

P348:  
Search for new physics  
in missing-energy events

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## Proposal for an Experiment to Search for Light Dark Matter at the SPS

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- Approved for tests April 2014
- Currently  
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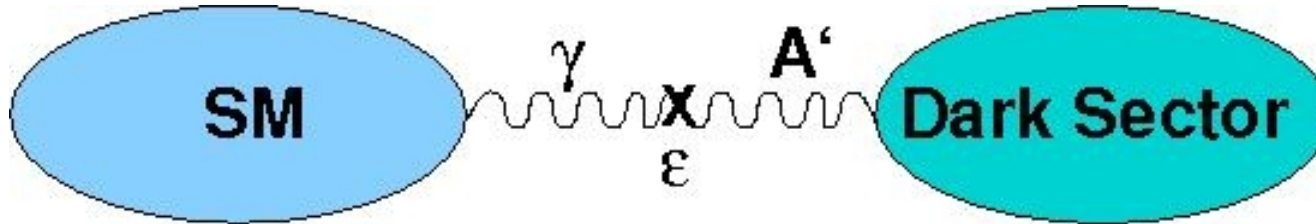
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# One of main goals: search for $A' \rightarrow \text{inv}$ <sup>3/18</sup>

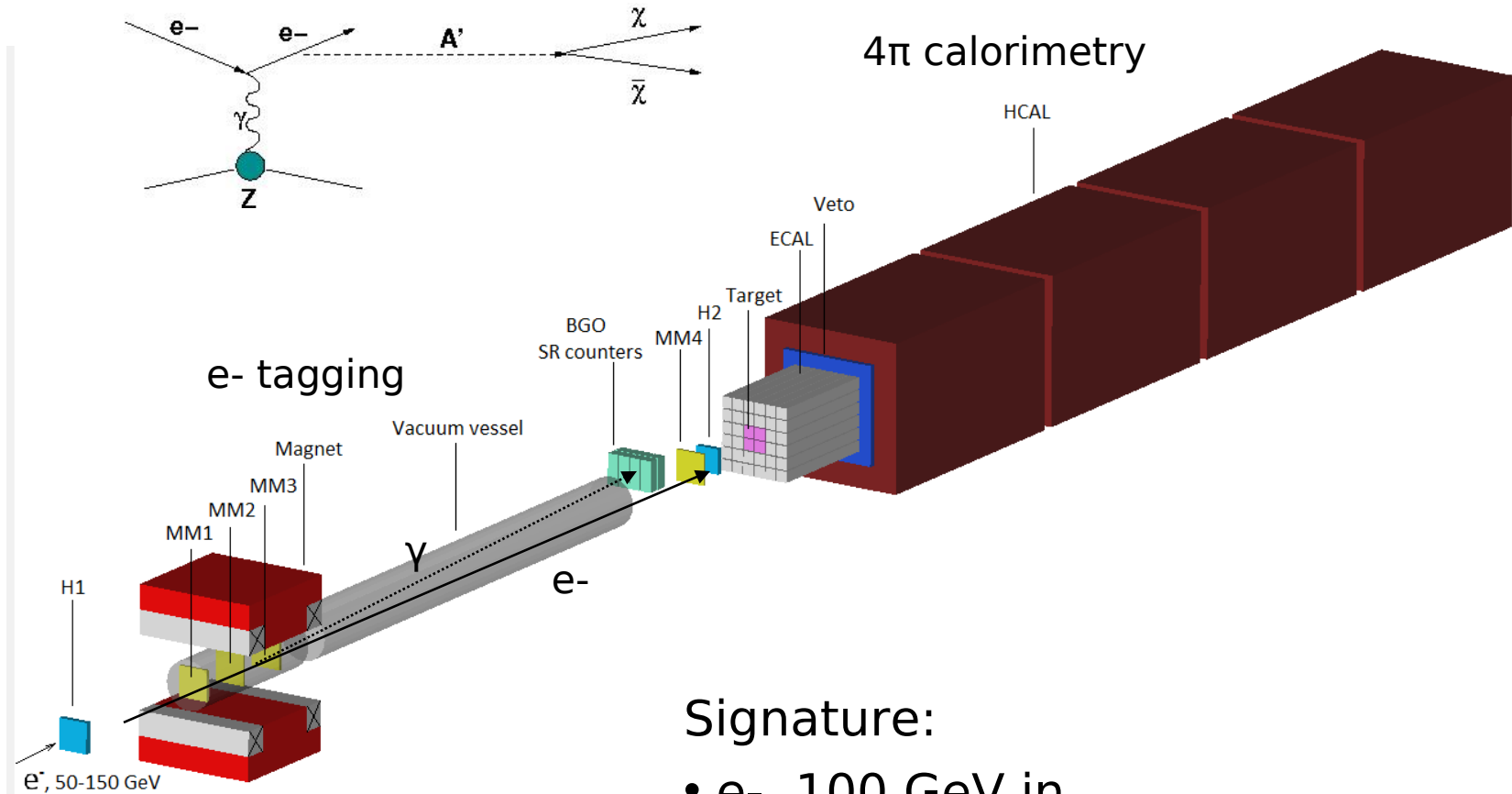
Okun, Holdom'86 ..



- extra (broken)  $U'(1)$ , new massive boson  $A'$  (dark photon)
- $\Delta\mathcal{L} = \epsilon F^{\mu\nu} A'_{\mu\nu}$  - kinetic  $\gamma$ - $A'$  mixing,  $\epsilon$  - strength of coupling
- $A'$  could be light: e.g.  $M_{A'} \sim \epsilon^{1/2} M_Z$
- new phenomena:  $\gamma$ - $A'$  oscillations, LSW effect,  $A'$  decays, possible contributions to  $g-2$
- $A'$  decay modes:  $e+e^-$ ,  $\mu+\mu^-$ , hadrons,.. or  $A' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$  if  $M_{A'} > M_{\text{DM}}$  and  $\alpha_{\text{DM}} \gg \epsilon$

Large literature, many new theoretical and experimental results

# Direct Search for $A' \rightarrow$ invisible decay



**S.G., PRD(2014)**

Signature:

- $e^-$ , 100 GeV in,
- e-m shower in ECAL  $< \sim 50$  GeV
- no activity in the Veto+ HCAL



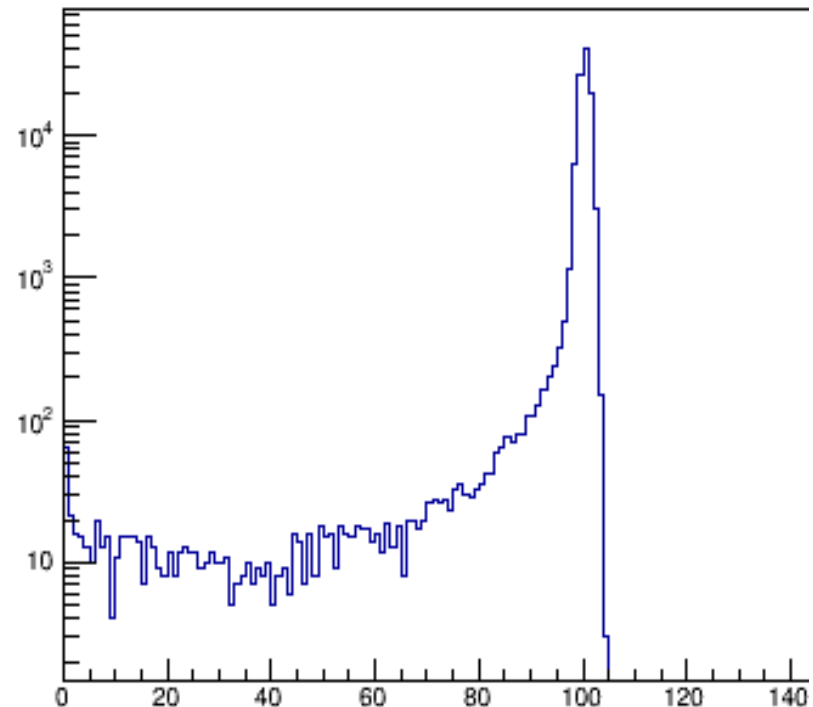
# $A'$ production in a thick Pb target

$$\varepsilon \sim 10^{-1}, M_{A'} = 100 \text{ MeV}$$

Full simulations

- GEANT4 +  $A'$  emission in e-m shower  
(M.Kirsanov, D. Kirpichnikov)
- $eZ \rightarrow e Z A'$  cross section, Bjorken'09  
 $10^{-4} < \varepsilon < 10^{-5}$
- very rare events:  $\sigma_{A'}/\sigma_{\gamma} < 10^{-12}-10^{-9}$

Energy deposition ECAL

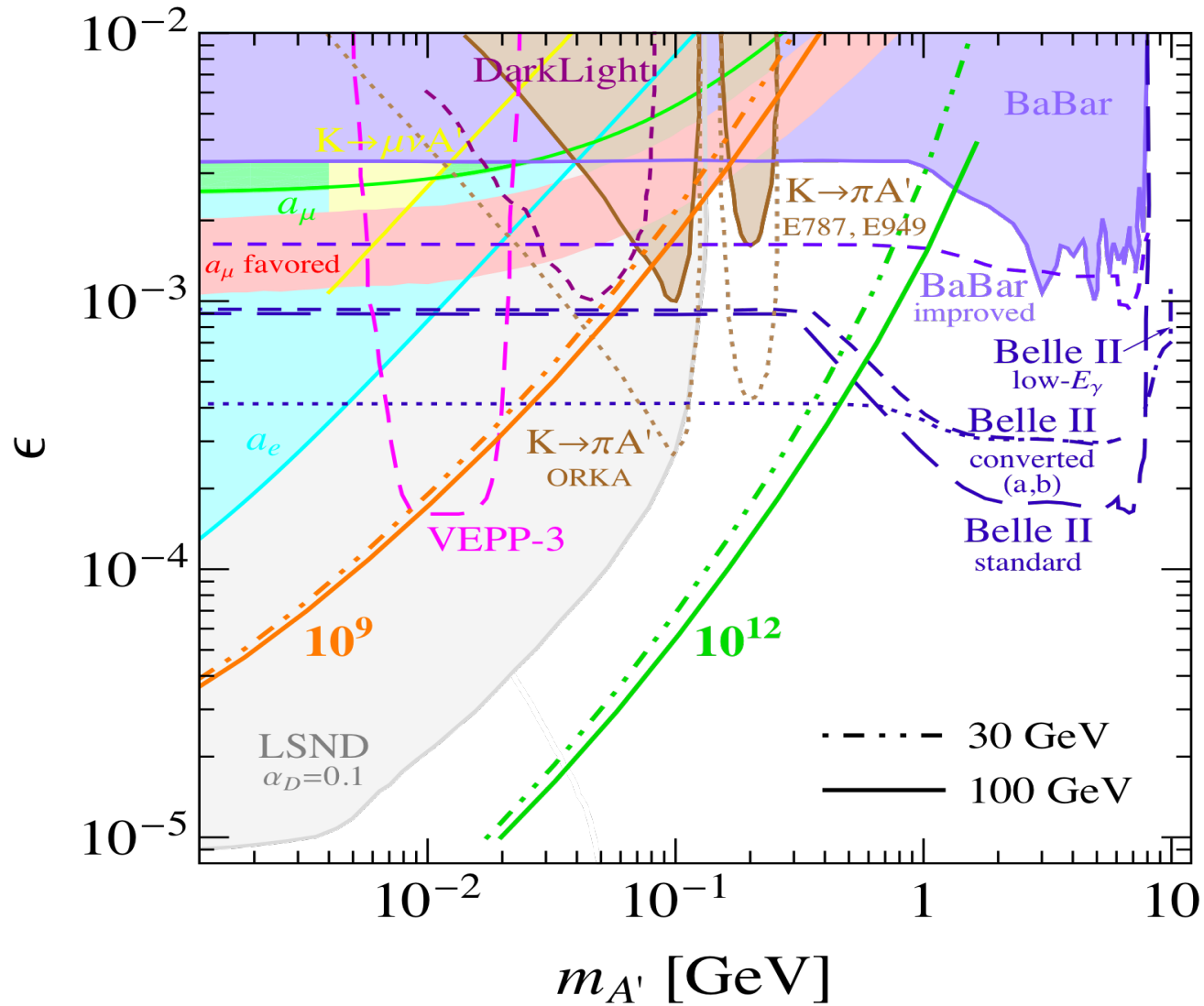


E, GeV

# Summary of background sources for $A^- \rightarrow$ invisible <sup>6/18</sup>

Source	Expected level	Comment
<b>Beam contamination</b>		
- $\pi$ , $\rho$ , $\mu$ reactions and punchthroughs,...	$< 10^{-13}$ - $10^{-12}$	Impurity $< 1\%$
- e- low energy tail due to brems., $\pi, \mu$ decays in flight,...	$< 10^{-12}$	SR photon tag
<b>Detector</b>		
ECAL+HCAL energy resolution, hermeticity: holes, dead materials, cracks...	$< 10^{-13}$	Full upstream coverage
<b>Physical</b>		
-hadron electroproduction, e.g. $eA \rightarrow neA^*$ , n punchthrough;	$< 10^{-13}$	$\sim 10$ mb $\times$ nonherm.
- WI process: $e Z \rightarrow e Z \nu \nu$	$< 10^{-13}$	WI $\sigma$ estimated. textbook process, first observation?

# Expected limits vs $N_{e^-}$



# The P348 detector

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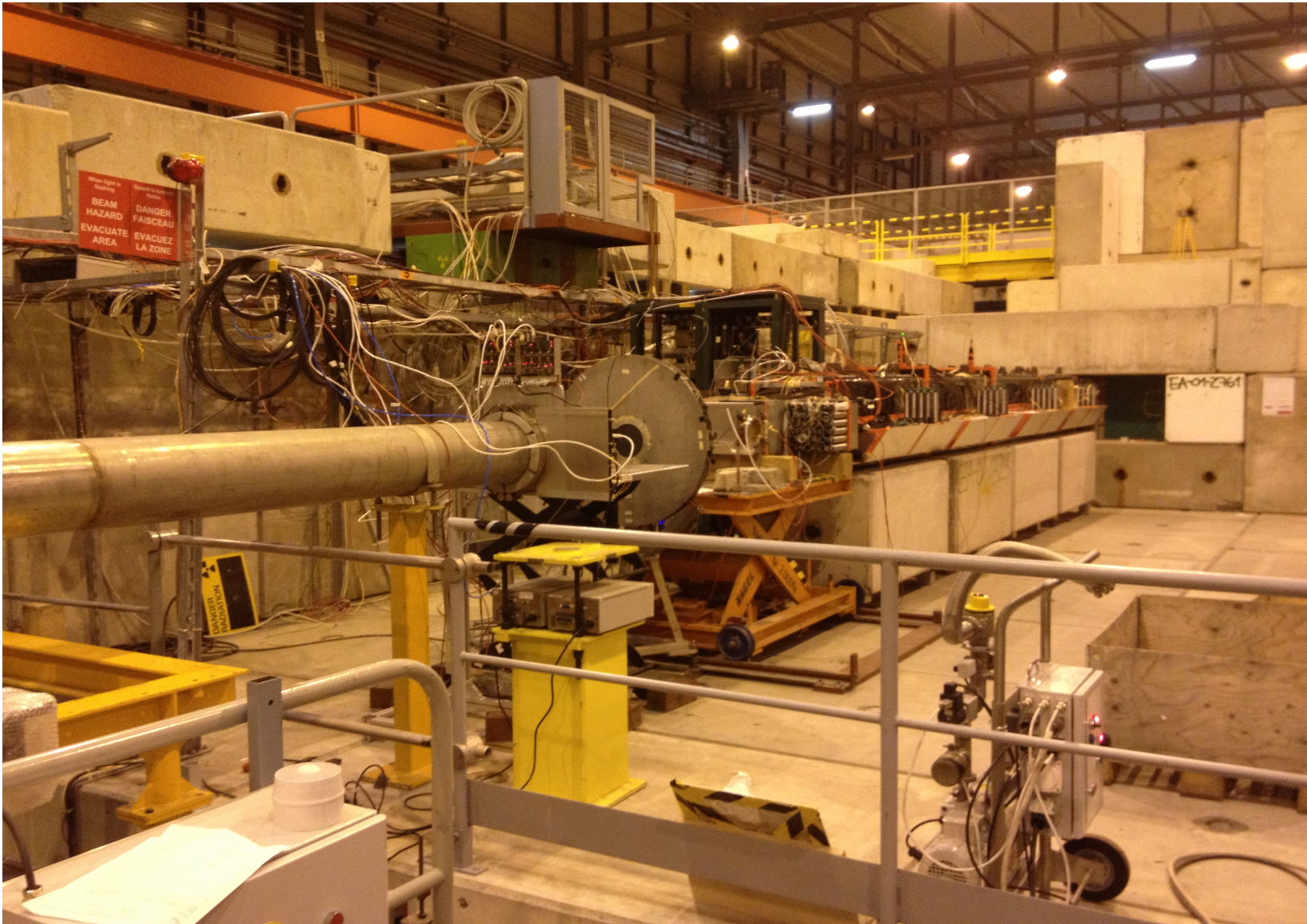


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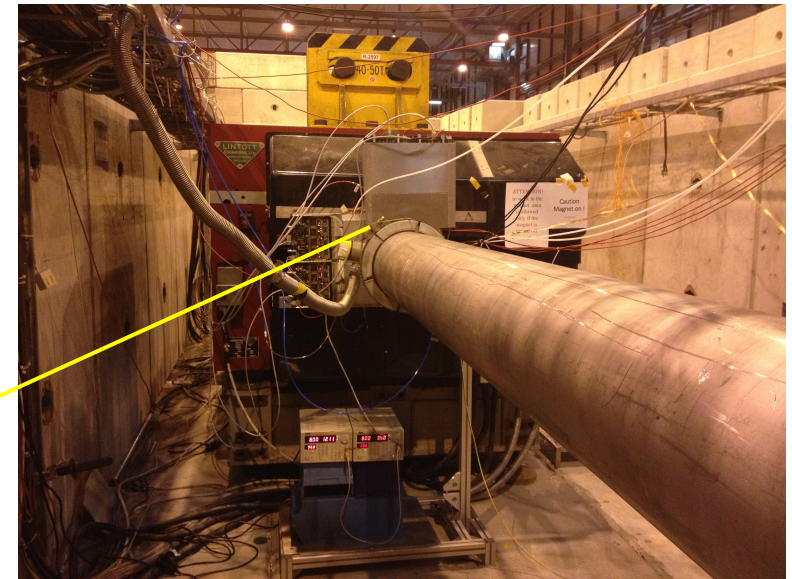
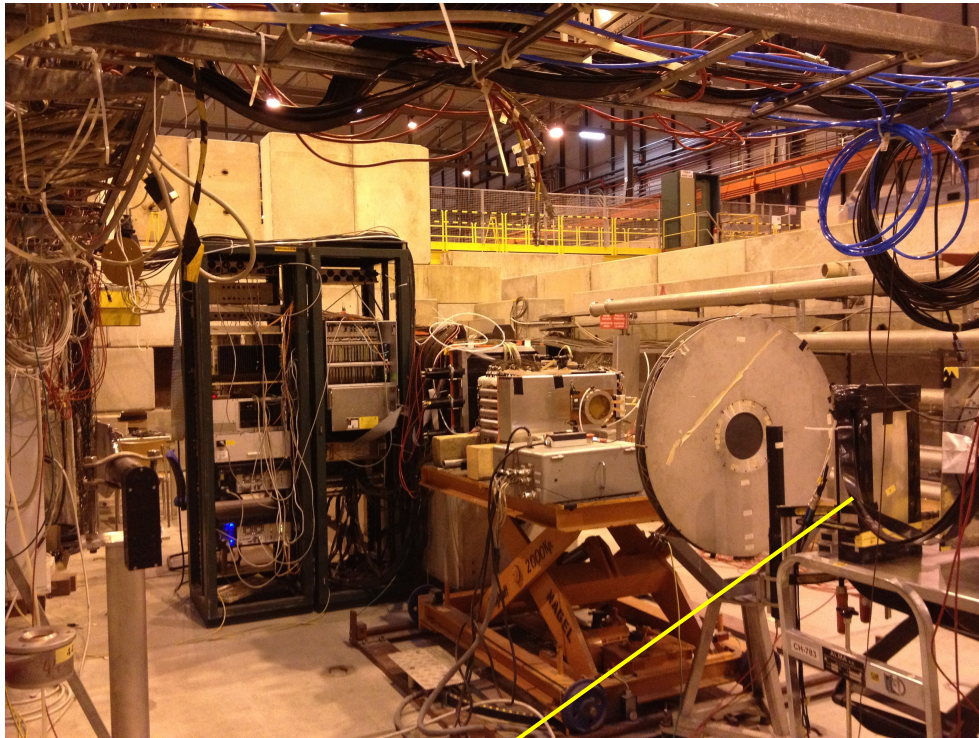
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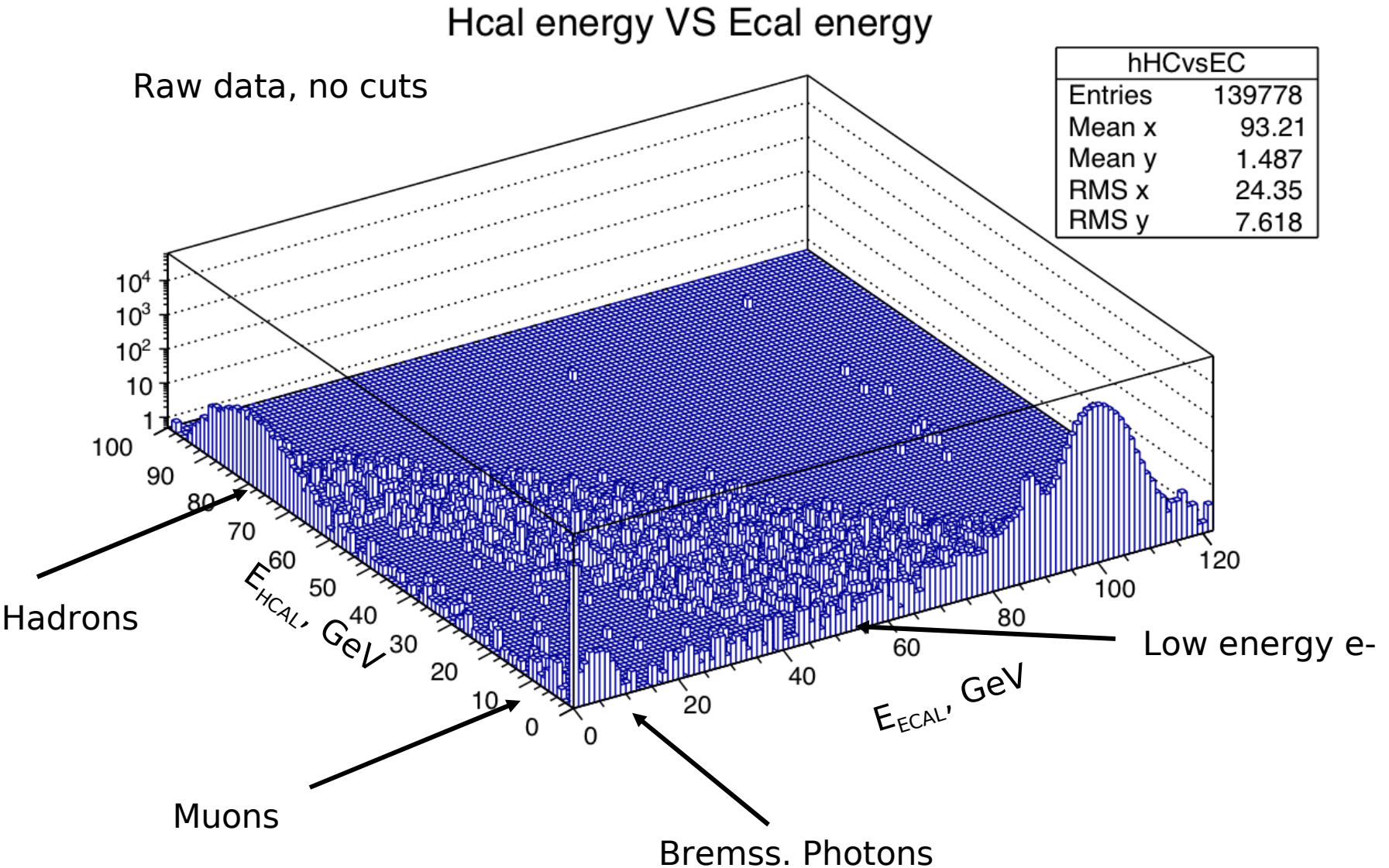
Micromegas



BGO SR array

Straw tubes

# First look and first problems.

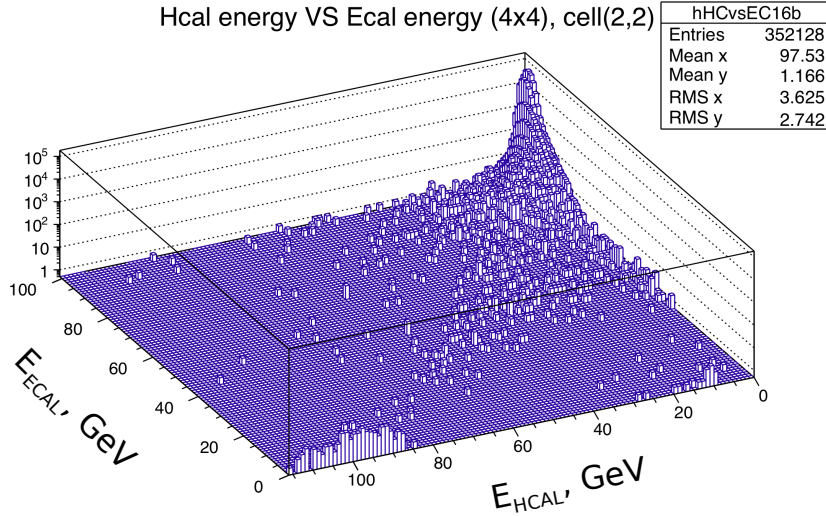




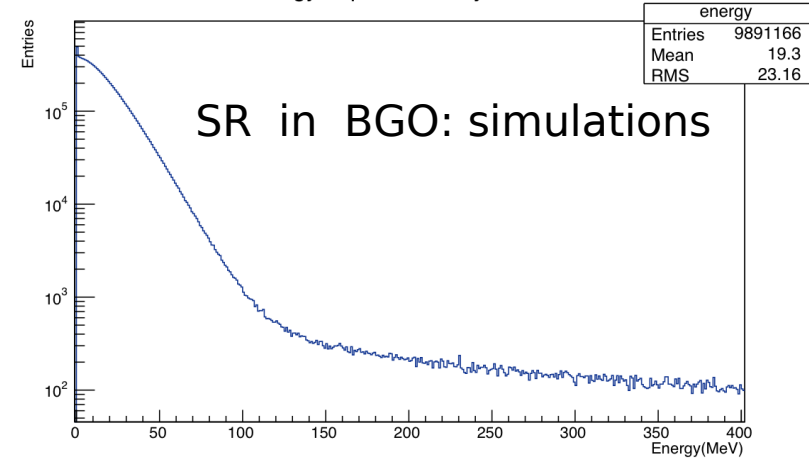
# SR tagging of 100 GeV e-

## No synchrotron tagging

Hcal energy VS Ecal energy (4x4), cell(2,2)

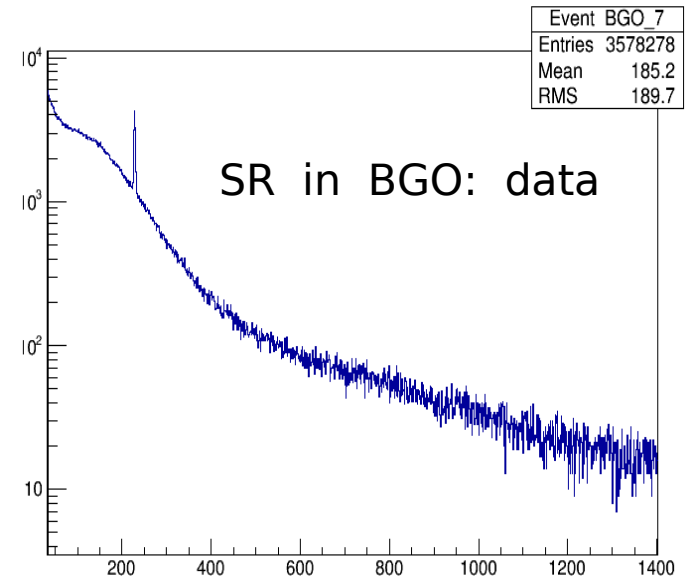
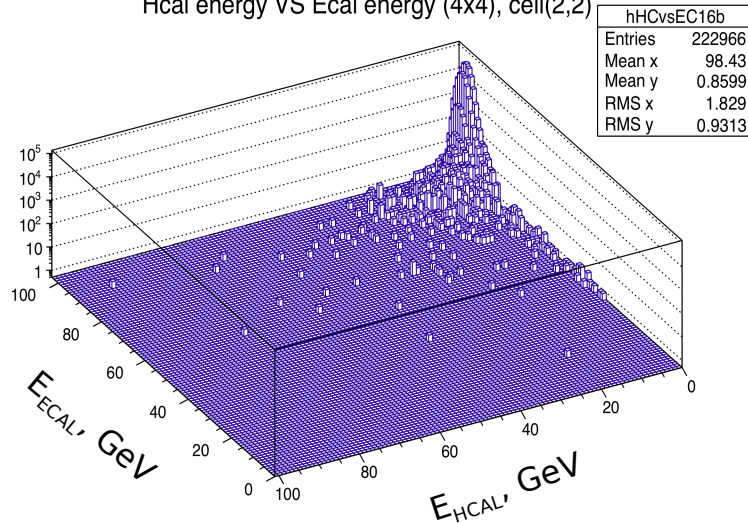


Energy deposited in Sync\_Scint



## With synchrotron tagging

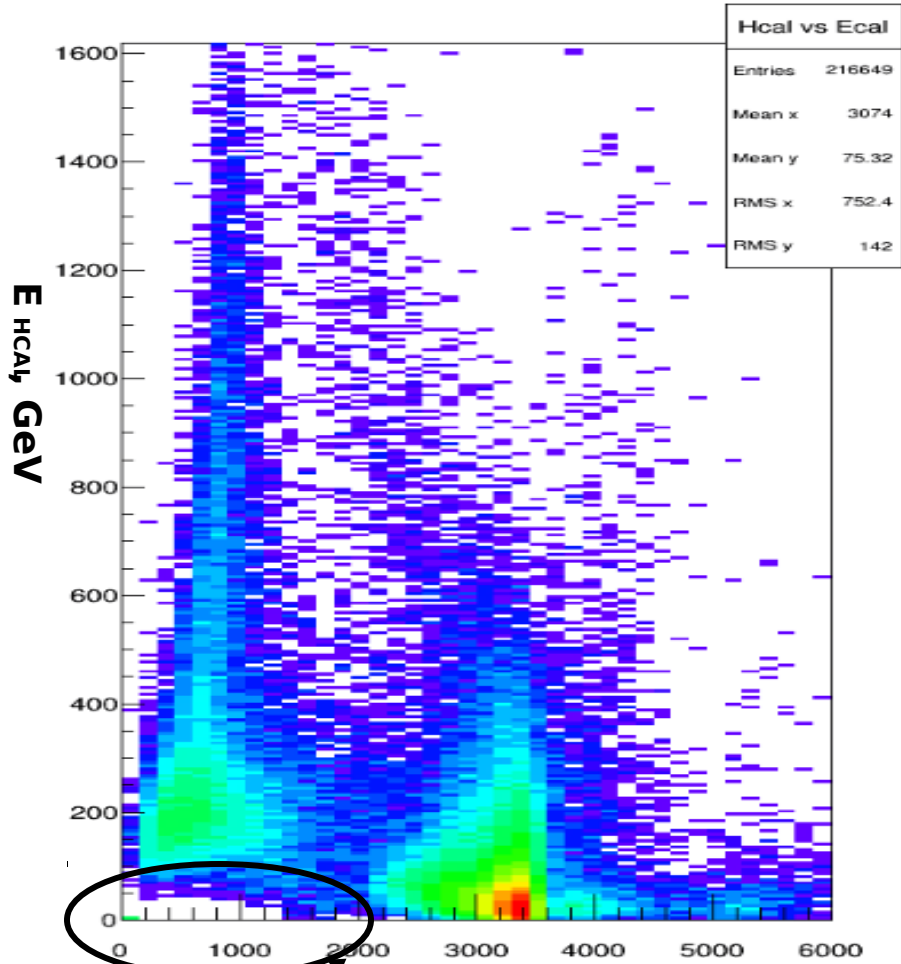
Hcal energy VS Ecal energy (4x4), cell(2,2)



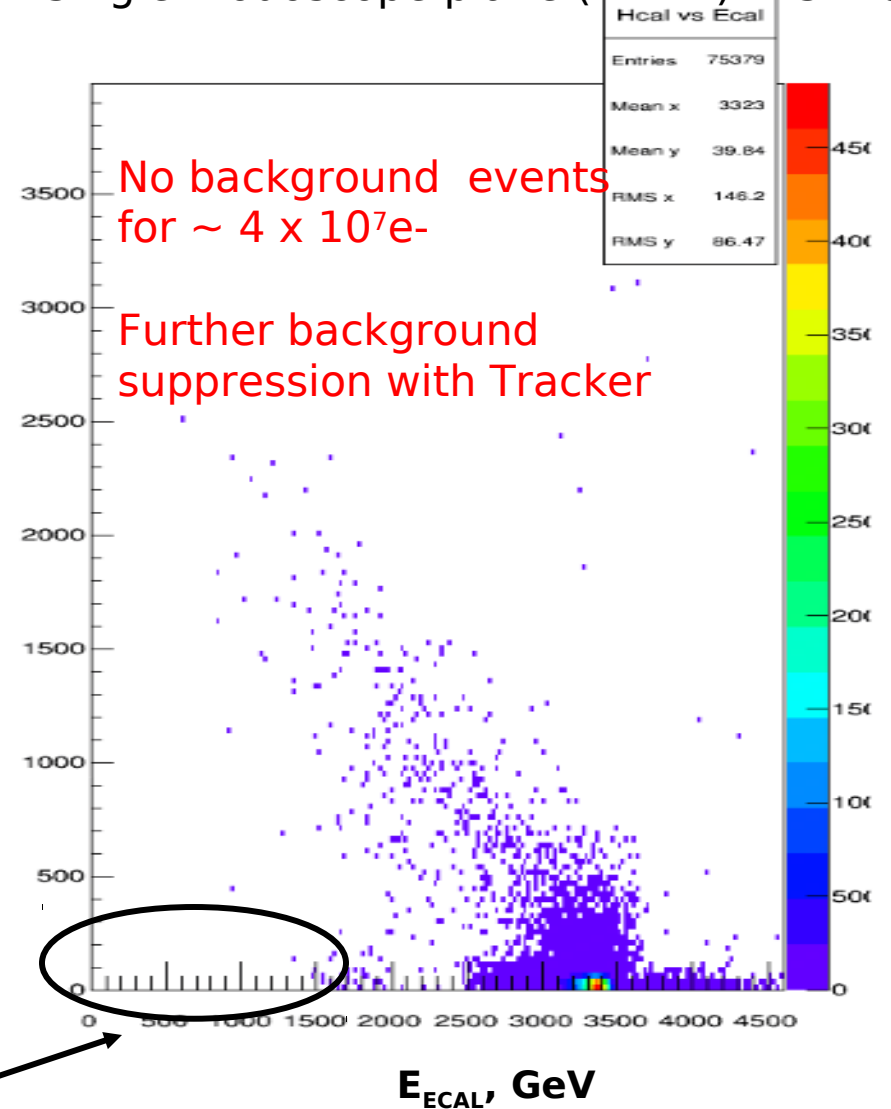


# A` Signal in the HCAL vs ECAL plane

No selections



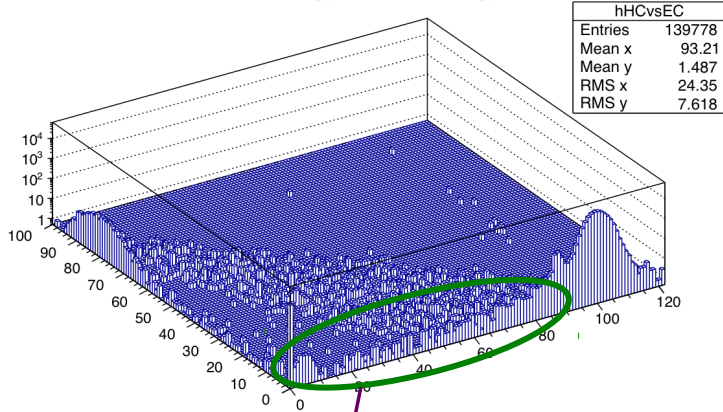
Single hodoscope plane (1 mm) + SR tag



SIGNAL REGION

# MM performance and background rejection <sup>14/18</sup>

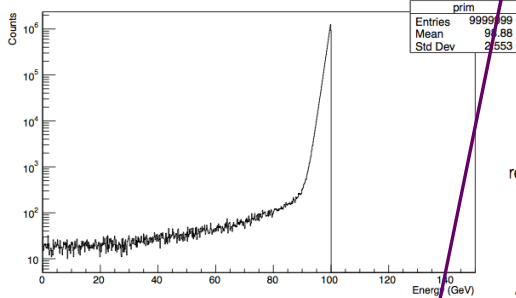
Hcal energy VS Ecal energy



No background events are expected with MM tracker for  $> 10^{11}$  e-

## MM Tracker Simulation Summary

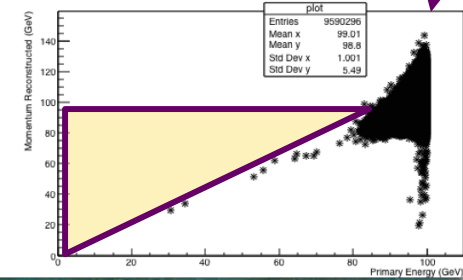
Primary Energy



A spread of energy as shown in the plot was given to the primaries and the reconstructed momentum (when there is a hit in the ECAL) compared with the actual primary energy.

As seen in the second plot the reconstructed momentum compares well with the actual primary energy of the particles hitting the ECAL. Most low energy primaries miss the ECAL due to the field.

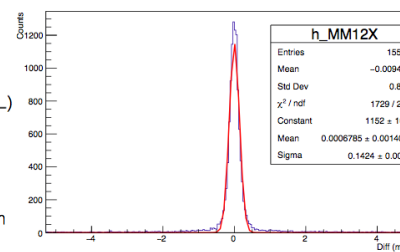
Reconstructed Momentum vs Primary Energy



Level of rejection of events when energy deposited in ECAL < 50 GeV and momentum reconstructed with tracker > 50 GeV .....  $< 10^{-10}$  for 100 GeV primaries.

## MM Tracker Summary from beam run

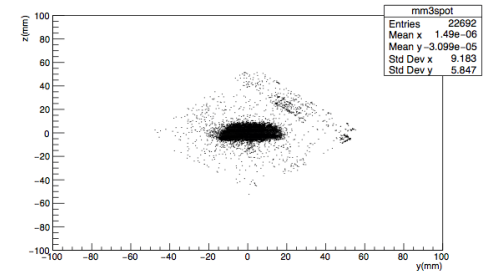
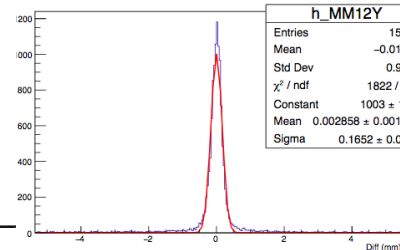
Difference between X pos on MM1 and MM2



Resolution of Micromegas confirmed comparing hit points on two modules.

$$\sigma_{MM} \sim \sigma_{plot} / \sqrt{2} \sim 100 \mu$$

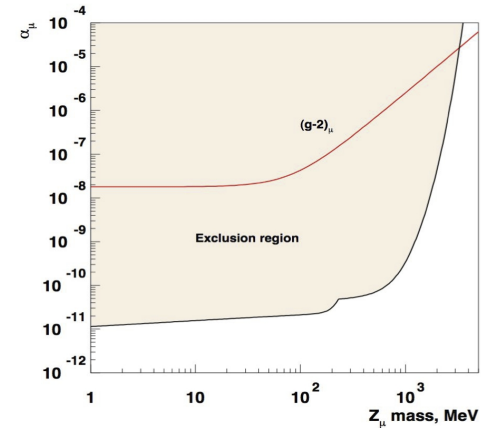
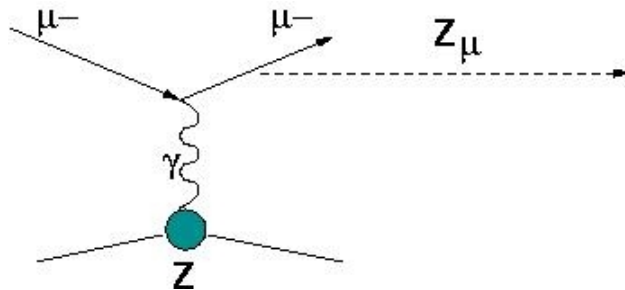
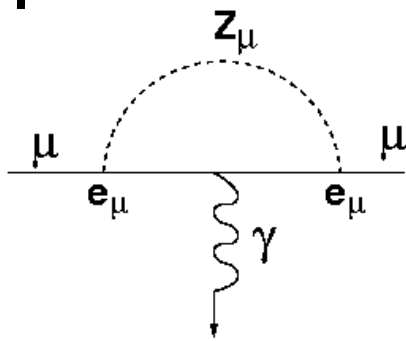
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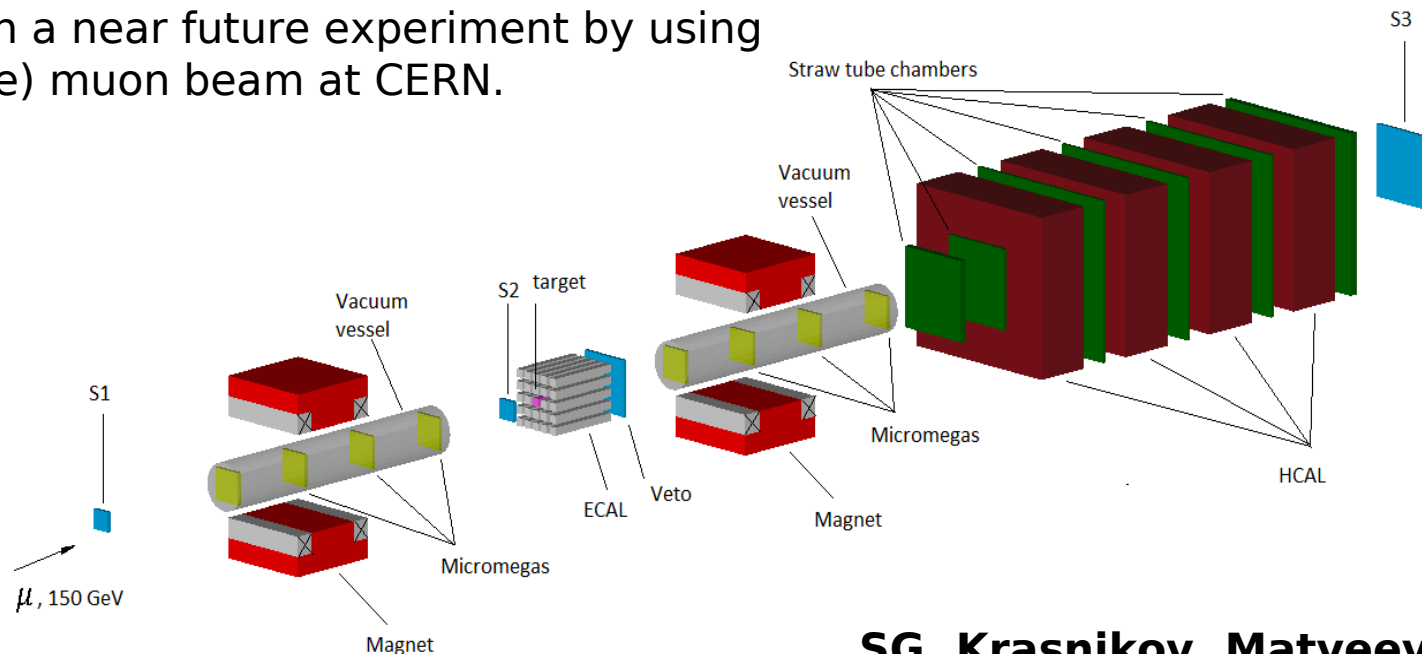
Beam Spot on MM for 100 GeV electrons without field.

Reaction	Physics	Sensitivity
<b>1. <math>eZ \rightarrow eZ + ..</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <math>A' \rightarrow e+e-</math></li> <li>◇ <math>A' \rightarrow \text{invisible}</math></li> <li>◇ <math>alps</math></li> <li>◇ <math>mQ</math></li> </ul>	Dark photons, Hidden sectors, $(g-2)_\mu$ new particles, milliQ, charge quantization	$10^{-4} < \epsilon < 10^{-5}$ $M_{A'} \sim \text{sub-GeV}$  $e'/e < 10^{-5}-10^{-7}$
<b>2. <math>\mu Z \rightarrow \mu Z + ...</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <math>Z_\mu \rightarrow \nu\nu, \mu+\mu-</math></li> <li>◇ <math>\mu \rightarrow \tau</math></li> </ul>	$(g-2)_\mu$ , gauged $L_\mu-L_\tau$ , L-phobic boson $Z_\mu$ , LFV	$\alpha_\mu < 10^{-11}-10^{-9}$ $< 10^{-9}-10^{-8}/\mu$
<b>3. <math>\pi(K)p \rightarrow M^0 n</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <math>K_L \rightarrow \text{invisible}</math></li> <li>◇ <math>K_S \rightarrow \text{invisible}</math></li> <li>◇ <math>\pi^0, \eta, \eta' \rightarrow \text{invisible}</math></li> </ul>	Bell-Steinberger Unitarity, CP, CPT, NHL, 2HDM,	$\sim 10^{-5}$ $\text{Br} < 10^{-8}$ $< 10^{-8}-10^{-7}$
<b>4. <math>pA</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <i>leptophobic <math>X + h</math></i></li> </ul>	$\sim \text{GeV DM}$	$< 10^{-7}-10^{-8} / p$

# $(g-2)_\mu$ and new leptophobic $Z'$ from $L_\mu-L_\tau$



strong motivation for a sensitive search for  $Z'$  in a near future experiment by using (unique) muon beam at CERN.



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# $K_L \rightarrow$ invisible: nothing in, nothing out

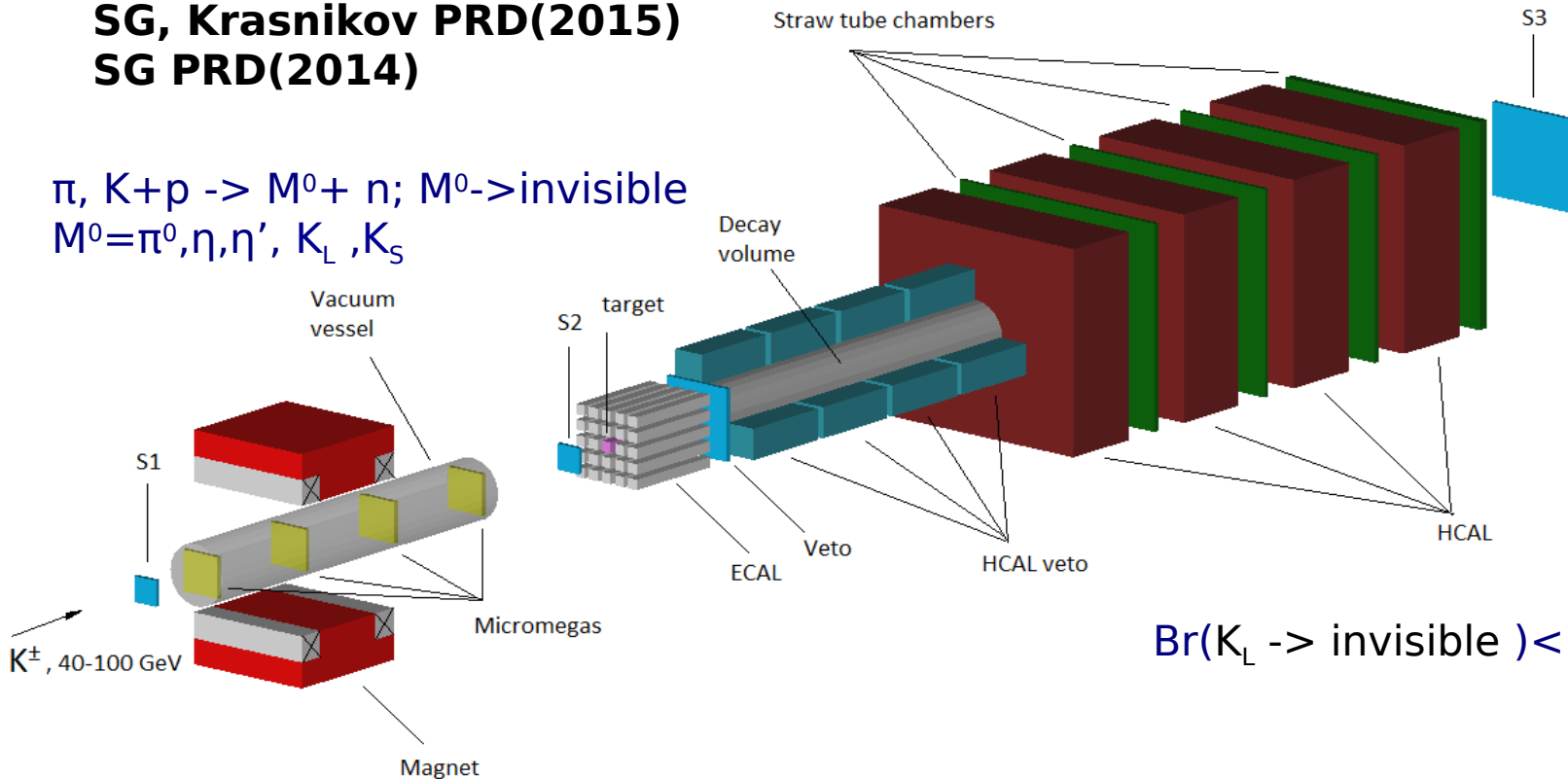
## Rare kaon decays with “missing energy”

PRD(R)'96.

William J. Marciano and Zohreh Parsa ( $K_L \rightarrow \nu\nu, \nu\nu\gamma$ )  
 and  $K_L \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$  (if neutrinos have mass). Those decays would be interesting to explore, but their detection looks essentially impossible. New ingenious experimental ideas are required.

**SG, Krasnikov PRD(2015)**  
**SG PRD(2014)**

$\pi, K+p \rightarrow M^0 + n; M^0 \rightarrow$  invisible  
 $M^0 = \pi^0, \eta, \eta', K_L, K_S$



$Br(K_L \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 10^{-8}$

# Summary



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Searching for missing-energy events in an active beam dump is a sensitive probe of new physics developed by P348.

The simulations and recent test beam results show that after a small modification the detector is ready for data taking.

The experiment is complementary to NA62, KLOE, and planned SHIP.

These 2 weeks of beam tests would be impossible without support from CERN Vice-DG S. Bertolucci, and people including H. Wilkens, A. Fabich, H. Fischer, I. Konorov, V. Frolov, D.-L. Lazic, M. Jeckel, J. Novy who helped us in many ways, the CERN LCD group and the SPS crew.

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