

# Inelastic Dark Matter at the LHC Lifetime Frontier

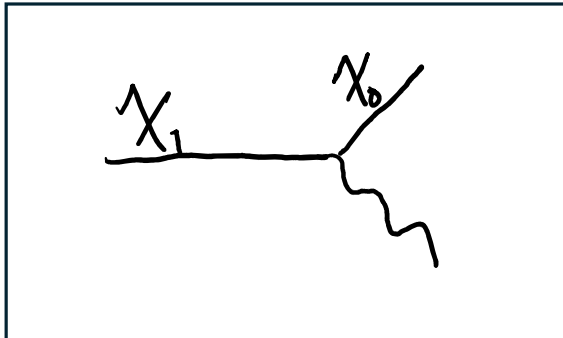
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Roadmap of DM models for Run 3

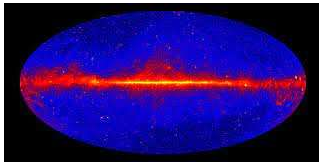
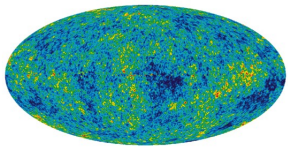
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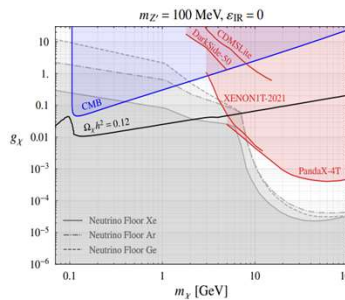
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# Thermal DM being attacked on all fronts

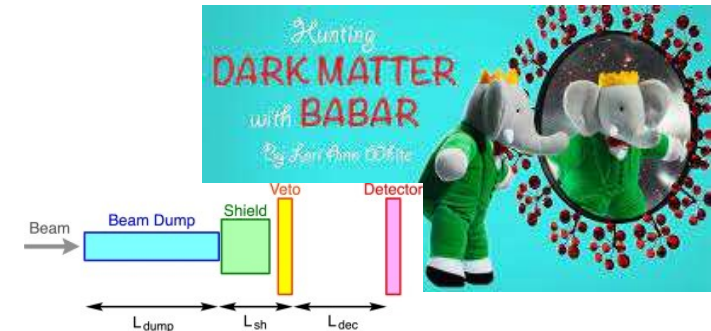


CMB distortions and  $\gamma$ -ray telescopes probe late annihilations

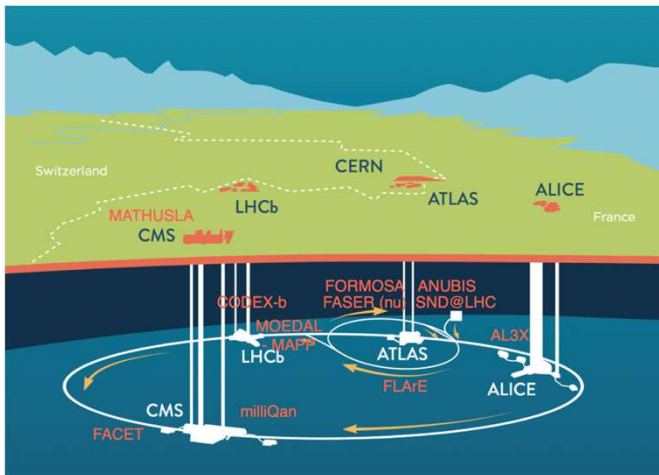


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Nuclear and electronic recoils in direct detection



Beam dumps and B-factories probing  $\lesssim 10$  GeV DM

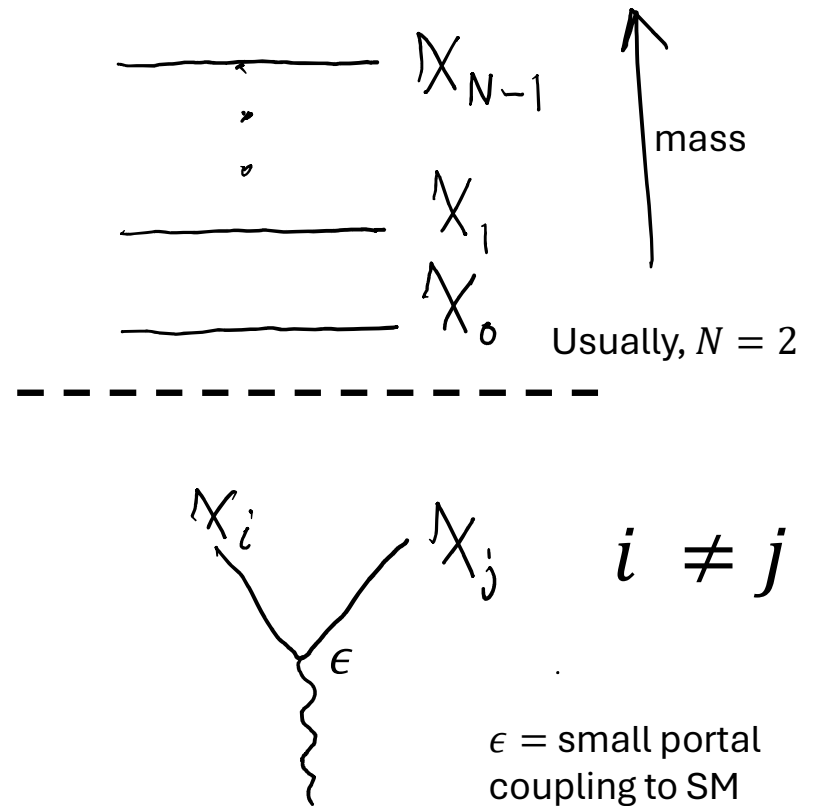


*Inelastic Dark Matter* has many realizations which naturally evade the indirect + direct detection constraints

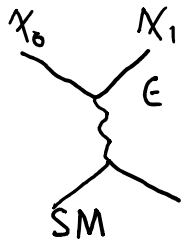
I'll discuss two models of iDM, the host of experiments at the LHC can complement lower energy accelerator experiments to probe thermal target

# What is inelastic dark matter?

- Originally introduced to explain by the DAMA DD anomaly Smith, Weiner 2001
- Generally, iDM involves a mass splitting between  $N > 1$  dark states
- Models vary, interactions typically restricted to be off-diagonal
- Production of heavy state can lead to collider scale decay lengths  $d = \frac{E}{m} c\tau$  that we can look for
- $\chi_0$  is a stable ground state and is the DM



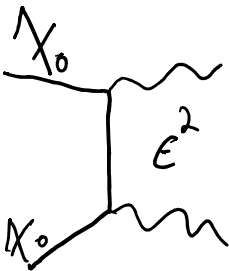
# Why do we care about iDM?



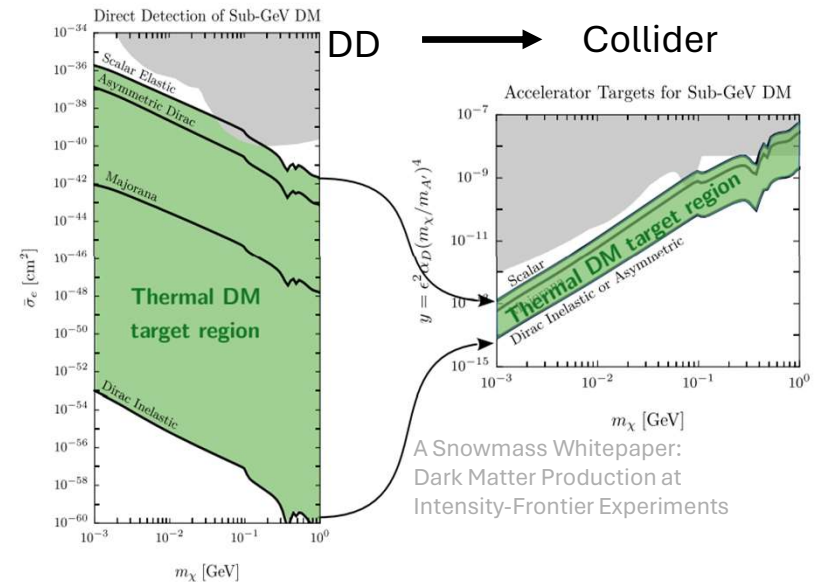
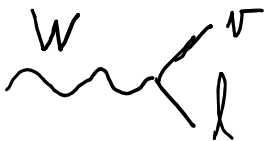
- Direct Detection bounds are quite strong
  - iDM gives a kinematic suppression for  $m_0 v_{\text{DM}}^2 < (m_1 - m_0) = \Delta m_0$

$$10^{-6} < \Delta$$

- For collider scale lifetimes  $\chi_1$  is depleted by recombination, suppressing CMB distortions and indirect detection rates (ID today suppressed by small  $v_{\text{DM}}$ )

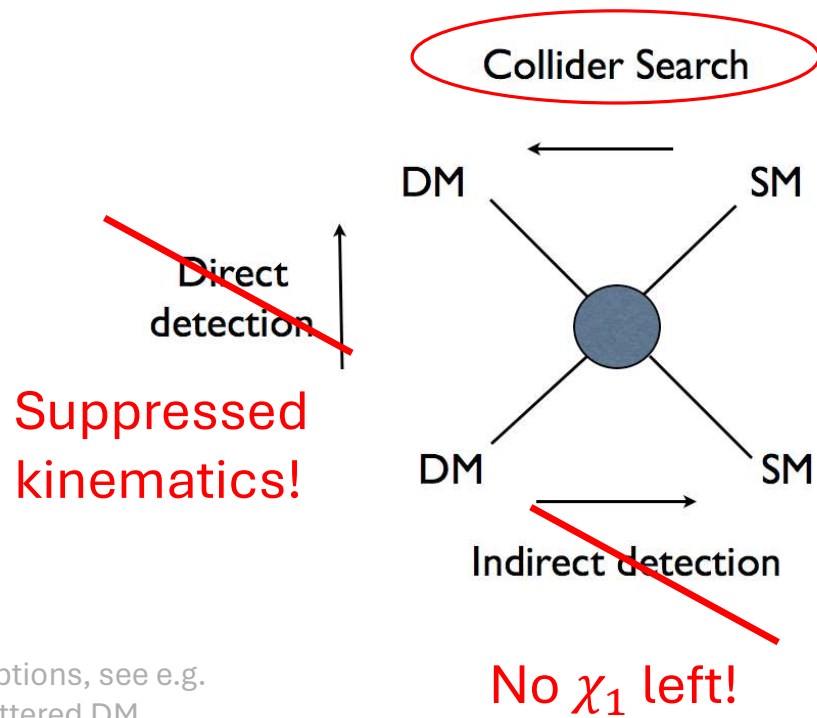


- iDM is a general model that shows up in many theories. Inelastic interactions certainly seen in the SM



In a relativistic environment, like the LHC or early universe, mass splittings and small DM velocities are not longer an issue → relic target more accessible!

# How can we find it?



Colliders are a good bet

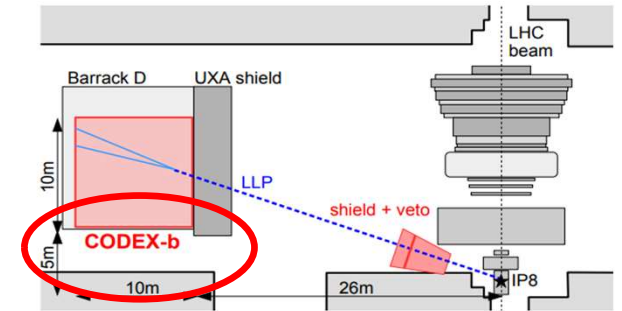
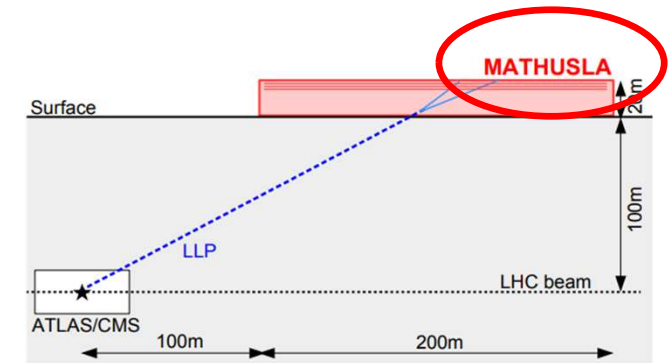


Where can iDM be discovered at the LHC?

\*Exceptions, see e.g. upscattered DM (Menon et al. 2009, Krnjaic, McDermott 2019, Bell et. Al 2021)

# Some existing/proposed LLP Experiments at the LHC

- Main experiments: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb
  - Displaced muon jets, timing
- Faser
  - On beam axis, 500m from IP
- Forward Physics Facility
  - Upgrade to FASER, includes a suite of expt's.
- MATHUSLA
  - Large decay volume on the surface for long lifetimes
- Codex-B (see Louis Henry's [talk](#))
  - Shielded and close to LHCb
- Anubis
  - Service shafts above ATLAS / CMS
- ...



Sensitivity by each to iDM largely determined by model dependent decay length + dominant production mechanism

$$d = \frac{E}{m} c\tau$$

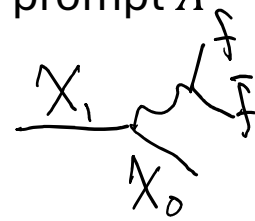
# Some models of iDM

## Dark photon broken $U(1)_D$ – 5 parameters

$$\mathcal{L} = g_D \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_0 A'_\mu + \epsilon f \bar{f} A'$$

- E.g. from Majorana mass terms lead to mass splitting
- For  $m_{A'} > m_{0,1}$  and  $m_1 - m_0 \geq m_f$  prompt  $A'$  decay + displaced  $\chi_1$  decay

$$A' \rightarrow \chi_0 \chi_1 \rightarrow \chi_0 \chi_0 f \bar{f}$$



- $\chi_1$  lab decay length

$$\bar{d}_{\chi_1} \approx 1\text{m} \times \frac{E_1}{m_1} \times \left(\frac{\alpha_D}{0.1}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{0.1}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{m_{A'}}{3m_0}\right)^4 \left(\frac{0.05}{\Delta}\right)^5 \left(\frac{m_0}{10\text{GeV}}\right)$$

- Many paths to LLP

- Small couplings:  $\epsilon \ll 1$
- Phase Space:  $\Delta \ll 1$
- Scale Suppression:  $m_1 \ll m_{A'}$

I'll be thinking of  $m_{A'} > m_{0,1}$

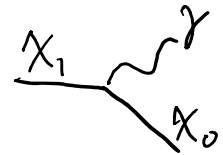
Izaguirre et al 2015  
Berlin et al 2018

## (Magnetic) Inelastic Dipole DM – 3 parameters

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \bar{\chi}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi_0 F_{\mu\nu}$$

- Simple, can come from heavier particles at heavy scale  $\Lambda$
- Long lived for small  $\Delta$  with monophoton signal (also a suppressed  $f\bar{f}$  3-body)

$$\chi_1 \rightarrow \chi_0 \gamma$$



- $\chi_1$  lab decay length

$$\bar{d}_{\chi_1} \approx 1\text{m} \left(\frac{1\text{GeV}}{m_0}\right)^3 \left(\frac{0.01}{\Delta}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{15\text{TeV}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{E_{\chi_1}}{\text{TeV}}\right)$$

- Other variations w/ same signal different dynamics:

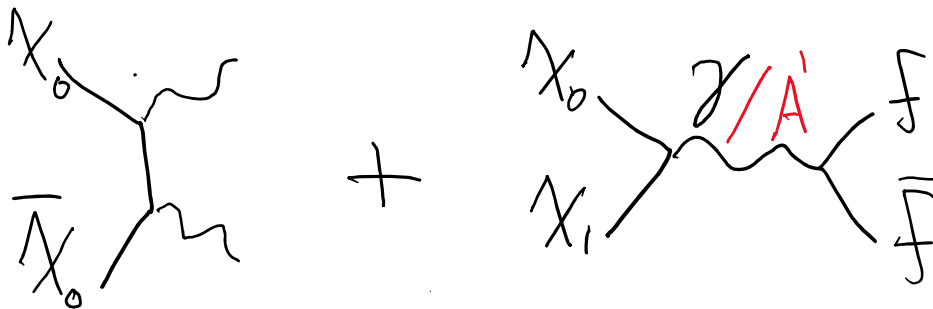
- Electric Dipole:  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5$
- Charge Radius:  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \gamma^\mu \delta^\nu F_{\mu\nu}$  Izaguirre et al 2015
- Anapole:  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \gamma^\mu \delta^\nu F_{\mu\nu} \gamma^5$  Dienes et al. 2023

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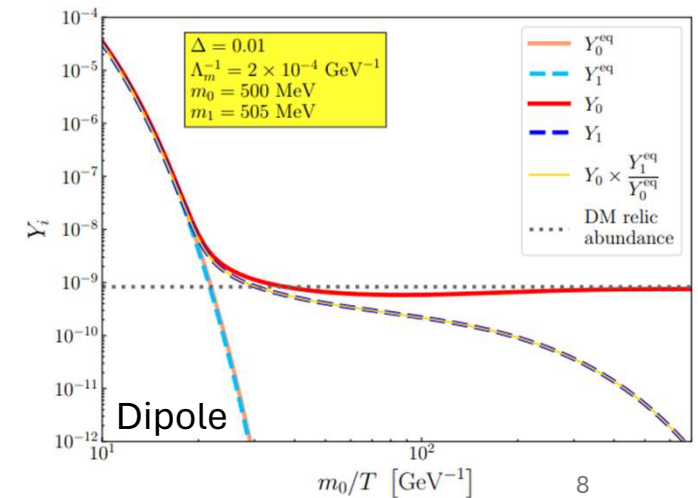
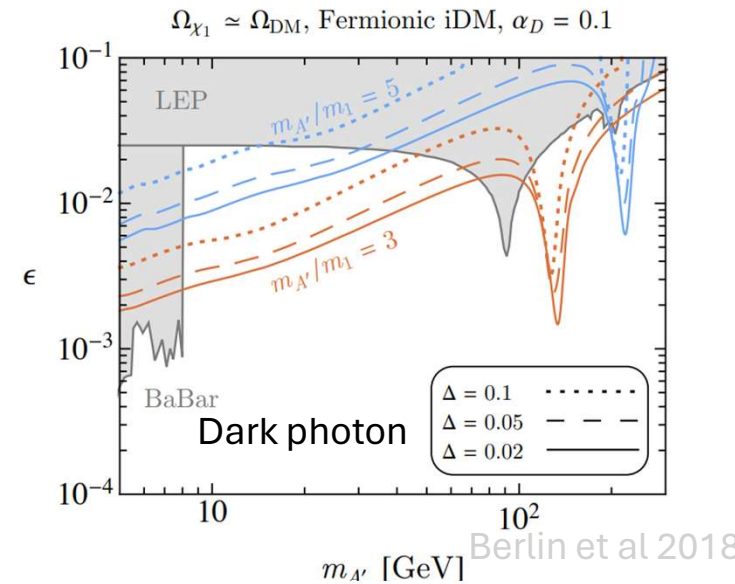


# The relic target

- Both models have unprobed parameter space that reproduce  $\Omega_{DM}$  through (co-)annihilation freezeout



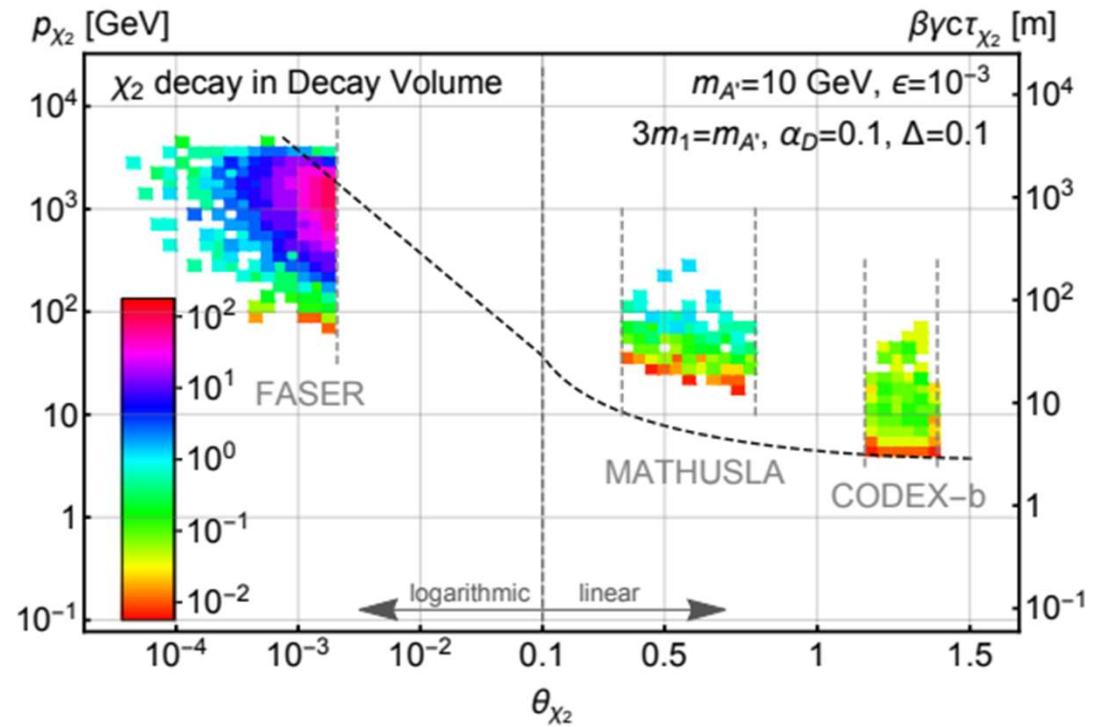
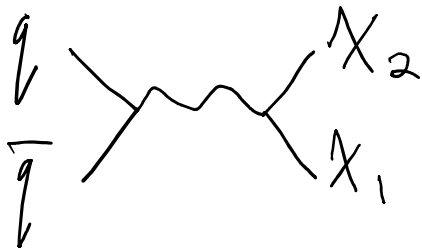
- Large  $\Delta \rightarrow$  mainly annihilation, require larger couplings, heavy  $\chi$  decouples
- Small  $\Delta \rightarrow$  mainly co-annihilation, smaller couplings. Approaches elastic limit





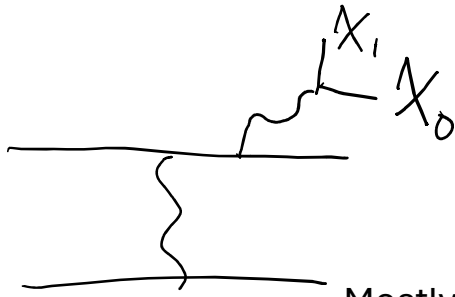
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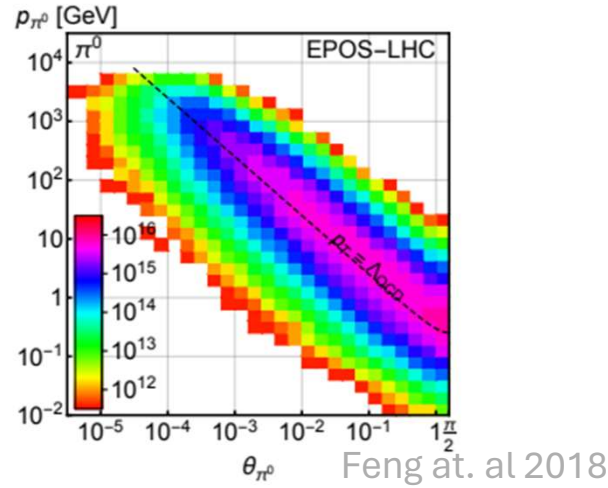
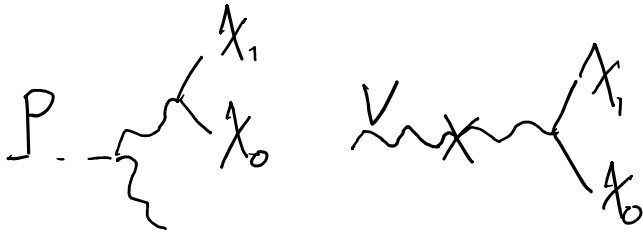
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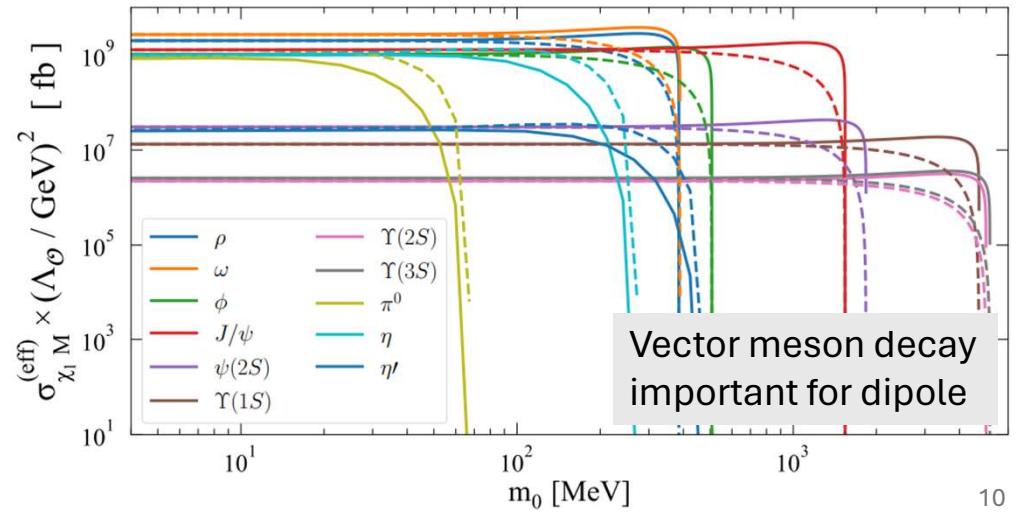
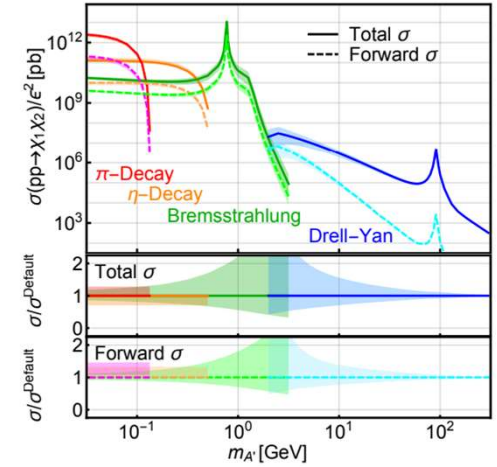
Mostly forward production

$$m_{\text{meson}} > m_1 + m_2$$

Meson Decay



Dark photon



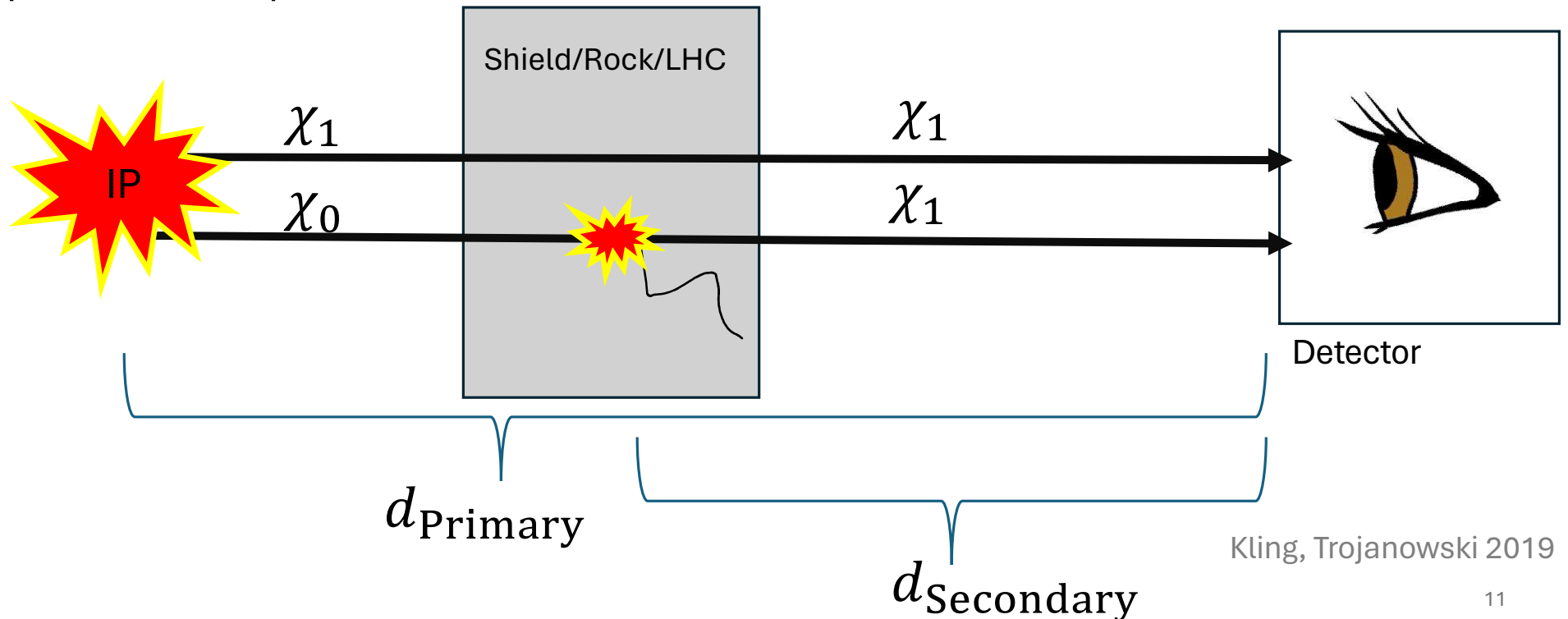
Dipole

Vector meson decay important for dipole

# Production at an accelerator: Secondary Production

Can probe shorter decay lengths with the same experiment! Sensitive to larger coupling

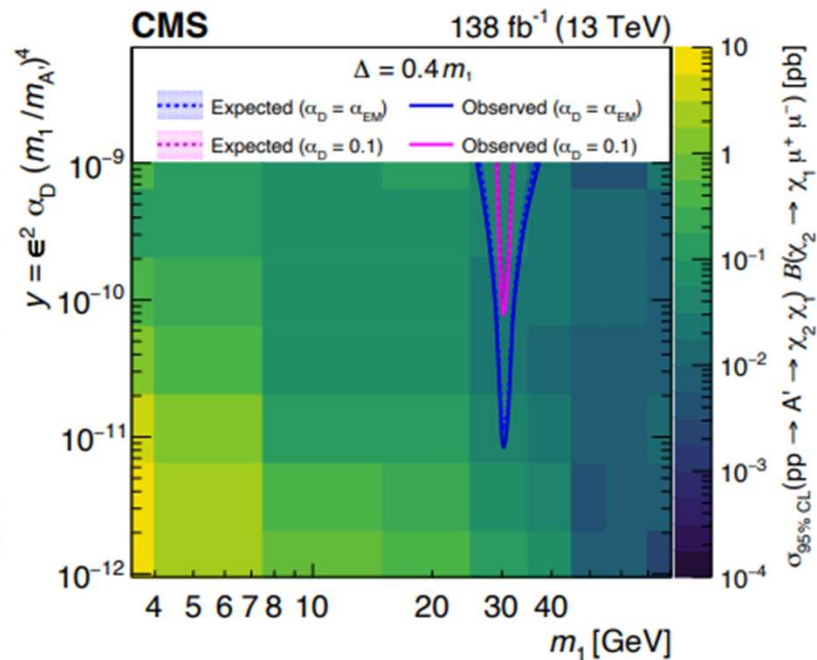
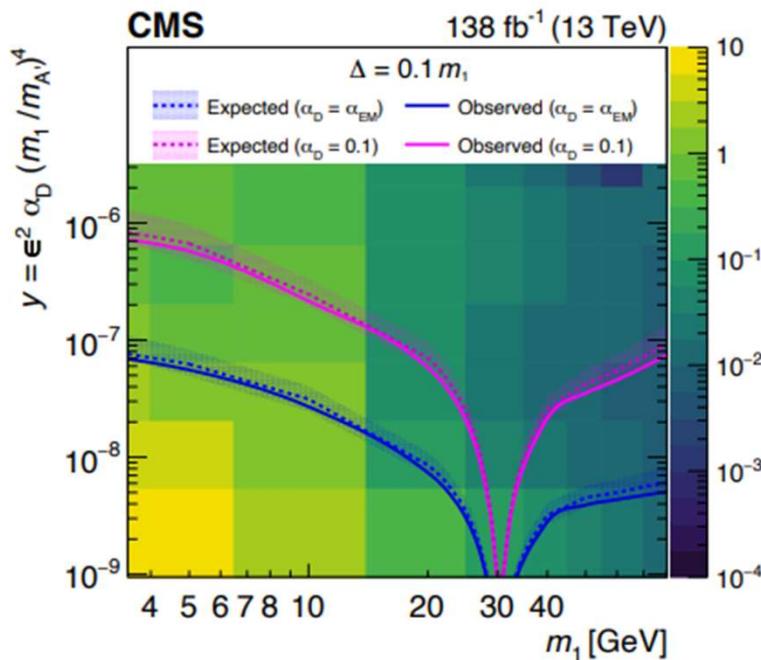
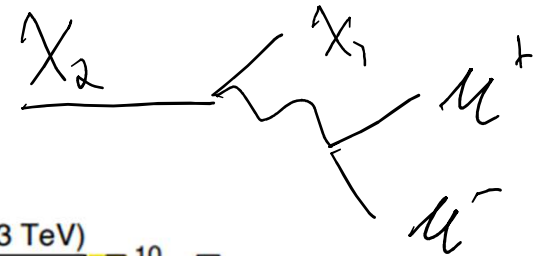
- Large couplings  $\rightarrow$  shorter decay lengths + larger upscattering probability  $\rightarrow$  secondary production important



What is the sensitivity to iDM at the LHC?

# CMS did the first dedicated collider search for iDM

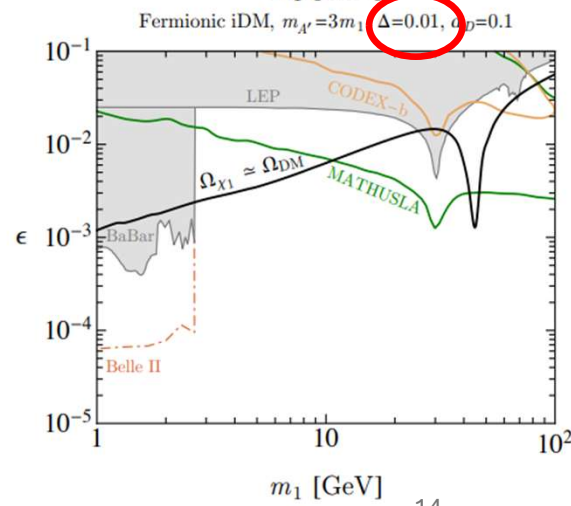
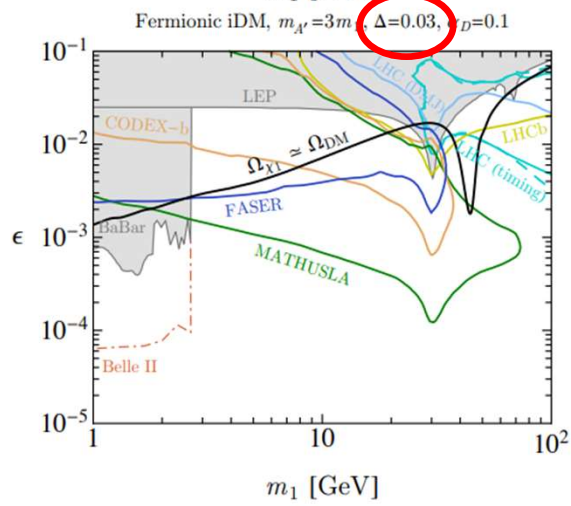
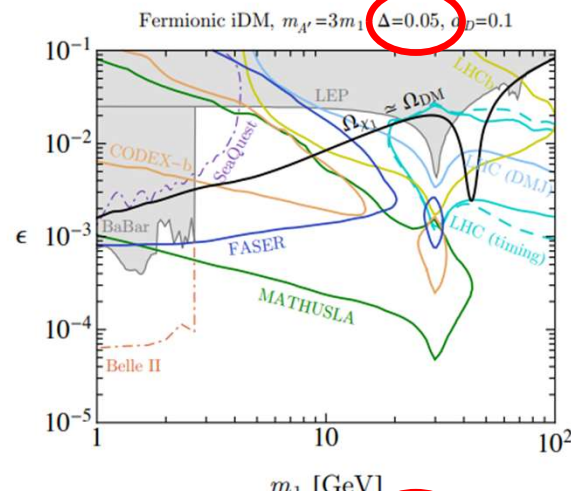
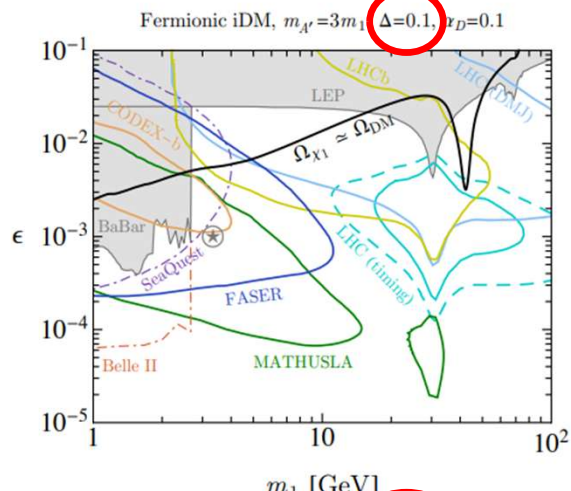
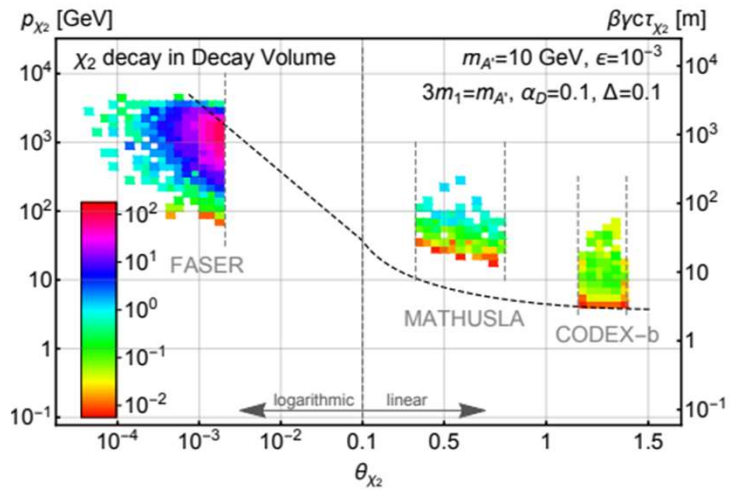
- Displaced Muon Jet (CMS 2305.11649)



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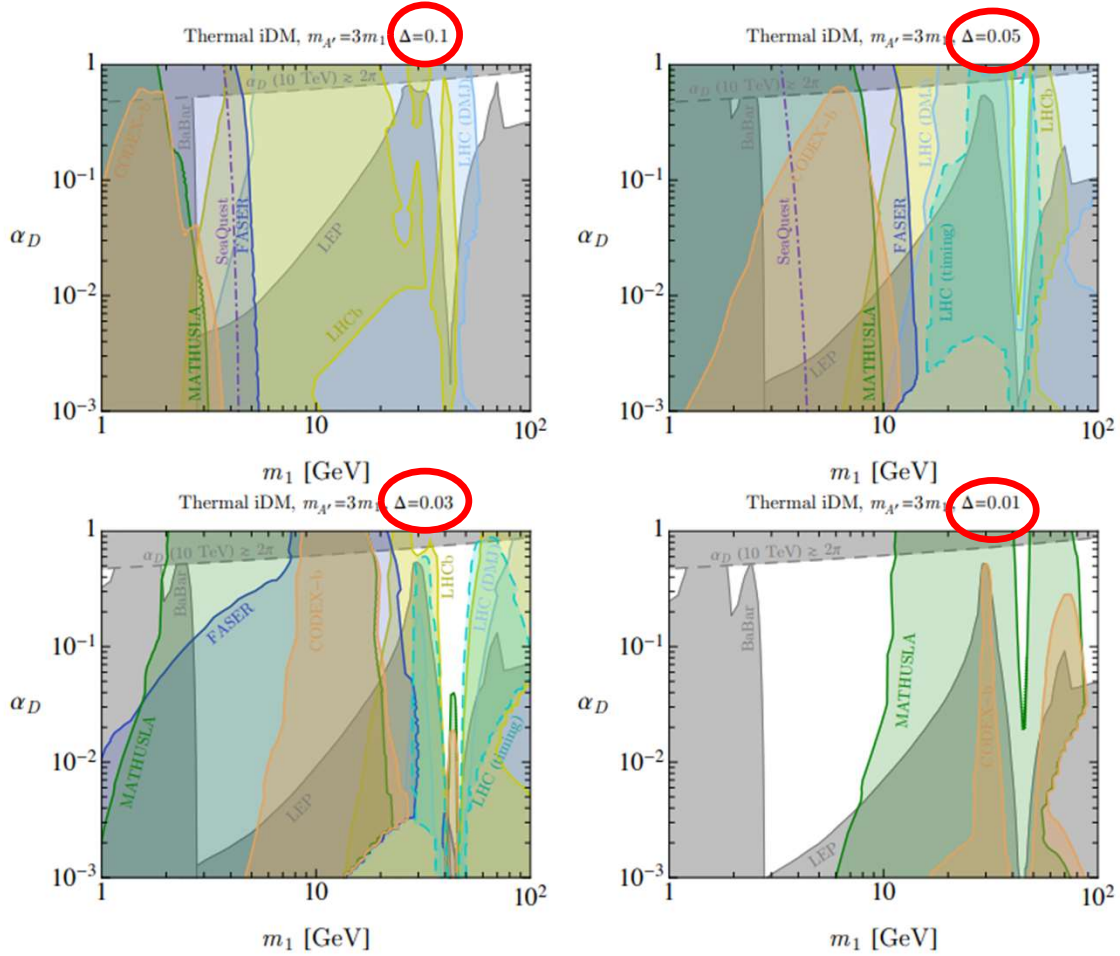
Decreasing  $\Delta$  from top-left  $\tau \sim \Delta^{-5}$

- Relic line saturates for  $\Delta \approx 0.03$
- Faser, Codex-B, Mathusla, LHCb all have sensitivity to relic target
- All expt's too close for  $\Delta < 0.01$ 
  - still far away from DD!



# Projections – Dark Photon iDM Thermal Relic Space

- Every point has  $\epsilon$  scaled to match  $\Omega_{\text{DM}}$ 
  - $\frac{m_{A'}}{m_{\text{DM}}} = 3$  fixed
- Many experiments with different  $c\tau$  sensitivities needed to cover cosmologically viable parameter space!
- Other experiments, B-factories (Belle, Babar), Seaquest, LSND, E137, BDX, LDMX, MiniBoone have/will provide complimentary coverage





# Projections – Dipole iDM at BaBar and LHC 1508.03050

- LHC

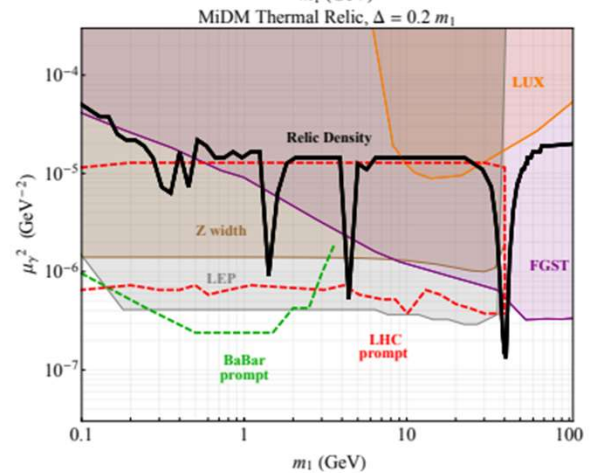
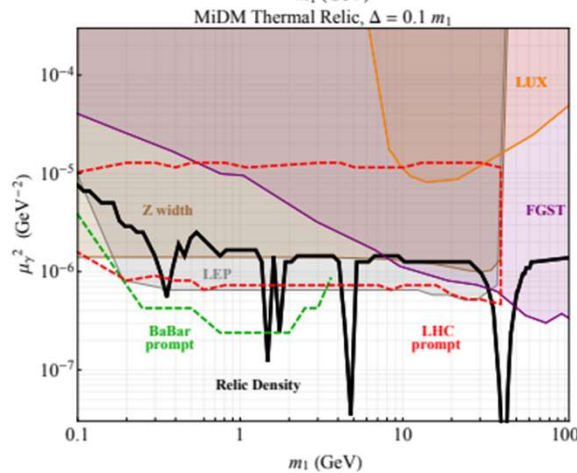
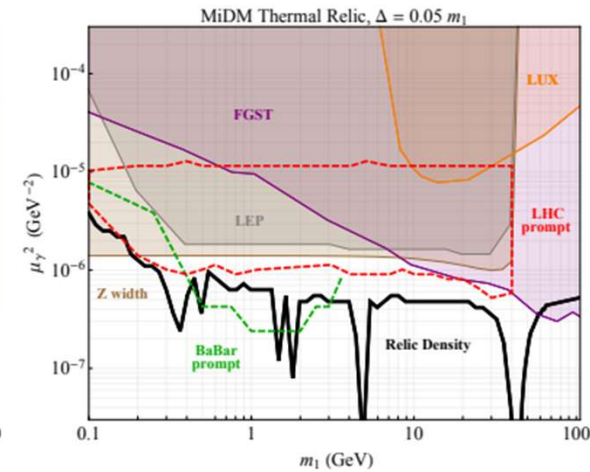
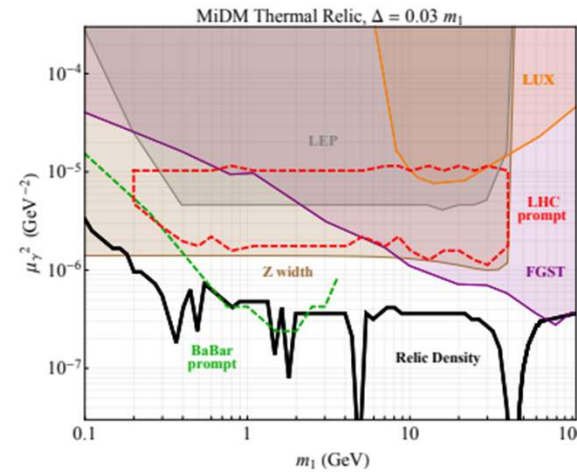
- $pp \rightarrow j\chi_0\chi_1 \rightarrow j\chi_0\chi_0\gamma$
- Jet + photon + missing energy

- BaBar

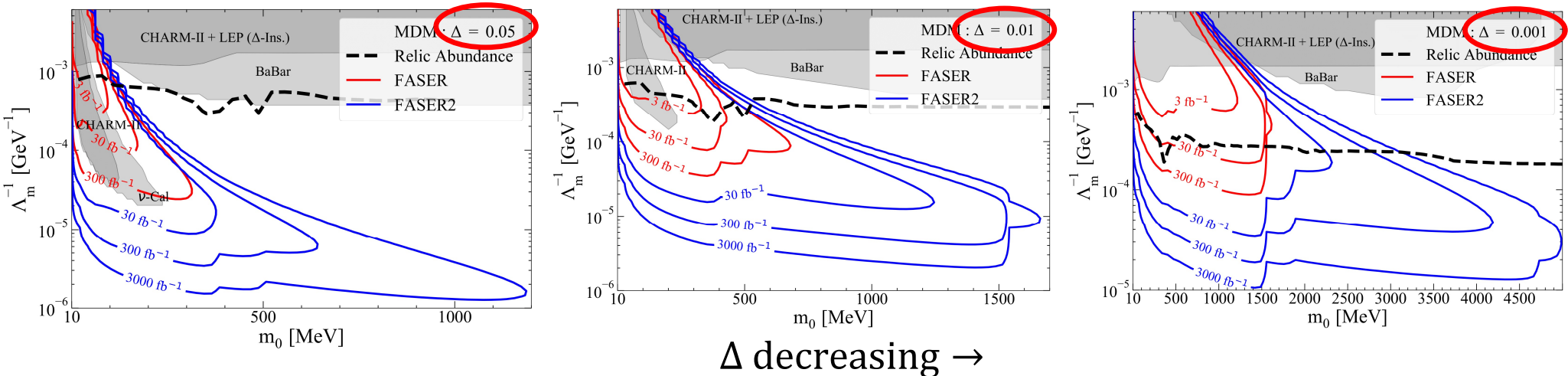
- 1photon + missing energy
- 2photons + missing energy

- Lose sensitivity for  $\Delta \lesssim 5\%$

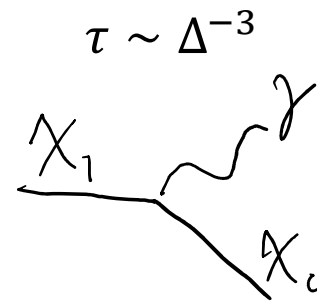
- Too long lived



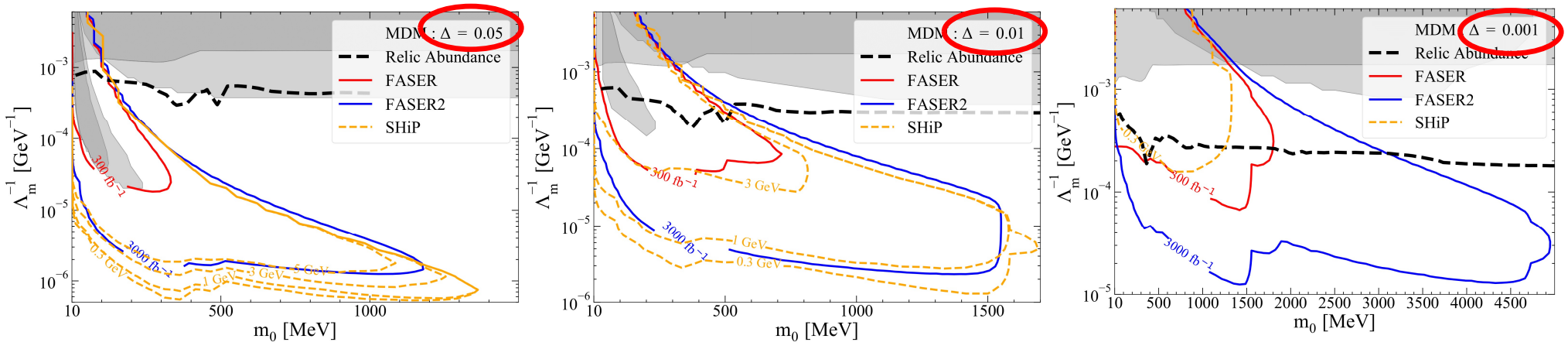
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- Decreasing  $\Delta$  brings softer decay photons  $\rightarrow$  passes below thresholds
- FASER has TeV  $\chi_1$ , good for compressed spectra.
  - $E_\gamma \approx 10 \text{ GeV} \times \frac{\Delta}{0.01}$
- Forward production benefits from mass enhancement in vector meson decay:
 
$$\text{BF} \sim \frac{m_{\text{meson}}^2}{\Lambda^2}$$
- Other LHC experiments may have sensitivity to relic target
  - We also made SHiP projections

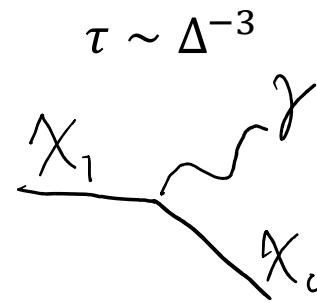


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$\Delta$  decreasing  $\rightarrow$

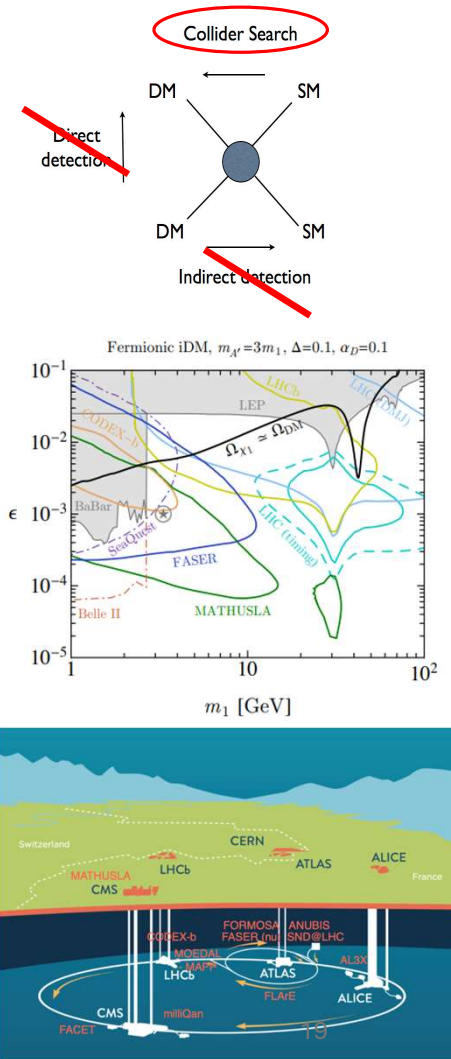
- SHiP and FASER cover similar decay lengths
- SHiP uses intense SPS beam
  - $> 10^{20}$  POT but lower energy
  - Outperforms FASER for  $\Delta > 0.01$
- As  $\Delta$  is decreased, need to rely more on large boost to pick out decay products



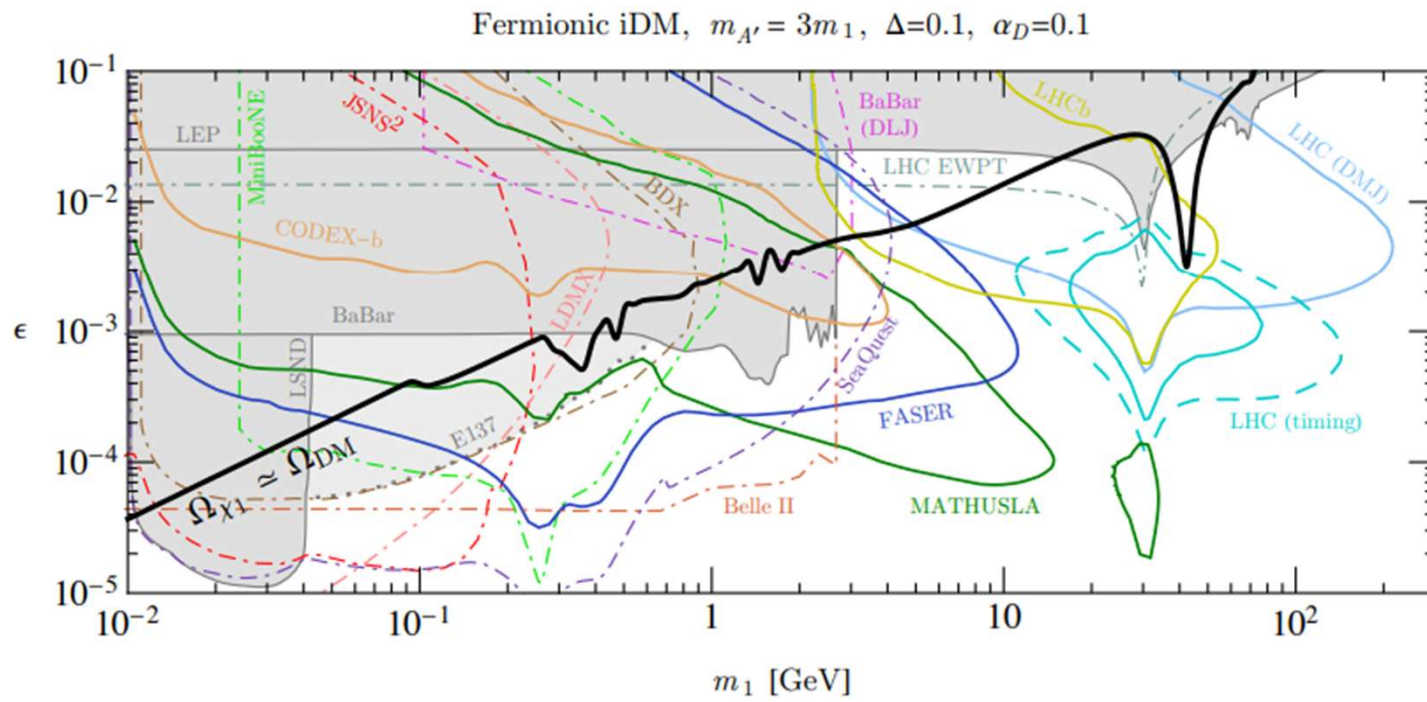
# Summary

- Inelastic dark matter is a general model, naturally insensitive to experiments targeting DM via ID, DD
  - Brings an LLP, motivates displaced decay searches!
  - Many realizations with different signals,  $\tau(\Delta)$ , dominant production mechanisms
  - I discussed the dark photon and dipole iDM models  $\bar{d} \approx 1m$
- The relic target is actively being probed by experiments today
  - Sensitivity largely dependent on  $\Delta$ , relic target is not
- LHC the best place to search for  $m_{DM} > O(10)GeV$ 
  - Complementary to lower energy beam dumps and B factories
  - Many experiments needed to cover the relic target space!

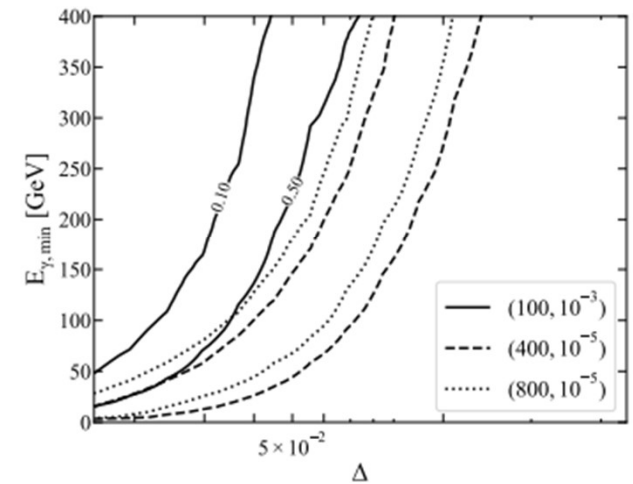
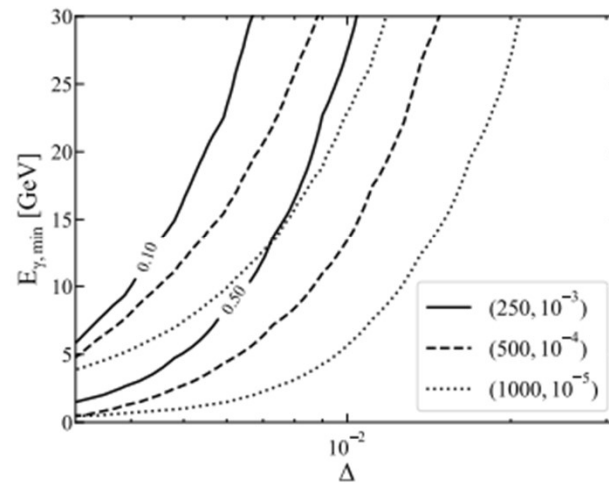
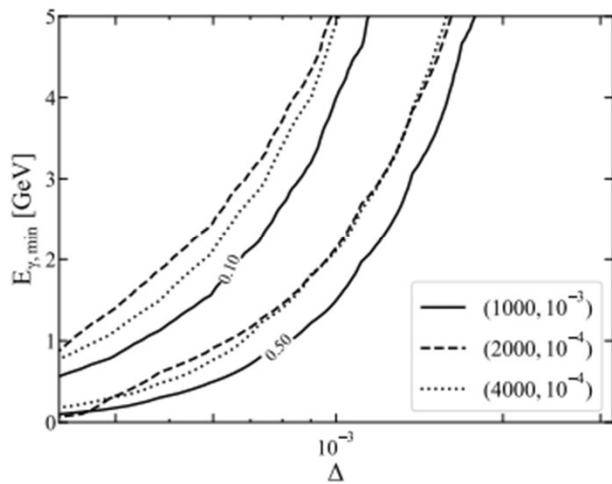
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- Loss of reach with increasing energy cut
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