

# Inelastic Dirac Dark Matter

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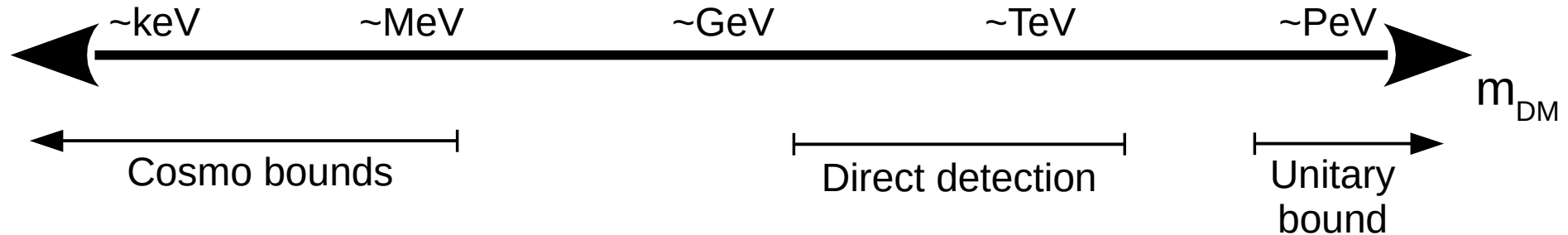
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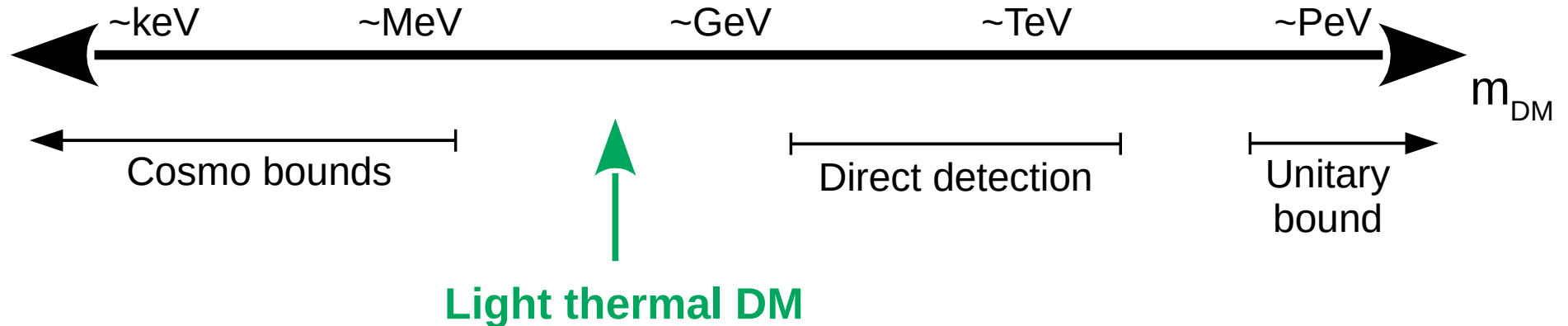
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# Inelastic Dirac Dark Matter (i2DM)

- New  $U(1)_D$  with dark photon kinetically mixing with the hypercharge gauge boson

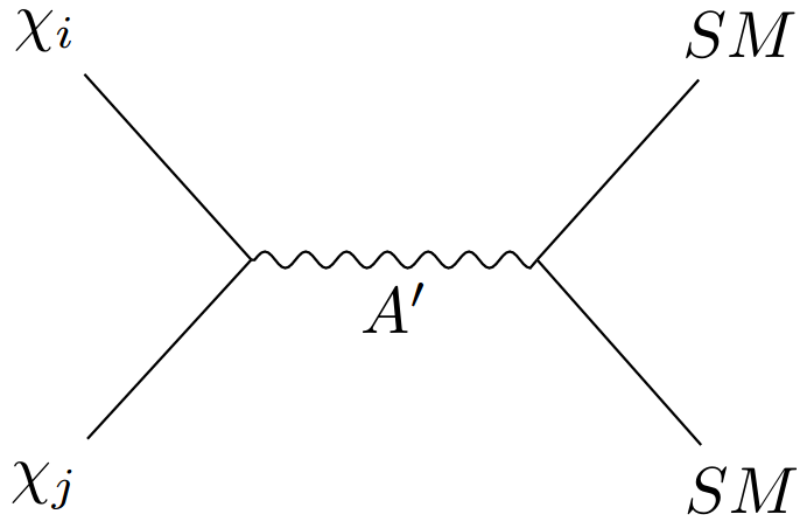
$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\epsilon}{2c_W} F_D^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$$

- Two nearly degenerate Dirac fermions, one charged ( $\chi_2$ ) and one neutral ( $\chi_1$ ) under  $U(1)_D$
- Higgs-like mechanism breaks  $U(1)_D$ , causing fermions to mix

# Relic abundance in i2DM

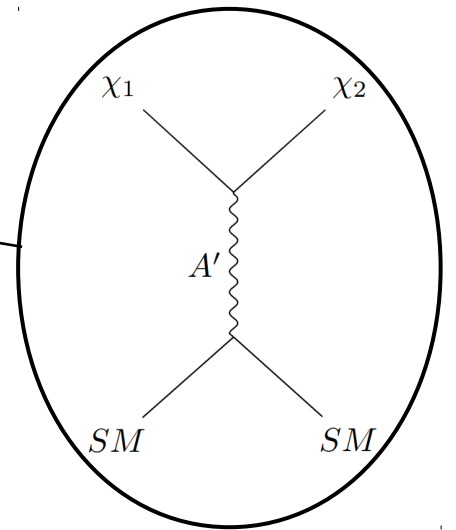
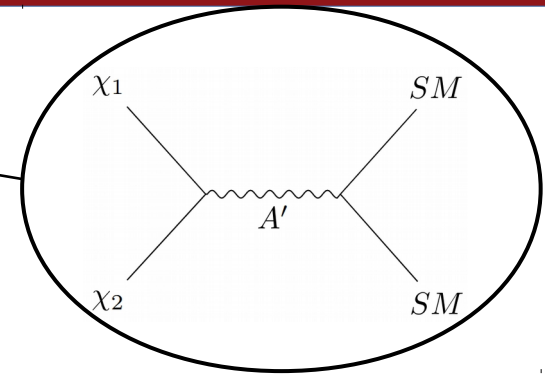
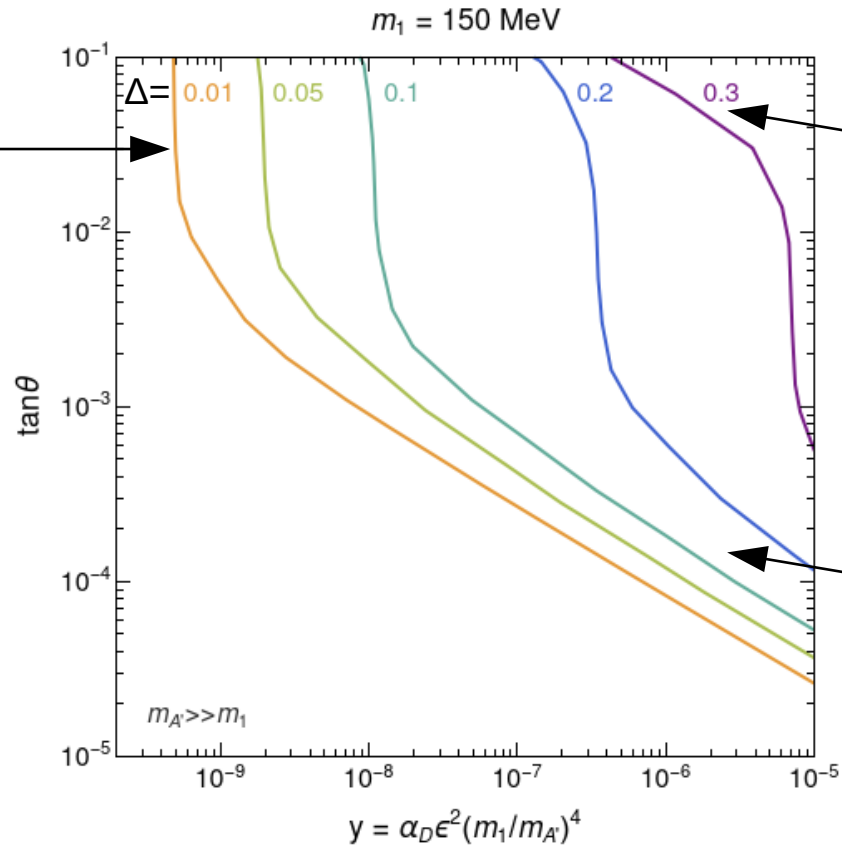
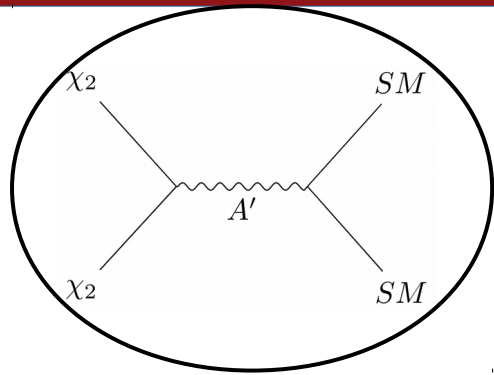
- Hierarchy in (co-)annihilation processes

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -g_D A'_\mu (c_\theta^2 \bar{\chi}_2 \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + s_\theta c_\theta \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + s_\theta^2 \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_1)$$



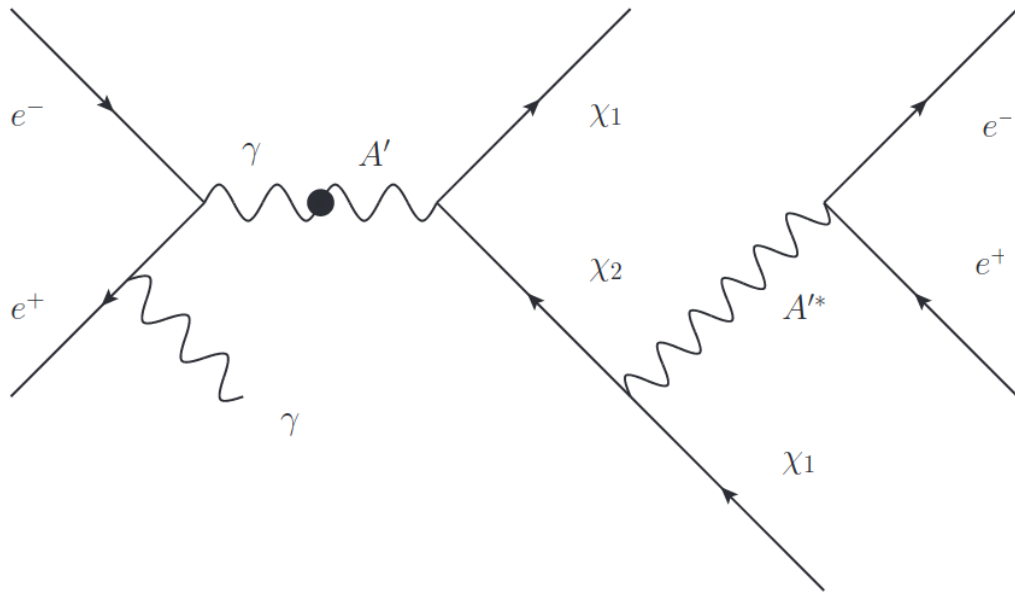
$$\sigma v \propto \epsilon^2 \alpha_D \left( \frac{m_1}{m_{A'}} \right)^4 \equiv y$$

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# i2DM at colliders

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- Mono- $\gamma$  searches by BaBar  $\rightarrow \epsilon < 10^{-3}$

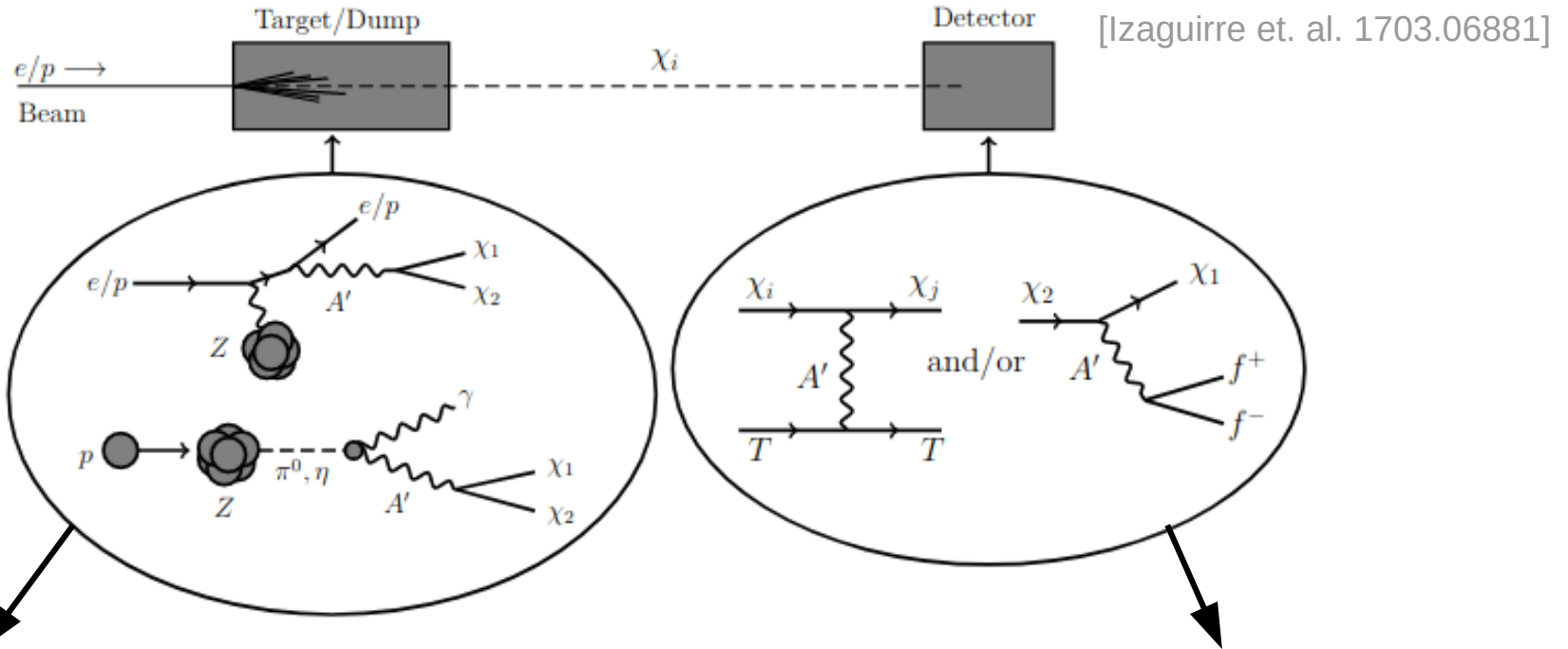


$$\Gamma \approx \frac{4y\alpha_{EM}s_{\theta}^2c_{\theta}^2}{15\pi} m_1 \Delta^5$$

$(m_e \ll m_1 \ll m_{A'})$

$$c\tau \sim 10^4 - 10^{16} \text{ m}$$

# I2DM at fixed target experiments



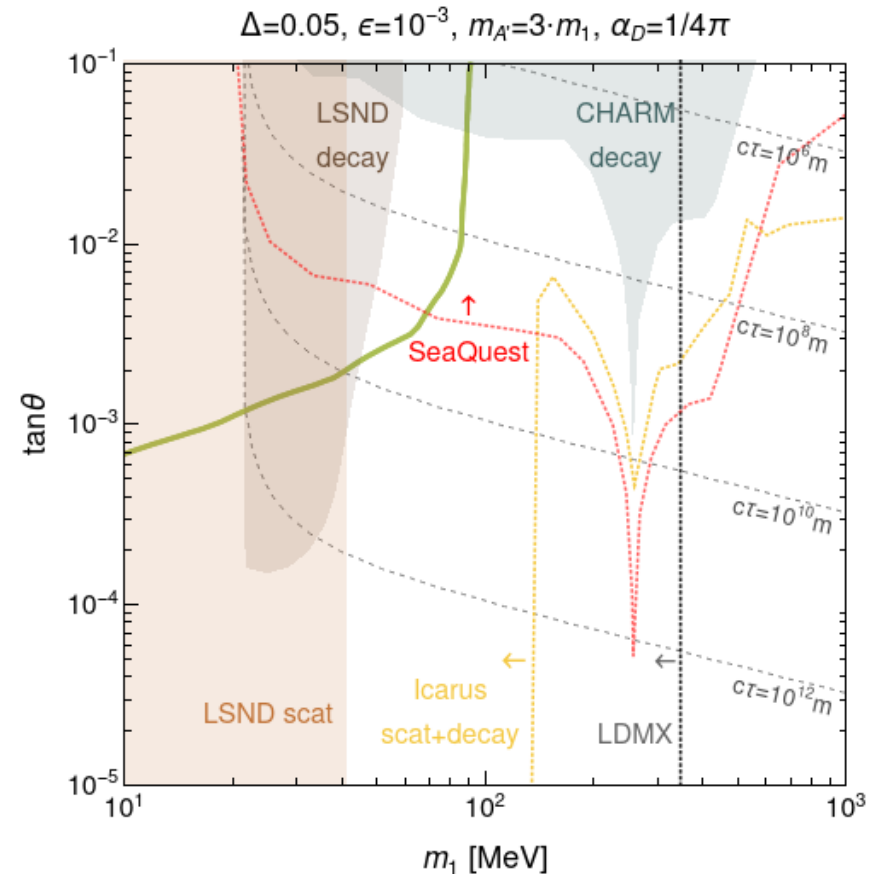
Production: dark bremsstrahlung  
or meson decay

Signal: decay to leptons or  
scatter of detector material



# I2DM at fixed target experiments

- Current limits from neutrino experiments LSND and CHARM constrain larger portion of parameter space
- Future experiments like SeaQuest, SBN and LDMX will probe remaining space



# Conclusion

- Thermal Dark Matter in the MeV-GeV range
- New model: inelastic Dirac Dark Matter
- i2DM exhibits novel production mechanism: cospattering
- In order to reproduce the relic density, the dark partner has to be extremely long-lived
- Can be fully probed by near future fixed-target/missing energy experiments

# Back-up

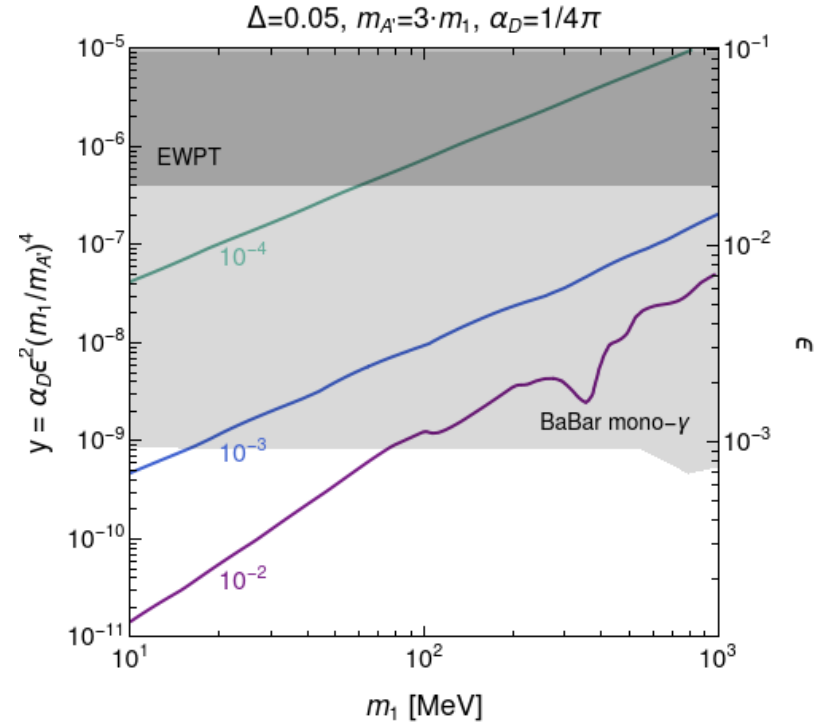
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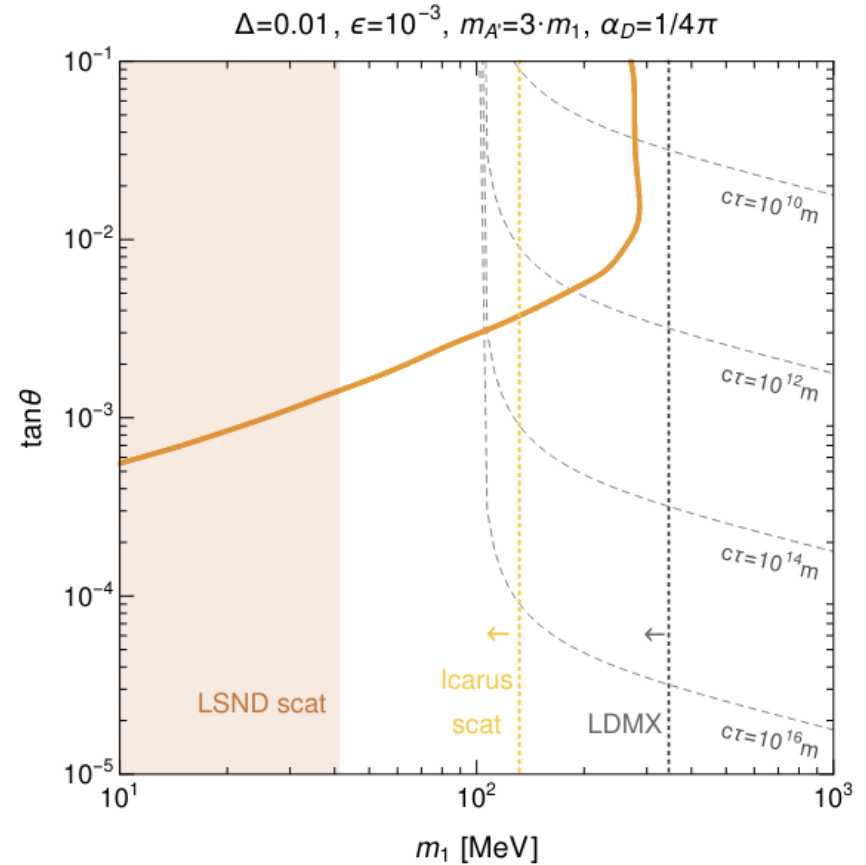
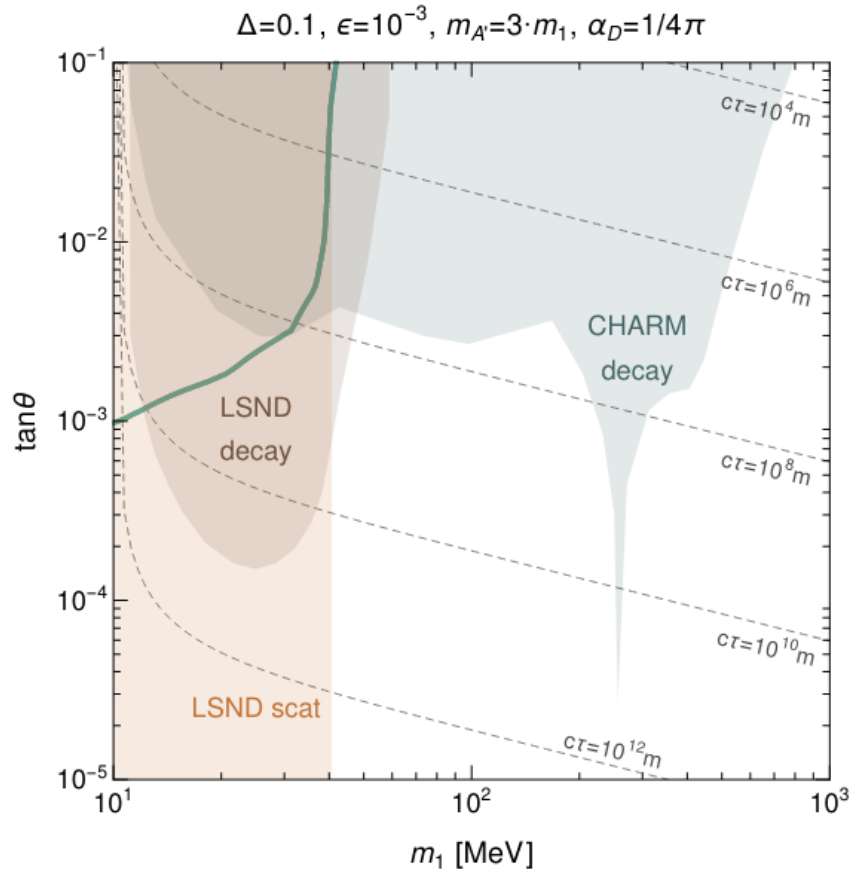
- EWPT
- Missing energy (mono- $\gamma$ )

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow A'\gamma \rightarrow \chi_2\chi_2\gamma$$

Bound on  $\epsilon$



# Results for different mass splittings

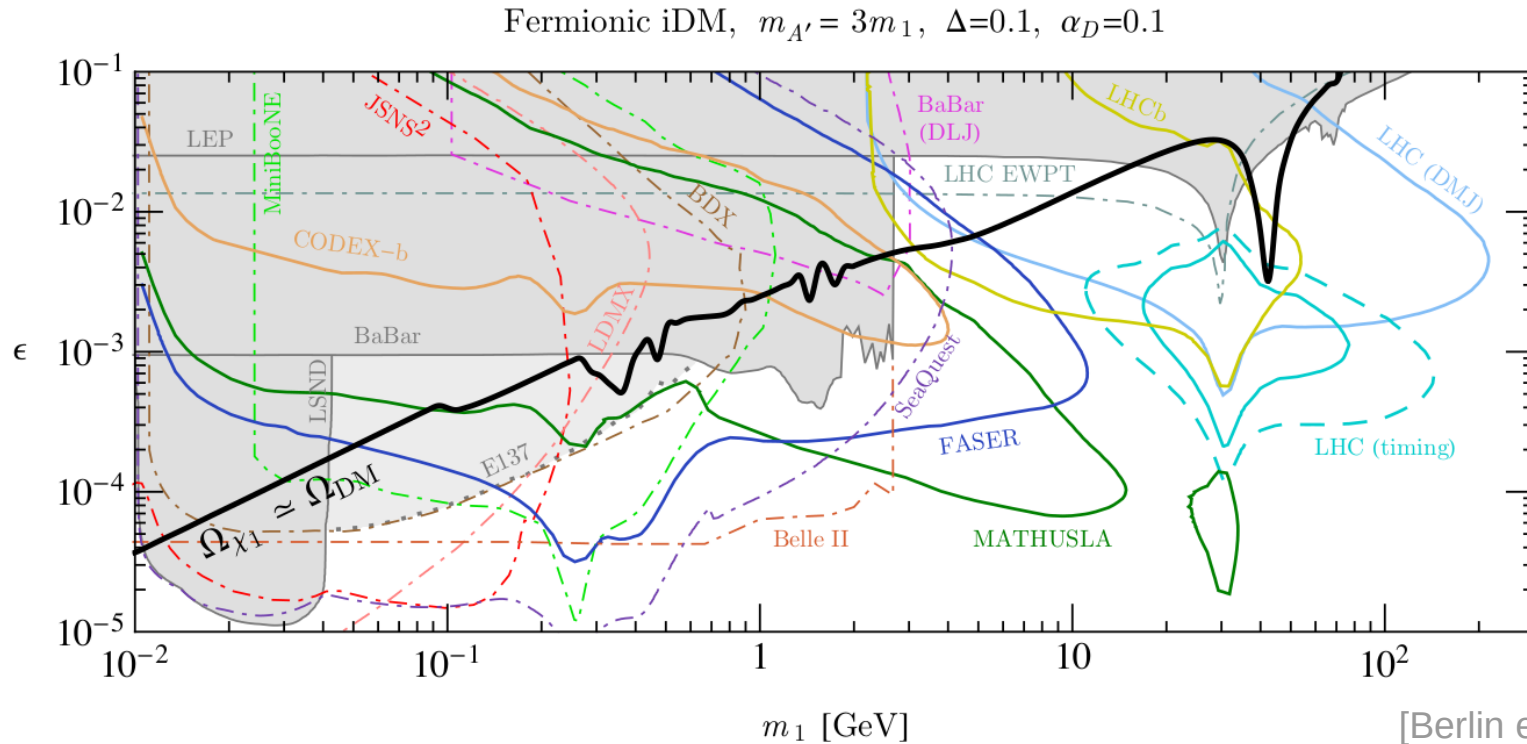


# Fixed target experiments

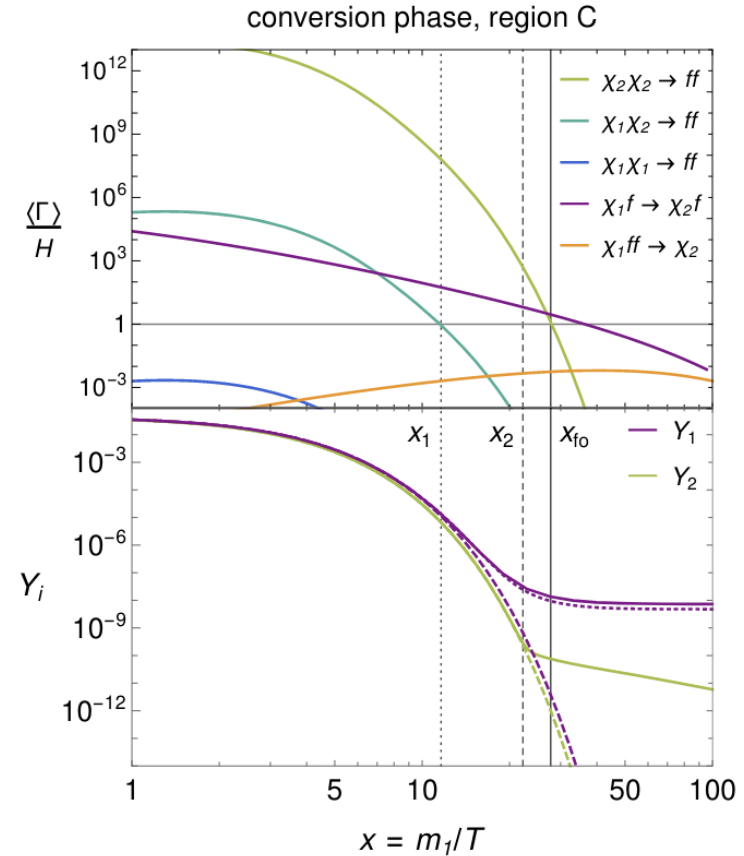
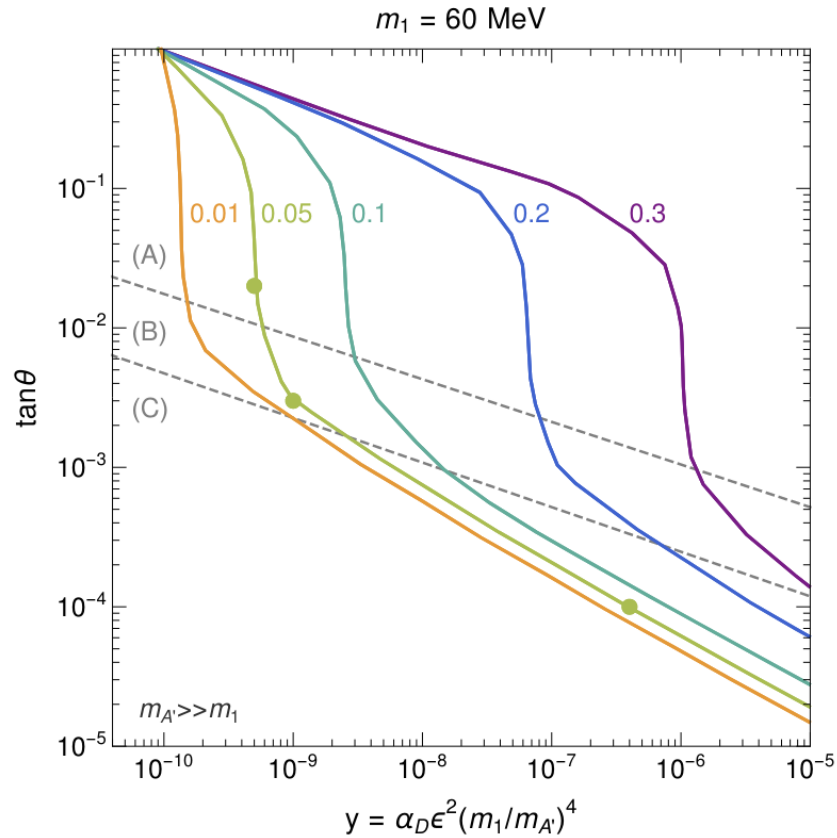
- Current constraints:
  - LSND: 800MeV proton beam experiment with detector at 30m
  - CHARM: 400GeV proton beam experiment with detector at 480m
  - Others: MiniBooNE, NuCal, NA62 → less sensitive
- Near future experiments:
  - SeaQuest: 120GeV proton beam with decay volume from 5-12m
  - SBN: 8/120GeV proton beam with multiple detectors (SBND, MicroBooNE and Icarus)
  - LDMX: Electron beam dump looking for missing energy signal

# LLP experiments at LHC

## Sensitivity of some proposed LLP experiments at LHC for iDM



# Kinetic equilibrium





# Cosmological bounds

- For  $m > 1\text{GeV}$ , QCD phase transition should be taken into account carefully
- For  $m < 10\text{MeV}$ , strong bounds from  $\Delta n_{\text{eff}}$
- Within this range, other probes like CMB and BBN don't reach parameter space where relic abundance is reproduced