

Feebly-interacting particles at future colliders

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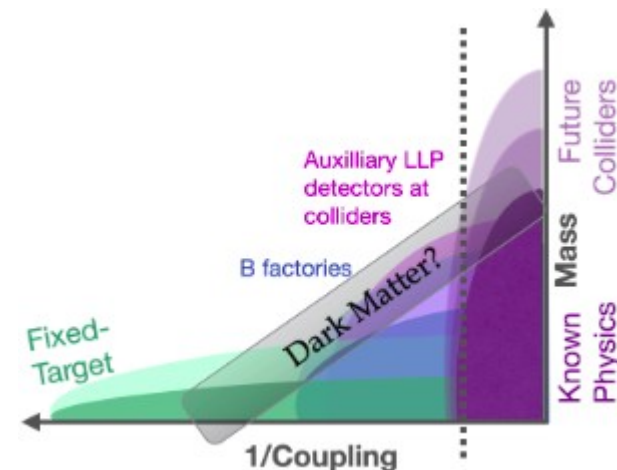
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FIMPs (& neutrinos)

- Feebly-Interacting Massive Particles
- **This talk: ~MeV- to GeV-scale new physics (only selection of topics)**
- Motivation:
 - Cosmology (DM, inflation, baryogenesis)
 - Hierarchy (relaxion,...), ...
- Experimentally accessible:
 - Intensity frontier
 - Auxiliary collider detectors
- Prototype feebly-interacting particles: neutrinos
- FIMP detectors can offer additional ν physics opportunities

FIPs 2022 Workshop Report, 2305.01715



EXPERIMENTAL LANDSCAPE (NOT FULL)

Experiment	Facility	Beam Config	Beam Energy	Det Signature	Timeline
US-based					
HPS	CEBAF @ JLab	electron FT	1-6 GeV	LLP	running
COHERENT	SNS @ ORNL	proton FT	1 GeV	rescattering	running
CCM	LANSE @ LANL	proton FT	0.8 GeV	rescattering	running
SpinQuest/DarkQuest	MI @ FNAL	proton FT	120 GeV	LLP	construction, proposed upgrade
LDMX	LESA @ SLAC	electron FT	4-8 GeV	Missing X	R&D funding, 2024
BDX	CEBAF @ JLab	electron BD	11 GeV	rescattering, Millicharged	proposed
JPOS	CEBAF @ JLab	positron FT	11 GeV	Missing X	proposed
PIP-II BD	PIP-II @ FNAL	proton FT	1 GeV	rescattering, LLP	proposed (2029)
SBN-BD	Booster @ FNAL	proton BD	8 GeV	rescattering	proposed (2029)
REDTOP	TBD	proton FT	1-5 GeV	Missing X, LLP, Prompt	proposed
M ³	MI @ FNAL	muon FT	15 GeV muons	Missing X	proposed
FNAL- μ	muon campus @ FNAL	muon FT	3 GeV	LLP	proposed
International					
Belle-II	SuperKEKB @ KEK	e+e- collider	150 MeV	Missing X, LLP, Prompt	running
CODEX-p	LHC @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	LLP	construction (2023)
CODEX-b	LHC @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	LLP	proposed (2026)
LHCb	LHC @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	LLP, Prompt	running, future upgrade planned
NA62	SPS-H4 @ CERN	proton BD	400 GeV	LLP	dedicated running planned
FASERnu	LHC @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	rescattering	running
milliQAN	LHC @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	Millicharged	running
DarkMESA	MESA @ Mainz	Electron FT	150 MeV	rescattering, LLP	construction (2023)
NA64-e	SPS-H4 @ CERN	electron FT	100-150 GeV	Missing X, Prompt	running
NA64-mu	SPS-M2 @ CERN	muon FT	100-160 GeV	Missing X	commissioning
NA64/POKER	SPS-H4 @ CERN	positron FT	100 GeV	Missing X	planned (2024)
PIONEER	π E5 @ PSI	proton FT	10-20 MeV pions	Prompt	planned (2028)
FASER2	FPF @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	LLP	proposed (2029)
FORMOSA	FPF @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	Millicharged	proposed (2029)
FASERnu2	FPF @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	rescattering	proposed (2029)
FLArE	FPF @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	rescattering	proposed (2029)
SND@LHC	LHC @ CERN	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	rescattering	running
Advanced SND@LHC	FPF	pp collider	6.5-7 TeV	rescattering	proposed (2029)

FIMP DECAYS

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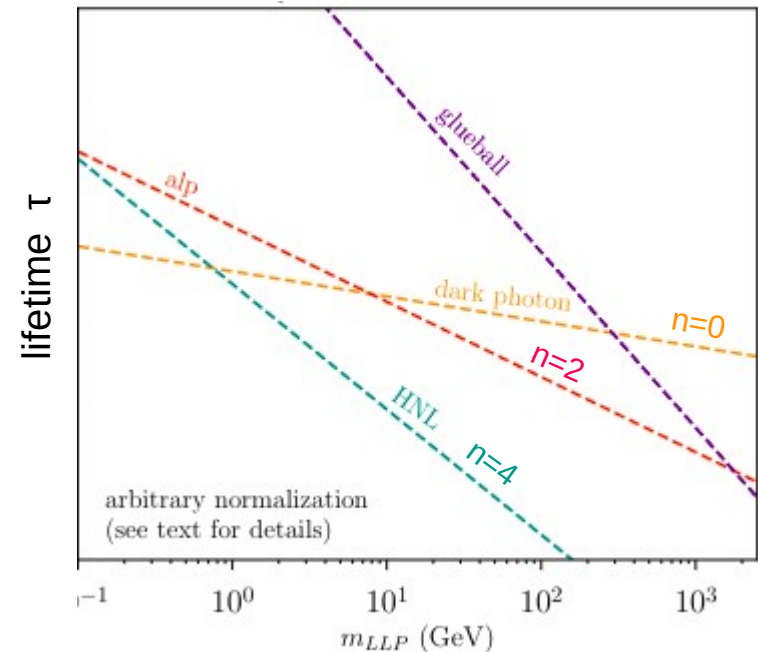
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Dark Photon, A_μ	$-\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} F'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
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Sterile Neutrino, N (Heavy Neutral Lepton, HNL)	$y_N L H N$

& many more variants

Large lifetime

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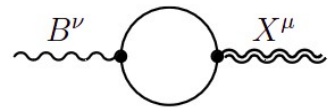
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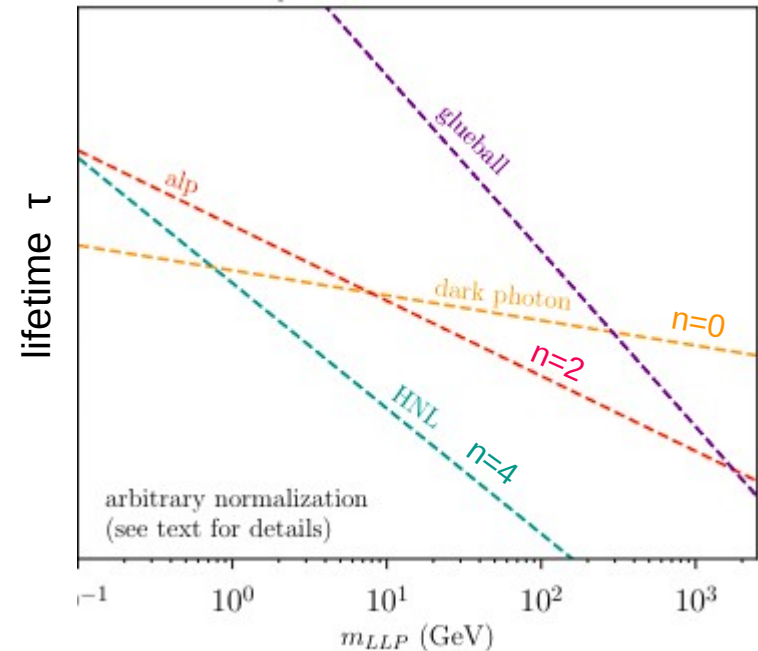
small couplings, e.g.
kinetic mixing



$$\epsilon = -\frac{g' g_X}{16\pi^2} \sum_i Y_i q_i \ln \frac{M_i^2}{\mu^2}$$

Dark photon

$$\Gamma_{A' \rightarrow ee} \sim \epsilon^2 m_{A'}$$



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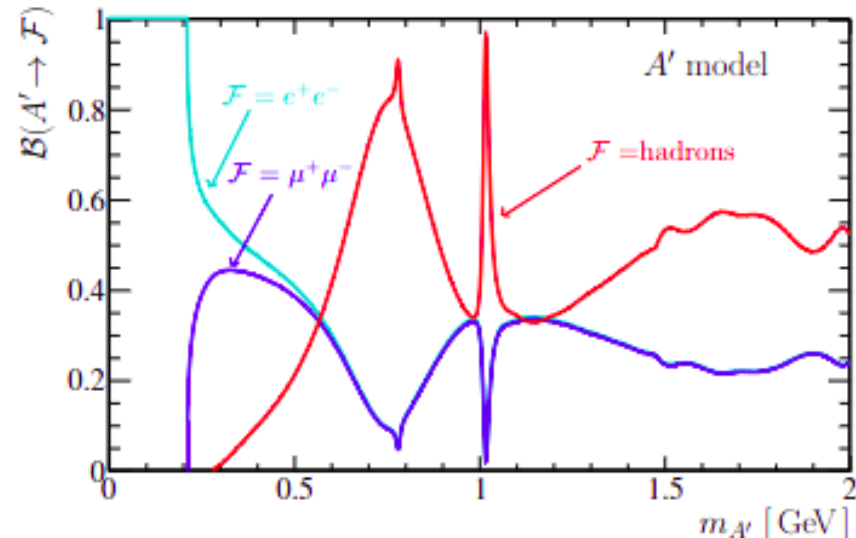
$$\Gamma_{A' \rightarrow f\bar{f}} \sim \epsilon^2 m_{A'}$$

data-driven

$$\Gamma_{A' \rightarrow \text{hadrons}} \sim \Gamma_{A' \rightarrow \mu\mu} R_\mu(m_{A'})$$

$$R_\mu = \frac{\sigma(ee \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(ee \rightarrow \mu\mu)}$$

P. Ilten, etal, 1801.04847



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ALPs

$$\Gamma \sim \frac{m^3}{f_a^2}$$

HNLs

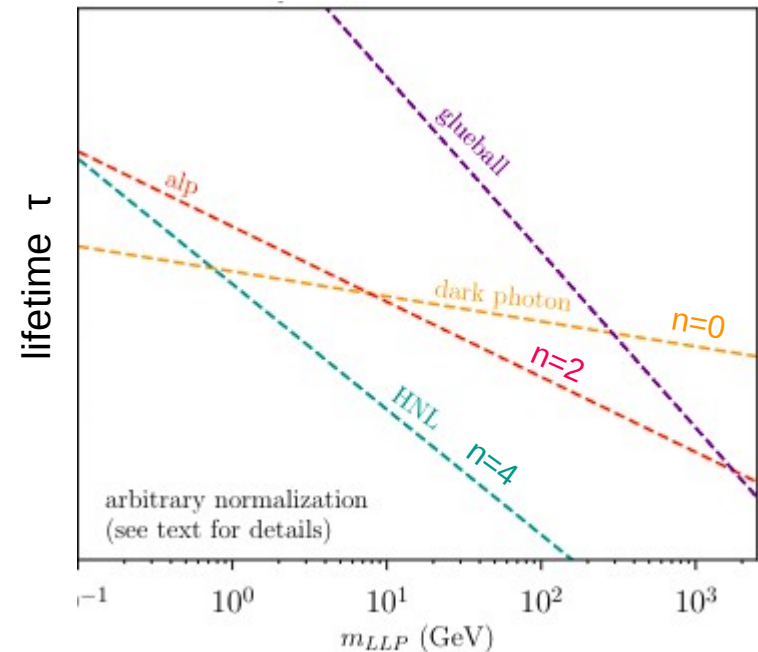
$$\Gamma \sim |U|^2 \frac{m_N^5}{m_{W,Z}^4}$$

- low FIMP mass: large lifetime,

- quickly drops down at higher masses

→ impact on detection strategies

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Example: inelastic DM (iDM)
(dark photon mediator)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset ie_D A'_\mu \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2,$$

$$\Gamma(\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 \ell^+ \ell^-) \simeq \frac{4\epsilon^2}{15\pi} \alpha_{\text{em}} \alpha_D \frac{m_1^5}{m_{A'}^4} \Delta^5.$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_D}$$

MODELING UNCERTAINTIES - A' PRODUCTION

M. Fabbrichesi, etal 2005.01515

- Electron beam-dumps,
conventional to use Weizsacker-Williams approximation
J.D. Bjorken, etal, 0906.0580

Cross section decomposition

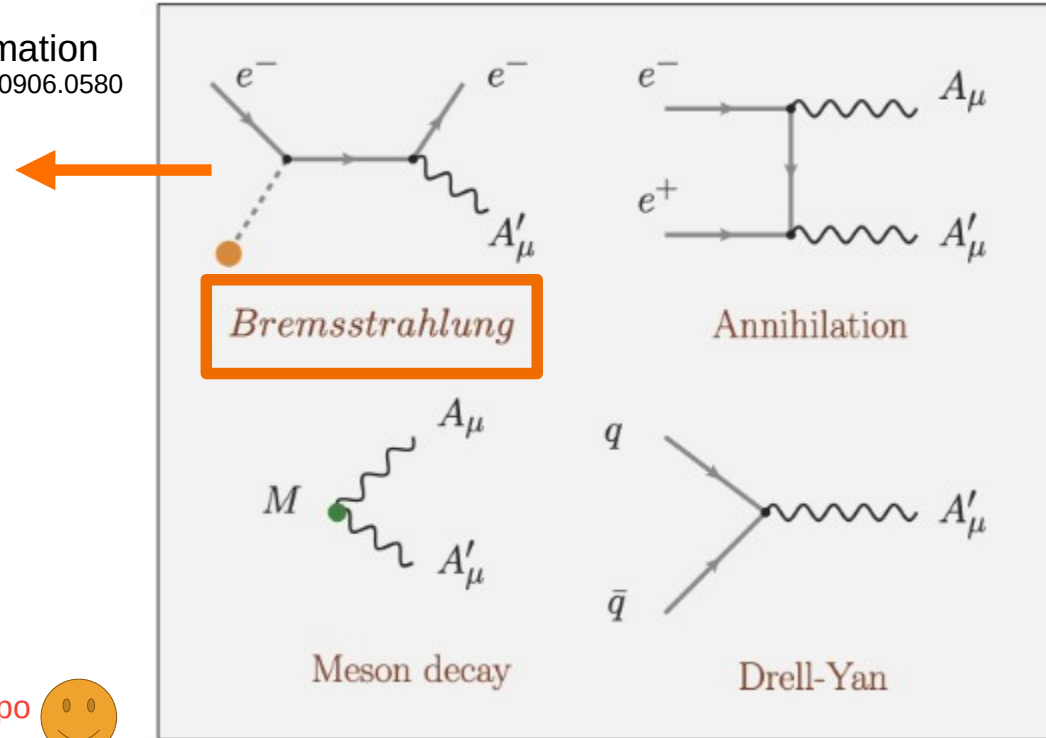
$$\frac{d\sigma(p + P_i \rightarrow p' + k + P_f)}{dE_{A'} d\cos\theta_{A'}} = \left(\frac{\alpha\chi}{\pi}\right) \left(\frac{E_0 x \beta_{A'}}{(1-x)}\right) \times \frac{d\sigma(p + q \rightarrow p' + k)}{d(p \cdot k)} \Big|_{t=t_{min}},$$

(effective) Photon flux

$$\chi \equiv \int_{t_{min}}^{t_{max}} dt \frac{t - t_{min}}{t^2} G_2(t).$$

Inelastic form factor

$$G_{2,in}(t) = \left(\frac{a'^2 t}{1 + a'^2 t}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 + \frac{t}{4m_p^2}(\mu_p^2 - 1)}{(1 + \frac{t}{0.71 \text{ GeV}^2})^4}\right)^2 Z, \quad \text{typo} \text{ 😊}$$



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- Proton beam-dumps,

- widely used analogous approximation, exchange of hypothetical massless vector boson b
J. Blümlein, J. Brunner, 1311.3870

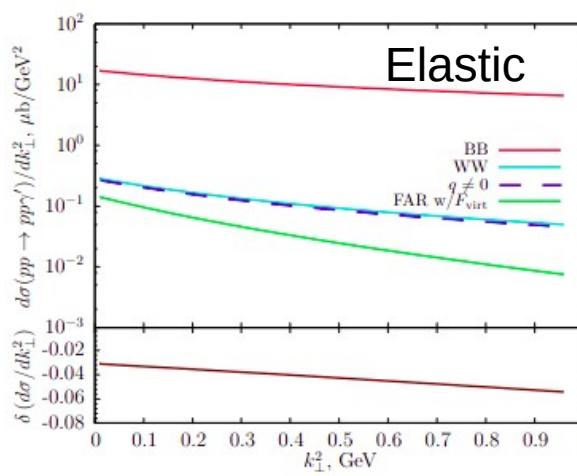
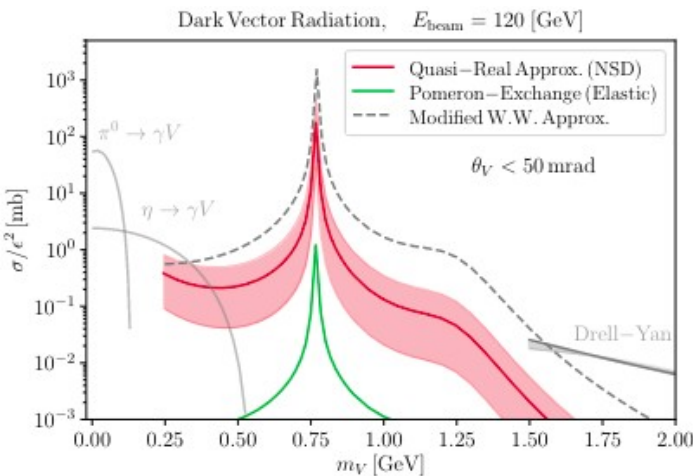
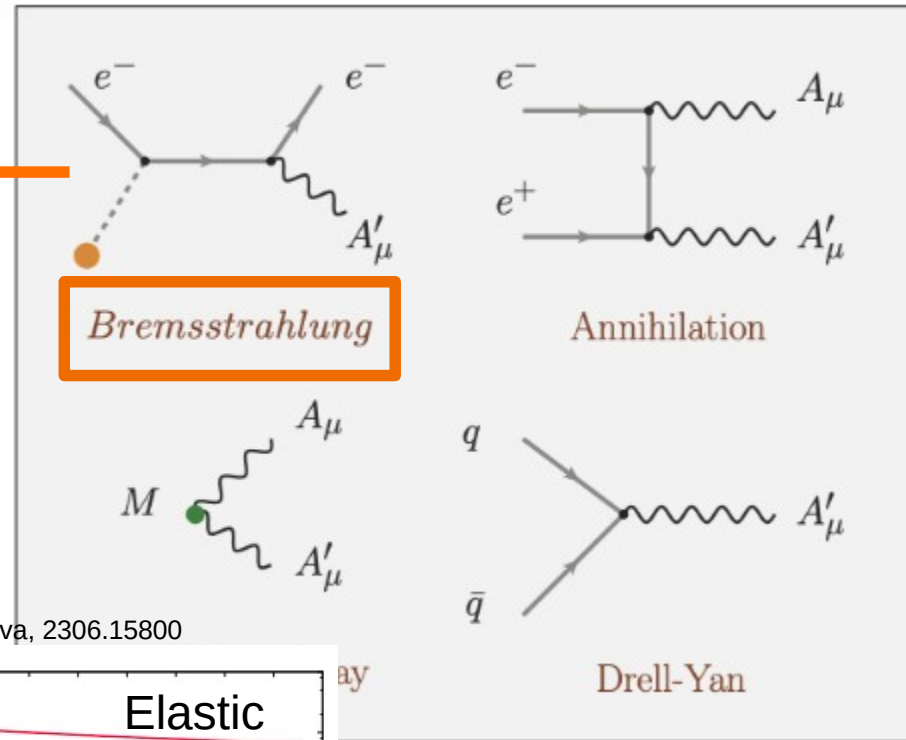
- Pomeron exchange – different propagators

- vector Pomeron (Donnachie-Landshoff) exchange result;

- need to consider proton momentum exchange

S. Foroughi-Abari, A. Ritz, 2108.05900

D. Gorbunov, E. Kriukova, 2306.15800



Theory effort needed

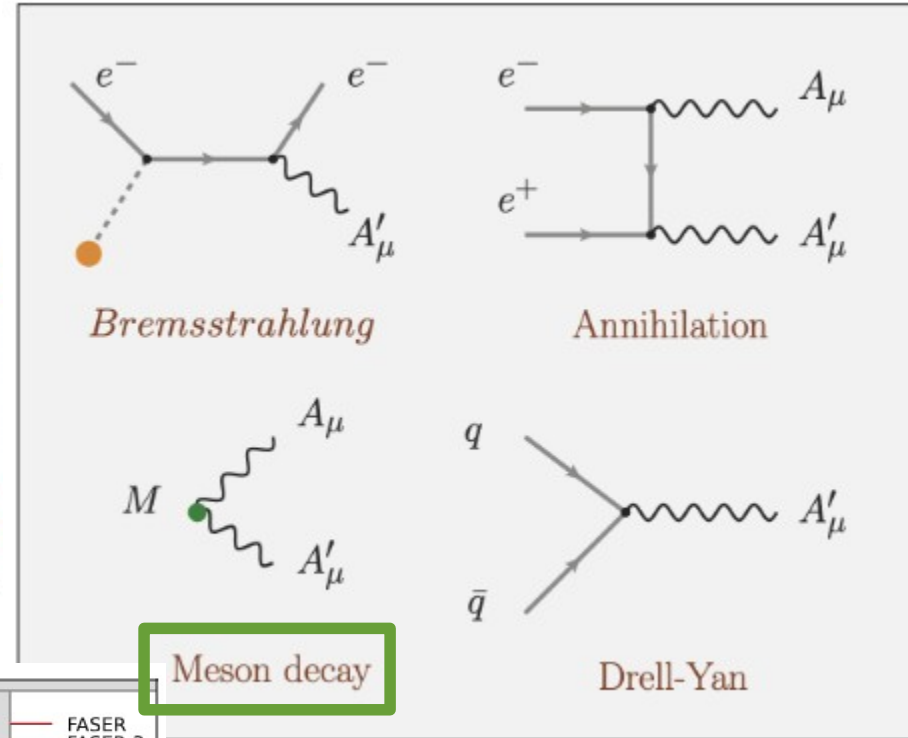
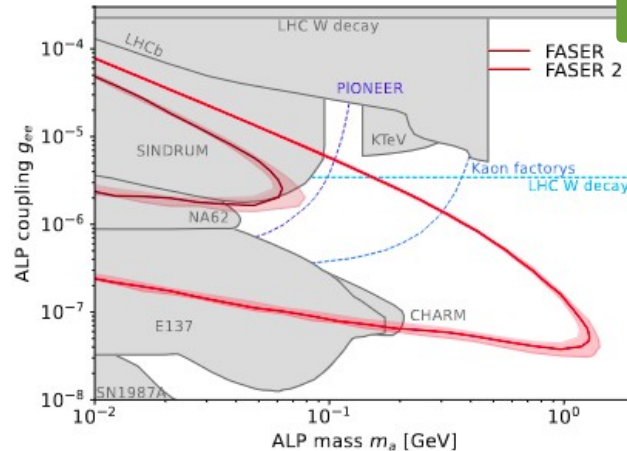
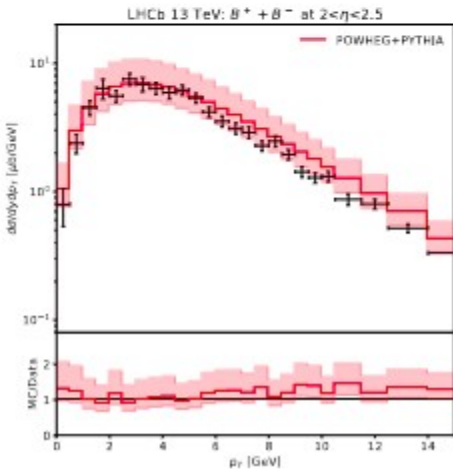
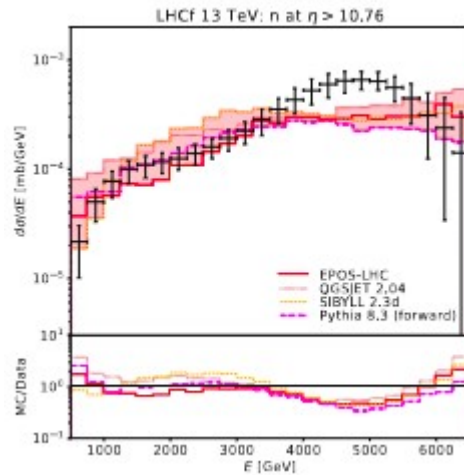
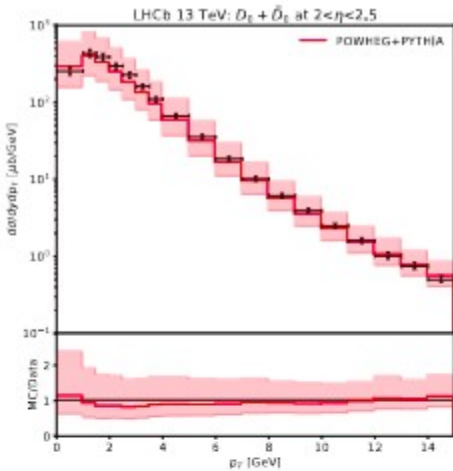
- inelastic brem. with general p momentum exchange
- going beyond vector Pomerons

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- Careful treatment of uncertainties needed to derive bounds

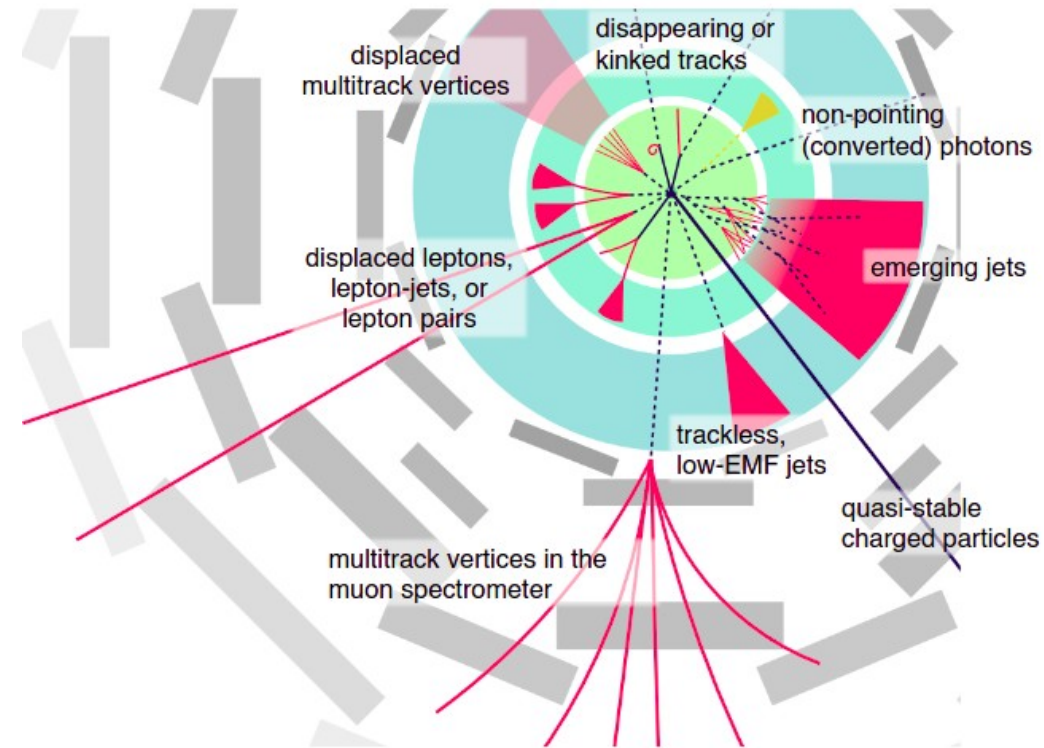
L. Buonocore, etal, 2309.12793
 FASER, 2402.13318



- ALP-ee $\mathcal{L} = \frac{g_{ee}}{2m_e} \partial_\mu a \bar{e} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 e$
- Couplings to gauge bosons through chiral anomaly
- B-meson or kaon decays

LHC SEARCHES – CENTRAL DETECTORS

- Large activity to include displaced/delayed signatures in the analysis



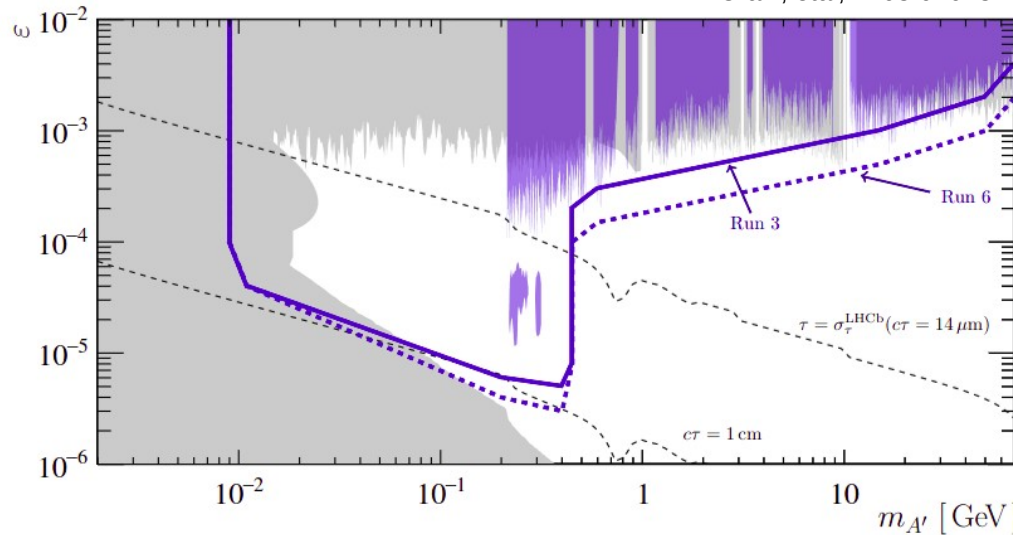
- Future colliders will master these techniques
- Auxiliary detector proposal:
MATHUSLA above CMS (LHC)

LHCb

- Inclusive A' production
+ decay into di-muon pairs $A' \rightarrow \mu+\mu-$
- Search for A' resonance excess over expected SM $\mu+\mu-$ backgrounds
- LHCb: improved prospects expected

electron identification in the high-level trigger allows to study $A' \rightarrow e+e$

D. Craik, etal, 2203.07048

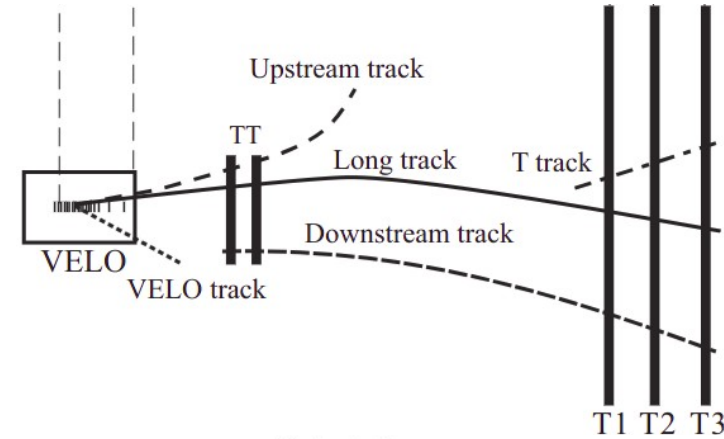


- Codex-b auxiliary detector for FIMP searches

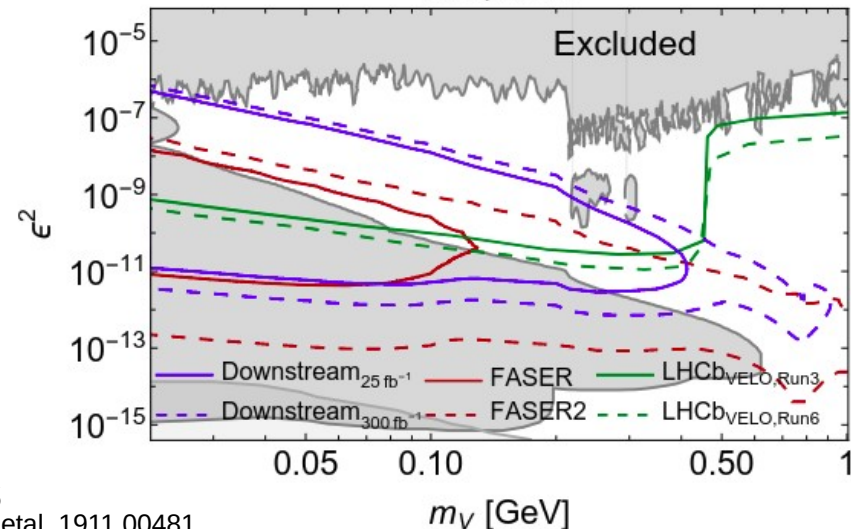
G. Aielli, etal, 1911.00481

Downstream algorithm

LHCb, 2211.10920
V. Gorkavenko, etal, 2312.14016



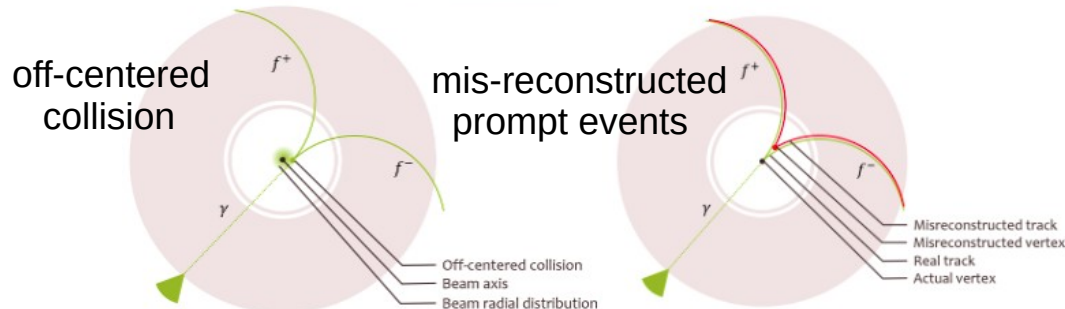
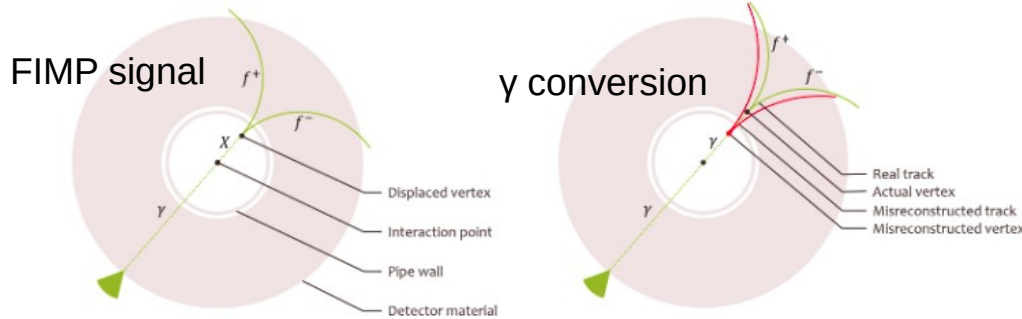
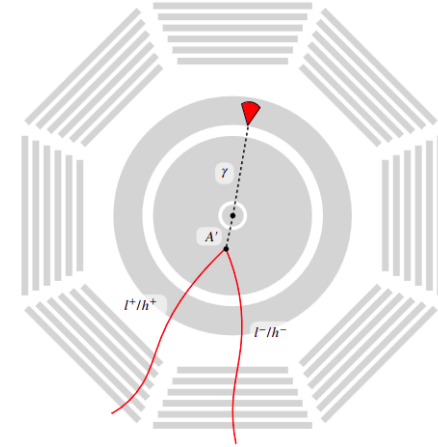
Dark photons



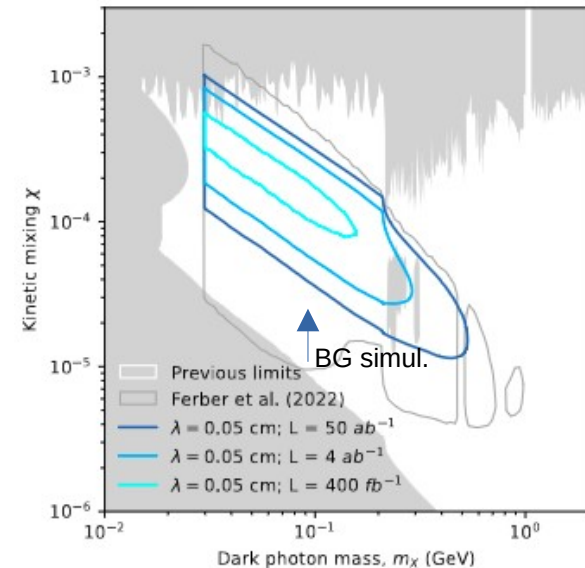
Belle-II

- Displaced search proposed, $O(1)$ - tens of cm
- Subject to backgrounds
- Recently updated background analysis

T. Ferber, et al, 2202.03452



J. Jaeckel, A.V. Phan, 2312.12522



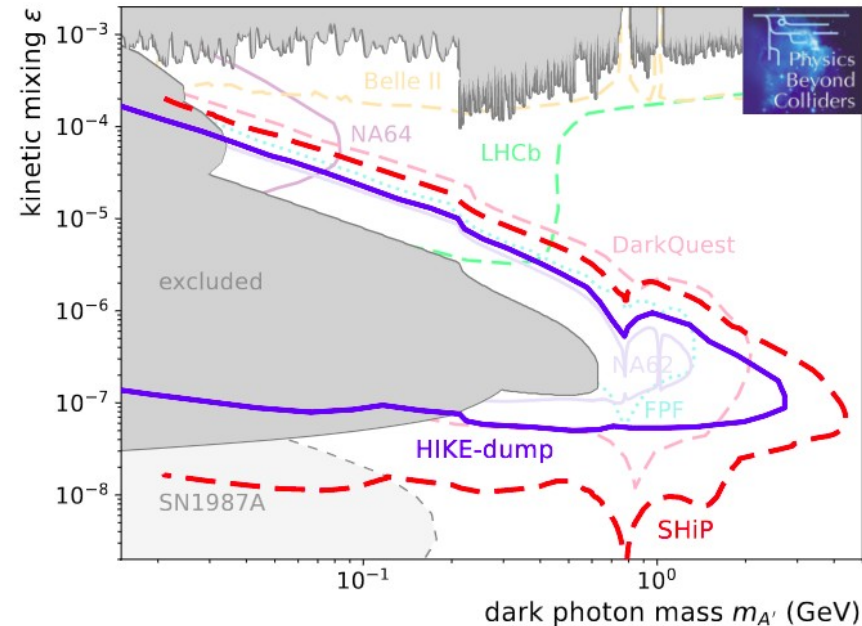
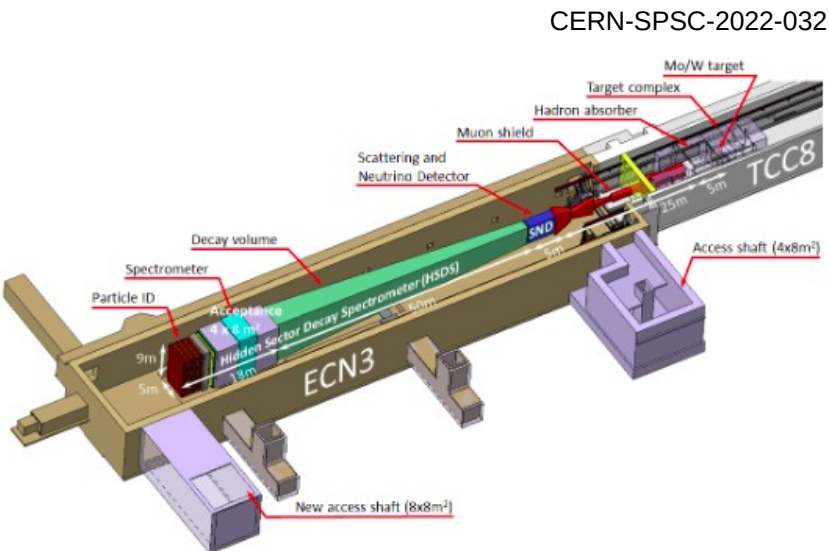
BEAM-DUMP EXPERIMENTS

- Past, present & future experimental program
- NA62 (proton), electron/muon beam-dump (NA64-e, NA64- μ), ...
- Future: SHiP, DarkQuest, beam-dumps at future collider facilities...

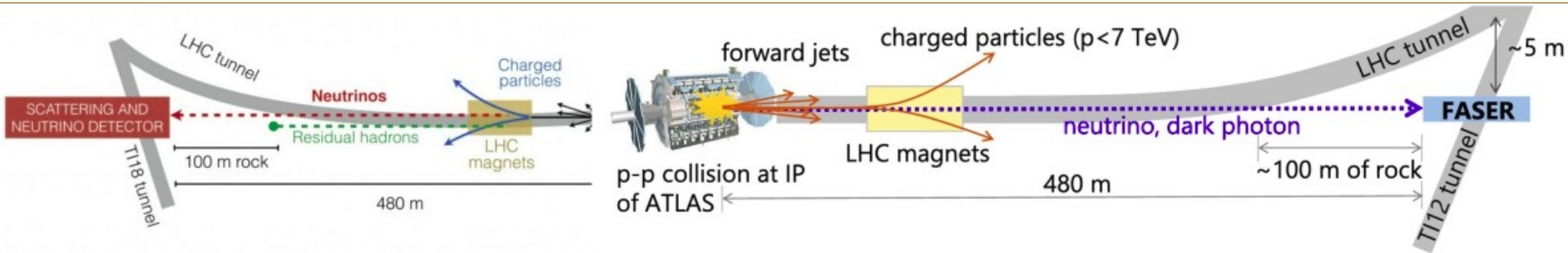
Daiki Ueda talk
(Saturday)

BDF/SHiP proposal endorsed by CERN Research Board on March 6th

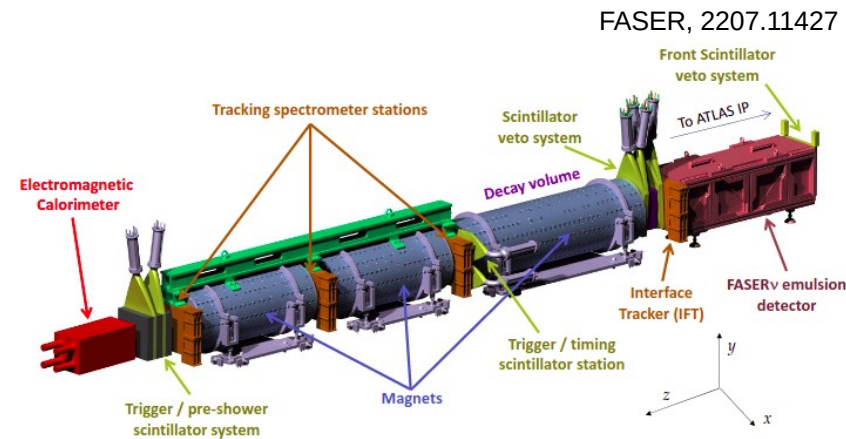
CERN-PBC Report-2023-003



FAR-FORWARD SEARCHES AT THE LHC

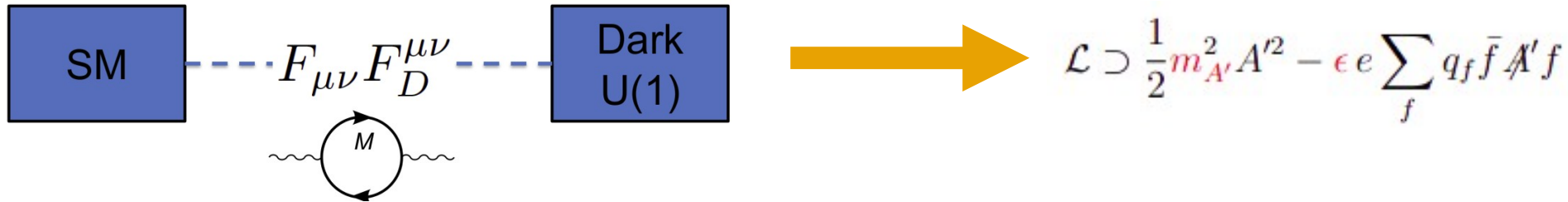


- Forward direction: lots of activity down the beam pipe
- Far-forward detectors:
 - well-screened from pp collisions
 - only neutrinos and muons survive
- **Current Run 3**: FASER, SND@LHC
- **HL-LHC**: proposed Forward Physics Facility (FPF)
- Physics:
 - “Precision” high-energy neutrino physics
 - Implications for QCD & cosmic-ray physics
 - New physics searches

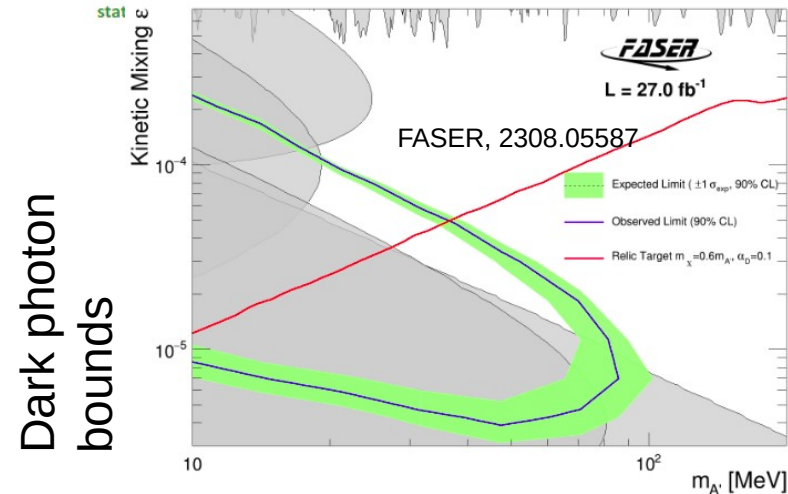
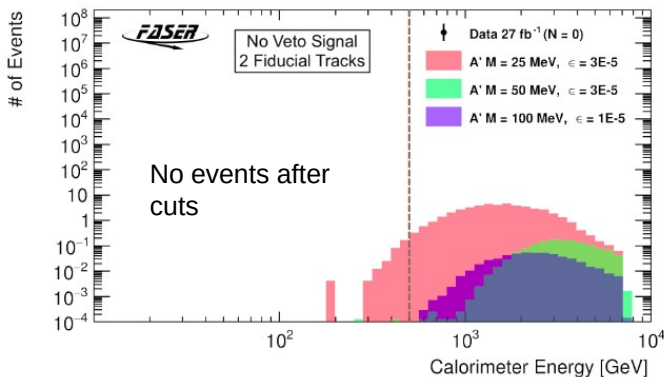
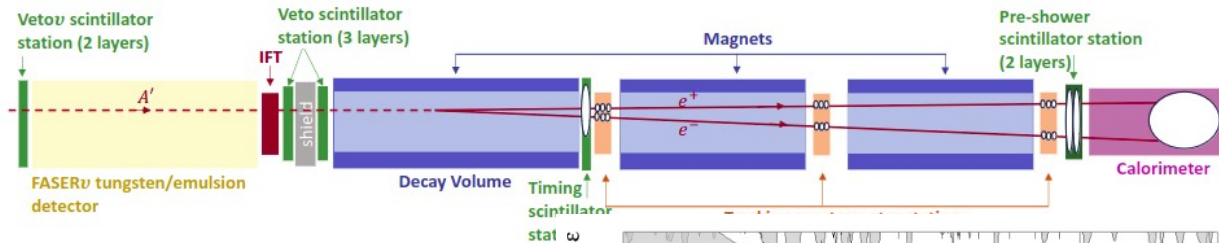
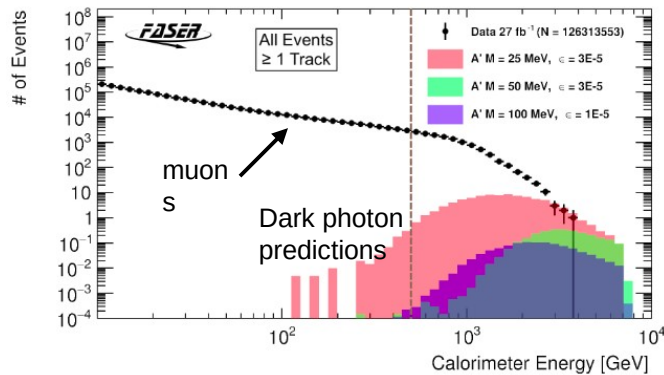


DARK PHOTONS @ FASER

- New light (\sim sub-GeV) vector secluded from the SM, coupled via kinetic mixing
(can be induced by heavy new fields at the loop level charged under both $U(1)$ and $U(1)_D$)



- Suppressed couplings to SM fermions, A' can decay into, e.g., e^+e^- pairs



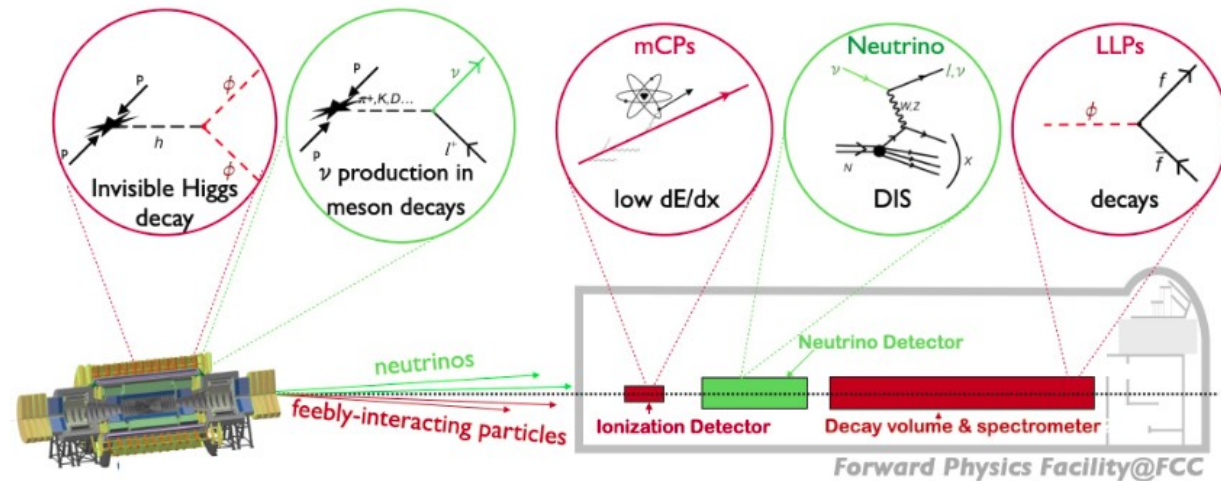
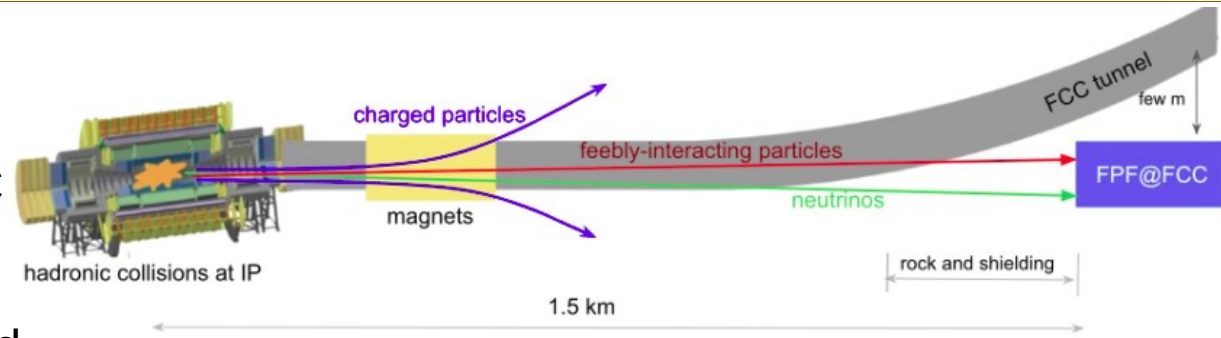
FORWARD PHYSICS FACILITY (FPF) @ FCC-hh

- Idea: continue & expand the forward physics program from LHC to FCC

- Both FCC-ee & hh should be considered

- Focus on FCC-hh:

- neutrino & QCD physics
- FIMP searches
- cosmic-ray physics...



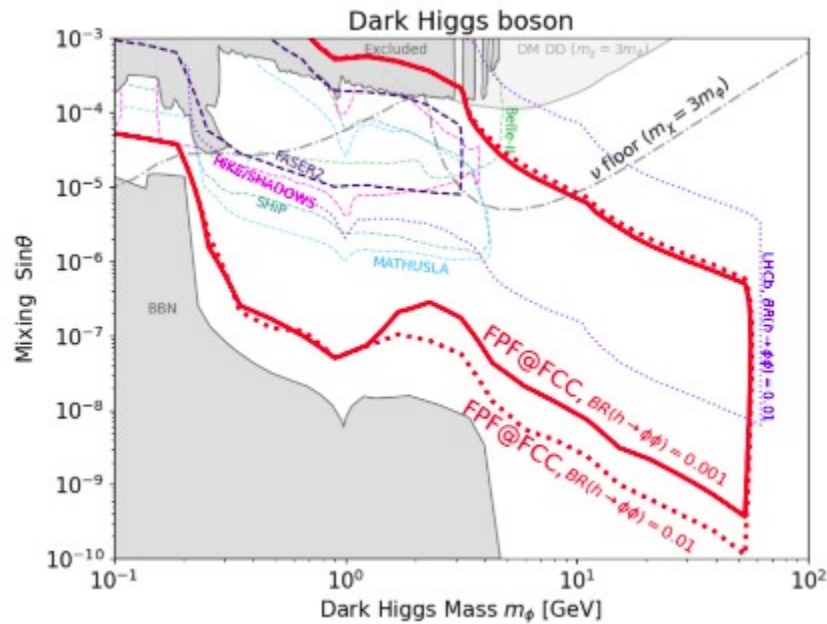
- Other proposals: HECATE@FCC-ee (2011.01005),
 FASER@FCC-hh (2105.07077), FOREHUNT@FCC-hh (2306.11803),
 BDF@ILC (1507.02809,2009.13790,2104.00888),
 proposal for the muon collider (2202.12302)

DARK HIGGS BOSON & FPF@FCC

$$\mathcal{L} = -m_\phi^2 \phi^2 - \sin\theta \frac{m_f}{v} \phi \bar{f} f - \lambda v h \phi \phi,$$

- Production: heavy meson decays ($B \rightarrow X_s \phi$), SM Higgs decay $h \rightarrow \phi\phi$ @ FCC

F. Kling, ST (FORESEE), 2105.07077

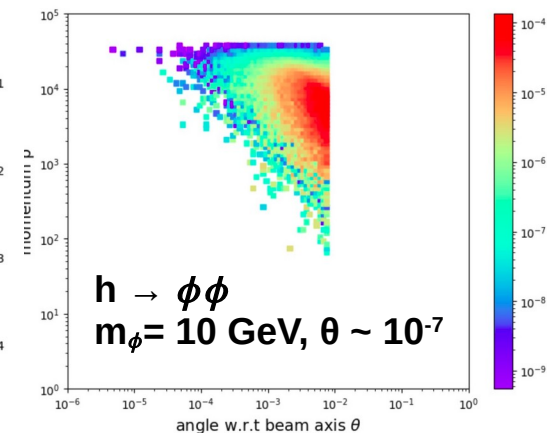
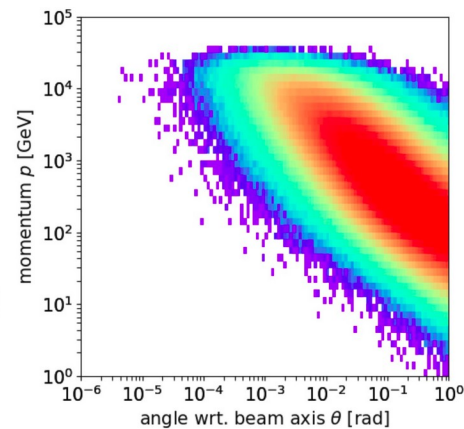


SM Higgs spectrum

10% forward

85% $E_h > 10$ TeV forward

Detector size $\sim 0.003\%$ of forward hemisphere



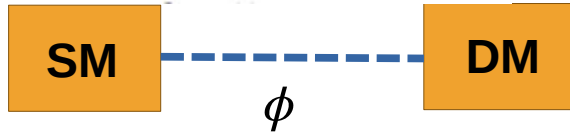
DARK HIGGS BOSON & DARK MATTER

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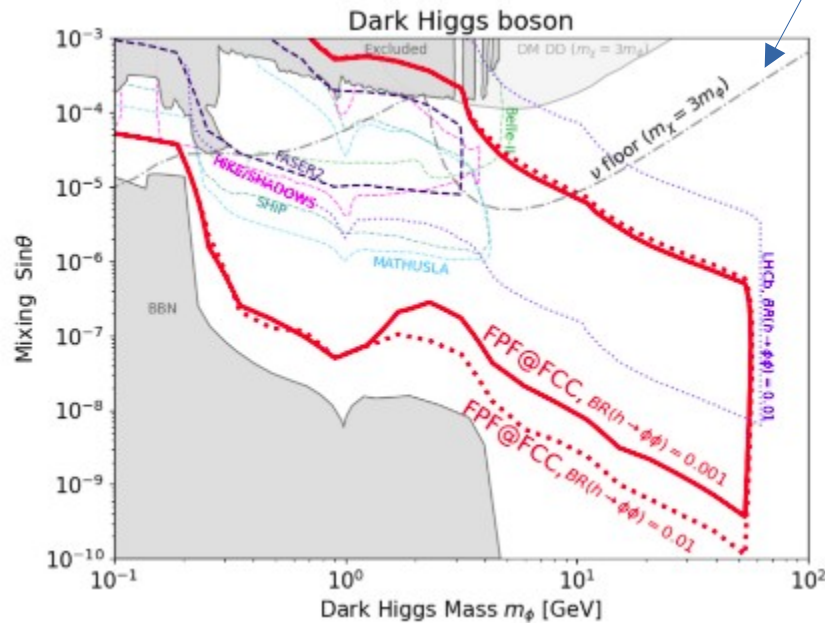
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$$\mathcal{L} \supset -(1/2) \kappa \phi \bar{\chi} \chi$$



complimentarity:
DM direct detection

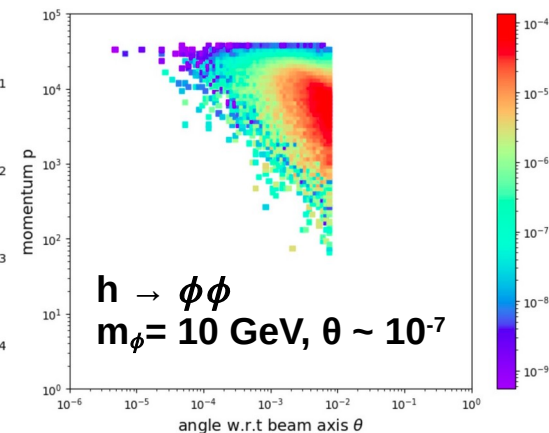
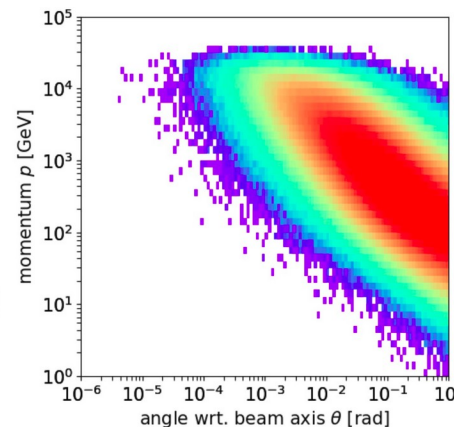


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10% forward

85% $E_h > 10$ TeV forward

Detector size $\sim 0.003\%$ of forward hemisphere



RELAXION & FPF@FCC

- Relaxion solution to the hierarchy problem: stabilizing the Higgs mass dynamically

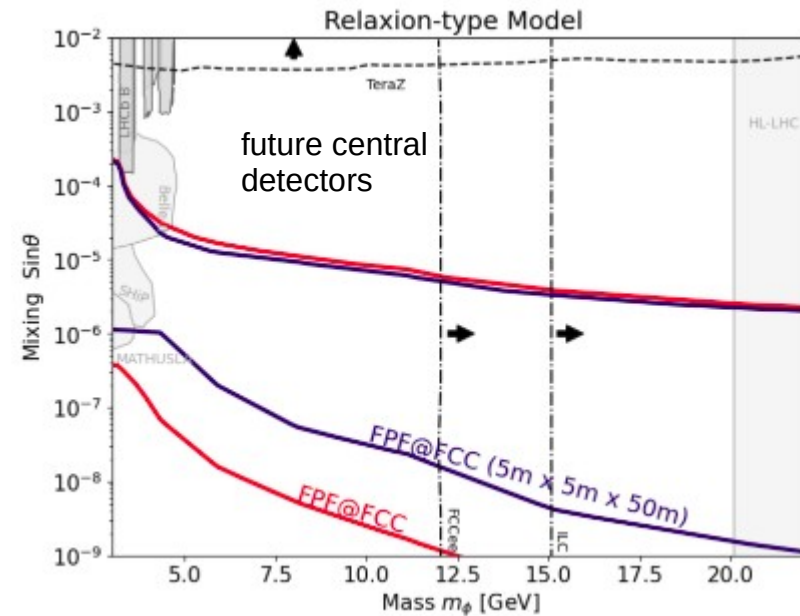
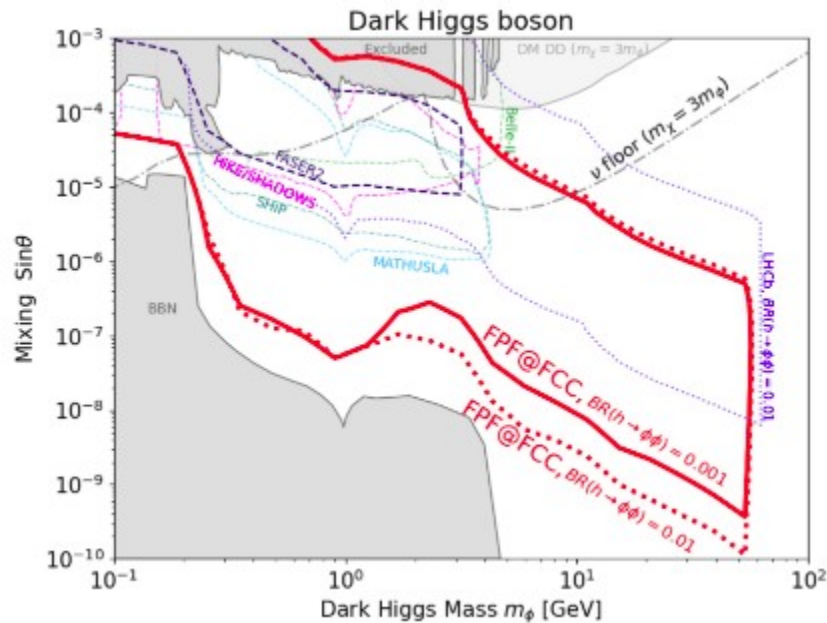
P.W. Graham, D.E. Kaplan, S. Rajendran, 1504.07551

- Relaxion phenomenology resembles dark Higgs boson with m_ϕ and $\sin\theta$...

- ...but the $h\phi\phi$ coupling is not a free parameter, $BR(h \rightarrow \phi\phi)$ decreases with the ϕ mass

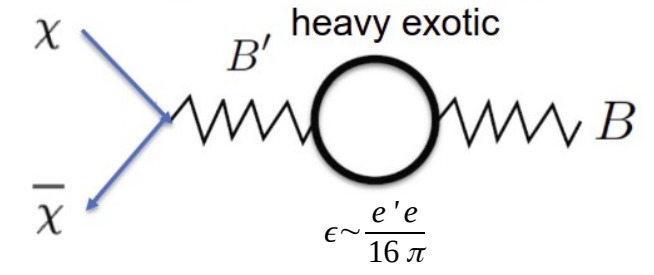
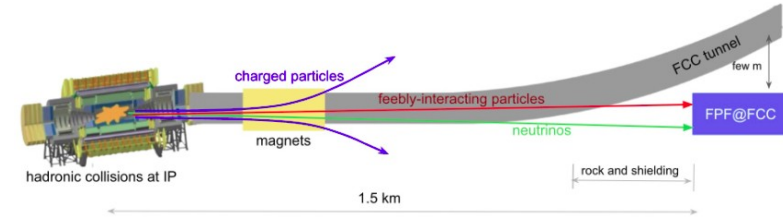
$$\mathcal{L} = -m_\phi^2 \phi^2 - \sin\theta \frac{m_f}{v} \phi \bar{f} f - \lambda v h \phi \phi,$$

$$c_{\phi\phi h}|_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \simeq \frac{r_{br}^4 v^3}{f^2} c_0 c_\theta^3 \simeq \frac{m_\phi^2}{v}$$



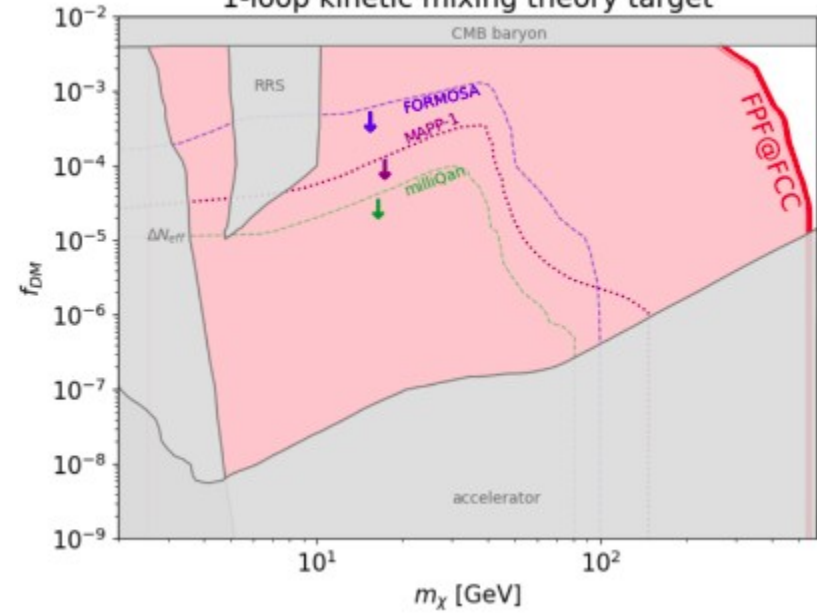
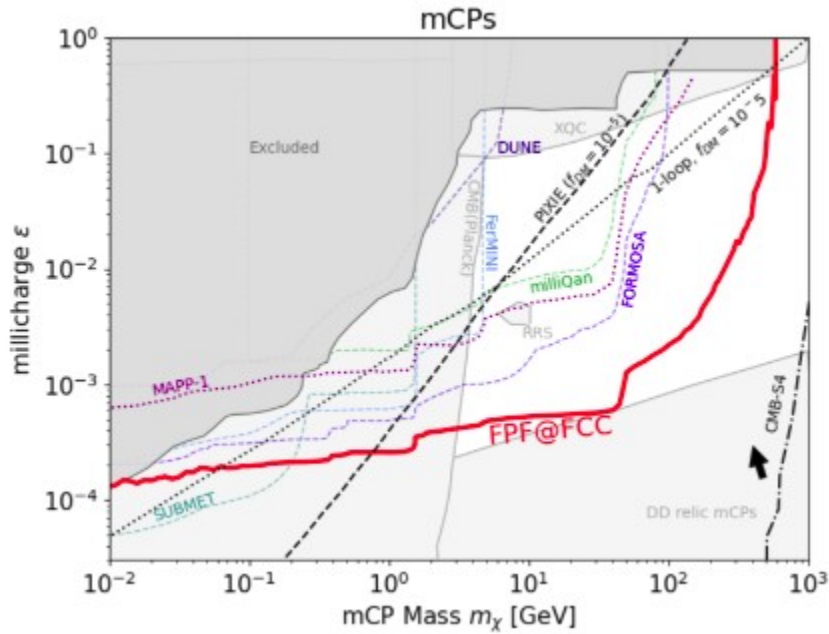
MILLICHARGED PARTICLES AT FPF@FCC

- Possible result of new unbroken gauge symmetries
- Example: massless dark vector boson kinetically mixing with the hypercharge boson & additionally coupled to dark fermions χ
- χ acquires millicharge, $Q_\chi \sim \epsilon e$ & could be (a subdominant) DM component
- χ detection via ionization (a-la-milliQan, FORMOSA@FPF, MAPP-1)
- FPF@FCC – assumed similar to FORMOSA (size 5m x 5m x 4m)



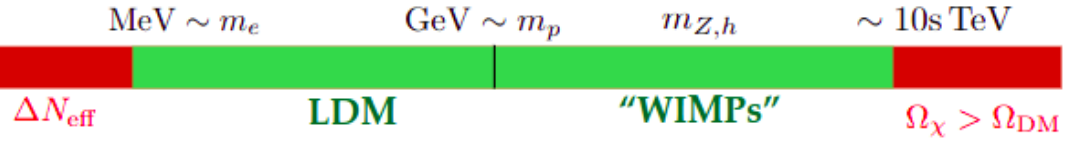
+ relic density $\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow A'A'$

1-loop kinetic mixing theory target

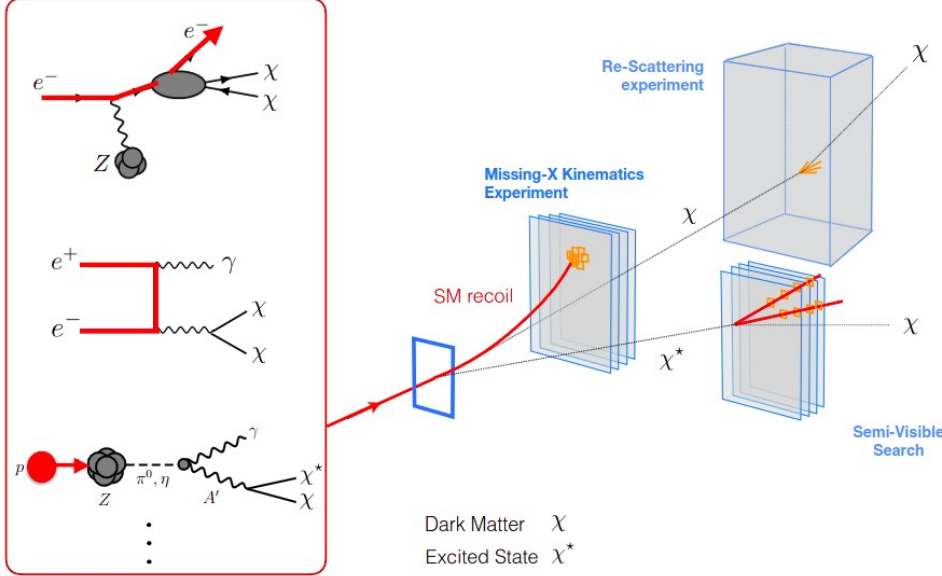
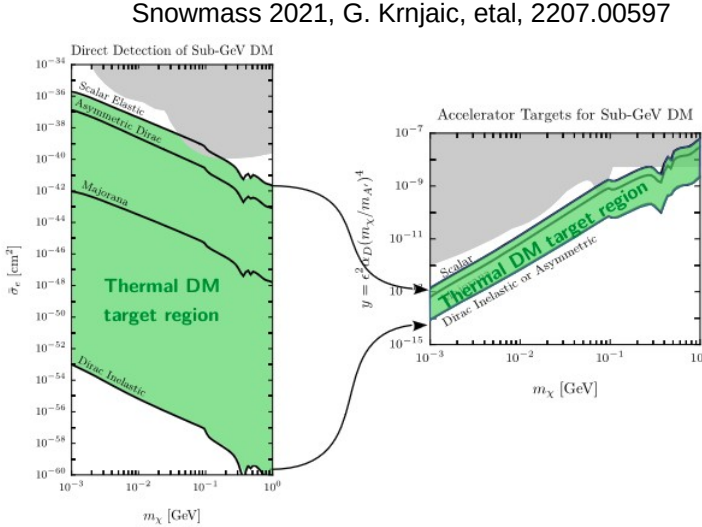


DARK MATTER SEARCHES

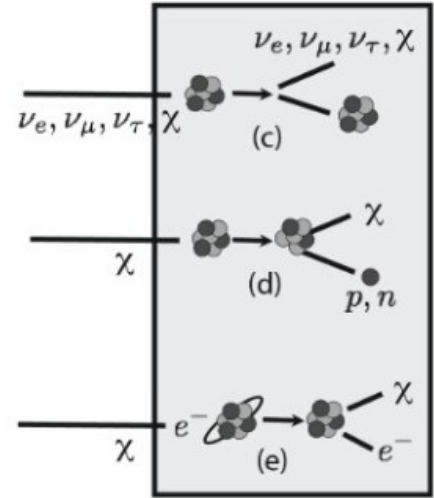
LIGHT DARK MATTER SEARCH



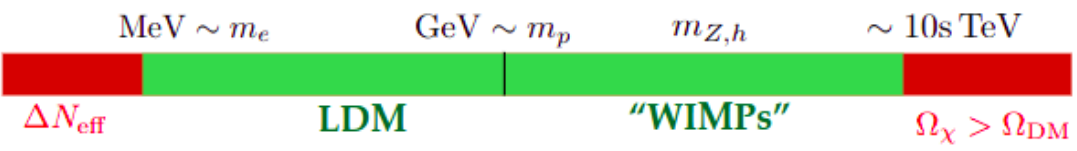
- Probing thermal DM target
- In the relativistic regime, life becomes easier... →
- Various detection strategies proposed
 - based on missing momentum, energy, mass
 - based on rescattering of DM



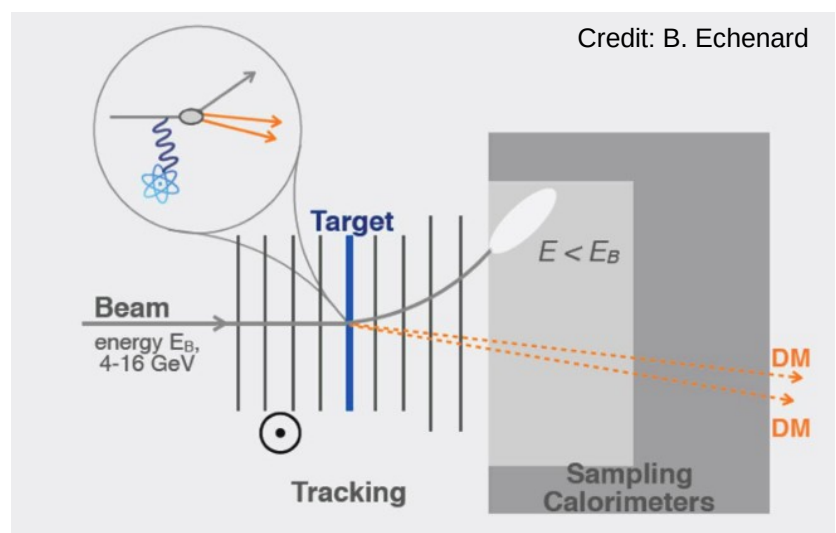
DM rescattering



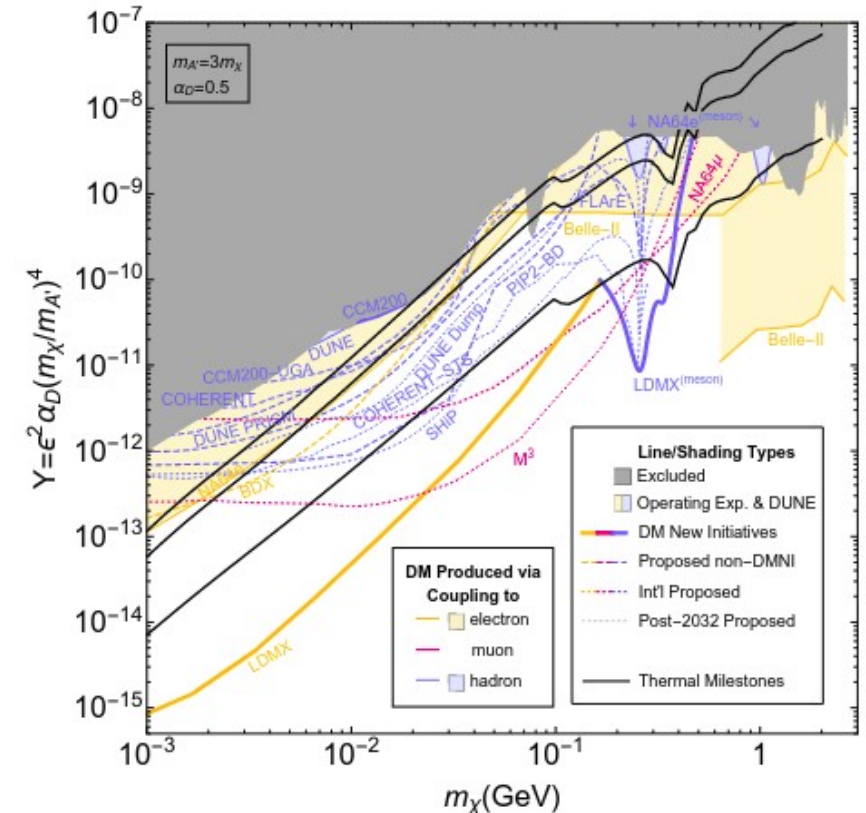
LDMX



- Probing thermal DM target
- In the relativistic regime, life becomes easier...
- Various detection strategies proposed
- LDMX – missing momentum search design study phase



Snowmass 2021. G. Krnjaic, etal. 2207.00597



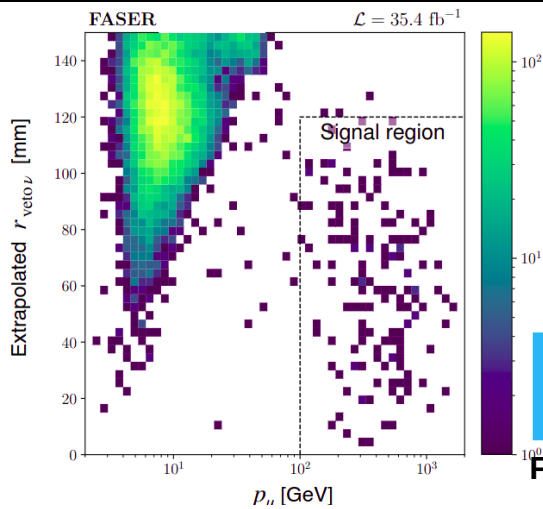
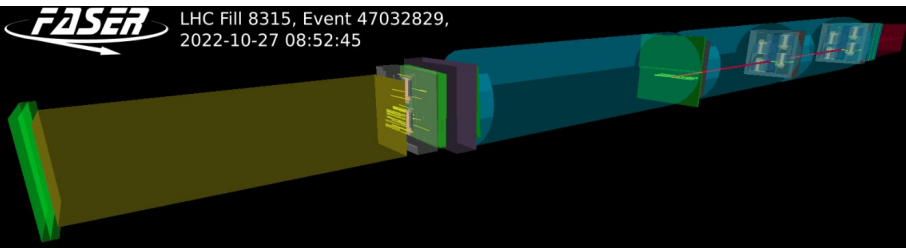
FORWARD NEUTRINOS

(at LHC & FCC-hh)

FORWARD LHC NEUTRINOS

First ν observation at the LHC

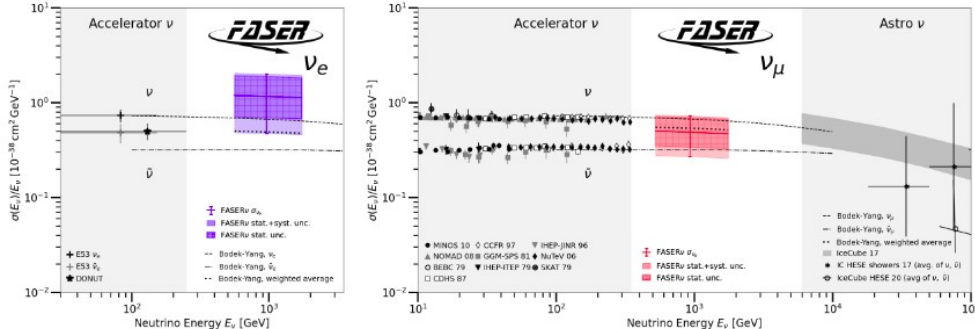
FASER, 2303.14185; SND@LHC, 2305.09383



Aim: fill in the gap
in cross section measurements

First FASER ν observation (emulsion)

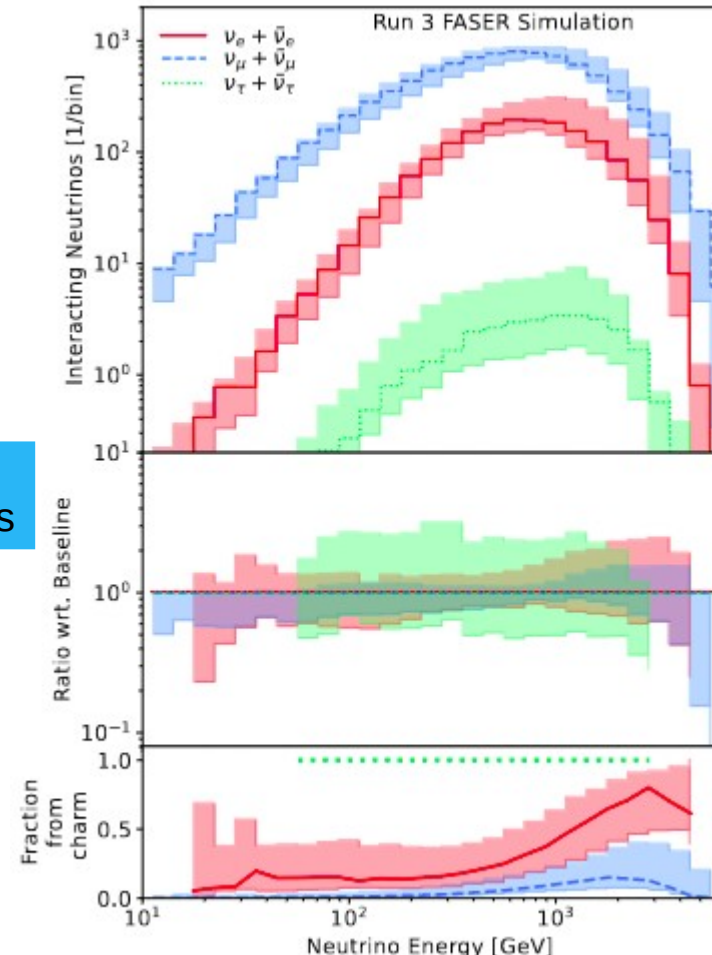
FASER, 2403.12520



Aim: reduce uncertainties
enlight underlying QCD,
cosmic-ray physics,...

Forward LHC neutrino spectrum

FASER, 2402.13318



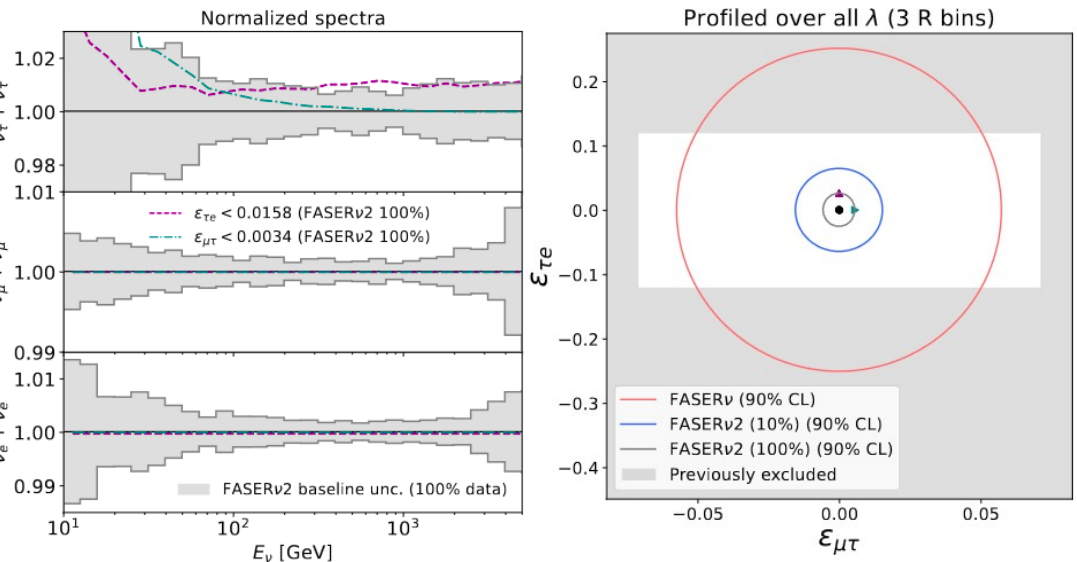
CONSTRAINING NEUTRINO FLUXES

- Combine information from various neutrino flavors (different parent mesons)
 - energy spectrum & pseudorapidity (differential prod. σ)
- Variations in parent meson spectra \rightarrow correlations in ν spectra
- New physics can be searched for if correlations are broken

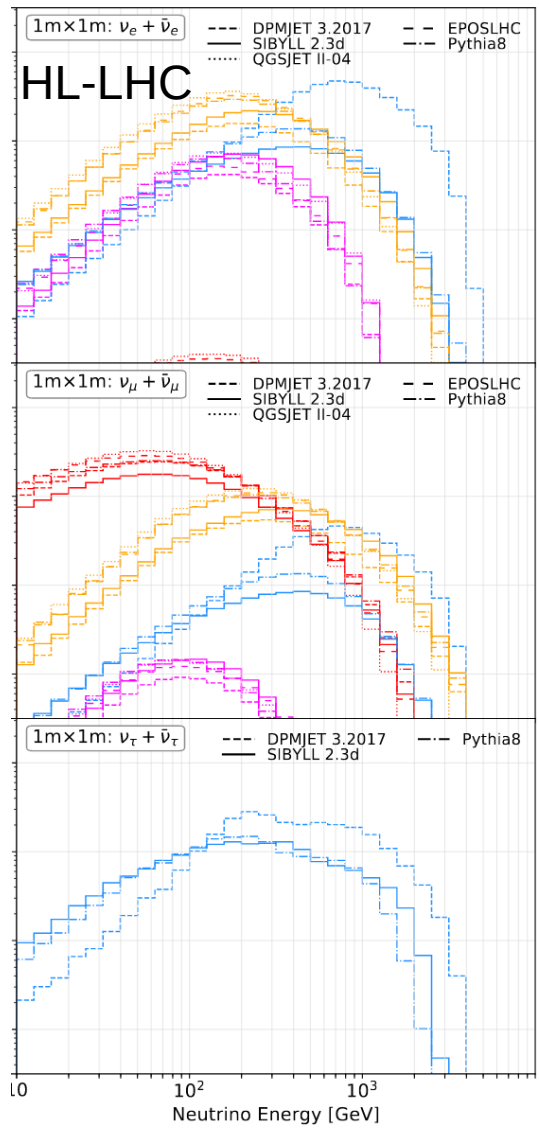
F. Kling, T. Makela, ST, 2309.10417

Effective right-handed operators

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{2V_{ud}}{v^2} \times (\bar{u}\gamma^\kappa P_R d) \times [\epsilon_R^{\mu\tau} (\bar{\ell}_\mu \gamma_\kappa P_L \nu_\tau) + \epsilon_R^{\tau e} (\bar{\ell}_\tau \gamma_\kappa P_L \nu_e)]$$



Kling, Neavy, 2105.08270



COSMIC-RAY MUON PUZZLE

- Observed more muons (30-60%) in ultrahigh-energy cosmic ray (UHECR) data than expected based on air-shower simulations (significance $\sim 8\sigma$)

- Task: simultaneously fit the (excess) number of muons N_μ and the depth of the shower maximum X_{\max}

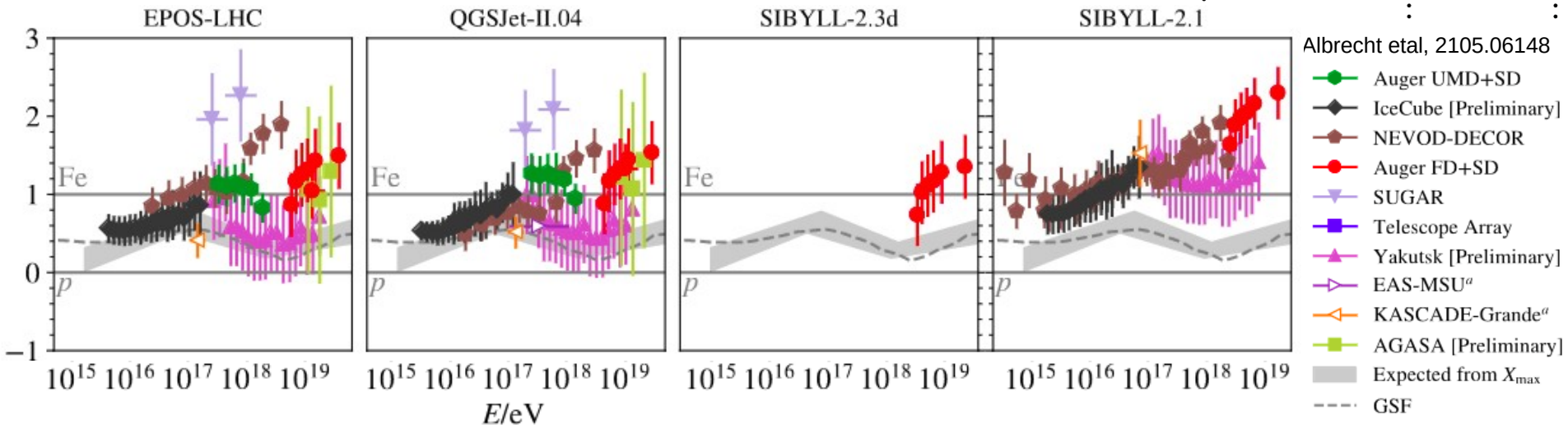
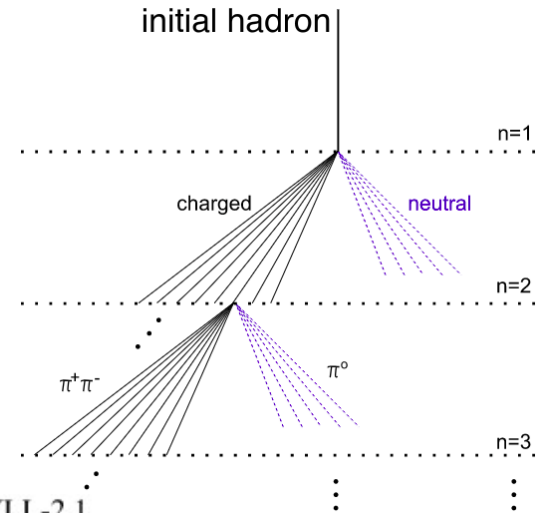
- Preferred solution: reduced energy transfer from hadronic to EM shower

J.D. Allen, G.R. Farrar, 1307.7131

- EM shower initiated by neutral pions π^0

- Muons come from charged pions and kaons

- The difference could be explained by a modified **production** or decay rate of π^0

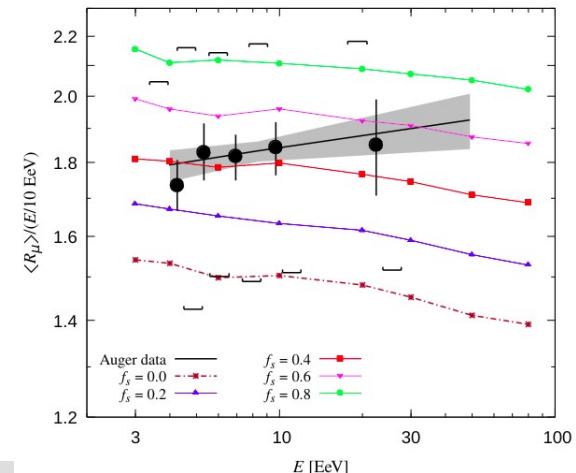
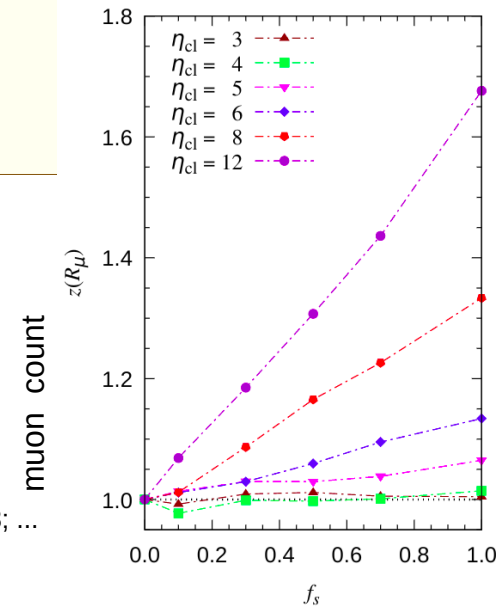
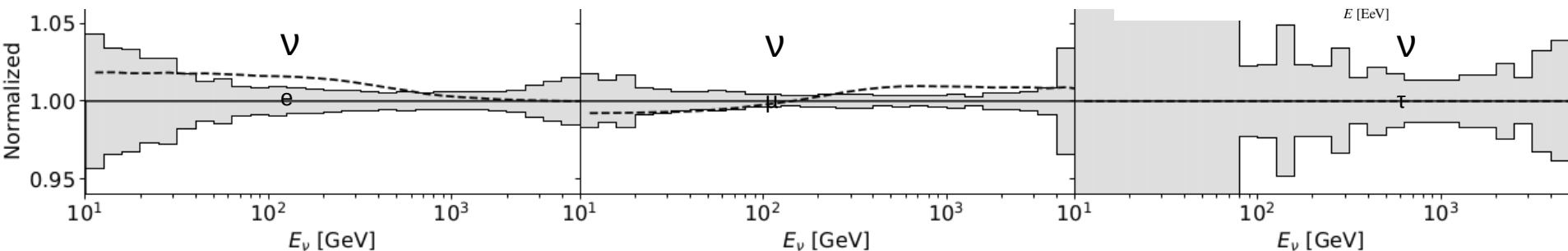


MUON PUZZLE & FPF@LHC

- Possible explanation: enhanced strangeness, K/π ratio \uparrow
- Might be motivated by ALICE mid-rapidity data...
P. Palni (for ALICE), 1904.00005
- Simple modeling – introduce $K \rightarrow \pi$ swapping probability $0 < f_s < 1$
- Underlying physics might be related to QGP formation, strange fireballs,...
L. A. Anchordoqui et al, 1907.09816; 1612.07328; ...
- The effect is most pronounced for **large η , best fit $f_s \sim 0.5$ or so**
- Increased K/π ratio:
 - increased ν_e rate for $E_\nu < \text{TeV}$
 - increased ν_μ rate for $E_\nu > \text{few hundred GeV}$
 - reduced ν_μ rate for lower energies
 - no impact on ν_τ rate

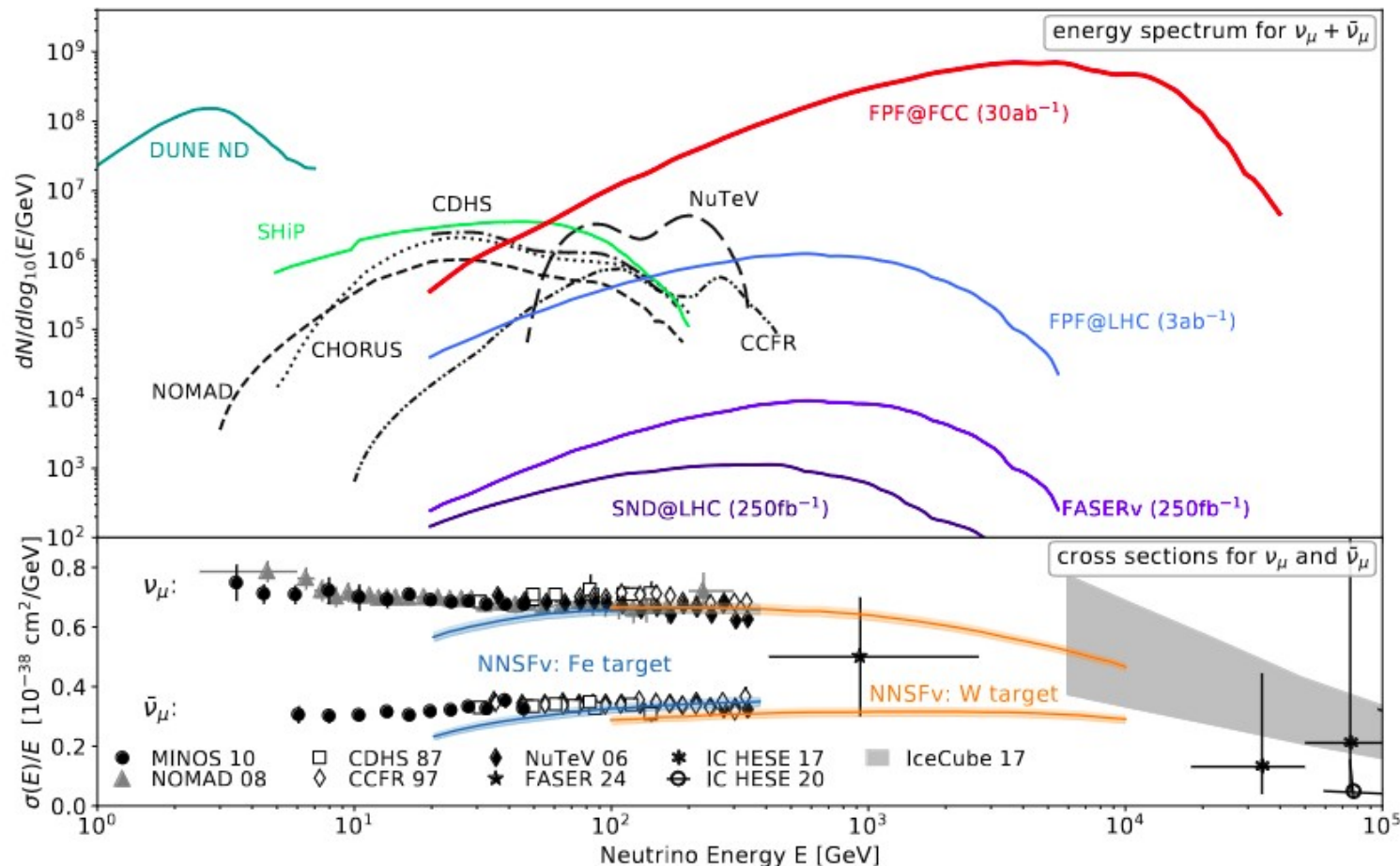
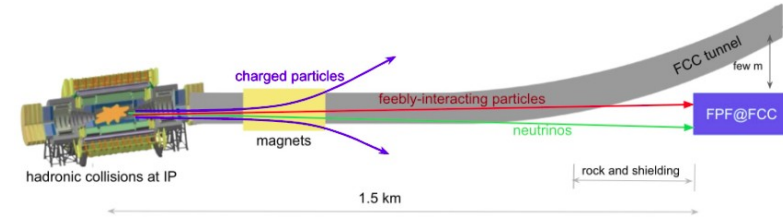
- **Projected FPF@LHC bounds $f_s < 0.01$**

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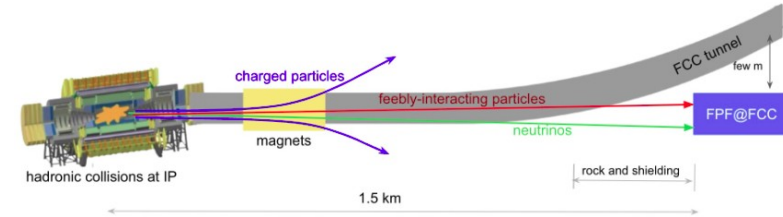
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- collimated flux of ν with E_ν up to tens of TeV
- Expected ν scattering rates from $O(100M)$ for ν_μ to $O(1 M)$ for ν_τ
- Rich physics opportunities: PDFs, polarized targets, $p\text{-Pb} \rightarrow \nu$, $Pb\text{-Pb} \rightarrow \nu$
- Example: neutrino charge radius

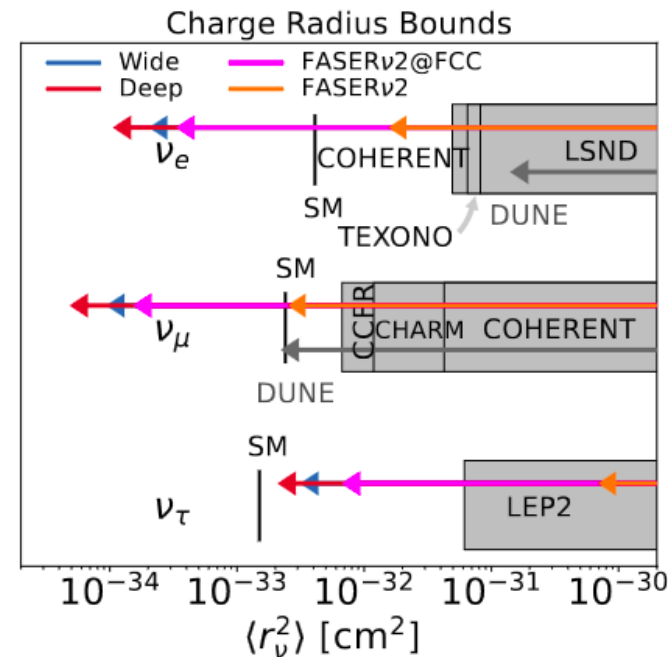


$$\langle \nu_f(p_f) | j_{\nu,EM}^\mu | \nu_i(p_i) \rangle = \bar{u}_f(p_f) \Lambda_{fi}^\mu(q) u_i(p_i),$$

$$\Lambda_{fi}^\mu(q) = \gamma^\mu (Q_{fi} - \frac{q^2}{6} \langle r_{fi}^2 \rangle) - i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu \mu_{fi}$$

$$g_V^q \rightarrow g_V^q - \frac{2}{3} Q_q m_W^2 \langle r_{\nu\ell}^2 \rangle \sin^2 \theta_w.$$

- SM predictions can be confirmed for ν_e , ν_μ



SUMMARY

- FIMPs – rich experimental program & enormous pheno activity
- New proposals for dedicated detectors,...
- ... but the central LHC detectors strike back
- Future colliders will benefit from all these – dedicated ideas already discussed (pheno)
- Closing the gap to cosmological bounds (BBN) will require future accelerators & ideas
- Colliders are also high-energy neutrino factories
- Rich physics prospects, complimentary to large-scale neutrino telescopes,...
- ... but substantially smaller ν detectors needed at colliders – precision measurements

THANK YOU !