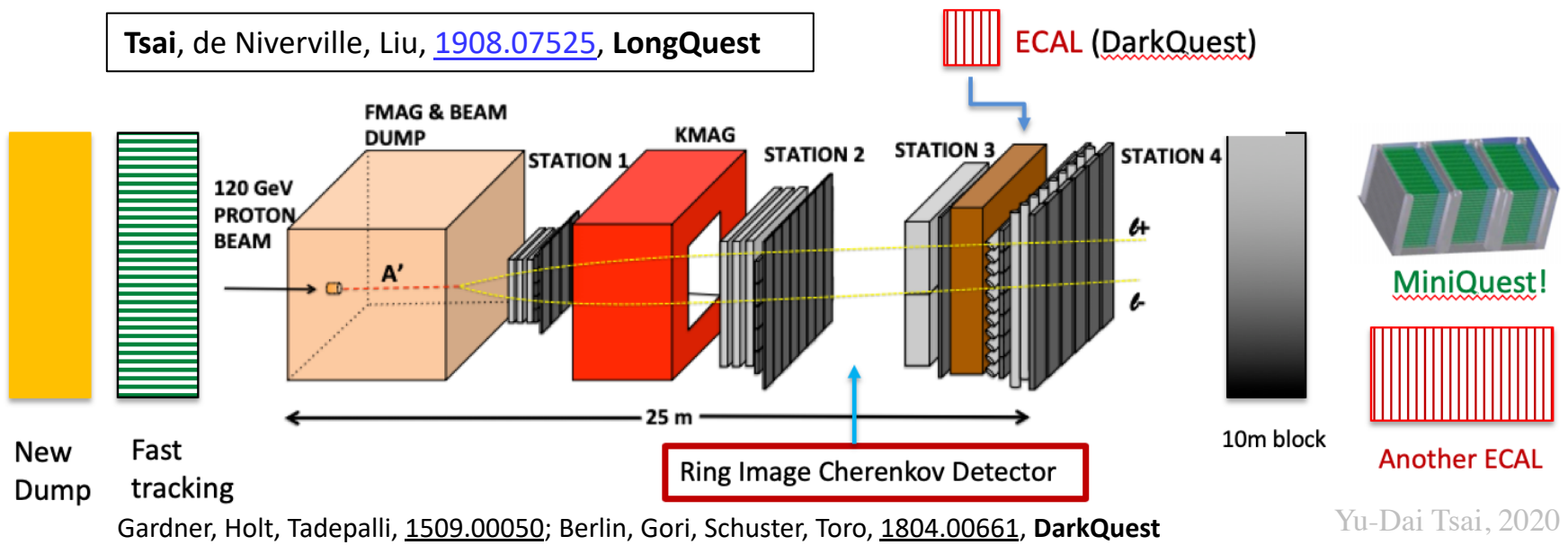


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Long-lived Particles at the High-Energy Intensity Frontier

Yu-Dai Tsai, **Fermilab/U Chicago**

[1] Dark photon, inelastic dark matter, muon $g-2$, and LongQuest ([1908.07525](#))

[2] Millicharged Particles (MCPs) in Neutrino Experiments ([1806.03310](#), *PRL* '19)

[3] The FerMINI Experiment ([1812.03998](#), *PRD* '19)

Proton Fixed-Target Experiments: Decay vs Scattering Studies

My other interesting related works:

[4] **Cosmic-ray Beam-Dump: MCPs in Neutrino Observatories** ([2002.11732](#), NEW)

[5] **Light Scalar & Dark Photon** at BoreXino & LSND, [1706.00424](#), *PLB '18*

(proton-charge radius anomaly) w/ Pospelov

[6] **Dipole Portal Heavy Neutral Lepton**, [1803.03262](#), *PRD '18*

(LSND/MiniBooNE anomalies) w/ Magill, Plestid, Pospelov

[7] **Dark Neutrino** at Scattering Exps: CHARM-II & MINERvA, [1812.08768](#), *PRL '19*

(MiniBooNE Anomaly) w/ Argüelles, Hostert

Email: ytsai@fnal.gov; arXiv: https://arxiv.org/a/tsai_y_1.html

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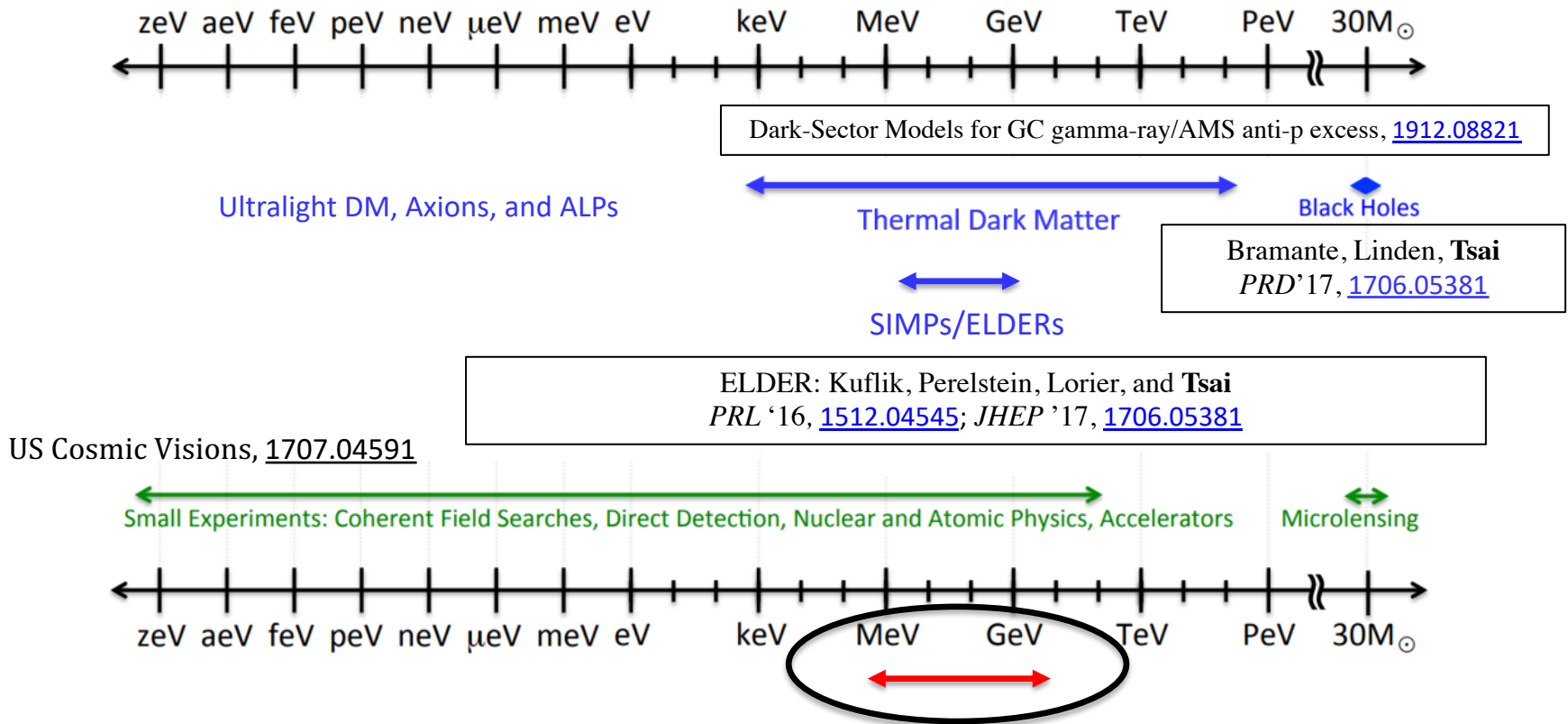
Outline

- **Why Long-Lived Particles in MeV - few GeV Mass Range?**
(see Gordan's talk for more)
Why proton fixed-target (FT) experiments?
- **Decay Experiments** (CHARM, NuCal, NA62, DarkQuest, etc)
- **Interesting Decay studies** and the **LongQuest** proposal
- **Scattering Experiments** and the **FerMINI** proposal
- Other new opportunities:
DUNE ND complex, SHiP, Cosmic-Ray, Neutrino Observatories

Exploration of Dark Matter & Mediator

Dark Sector Candidates,

Search Techniques



US Cosmic Visions, [1707.04591](#)

- Resonant SIDM w/ Hitoshi+; Kinetic Decoupling DM w/. Tracy+ (in prep.)
- **Astrophysical/cosmological observations:** important to reveal the actual story of dark matter (DM).
- **Why fixed-target experiments? And why MeV - GeV+?**

MeV – GeV+ dark sectors?

Signals of discoveries grow from anomalies

Maybe nature is telling us something so we don't have to search in the dark? (~~or probably systematics?~~)

Some anomalies involving **MeV - GeV+** Explanations

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- **Muon g-2 anomaly** (muon g-2 col., he-pex/0602035)
- **LSND & MiniBooNE anomaly** (LSND PRL '95, MiniBooNE PRL '07)
- **EDGES result** (EDGES col, nature '08)
- **KOTO anomaly** (KOTO, KAON2019)
- **Proton charge radius anomaly** (Pohl, Nature, '10)
- **Beryllium anomaly** (Krasznahorkay, PRL '15)

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Below \sim MeV there are also **strong astrophysical/cosmological bounds** that are hard to avoid even with very relaxed assumptions

Advantages of Proton Fixed-Target Exp.

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Proton FT (& Neutrino) Experiments

- **High statistics**, e.g. LSND has 10^{23} **Protons on Target (POT)**
- Neutrinos are **dark-sector particles**.
- Relatively high-energy proton beams on targets:
O(100 – 400) GeV (I will compare Fermilab/CERN facilities)
- Shielded/underground: lower background
- Many of them existing and many to come:
strength in numbers
- **Produce these particles with less assumptions**

Not all probes are with equal assumptions

—————→ Assumptions

Or, how likely is it that theorists would be able to argue our ways around them

Accelerator-based: Collider, **Fixed-Target Experiments**
Some other ground-based experiments

technical
↓

Astrophysical productions (not from ambient DM): energy loss/cooling, etc:
Rely on modeling/observations of (extreme/complicated/rare) systems
(SN1987A & neutron-star mergers)

Dark matter direct/indirect detection:
abundance, velocity distribution, etc

} different

Cosmological observations:
cosmological history, species, etc

The proton-beam fixed-target facilities

natural habitats for signals of
weakly interacting / long-lived / dark-sector particles

Facilities

- **Los Alamos National Lab**
 - LANSCE beam (LSND): 10^{23} POT total (beam: 800 MeV), King of POT
- **Fermilab** (undergoing a Proton Improvement Plan, PIP):
 - Booster Beam (BNB): $\sim 10^{20}$ POT/yr (8 GeV), now
 - NuMI beam: $1 - 4 \times 10^{20}$ POT/yr (120 GeV), now
 - LBNF beam: $\sim 10^{21}$ POT/yr (120 GeV), future
- **CERN SPS beam:**
 - NA62: up to 3×10^{18} POT/yr (400 GeV), now
 - SHiP: up to 10^{19} POT/yr (400 GeV), future
- **CERN LHC: FASER**, 10^{16} POT/yr, much higher energy, future

Proton FT Experiment: Decay vs Scattering

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Decay Experiments/Detectors

Including **CHARM decay detector (DD), NuCAL (beam-dump mode), NA62, SeaQuest/DarkQuest**
(see, [arXiv:1908.07525](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.07525), for a detailed comparison)

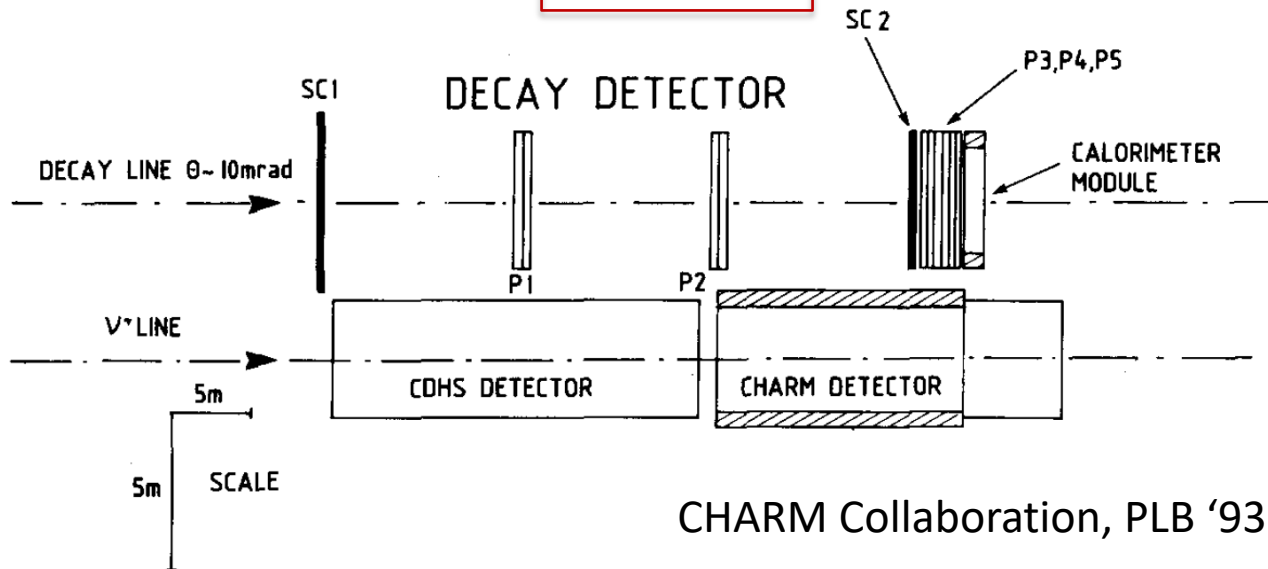
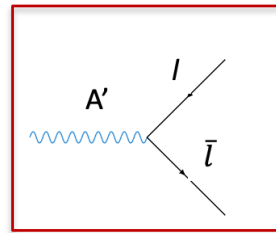
- Experiments optimized to study **decaying particles**, or simply **two charged particle final states, e.g. from Drell-Yan (SeaQuest)**

General features:

1. Large decay volume
2. Low density (likely vacuumed), low background
3. Simple design thus relatively low cost (tracking planes + ECal)
4. Often, there is external magnetic field
(track separations/momentum reconstruction/filter-out soft SM radiation)
5. Usually studying **long-lived particles (mediators, e.g., dark photons)**

Decay Experiments/Detectors

CHARM Decay Detector



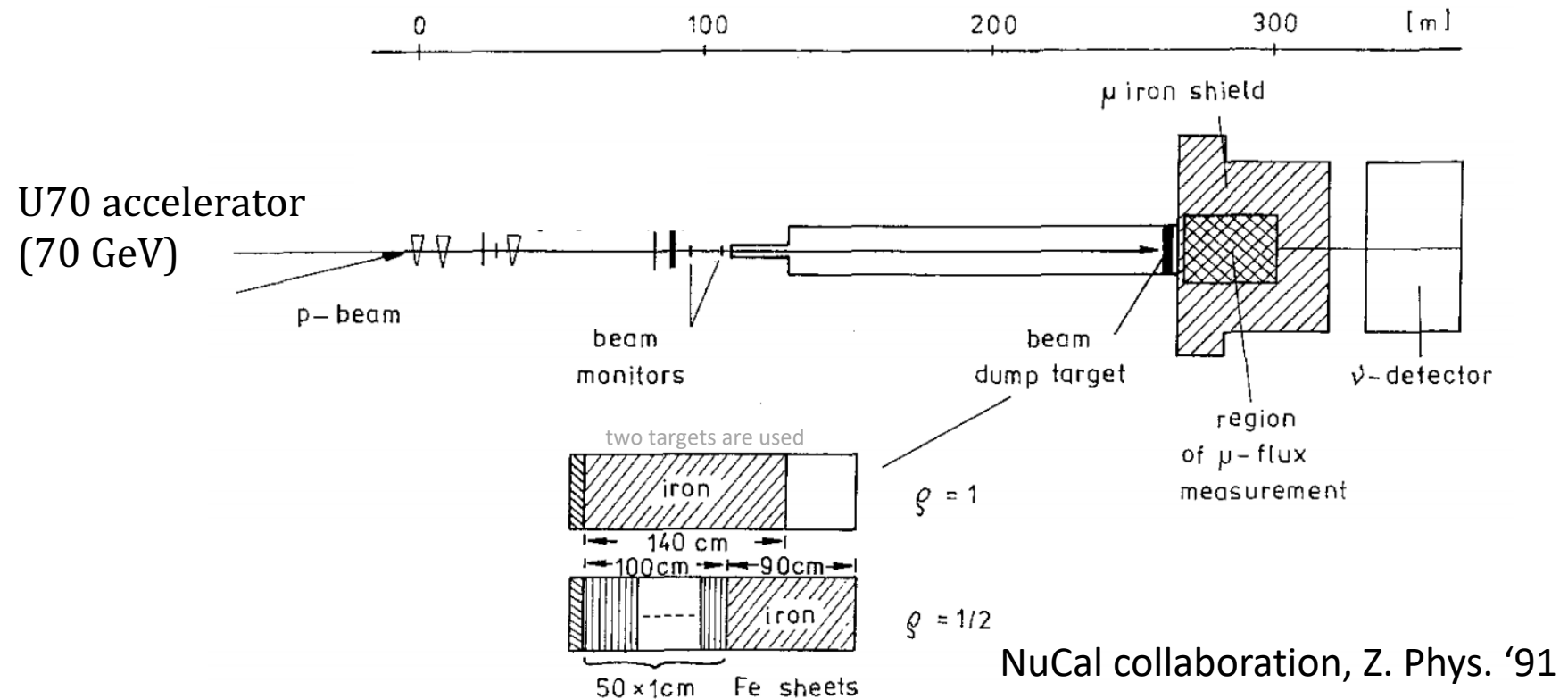
Layout of the decay beam-dump experiment. SC1 and SC2 are scintillator planes. SC1 is used as a veto counter (sets the start of the decay region).

P1 to P5 are sets of instrumented planes (4 planes of proportional drift tubes)

The estimated angular resolution for an electromagnetic shower is a few milliradians.

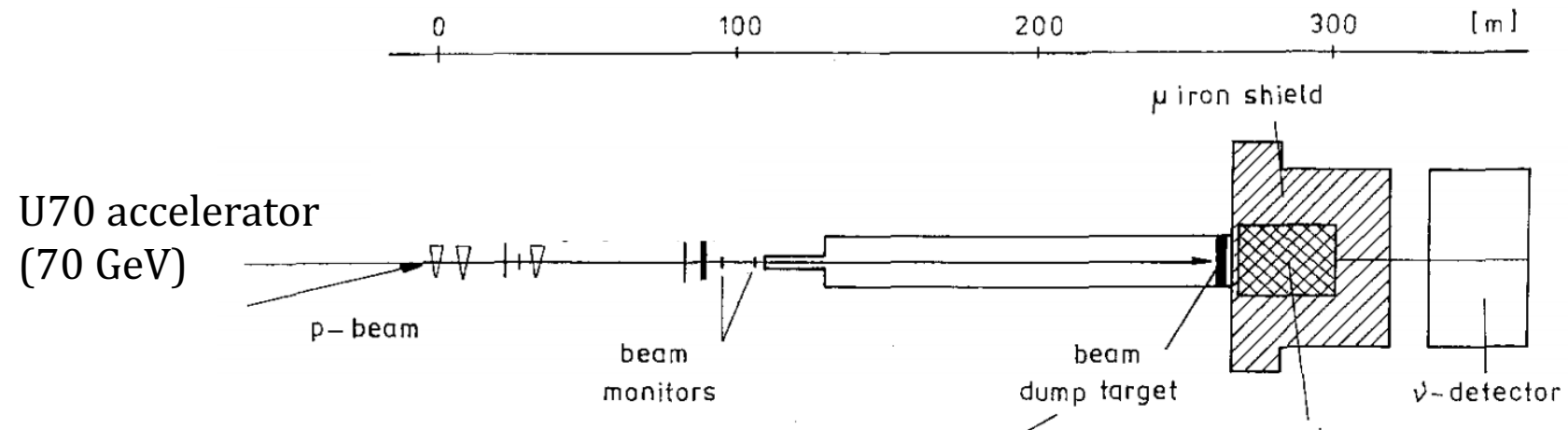
CHARM: CERN HAmbug Rome Moscow

ν -calorimeter (NuCal) beam-dump experiment



To minimize the distance between target and detector, the iron beam dump is located directly in front of the muon shield.

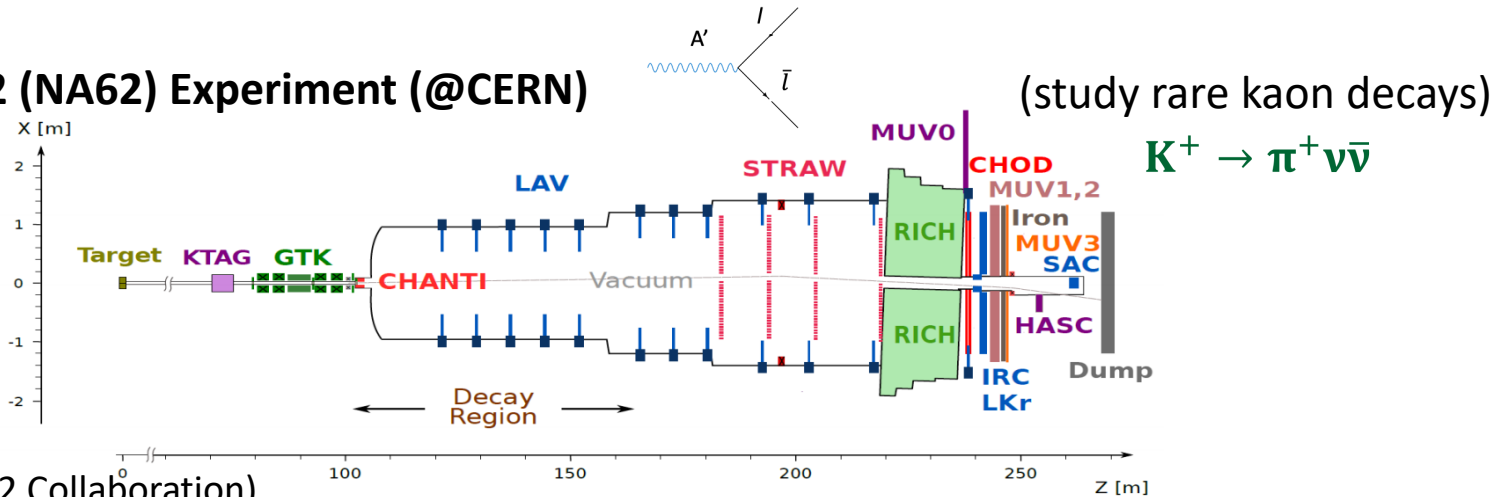
ν -calorimeter (NuCal) detector details



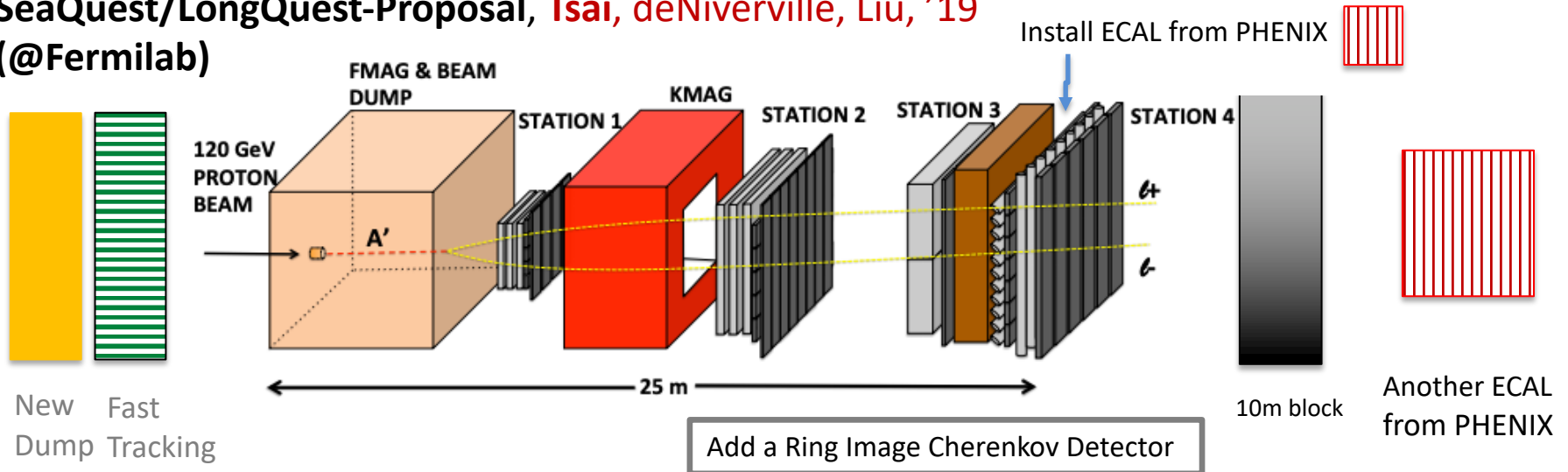
- The neutrino detector is located at a distance of 64 m down-stream of the beam dump. The target part of the detector consists of 36 modules with the following structure per module
- a magnetized iron frame for the muon momentum measurement - an aluminium plate (5 cm) as neutrino target and shower absorber which fills the inner free space of $3 \times 3 \text{ m}^2$ of the frame
- x-y drift chamber planes of $4.5 \times 4.5 \text{ m}^2$ for the track measurements in the target part and in the iron frame
- a CH₂-liquid scintillator target calorimeter of 10 counters, each with the transversal dimension of $5 \times 0.3 \text{ m}^2$ and a thickness of 0.20 m, giving a sensitive plane of $5 \times 3 \text{ m}^2$.

Decay Experiments/Detectors

North Area 62 (NA62) Experiment (@CERN)



SeaQuest/LongQuest-Proposal, Tsai, deNiverville, Liu, '19 (@Fermilab)



Legion of probes

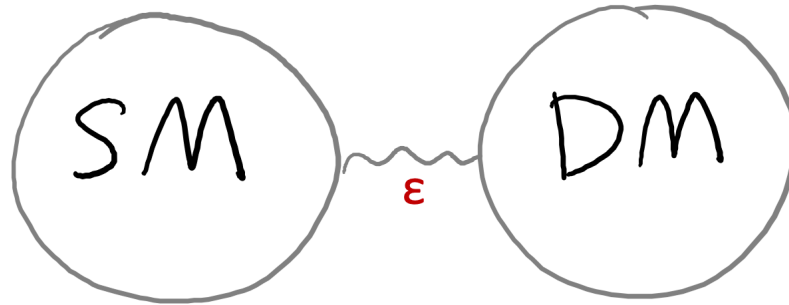
Experiment	Beam Energy	POT	$L_{\text{dist.}}$	L_{dec}
CHARM	400 GeV	2.4e18	480 m	35 m
NuCal	70 GeV	1.7e18	64 m	23 m
NA62	400 GeV	*1.3e16/1e18	82 m	75 m
SQ/DQ	120 GeV	*1.4e18/1e20	5 m	*7 m
LongQuest	120 GeV	*1e20	5 m	*7/13 m

- *indicates not yet decided
- see, [arXiv/1908.07525](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.07525) (Tsai, deNiverville, Liu)
- L_{dist} is the **distance between target & detector**
- L_{dec} is the **length of the decay regime**
- Can add DUNE and SHiP once the designs are settled

Interesting LLPs for Decay Studies Applying the legion of probes!

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The Rise of Dark Sector

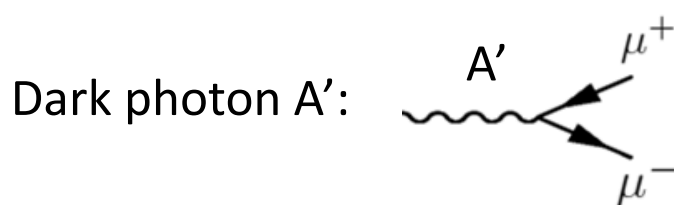


- The **Lee-Weinberg bound** (77'): **below ~ 2 GeV**, DM freeze-out through weak-Interaction (e.g. through Z-boson) would overclose the Universe.
- Could consider ways to get around this but generally light DM **needs BSM mediators to freeze-out to proper relic abundance.**
- Mediator is needed for a proper freeze-out: the rise of “dark sector” (DM + mediators).

Renormalizable “Portals”

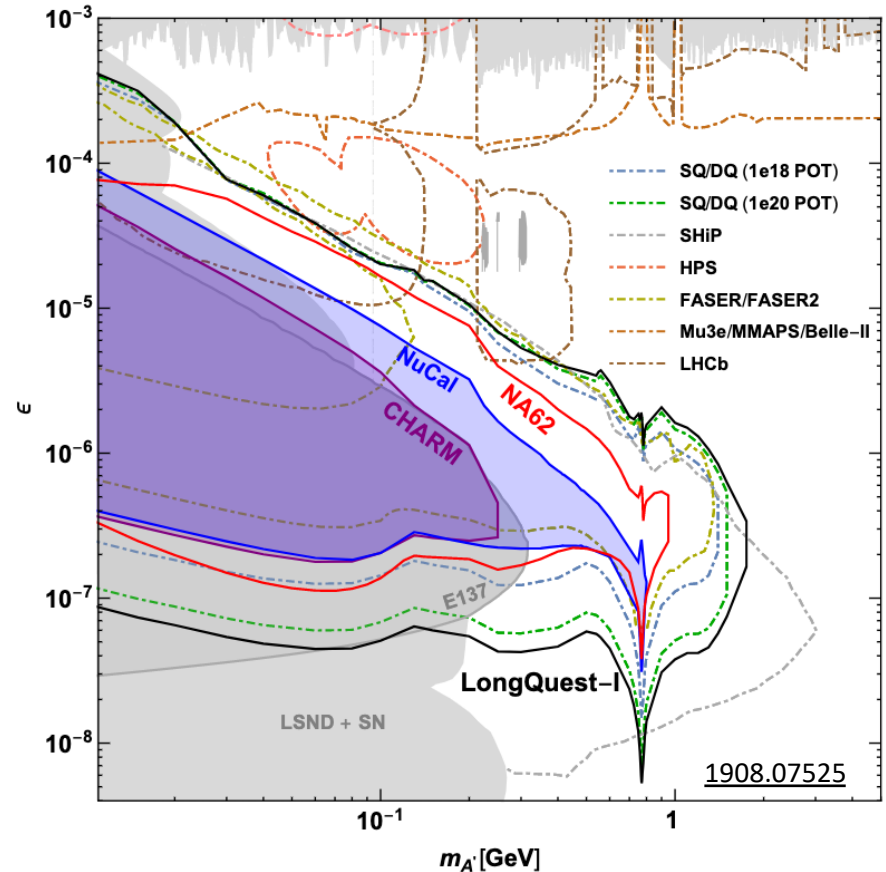
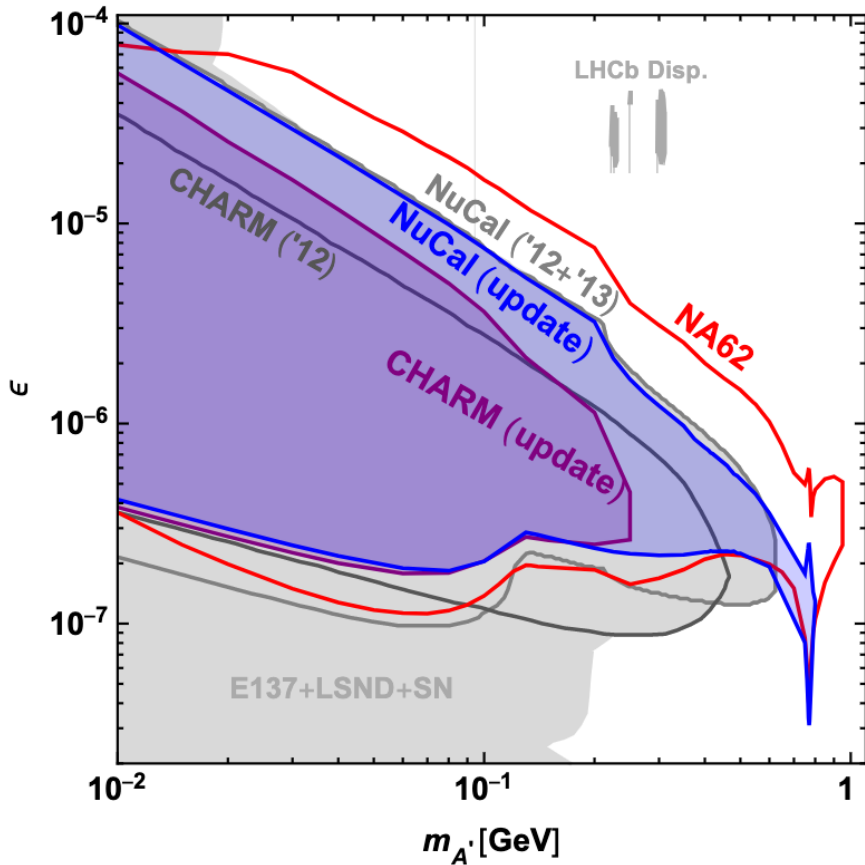
- Dark sectors can include mediator particles coupled to the SM via the following **renormalizable interactions**.
- **High-Dim. axion portal is also popular**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} B_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}, & \text{vector portal} \\ (\mu\phi + \lambda\phi^2) H^\dagger H, & \text{Higgs portal} \\ y_n L H N, & \text{neutrino portal} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(Holdom, '85)} \\ \text{(See Dark-Sector} \\ \text{2016 report} \\ \text{1608.08632)} \end{array}$$



Mass from Dark Higgs or Stueckelberg
 mass basis

Legion of Probes on Dark Photon



Tsai, de Niverville, Liu, [1908.07525](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.07525)

- **Adding proton brems. production properly:** resonant enhancement from mixing with ρ and ω mesons

Improved Weizacher-Williams (Mat.-Fys. '39) (IWW) app. (Kim, Tsai '73)

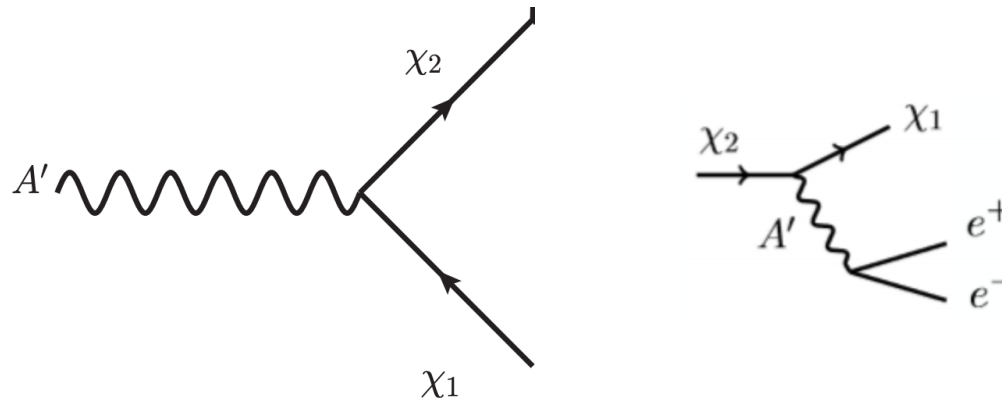
- **New Projections from NA62 & LongQuest,** for **compilation of probes / refs,** see, Ilten, Soreq, Williams, and Xue, [1801.04847](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.04847)

Inelastic Dark Matter

- One of the few viable **MeV – GeV thermal dark matter candidates**
- A “**thermal target**” for DM searches
- Can **explain g-2** and **freeze-out to the right relic DM abundance**
- Smith, Weiner, arXiv:0101138

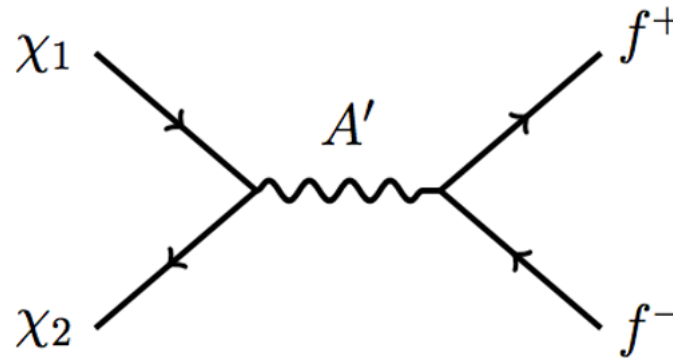
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{i=1,2} \bar{\chi}_i (i\not{\partial} - m_{\chi_i}) \chi_i - (g_D A'_\mu \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + \text{h.c.}).$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1}. \quad g_D \equiv \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_D}. \quad m_{A'} > m_{\chi_1} + m_{\chi_2}.$$



1703.06881 (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella)

Inelastic Dark Matter (iDM)

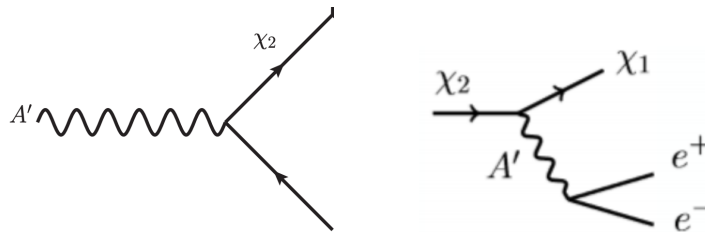


- Co-annihilation
freeze out to right relic abundance but **avoid CMB constraints**
- Considered **thermal targets** for newly proposed experiments
- 1703.06881 (Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, & Moschella)
 - Collider studies: 1508.03050 (Izaguirre, Krnjaic, Shuve)
 - LHC lifetime frontier: 1810.01879 (Berlin, Kling)
 - Fixed-target probes: next page

iDM in Fixed-Target

Fixed target:

- 1703.06881 (**FT**: Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella),
- 1804.00661 (**SeaQuest**: Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro)
- 1902.05075 (**g-2**: Mohlabeng)
- 1908.07525 (**Strong bounds**: Tsai, de Niverville, Liu):
-> **CHARM, NuCal, NA62, LongQuest,**
-> **DUNE (preliminary)**

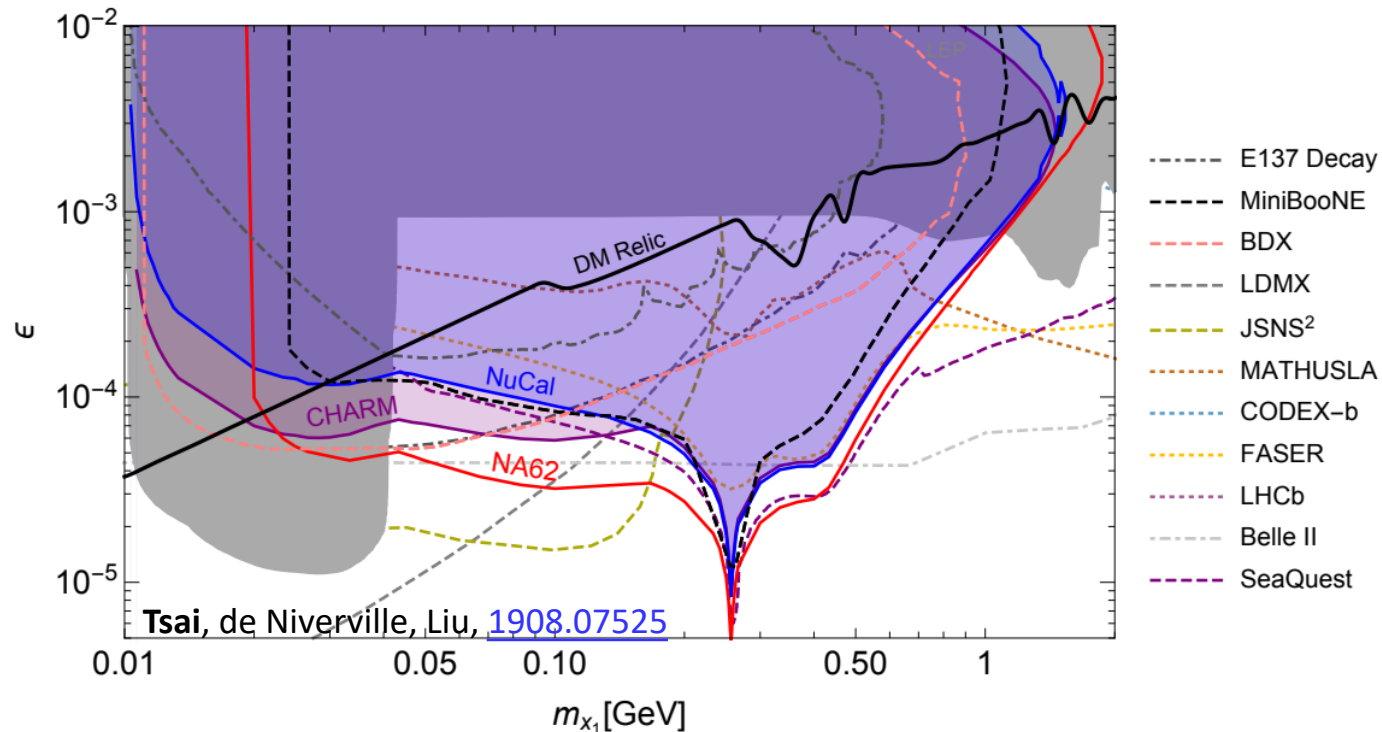


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New Bounds on Inelastic Dark Matter

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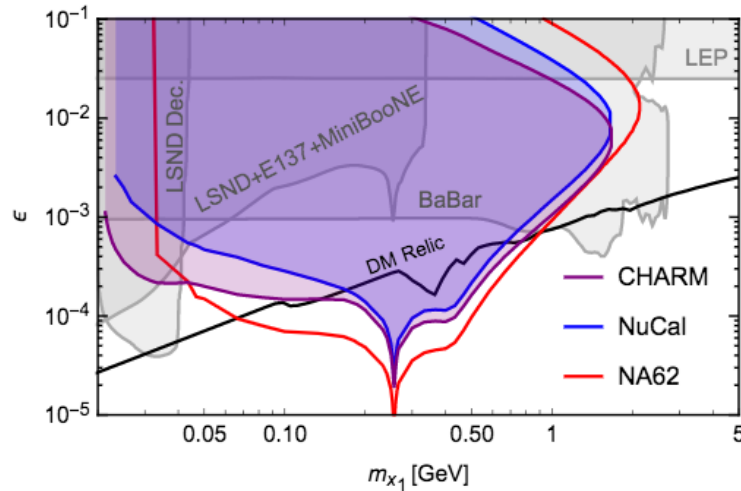


(e) Compilation of relevant constraints and sensitivity projections for iDM with $\alpha_D = 0.1$ and $\Delta = 0.1$. $m_{A'}/m_{\chi_1} = 3$.

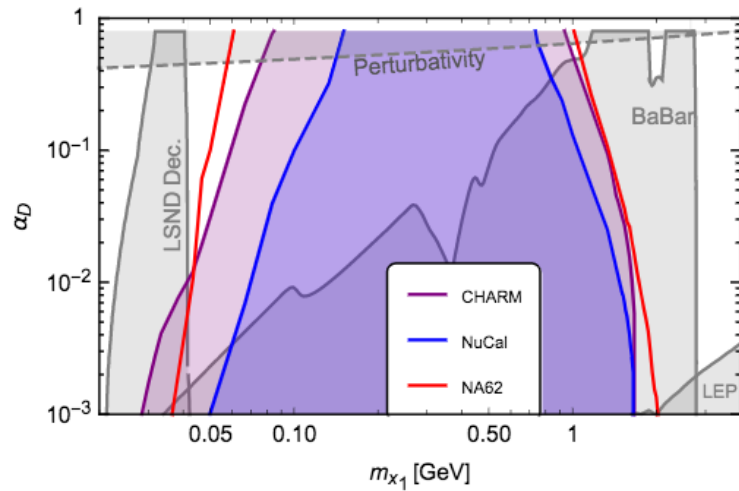
Tsai, de Niverville, Liu, [1908.07525](#) + reference in previous slides

See, Duerr, Ferber, Hearty, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg, Tunney, [1911.03176](#), for Belle II update

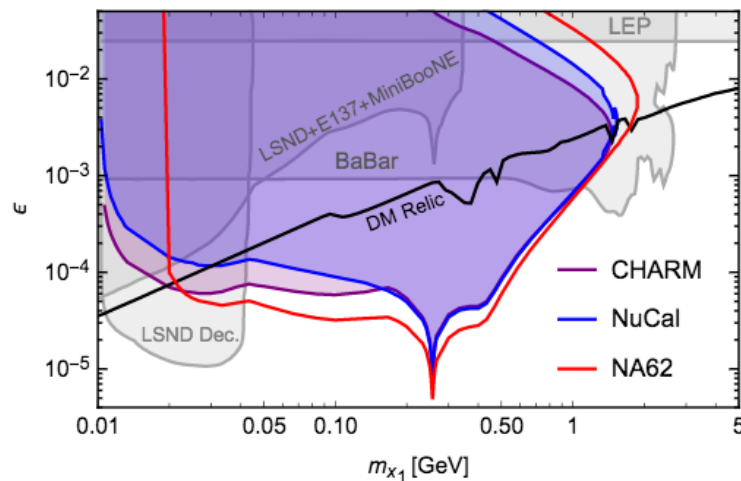
Results: iDM Thermal Target (small mass-splitting)



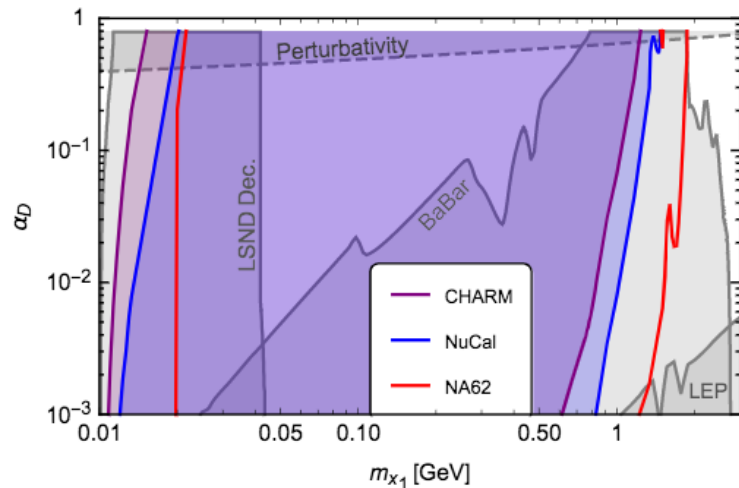
(a) iDM: $\Delta = 0.05$, $\alpha_D = 0.5$.



(b) iDM Thermal Target: $\Delta = 0.05$, $\epsilon = \epsilon_{\text{relic}}$.



(c) iDM: $\Delta = 0.1$, $\alpha_D = 0.1$.

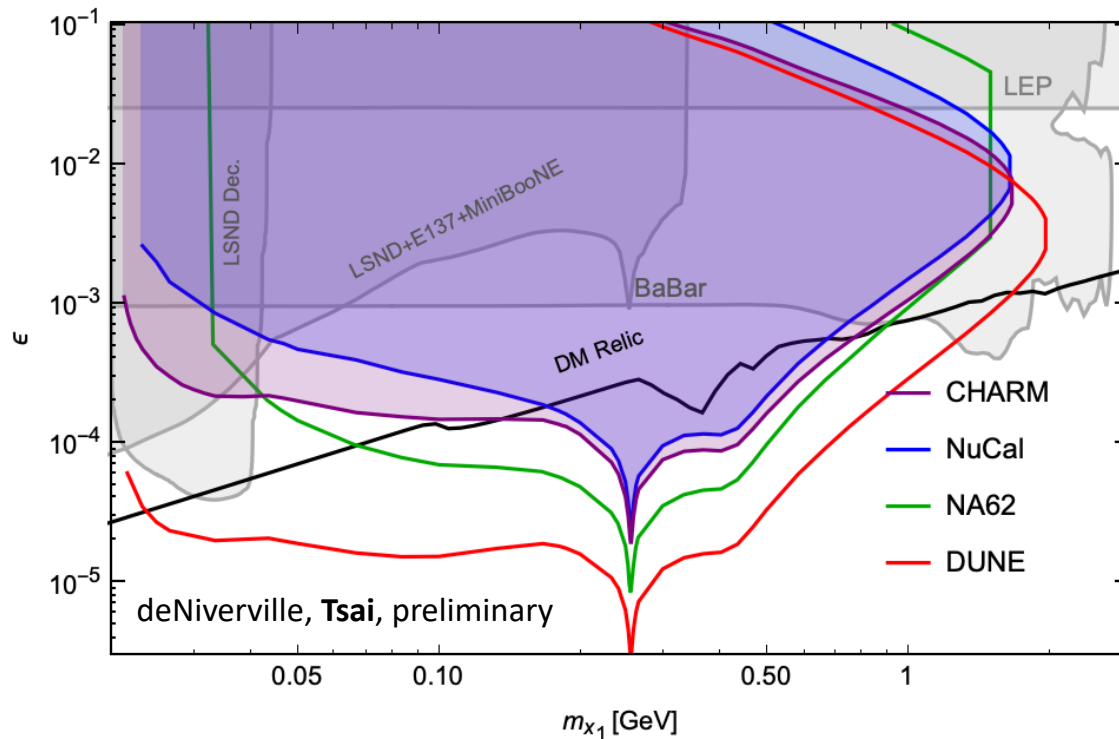


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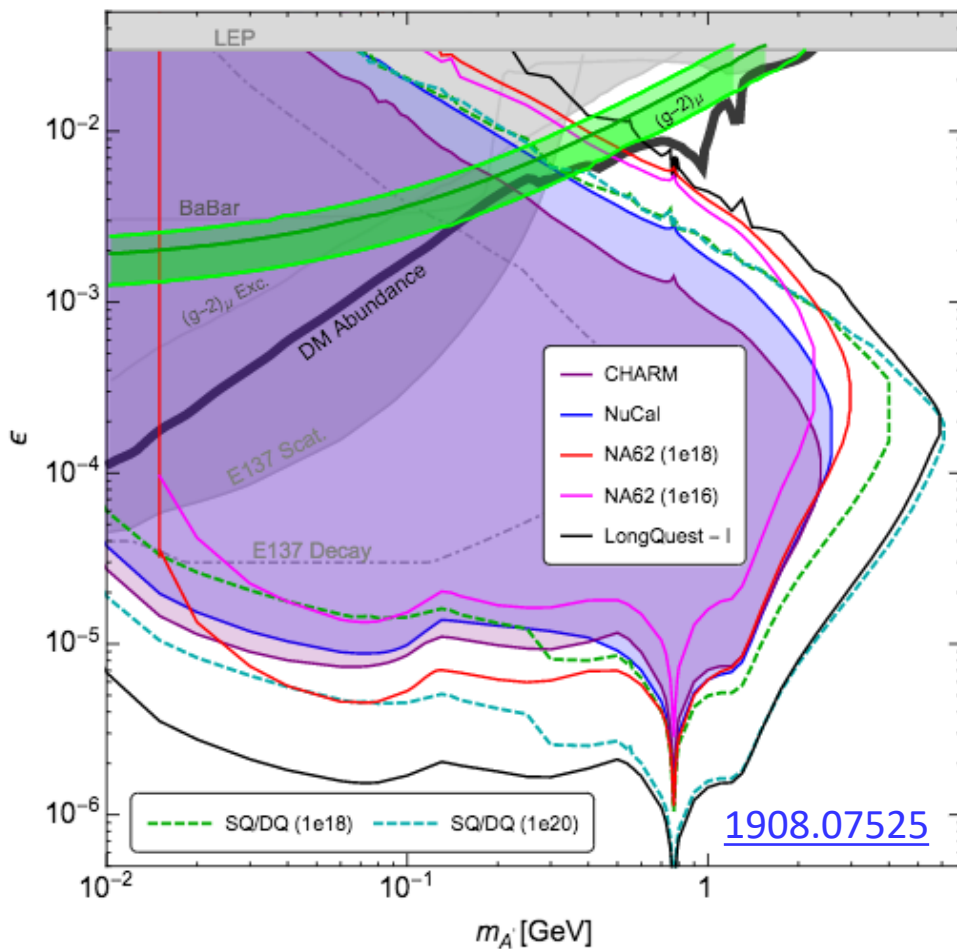


- $m_{A'}/m_{\chi_1} = 3$,
- $\Delta = 0.05$,
- $\alpha_D = 0.5$

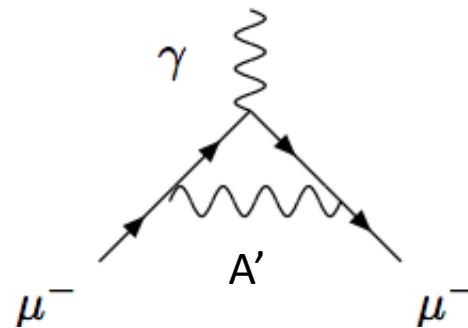
DUNE TDR V - I
[arXiv:2002.02967](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.02967),

DUNE preliminary results by deNiverville & Tsai,

Inelastic Dark Matter & Muon $g-2$ explainer



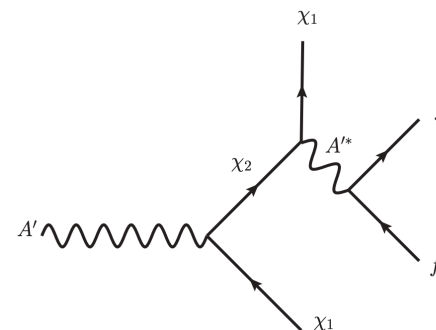
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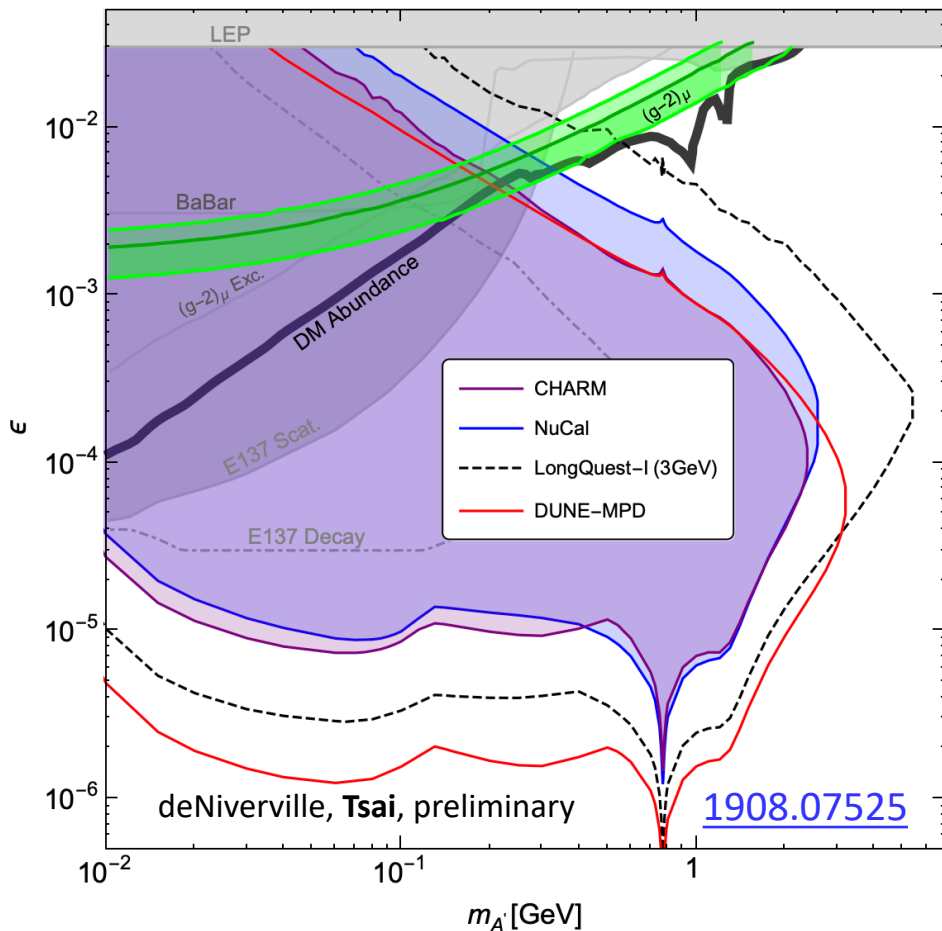
See, e.g., Fayet, 2007 (hep-ph/0702176)

- [1902.05075](#), Mohlabeng



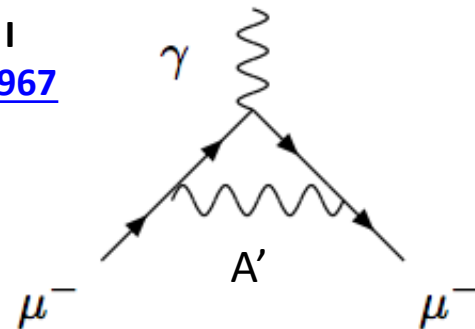
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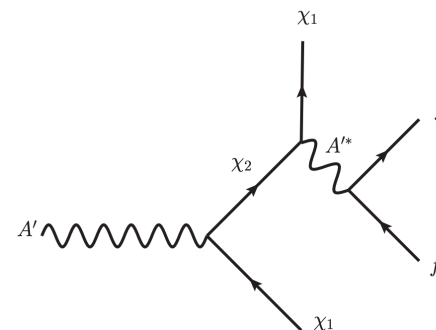
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Beyond Simple Dark-Sector Models

I am currently looking into

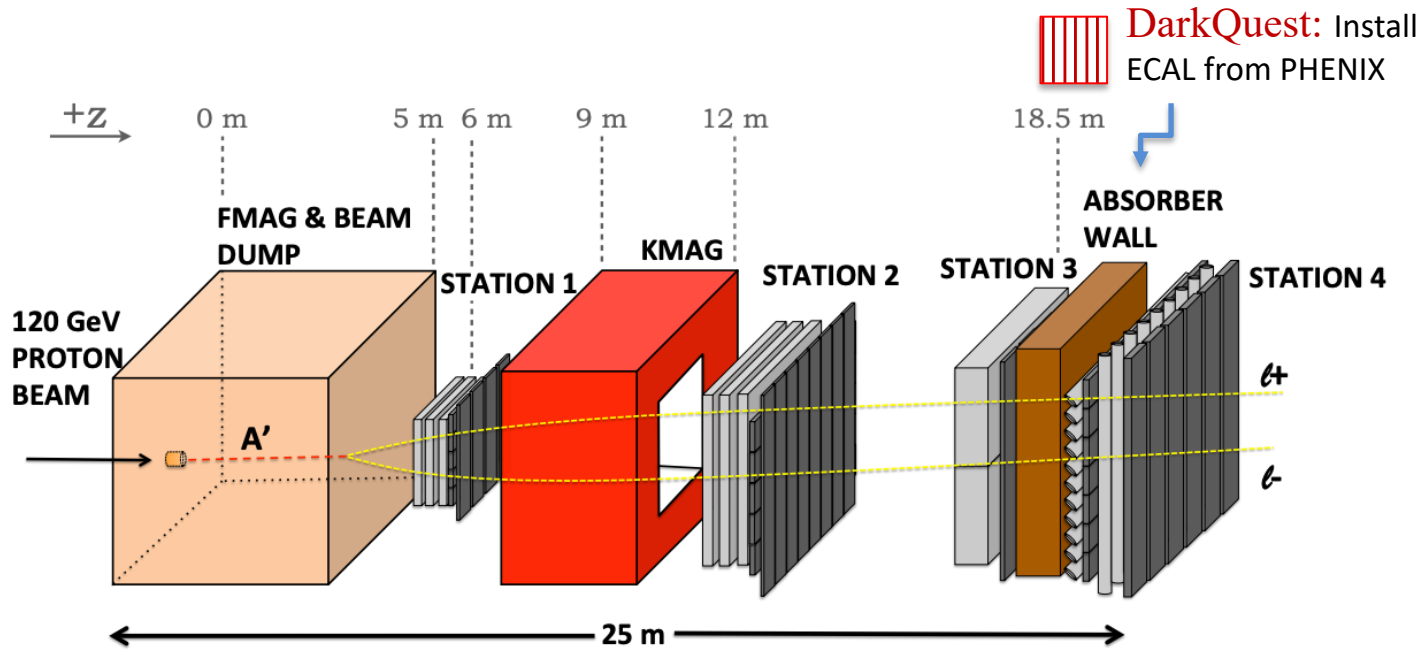
- Cosmology motivated models
- New Strongly Self-Interaction DM
(models motivated by dark QCD)

New results in preparation!

Details of LongQuest: A Multi-Purpose Detector

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SeaQuest/DarkQuest



arXiv:1509.00050 (Gardner, Holt, Tadepalli); arXiv:1804.00661 (Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro)

Nhan Tran (Fermilab) was rewarded Fermilab LDRD funding (w/ Krnjaic & Toups) and is leading detailed SeaQuest/DarkQuest study + snowmass white paper.

We are looking into long-term plan: arXiv:1908.07525 (Tsai, de Niverville, Liu)

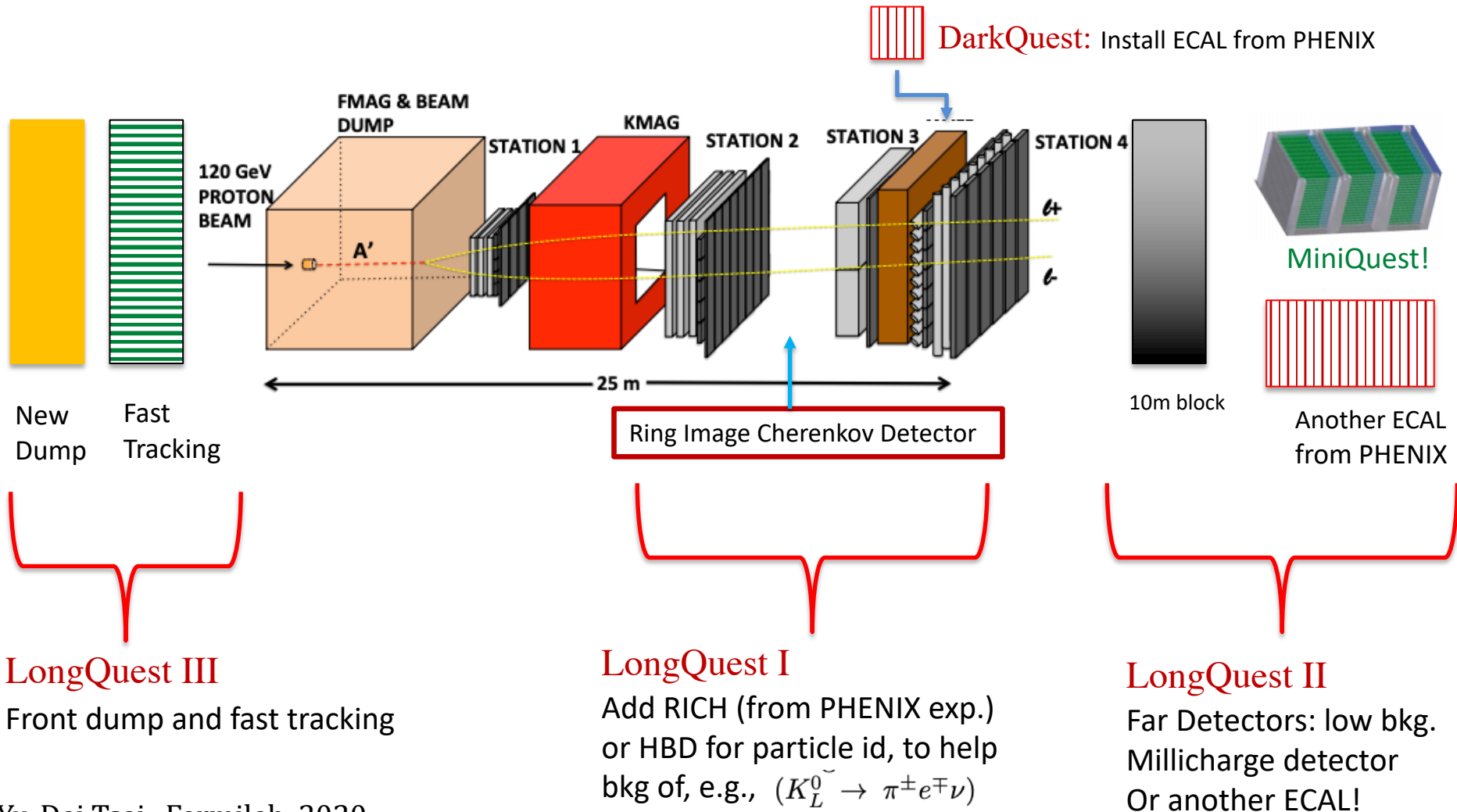
LongQuest (I-III)

- A search for long-lived particles **with an improved decay detector (I), additional long based-line detectors (II), and possibly new dump + tracking (III)** using SeaQuest facility.
- Working on a pheno paper with Ming Liu, Kun Liu, and Patrick de Niverville.



LongQuest: Three Stage Retool of SpinQuest, as Dedicated Long-Lived Particle Experiment

arXiv:1908.07525, Tsai, de Niverville, Liu '19



Scattering Experiments

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Scattering Experiments/Detectors

MiniBooNE, SBND, MicroBooNE, MINERvA, DUNE, etc

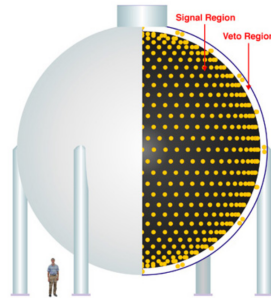
- Primary goals to study neutrino scattering and/or neutrino oscillation

Features (comparing to decay detector):

1. higher density
2. complicated design compared to the decaying detector.
3. Smaller fiducial volume (for near-beam detectors); **cost more.**
4. Usually studying **stable particles** (neutrino, **dark matter, etc**)

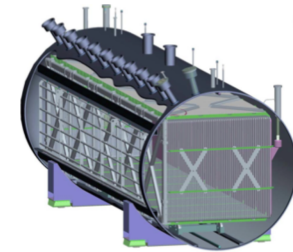
Scattering Detectors

MiniBooNE Detector



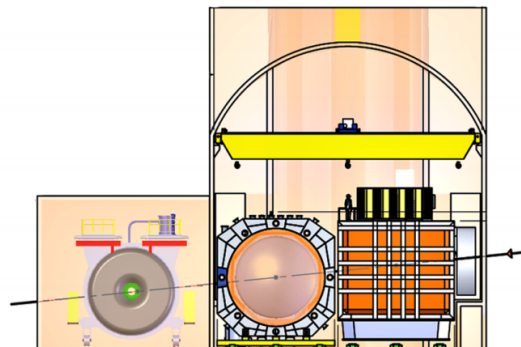
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MiniBooNE collaboration

MicroBooNE Detector



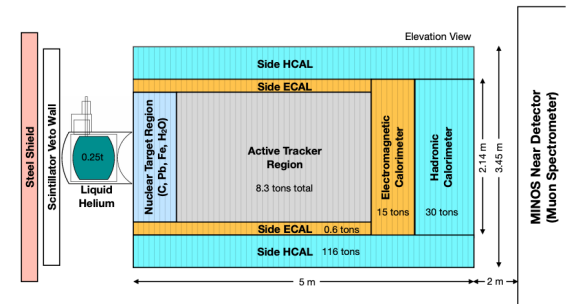
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MicroBooNE collaboration

DUNE Near Detector



[arXiv:2002.02967](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.02967), DUNE TDR V - I

MINERvA Detector



[arXiv:1109.2855](https://arxiv.org/abs/1109.2855)
MINERvA collaboration

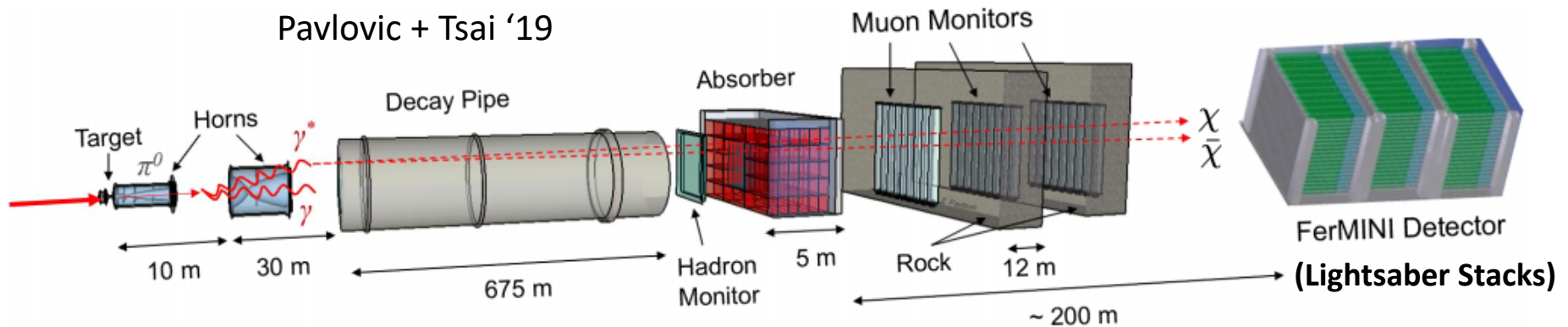


Other beams:

- BNB
- LBNF (future)

FerMINI: Fixed-Target Millicharged Particle Search

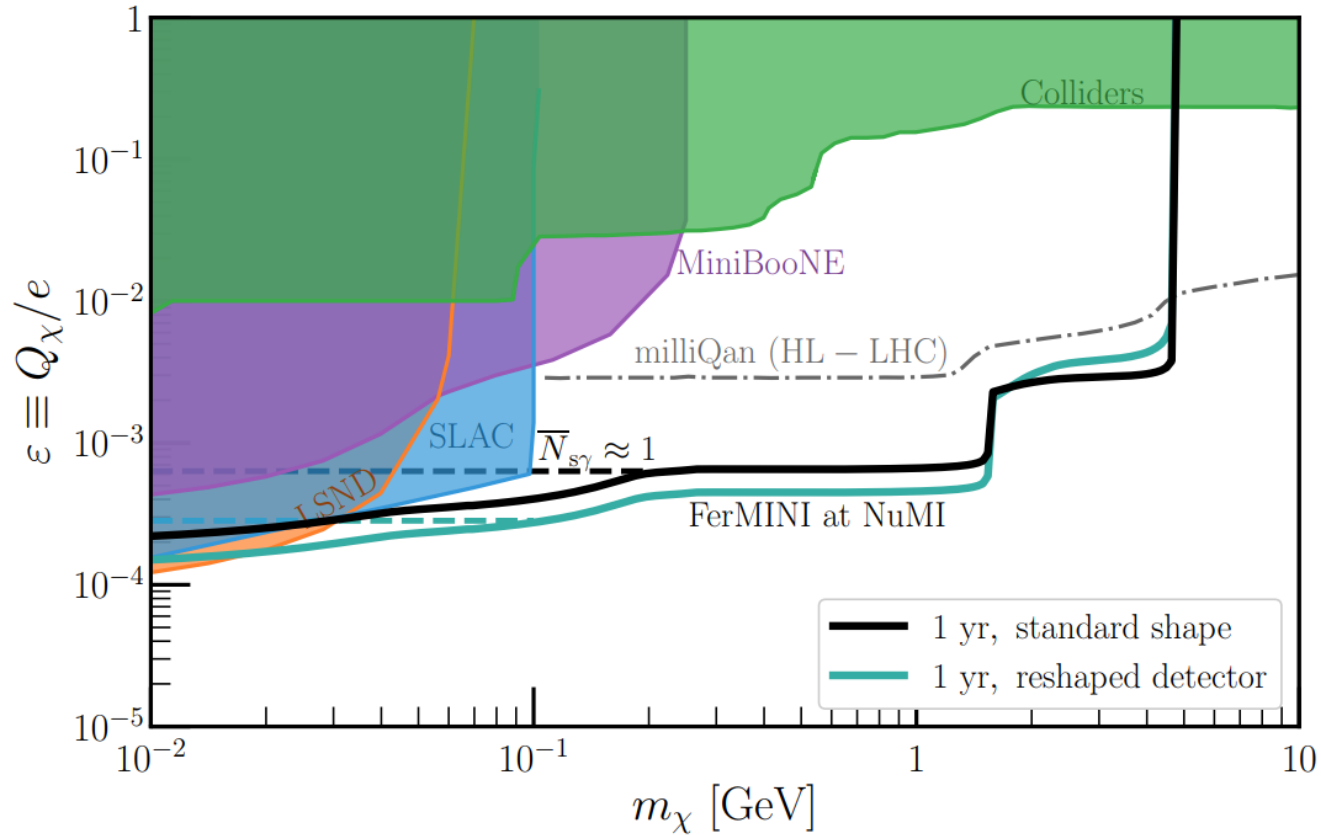
- specialized “scattering experiment” to search for millicharged particles using stacks of scintillators studying triple/quadruple coincident signature



[arXiv:1812.03998](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.03998), FerMINI (Kelly, Tsai)

[arXiv: 1410.6816](https://arxiv.org/abs/1410.6816), milliQan (Haas, Hill, Izaguirre, Yavin)

FerMINI @ MINOS

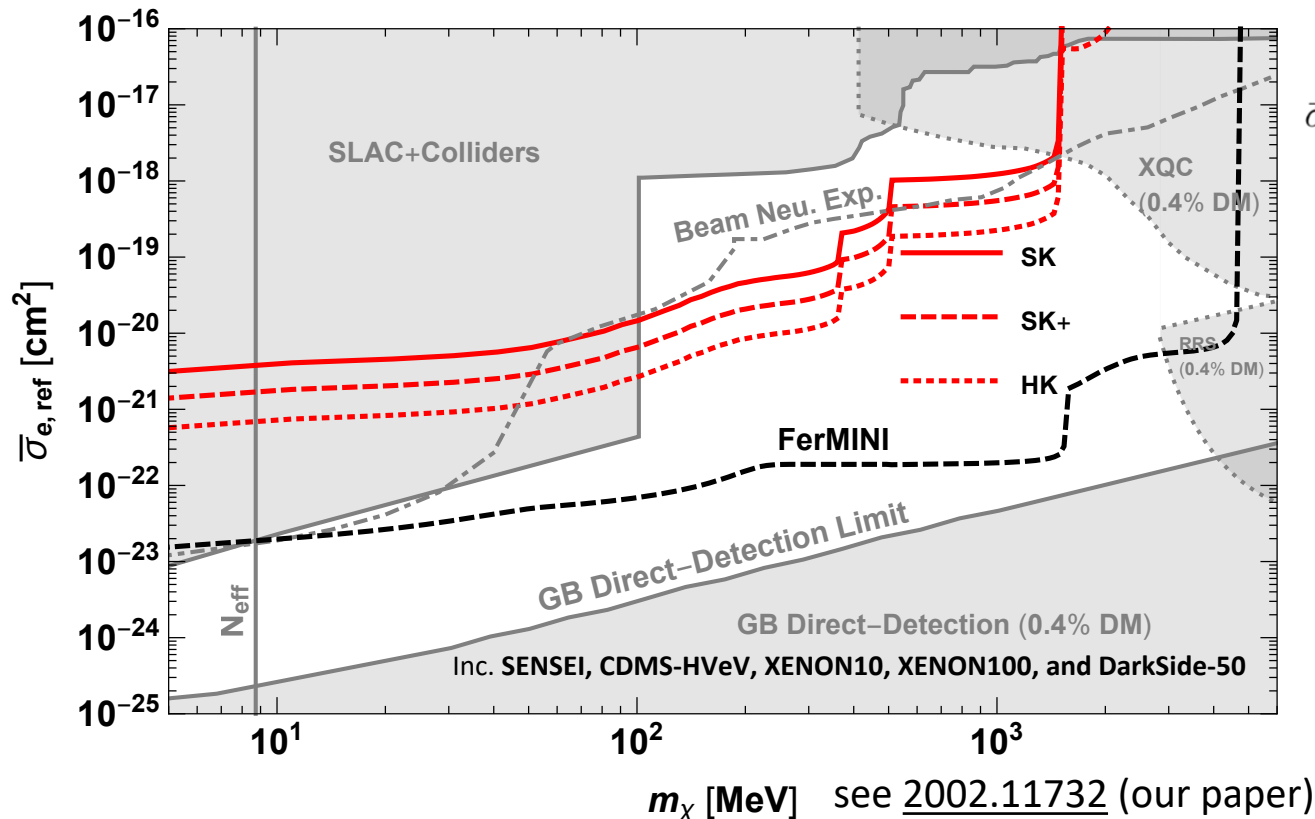


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Different epsilon now, $\varepsilon=Q/e$
Now it's literally fraction of the charge!

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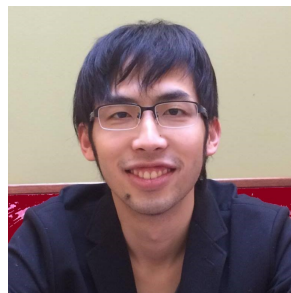
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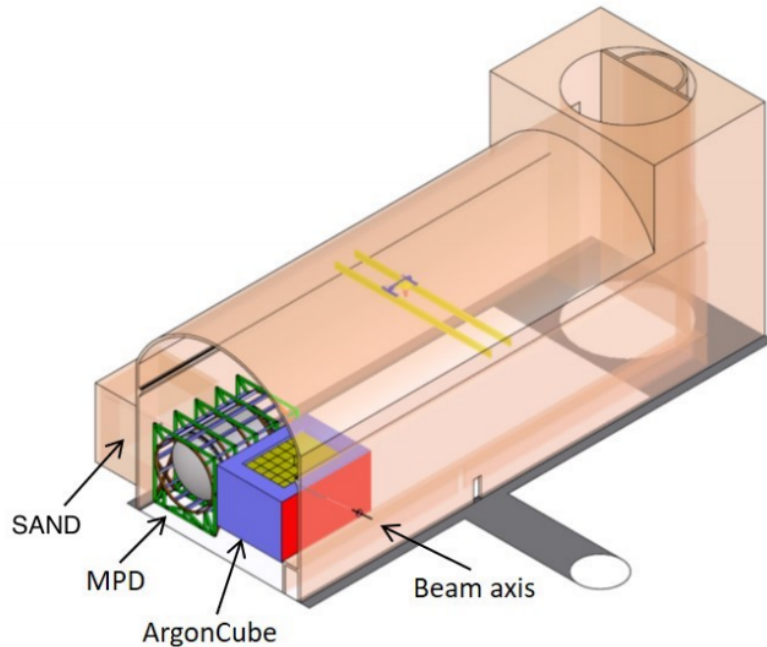
Looking Ahead

- Exploring **Energy Frontier of the Intensity Frontier**
(complementary to and before HL-LHC upgrade)
- **Cosmology-driven models: relaxions, baryogenesis models**
- **other motivated models: quirks, KOTO-related models**
- Near-future (and almost free) opportunity
(**NuMI Facility, SBN program, DUNE Near Detector**, etc.)
- Other new **low-cost alternatives/proposals (~ \$1M)** to probe **exotic stable particles (FerMINI)** and **new forces (LongQuest)**
- **Dark sectors in neutrino observatories**

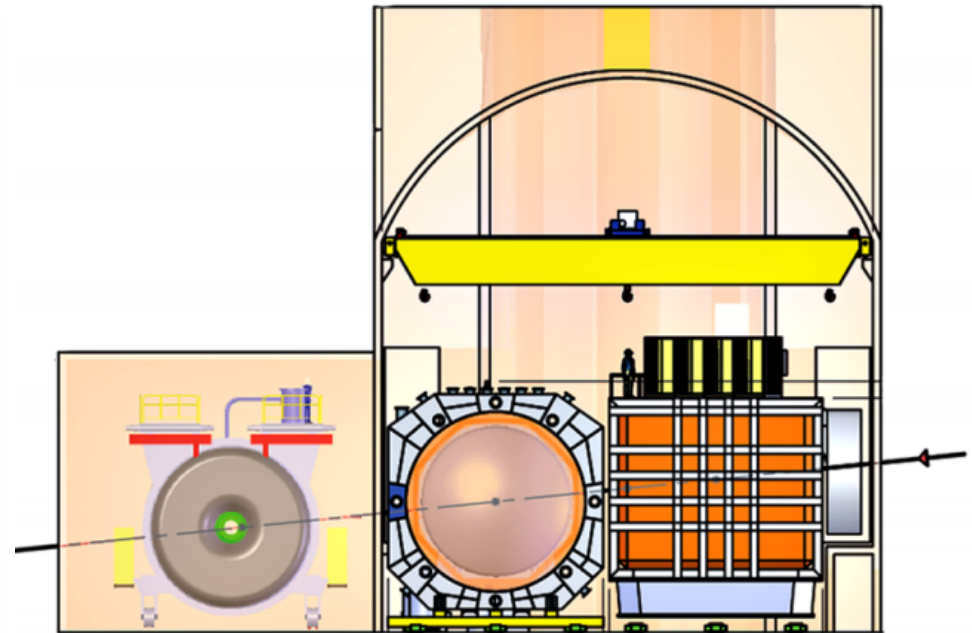
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DUNE Near Detector Complex



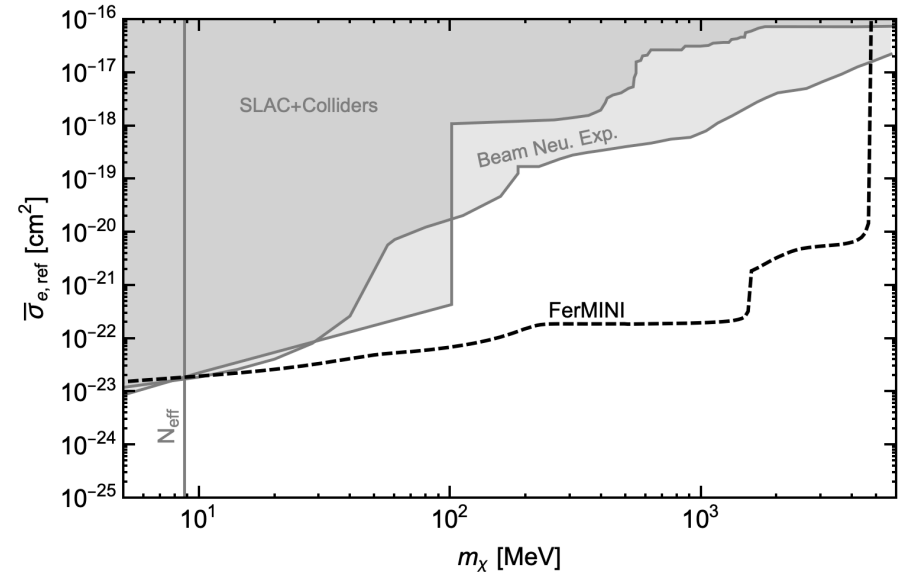
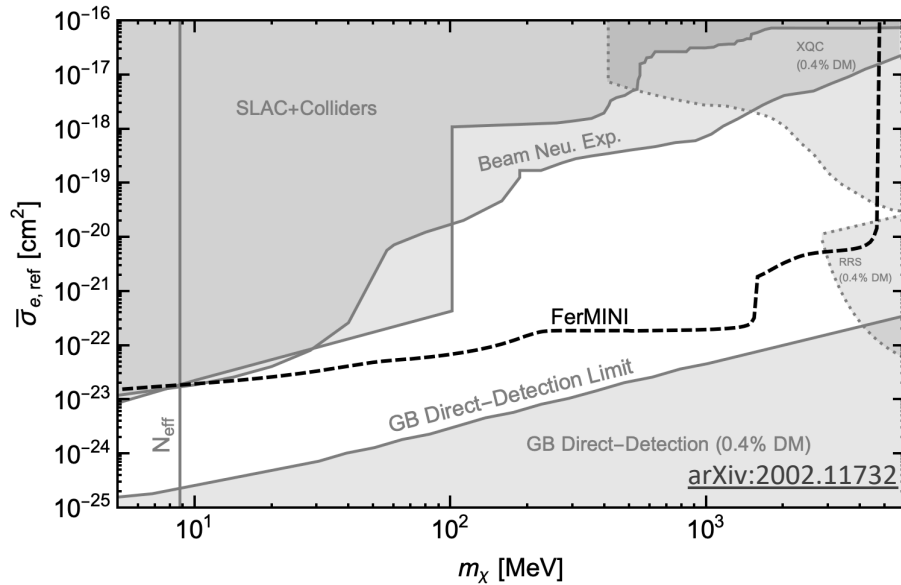
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- [1912.07622](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.07622) (Berryman, Gouvêa, Fox, Kayser, Kelly, Raaf)
- New scattering + decay studies
(De Niverville, De Roeck, Petrillo, Tsai, Tsai, in preparation)

Example: Constraints on Millicharged Dark Matter



Also Consider **ambient dark matter**

Produce dark particles in collisions

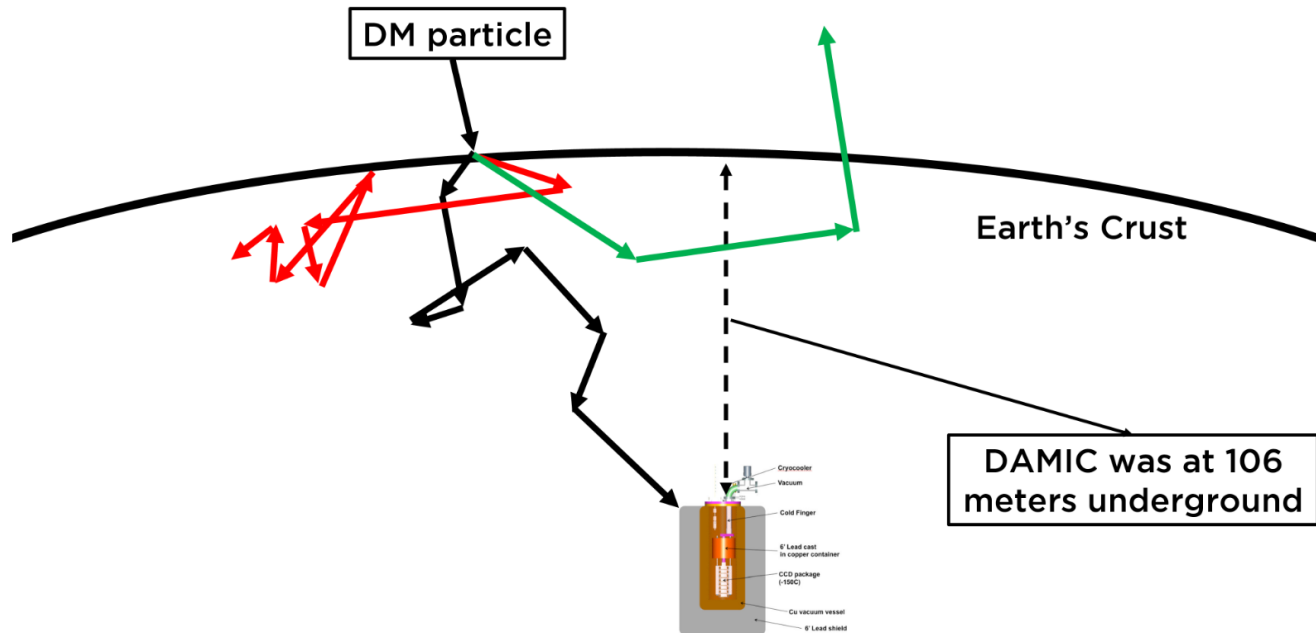
Same mass and interaction strength.

Different assumptions

Details of these figures & references will be explained and discussed later

Strongly Interacting Dark Matter

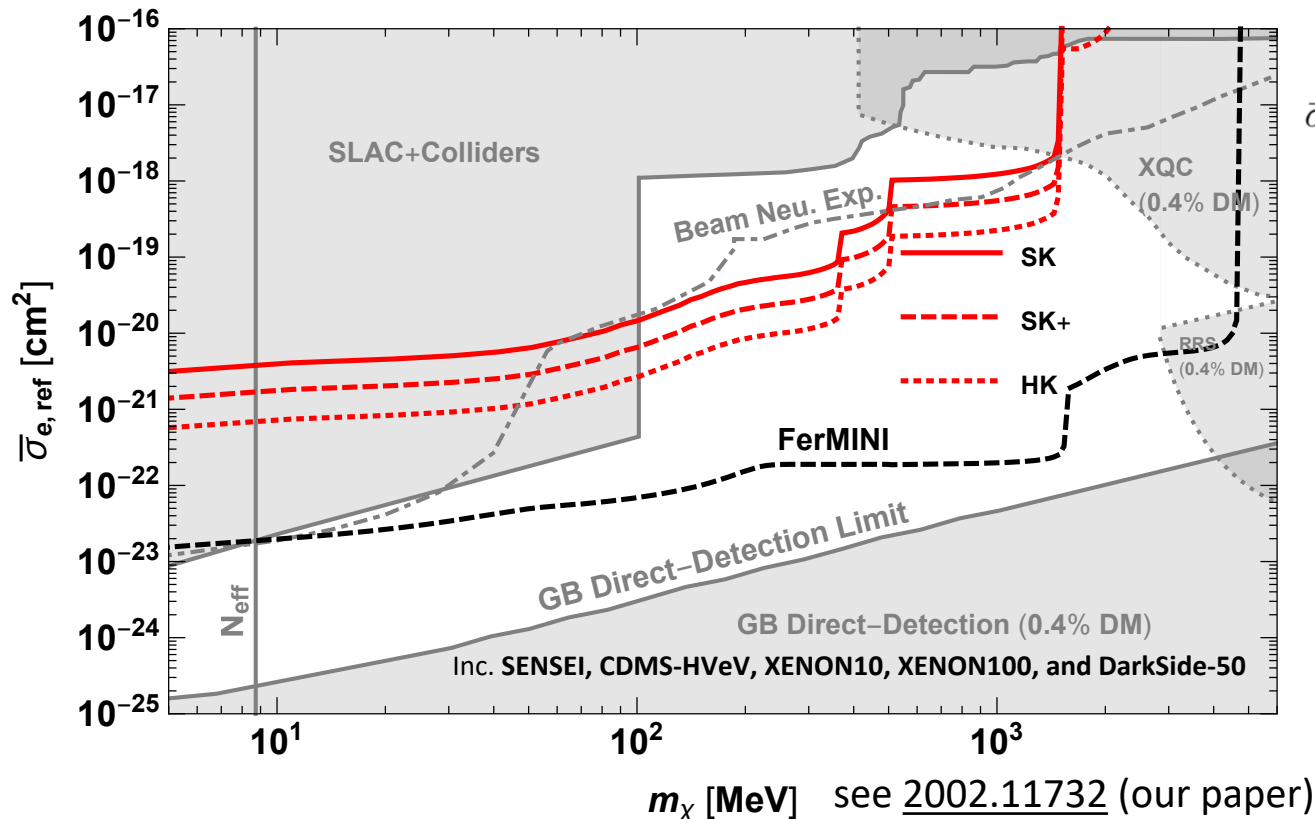
DM-SM Interaction too strong that attenuation stop the particles from reach the direct detection detector



DMATIS (Dark Matter ATtenuation Importance Sampling), Mahdawi & Farrar '17

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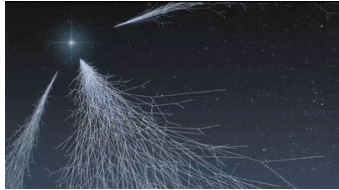


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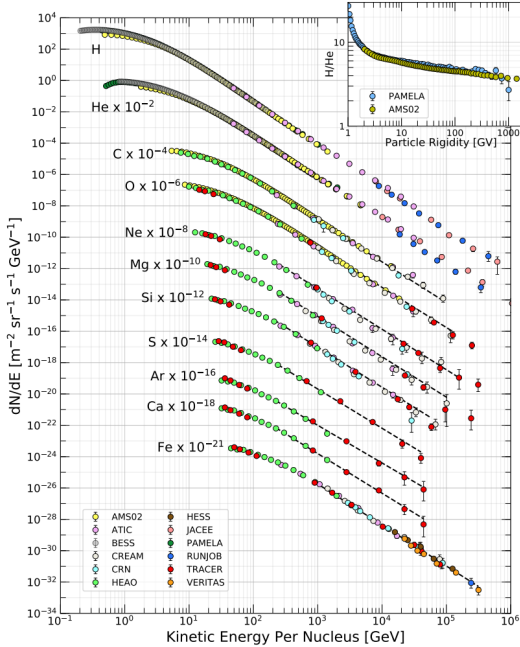
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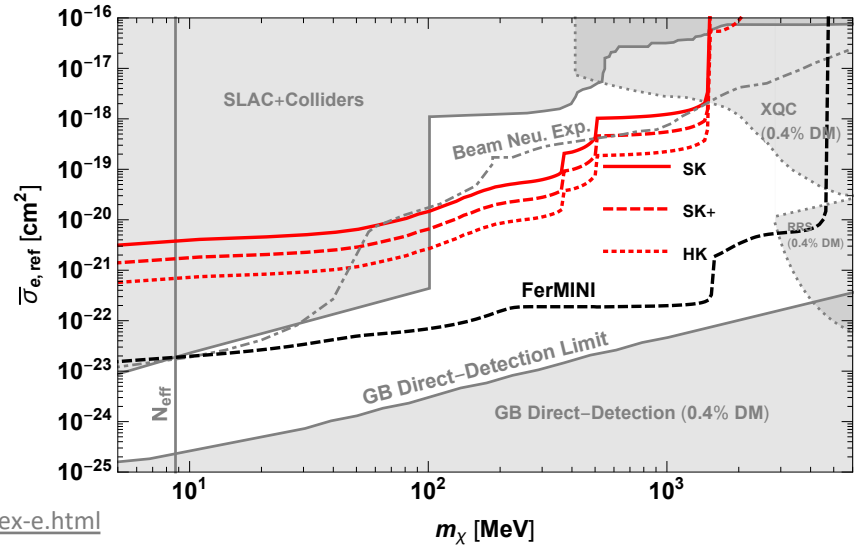
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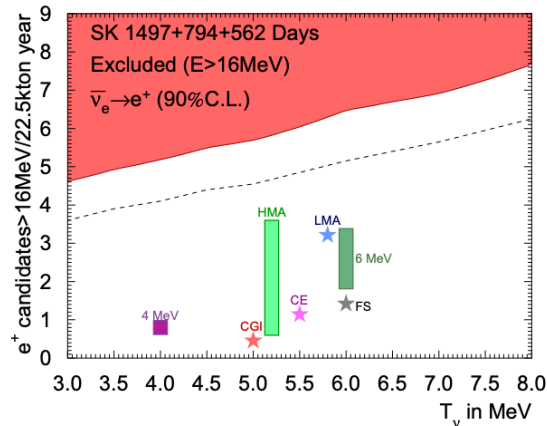
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PDG, RPP, 2019



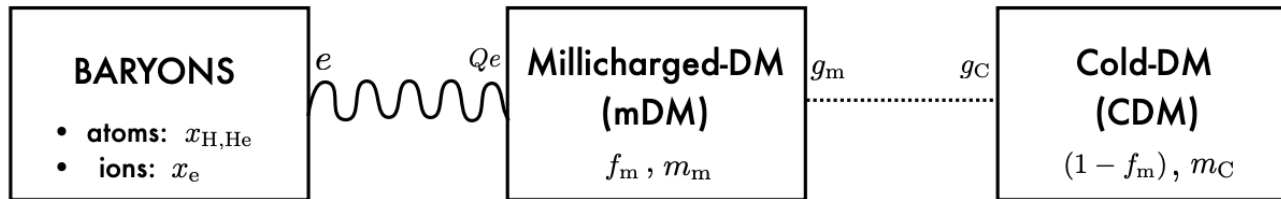
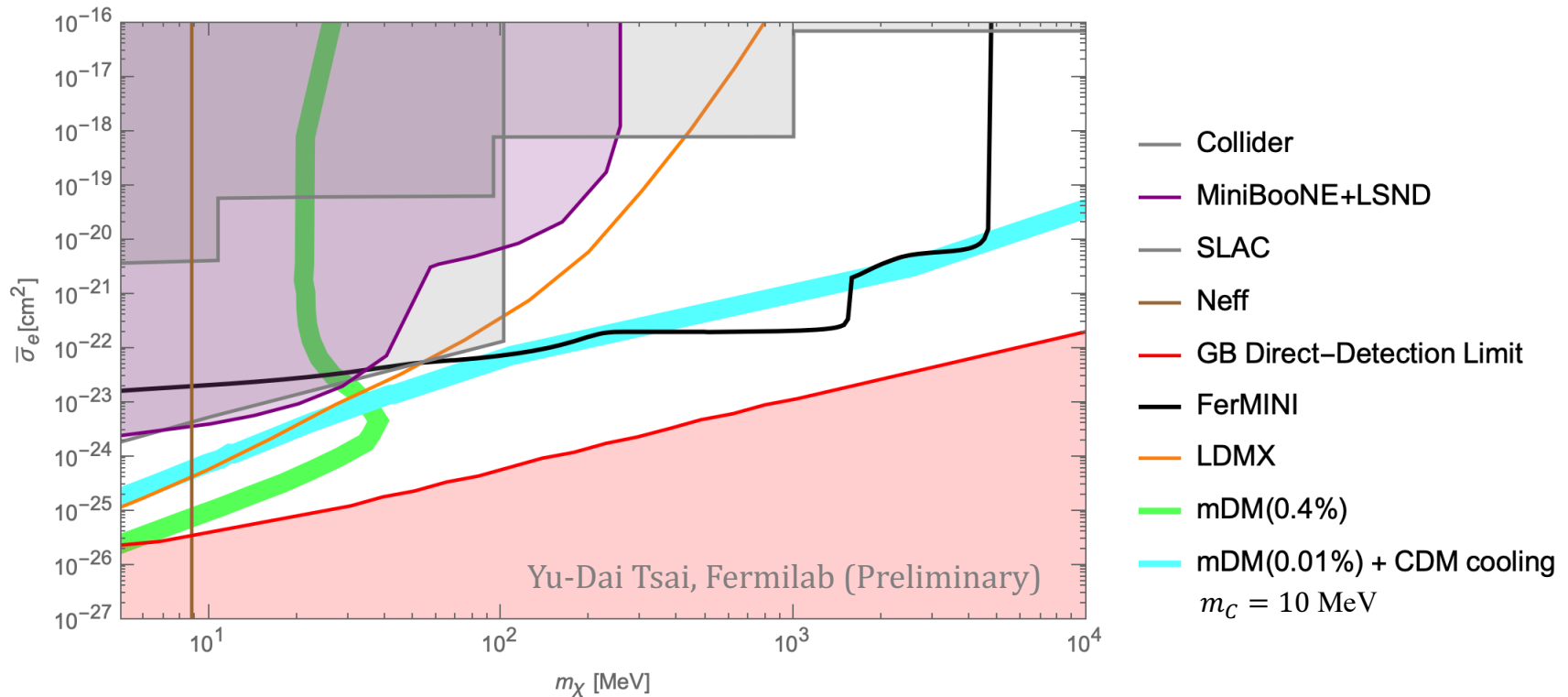
2002.11732 (our paper)
+ FerMINI projection



1111.5031 (Super-K Collaboration)

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Reviving MDM for EDGES



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Liu, Outmezguine, Redigolo, Volansky, '19

Advantages of FerMINI: Timeliness, Low-cost, Movable, Tested, Easy to Implement, ...

1. **LHC** entering **long shutdown**
2. **NuMI operating**, shutting down in 5 years
(DO IT NOW! Fermilab! USA!)
3. Broadening the physics case for fixed-target facilities
4. **DUNE near detector design** still underway
5. Can develop at NuMI/MINOS and then move to DUNE
6. **Sensitivity better than milliQan for MCP up to 5 GeV** and don't have to wait for HL-LHC
7. Synergy between **dark matter**, **neutrino**, and **collider** community.
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