

# Inelastic Boosted Dark Matter Searches at ICARUS – Gran Sasso



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# Model-independent Reach

□ **Non-trivial** to find appropriate parameterizations for providing **model-independent reaches** due to many parameters involved in the model

□ Number of signal events  $N_{\text{sig}}$  is

$$N_{\text{sig}} = \sigma_{\epsilon} \mathcal{F} A t_{\text{exp}} N_e, \quad (3)$$

- $\sigma_{\epsilon}$ : scattering cross section between  $\chi_1$  and (target) electron
  - $\mathcal{F}$ : flux of incoming (boosted)  $\chi_1$
  - $A$ : acceptance
  - $t_{\text{exp}}$ : exposure time
  - $N_e$ : total # of target electrons
- } **Controllable!** (once a detector is determined)

Here determined by **distance between the primary (ER) and the secondary vertices**, other factors such as **cuts, energy threshold, etc are absorbed into  $\sigma_{\epsilon}$** . Depending on analyses, some factors can be reabsorbed into  $A$ .

# Model-independent Reach: Comprehensive

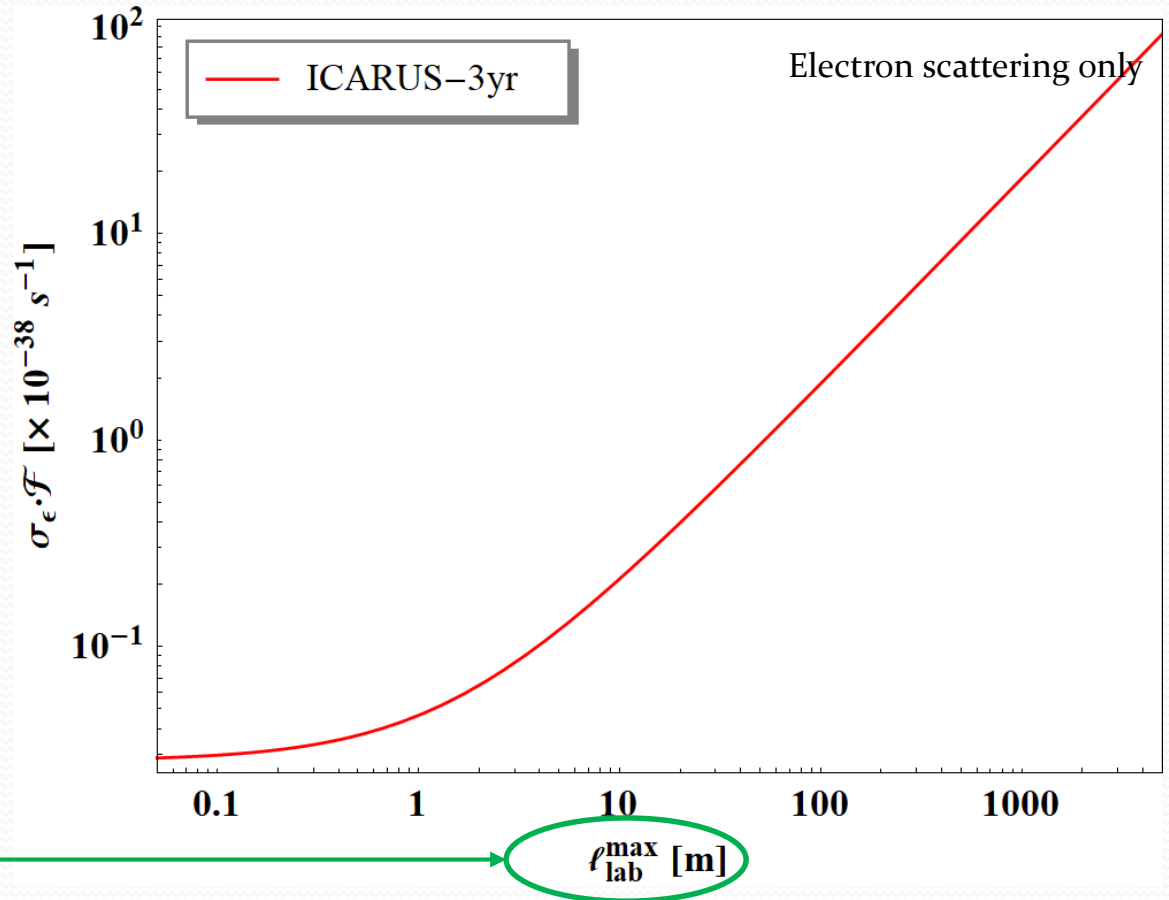
Two completely separated modules are assumed.

90% C.L. with zero BG

$$\sigma_\epsilon \mathcal{F} > \frac{2.3}{A(\ell_{\text{lab}}) t_{\text{exp}} N_e}, \quad (4)$$

Evaluated under the assumption of cumulatively isotropic  $\chi_1$  flux

$\ell_{\text{lab}}$  different event-by-event, so taking  $\ell_{\text{lab}}^{\text{max}}$  for more conservative limit



# Model-independent Reach: More Familiar Form

- More familiar parameterization possible with the below modification!

$$\sigma_\epsilon \geq \frac{2.3}{\mathcal{F} \cdot A \cdot t_{\text{exp}} \cdot N_e}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \times \left( \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{0 \rightarrow 1}}{5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{m_0} \right)^2, \quad (1)$$

set to be  $5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

- Then having

$$\sigma_\epsilon \text{ vs. } m_0 (= E_1 = \gamma_1 m_1)$$

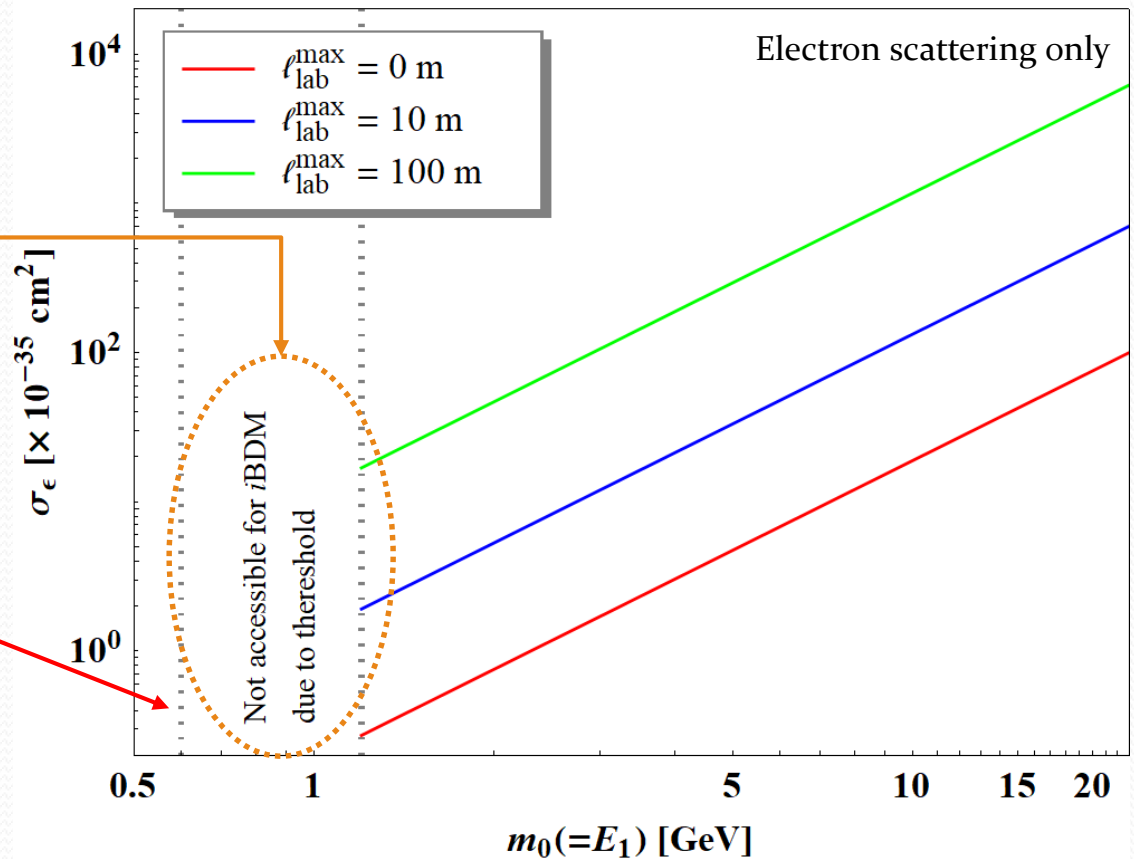
just like  $\sigma$  vs.  $m_{\text{DM}}$  in conventional WIMP searches

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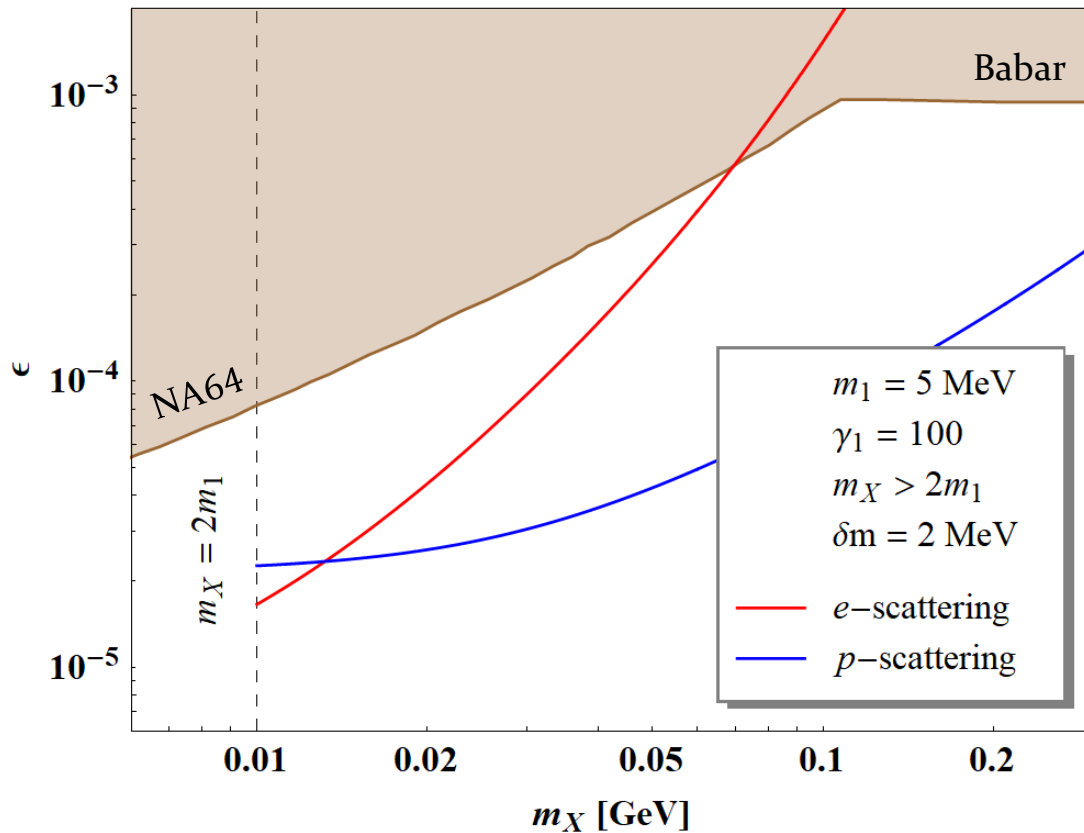
Absolute lower bound for visible tri-track events due to the threshold energy of 400 MeV. (The actual lower bound may involve minor model-dependence.)

Smaller thresholds allow to probe smaller cosmological dark matter mass.



# Dark Photon Parameter Space: Invisible X Decay

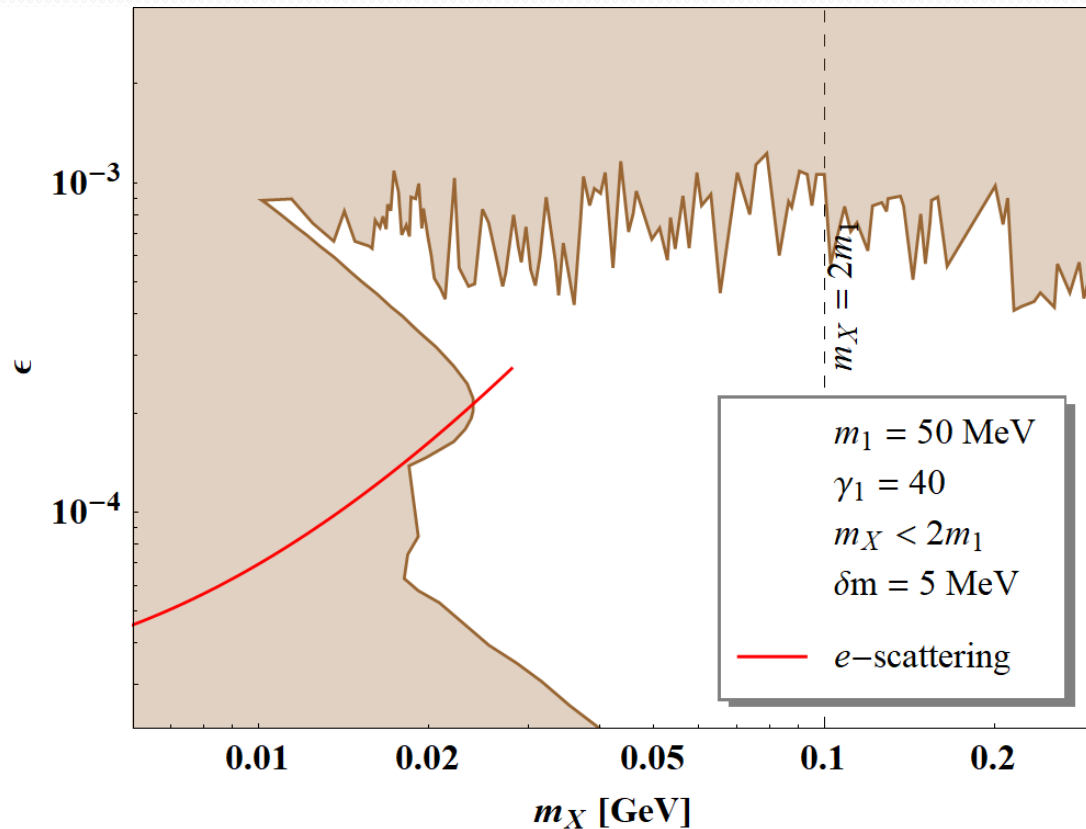
□ Case study 1: mass spectra for which dark photon decays into DM pairs, i.e.,  $m_X > 2m_1$



- 3-year data collection is assumed.
- 400 MeV threshold is assumed.
- ICARUS can probe the uncovered parameter region by an order of magnitude in the  $\epsilon$  axis.
- $p$ -scattering is preferred for heavier dark photon masses [DK, Machado, Park, Shin, in progress]

# Dark Photon Parameter Space: Visible X decay

- Case study 2: mass spectra for which dark photon decays into lepton pairs, i.e.,  $m_X < 2m_1$



- 3-year data collection is assumed.
- 400 MeV threshold is assumed.
- ICARUS can probe the uncovered parameter region by half order of magnitude in the  $\epsilon$  axis.