

Searching for rich dark sectors in the FPF through secondary production and in indirect dark matter searches

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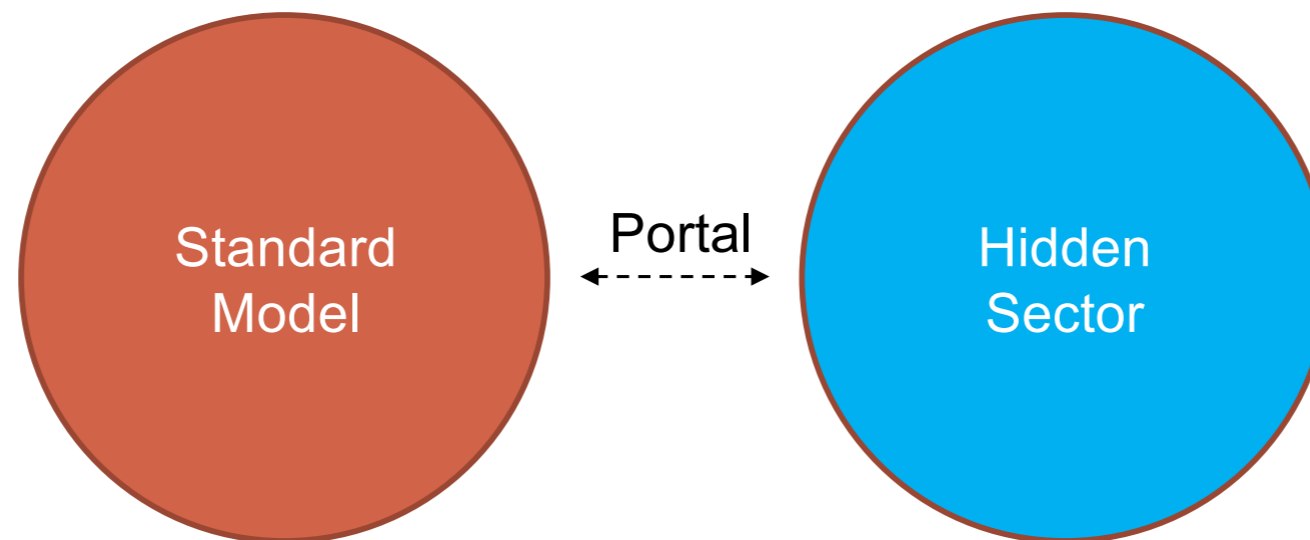
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[KJ, F. Kling, L. Roszkowski, S. Trojanowski, 1911.11346](#); [KJ, S. Trojanowski, 2011.04751](#); [KJ, L. Roszkowski, S. Trojanowski, 2112.11993](#)

Sub-GeV New Physics

- Exploring lower mass ranges while preserving basic mechanism of freeze-out
- DM freezes out while the mediator decays into SM particles

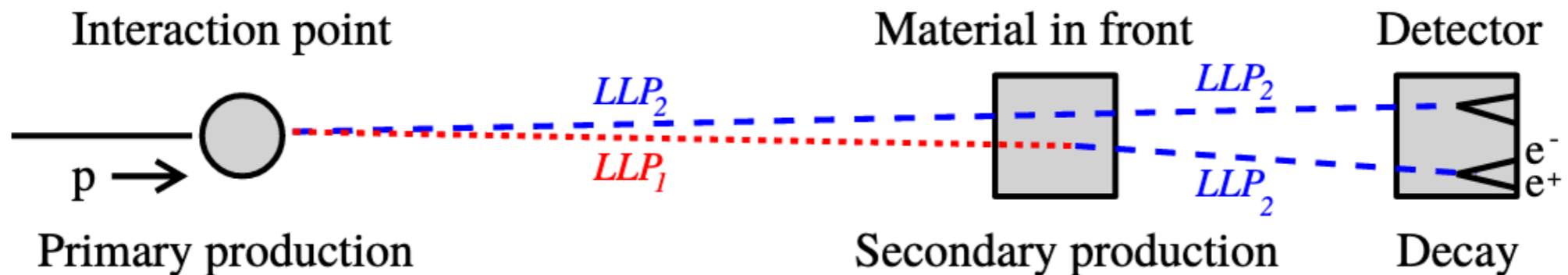


- Restricting to dimension 4 operators, there are only 3 possibilities:
 - $\mathcal{L}_{\text{vector portal}} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$
 - $\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar portal}} = \alpha_1 S H^\dagger H + \alpha S^2 H^\dagger H$
 - $\mathcal{L}_{\text{neutrino portal}} = F_\ell (\epsilon_{ab} \bar{L}_{\ell,a} H_b) N$

Secondary production of long-lived particles

Going beyond the long lifetime regime

Assume nonminimal BSM particle content featuring LLP's with $m_{\text{LLP}_2} > m_{\text{LLP}_1}$



- *Primary production* limited to a certain lifetime regime of new particles that must reach the detector before decaying

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{decay}} = \exp\left(-\frac{L_{\min}}{\bar{d}}\right) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{L_{\max} - L_{\min}}{\bar{d}}\right) \right],$$

$$N_{\text{sig}} \propto \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}^{\text{int}} \epsilon^2 e^{-L_{\min}/\bar{d}} & \text{for } \bar{d} \ll L_{\min} \\ \mathcal{L}^{\text{int}} \epsilon^2 \frac{L_{\max} - L_{\min}}{\bar{d}} & \text{for } \bar{d} \gg L_{\min} \end{cases}$$

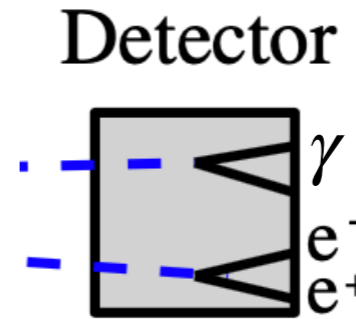
- *Secondary production:*

- Signal due to $\text{LLP}_2 \rightarrow (\text{LLP}_1 +)$ visible or $\text{LLP}_2 + e^- \rightarrow \text{LLP}_2 + e^-$

Experimental signatures of new physics

- LLP signal inside the FASER decay vessel – e^+e^- and γ

- $E_{vis} > 100$ GeV
- e^+e^- search: negligible background due to high energies of LLP's
- γ search:
 - neutrino-induced BG minimized by dedicated preshower detector
 - BG from muon-induced photons expected to be vetoed by detecting a time-coincident muon going through the detector → excess of single-photon events unaccompanied by any muon indicative of new physics



- Prompt decays of high-energy LLPs inside the ECC detector

- looking for very high-energy photons $E_\gamma > 1$ TeV or 3 TeV unaccompanied by any time-coincident muon

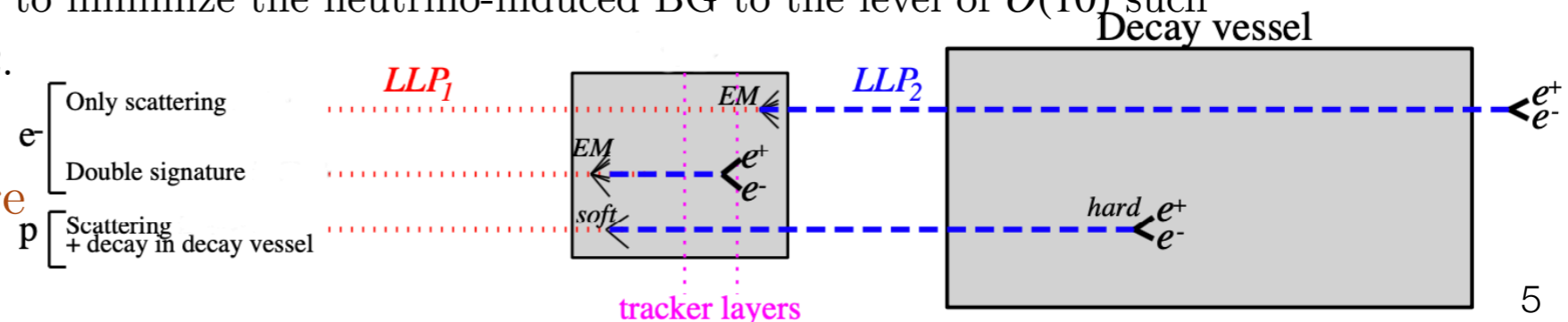
- Scattering off electrons

- new-physics-induced neutrino scatterings off electrons producing detectable electron recoils inside the neutrino detector.
- Energy and angular cuts:
 - Electron energy and angular cuts following the DM scattering signature

Batell, Feng, Trojanowski, 2101.10338

- The cuts have been designed to minimize the neutrino-induced BG to the level of $O(10)$ such expected events in FASER ν 2.

- Collinear double-bang signature



Inelastic DM

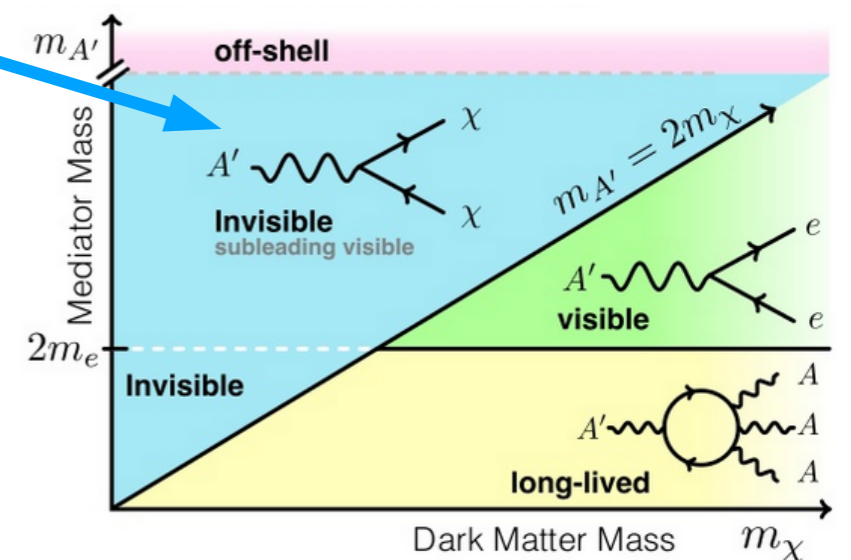
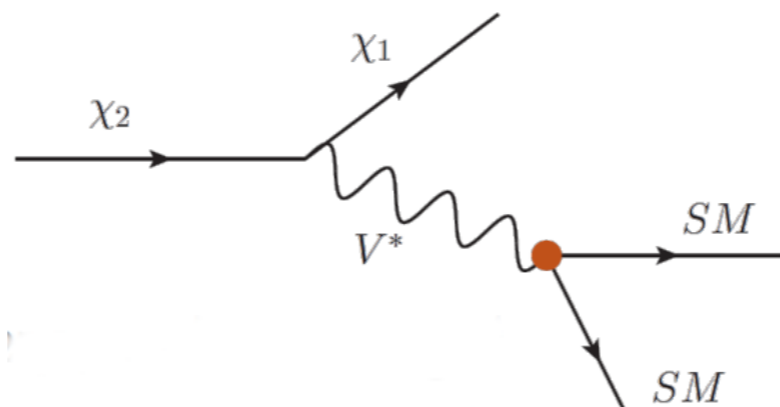
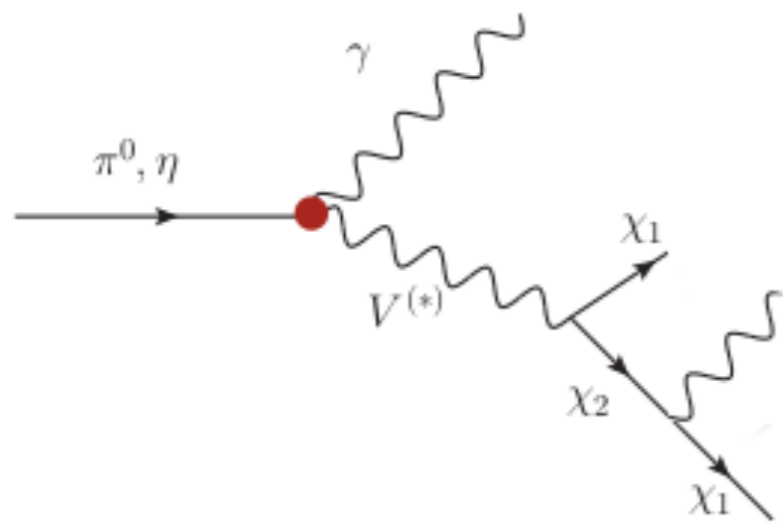
$$\mathcal{L}_{int} \supset g_{12} \bar{\chi}_2 \gamma^\mu \chi_1 X_\mu + h.c.$$

Smith, Weiner, 0101138

- Two fermions with *dominant non-diagonal* couplings to dark photon
- χ_1 is stable; relic density obtained thanks to $\chi_1 \chi_2$ (co-)annihilations
- Masses in regime where dark photon predominantly decays into χ_1 and χ_2 while dark photon is produced mainly in mesons decays

Masses leading to invisible decays

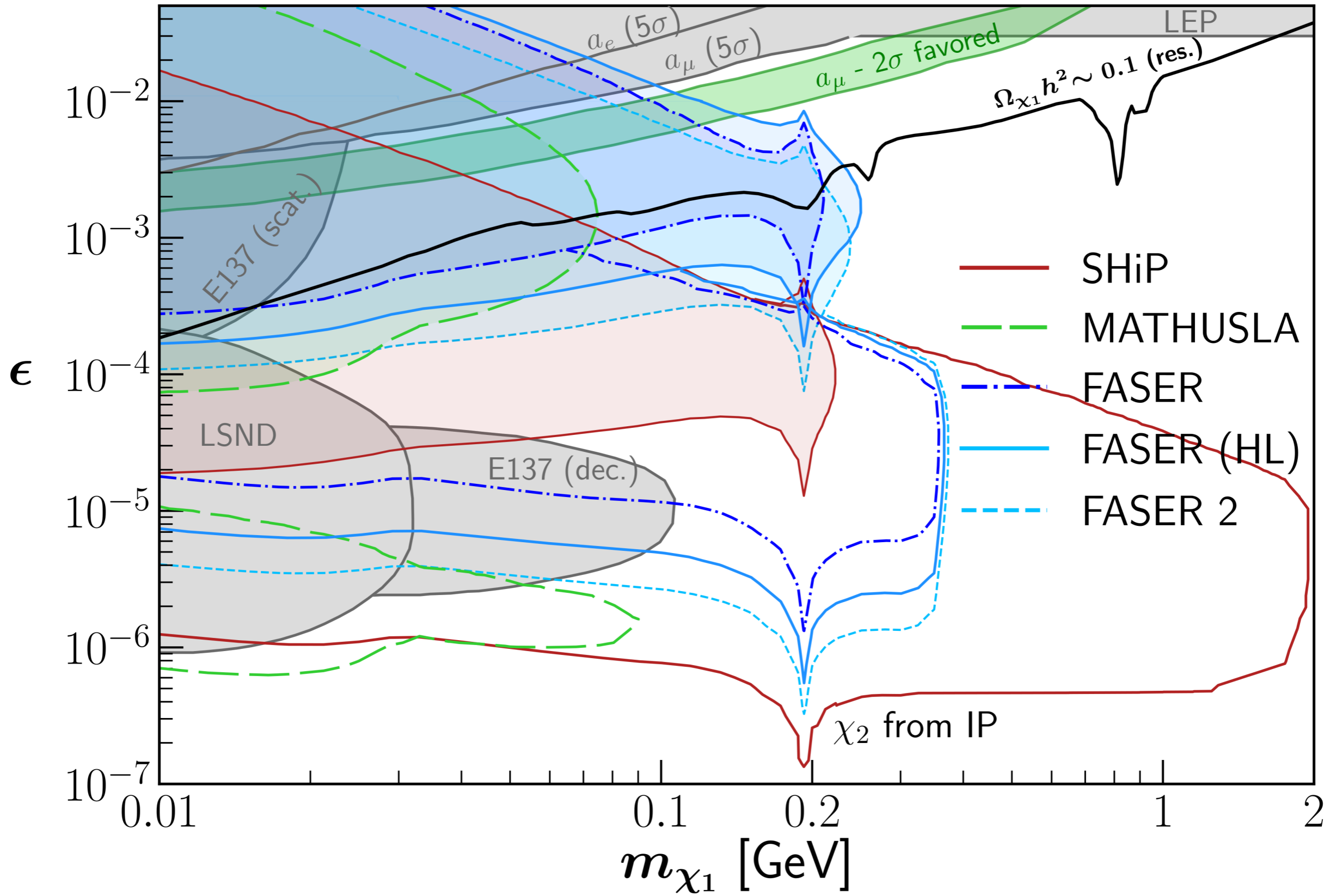
$$m_{\chi_1} : m_{\chi_2} : m_{A'} \sim 1 : 3 : 4$$



- Typical lifetime

$$c\tau_{\chi_2} \gamma \beta \propto 1\text{m} \times \left(\frac{0.1}{\alpha_D}\right) \left(\frac{5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{\epsilon}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{\Delta_\chi}\right)^5 \left(\frac{100\text{MeV}}{M_{\chi_1}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{M_V}{400\text{MeV}}\right)^4 \frac{E_{\chi_2}}{100\text{GeV}}$$

Results: iDM



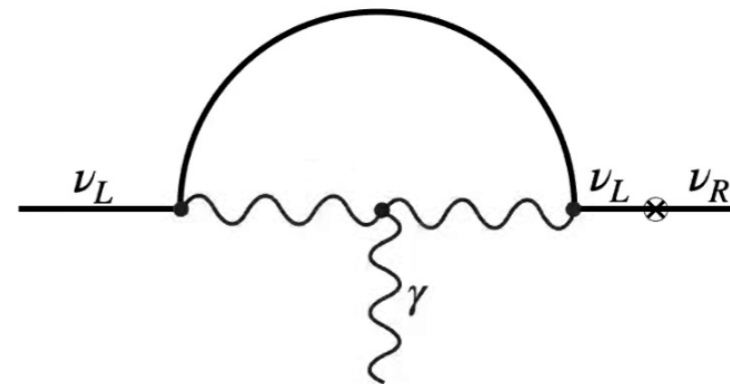
Neutrino non-standard interactions

- Neutrino magnetic moment

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \mu_N \bar{\nu}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} N_R F^{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.},$$

In SM $\mu_\nu < 10^{-19} \mu_B$, where $\mu_B \equiv \frac{\sqrt{4\pi\alpha}}{2m_e} \simeq 300 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

Petcov, Fujikawa, Shrock 1979



DM DD experiments (Xenon anomaly), neutrino experiments, cosmology/astrophysics

- Gninenko (MiniBooNE), 0902.3802, 1009.5536, 1201.5194
- Coloma, Machado, Martinez-Soler, Shoemaker (IceCube), 1707.08573
- Magill, Plestid, Pospelov, Tsai (SHiP), 1803.03262
- Shoemaker, Wyenberg (Xenon), 1811.12435
- Brdar, Greljo, Kopp, Opferkuch, 2007.15563

← Example of UV complete model based on TeV-scale leptoquarks

- Light Z_D mediator from dark gauge group $U(1)_D$ - dark neutrino model

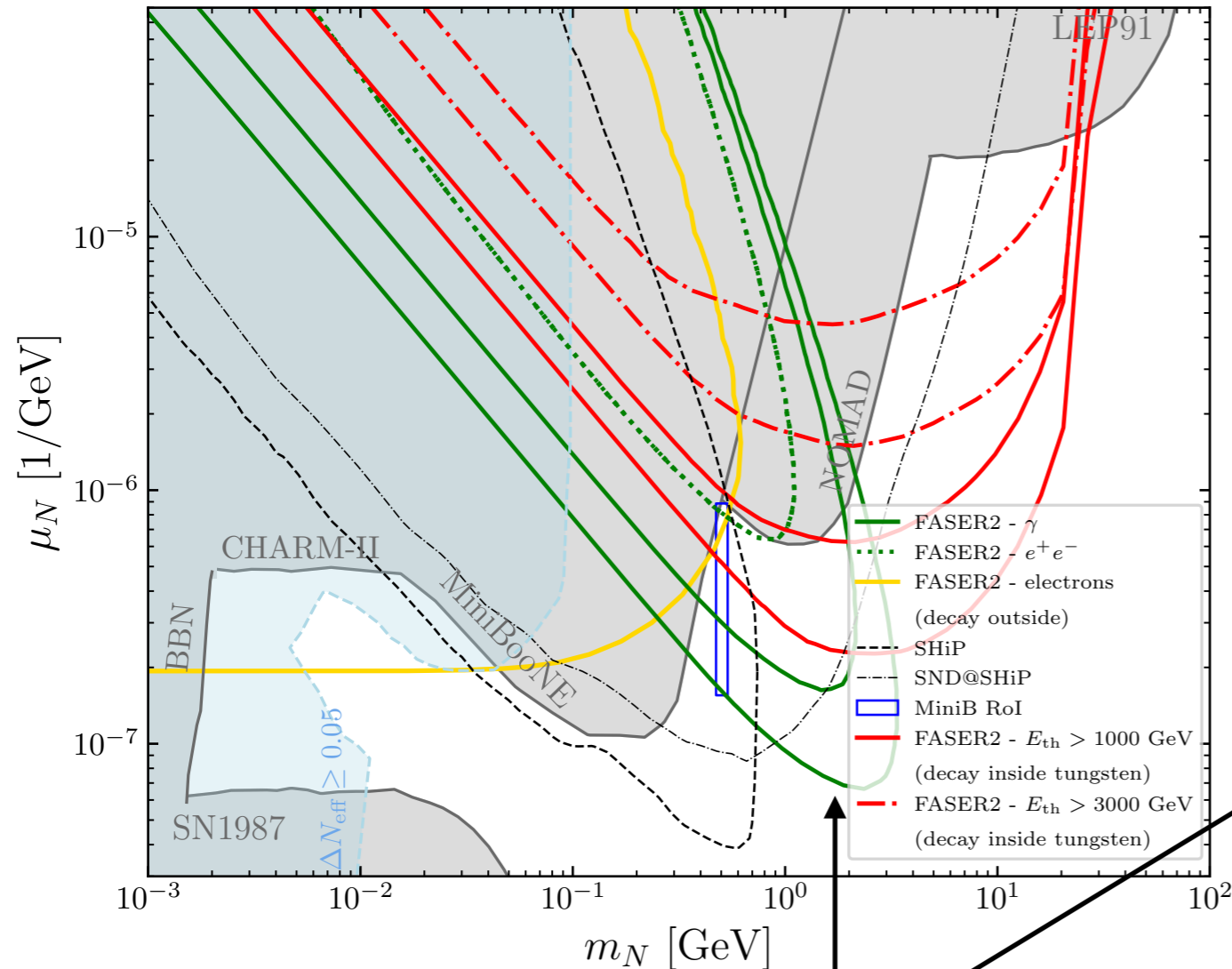
$$\mathcal{L}_D \supset \frac{m_{Z_D}^2}{2} Z_{D\mu} Z_D^\mu + g_D Z_D^\mu \bar{N} \gamma_\mu N + e \epsilon Z_D^\mu J_\mu^{\text{em}},$$

MiniBooNE Anomaly, natural light m_ν generation

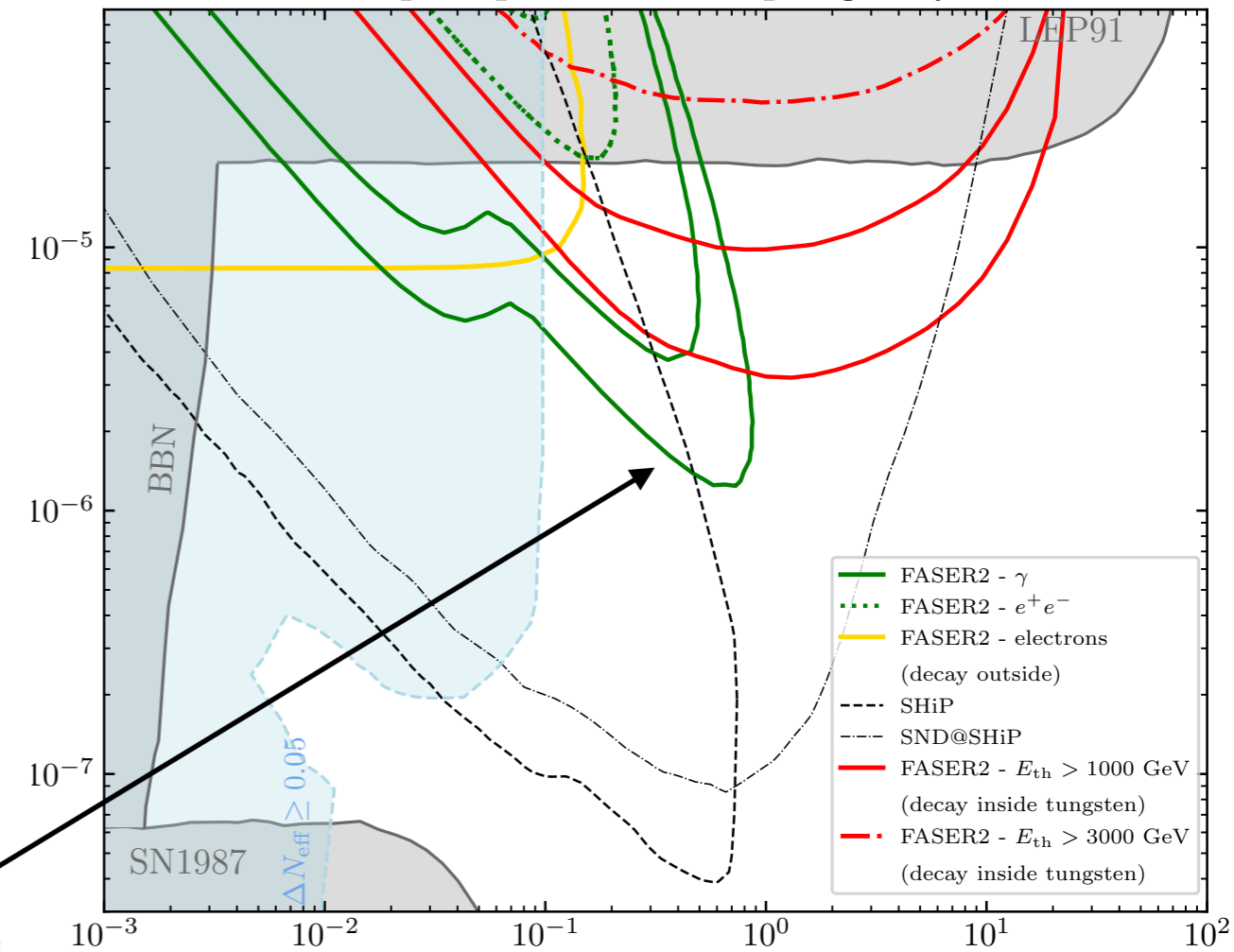
- Bertuzzo, Jana, Machado, Zukanovich Funchal 1807.09877, 1808.02500
- Argüelles, Hostert, Tsai, 1812.08768
- Ballett, Pascoli, Ross-Lonergan, 1808.02915
- Ballett, Hostert, Pascoli, 1903.07589

Neutrino magnetic moment

Dipole portal - universal coupling

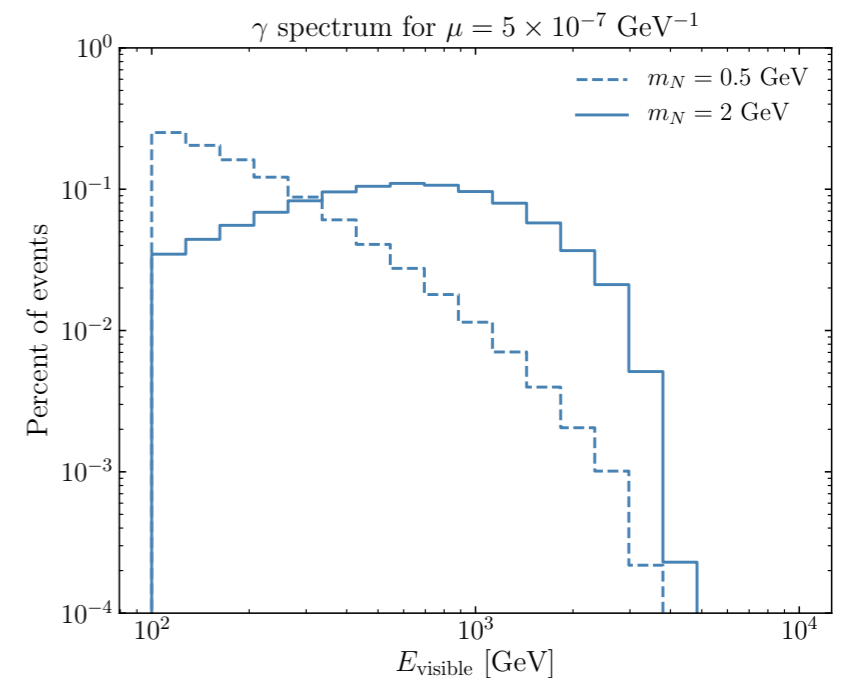


Dipole portal - τ coupling only



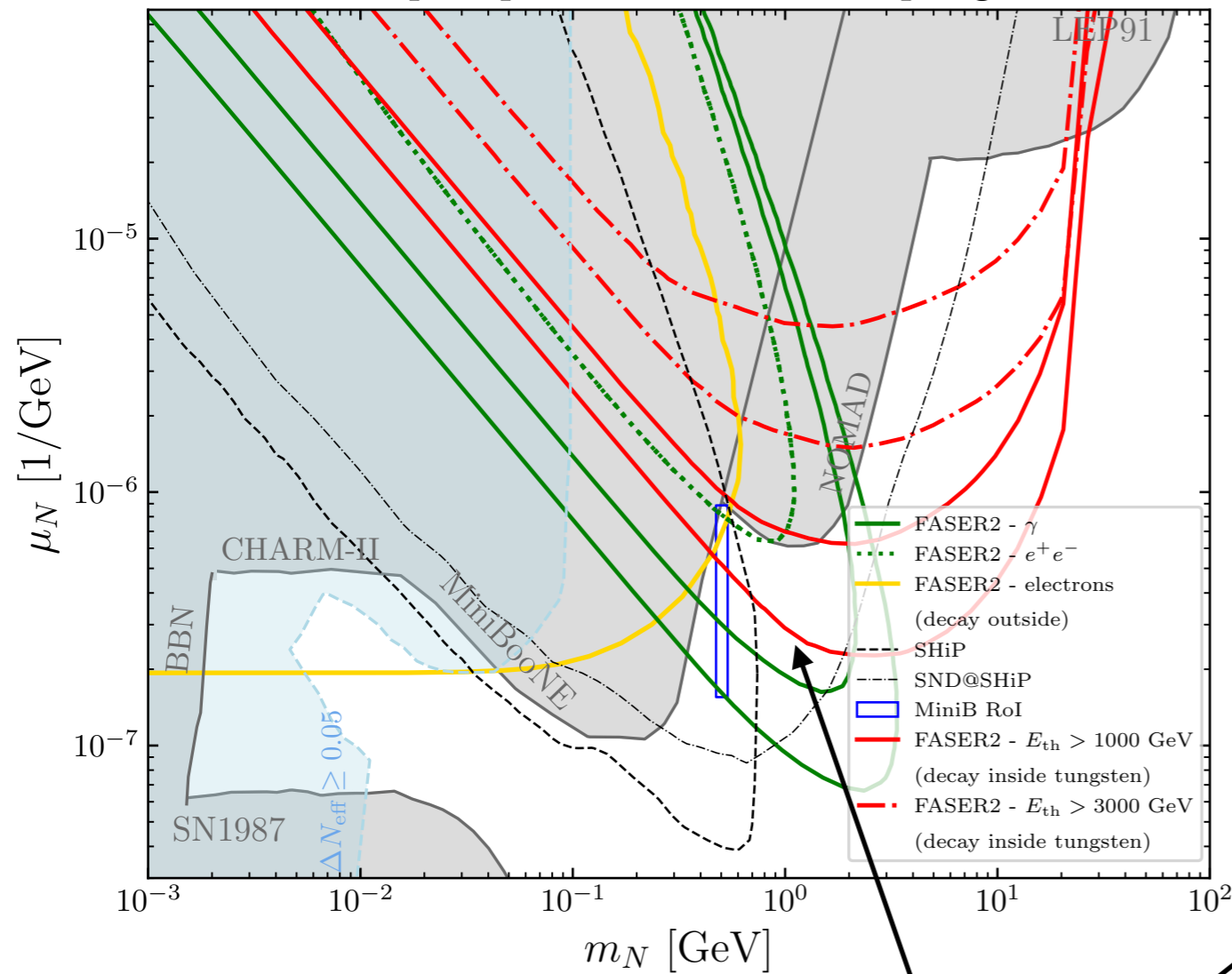
Upscattering $\nu X \rightarrow NX$ followed by LLP decay $N \rightarrow \nu\gamma$

Spectrum of high-energy photons in the decay vessel

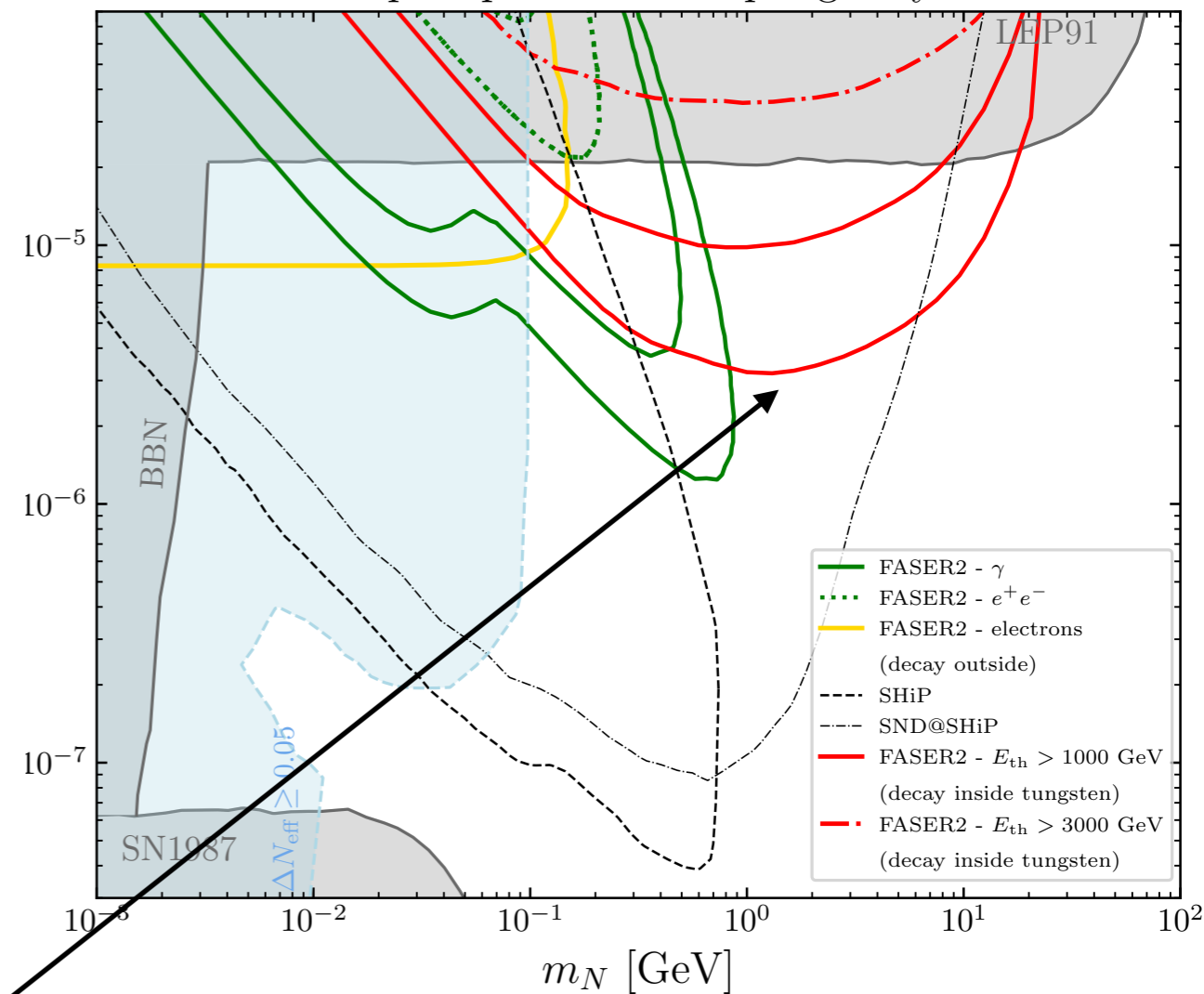


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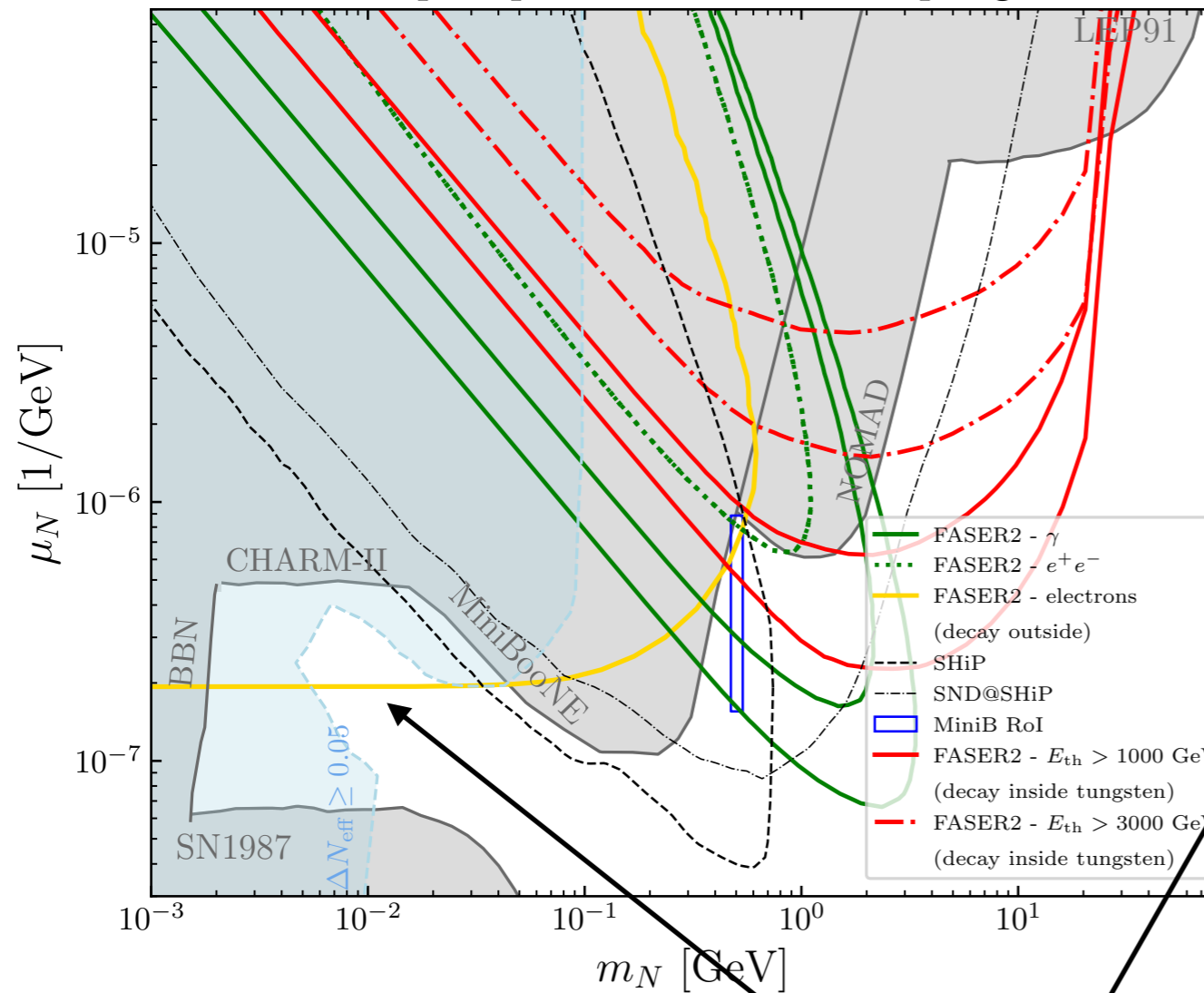
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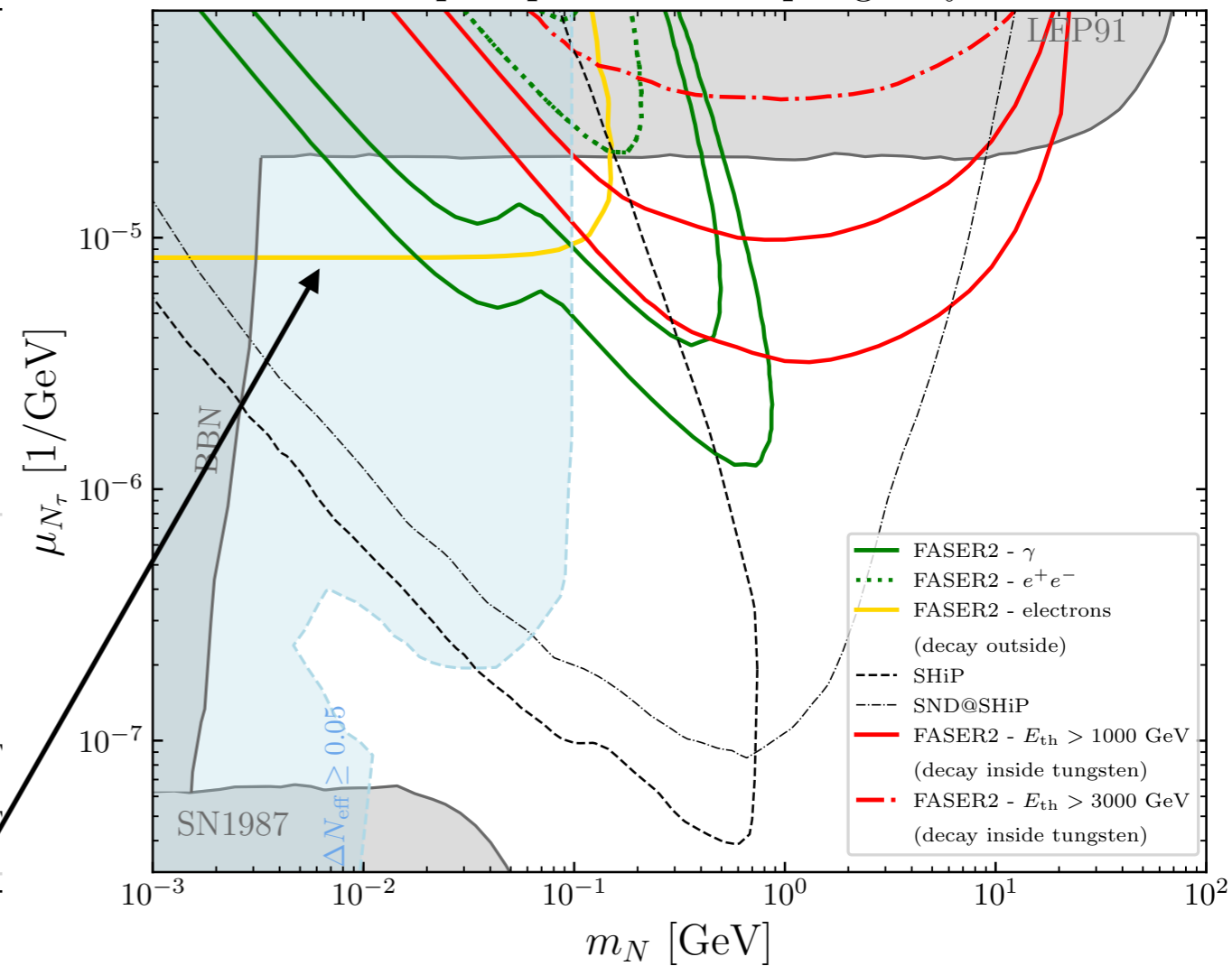
decays of high-energy LLPs inside ECC detector

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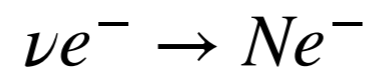
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scattering off electrons

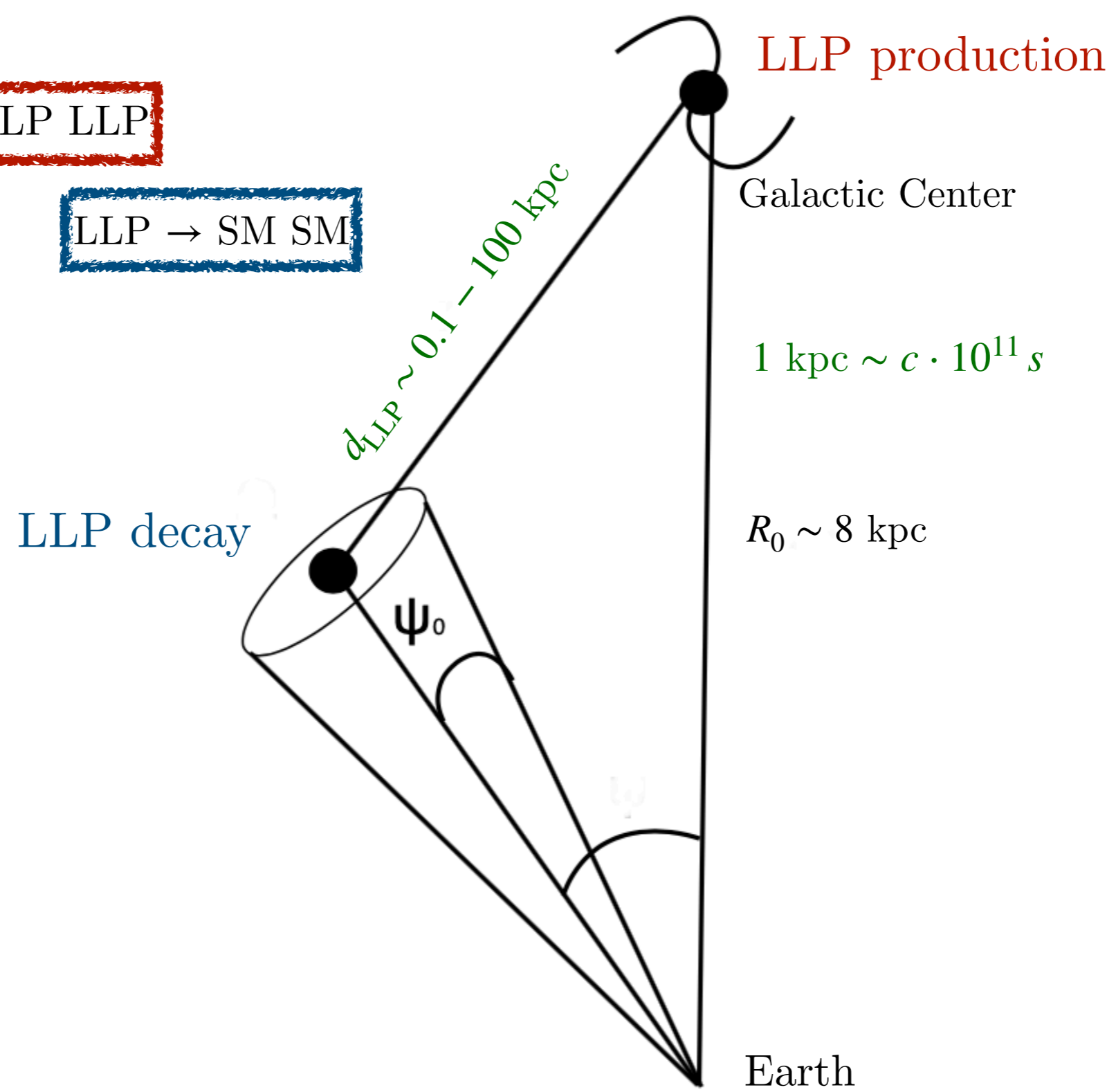


Complementarity between FPF and ID of LLPs

ID of LLPs

DM DM \rightarrow LLP LLP

LLP \rightarrow SM SM



DM annihilating into LLP

Non-relativistic mediators
Rothstein, Schwetz, Zupan, [0903.3116](#)

ID anomalies
Chu, Kulkarni, Salati, [1706.08543](#)

DM DM \rightarrow LLP LLP

LLP ($d_{\text{LLP}} \sim 0.1 - 100$ kpc) \rightarrow SM SM

Survival probability of LLP

spectrum

$$\Phi_{\text{LLP}} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_0}{8\pi m_{\text{DM}}^2} \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\underline{\Omega} \int_{\text{los}} ds \int_{V_{\text{DM}}} d^3\vec{r}_{\text{DM}} \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}^2 \left(|\vec{r}_{\text{DM}} - \vec{d}| \right)}{|\vec{r}_{\text{LLP}} - \vec{r}_{\text{DM}}|^2} \frac{1}{d_{\text{LLP}}} \exp \left(-\frac{|\vec{r}_{\text{LLP}} - \vec{r}_{\text{DM}}|}{d_{\text{LLP}}} \right) \gamma (1 - \beta \cos \theta) \frac{f(\theta)}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta E_\gamma} dE_\gamma \frac{dN}{dE_\gamma}$$

$\int_{\Delta\Omega} d\underline{\Omega}$ → Integral over line of sight - position of LLP \rightarrow SM.
 $\int_{\text{los}} ds$ → Integral over all positions of DM that result in LLP decaying at $(s, \underline{\Omega})$.
 ρ_{DM}^2 → DM density profile
 \exp → Survival probability of LLP
 $\gamma (1 - \beta \cos \theta)$ → Boost factor
 $\frac{f(\theta)}{4\pi}$ → Anisotropy function
 $\int_{\Delta E_\gamma} dE_\gamma \frac{dN}{dE_\gamma}$ → spectrum

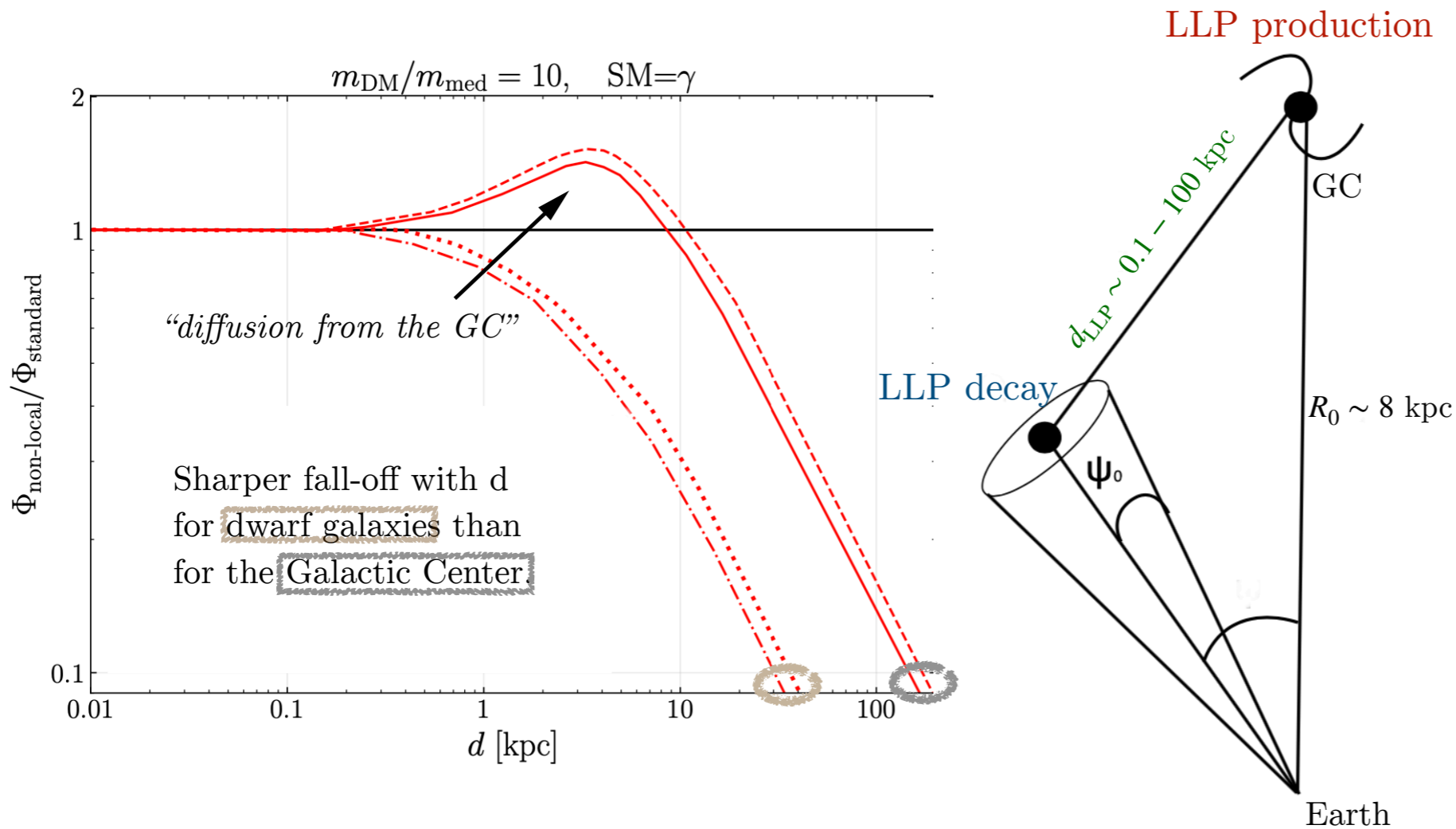
Integral over line of sight
- position of LLP \rightarrow SM.

Formula for WIMP ID:

$$\Phi_{\text{WIMP}} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_0}{8\pi m_{\text{DM}}^2} \left(\int_{\Delta\Omega} d\underline{\Omega} \int_{\text{los}} \rho_{\text{DM}}^2 ds \right) \times \left(\int_{\Delta E_\gamma} dE_\gamma \frac{dN_\gamma^X}{dE_\gamma} \right)$$

For LLPs there is no direct relationship between $\Phi_{\text{LLP}}(\vec{r}_0)$ and $\rho_{\text{DM}}^2(\vec{r}_0)$.

Non-local ID effects



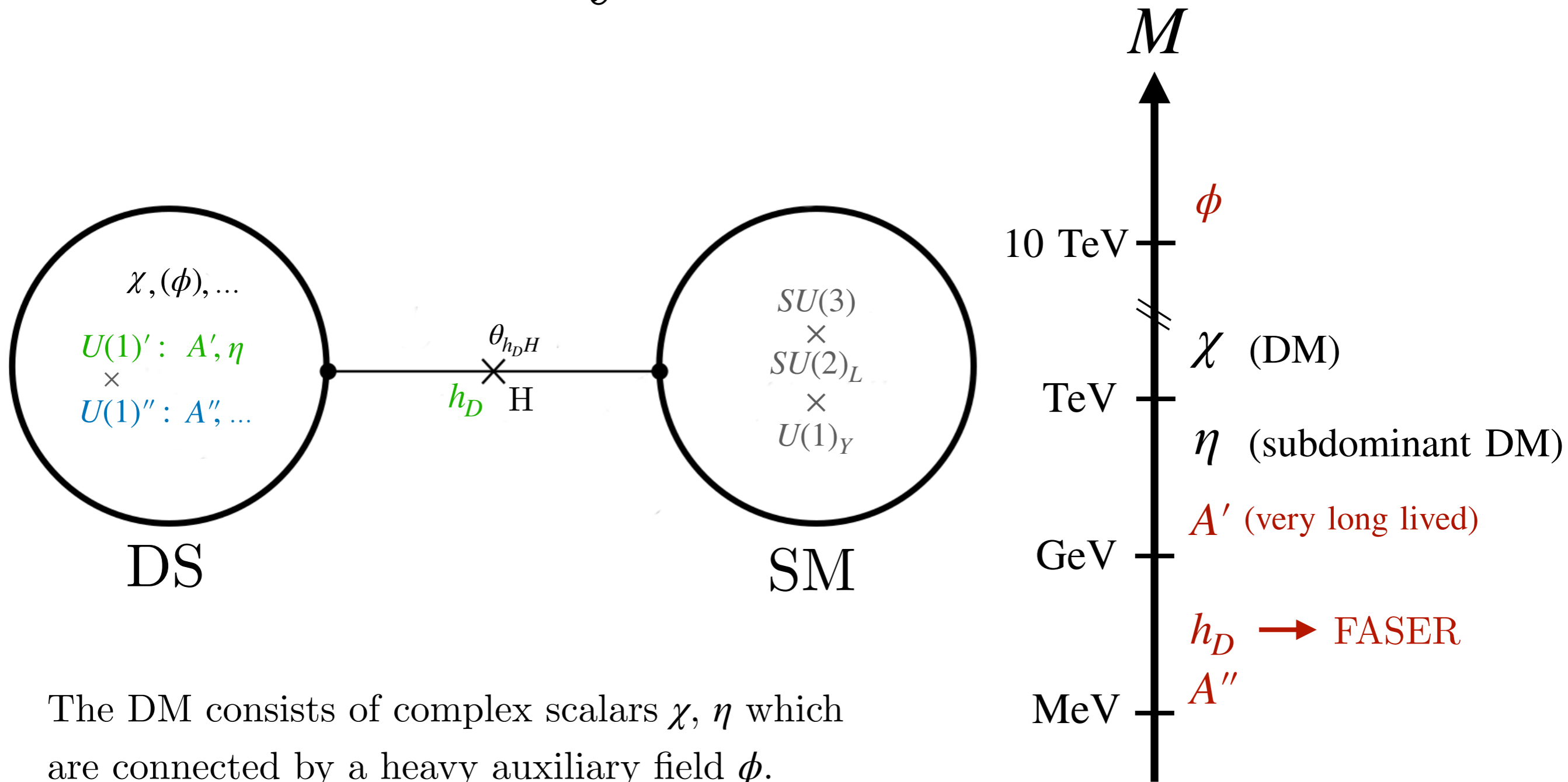
“diffusion from the GC”

Additional contribution due to LLPs that are produced near the GC and decay by emitting photons along los.

For a fixed observational angle θ , min distance from the los to GC is $l_{\text{min}} = R_0 \sin \theta = (8 \sin \theta) \text{ kpc}$.

If $d \sim l_{\text{min}}$, there is enhanced contribution coming from the GC.

Heavy DM & LLP



The DM consists of complex scalars χ, η which are connected by a heavy auxiliary field ϕ .

χ annihilates within the dark sector in such way that $\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim 0.1 \gg \Omega_\eta h^2$.



CMB bounds evaded

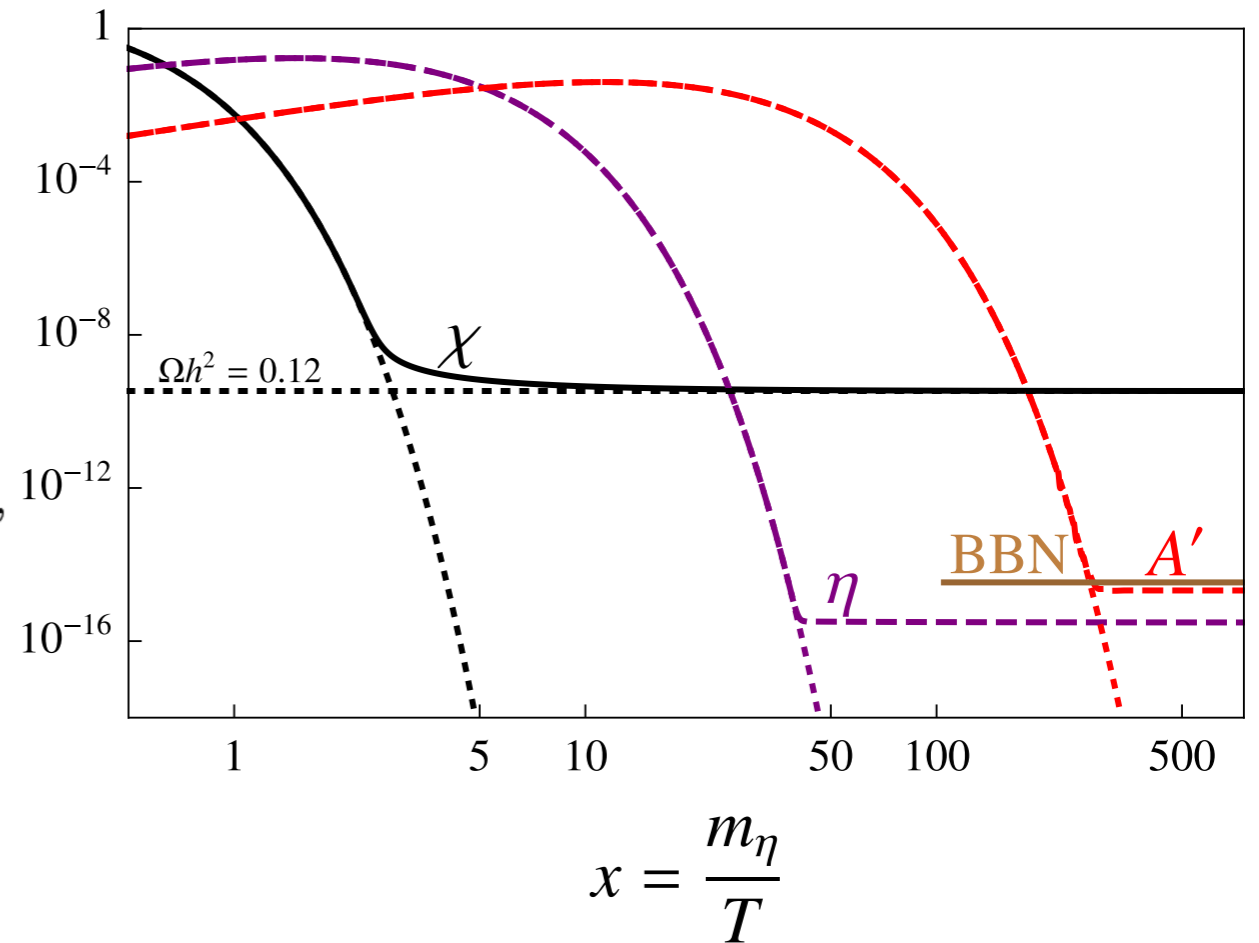
Thermal history impact on ID

Relic density

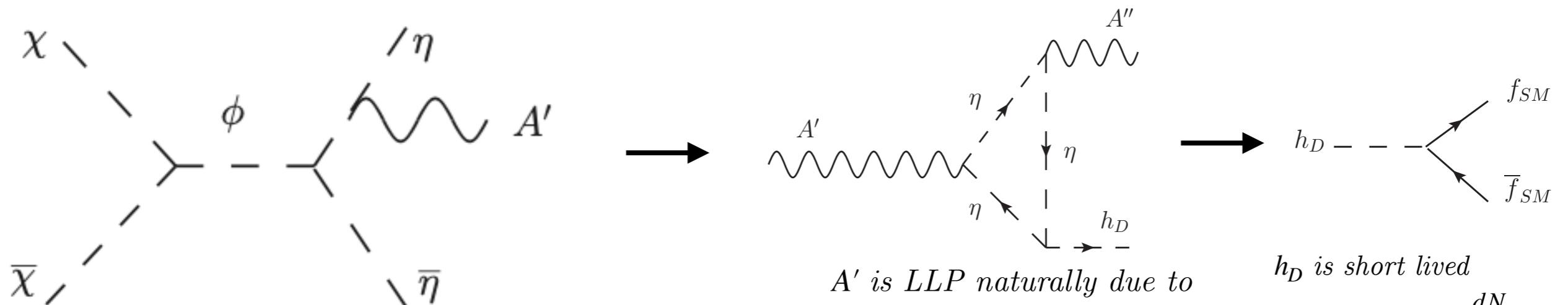
$$\frac{dY_\chi}{dx} = -\frac{\lambda_\chi}{x^2} \left(Y_\chi^2 - \frac{Y_\eta^2}{(Y_\eta^{\text{eq}})^2} (Y_\chi^{\text{eq}})^2 \right),$$

$$\frac{dY_\eta}{dx} = -\frac{\lambda_\eta}{x^2} \left(Y_\eta^2 - (Y_\eta^{\text{eq}})^2 \frac{Y_{A'}^2}{(Y_{A'}^{\text{eq}})^2} \right) + \frac{\lambda_\chi}{x^2} \left(Y_\chi^2 - \frac{Y_\eta^2}{(Y_\eta^{\text{eq}})^2} (Y_\chi^{\text{eq}})^2 \right),$$

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Indirect Detection



$$\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow \eta\eta A'$$

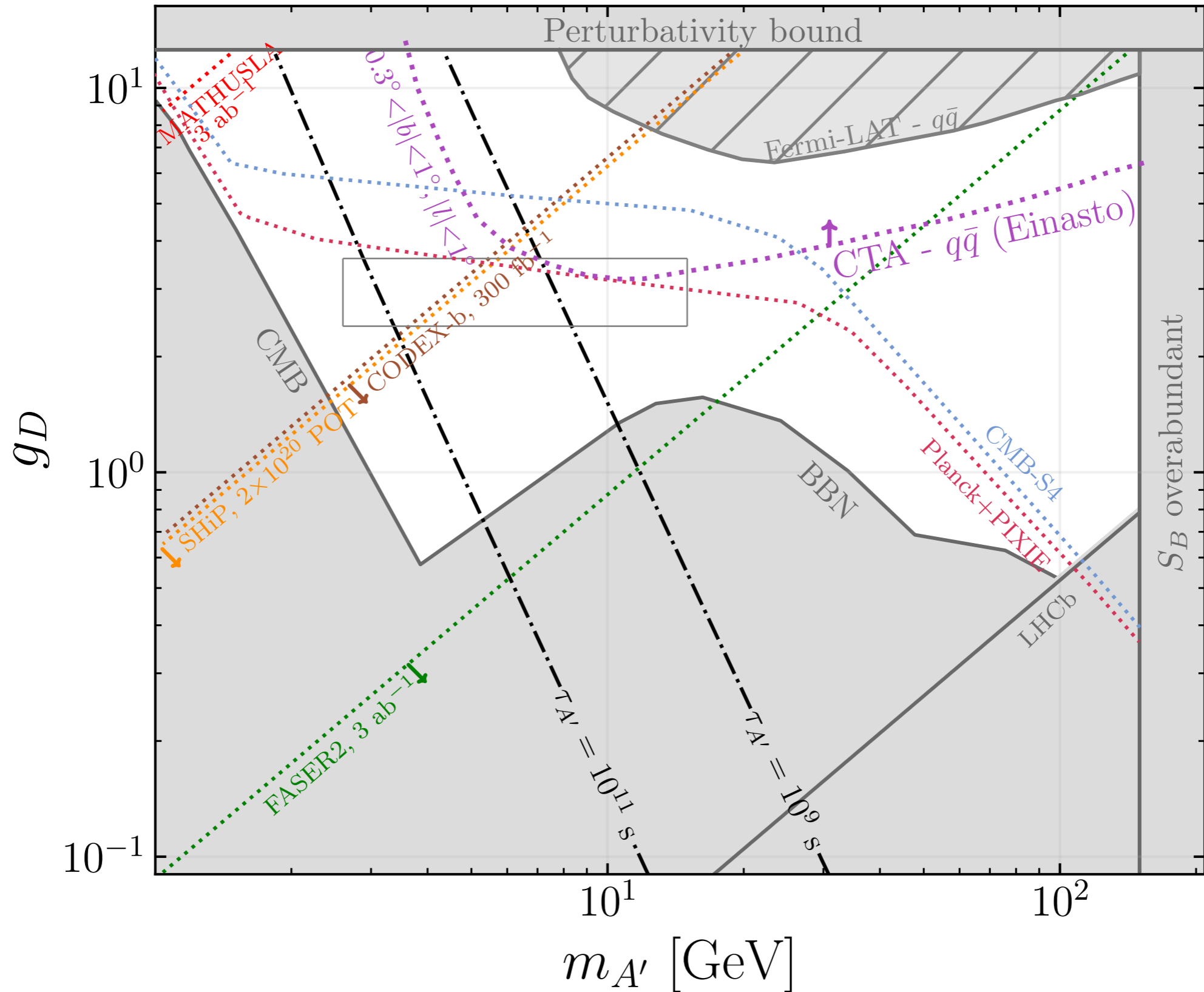
$$A' \rightarrow A'' h_D \quad h_D \rightarrow \text{SM SM}$$

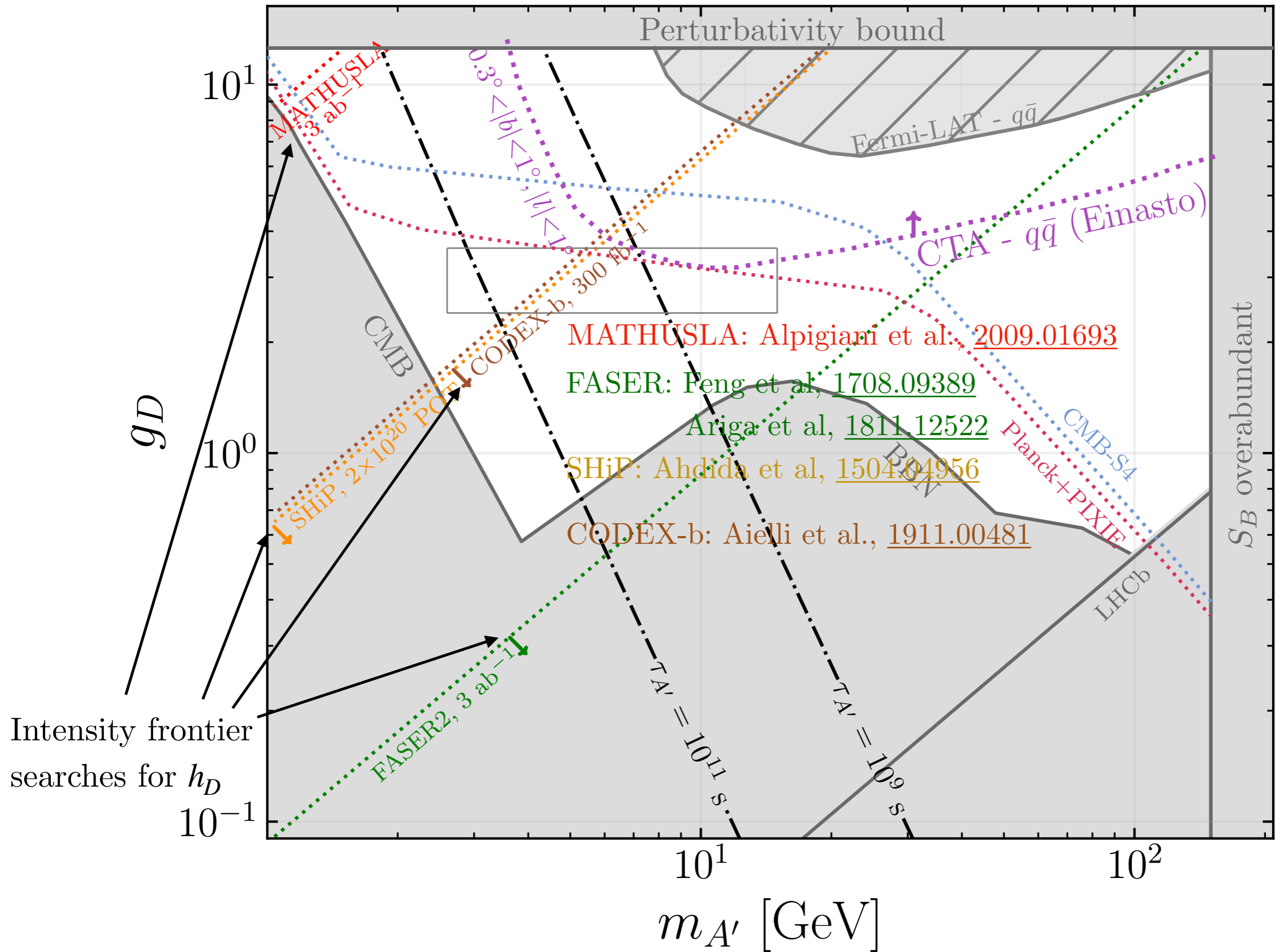
A' is LLP naturally due to loop-suppressed decay

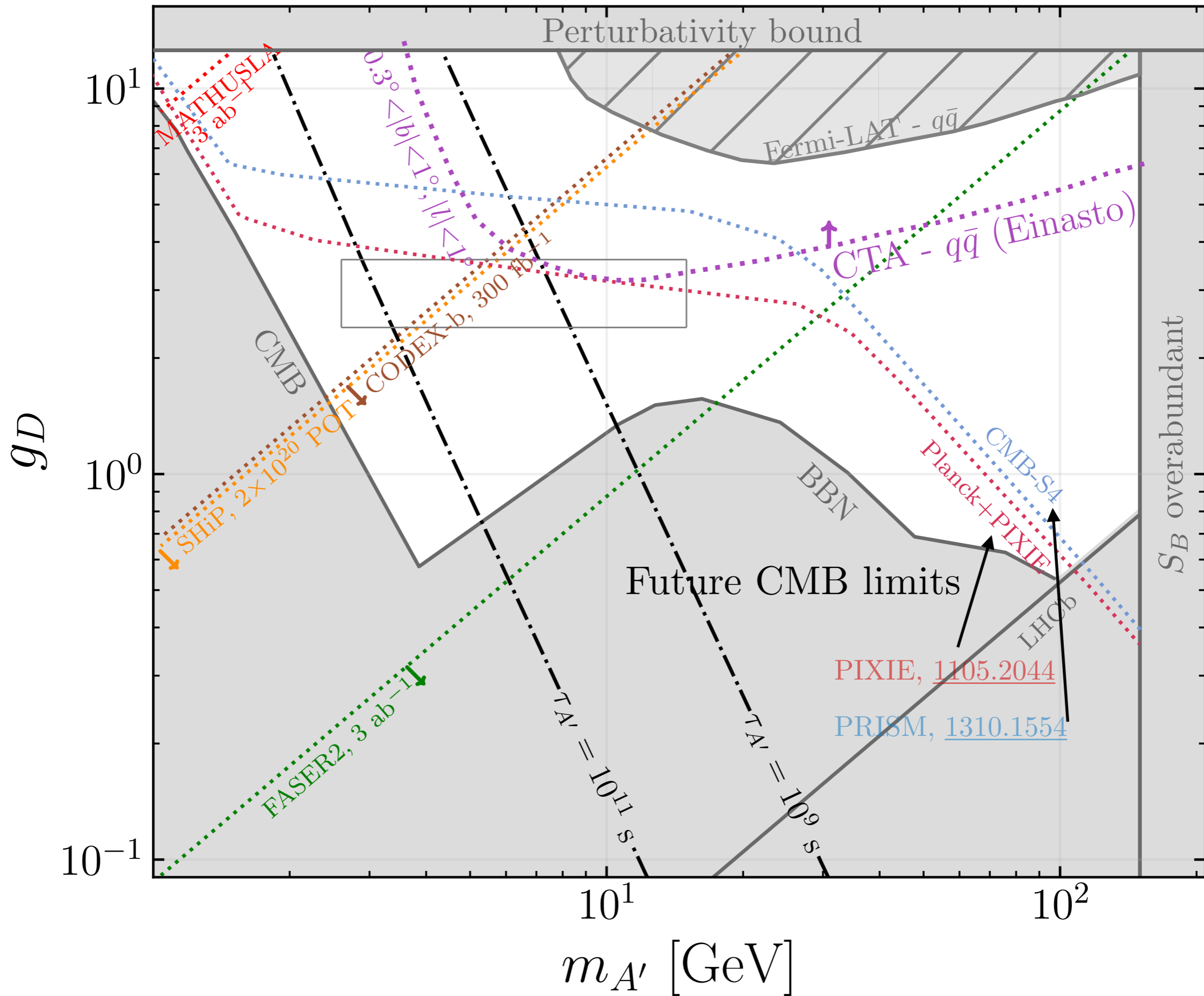
*h_D is short lived
m_{h_D} determines $\frac{dN}{dE_\gamma}$*

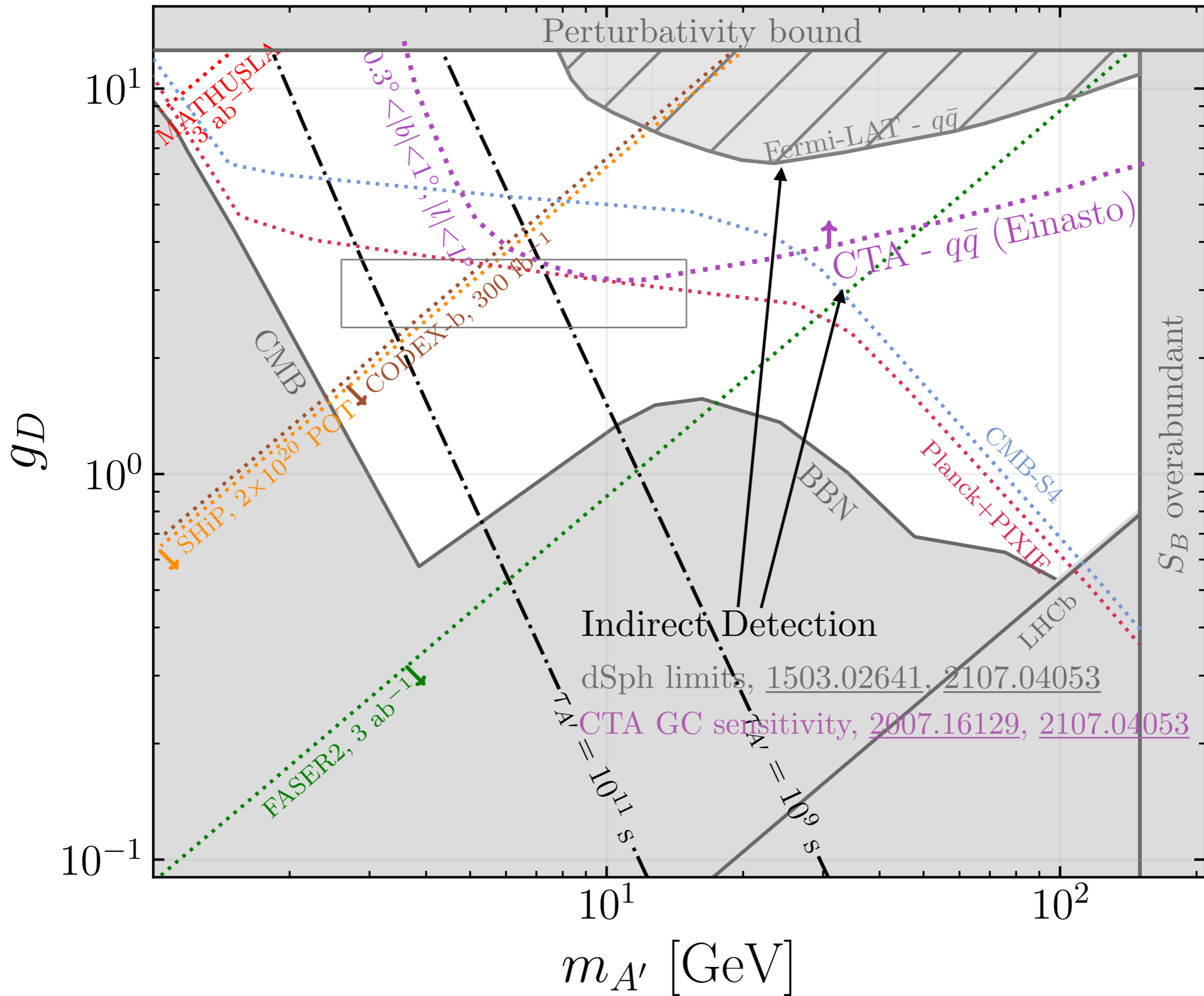
Indirect Detection & Intensity Frontier

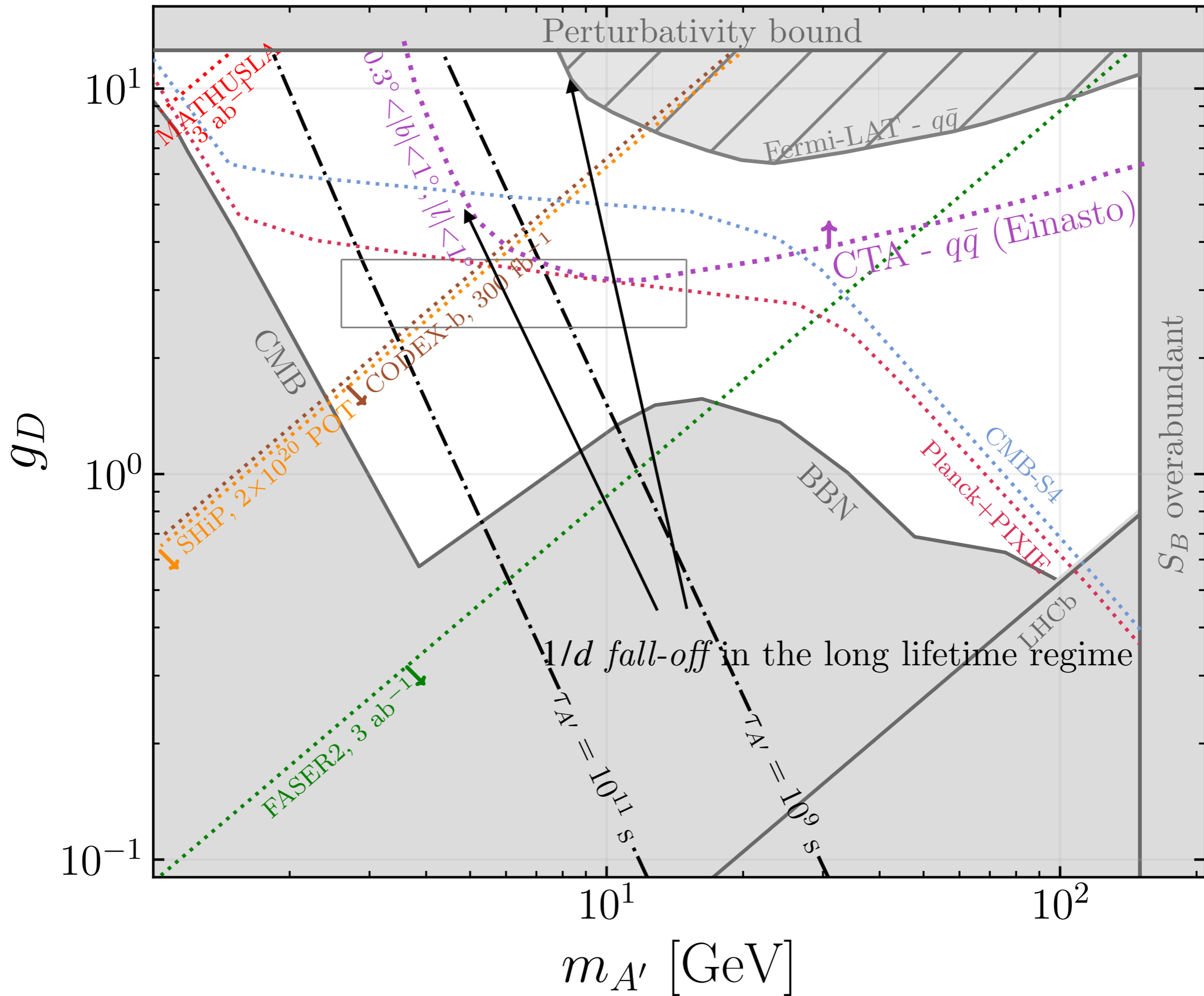
searches for LLPs - complementarity

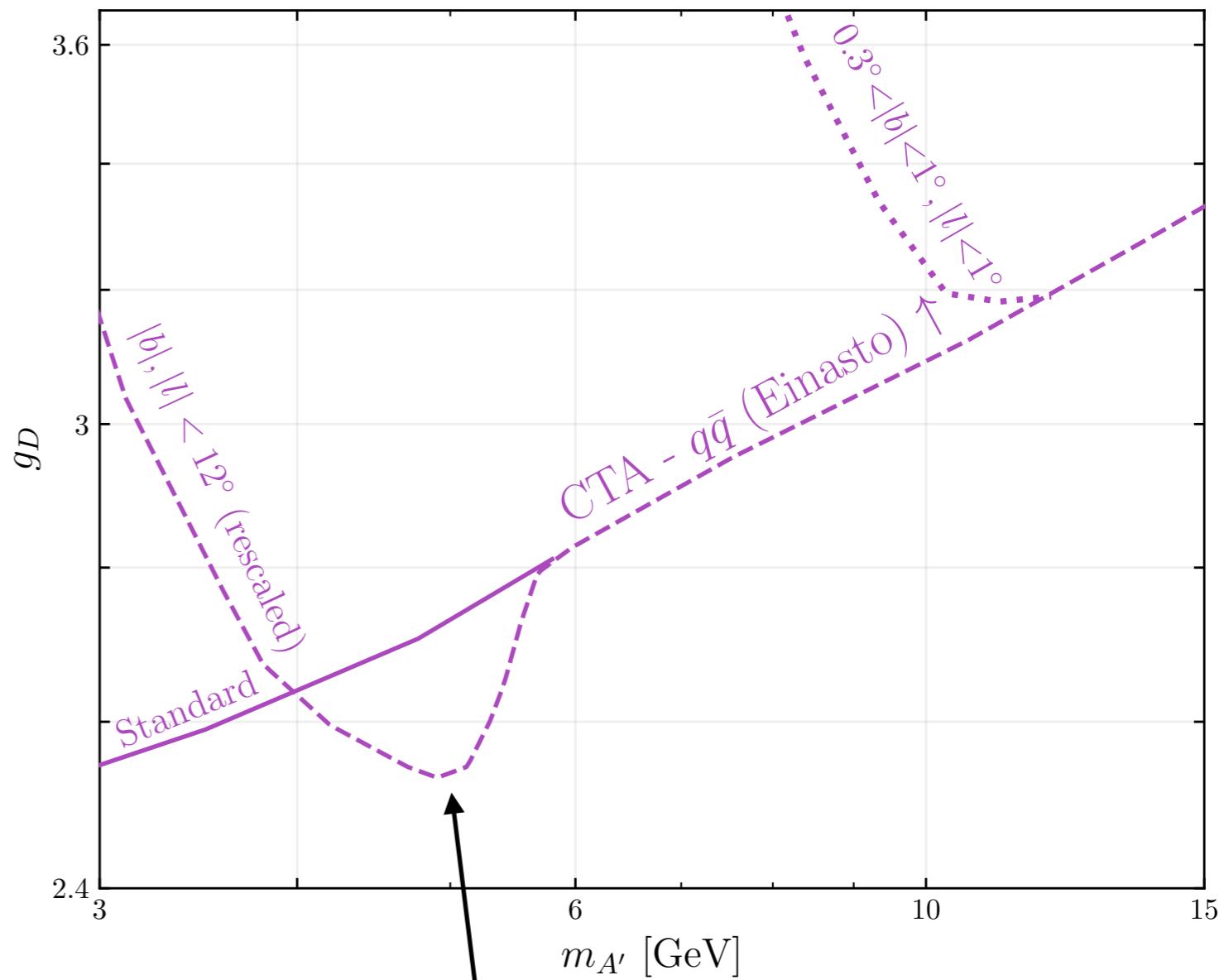
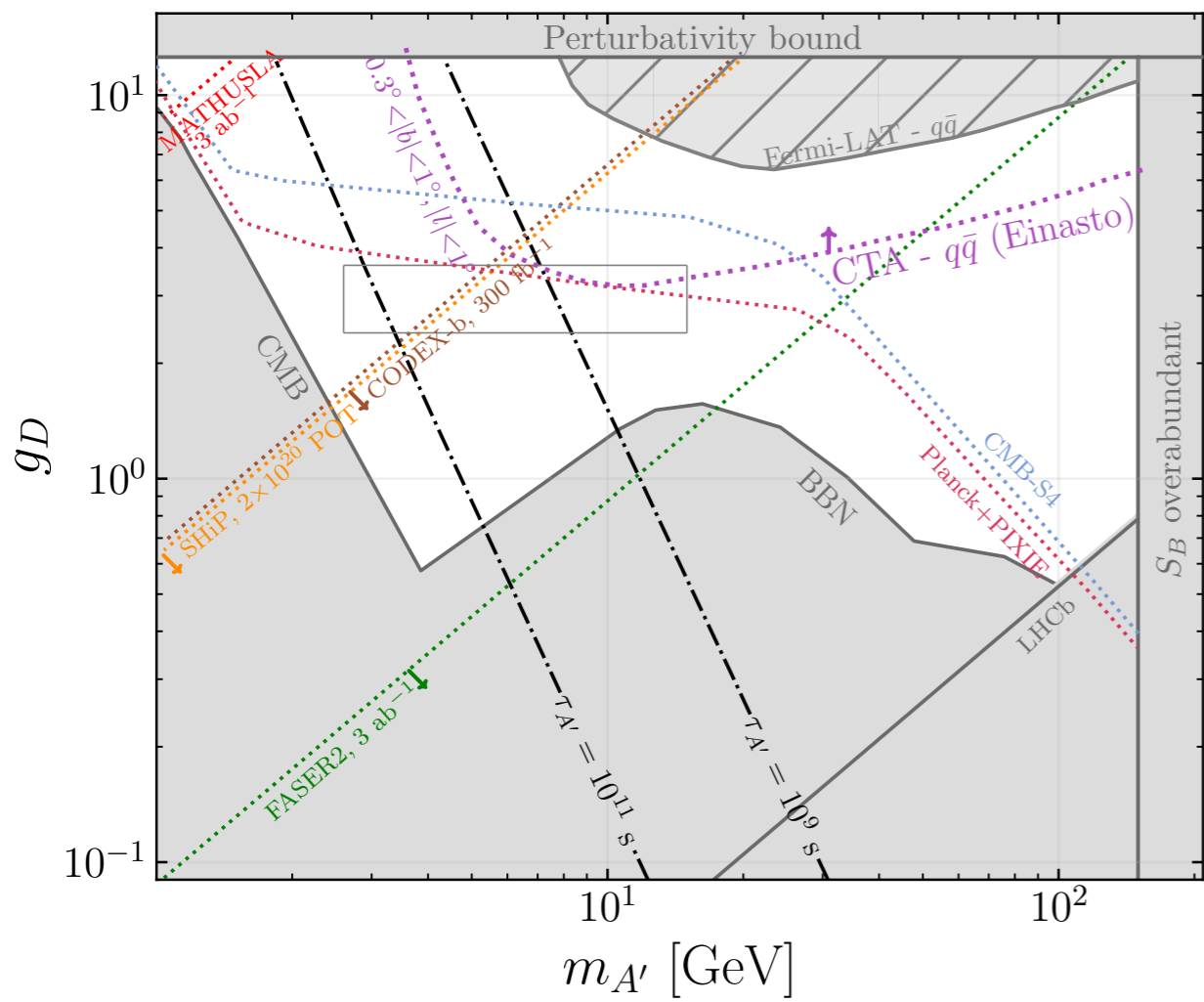












peak due to “diffusion from the GC”

Conclusions

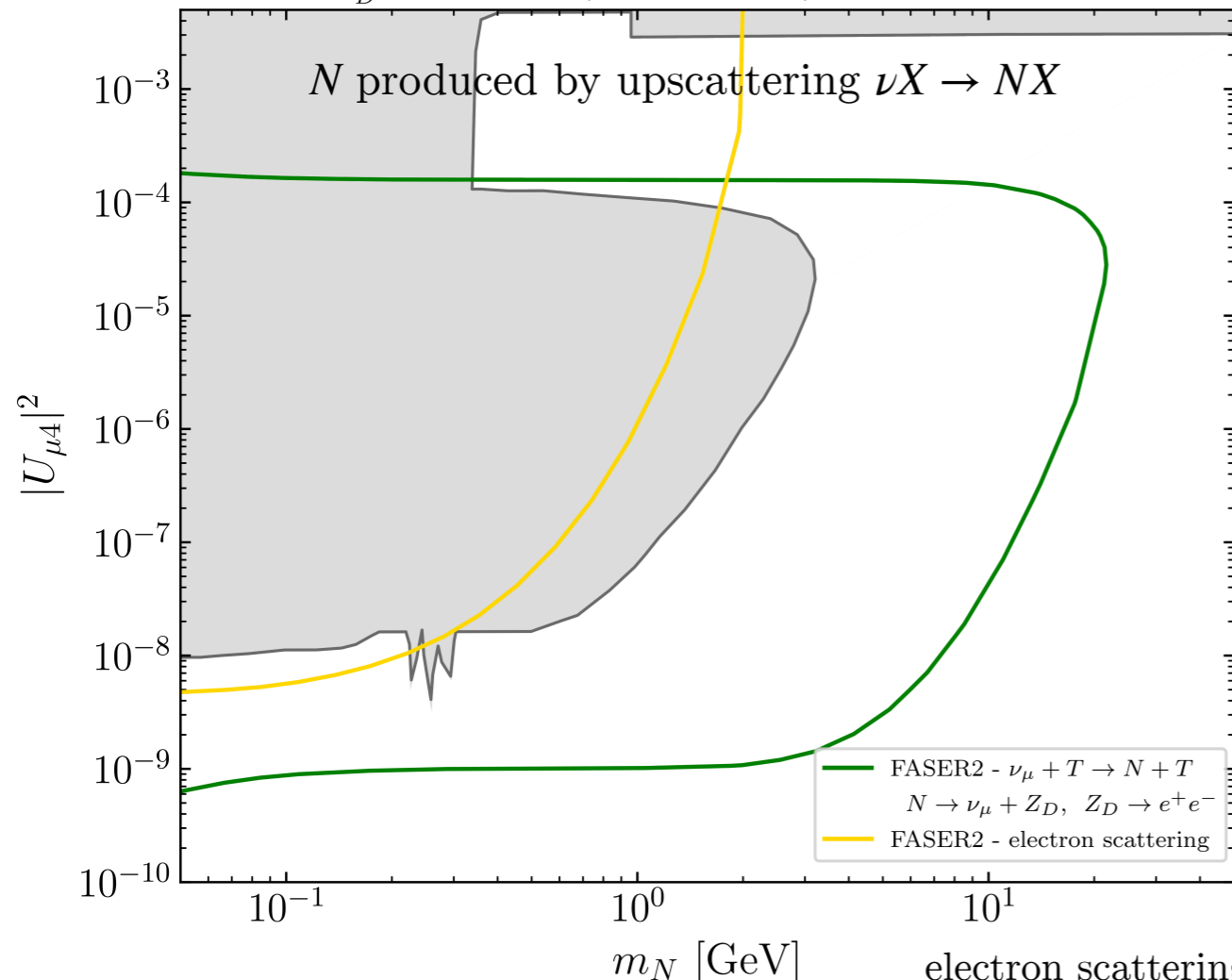
- ❖ Realistic BSM scenarios often predict more than one LLP, so that secondary LLP production can take place right in front of the detector, extending the sensitivity to shorter lifetimes, employing several experimental signatures:
 - ❖ standard search for two high-energy oppositely-charged tracks
 - ❖ the single-electron scattering signature
 - ❖ the search for high-energy photons appearing in the detector.
- ❖ We also studied
 - ❖ indirect detection of LLPs, which introduce distinct non-local effects
 - ❖ intensity frontier searches for a light mediator
- ❖ The complementarity between them will allow to probe even more extended scenario invoking heavy DM, LLPs and a light mediator.

Light Z_D mediator

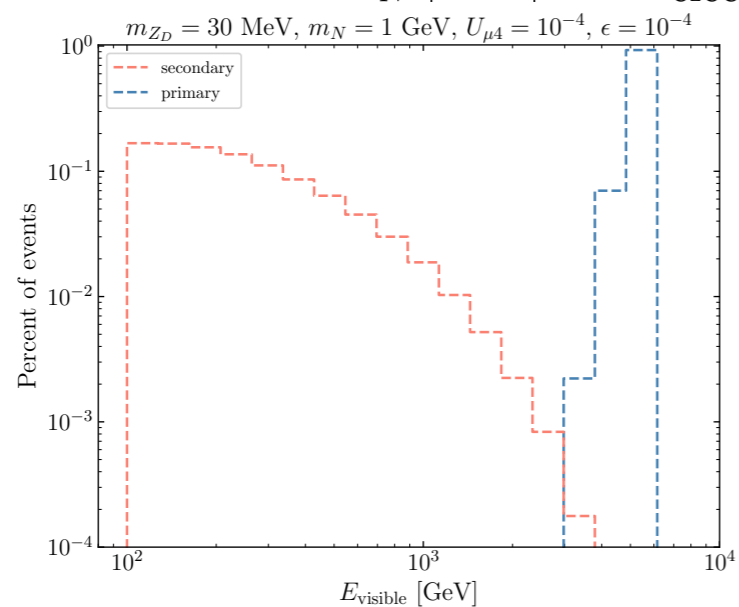
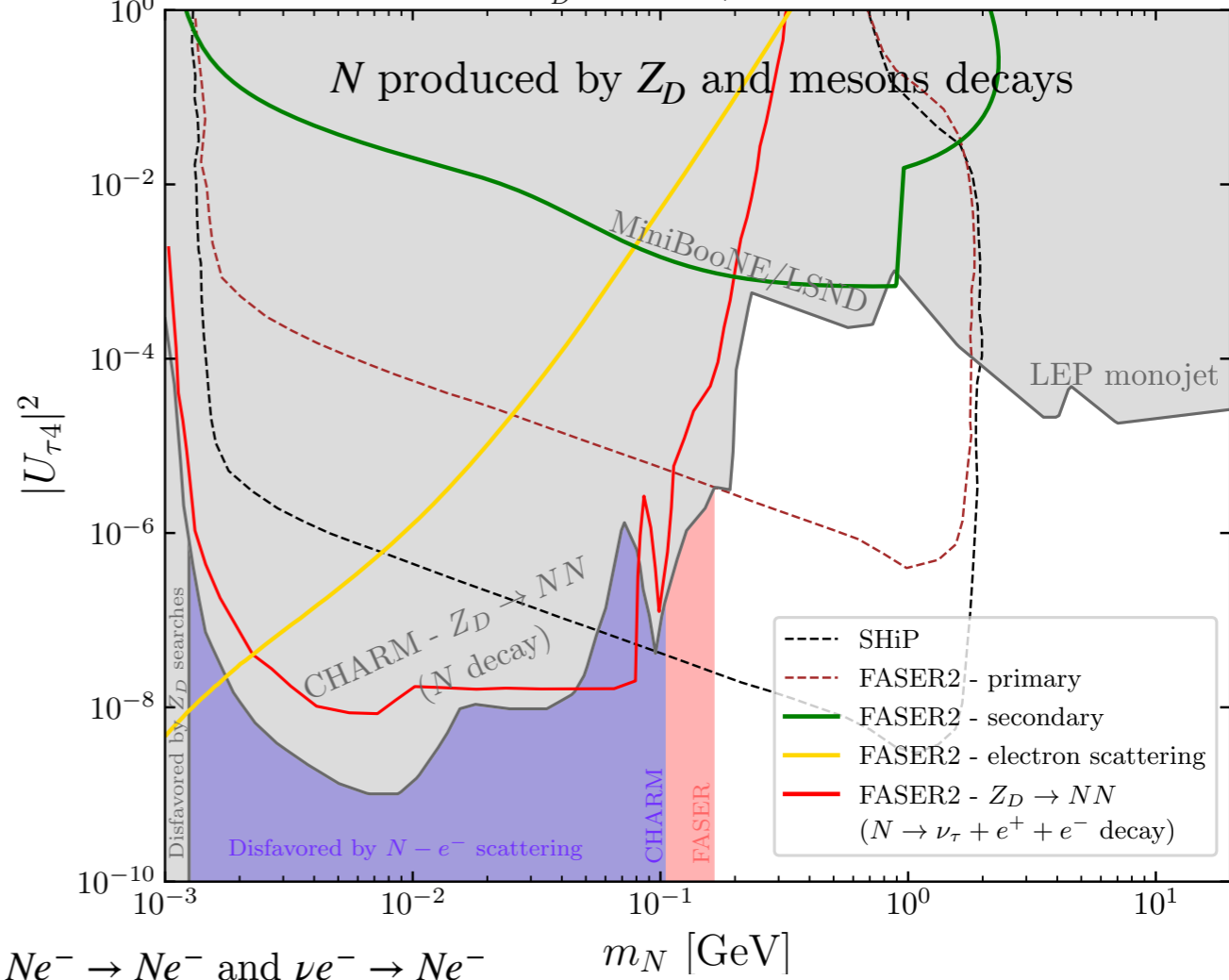
$$m_{Z_D} < m_N$$

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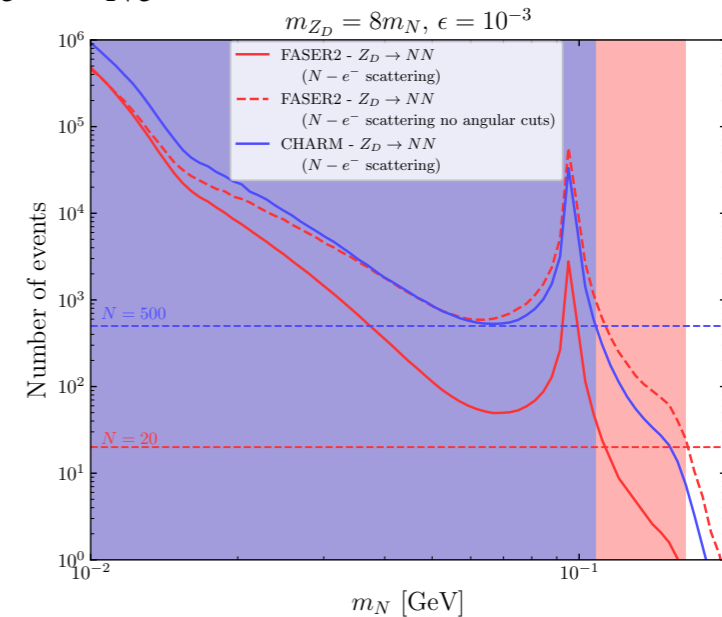
$$m_{Z_D} = 30 \text{ MeV}, \alpha_D = 0.25, \alpha\epsilon^2 = 2 \times 10^{-10}$$



$$m_{Z_D} = 8m_N, \epsilon = 10^{-3}$$



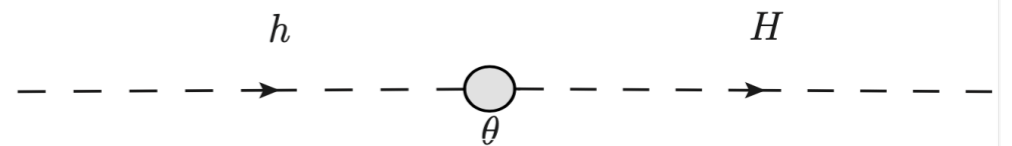
electron scattering: $Ne^- \rightarrow Ne^-$ and $\nu e^- \rightarrow Ne^-$



Mediators - dark Higgs h_D & dark photon A'

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{portal}} = -\lambda_{hh_D} |\Phi|^2 |\sigma|^2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$



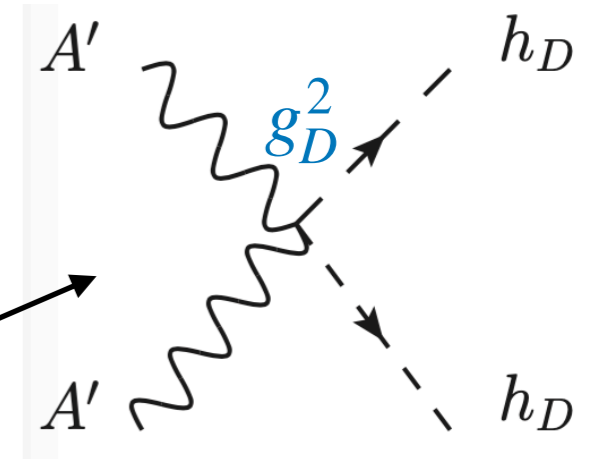
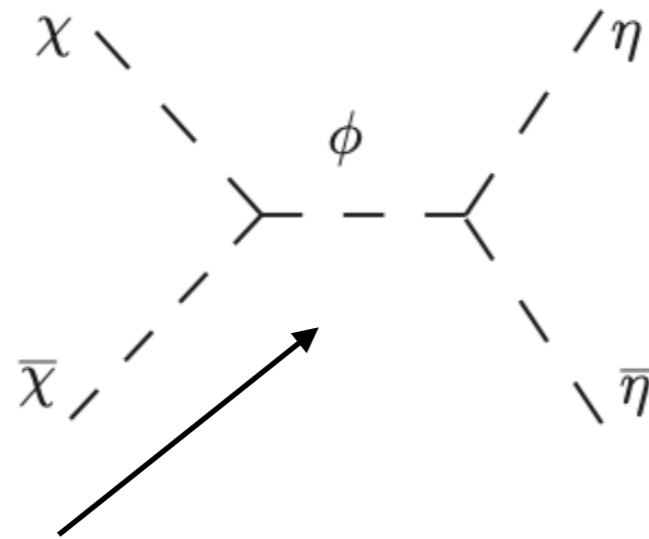
After spontaneous symmetry breaking, h and h_D mix  which connects DS to SM. Indirect detection signature due to $h_D \rightarrow \text{SM SM}$.

$$\Phi = \left(0, (v_h + H) / \sqrt{2} \right)^T, \quad \sigma = (v_D + H_D) / \sqrt{2}$$

Moreover, dark photon obtains mass $m_{A'} = g_D v_D$, $m_{h_D} = \sqrt{\lambda_D} v_D$

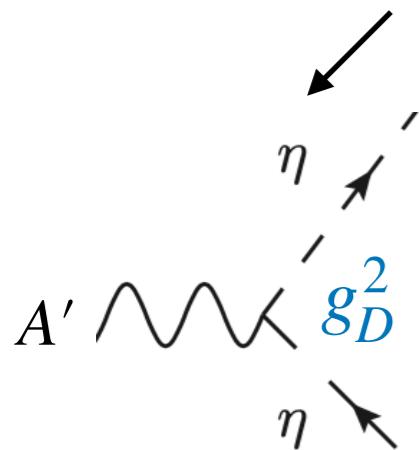
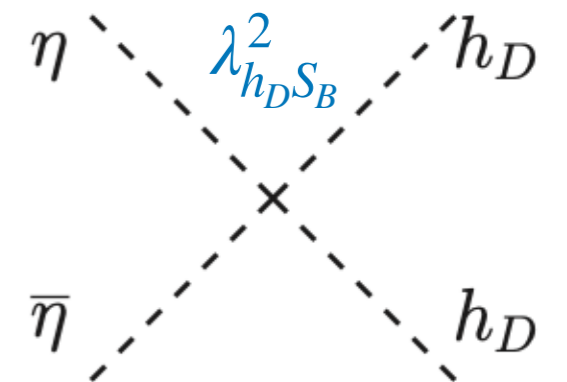
Matter fields - two component DM

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{DS}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{portal}}$$



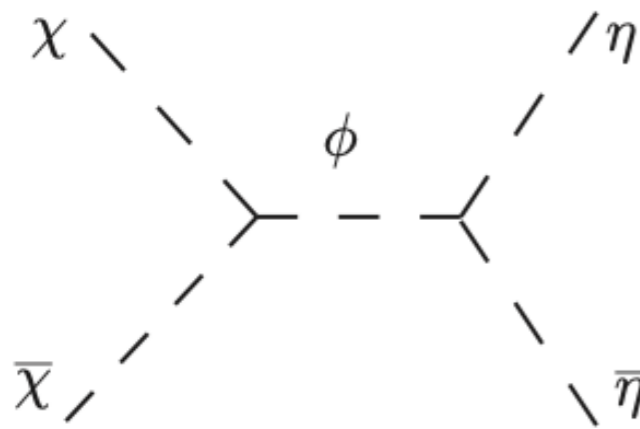
Interactions within the DS

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{DS}} \supset & \mu_\chi |\chi|^2 \phi + \mu_\eta |\eta|^2 \phi + (q_H g_D)^2 A'^\mu A'_\mu |H|^2 \\ & + i q_\eta g_D A'_\mu \left[\eta^* (\partial^\mu \eta) - (\partial^\mu \eta^*) \eta \right] - \lambda_{h_D \eta} h_D^2 |\eta|^2 \end{aligned}$$



We connect η to both mediators: h_D and A' which moreover are connected to each other.

Thermal history

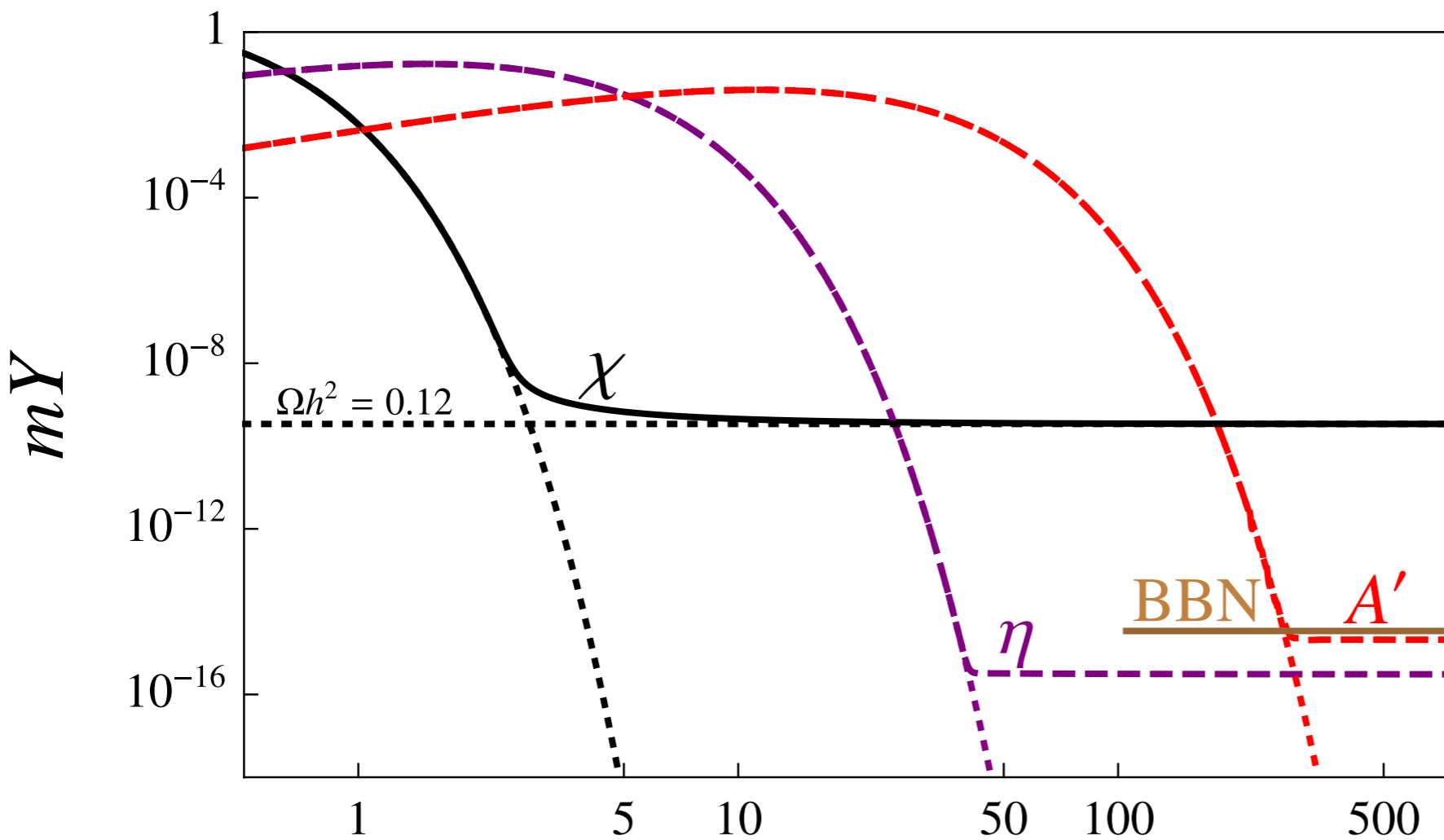


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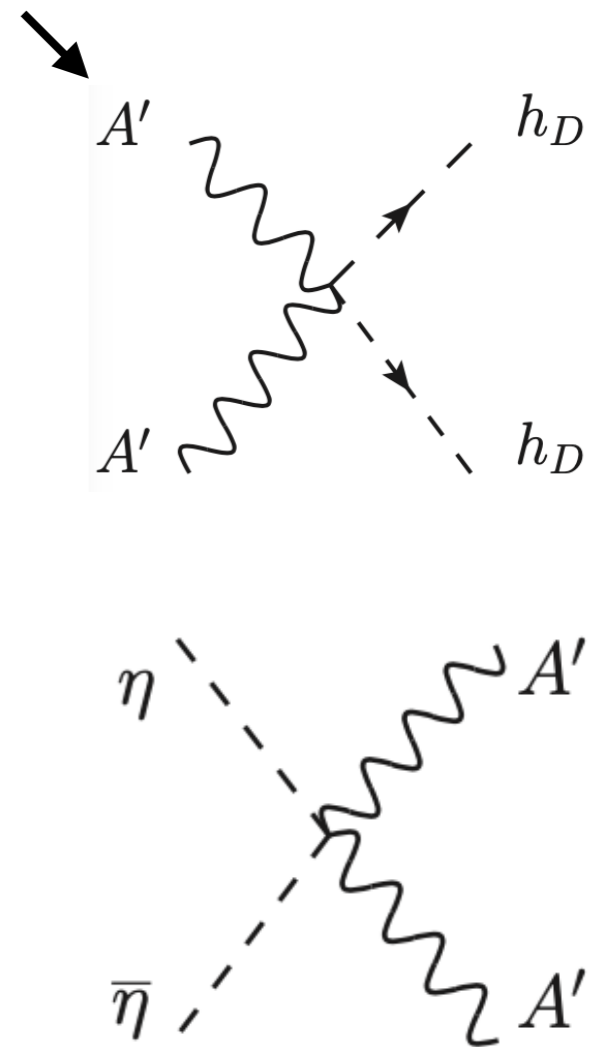
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Assisted freeze-out



$$x = \frac{m_\eta}{T}$$



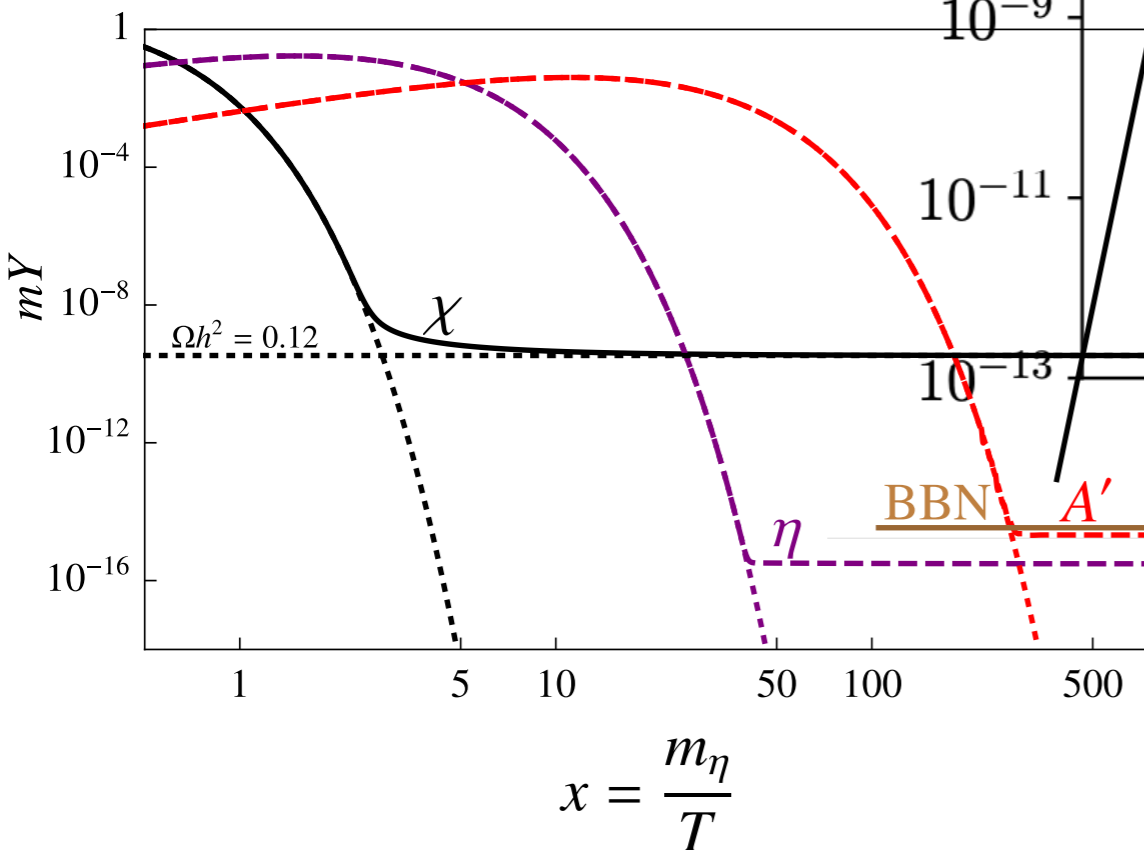
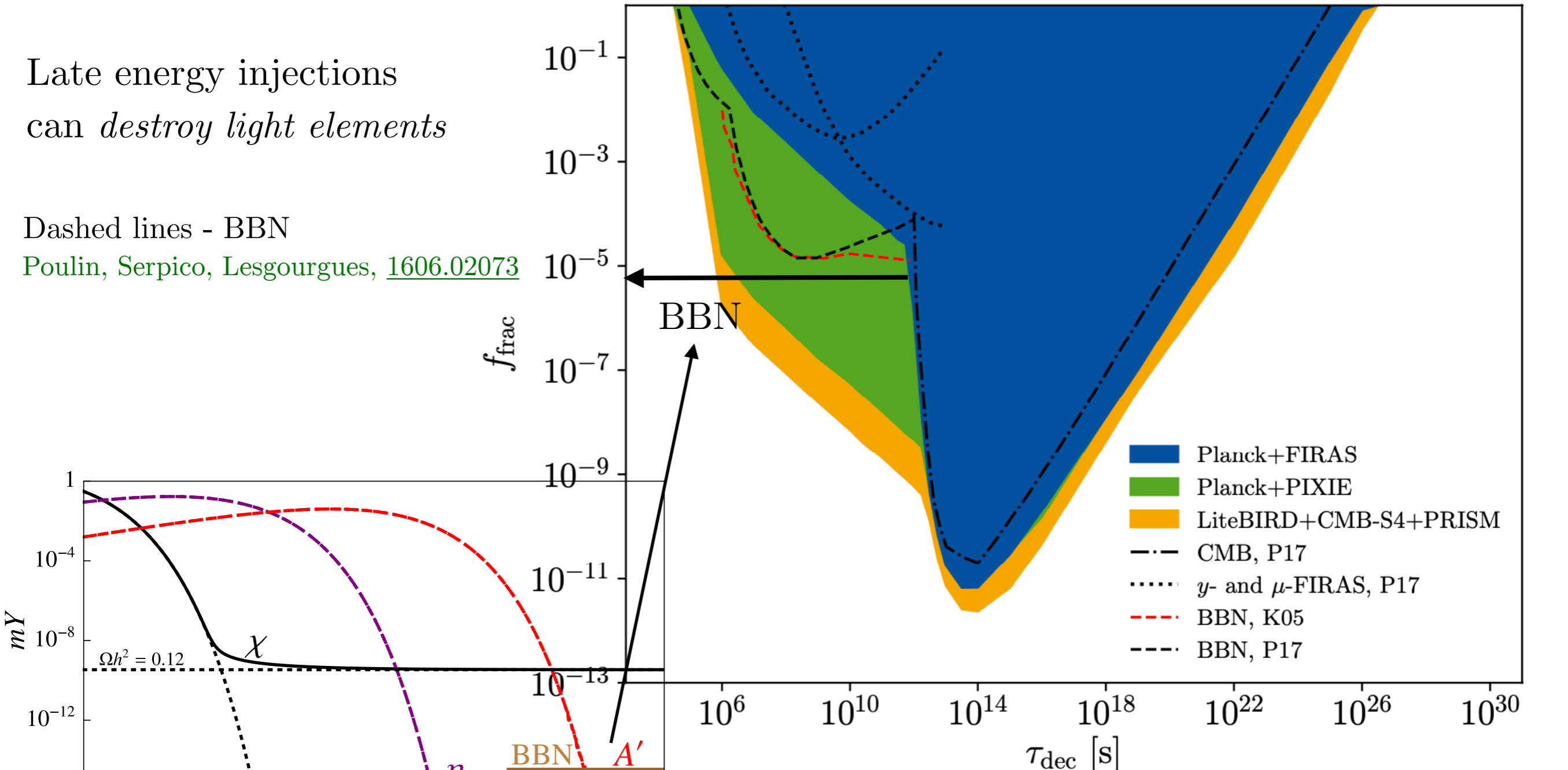
Limits on decaying DM - late energy injections

Lucca, Schoneberg, Hooper, Lesgourgues, Chluba, [1910.04619](#)

Late energy injections
can *destroy light elements*

Dashed lines - BBN

Poulin, Serpico, Lesgourgues, [1606.02073](#)



$$c\tau_{A'} \simeq 1 \text{ kpc} \left(\frac{1}{g_D}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{-6}}{\tilde{\epsilon}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{4 \times 10^{-6}}{\lambda_{h_D\eta}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_\eta}{150 \text{ GeV}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{A'}}\right)^5$$

