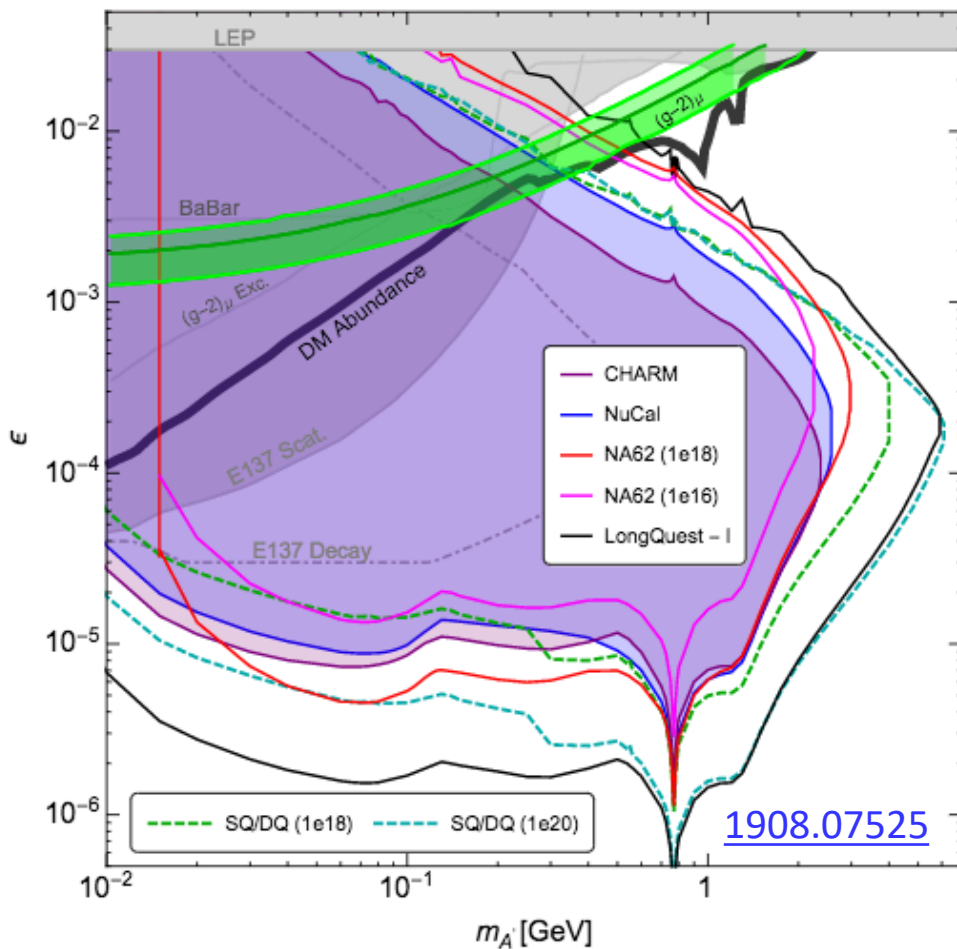
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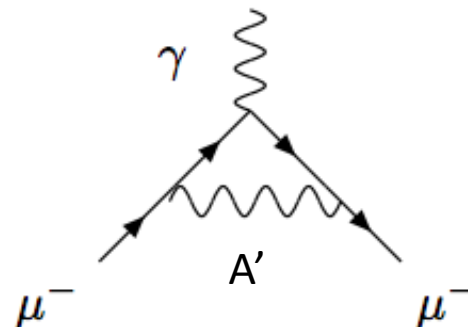
- $m_{A'}/m_{\chi_1} = 3$ ,
- $\Delta = 0.05$ ,
- $\alpha_D = 0.5$

DUNE preliminary results by deNiverville & Tsai,

# Inelastic Dark Matter & Muon $g-2$ explainer



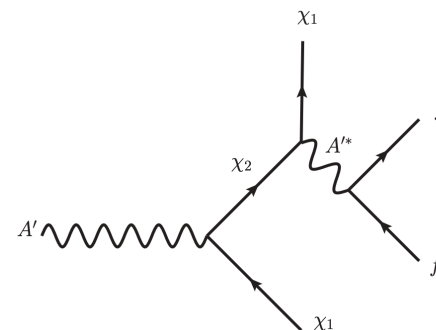
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See, e.g., Fayet, 2007 (hep-ph/0702176)

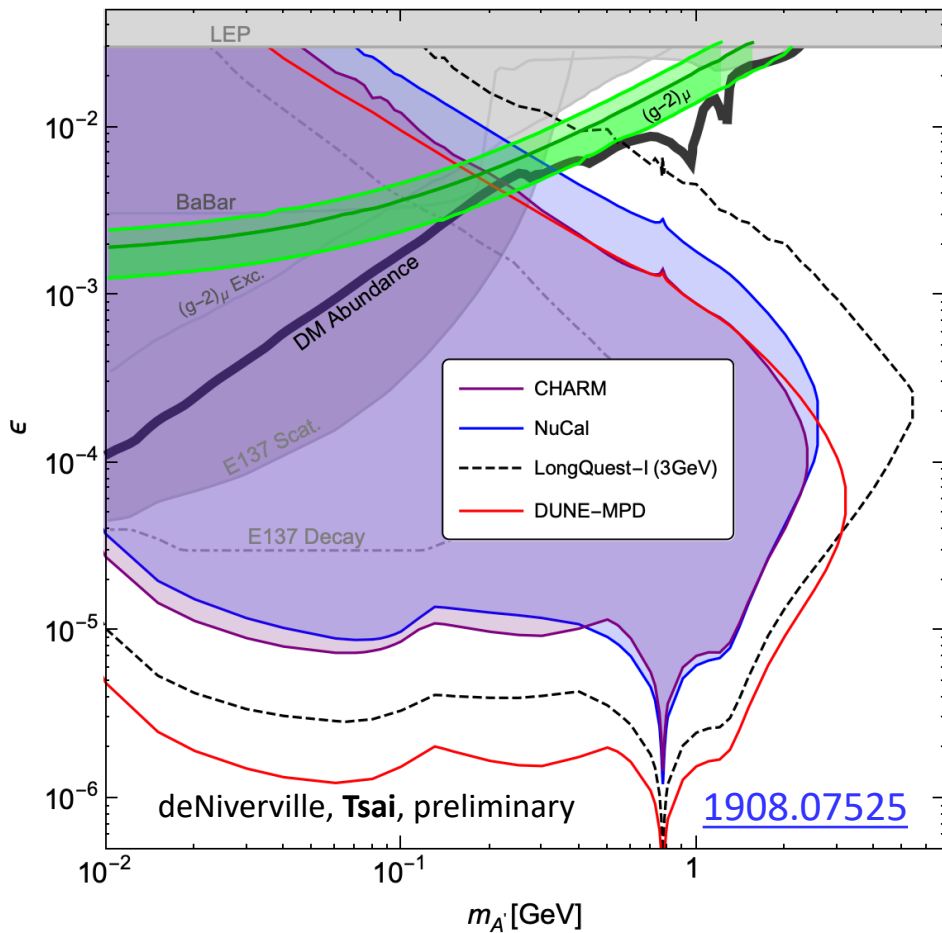
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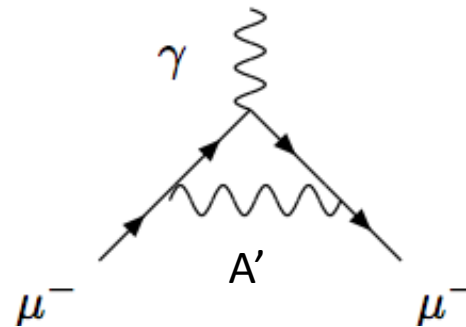
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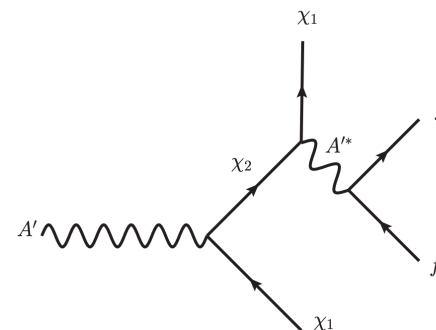
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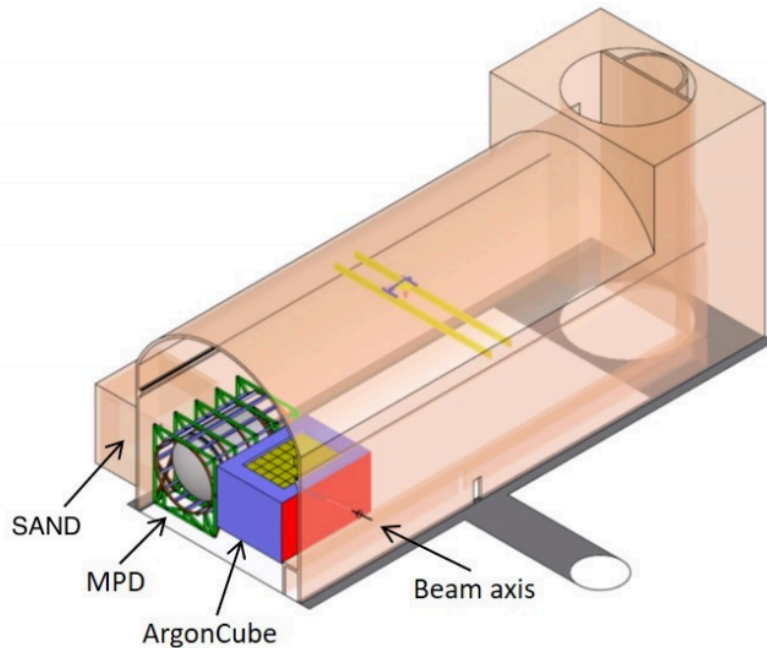
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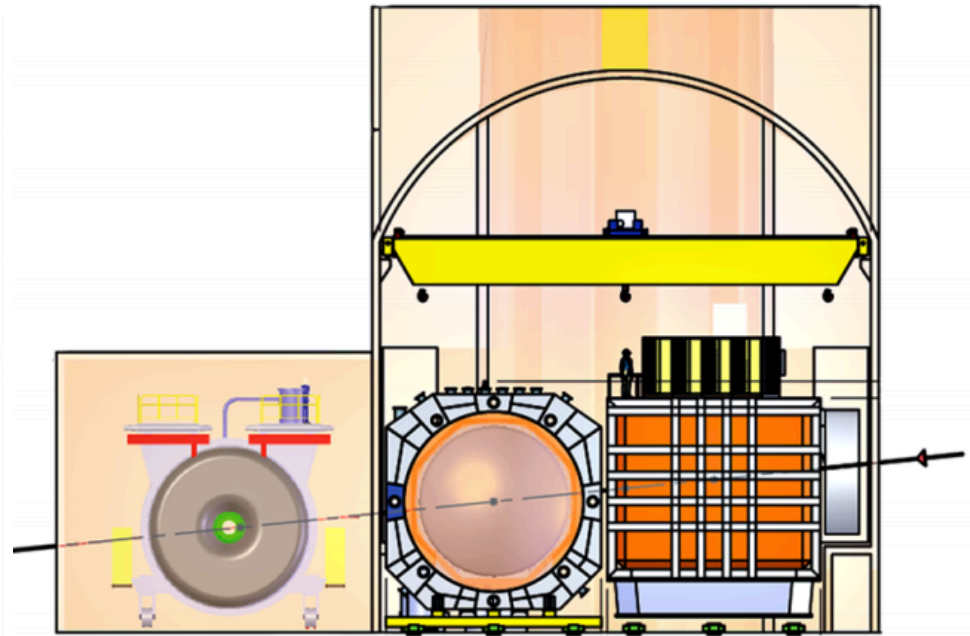


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# DUNE Near Detector Complex



[arXiv:2002.02967](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.02967), DUNE TDR V - I



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- [1912.07622](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.07622) (Berryman, Gouvêa, Fox, Kayser, Kelly, Raaf)
- New scattering + decay studies  
(De Niverville, De Roeck, Petrillo, **Tsai**, Tsai, in preparation)

# FerMINI Collaboration (BRN proposal)



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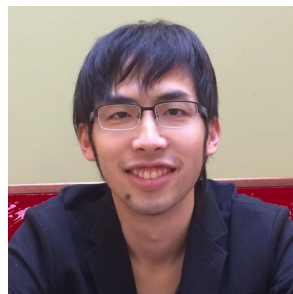
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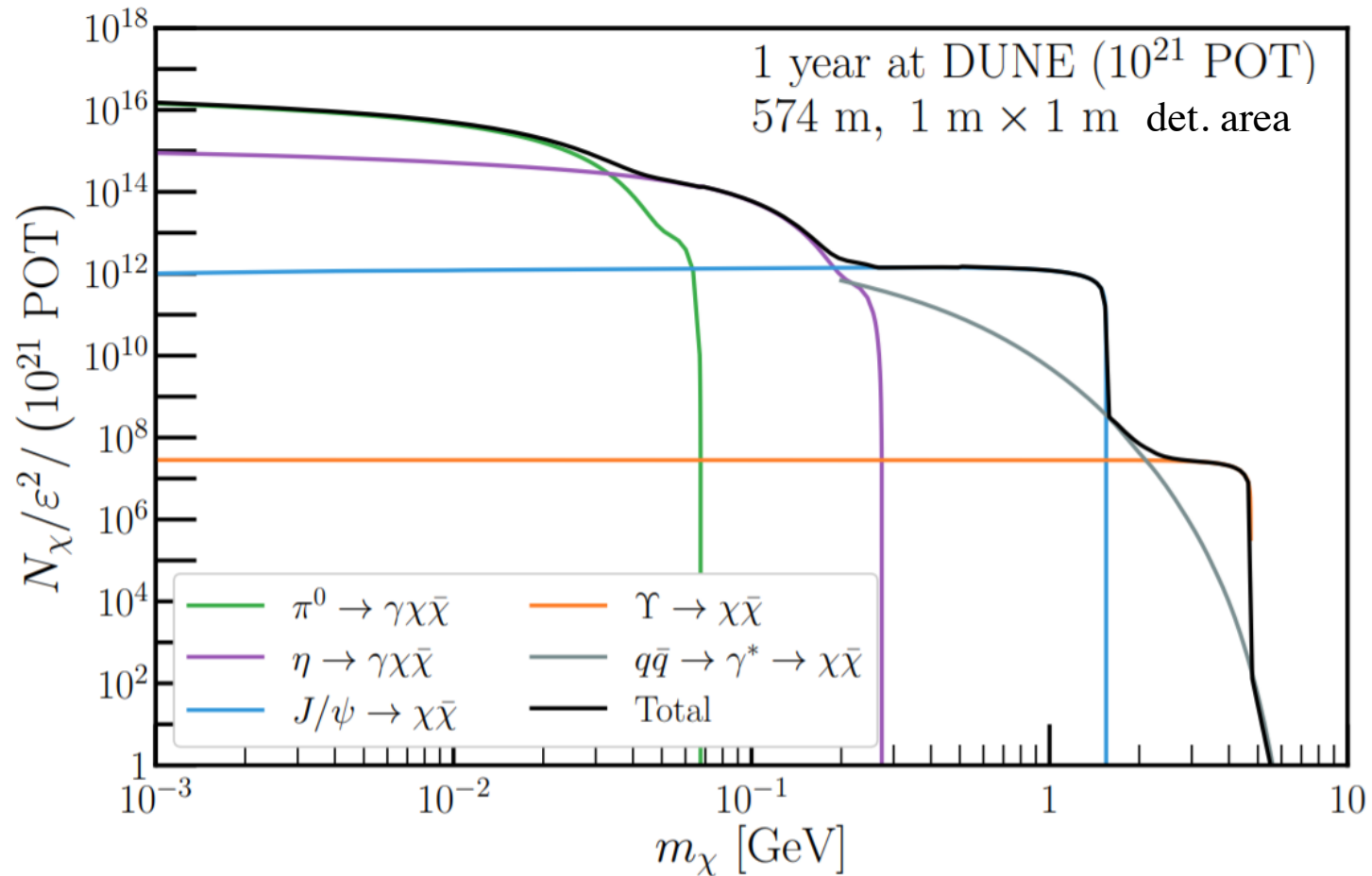
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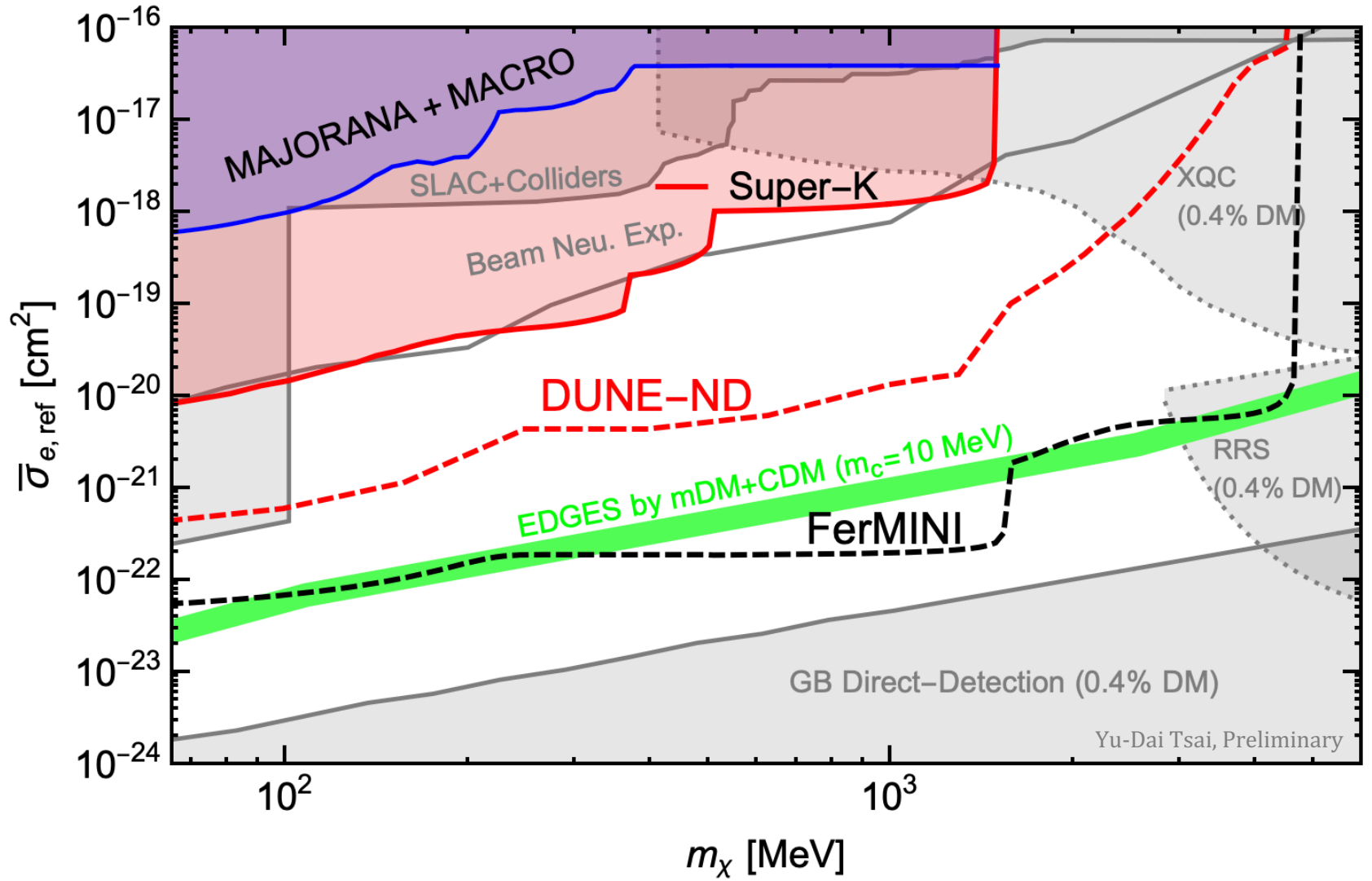


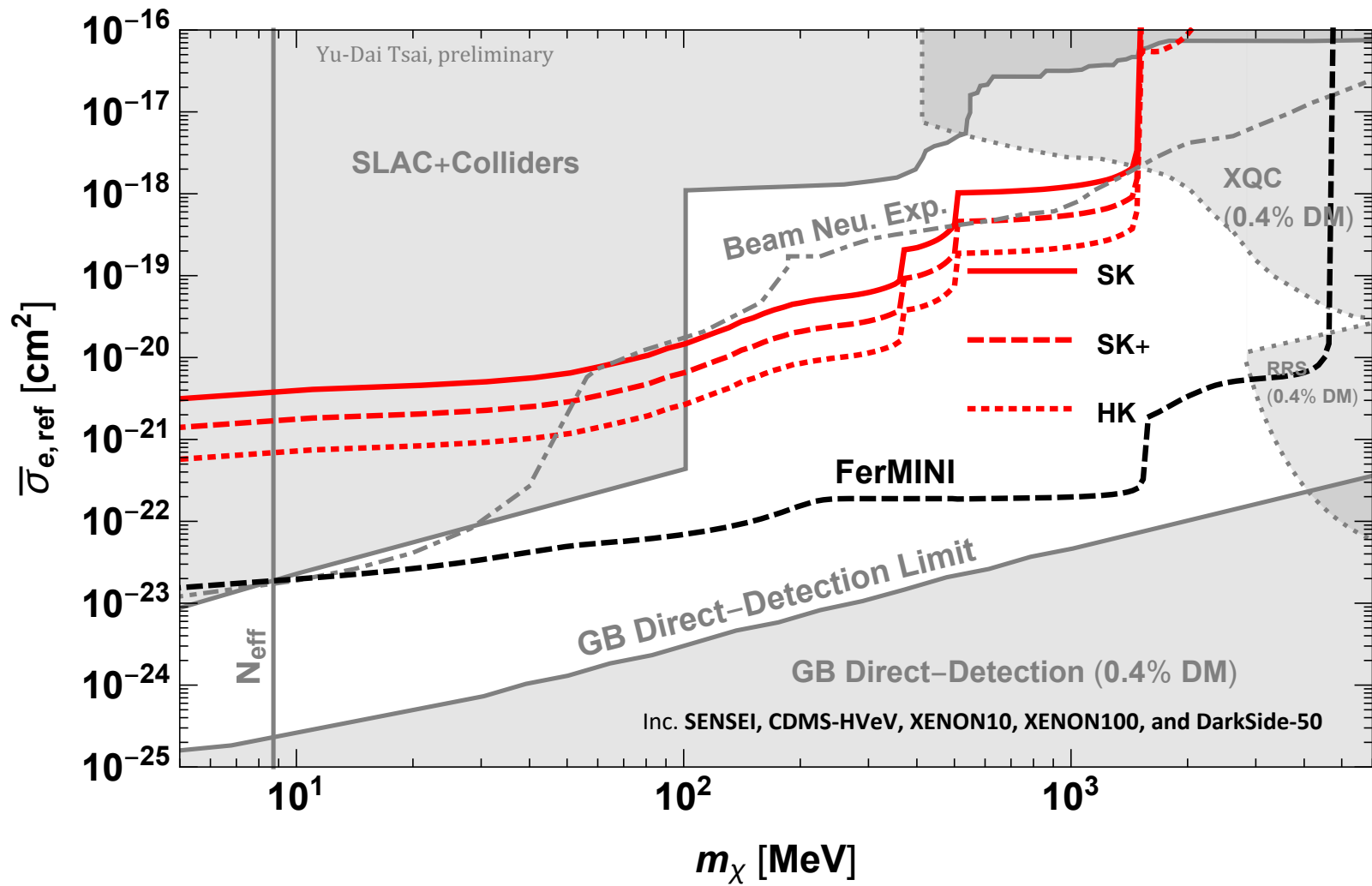
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# MCP Production/Flux

120 GeV proton beam on target (graphite)







# Photoelectrons (PE) from Scintillation

- The averaged number of photoelectron (PE) seen by the detector from single MCP is:

$$N_{PE} \propto \left\langle -\frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle \times l_{scint}, \quad \left\langle -\frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle \propto \epsilon^2.$$

$\langle dE/dx \rangle$  is the "mass stopping power" (PDG 2018)

One can use modified **Bethe-Bloch Formula** to get an approximation

- $N_{PE} \sim \epsilon^2 \times 10^6$  for **1 - meter plastic scintillation bar**
- $\epsilon \sim 10^{-3}$  roughly gives one PE



# Signature: Triple Coincidence

- Based on Poisson distribution, zero event in each bar correspond to

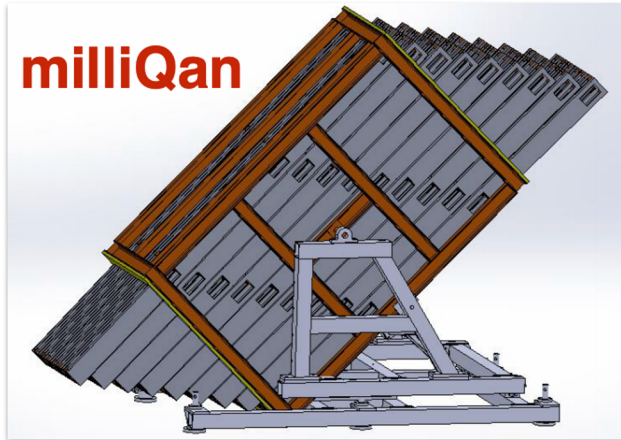
$P_0 = e^{-N_{PE}}$ , so the probability of seeing triple incident of one or more photoelectrons is:

$$P = (1 - e^{-N_{PE}})^3$$

- $N_{x,detector} = N_x$  (going through detector)  $\times P$ .

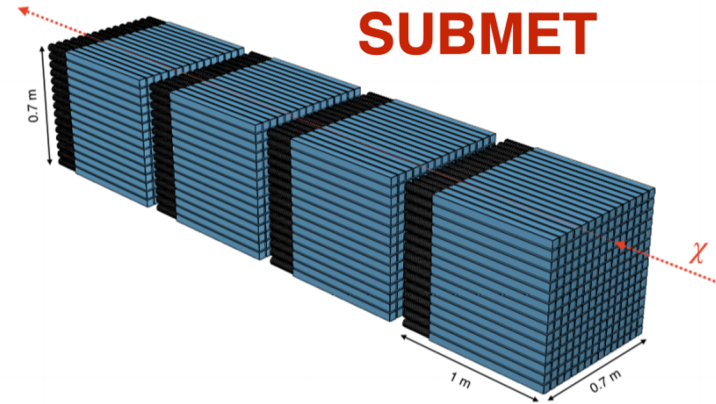


# Scintillation based detection



**LHC** with sensitivity for  $m < \sim 45$  GeV

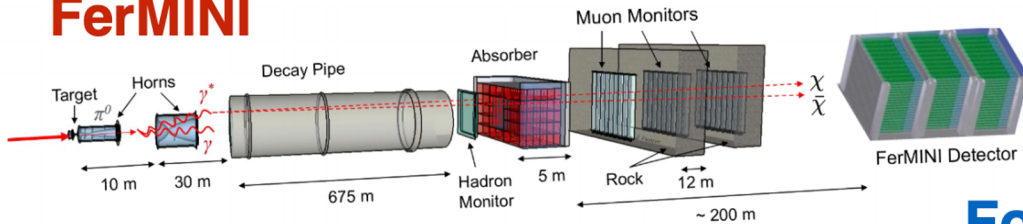
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**J-PARC** with sensitivity for  $m < \sim 1.5$  GeV

[2007.06329](#)

## FerMINI



**Fermilab** with sensitivity for  $m < \sim 5$  GeV

[1812.03998](#)

**Range of detectors with complementary sensitivity**

**For milliQan: proof of concept “demonstrator” installed at CERN**

Directly from **Matthew Citron**'s talk at NF3 kickoff meeting: [link](#)

See Snowmass LOI “Sensitivity reach of scintillator-based detectors for millicharged particles” ([link](#)) 101