



# DARK PHOTON AT LHCb

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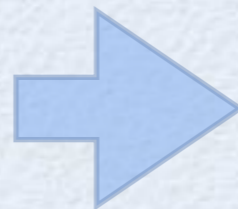


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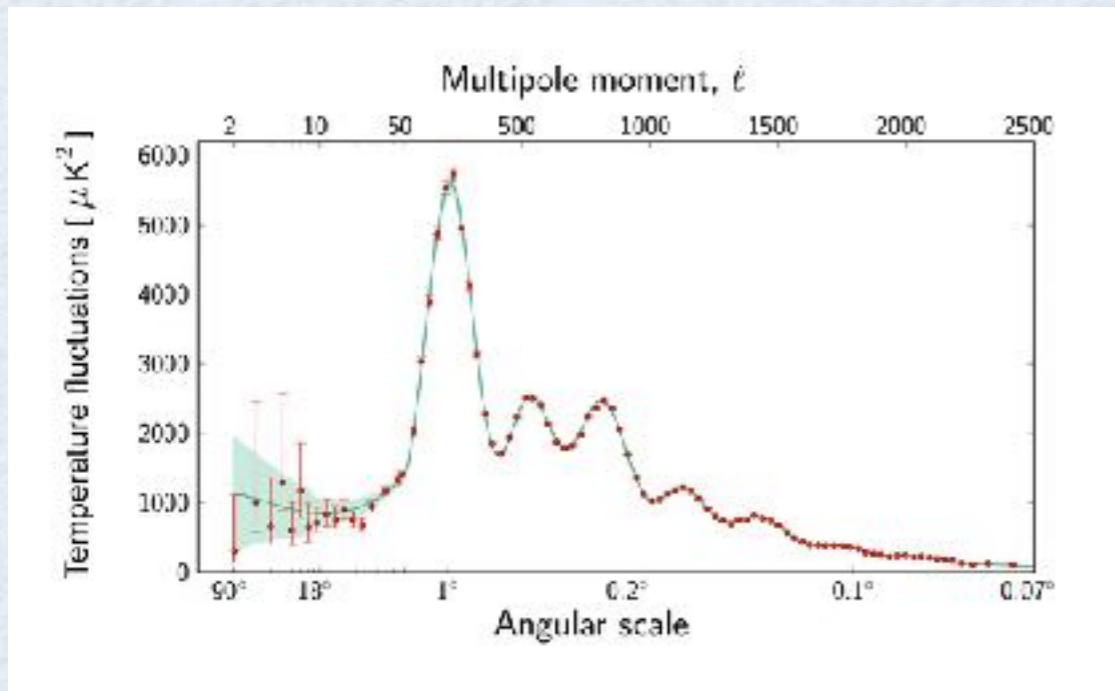
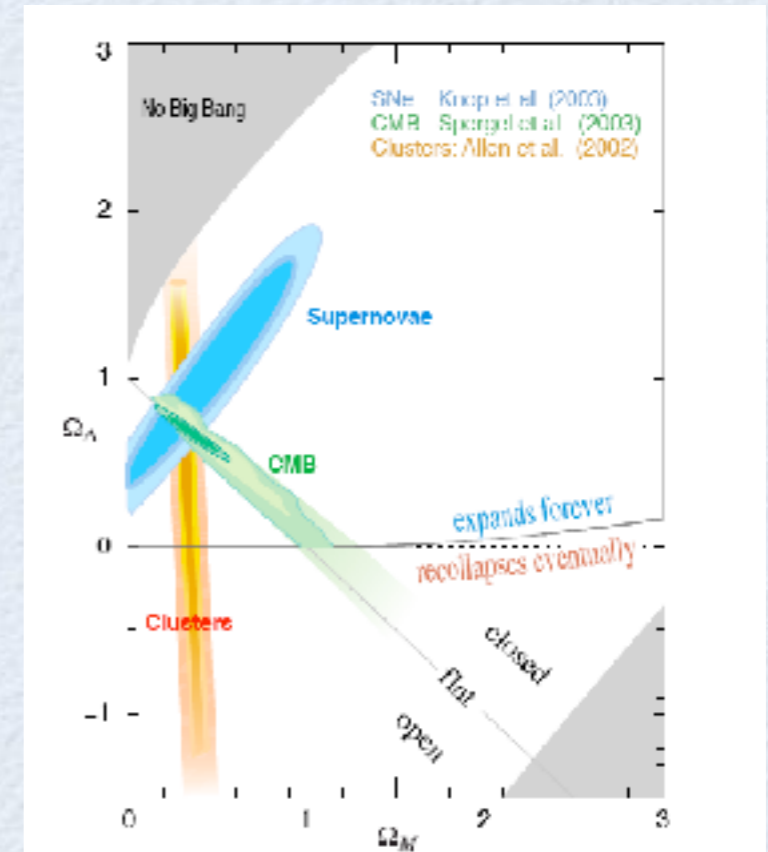


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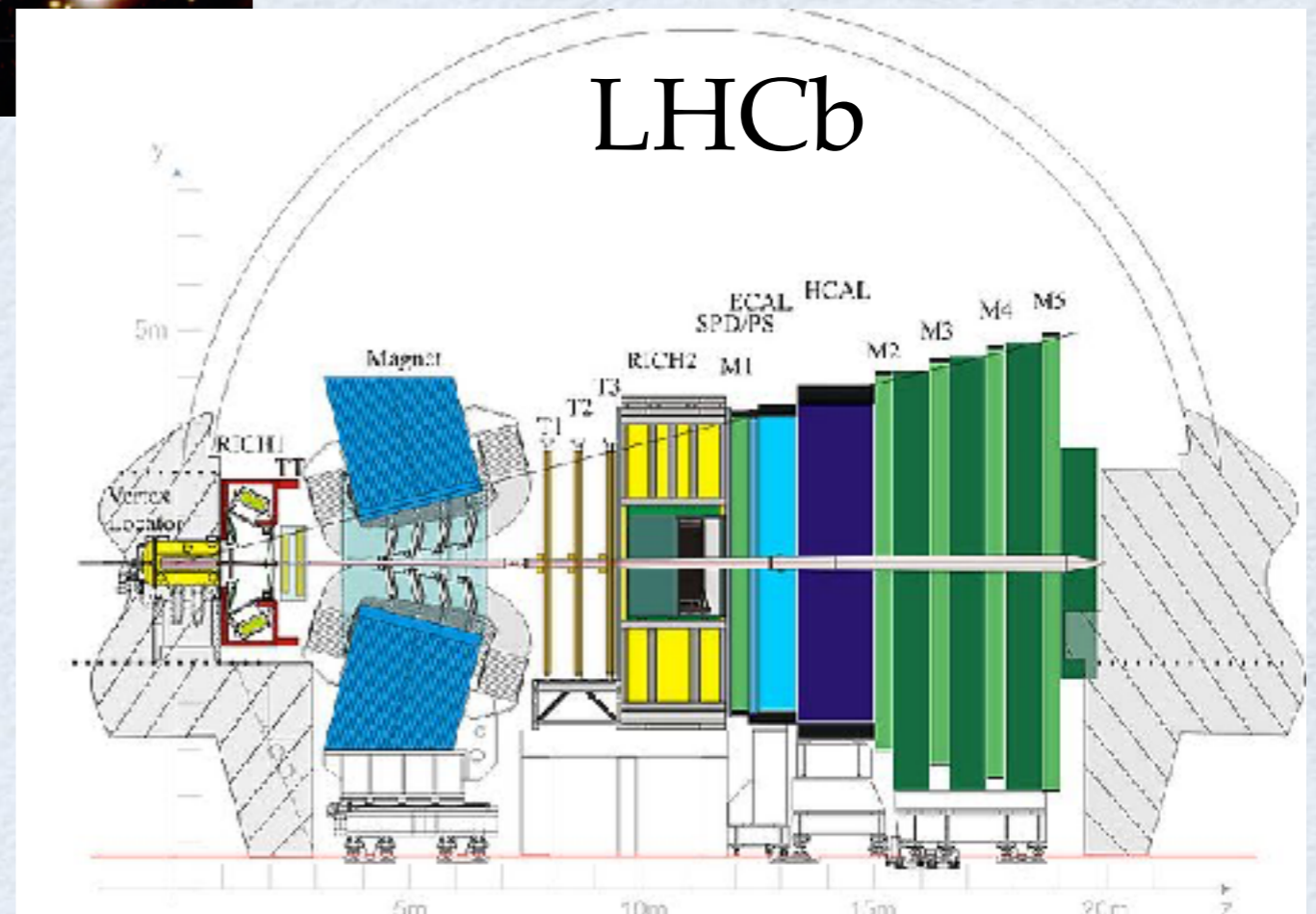
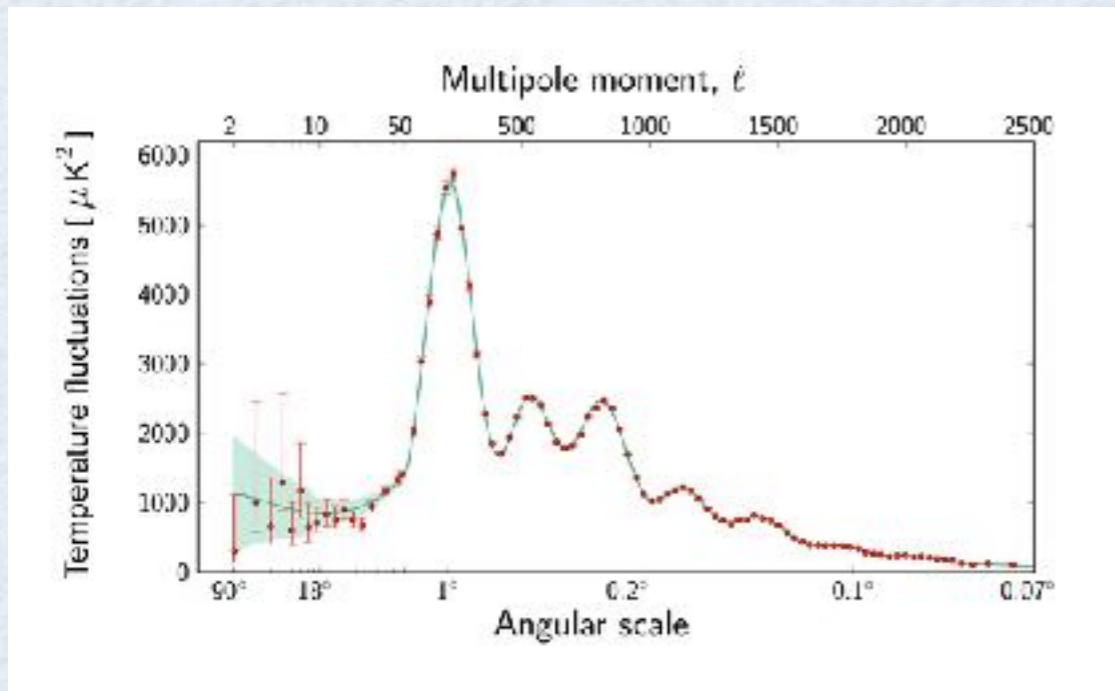
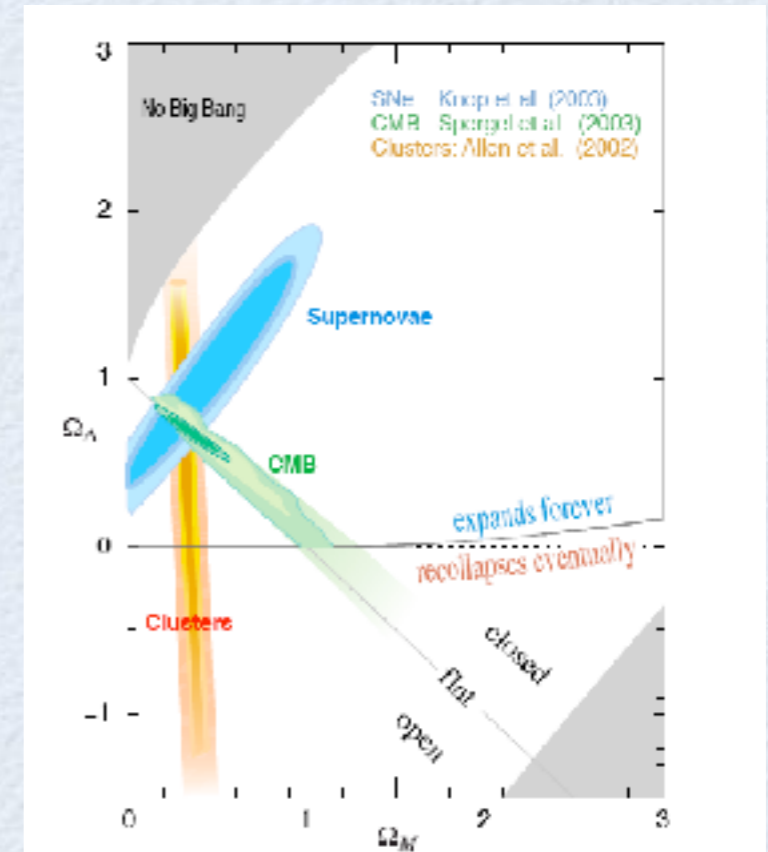
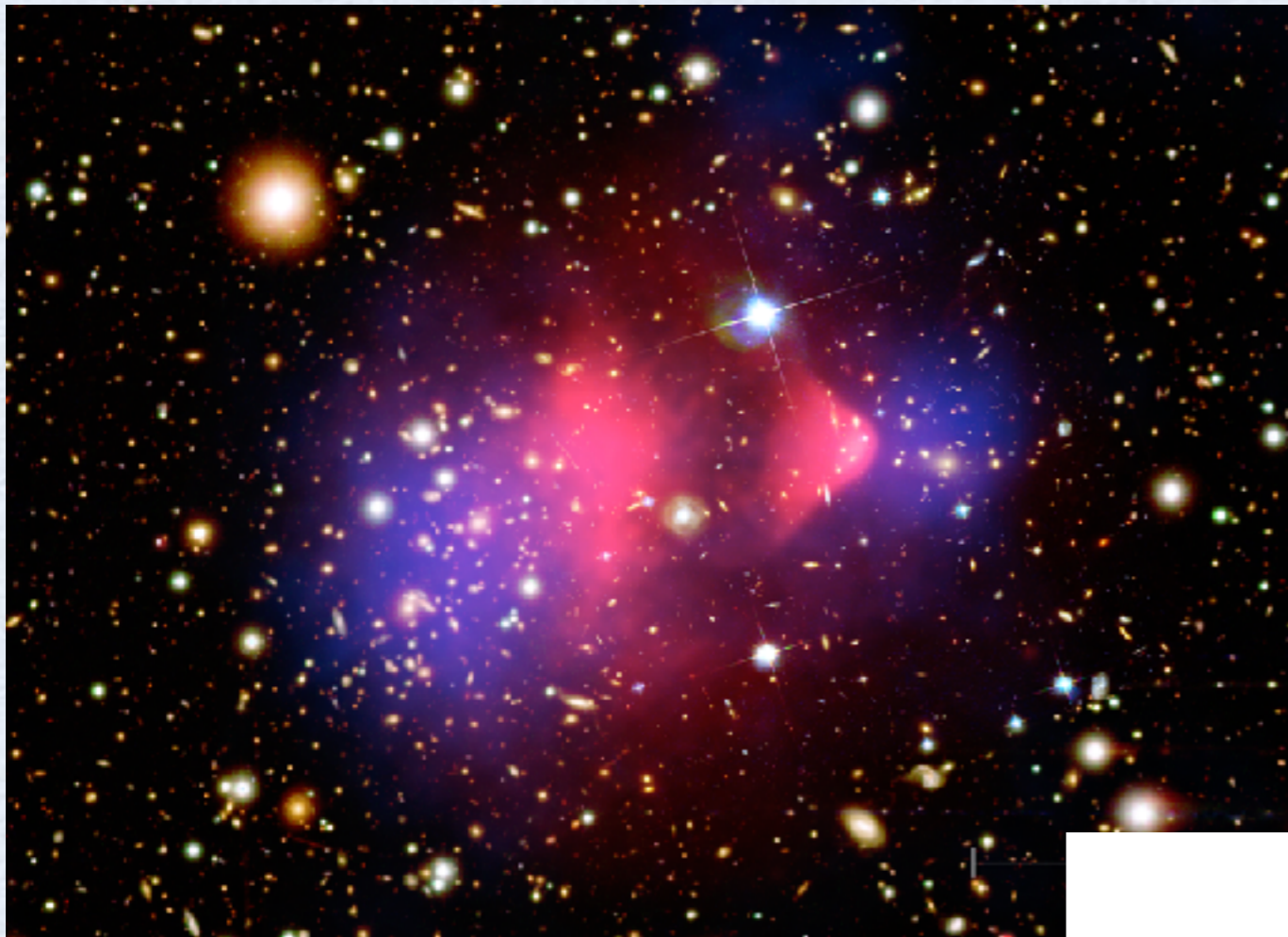


New Physics (NP) is required but its scale is **unknown**









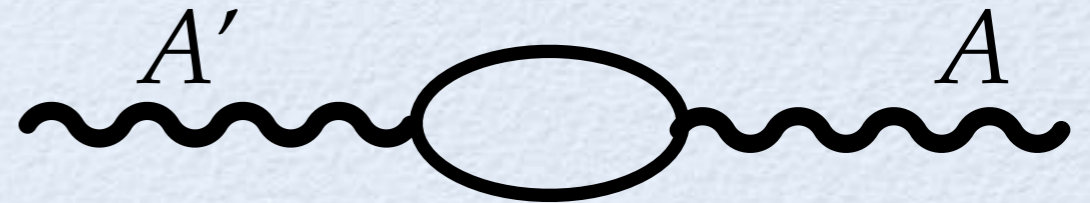


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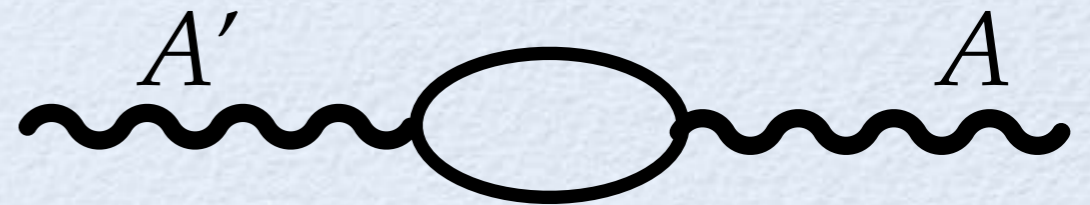


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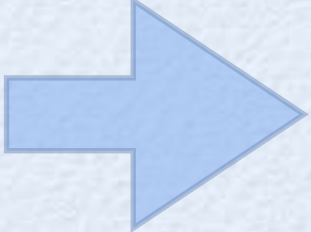
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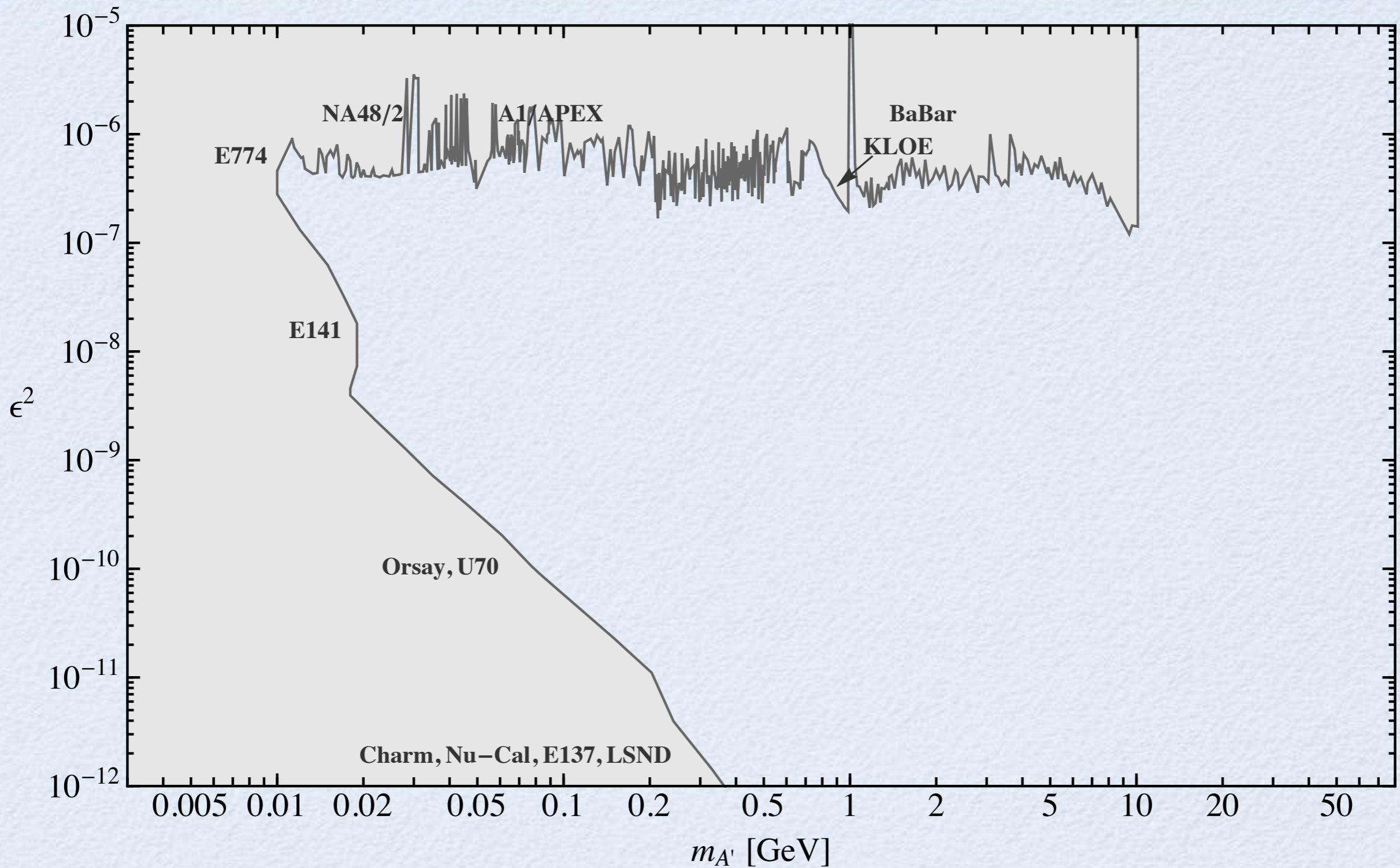
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma A'} \supset -\frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{A'}^2 A'^{\mu} A'_{\mu} + \epsilon e A'_{\mu} J_{\text{EM}}^{\mu}$$

dark photon,  $A'$ , couples to the EM current

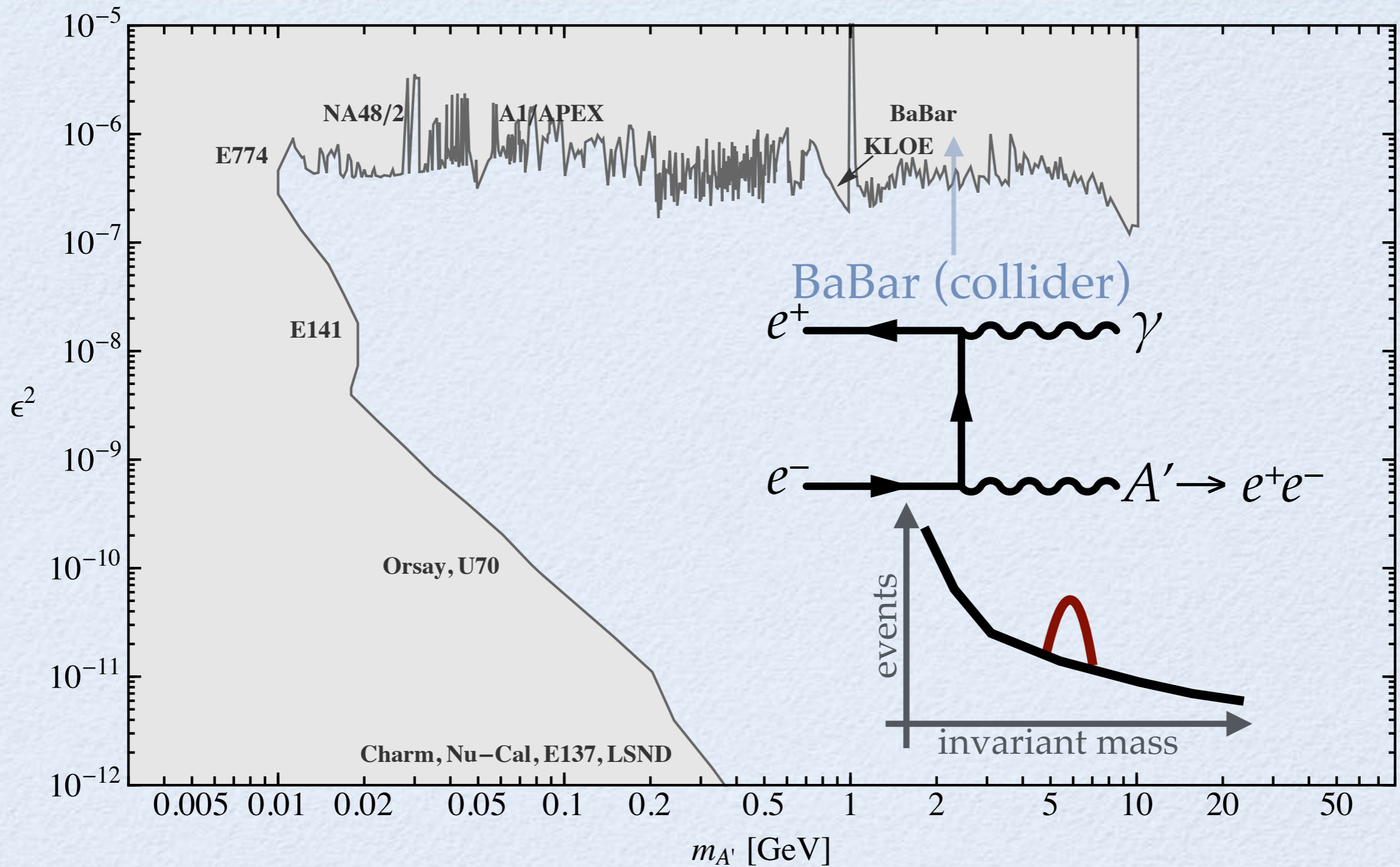


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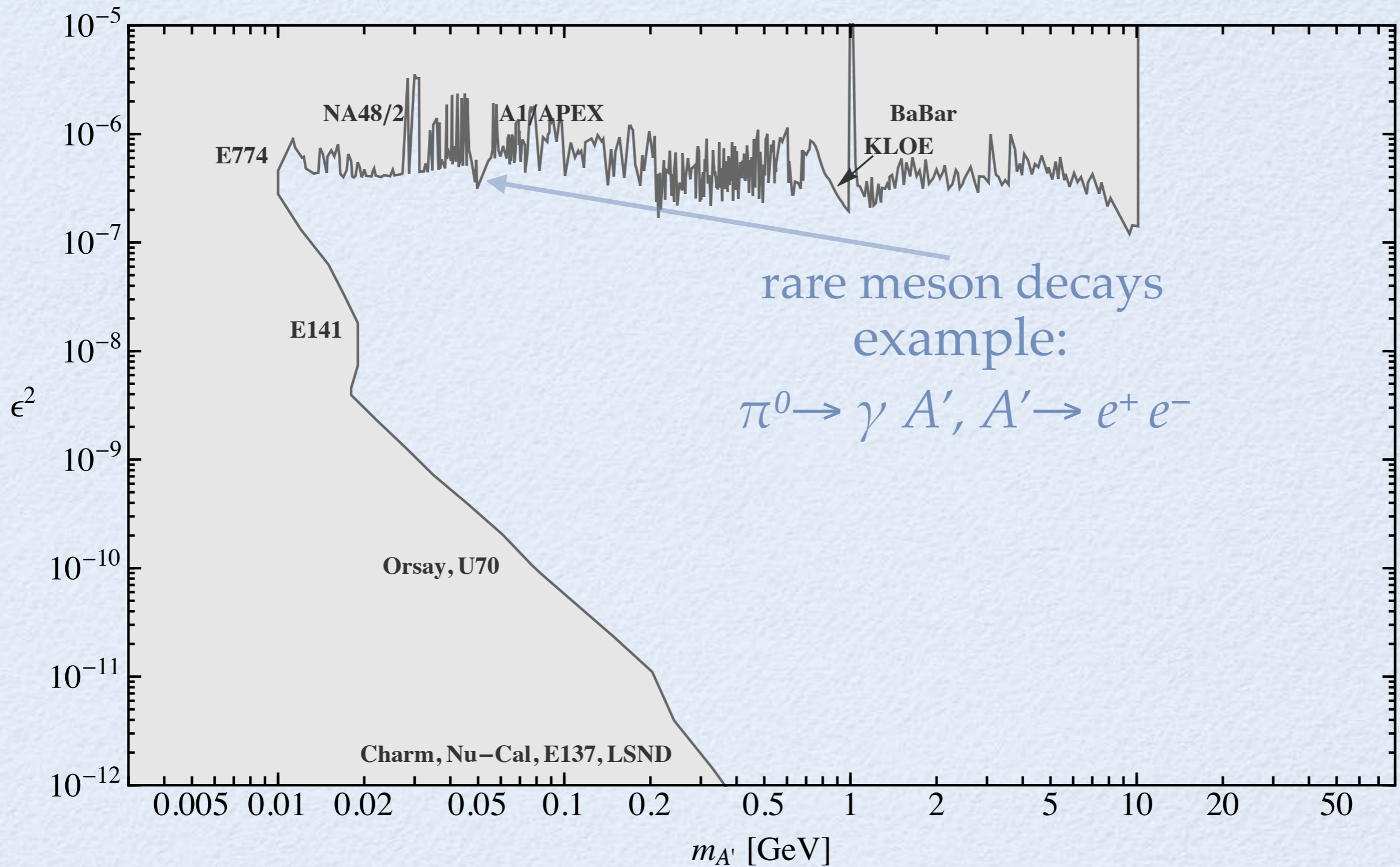


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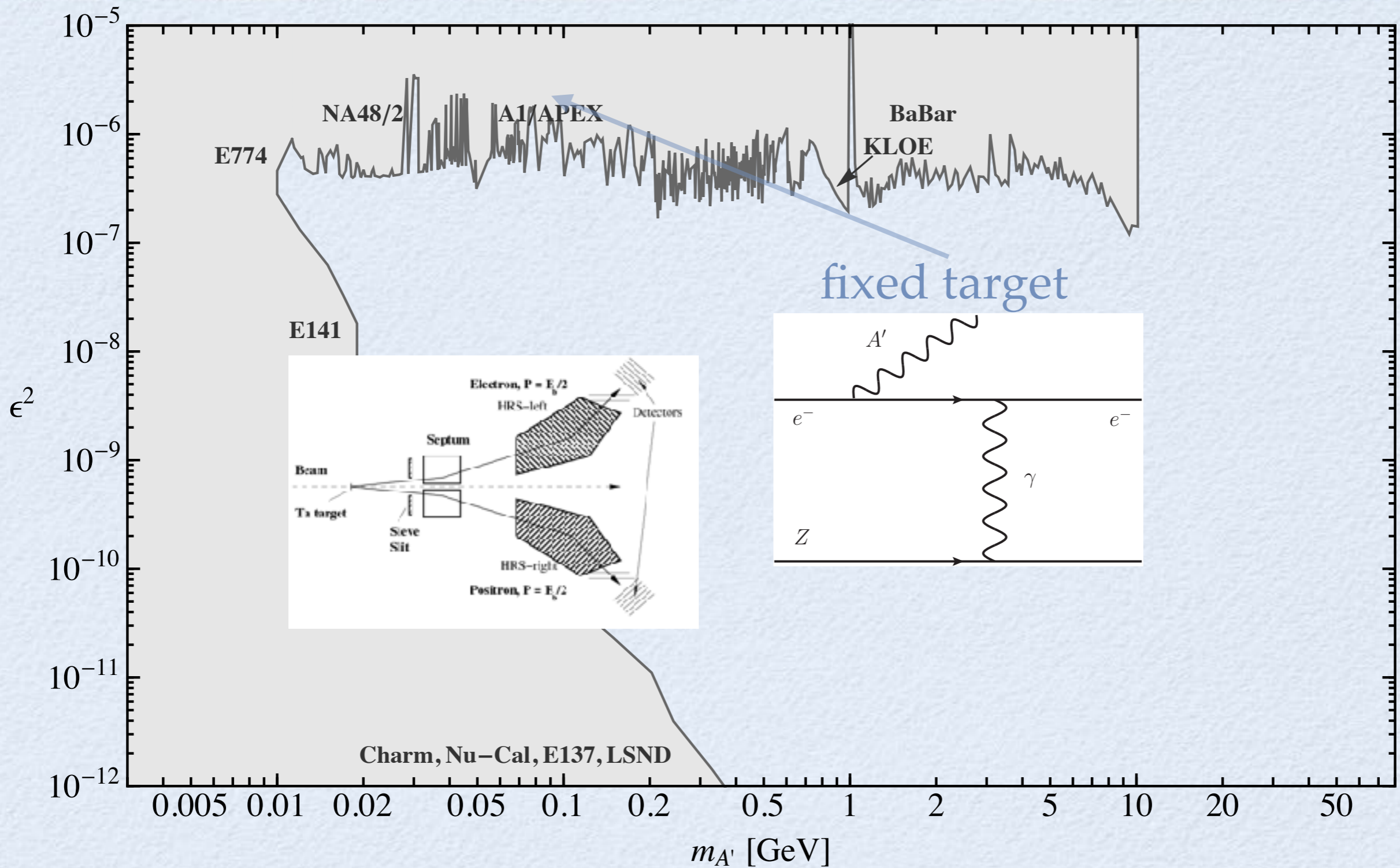


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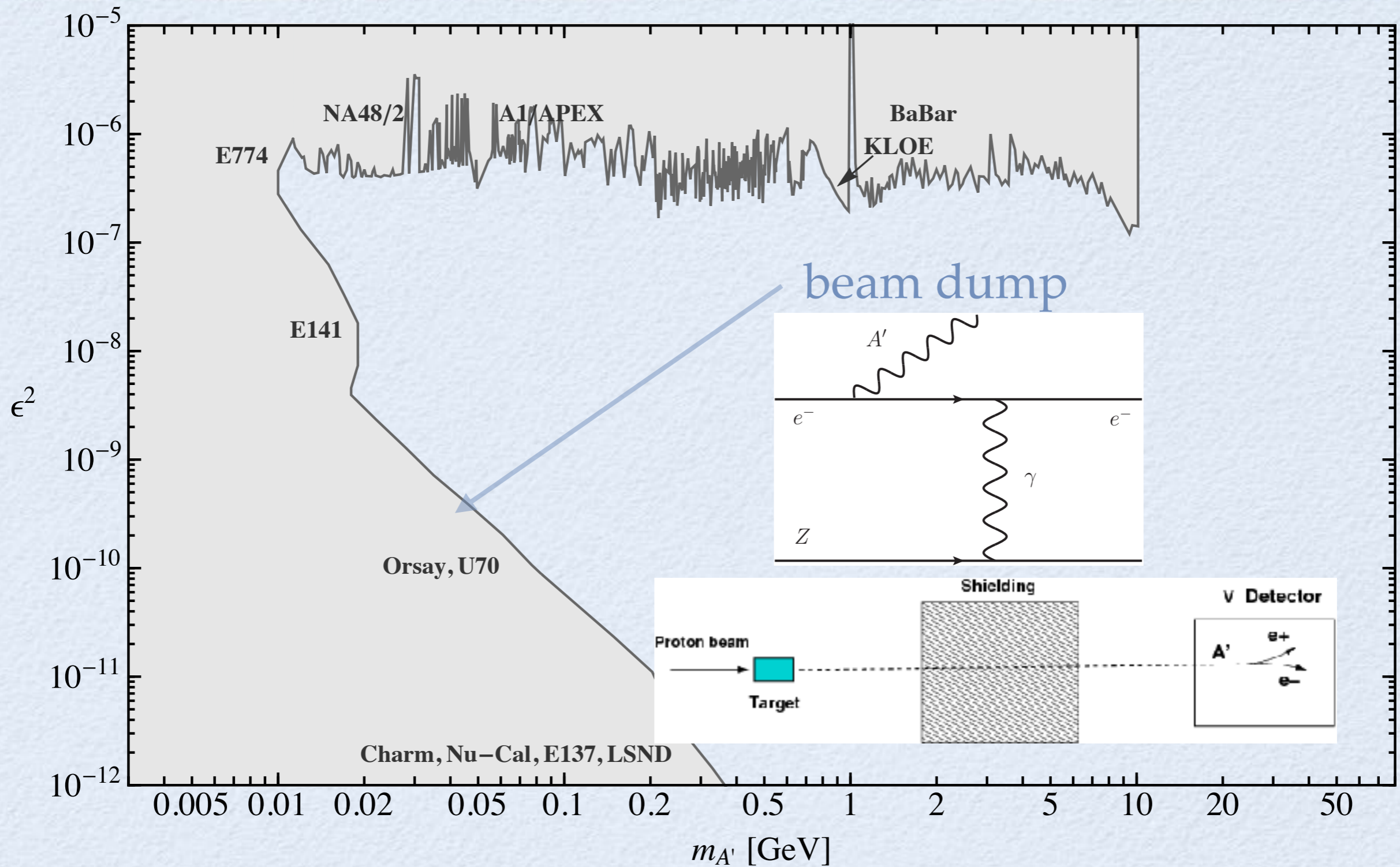


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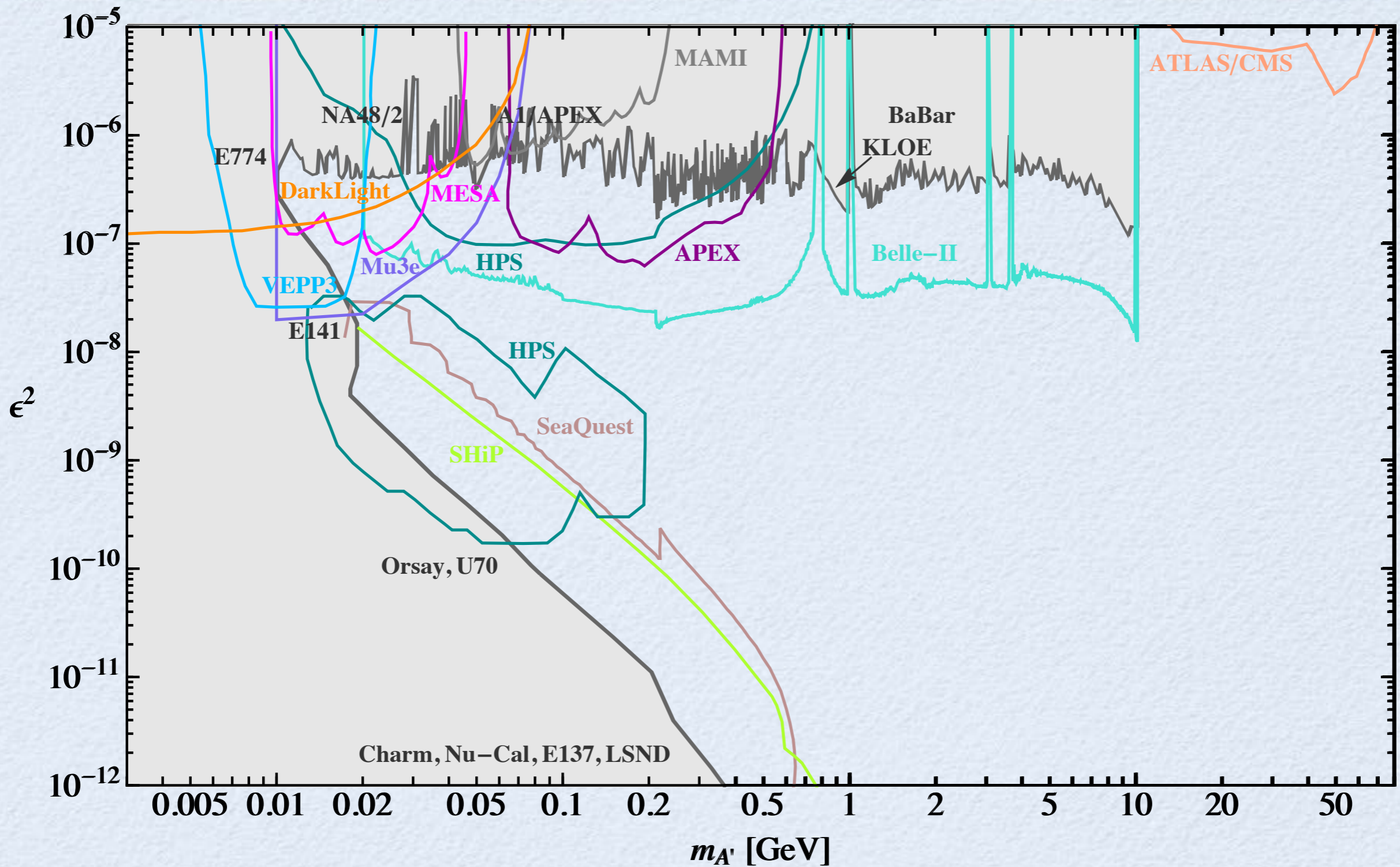


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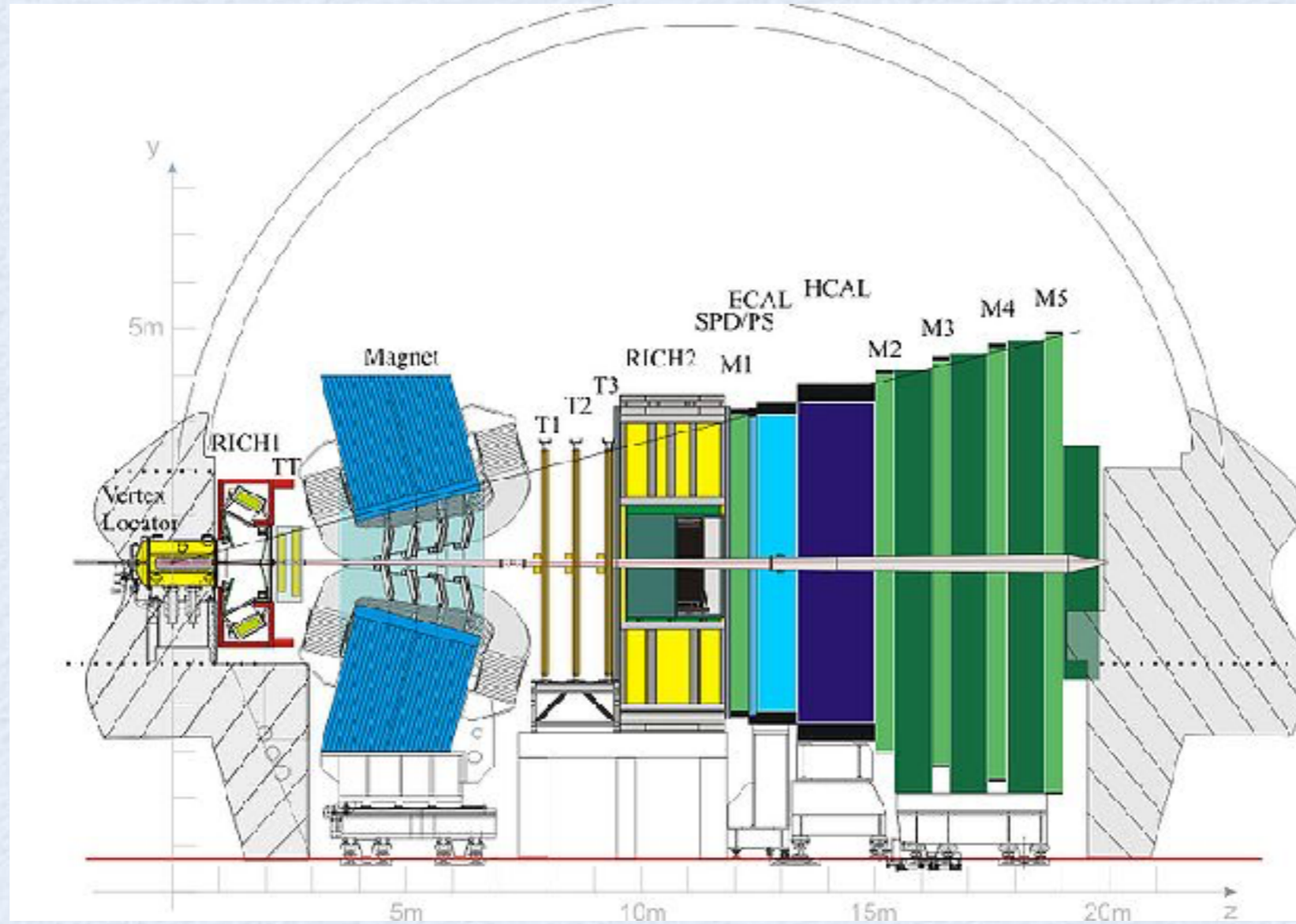


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- real time data analysis (trigger-less) for Run 3
- particle identification
- muons detection:
  - dimuon invariant mass ( $m_{\mu\mu}$ ) resolution:
    - 4 MeV,  $m_{\mu\mu} < 1$  GeV
    - 0.4%  $m_{\mu\mu}$ ,  $m_{\mu\mu} > 1$  GeV
  - time resolution:  $\sigma_{\tau} \sim 50$ fs (almost constant in proper lifetime)



# WHY LHCb?

- $A' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  -
  - inclusive search (do not need to specify the production)
  - fully data driven
  - both prompt and displaced searches
- Run 3 - integrated luminosity of  $15 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



# inclusive dark photon at LHCb

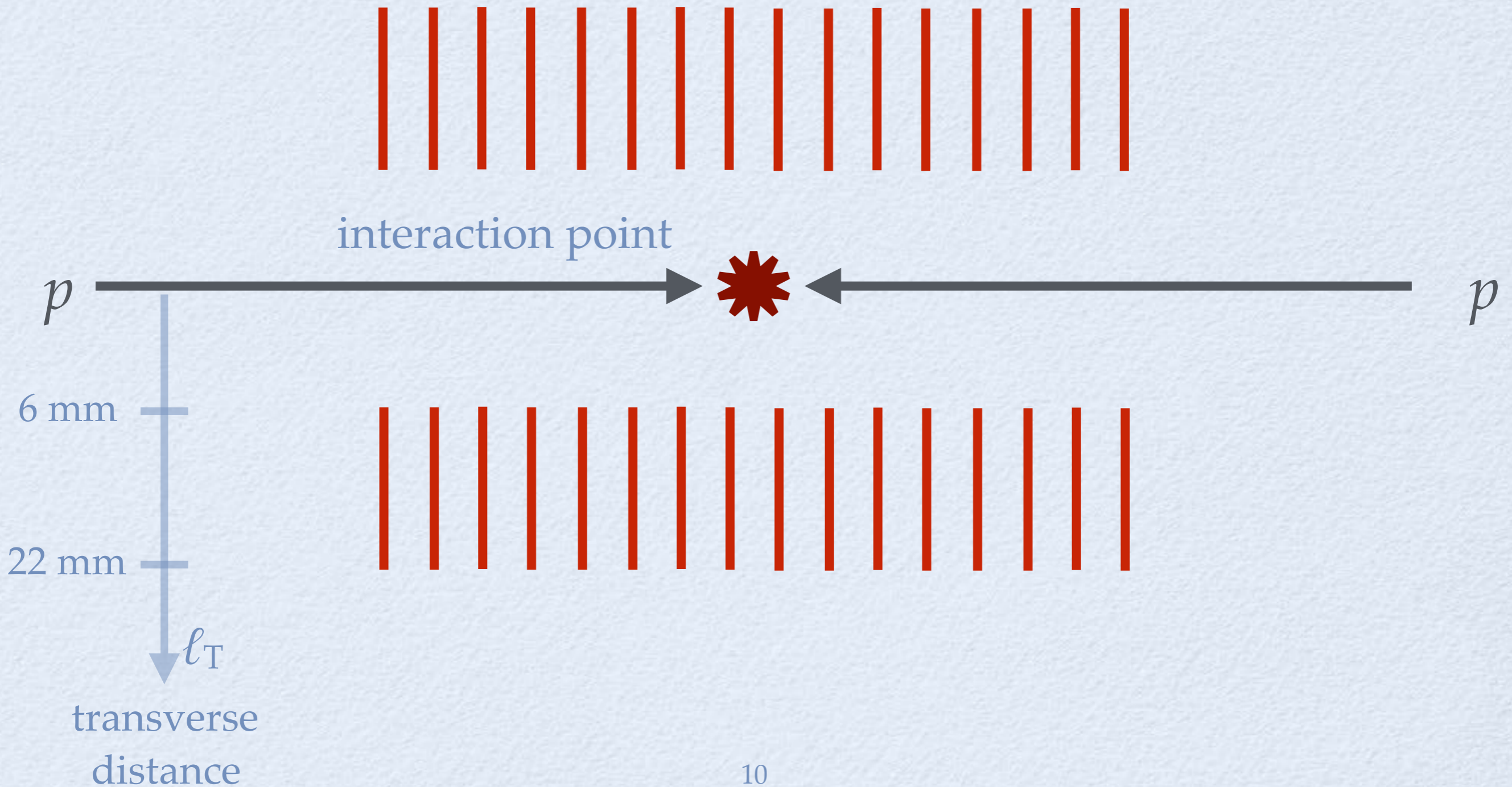
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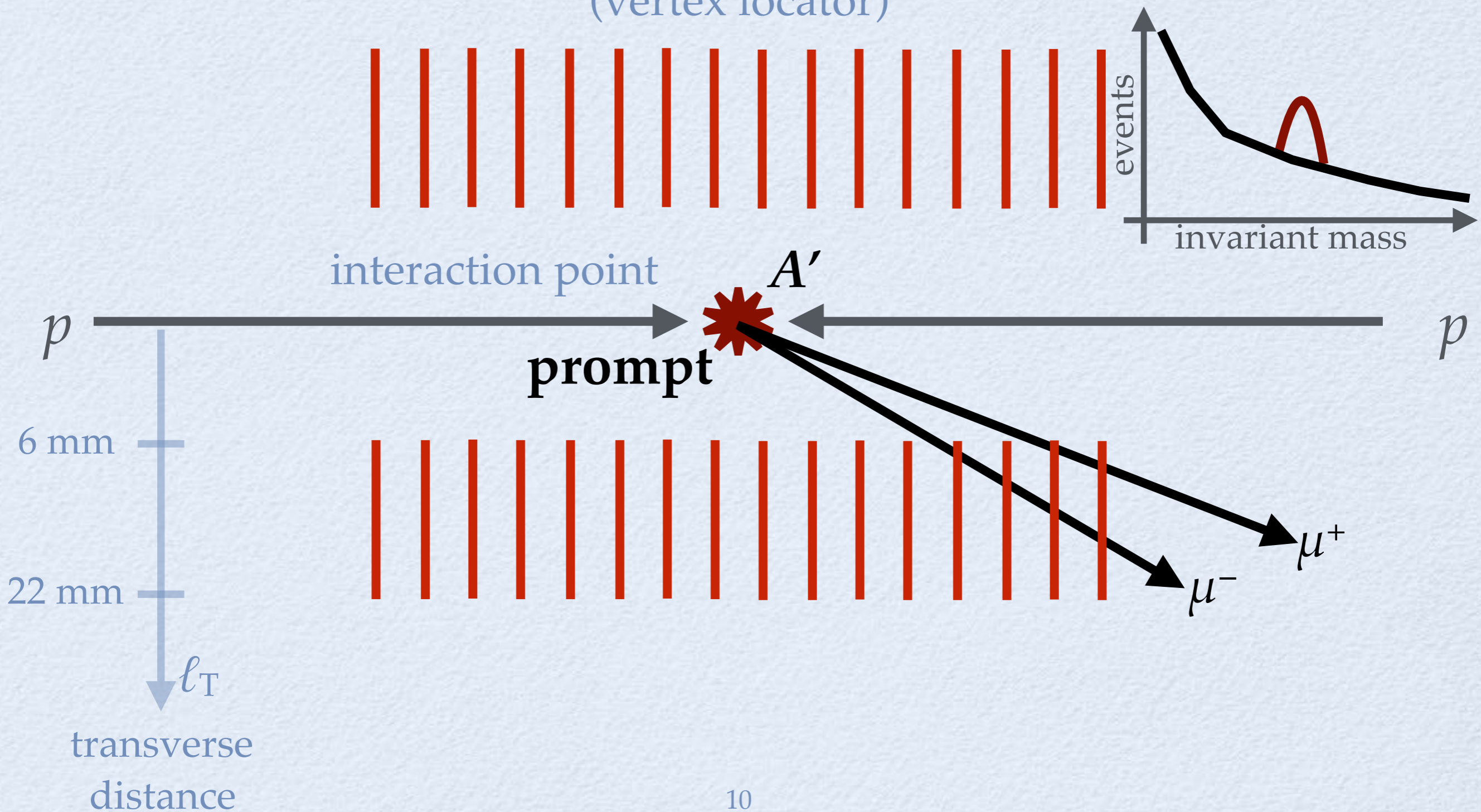




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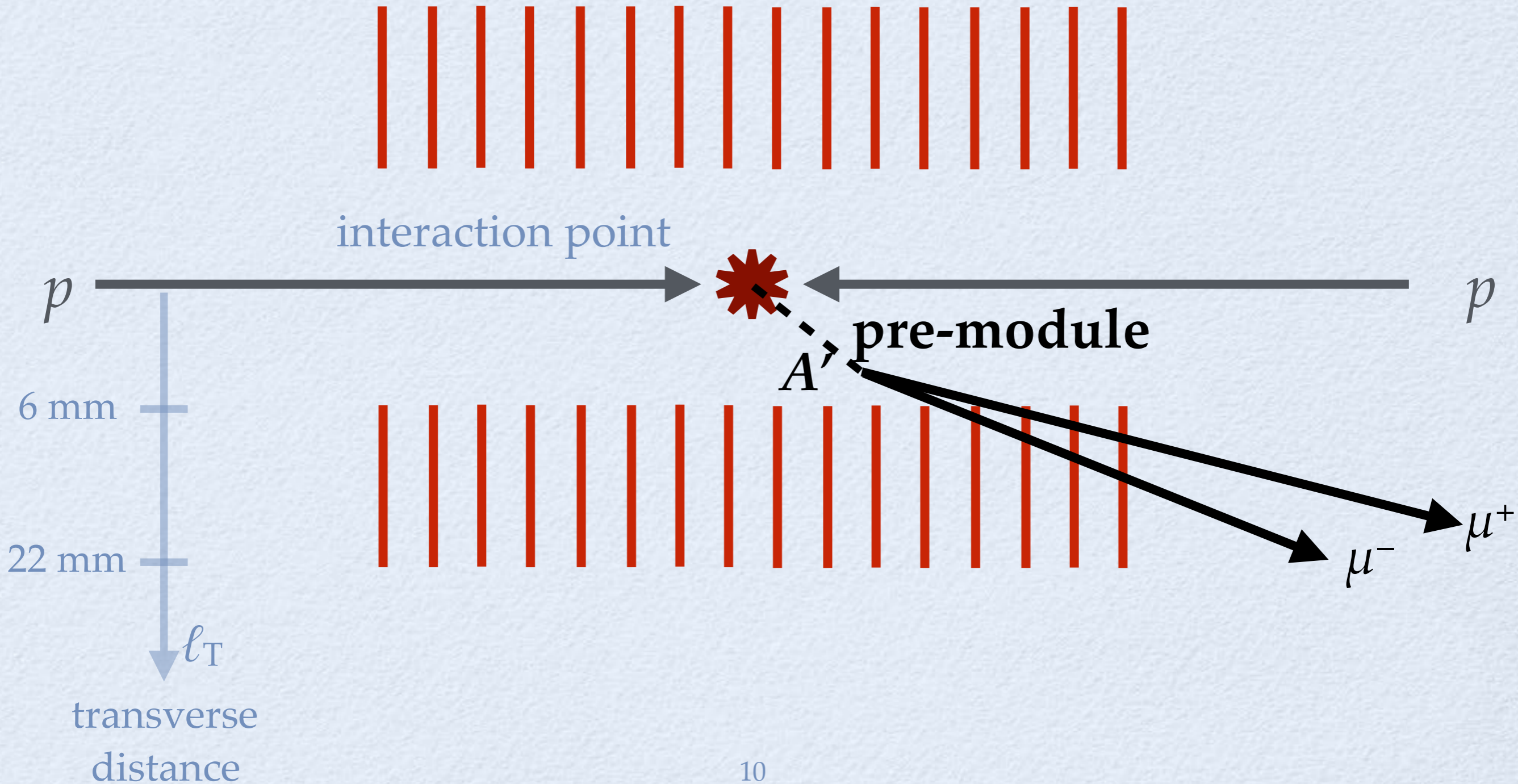




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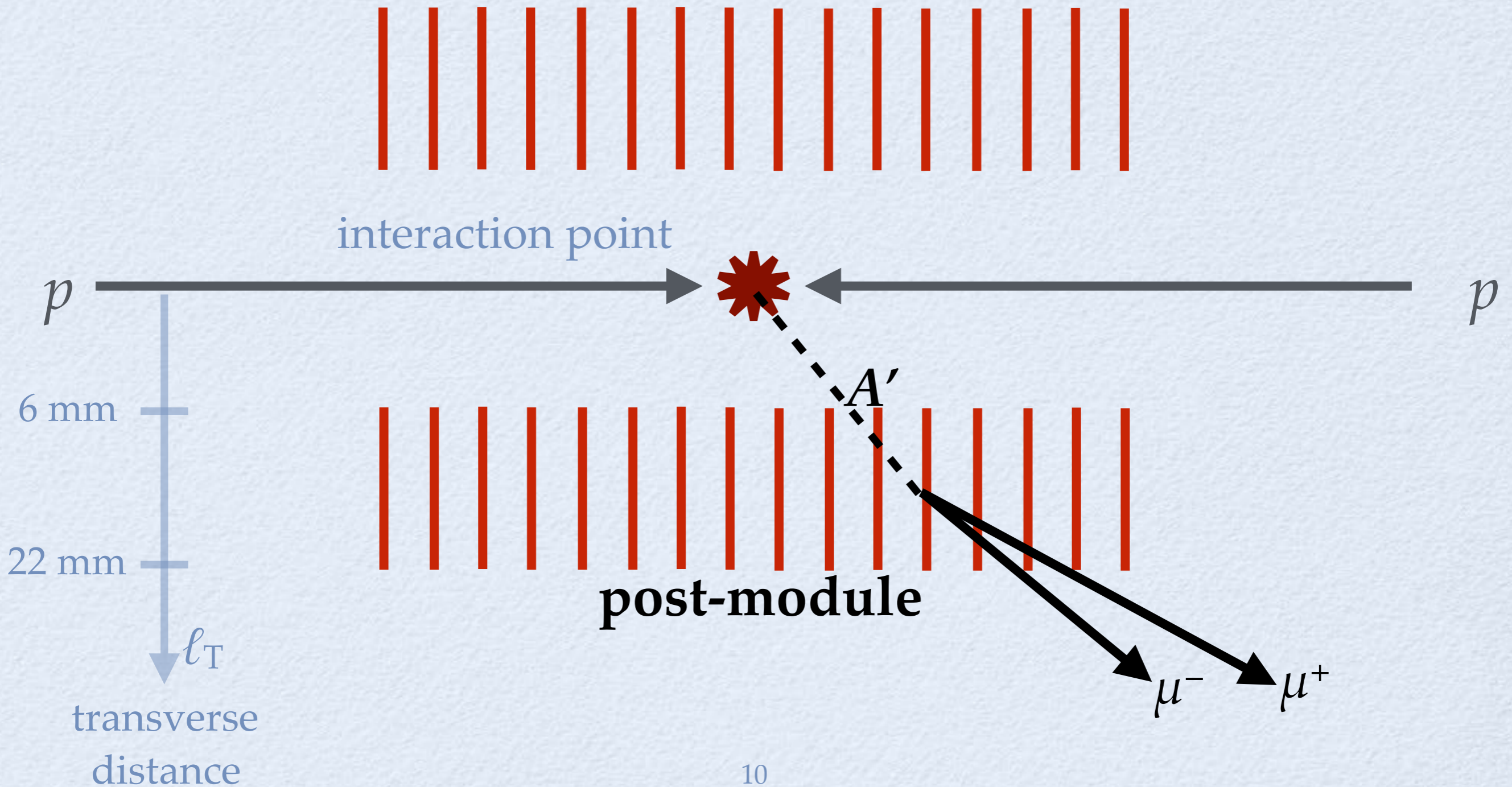




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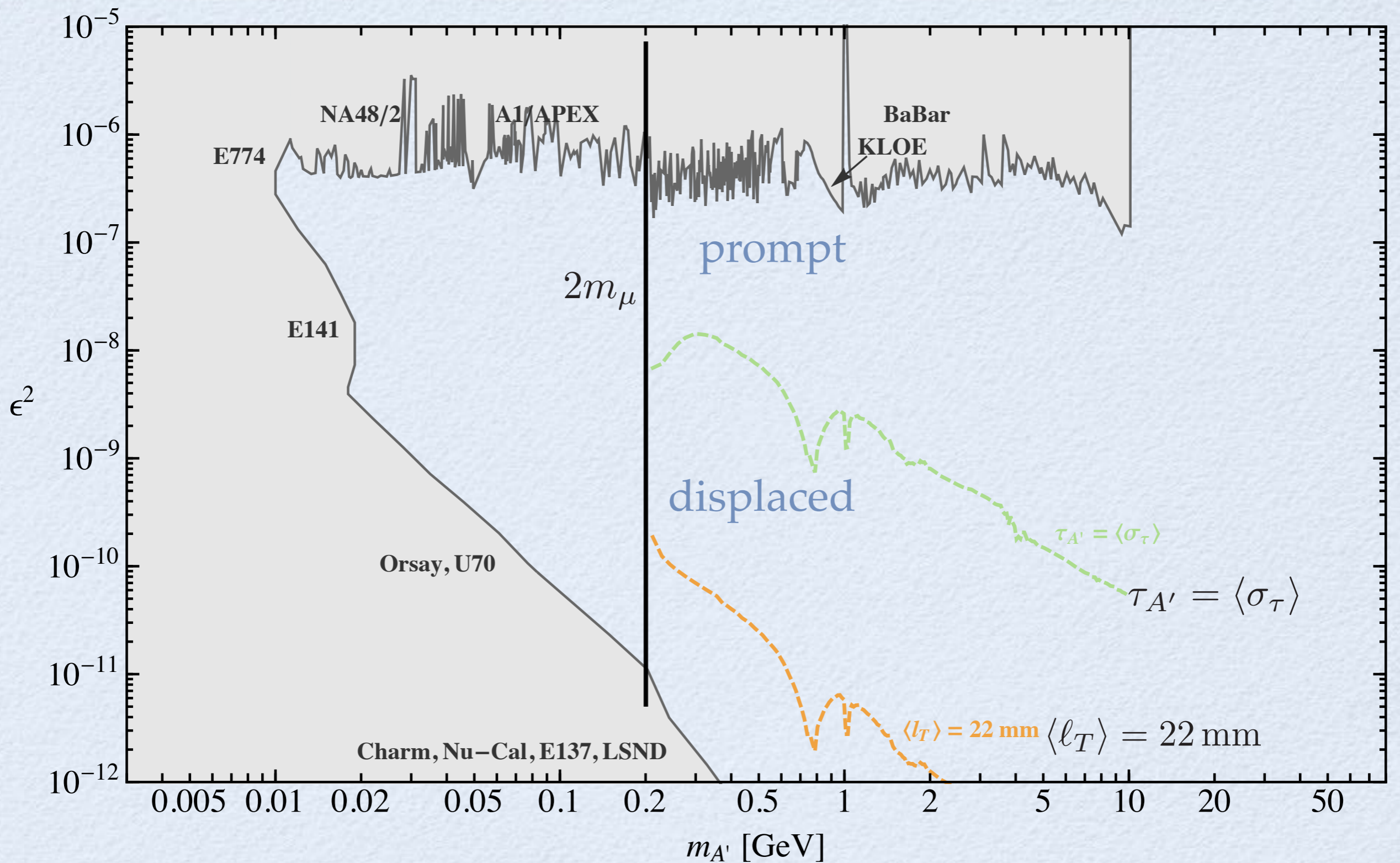
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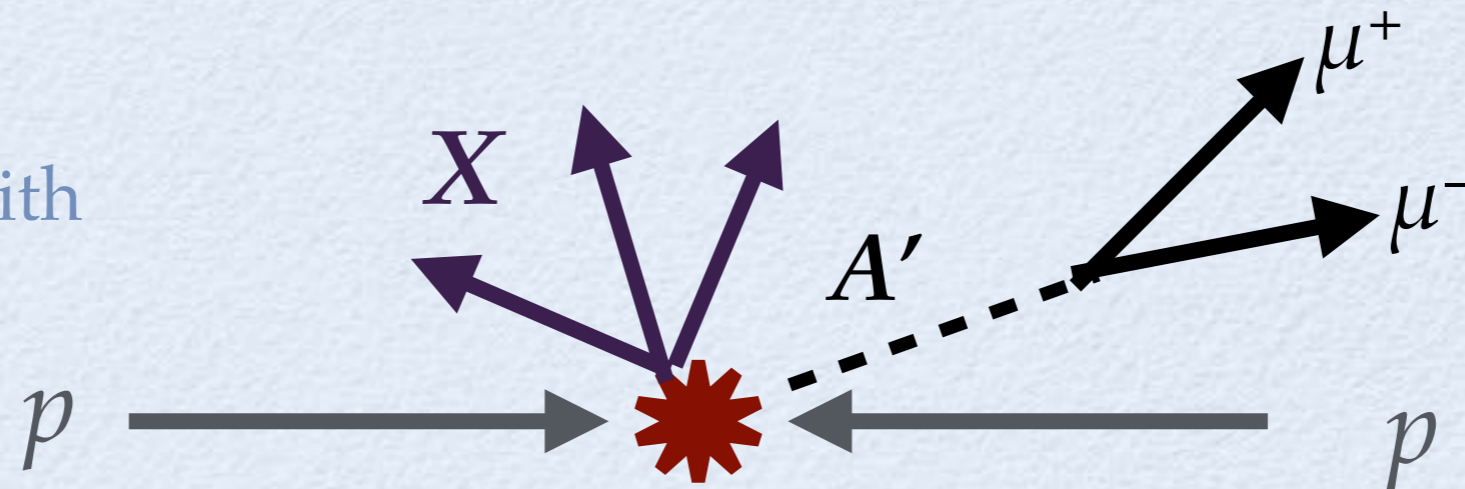


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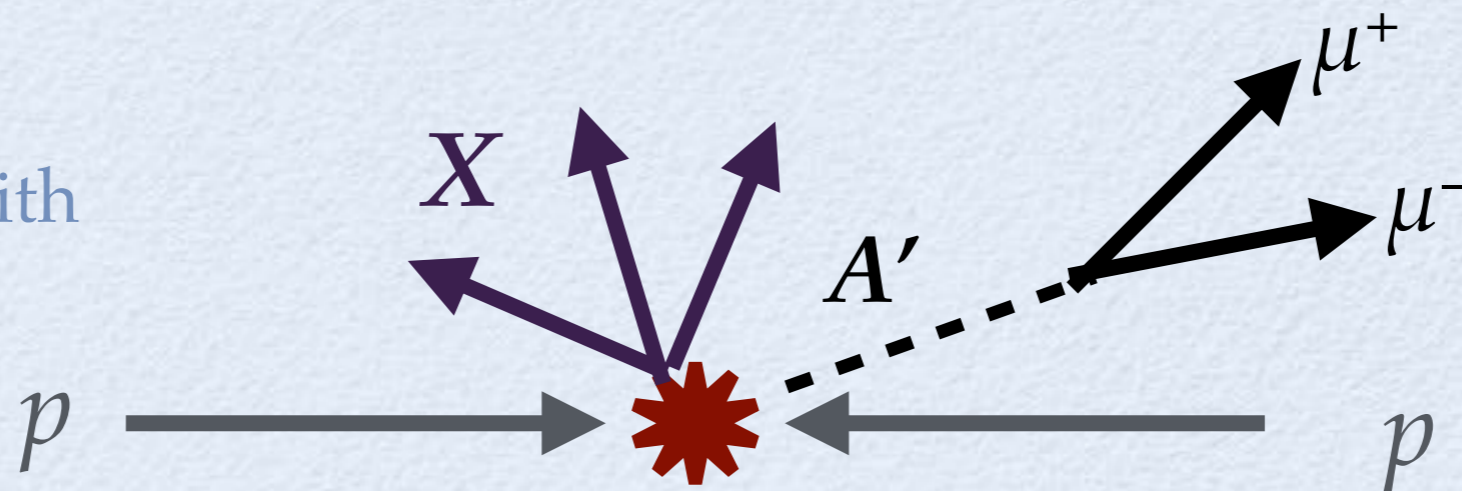


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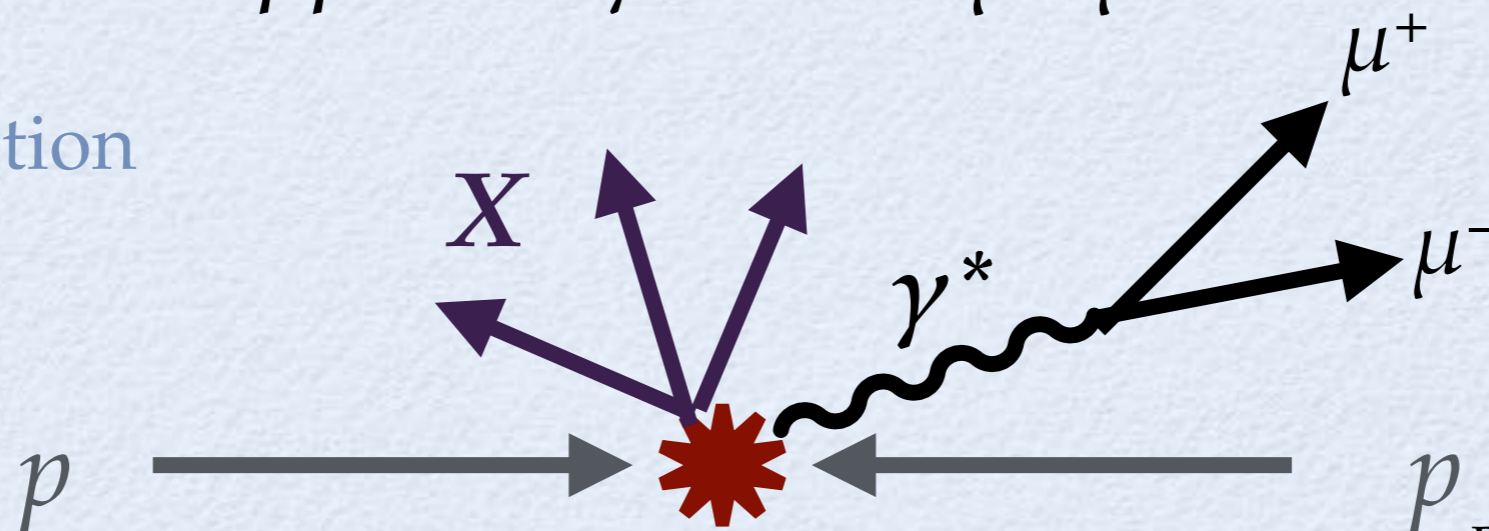
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$B_{\text{EM}}$  - background from EM processes:

$$pp \rightarrow X \gamma^* \rightarrow X \mu^+ \mu^-$$

meson decays  
final state radiation  
Drell Yan





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differential relation:

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per mass bin:

$$\frac{S}{B_{\text{EM}}} \approx \epsilon^4 \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{m_{A'}^2}{\Gamma_{A'} \sigma_{m_{\mu\mu}}} \approx \frac{3\pi}{8} \frac{m_{A'}}{\sigma_{m_{\mu\mu}}} \frac{\epsilon^2}{\alpha_{\text{EM}} (N_\ell + \mathcal{R}_\mu)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{A'}}{m_{A'}} \approx \frac{\epsilon^2 \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{3} (N_\ell + \mathcal{R}_\mu)$$

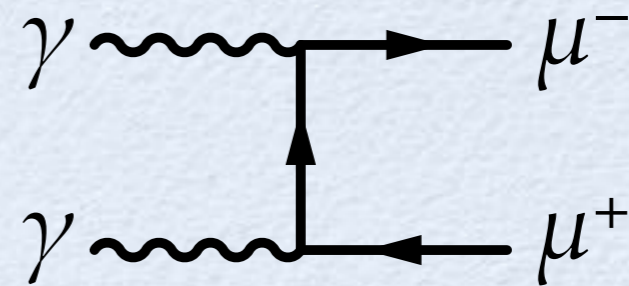
number of leptons with  
mass below  $m_{A'}/2$

$$\frac{\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}}{\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-}}$$



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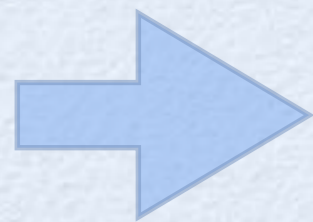
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$$B_{\text{prompt}} = \underbrace{B_M + B_{\text{FSR}} + B_{\text{DY}}}_{B_{\text{EM}}} + \underbrace{B_{\text{misID}}^{\pi\pi} + B_{\text{misID}}^{\pi\mu}}_{B_{\text{misID}}}$$

“good”

scales as signal

“bad”

does not  
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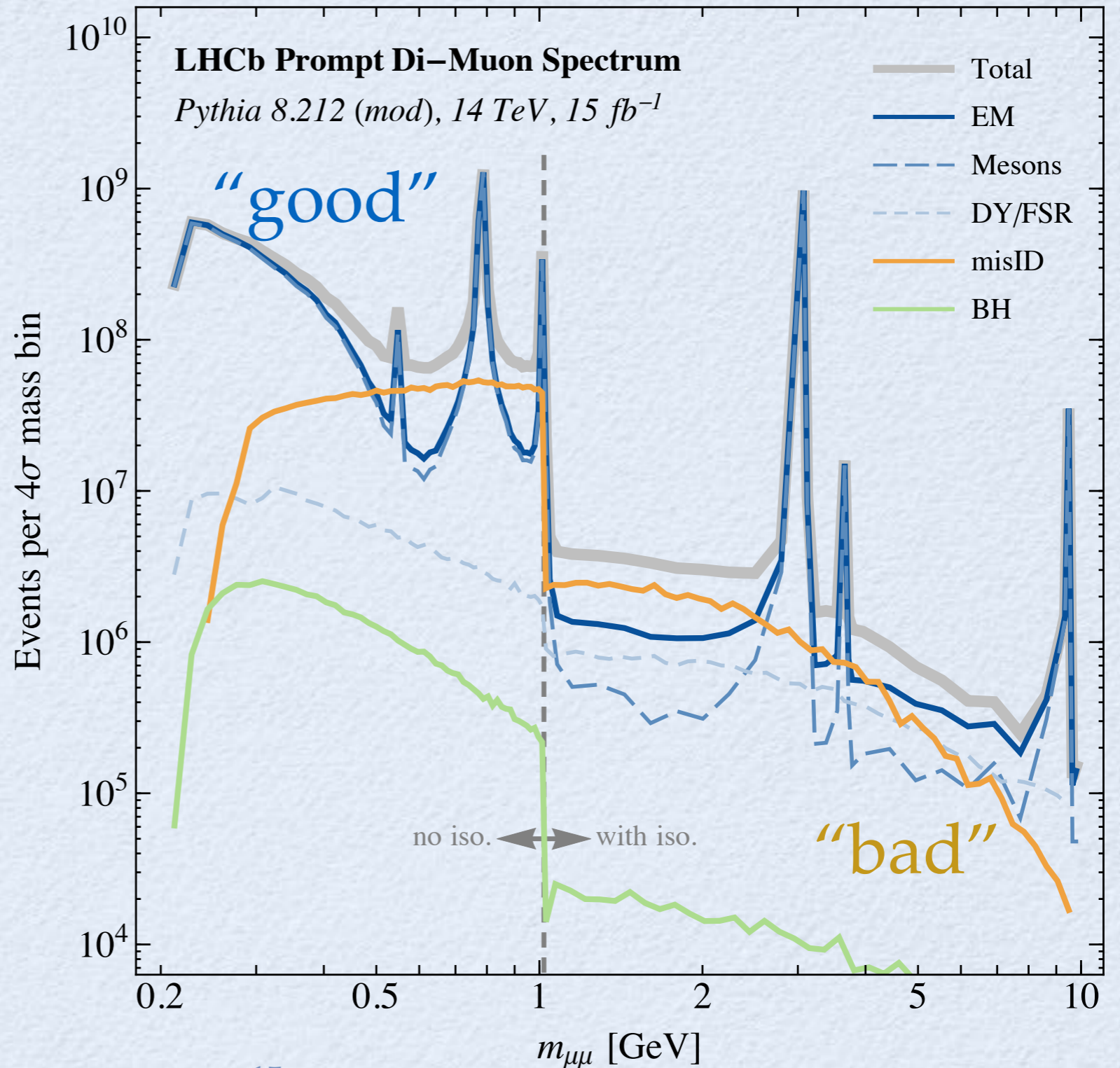
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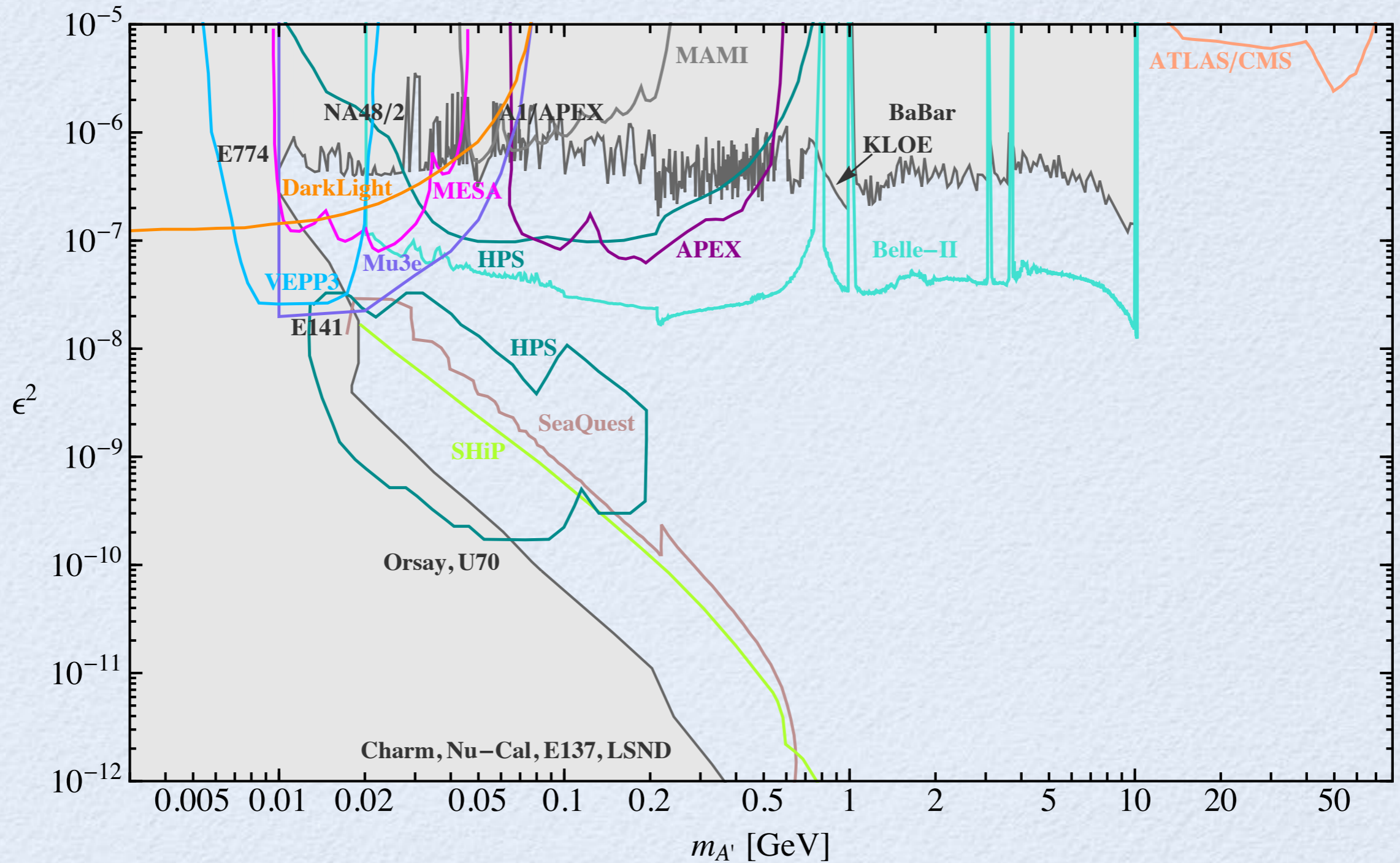


# DISPLACED BACKGROUNDS

- **pre-module:**
  - main backgrounds:  $b \rightarrow c\mu^\pm X$ ,  $c \rightarrow \mu^\pm Y$
  - 10000 background events per mass bin
- **post-module:**
  - mostly material interactions, rescaled from  $K_S \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  search
  - 25 background events pre mass bin
- backgrounds from misidentifications are subdominants

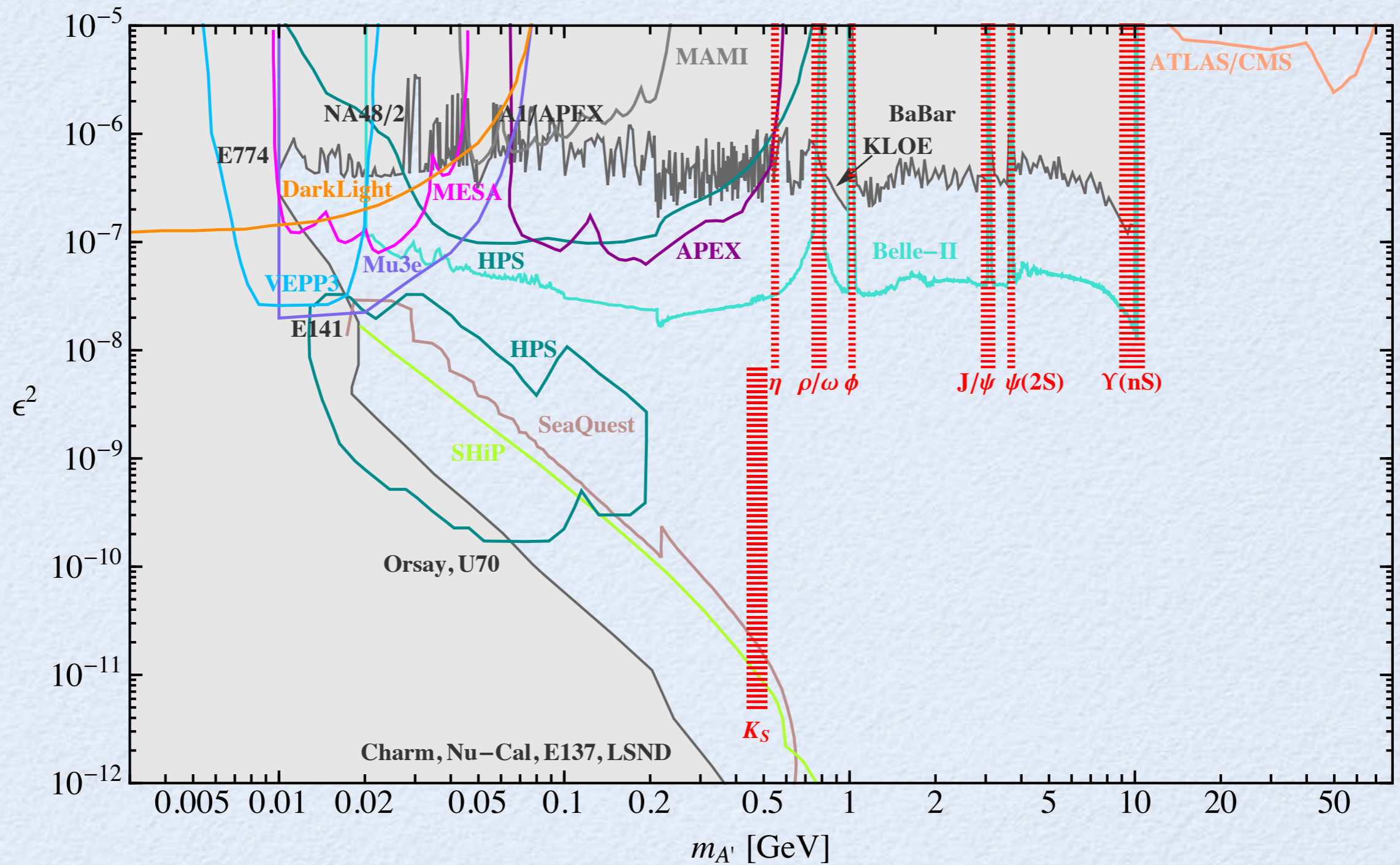


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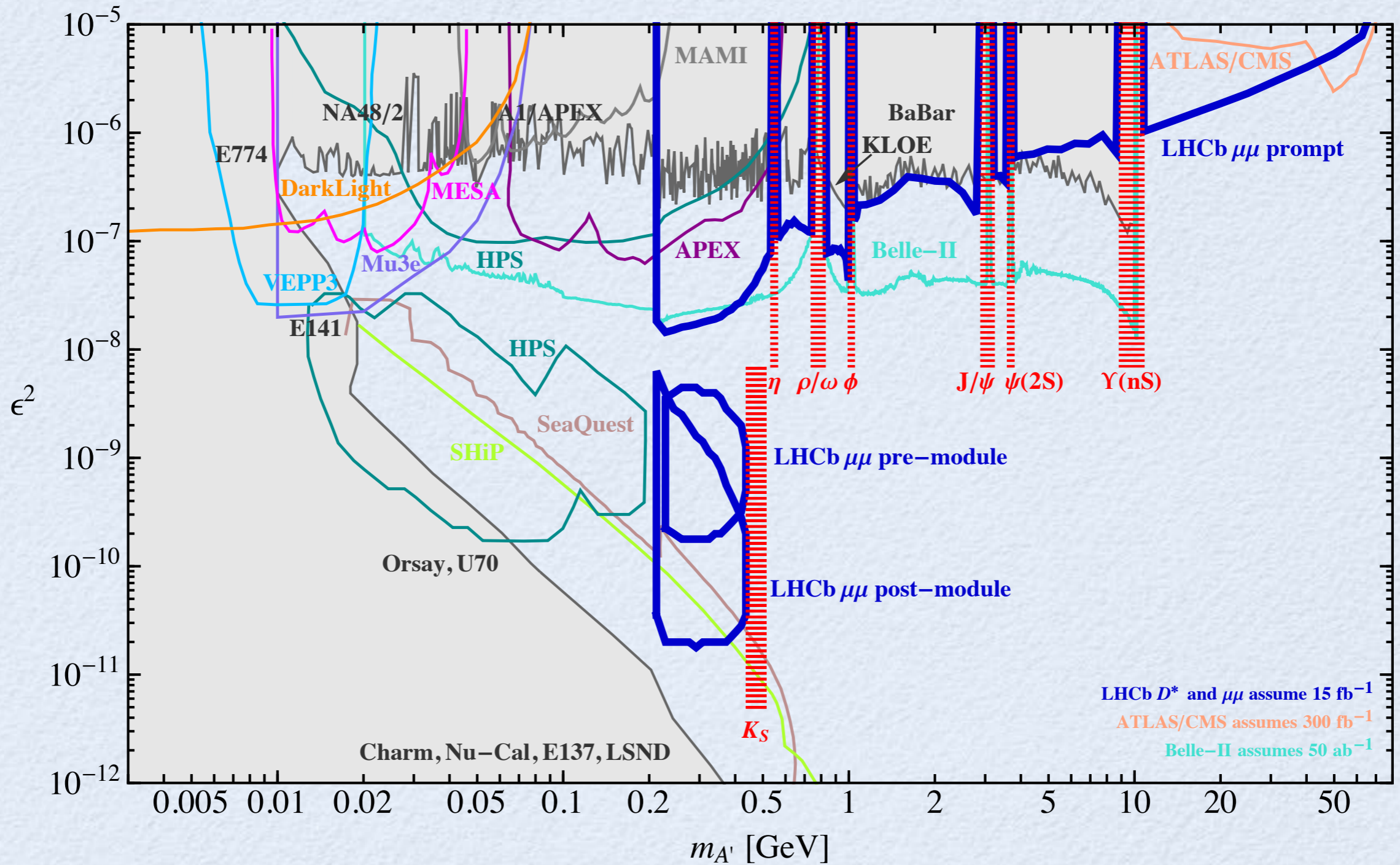


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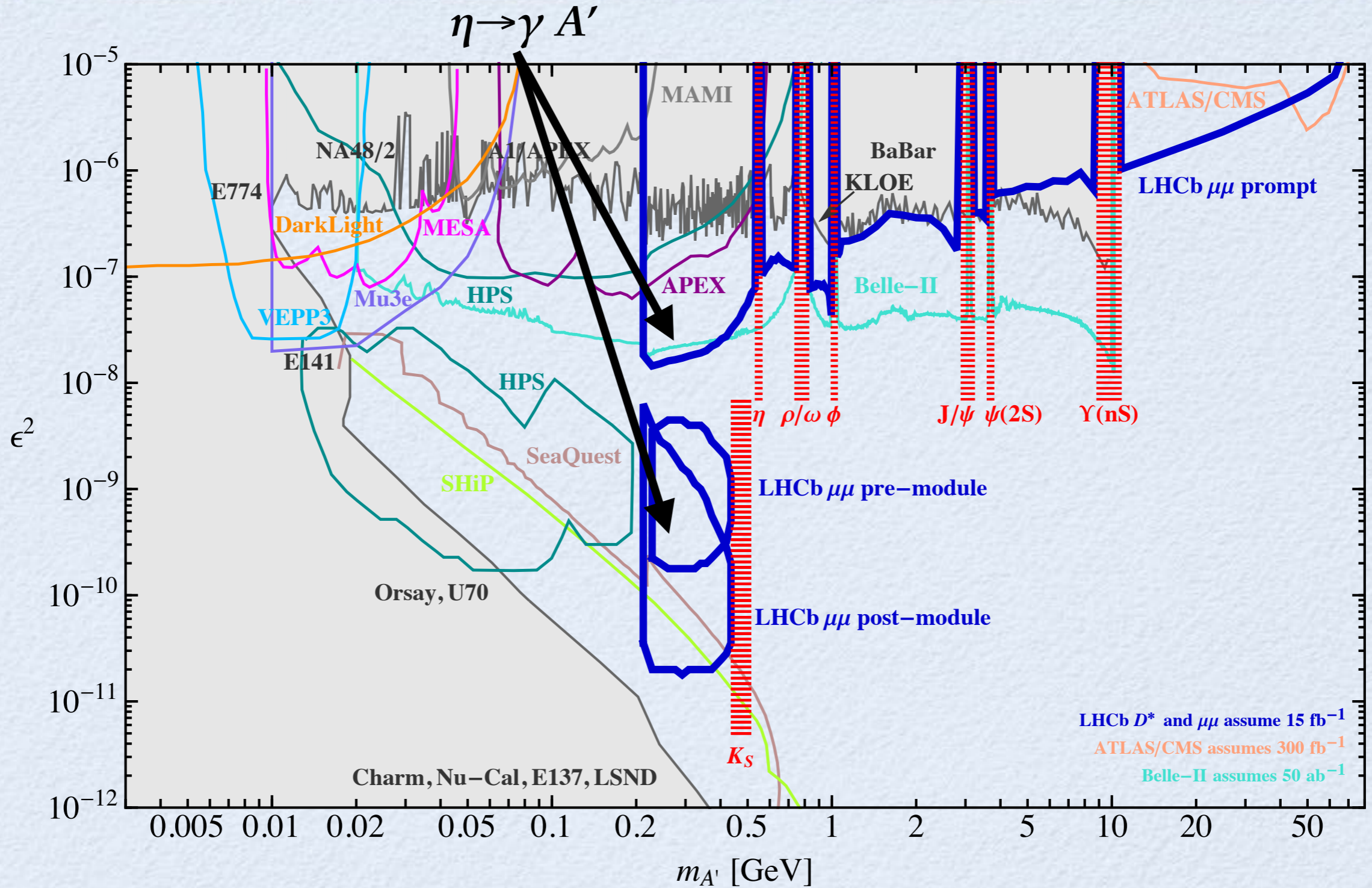


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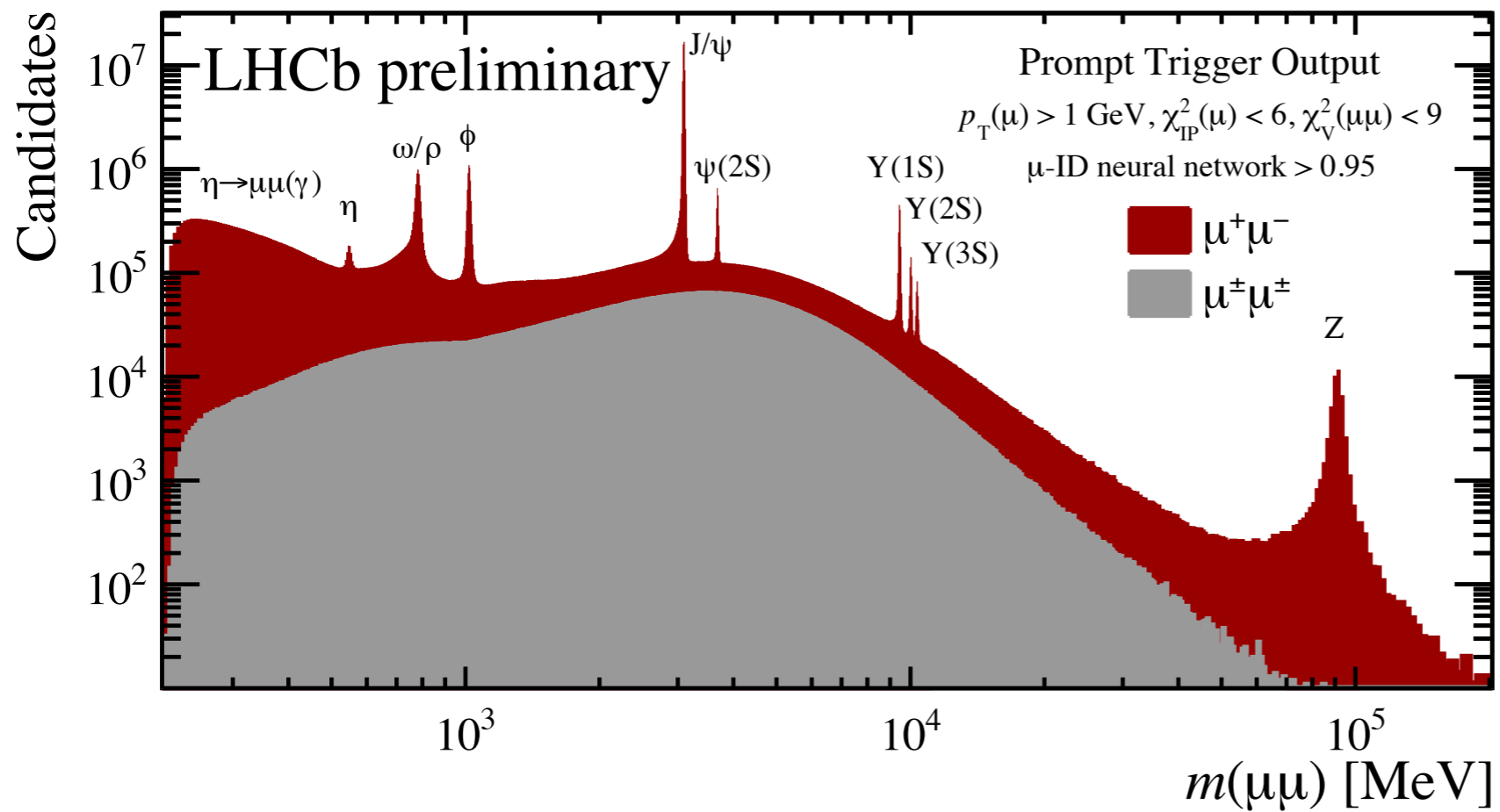


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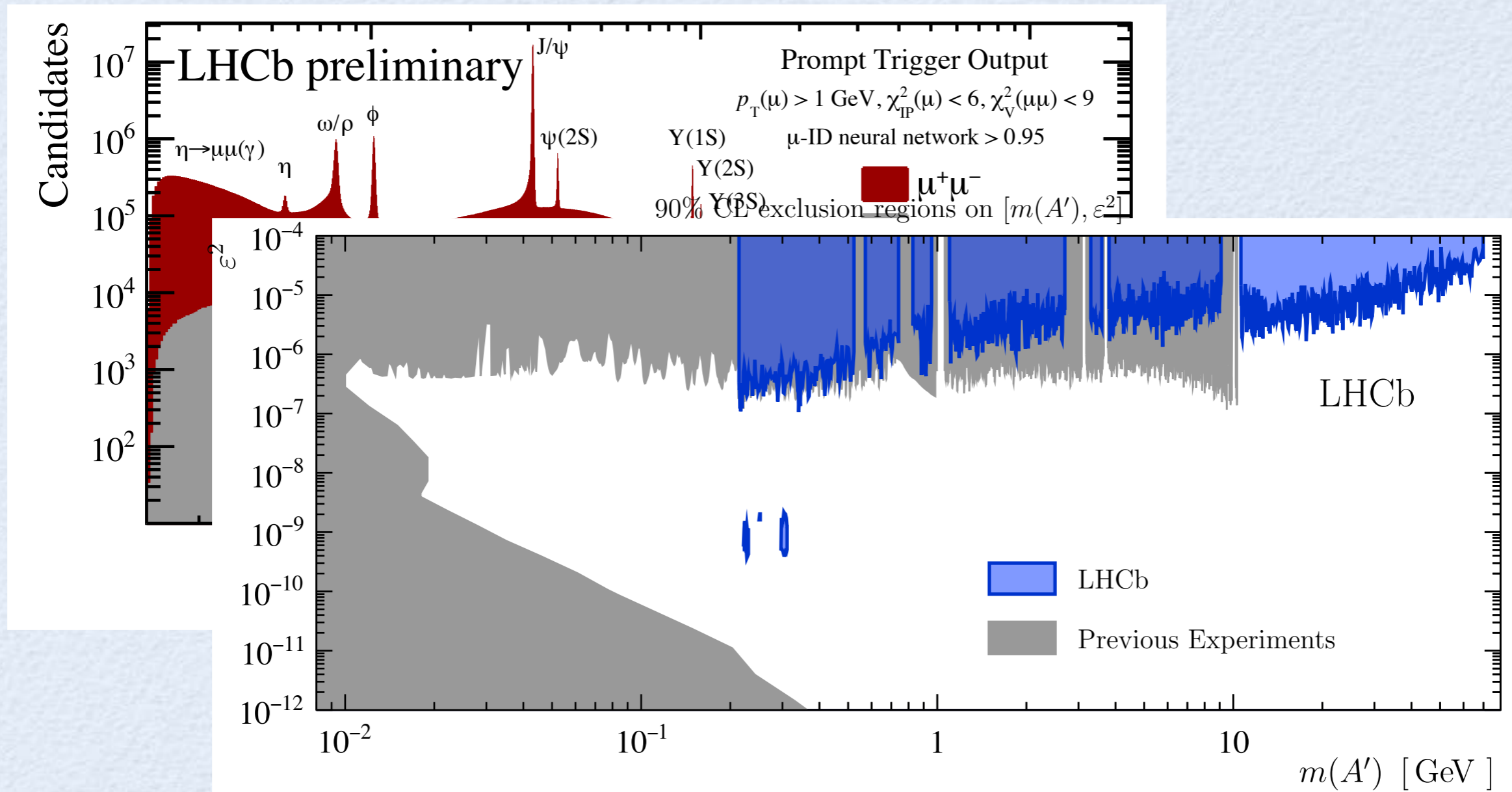
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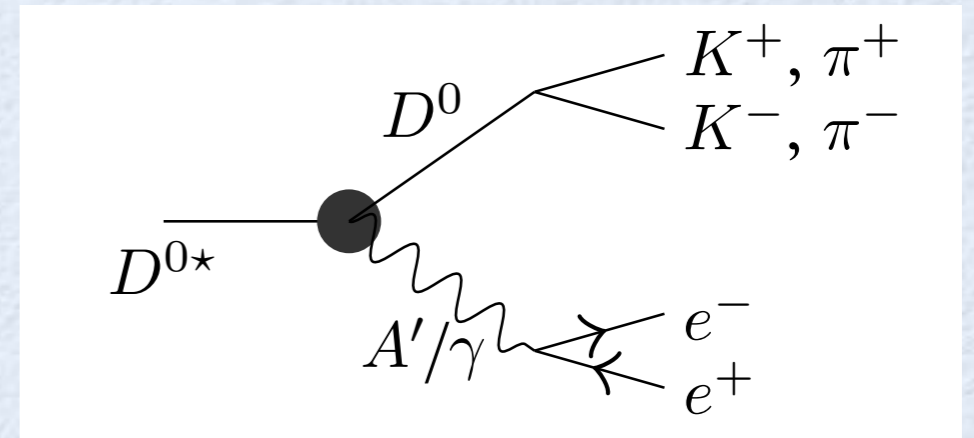
# POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

- event selection: multivariate analysis, low  $p_T$
- semi-inclusive search:  $M \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \gamma$ , ( $D^{*0}$  example)
- di-electron search:  $m_{A'} \in [2m_e, 2m_\mu]$ , mass resolution is degraded by Bremsstrahlung
- luminosity: Run 4 and 5, ( $50\text{fb}^{-1}$  and  $500\text{fb}^{-1}$ )



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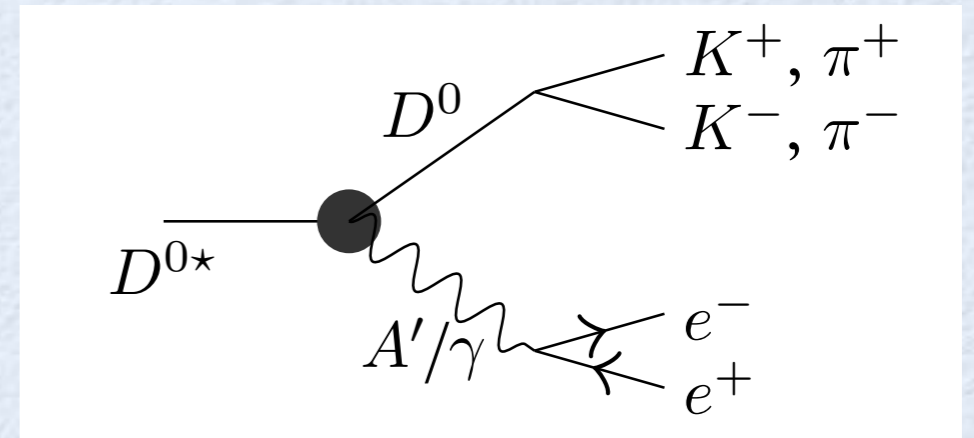
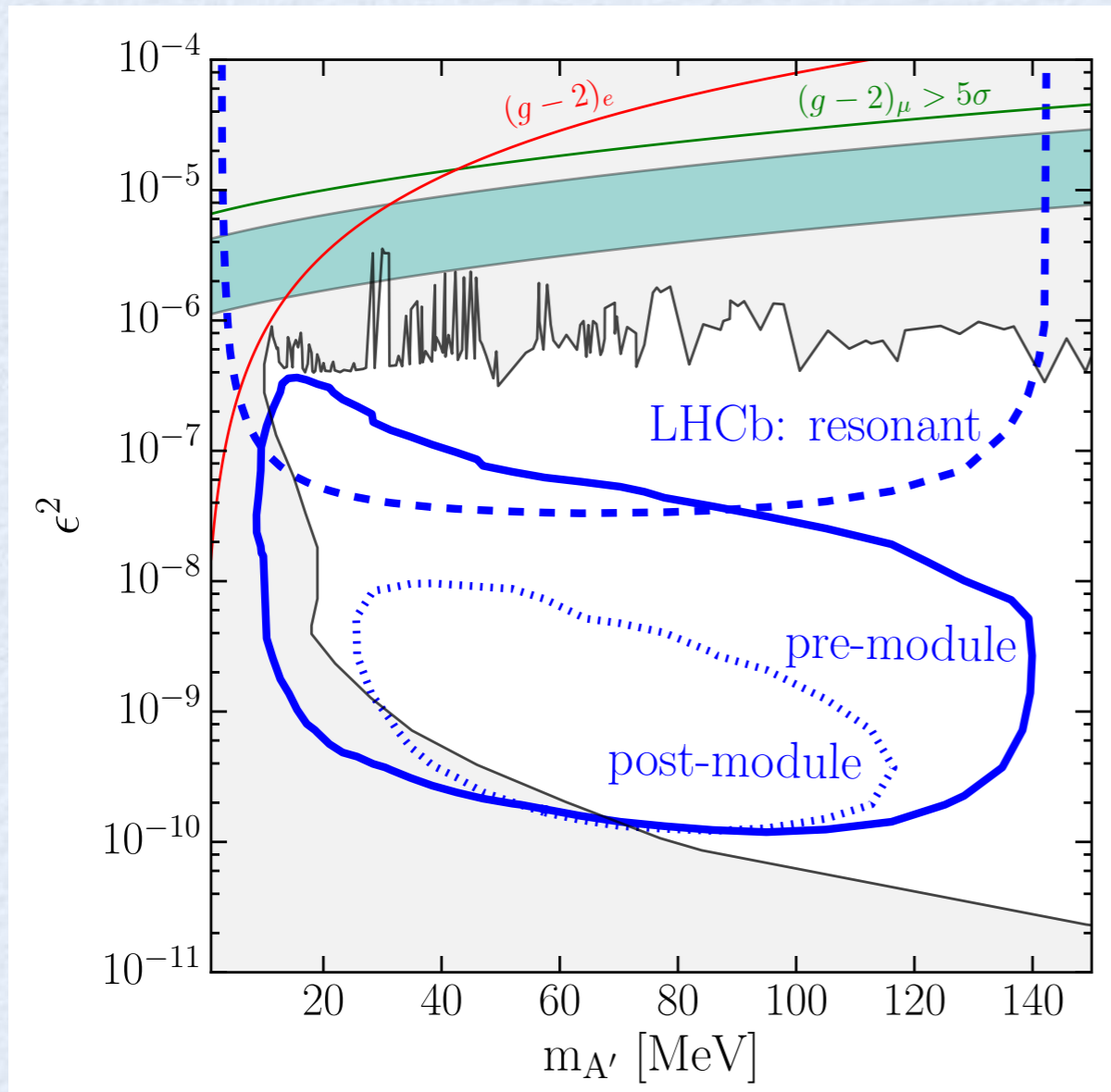
- $D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 A' \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$
- $m_{A'} \in [2m_e, 142\text{MeV}]$
- prompt and displaced searches
- improved mass resolution by kinematical fit to very narrow  $D^{*0}$ - (improve the Bremsstrahlung)



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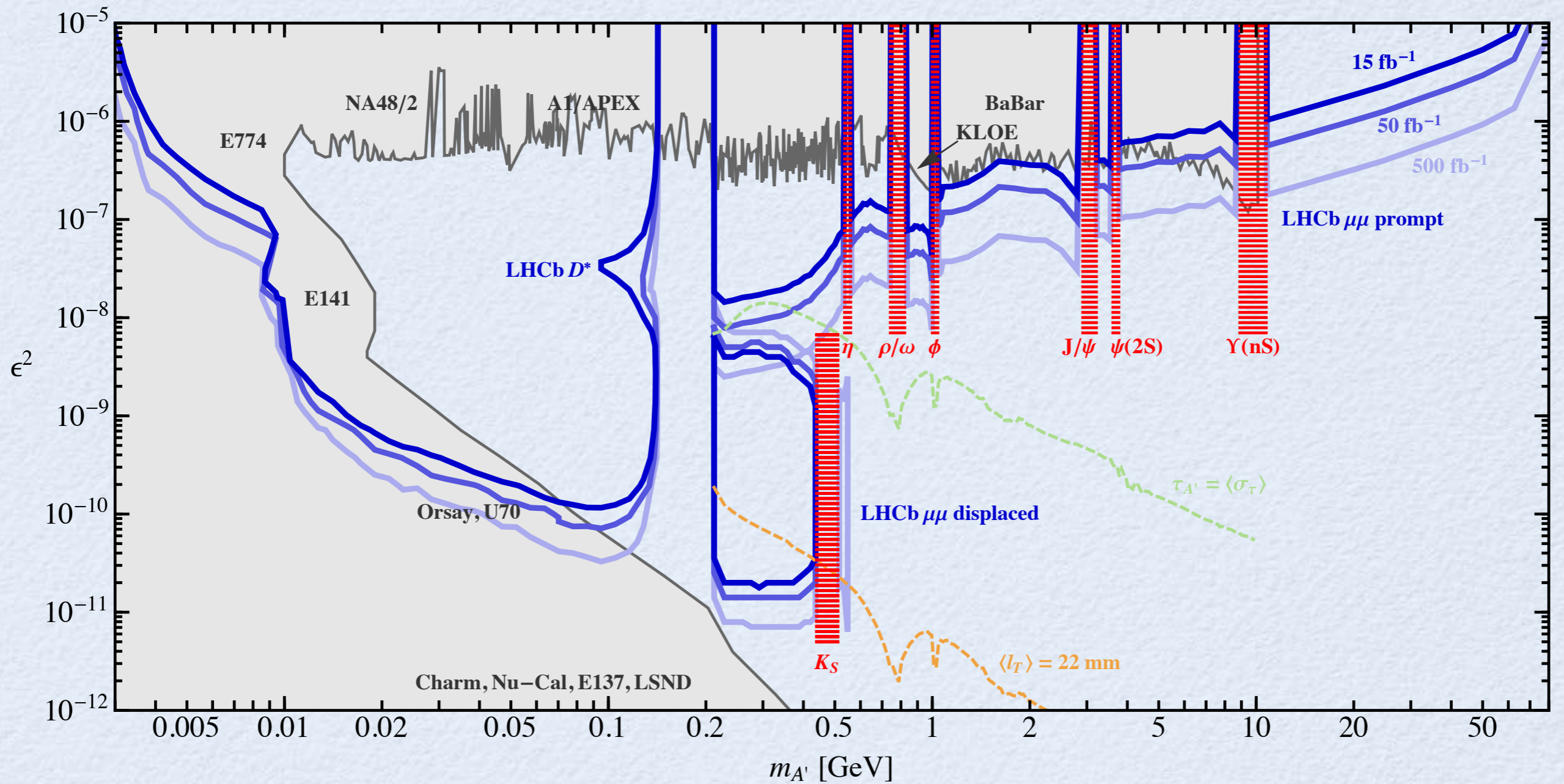
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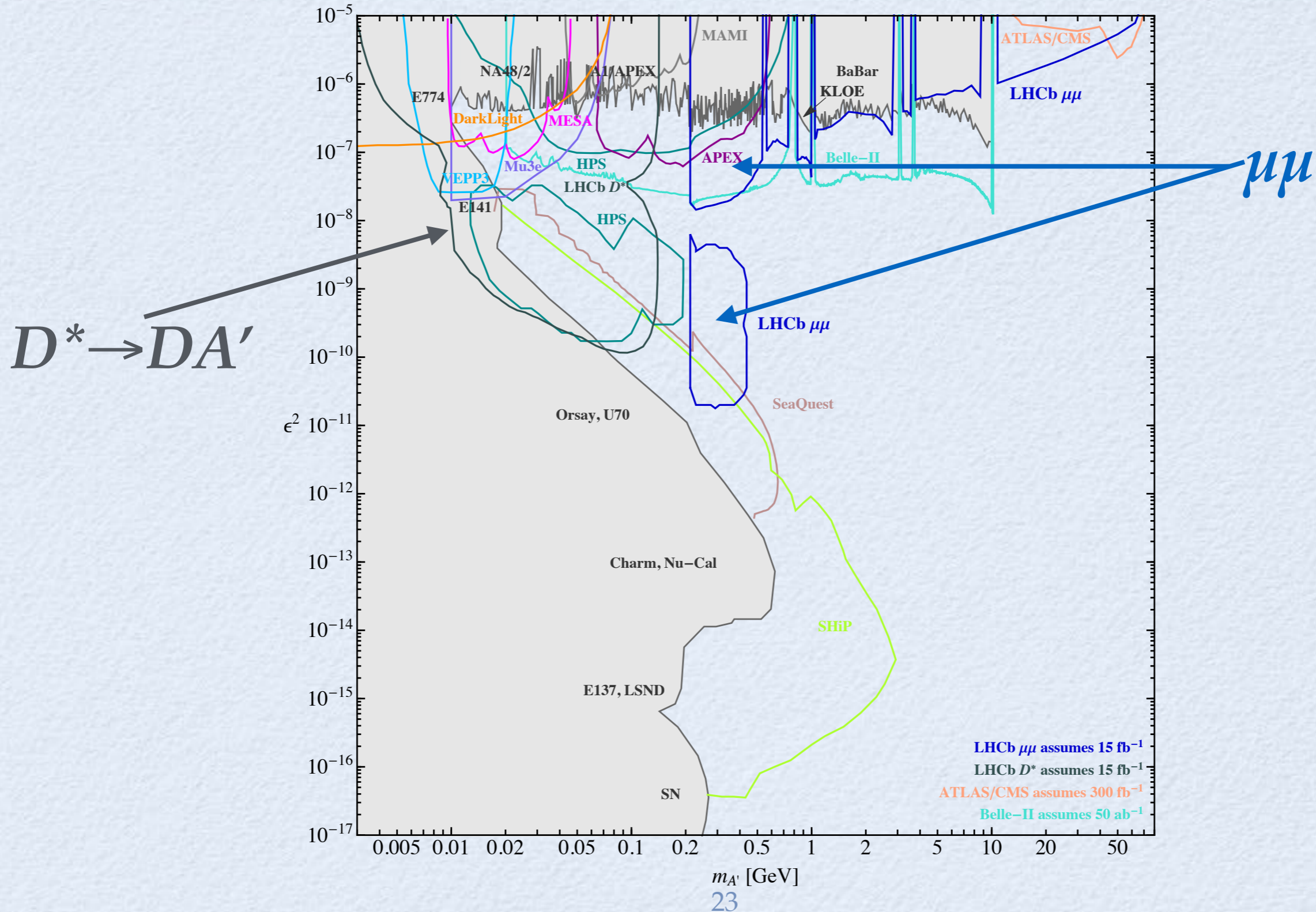


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- we proposed an inclusive search strategy for dark photon at the LHCb experiment in the di-muon channel
- due to the kinetic mixing, the signal can be directly inferred from the  $\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  rate, enabling a data-driven search
- we show that both prompt and displaced searches are sensitive to interesting regions in the  $m_{A'} - \epsilon^2$  plane, which is difficult to probe in other experiments



# BACKUP SLIDES



# PROMPT BACKGROUNDS

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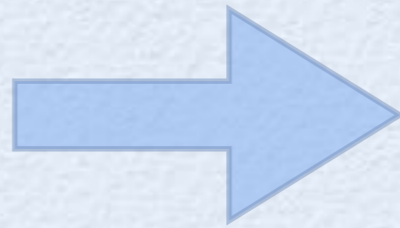
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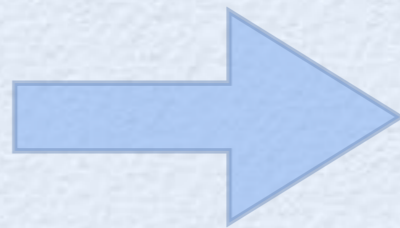
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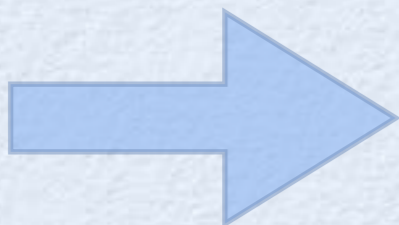
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generalize to all bins and for one fake:

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$$N_{+-}^{\pi\mu} \approx N_{++}^{\pi\mu} + N_{--}^{\pi\mu}$$



$$B_{\text{misID}}^{\pi\pi} + B_{\text{misID}}^{\pi\mu} \approx N_{++} + N_{--}$$