DAMSA Experiment @ Fermilab PIP-II and Beyond

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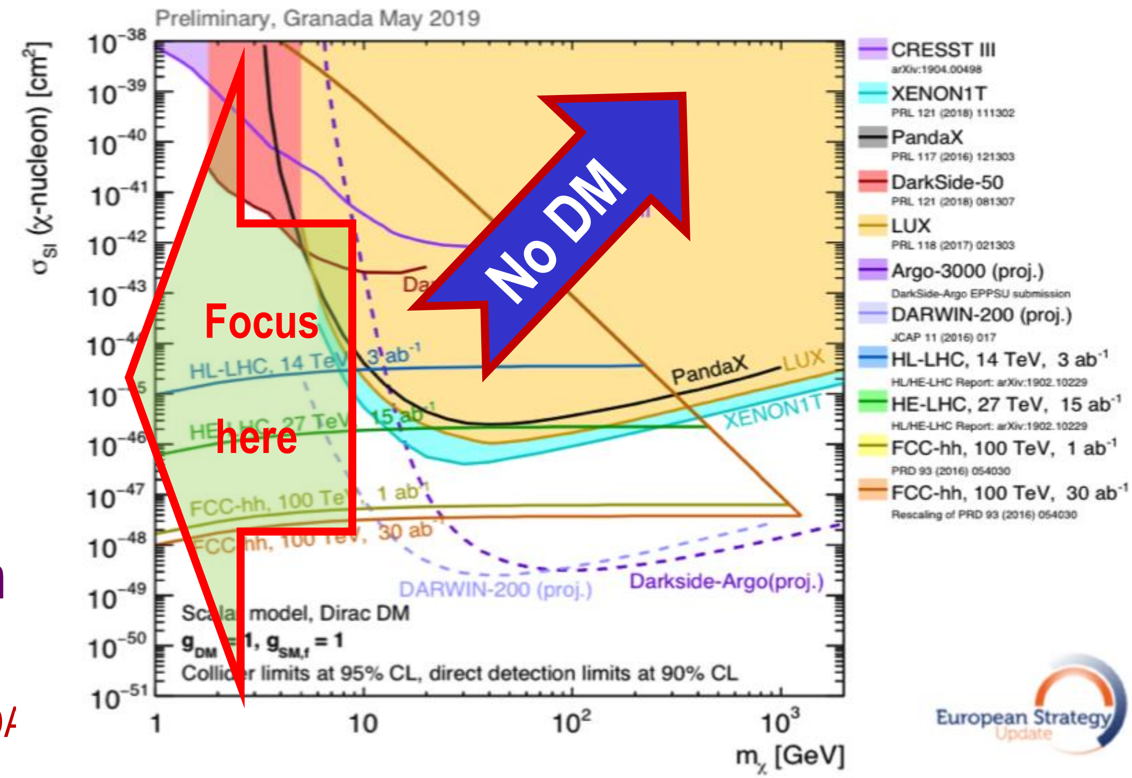
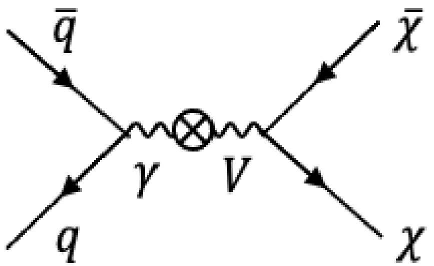
Physics Motivation For DSP

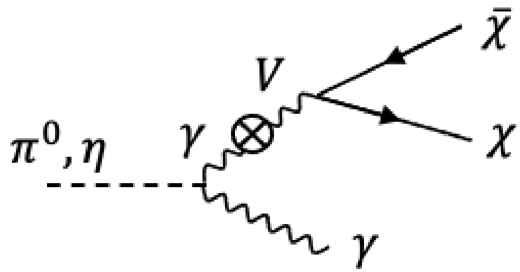
- SM describes the visible ~5% of the matter in the universe ➔ becoming more solidly established, while the neutrinos sector requires modifications
- Dark matter (Dark Sector Particle, DSP) makes up about 25% of the universe ➔must be explored better
- Direct searches have limitations in kinematic reach, leaving low mass range un-explored
- Strategy:
  - Search for rare particles in unexplored kinematic regime
  - Make and discover DSPs in accelerators
  - Establish human infra on DM production

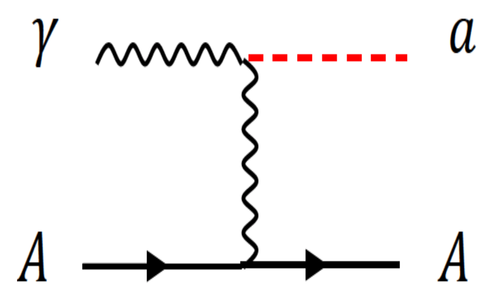


DSP's? How do we make & see them?

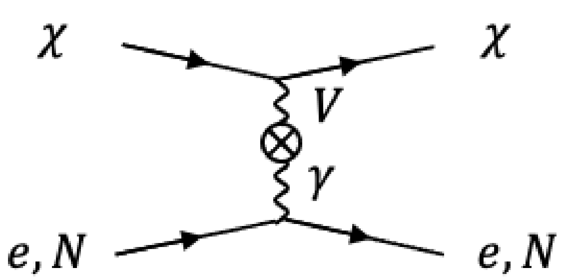
- Set of new particles which **do not experience the known forces**
- DSPs can be weakly coupled to visible sector thru a mediator or "portal"
- **High intensity proton beams** produce large number of photons from brem, DY and neutral mesons decays ➔ Make it possible to contemplate couplings of new U(1) gauge to SM γ

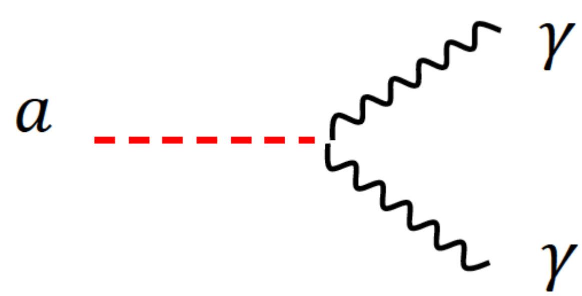






- Detection through an electron scattering, N(n) recoil or 1, 2 γ final states



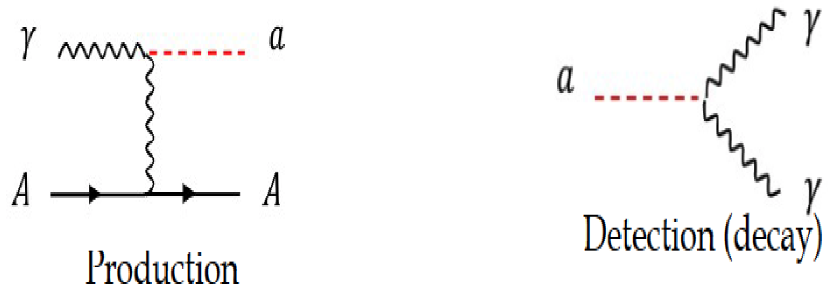


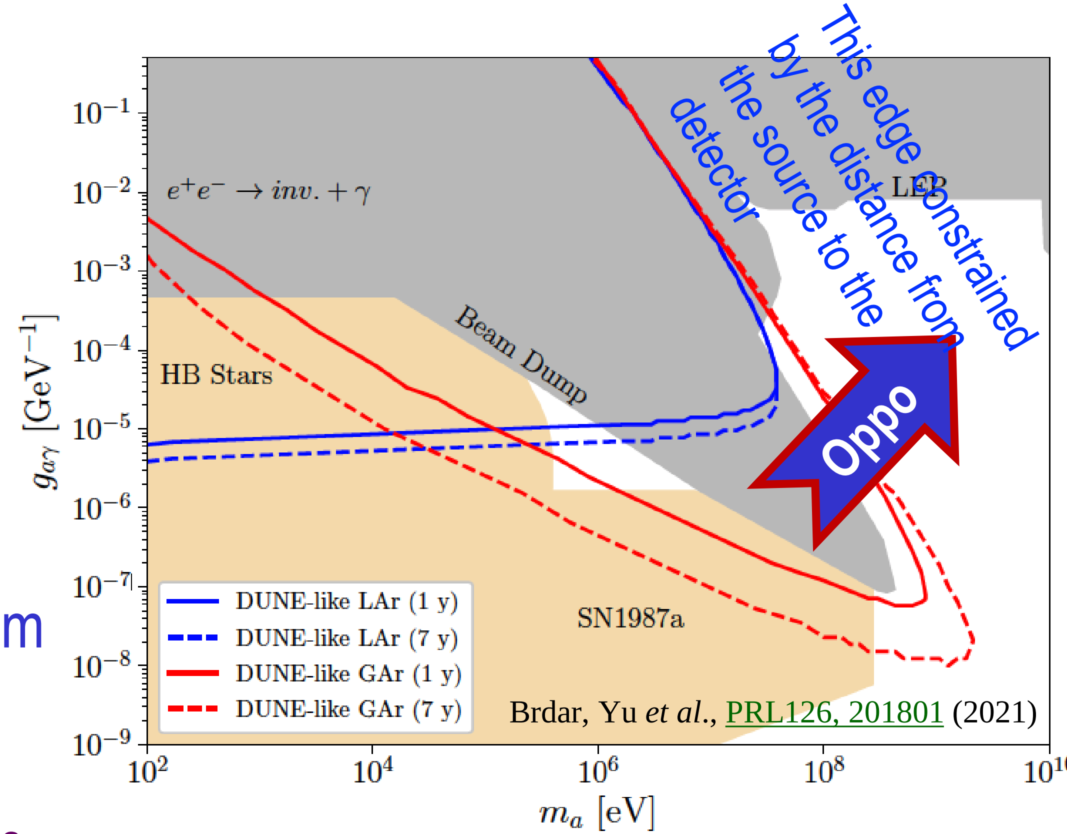
What is DAMSA?

- A dark sector particle search and discovery experiment at low E, high intensity proton beam facility
- Stands for Dump produced Aboriginal Matter Search at an Accelerator (DAMSA)
  - 담사 (潭思) = 깊은생각 – Rumination or Reflection
    - Jang *et al*., PRD 107, L031901 (2023)
- Aims to discover DSP's in the low mass regime at an accelerator ➔ ideally E_{beam} below the pion threshold
  - Originally developed for 600MeV proton beams at a nuclear rare isotope facility
- The 800MeV PIP-II and the ACE beams fit the bill
  - The goal is to build the experiment by 2029 in time for PIP-II

DAMSA Physics Strategy

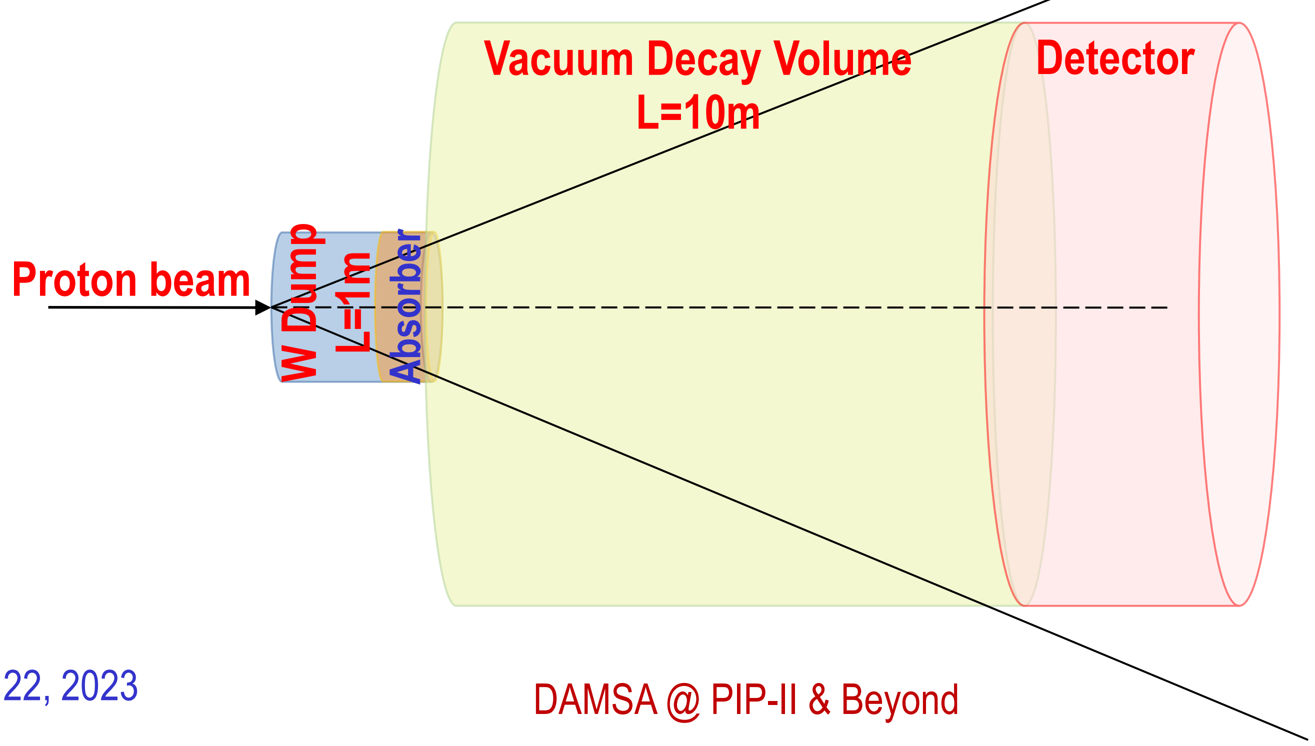
- Focus on Axion-like particles (ALP) in their **two-photon** final state via the Primakoff process as the use case
- Produce as many photons as possible in the beam source, namely the dump
- Capture as many ALPs as possible in as wide a mass range as possible
  - Shorten the distance from the source to the detector
  - Increase the detector angular coverage
- Minimize the backgrounds from neutral particles
  - Neutron spallation
  - ν QE, RES, and NC interactions





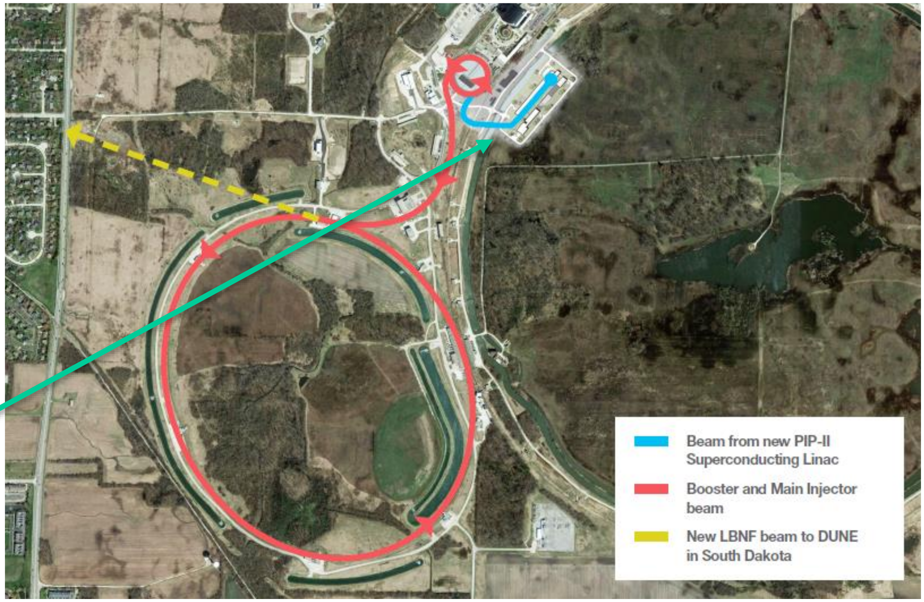
DAMSA Exp. Concept

- Inject and absorb as many low-E (1GeV or less) protons and produce as large number of γ in the dump as possible
- Allow higher mass ALP's to decay with as small a number of neutrons escaping the dump as possible
- Place the detector as close to the dump as possible on axis to expand the mass reach to higher mass region



Accelerator Complex in PIP-II Era

- PIP-II provides
  - New SRF LINAC for injection into Booster at 800MeV (present 400MeV)
  - Booster cycle rates upgraded to 20Hz from current 15Hz
  - Increased proton beam intensity at 8GeV for 1.2MW beam power from main injector
- PIP-II era begins in **2029**, DUNE 2031
  - Mu2e (8GeV)
  - Fixed target, test beams (120 GeV)
  - 0.8 GeV beam available for other exp, eg. With PAR and may be other options for beam dump



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DAMSA Requirements – The Beam

- PIP-II LINAC's 800MeV beam energy enables access to the tangible ALP mass range
- Need to have as much beam as possible
  - ~1×10^{23} POT/yr was assumed in the PRD 600MeV physics study
  - ~1×10^{23} POT/yr for PIP-II 800MeV and 1GeV physics study
- PIP-II CW beam characteristics (total proton current: **2mA**)
  - Bunch length: 1ns
  - N_p/bunch : 8×10^7 p/bunch
  - Bunch spacing: 6.2ns
- PIP-II CW Chopping to mimic pulsed beam structure
  - micro-pulses w/ two 14×10^7 p-bunches separated by 6.2ns and the next pair separated by 16.2ns, repeating every 22.4ns
  - Each micro–pulse lasts for 0.6ms spaced every 50ms ➔ I=2mA/micro–pulse

DAMSA Requirements – The Dump

- What material on what depth would be most optimal?
  - Produce most photons per unit length
  - Produce least number of neutrons out the dump
  - Absorb most particles per unit length
- GEANT4 based study shows 1m diameter, 1m long cylindrical shape tungsten dump (~10 nuclear interaction lengths) produces most photons and absorb ~99.995% 600MeV protons
  - Neutrons produce additional photons in the dump, providing additional source for ALP

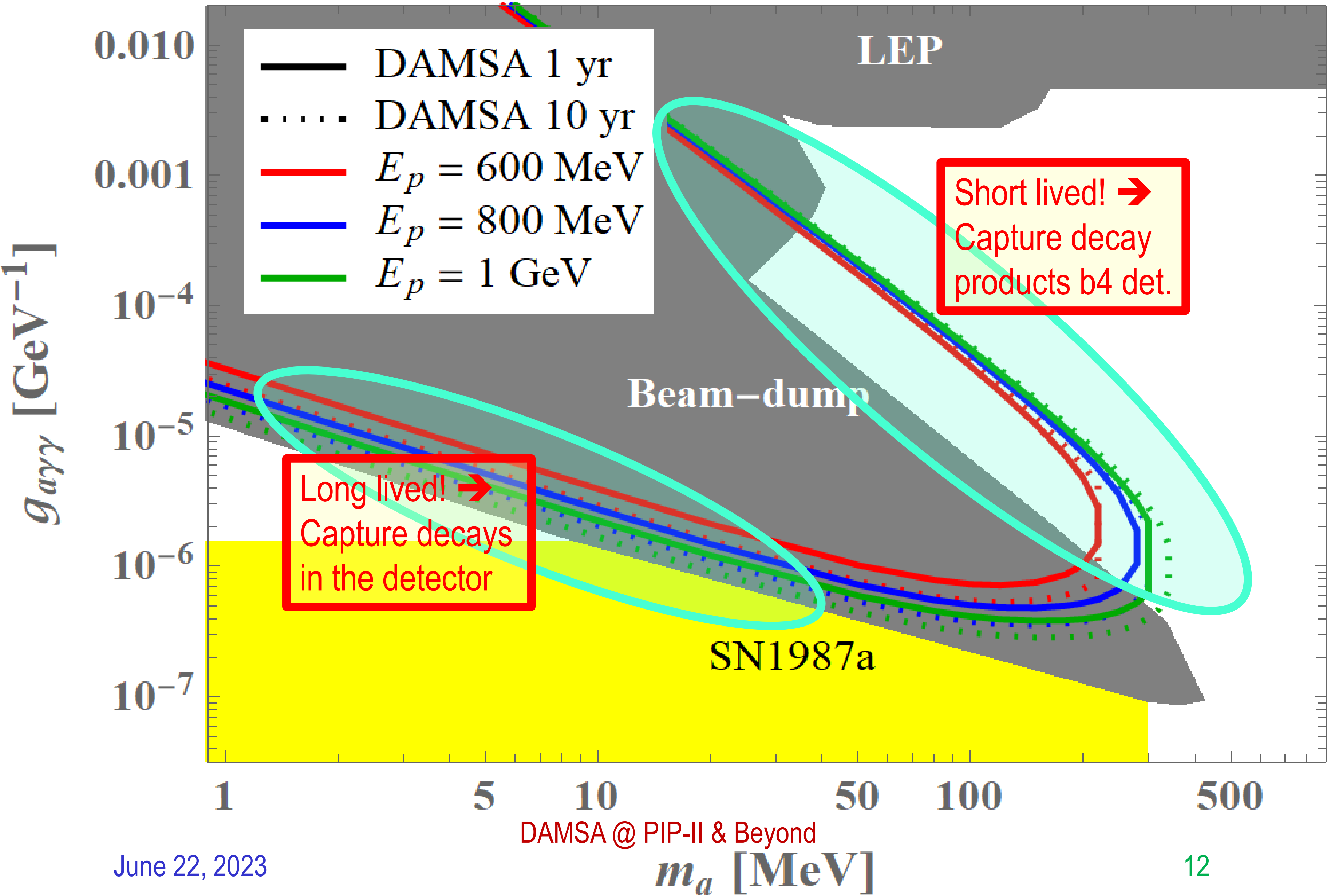
DAMSA Requirements – The Detector 1

- What detector capabilities are needed to
  - Capture as many ALP's as possible in as wide a mass range as possible
    - **High mass** ALP's have **shorter lifetime** ➔ Need to be able to capture two photons from the ALP decays upstream of the detector
    - **Low mass** ALP's **live longer** ➔ Allow them to decay and interact in the detector and capture decay products upstream of the detector as much as possible
  - Reject accidental backgrounds from neutron spallation in the detector
    - Minimize the materials upstream of the detector for neutron interactions
- Place a large decay volume in vacuum to fill the gap between the dump and the detector ➔ Extends effective detector range
  - Allows high mass ALPs to decay ➔ giving clear vertices where the two final state photons originate from
  - Neutron interactions confined to the decay chamber walls

DAMSA Requirements – The Detector 2

- What are other possible ways to further reduce the background from neutron spallation? ➔ Aim to reduce by order >=10^{10}
  - Leverage the speed of the neutrons ➔ Neutrons are 10 – 1000 times heavier than the ALPs, thus for the given momentum, the arrival time of the neutron induced photon accidentals would be delayed over ALP's
  - Leverage the distance of the closest approach of the two photon traces
  - Require the traceback of the overlapping two photon momentum sum to point the dump
  - Invariant mass of the two photon momenta be within the interested mass range
  - Require the arrival time difference between two photons be close to 0
- A large number of neutrons have low kinetic energy ➔ Require the photon energy to be greater than 5 MeV (detector threshold ~1MeV)

Expected DAMSA Sensitivity

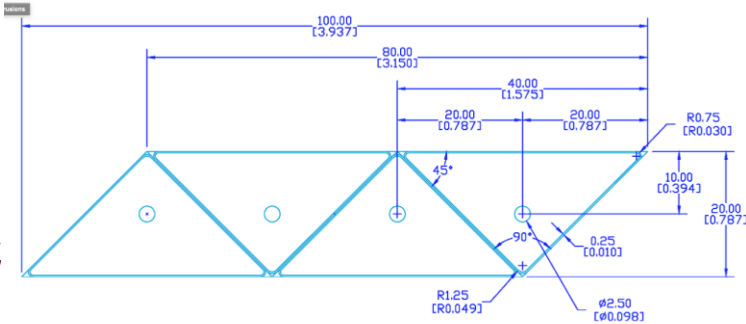


DAMSA Detector Characteristics

- Based on the concept studies using GEANT4 and neutron background rejection ➔ The detector must be
  - Capable of measuring up to 500 MeV photons with an MeV or better mass resolution
  - Fine granularity for superb shower position (1cm or better) and angular resolutions
  - Fast timing capability, ideally at the sub-ns level resolution

Potential DAMSA Detector Technology

- A total absorption EM calorimeter
  - Sufficient depth to absorb photons up to 500MeV
  - Further optimization for low mass ALP in progress
- Crystal or plastic scintillation counter with fine lateral and longitudinal granularity (M~160t)
  - A thin (<5cm) triangular pixels with a fast photon detector attached to the pixel
    - Lateral and longitudinal granularity
  - SPAD, MCP, Hybrid SiPM, etc



- A study to develop the most optimal detector for the physics has been ongoing

Potential DAMSA Experiment Timeline

- Through Dec. 2023 : Form a collaboration and prepare a proposal to Fermilab PAC
  - Internationality would be an important factor
  - Expanded physics goals and sensitivity reach
  - Detector design and rough cost estimates
- Jan. 2024: Submit the DAMSA proposal to PAC
- 2024 – 2025/2026: experiment approval and project establishment
- 2025/2026 – 2028: experiment construction
- 2029: Complete the detector construction and start commissioning for data taking

DAMSA Collaboration Building

- DAMSA has been introduced to the community throughout the past 2 years, more intensely in 2023
  - Multiple presentations made at conferences and workshops
  - The concept was included in a few Snowmass2021 white papers
  - In the workshop on physics opps at PIP-II BD and beyond at Fermilab 5/10 – 5/13/23, the discussion on DAMSA experiment occurred 5/12 – 5/12/23, followed by a presentation at ACE Science workshop @ FNAL
  - Introduced to Fermilab leadership April and May 2023
- The collaboration consists of
  - Lead Investigators: Jae Yu and Juan Estrada (FNAL)
  - Institutions expressed interests thus far:
    - US (7): FNAL, OU, TAMU, UCR, UCI, CSU, UTA
    - SK (6): SNU, UoS, KNU-CHEP, Korea U., Korea U. - Chochiwon Campus, KyungHee U.
    - European colleagues are welcome to join in!!

Conclusions

- DAMSA is a DSP search and discovery experiment that leverages high intensity, low energy proton beams
  - ALP and other physics topics will be explored
- Detailed GEANT based studies performed for detector parameter requirements ➔ Optimization in progress
  - Neutron background consideration
- Building DAMSA collaboration (7 US + 6 SK) w/ the goal to submit a proposal to Fermilab PAC Jan. 2024
- DAMSA presents an excellent opportunity for Fermilab's PIP-II and ACE to become an LLP search facility in the kinematic regime complimentary to the LHC

Parting Questions

- What other physic topics can we do with the DAMSA experiment configuration?
  - Is there a SM measurement DAMSA can contribute?
- What modifications to DAMSA experimental configuration to dramatically expand the physics reach?
- What are the tools necessary for DAMSA physics reach in a timely manner?