

In the midway of this our Standard Model life,
I found me in a gloomy wood, astray.
Canto I., lines 1,2



Lost in a Dark Photon Wood:

Searches for Light Hidden Gauge Bosons
at Colliders and Fixed Target Experiments

Challenges in the Dark Sector

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Outline

Light hidden gauge bosons at colliders and fixed target experiments

Existence

Tension

Dark photon redemption

Explosion of experimental activity

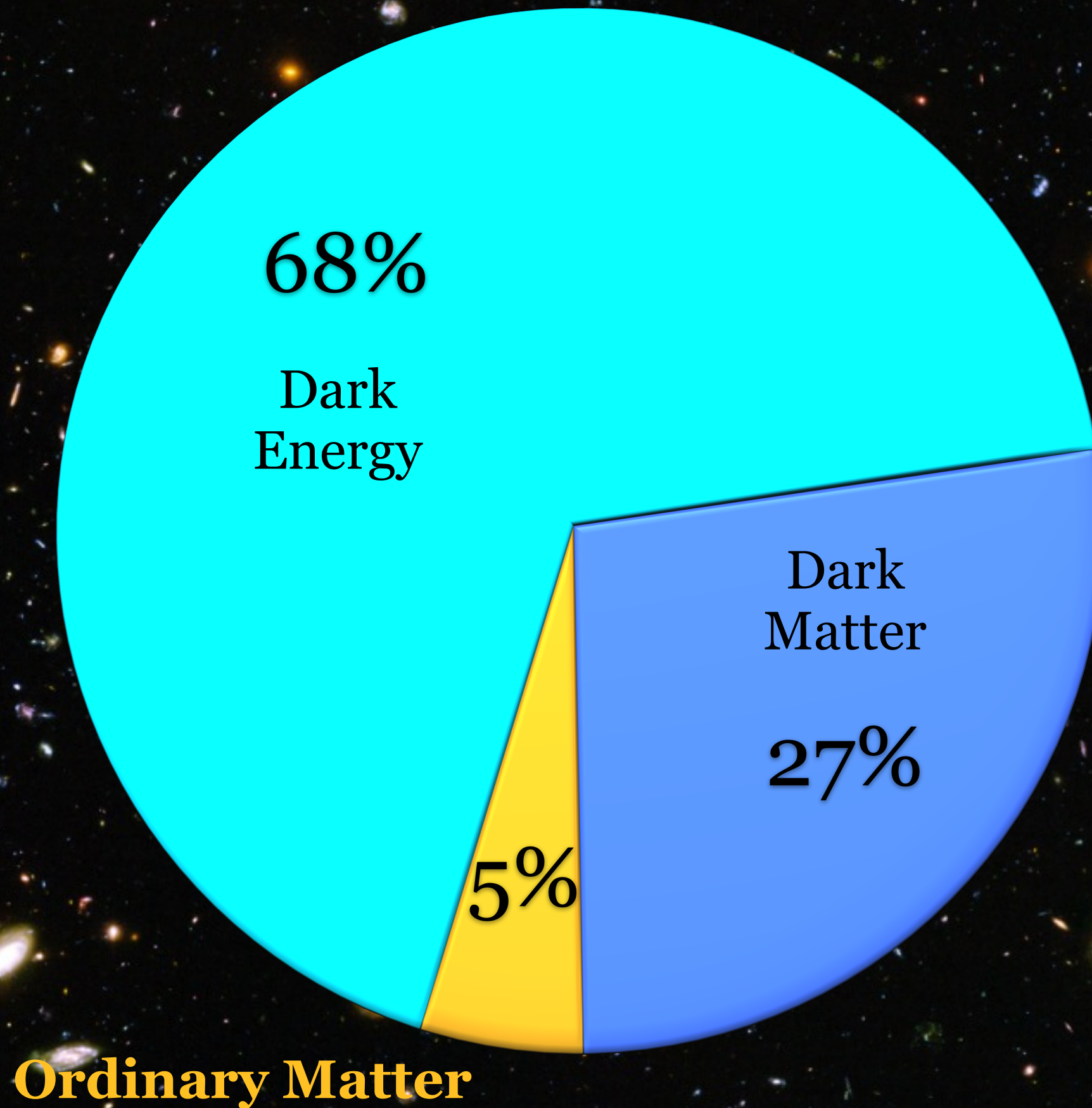
The search

The future

What exists?

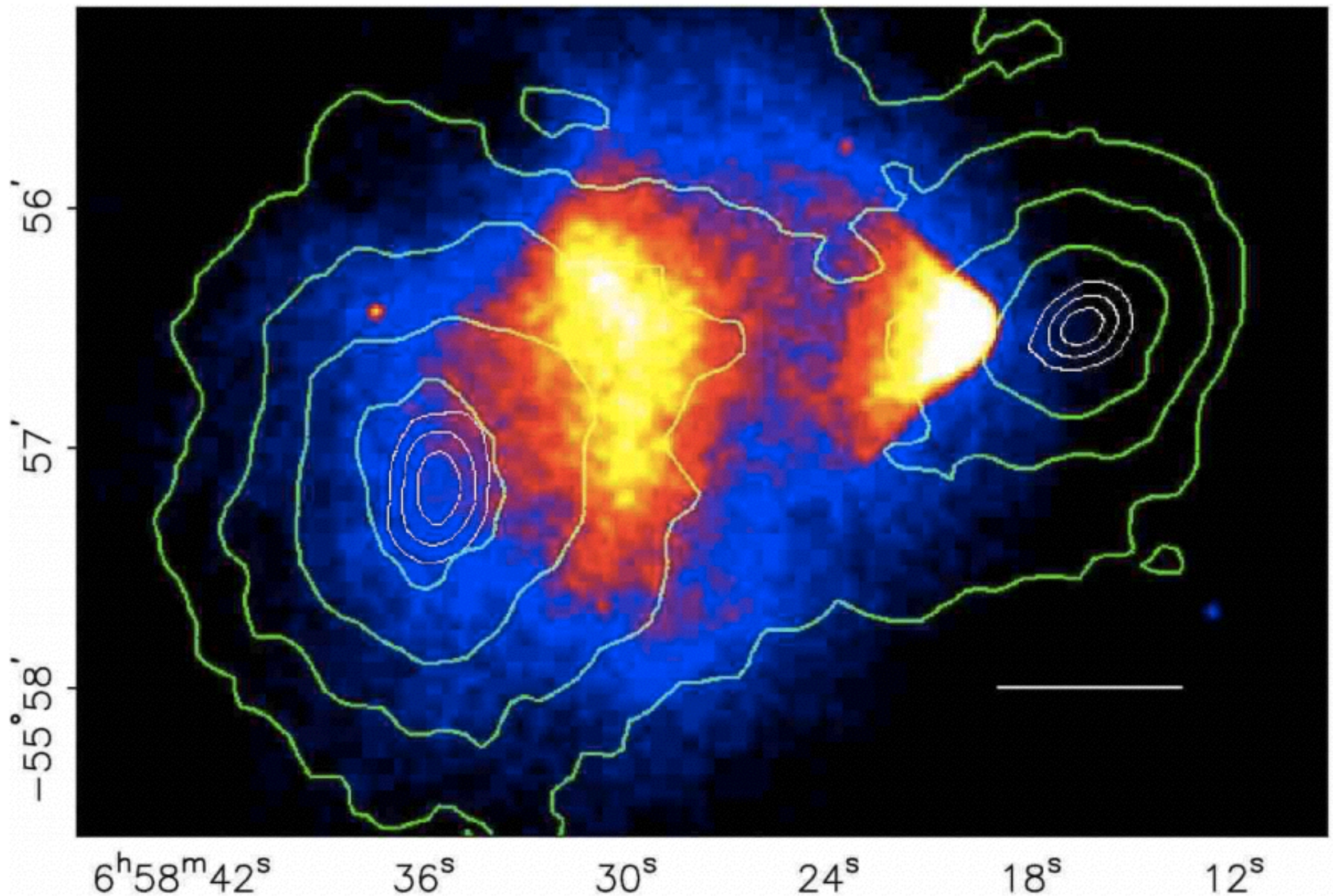


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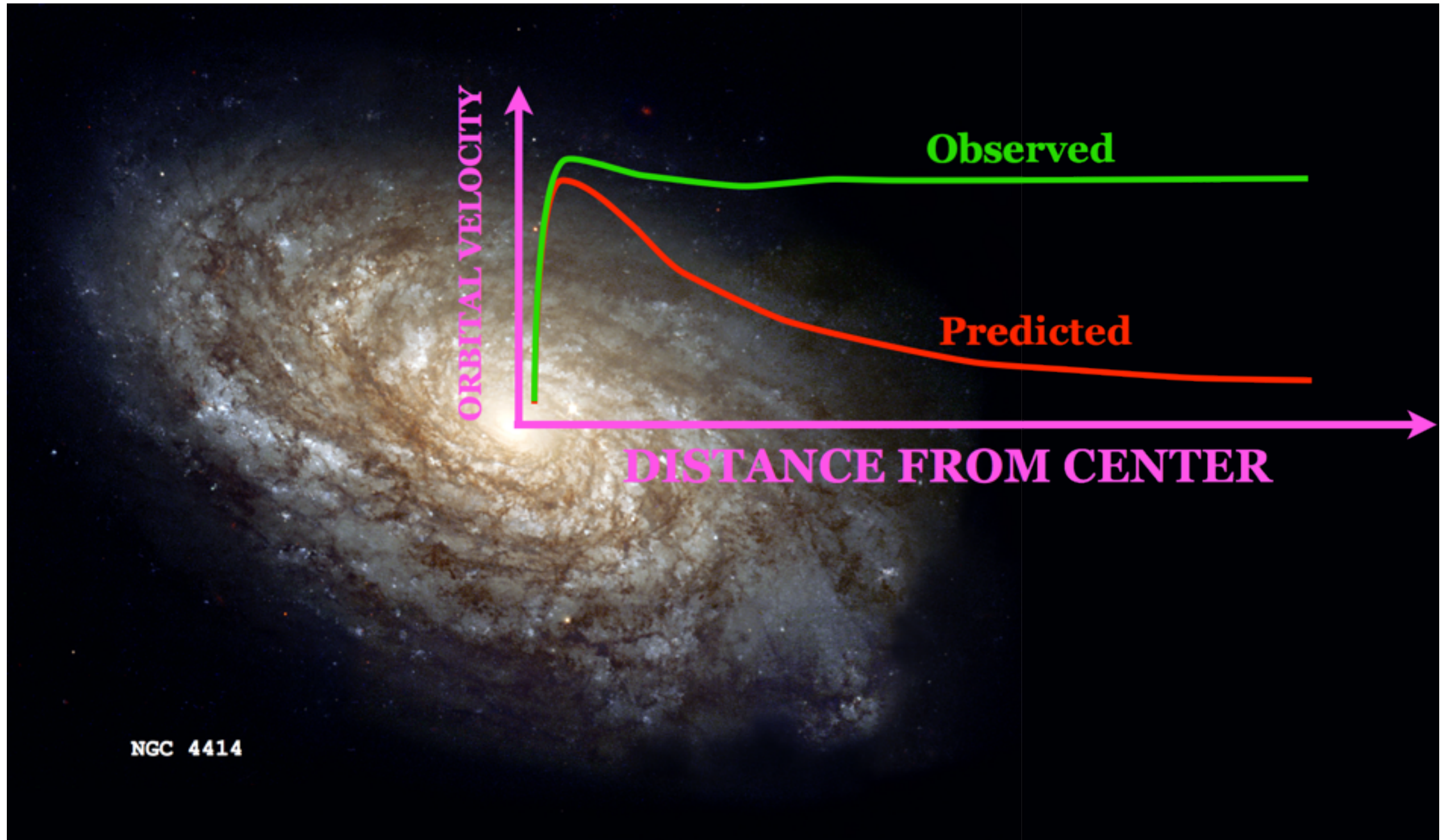
Ordinary Matter

Dark matter exists



[astro-ph:0608407](#)

Gravitationally interacting dark matter exists

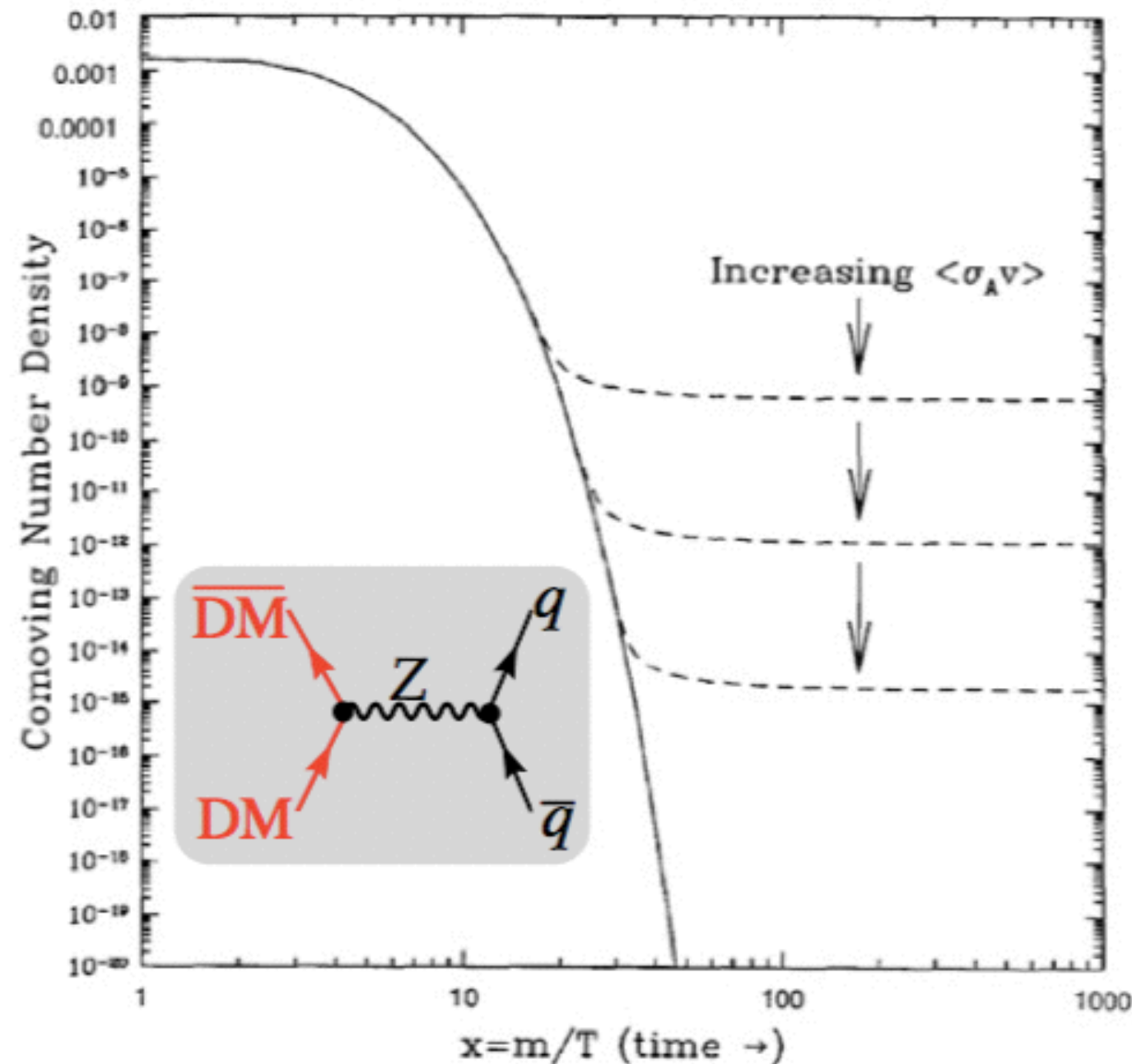


Does it only interact gravitationally?

If so, abandon all hope.

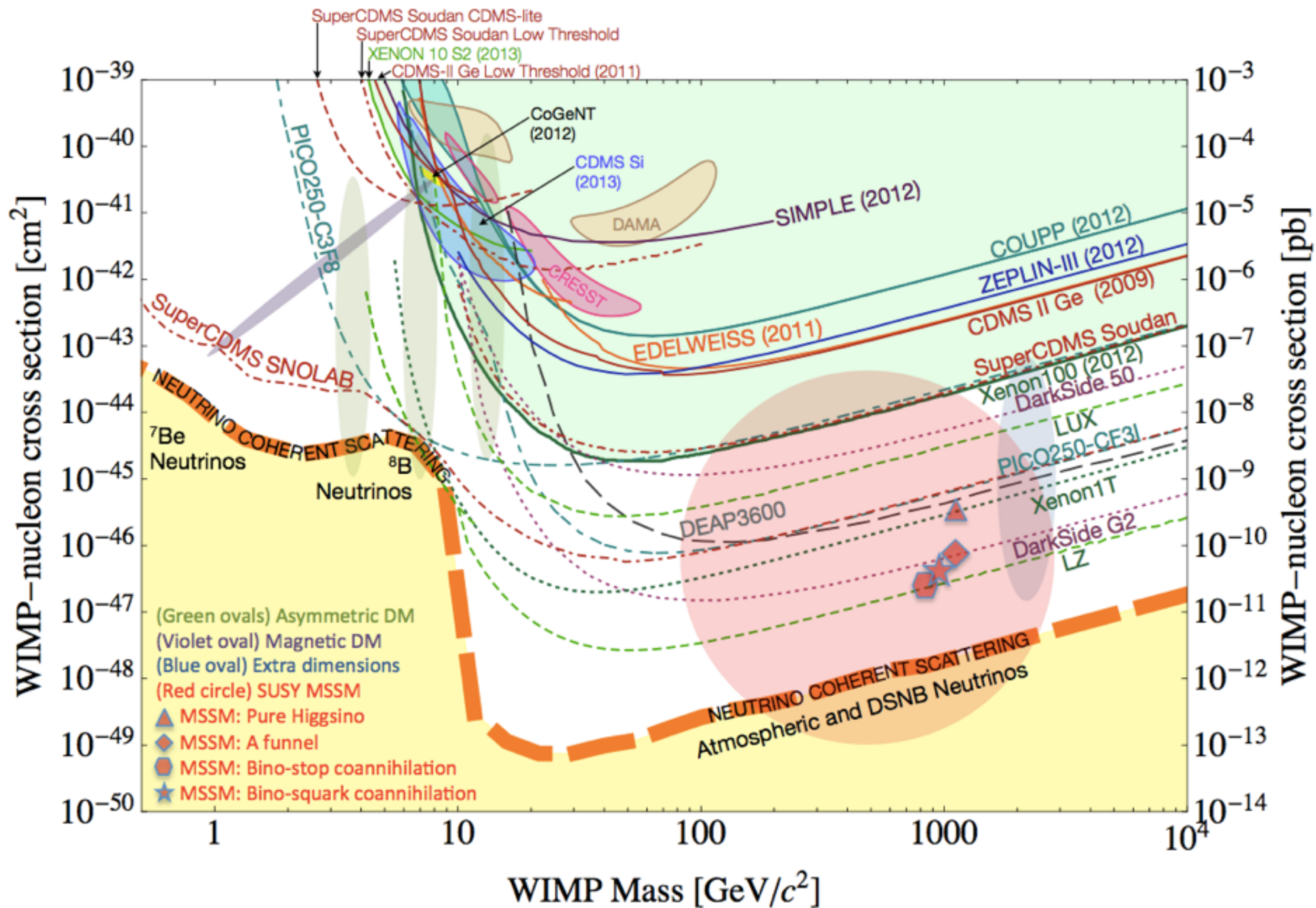
Does dark matter interact non-gravitationally?

Simple thermal-origin argument suggests weak-scale interactions.



For ~ 100 GeV DM mass, weak-scale mediators provide reasonable annihilation rate and range of DM-scattering rates
 \Rightarrow the WIMP scenario.

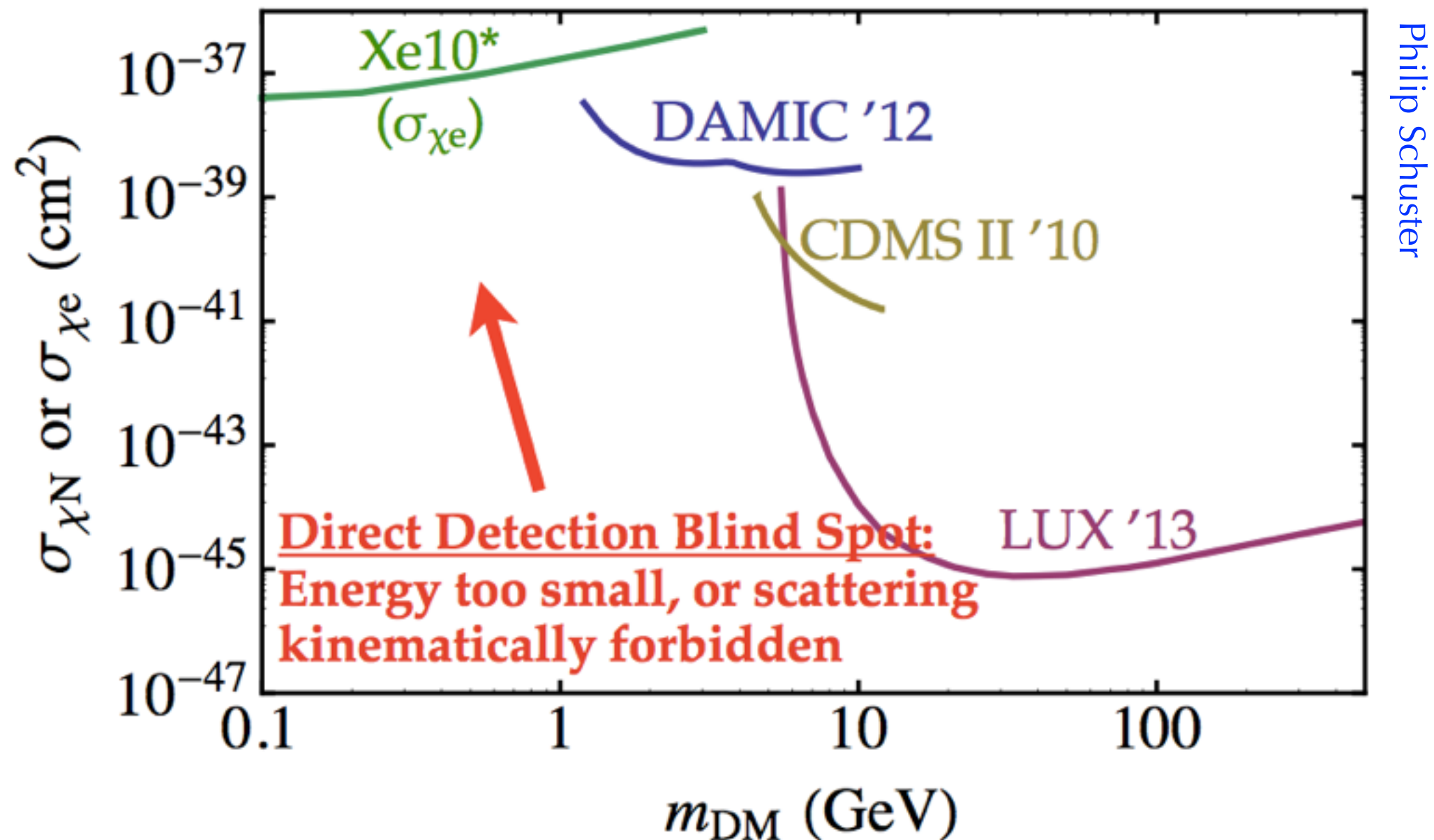
The WIMP scenario in tension



Beyond the WIMP scenario

Expanding our horizons

What about low-mass or light dark matter *in the vicinity of the weak scale*?



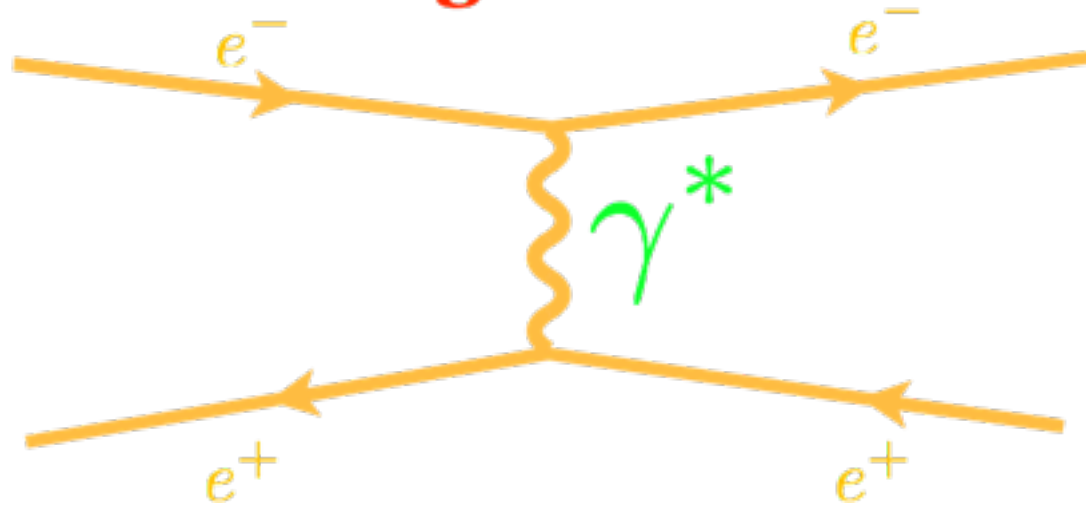
Direct detection experiments are limited in this range.

Perhaps dark matter is charged under a new force.

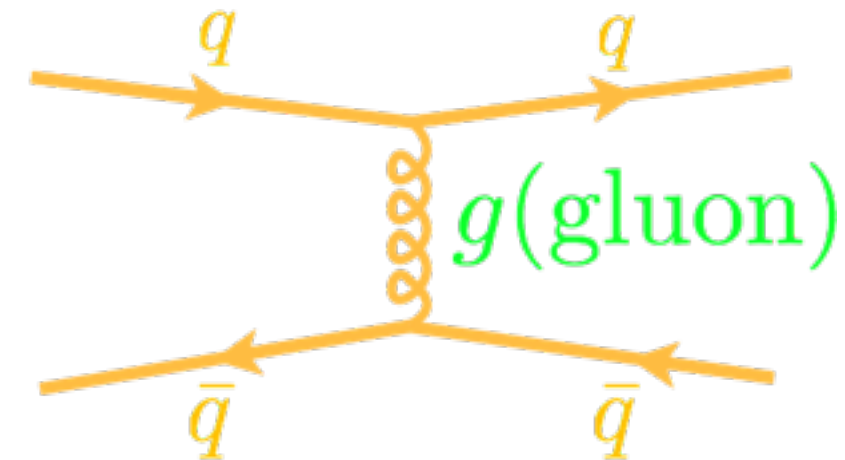
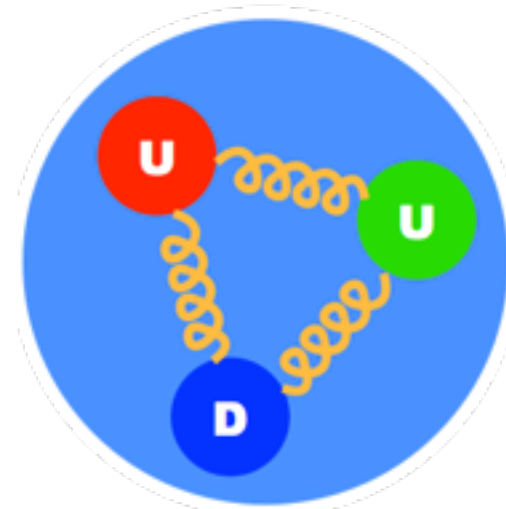
New forces

Forces that we care about at colliders

1) Electromagnetism



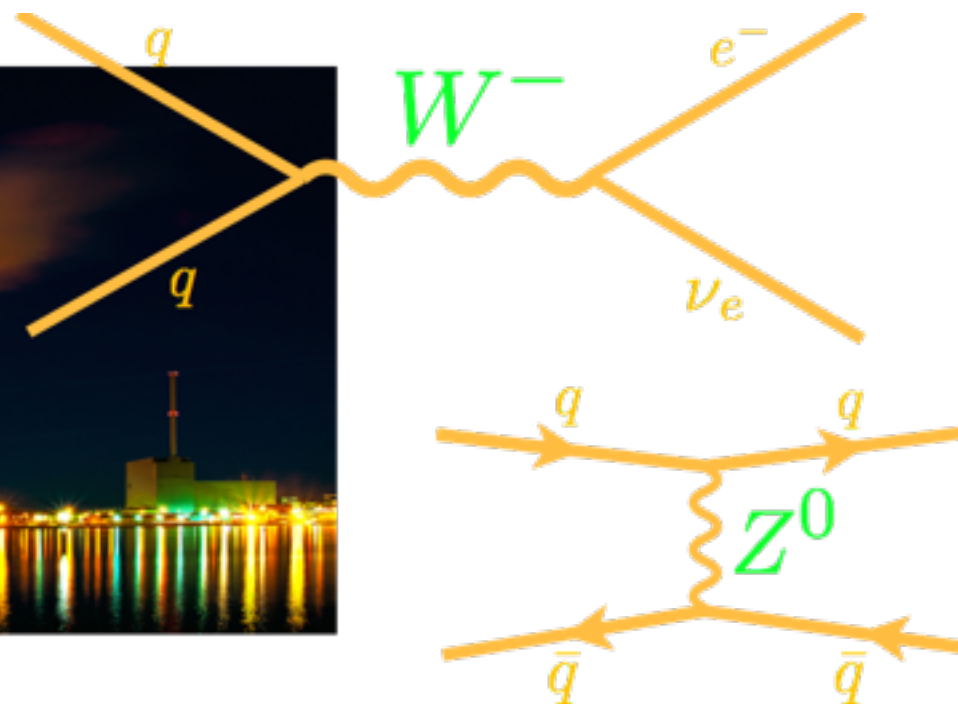
2) Strong



3) Weak

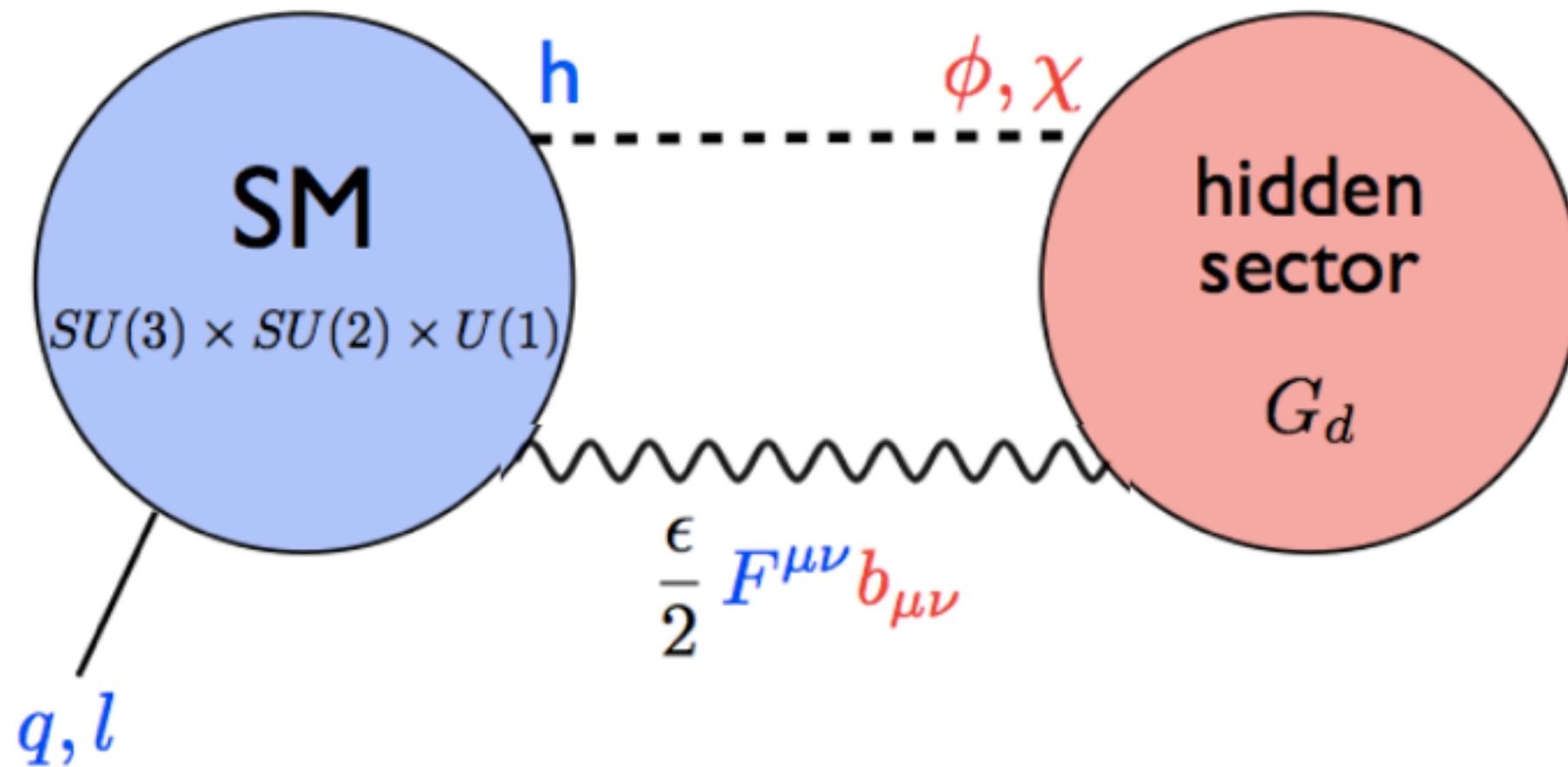


Photo: Djeen Schuur



But is that it?

How could we have missed new forces?



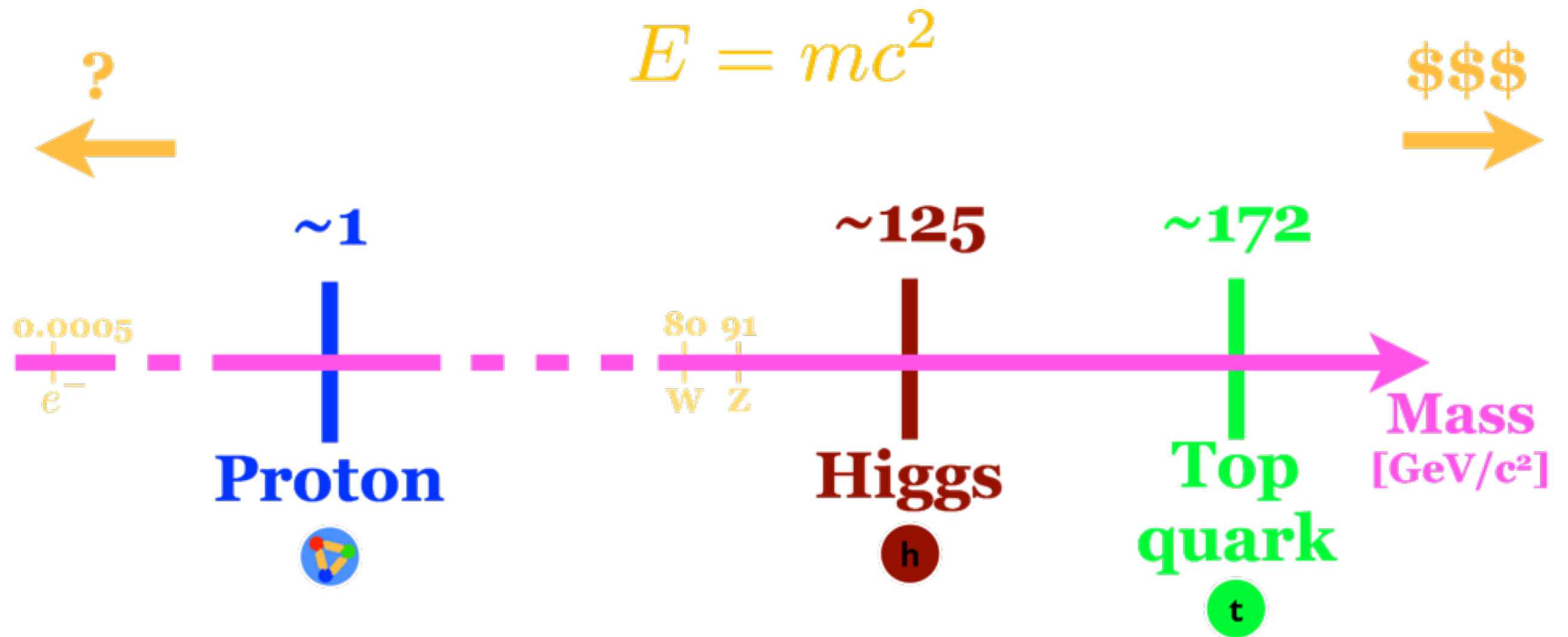
Only a few allowed ways:

- 1) Neutrino portal — heavy neutral leptons
- 2) Higgs portal — exotic decays of h125

3) Vector portal — kinetic mixing of SM and hidden gauge groups
—> New forces = new hidden gauge bosons

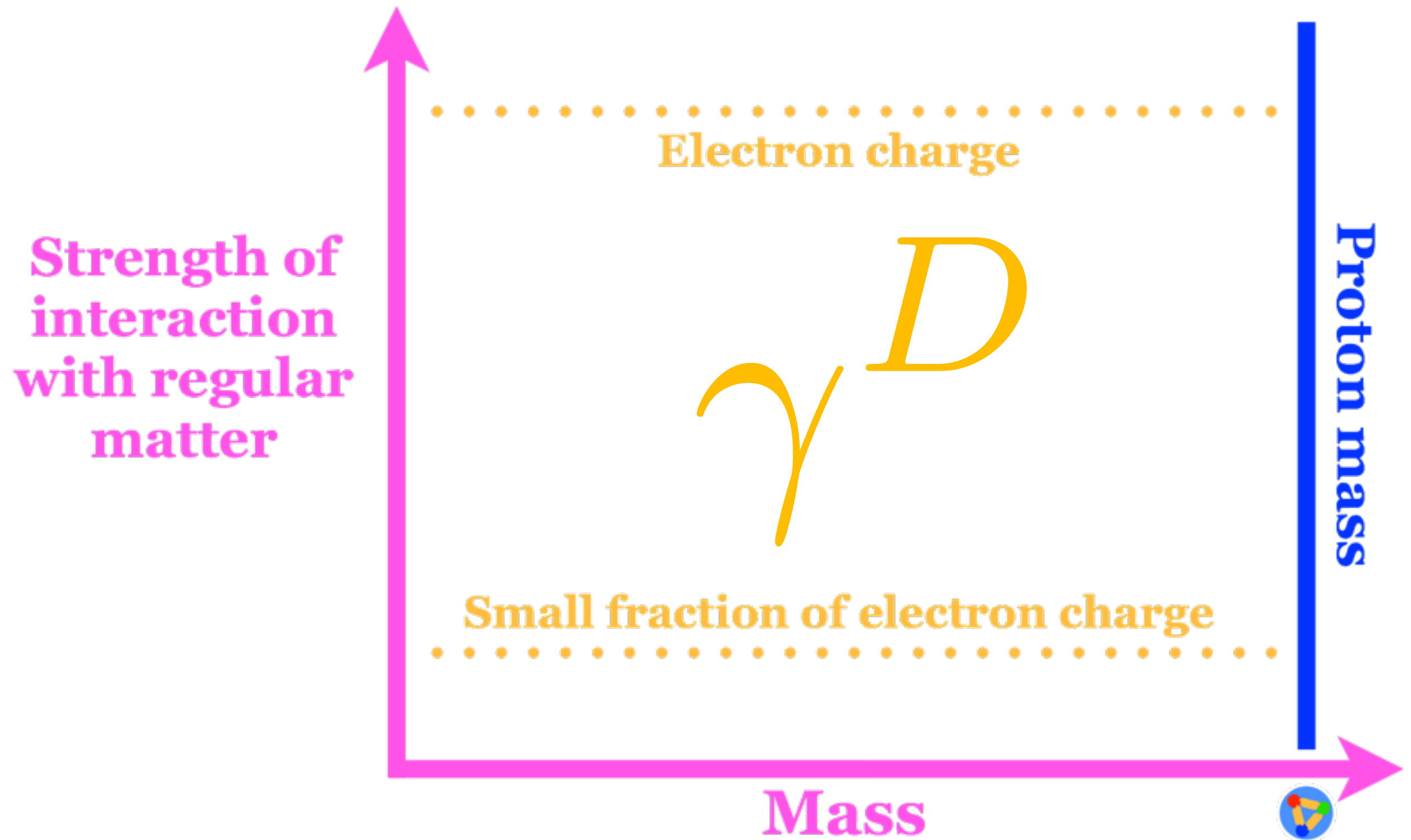
How could we have missed new forces?

One way: The gauge bosons associated to these forces are super massive.



How could we have missed new forces?

Another way: The gauge bosons have a very small mass...



...and couple *very slightly* to Standard Model particles.

A new (old), low-ish mass hidden gauge boson

U(1) extension of the Standard Model

Old-school idea

- Holdom, Phys.Lett. B166 (1986) 196
- Galison, Phys.Lett. B136 (1984); Manohar
- Later revisitation/developments: Fayet, Pospelov, et al.

Kinetic mixing

- Lagrangian contains a term

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} F^{Y,\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$$

γ^D

Dark photon

A'

Heavy photon

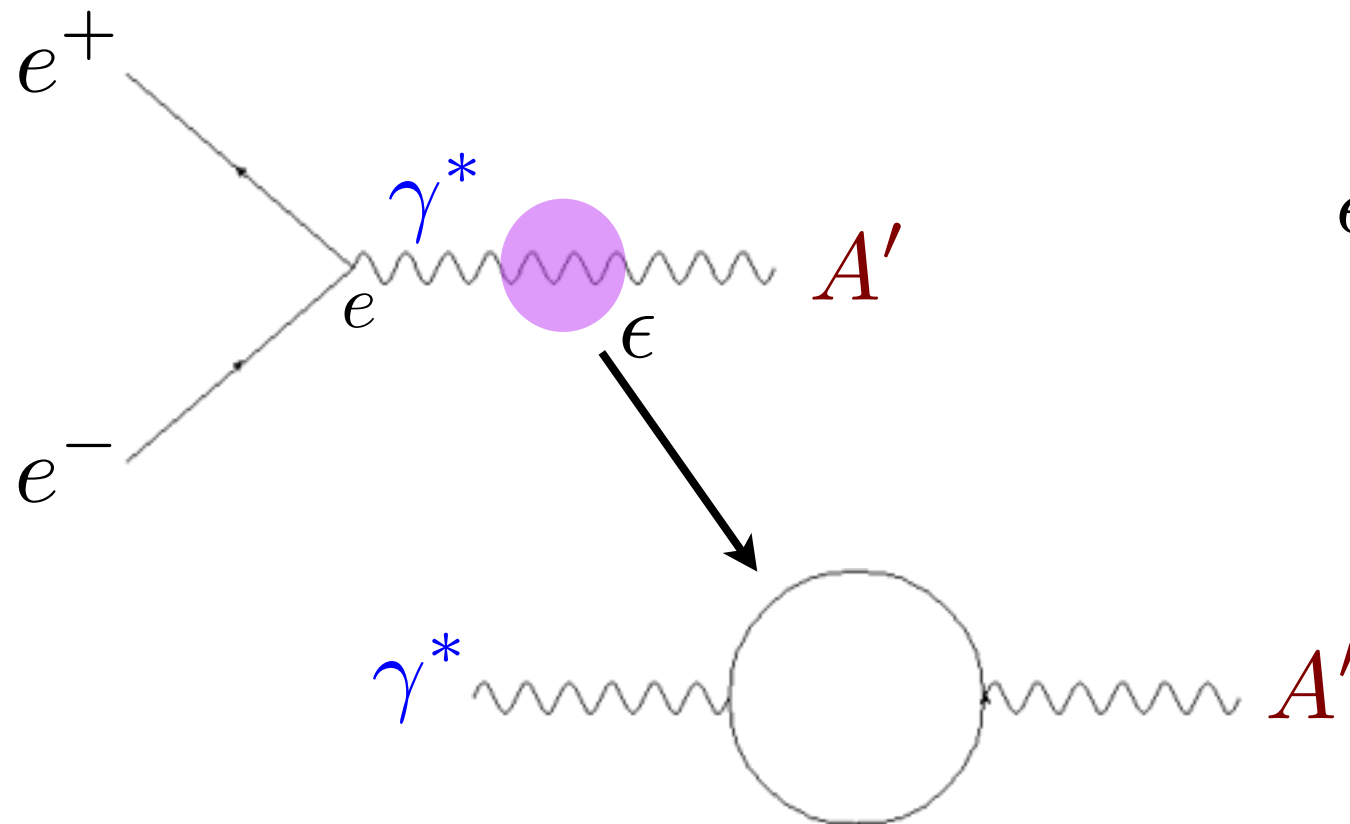
Z_{dark}

Hidden photon

U-boson

etc.

Note: $\alpha'/\alpha = \epsilon^2$



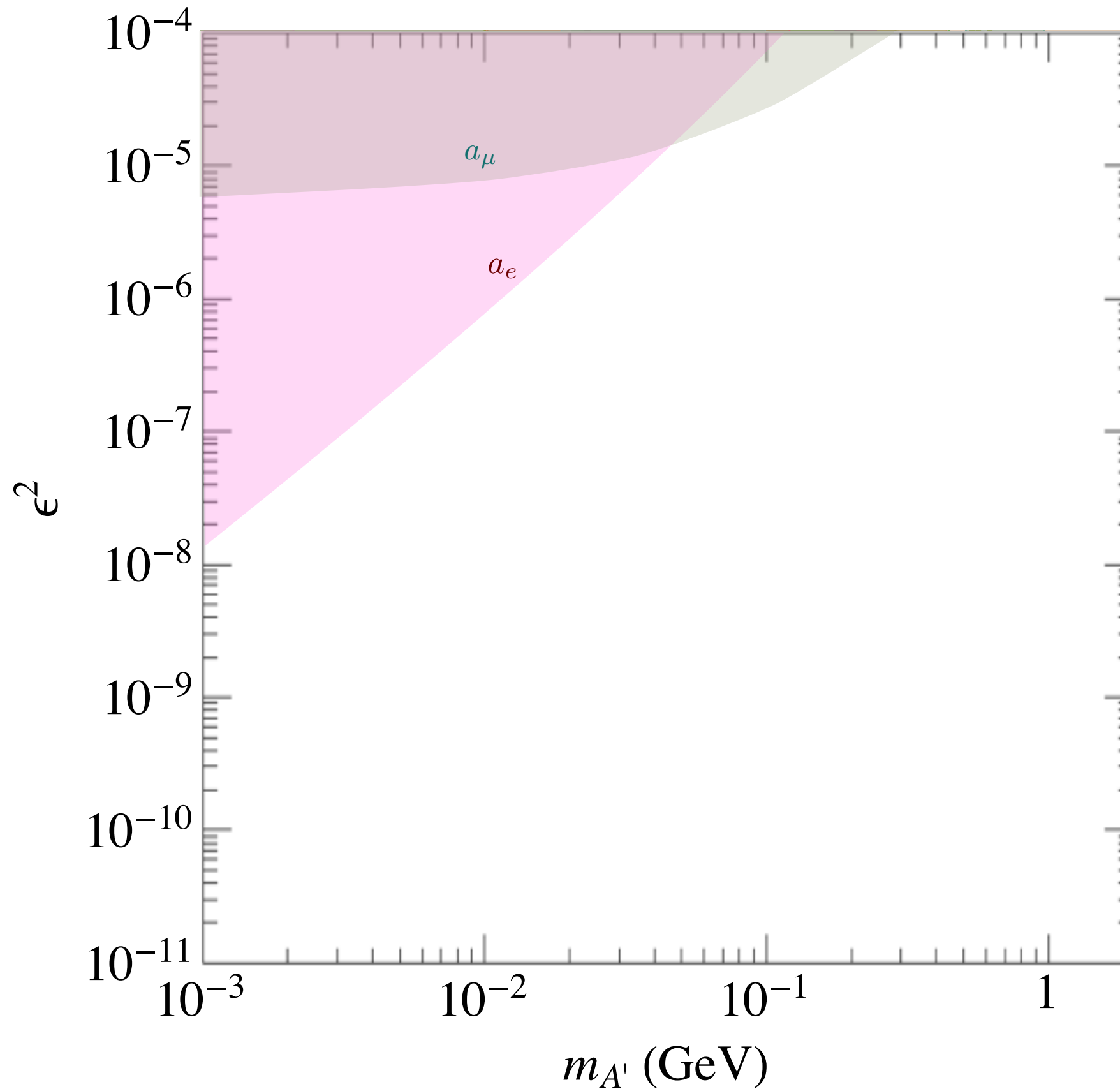
$$\epsilon_Y = \epsilon \cos \theta_W$$

$$\epsilon = g'/e$$

$$\epsilon \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-2}$$

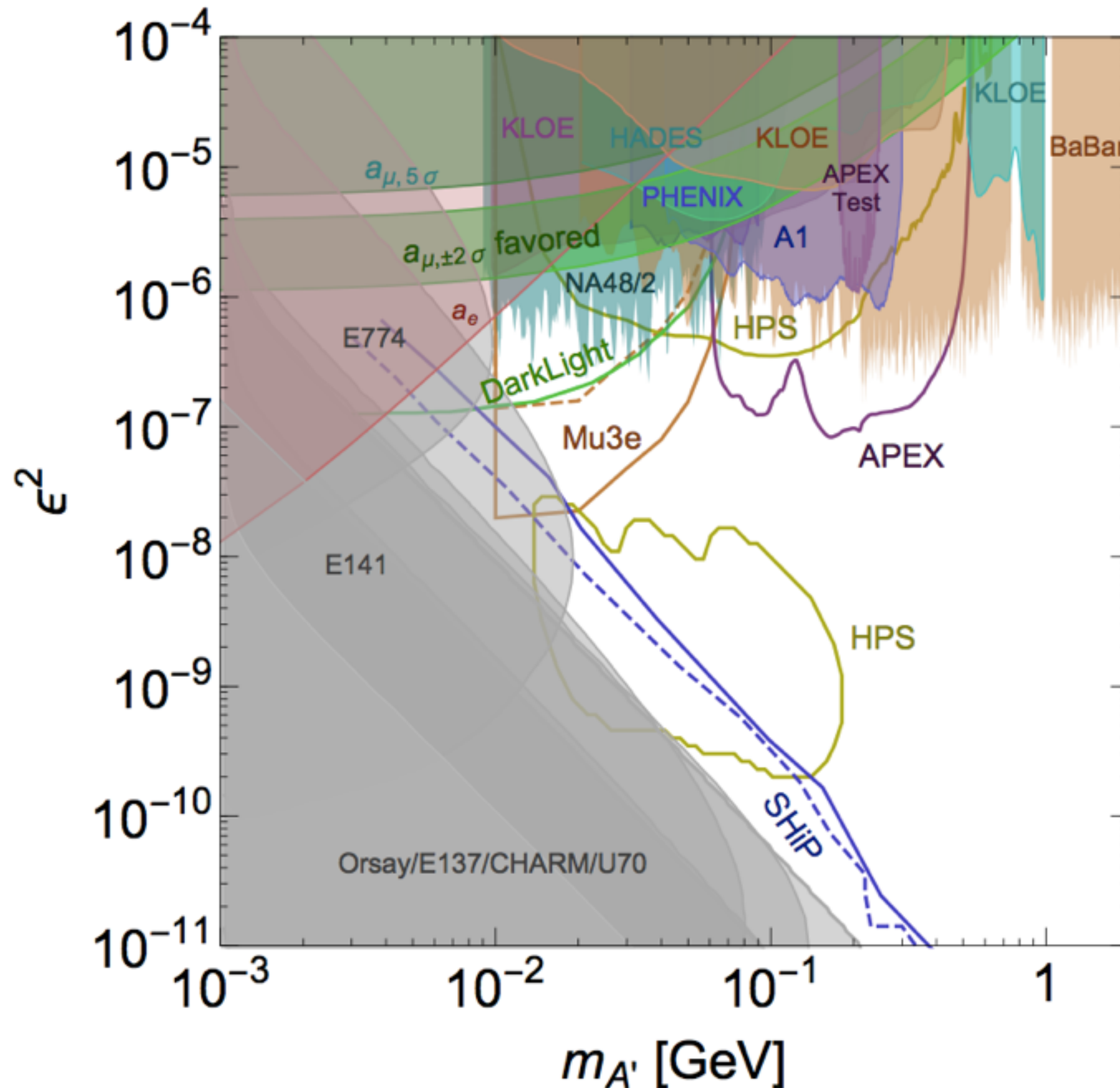
$$m_{A'} \sim \text{MeV} - \text{GeV}$$

Existing constraints



2008

Existing constraints



Now

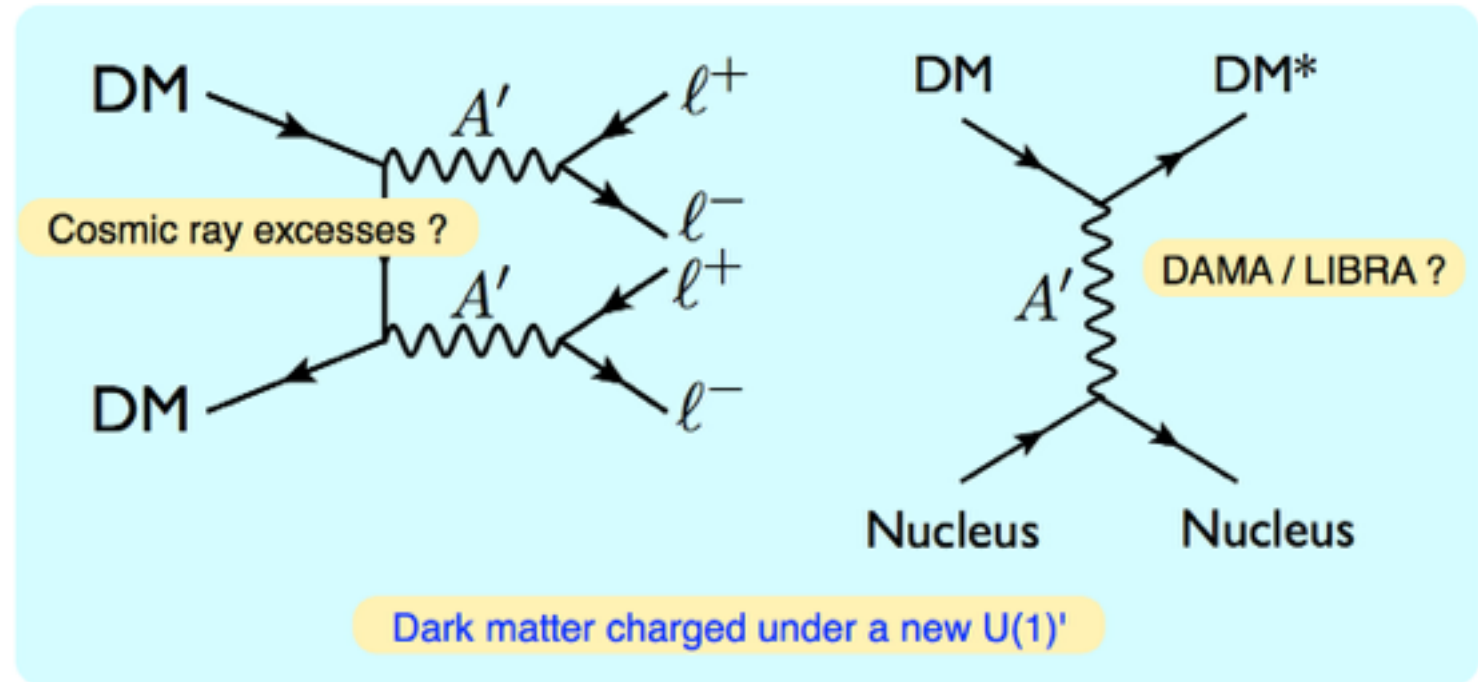
What
happened?

Two
realizations
and one
reminder.

Explosion of interest in dark photons at colliders

1) The realization that a dark photon in this range could explain a lot of things.

A sub-GeV mass for the A' could explain dark matter anomalies...

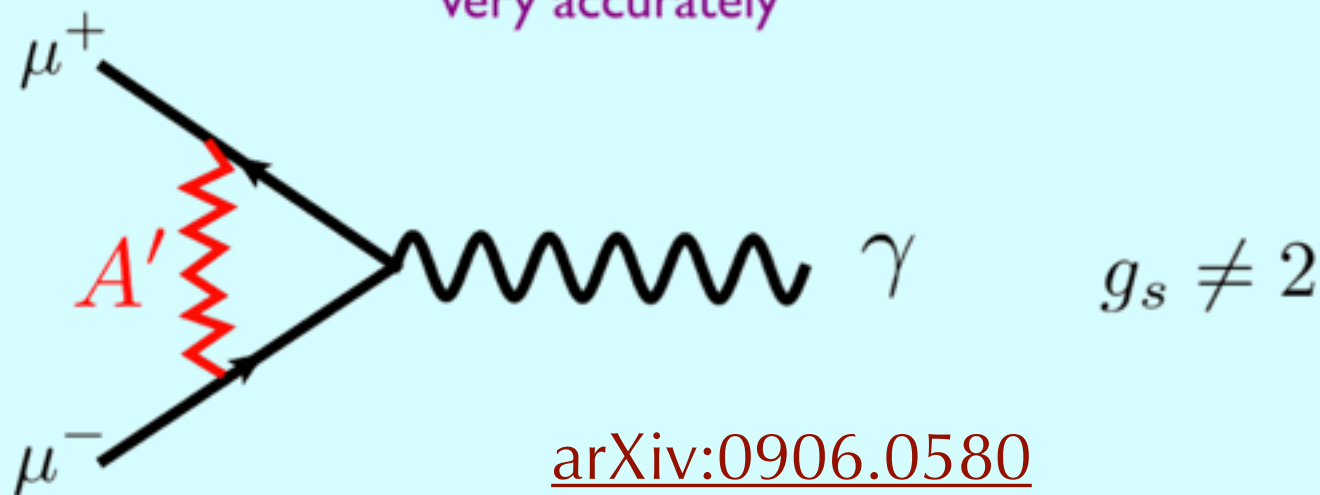


magnetic dipole moment

$$\vec{\mu} = g_s \left(\frac{q}{2m} \right) \vec{s}$$

spin

can be measured
very accurately



[arXiv:0906.0580](https://arxiv.org/abs/0906.0580)

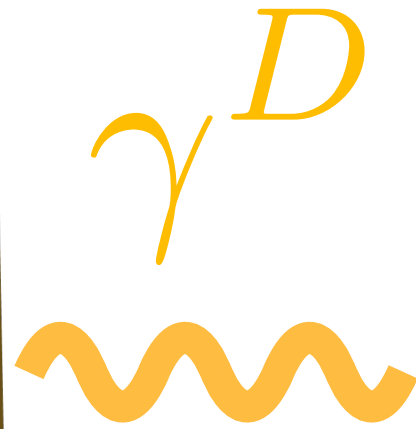
...and the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon

Dark photons could be our
window into dark matter

Dark
Energy

Ordinary
Matter

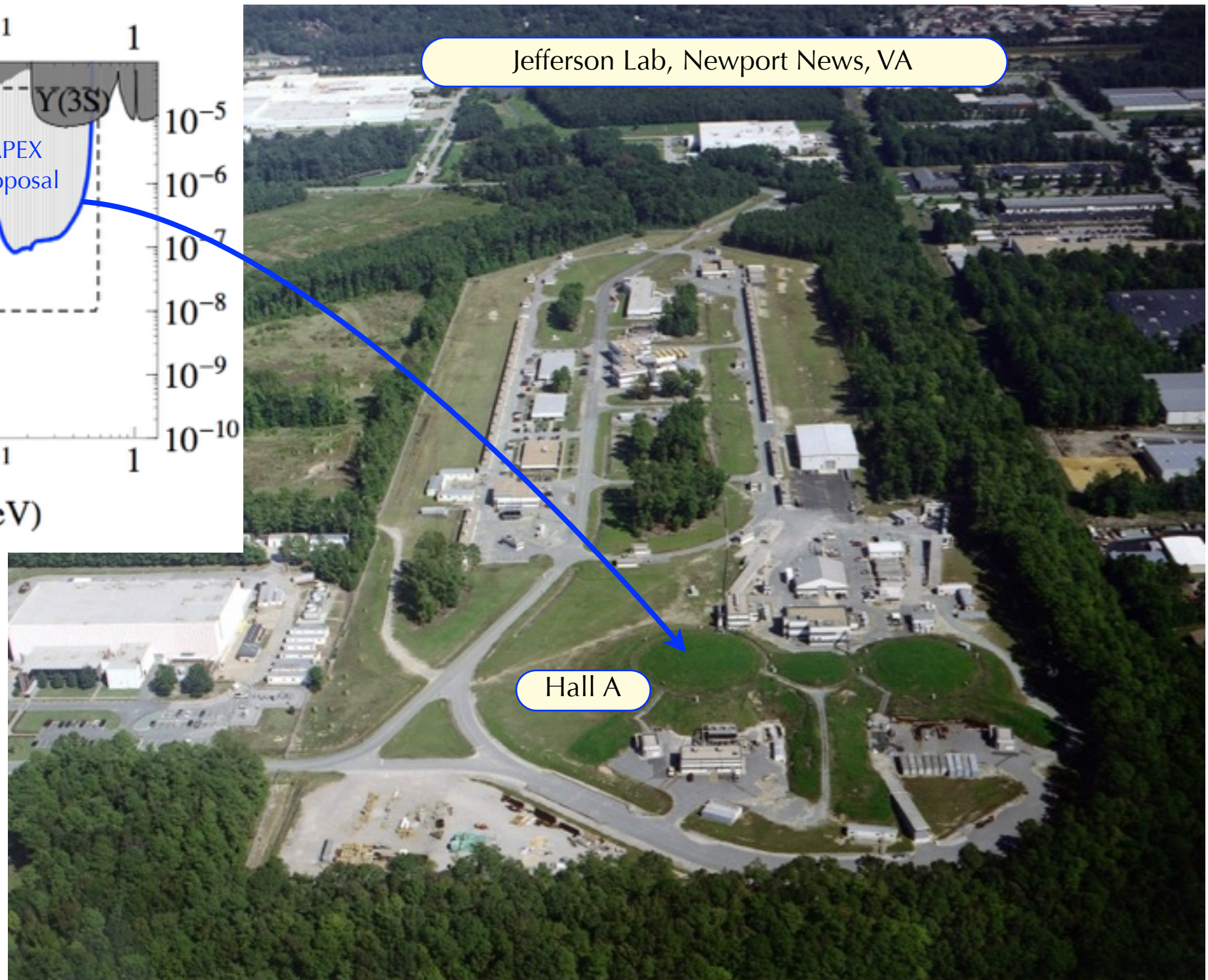
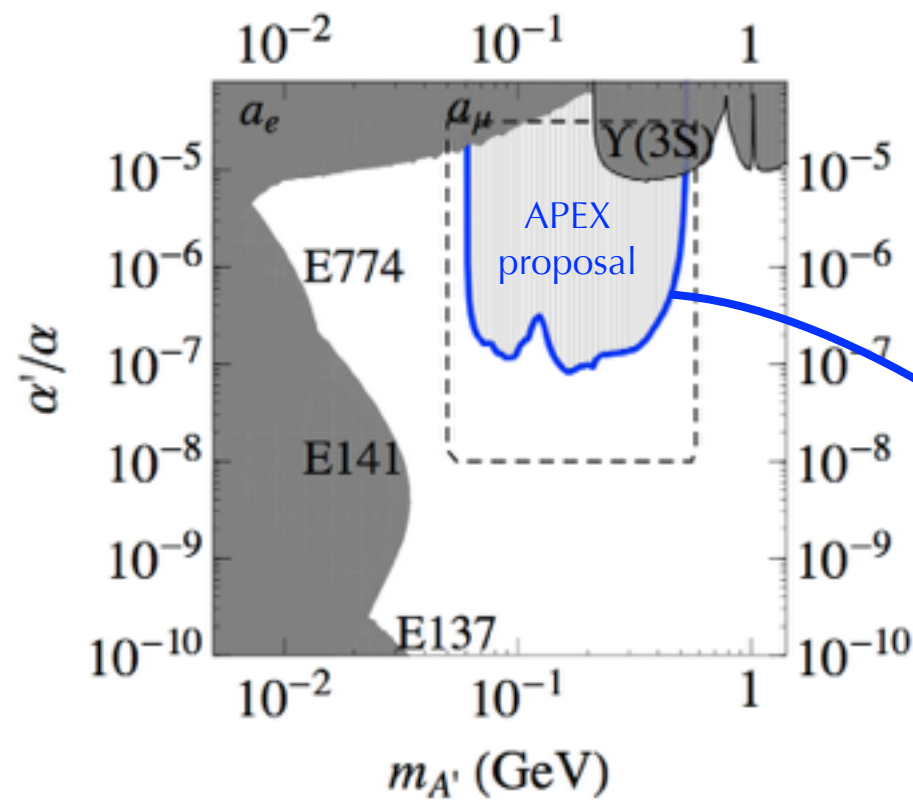
5%



27%
Dark
Matter

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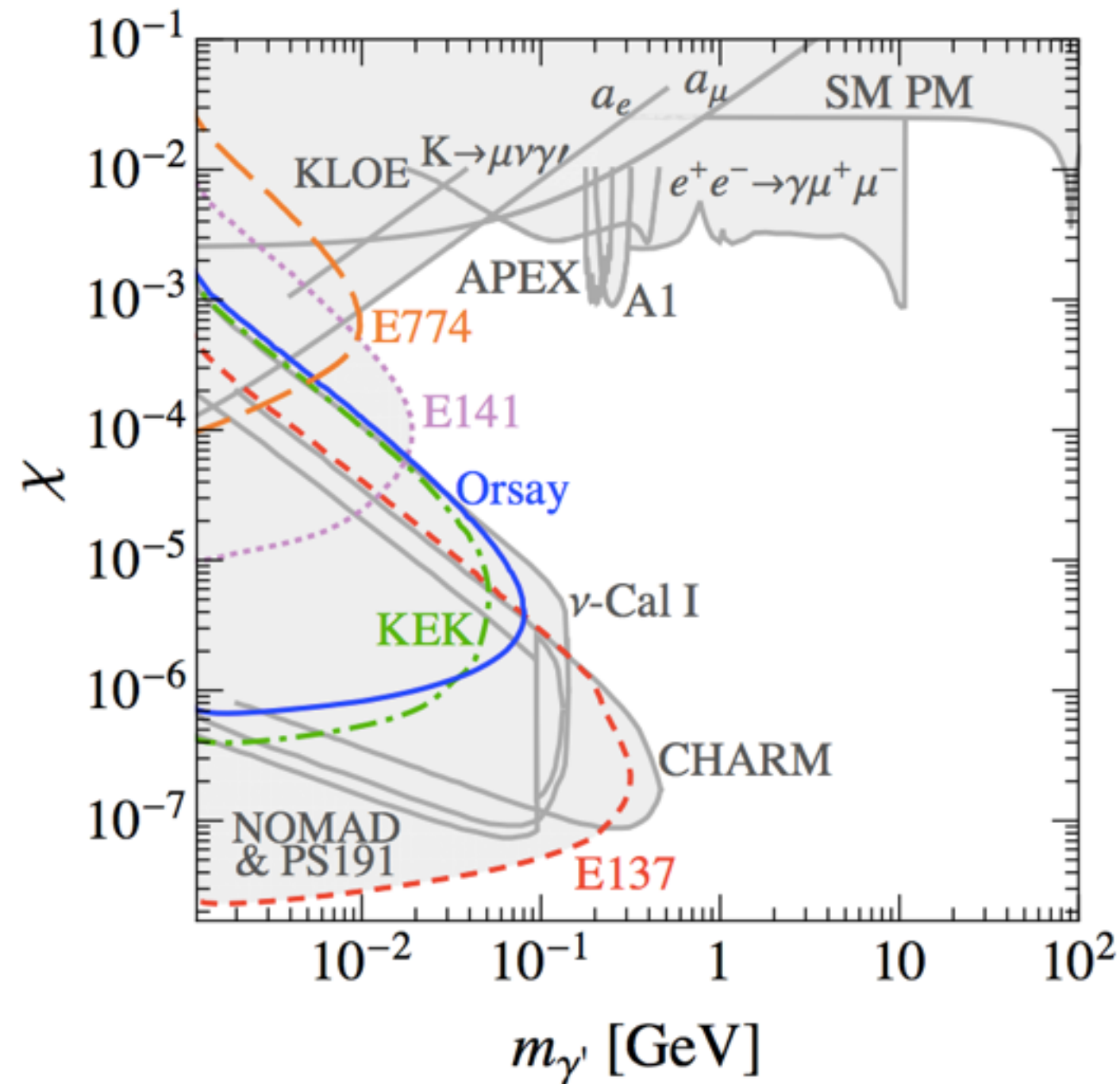
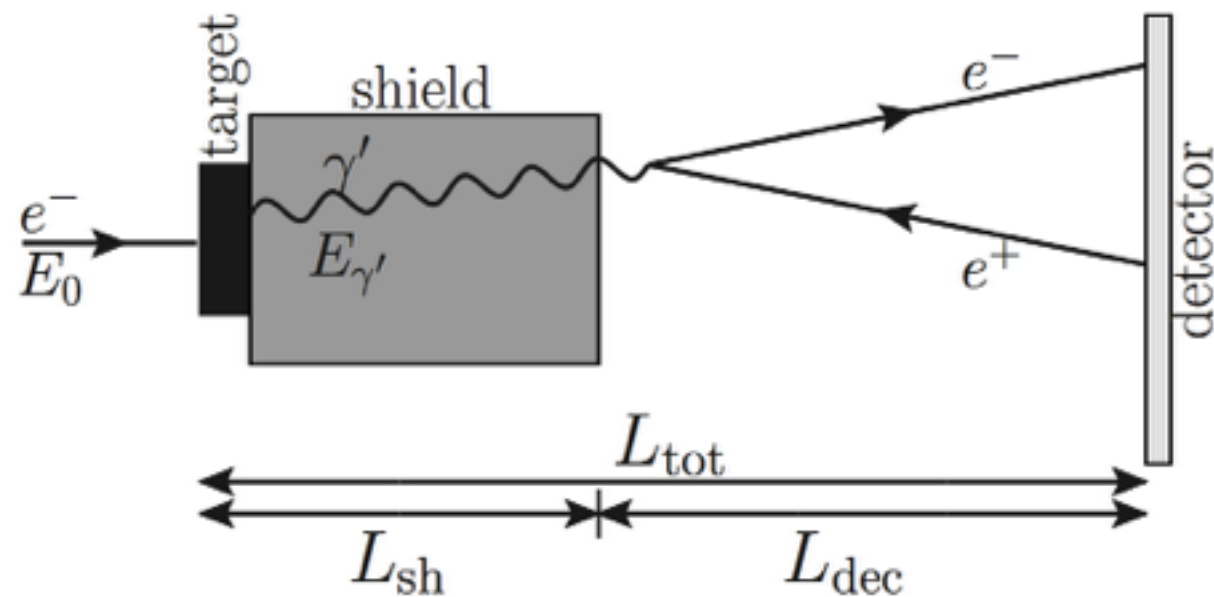
2) The realization that we can handily search for a dark photon in this range at existing fixed target facilities



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Explosion of interest in dark photons at colliders

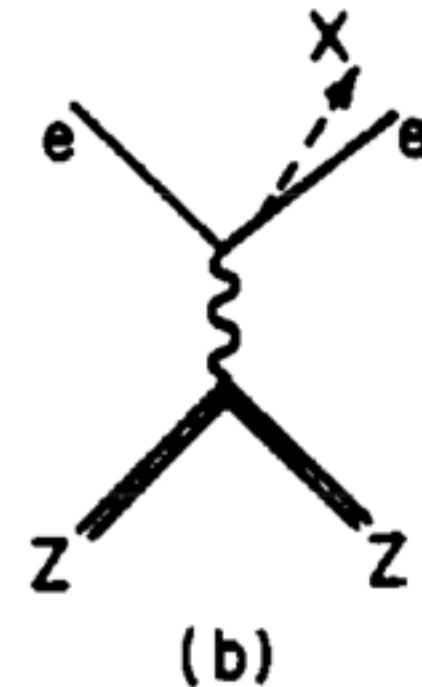
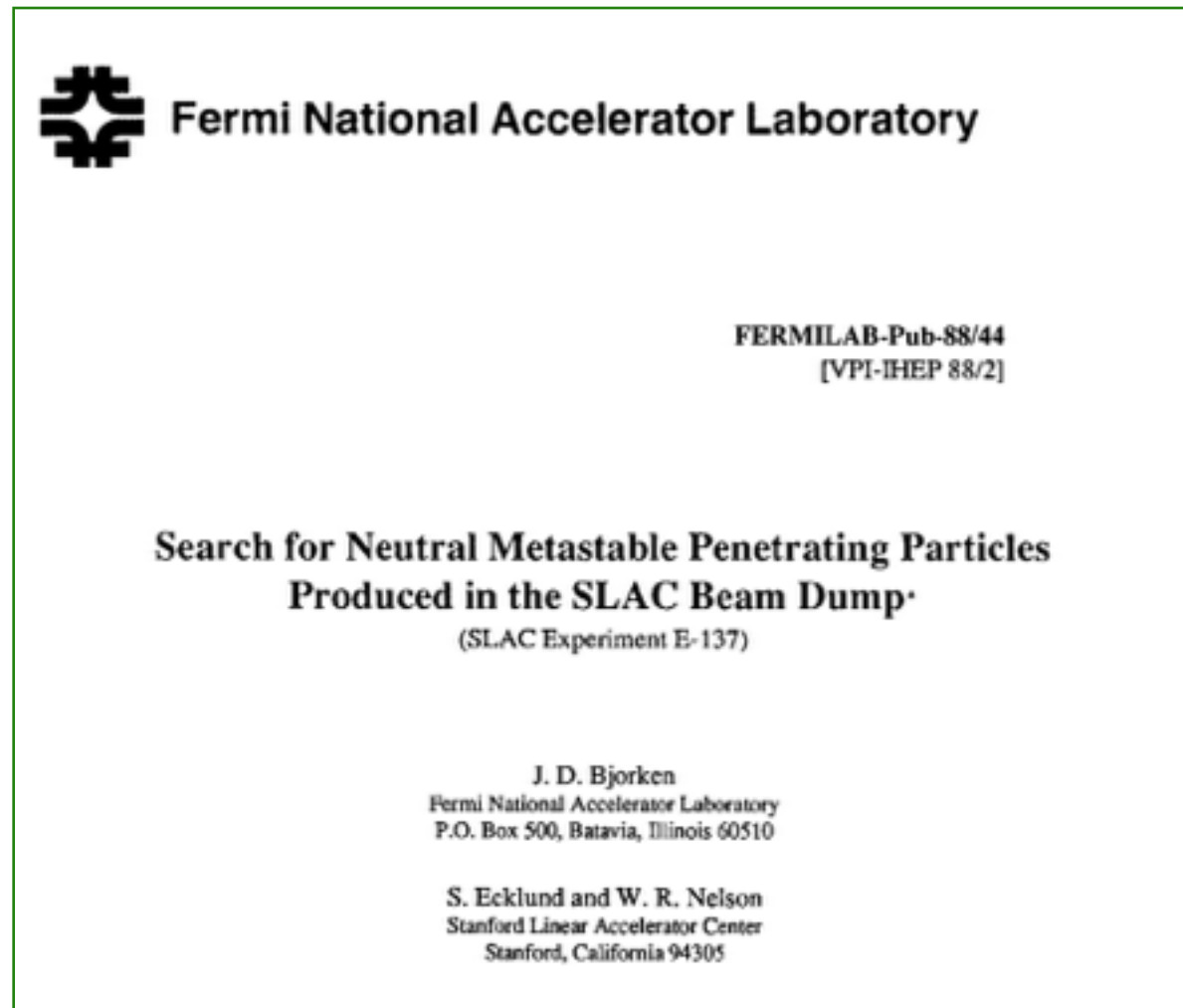
3) The reminder that we've already been effectively looking for dark photons in this range at beam dump experiments



Example: [arXiv:1209.6083](https://arxiv.org/abs/1209.6083)

Dark photons from legacy beam dump experiments

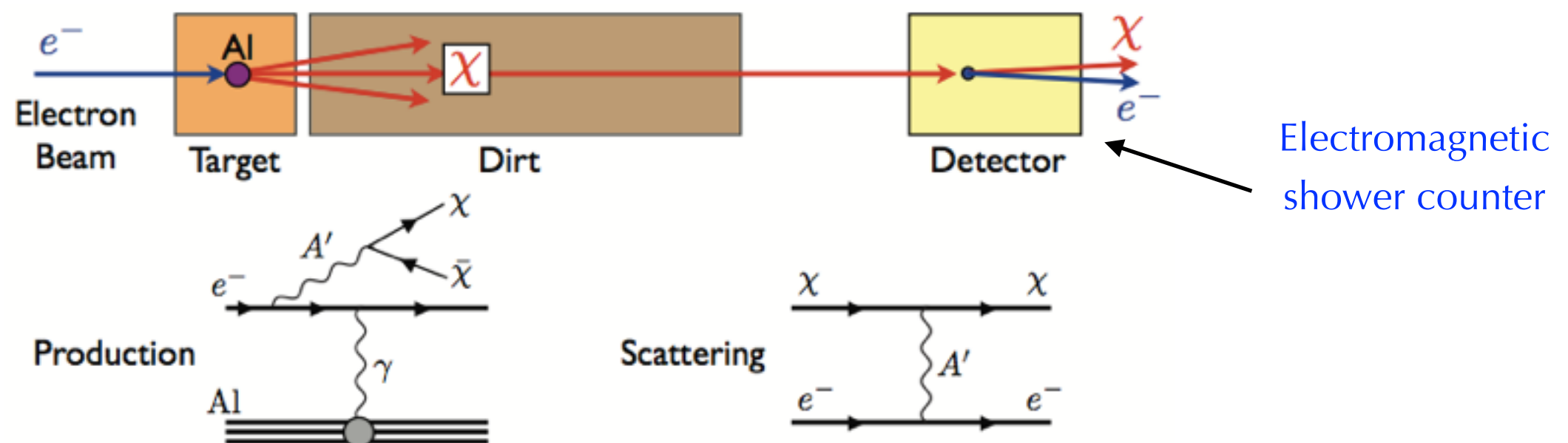
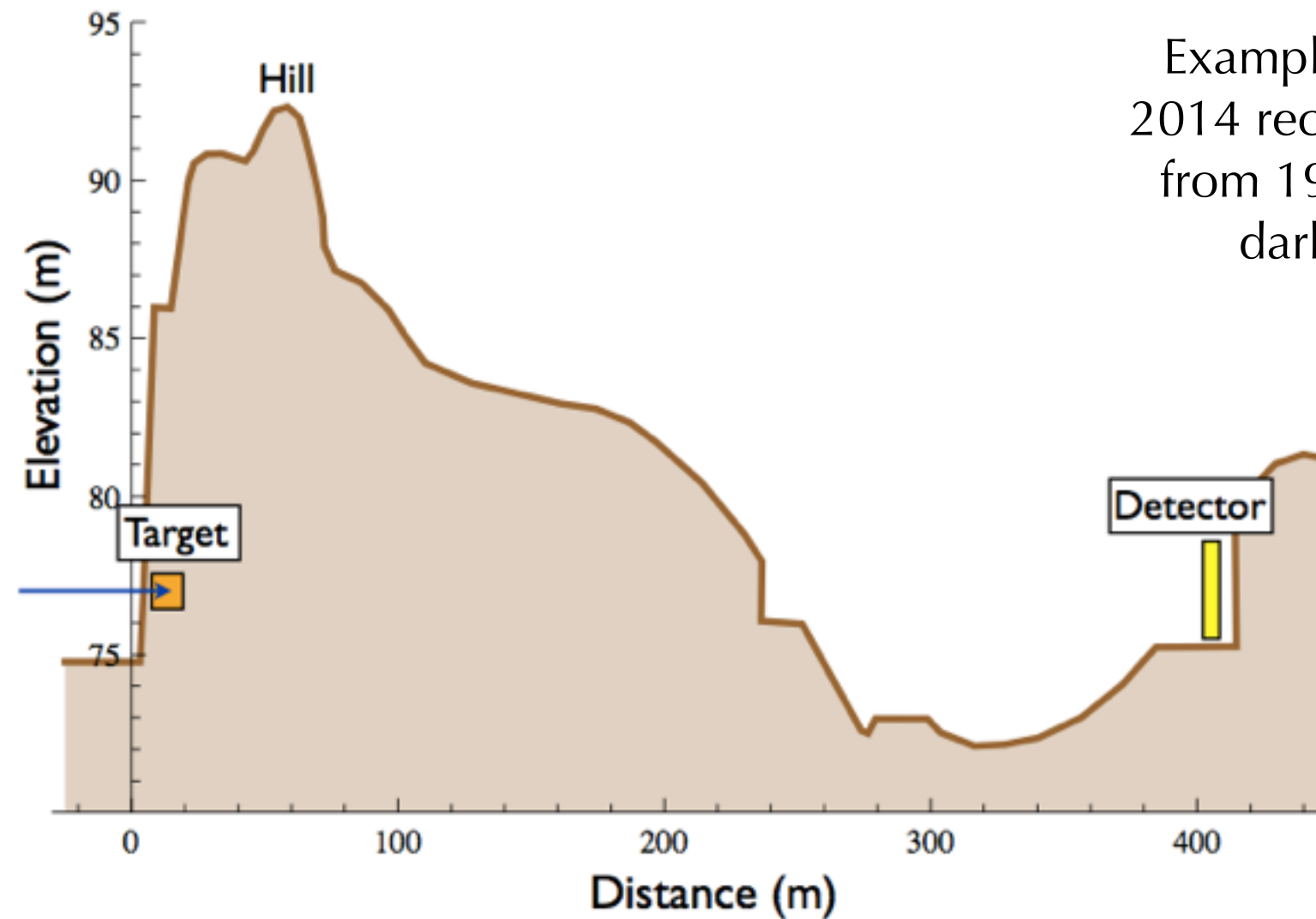
Example: [arXiv:1406.2698](https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.2698)
2014 recasting of SLAC E137,
from 1980-82, for invisible
dark photon decays



There are several classes of conjectured low-mass, neutral particles with little coupling to matter which are of special interest as objects of such an experimental search. Among candidate objects are neutral neutrino-like leptons, the photinos of super-symmetric theories, and axions. However, it must be kept in mind that the most relevant object in such a speculative search experiment as this may well be “none of the above”. For example, the predecessor¹ of

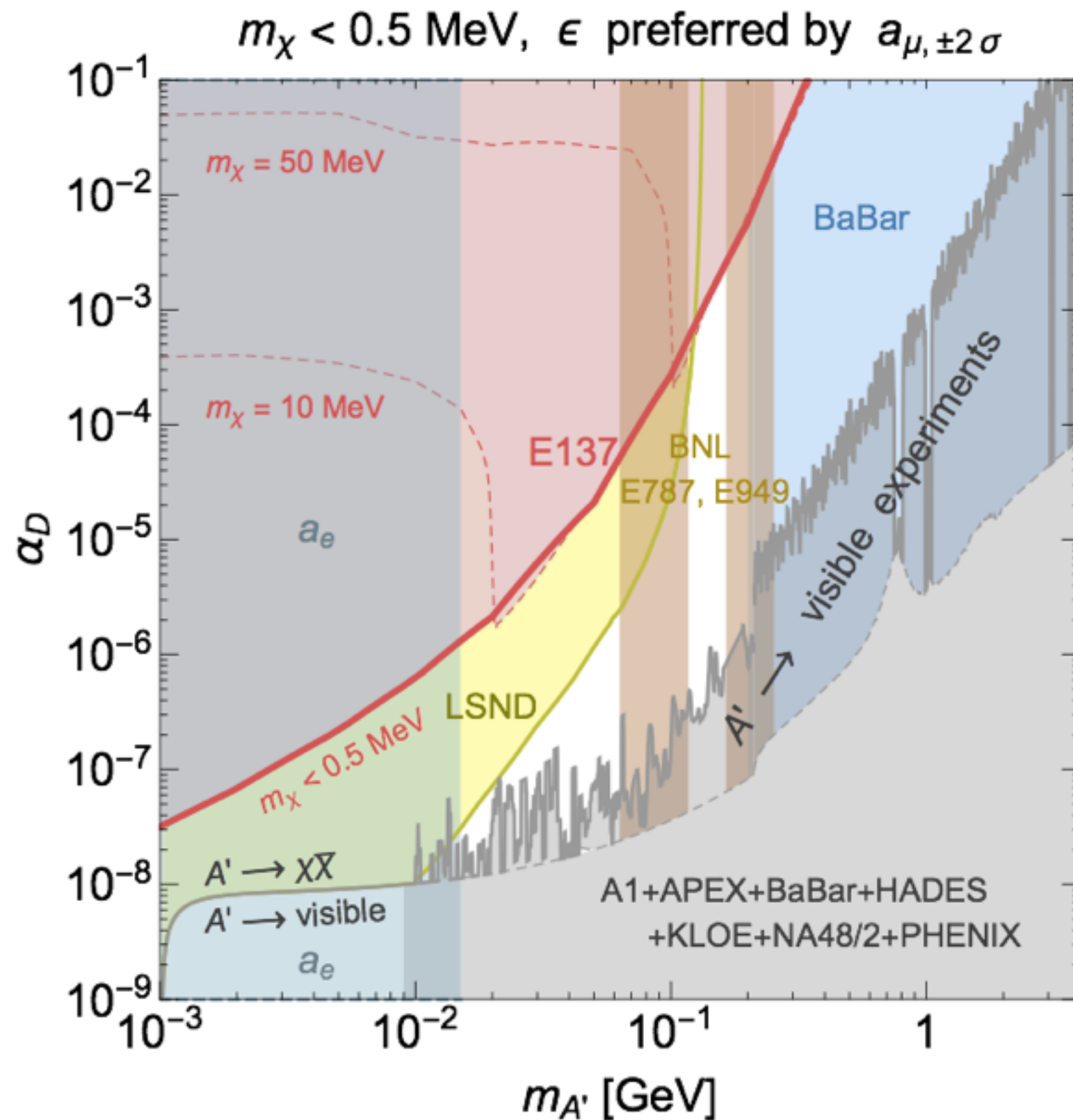
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Fix ϵ to the smallest
possible value that can
explain the $(g-2)_\mu$

Some parameter space
survives!

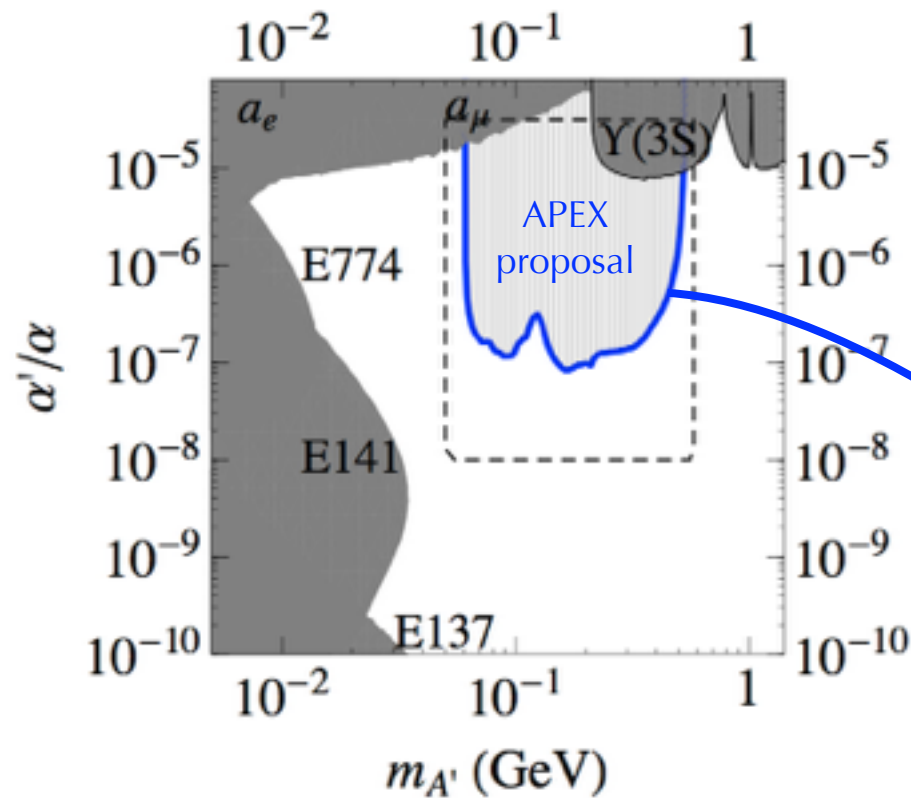
Fixed target experiments

Searching for a dark photon in fixed target experiments is simple

- 1) Find a nearly-continuous low-to-medium energy electron beam
- 2) Shoot it at a chunk of metal with a high-Z nucleus
- 3) Collect the outgoing e^+e^- pair with a detector apparatus featuring extremely good momentum resolution, angular resolution, particle ID and pion rejection
- 4) Look for a tiny excess on top of a smooth background histogram of $m_{e^+e^-}$

This sounds like Jefferson Lab's Hall A.

APEX: Dark photon search in fixed target experiment at Jefferson Lab



Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro, Wojtsekhowski, et al. proposed a fixed target experiment to be conducted at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, in Virginia; **test run for experiment in June/July 2010**



- Full run: $\alpha'/\alpha \gtrsim 10^{-7}$
 $m_{A'} = 65 \text{ to } 525 \text{ MeV}$
- Test run: $\alpha'/\alpha \gtrsim 10^{-6}$
 $m_{A'} = 178 \text{ to } 250 \text{ MeV}$

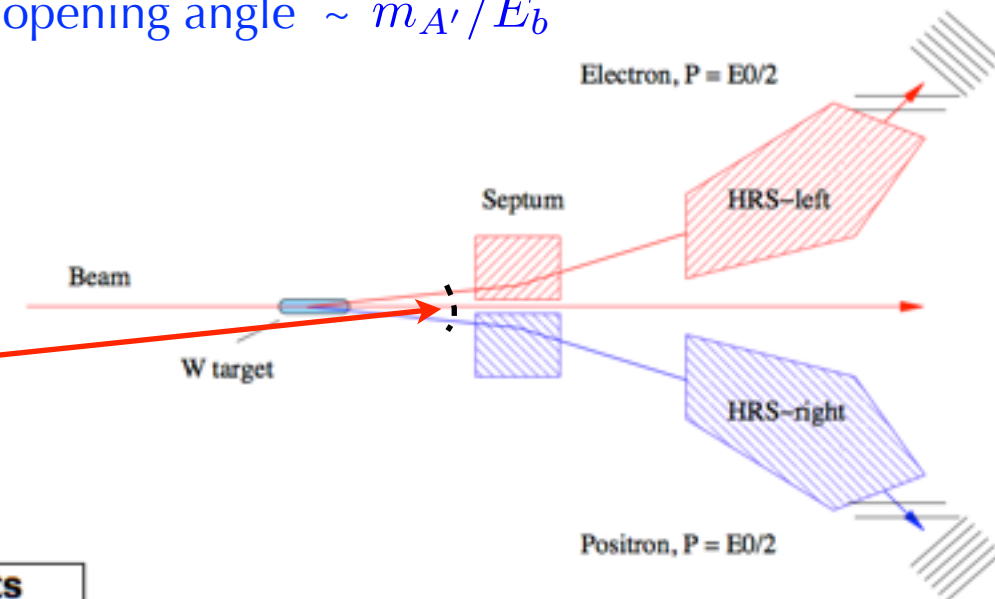
Experimental signature

Direct production of A' at JLab

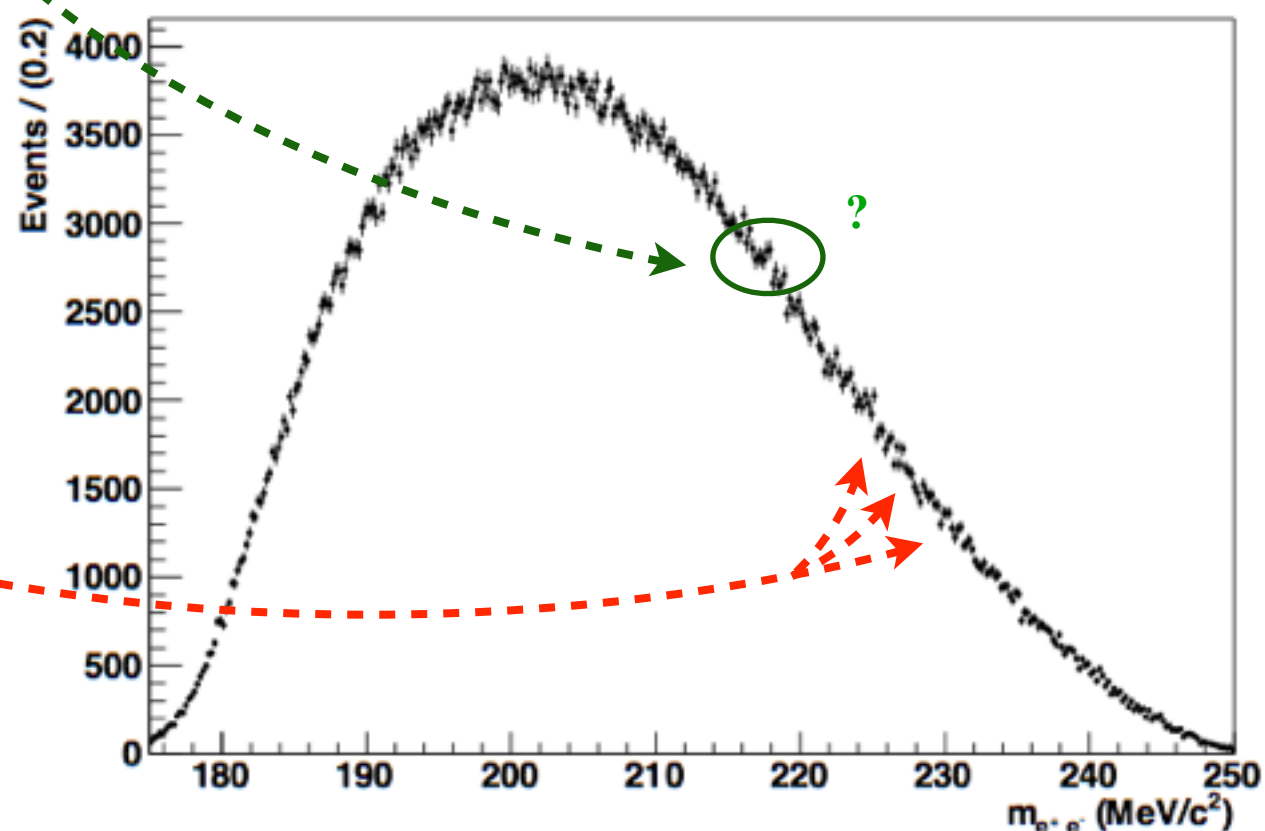
- Produced via high energy e^- beam incident on fixed high-Z (Ta) target
- Decays to e^+e^- pair with opening angle $\sim m_{A'}/E_b$

Dipole septum magnets allow for detection of e^+e^- produced at small angles

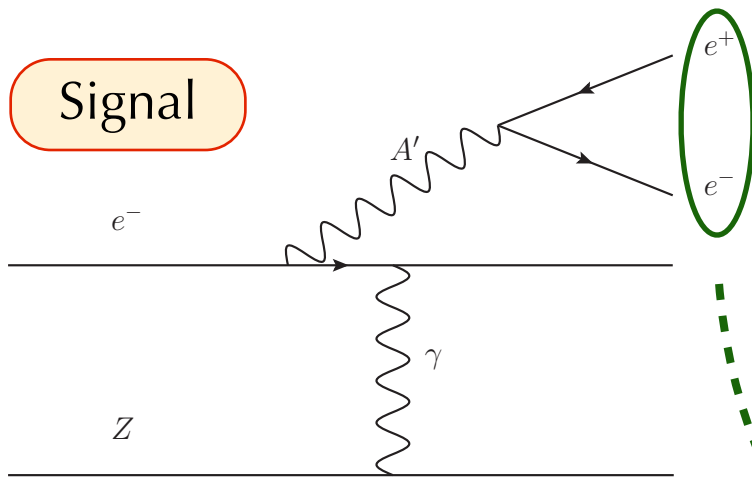
$$\Theta_0 \approx 5^\circ$$



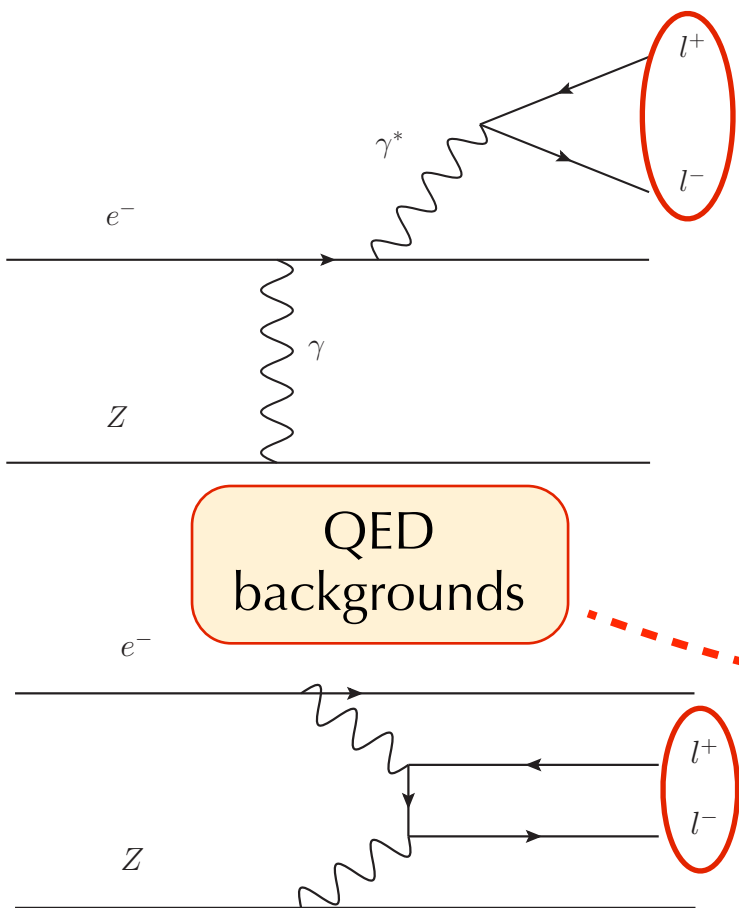
APEX Test Run Data, ~770K events



Signal



QED backgrounds

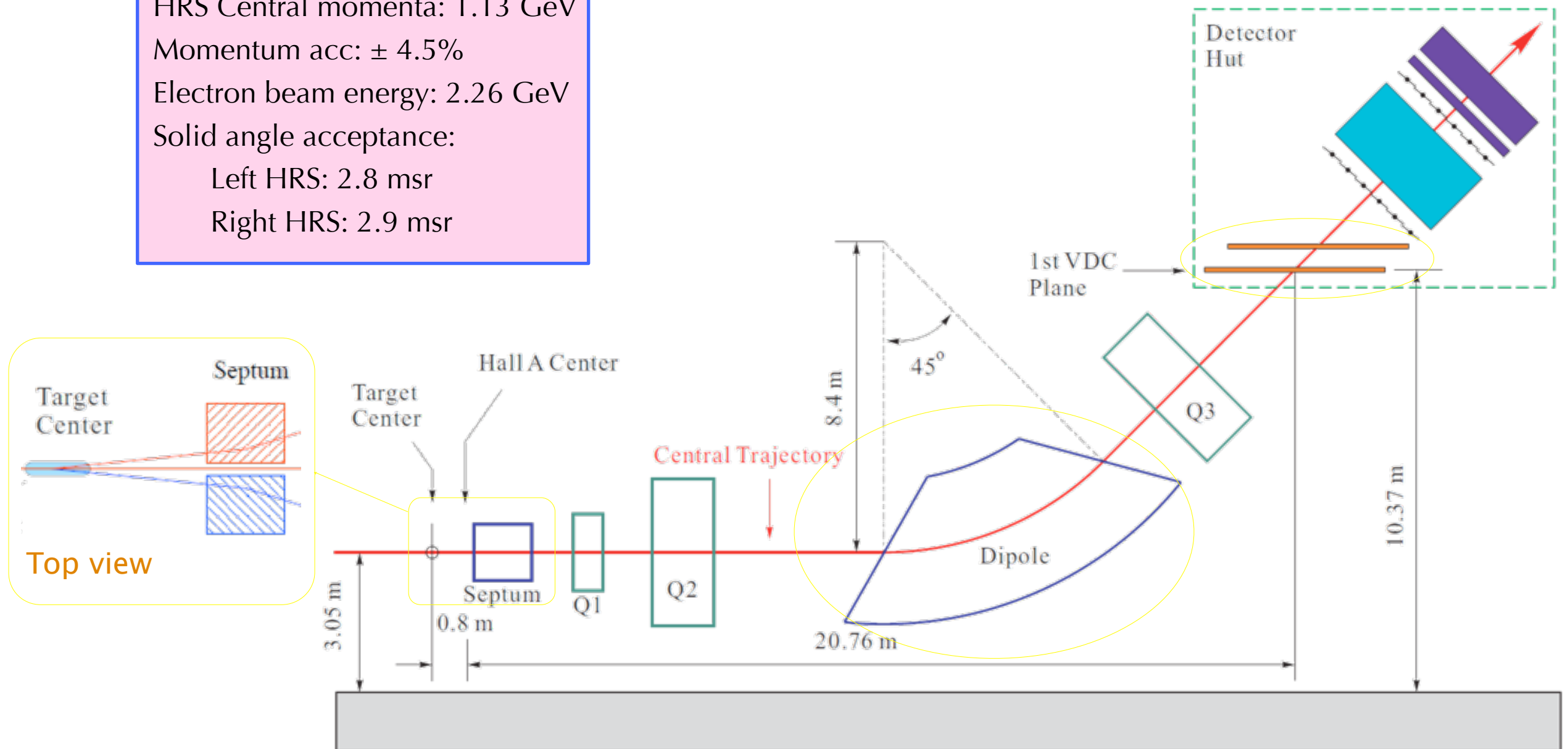


Looking for a small, narrow bump on top of a smooth histogram of QED processes; excellent mass resolution required

Jefferson Lab's Hall A experimental apparatus

APEX test run:

Beam current up to $150\mu\text{A}$
 Target: Ta foil, 22 mg/cm^2
 HRS Central momenta: 1.13 GeV
 Momentum acc: $\pm 4.5\%$
 Electron beam energy: 2.26 GeV
 Solid angle acceptance:
 Left HRS: 2.8 msr
 Right HRS: 2.9 msr



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Bump hunt / resonance search

Final invariant mass spectrum QED radiative trident / Bethe-Heitler events

APEX Test Run Data, ~770K events

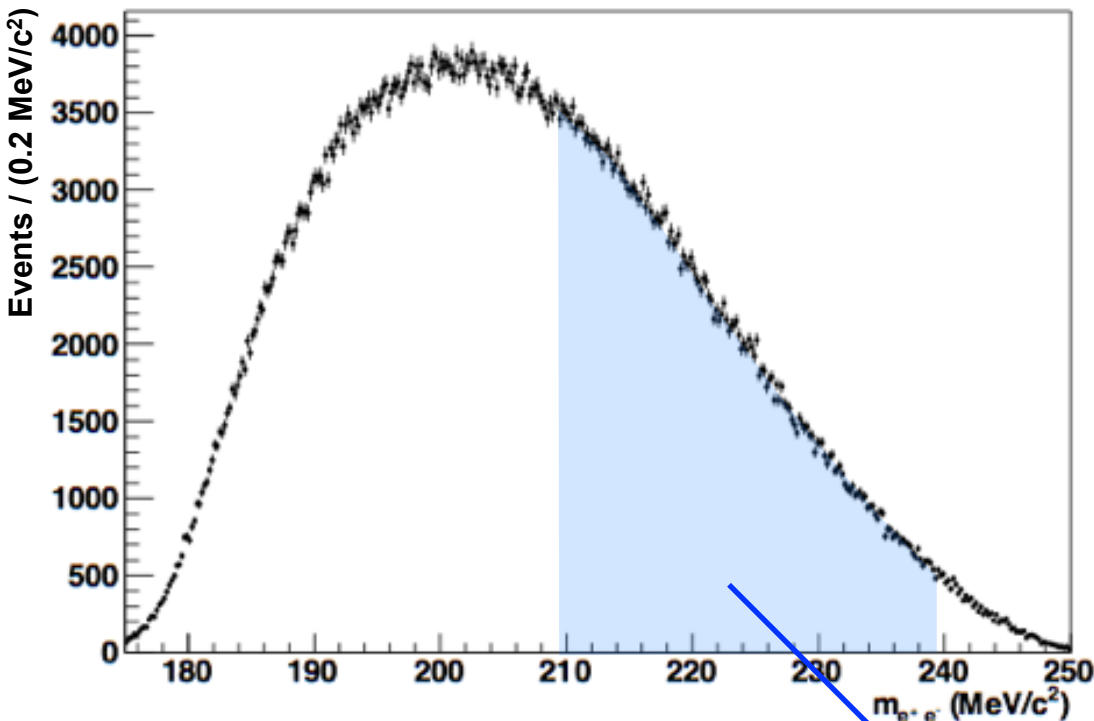
Bump hunt for small, narrow resonance

Test run mass resolution: $\sigma \sim 0.85 - 1.11 \text{ MeV}$

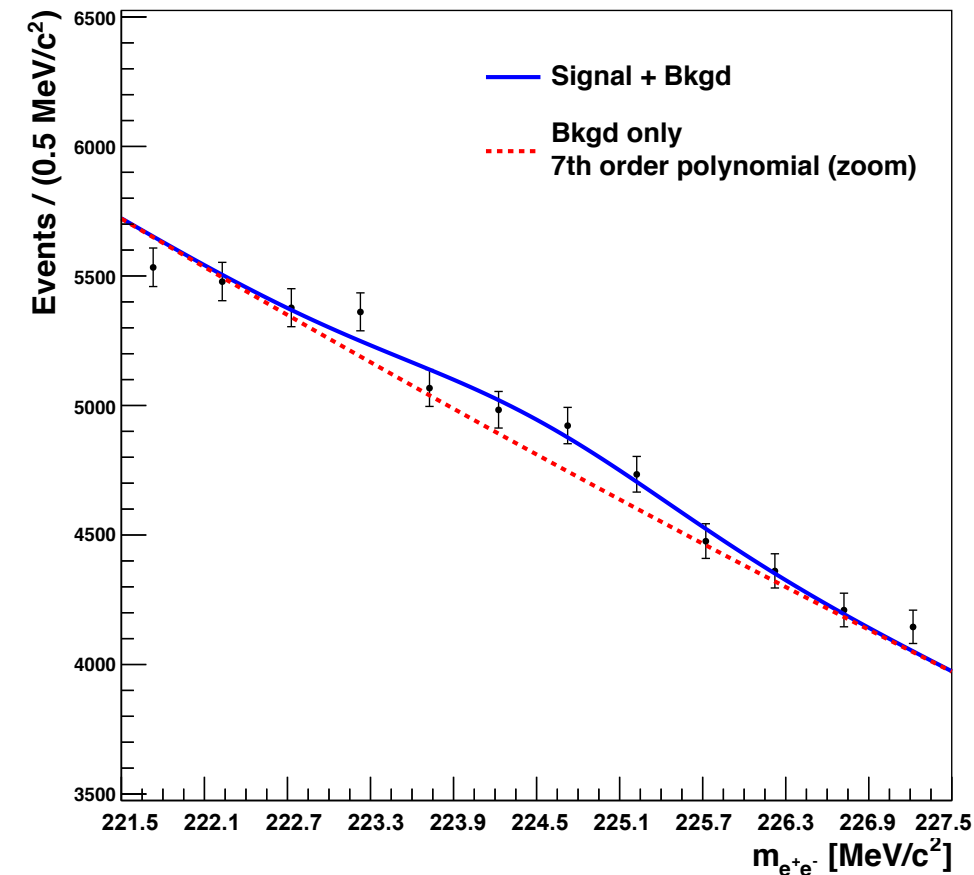
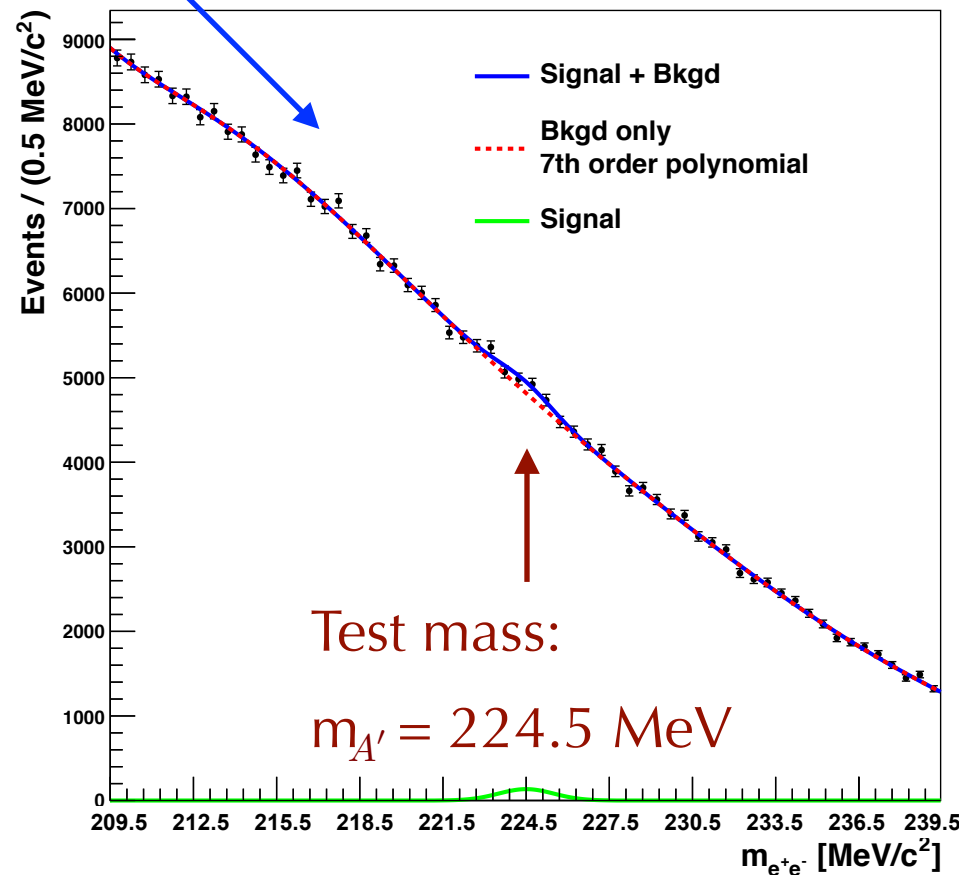
$$P(m_{e^+e^-} | m_{A'}, \sigma, S, B, a_i) = \frac{S \cdot \mathcal{N}(m_{e^+e^-} | m_{A'}, \sigma) + B \cdot \text{Polynomial}(m_{e^+e^-}, a_i)}{S + B}$$

Probability model
and profile
likelihood ratio

$$\lambda(S) = \frac{L(S, \hat{\hat{B}}, \hat{\hat{a}}_i)}{L(\hat{S}, \hat{B}, \hat{a}_i)}$$



Scanning window
(raster scan)
approach, with
sidebands symmetric
around mass
hypothesis



Upper limit on $S \rightarrow$ upper limit on coupling

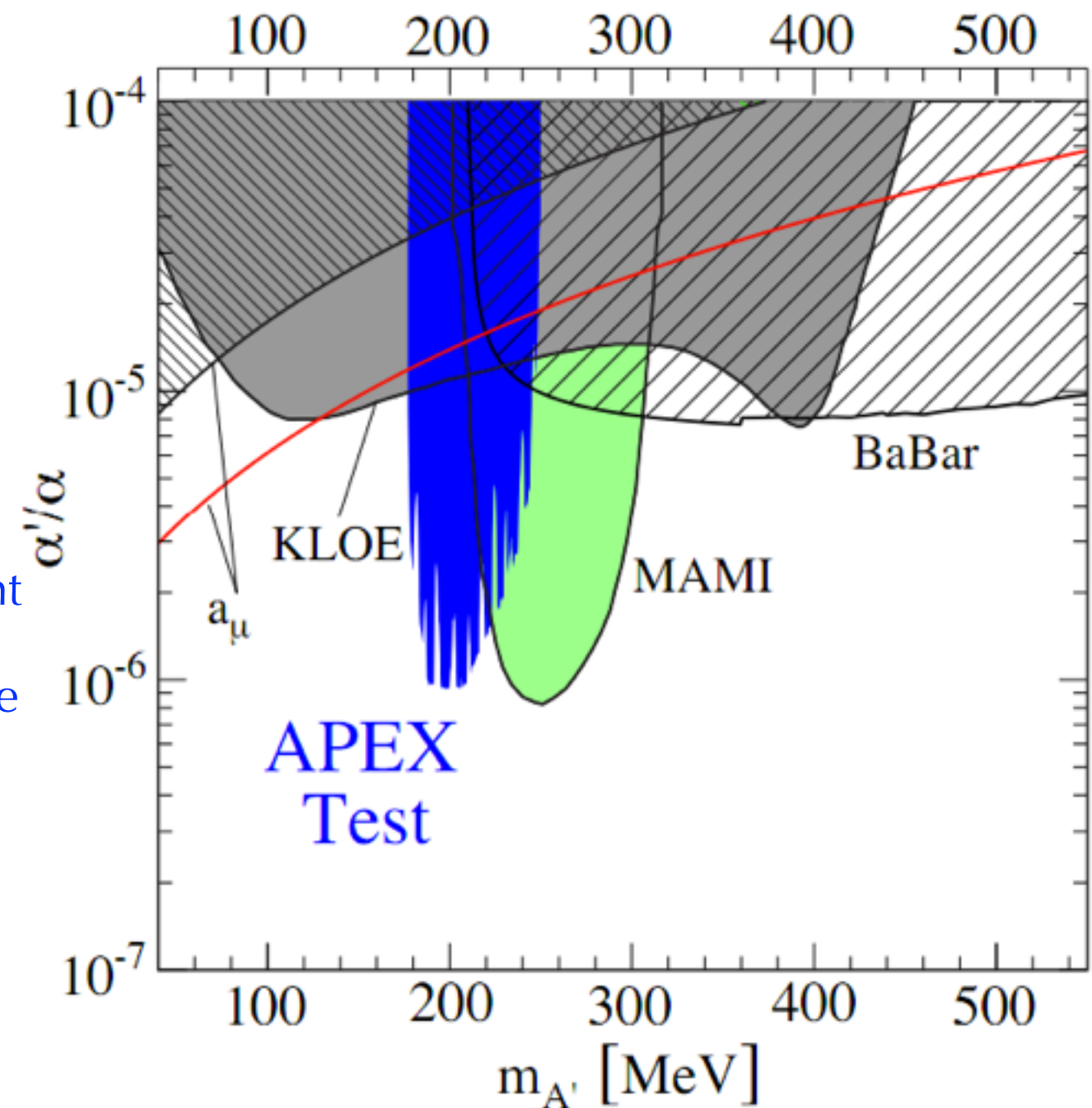
$$\frac{d\sigma(A')}{d\sigma(\gamma^*)} = \left(\frac{3\pi\epsilon^2}{2N_{\text{eff}}\alpha} \right) \frac{m_{A'}}{\delta m} = \frac{S_{\delta m}}{B_{\delta m}^{\gamma^*}}$$

(See APEX proposal)

Normalize all backgrounds to γ^* background

- Ratio f of radiative-only cross section to full trident cross section determined via Monte Carlo to vary linearly from 0.21 to 0.25 across APEX mass range

$$\left(\frac{\alpha'}{\alpha} \right)_{\text{max}} = \left(\frac{S_{\text{max}}/m_{A'}}{f \cdot \Delta B/\Delta m} \right) \times \left(\frac{2N_{\text{eff}}\alpha}{3\pi} \right)$$

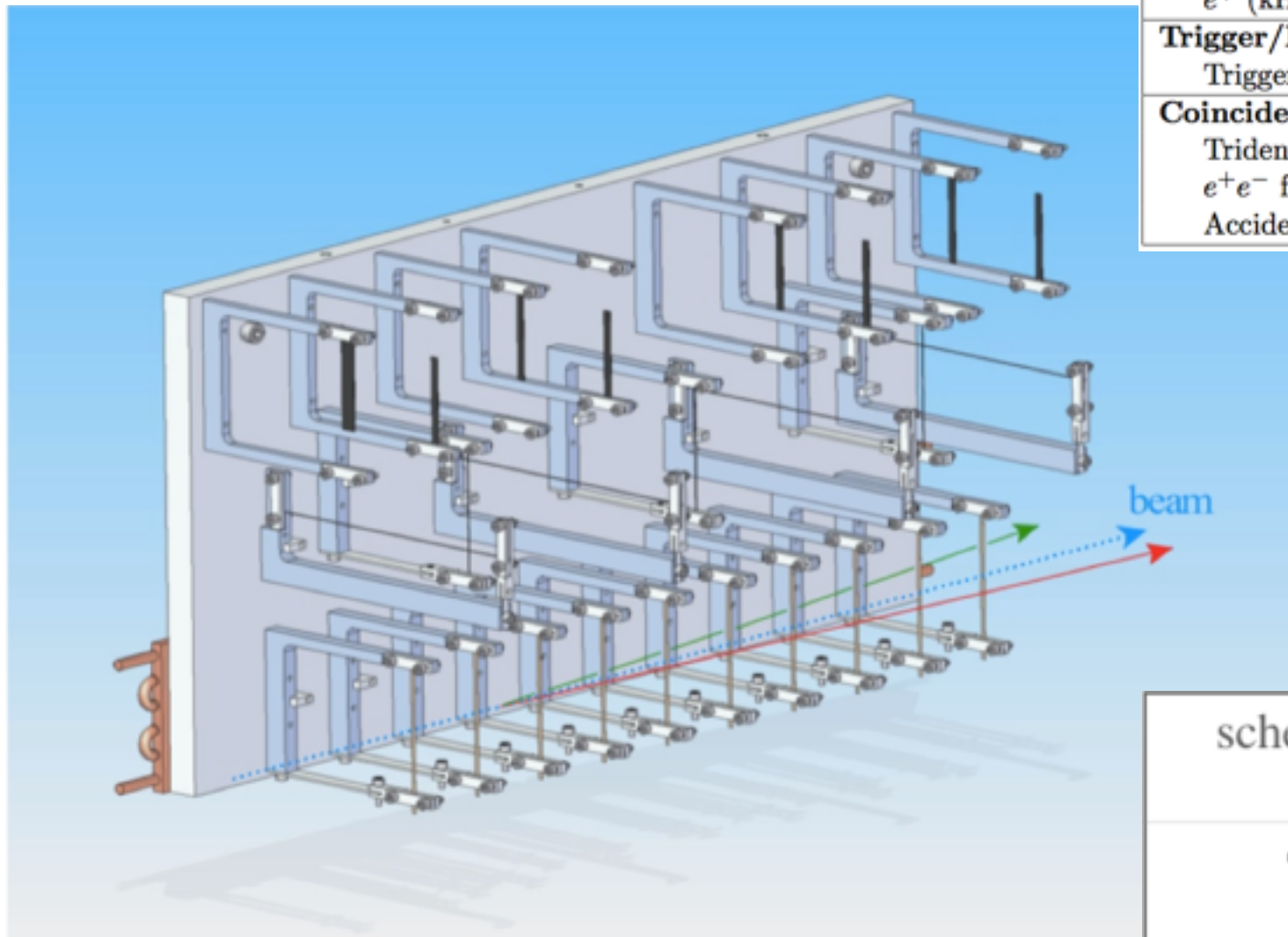


Plan for full run

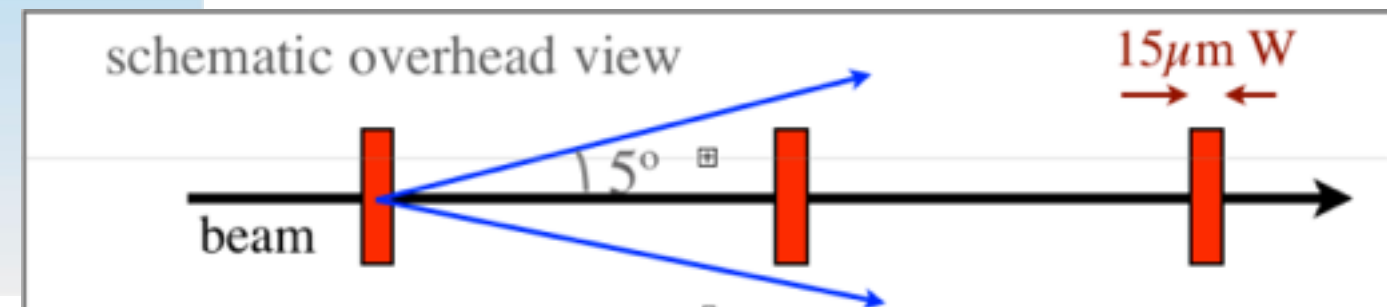
Full run at JLab will take data for ~34 days at several energy and spectrometer settings

- Possible modifications to original run plan could take advantage of higher beam energies and wider angles (with adjustment of septum magnets) to access higher $m_{A'}$ region

Settings	A	B	C	D
Beam energy (GeV)	2.2	4.4	1.1	3.3
Central angle	5.0°	5.0°	5.0°	5.0°
Effective angles	4.5–5.5	4.5–5.5	4.5–5.5	4.5–5.5
Target T/X_0 (ratio ^a)	4%	8%	0.69% (1:3)	8%
Beam current (μA)	70	60	65	80
Central momentum (GeV)	1.095	2.189	0.545	1.634
Singles (negative polarity)				
e^- (MHz)	4.1	0.7	5.8	2.2
π^- (MHz)	0.1	1.7	0.03	0.9
Singles (positive polarity)				
π^+ [p] (kHz)	90	1700	30	900
e^+ (kHz)	27	5	23	17
Trigger/DAQ:				
Trigger ^b (kHz)	3.0	3.1	3.15	3.3
Coincidence Backgrounds:				
Trident: $e^- Z \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^- Z$ (Hz)	500	110	330	370
$e^+ e^-$ from real γ conversion (Hz)	30	16	4	45
Accidentals ^c (Hz)	55	30	70	40



Cover a larger mass range using a 50-cm long multifoil target



Test run results and full run status

Test run results in PRL

- prl.aps.org/abstract/PRL/v107/i19/e191804
- [arXiv:1108.2750](https://arxiv.org/abs/1108.2750)

APEX is approved; 12 GeV JLab program currently in full swing

- APEX equipment fully funded
- Experiment will be ready to run in Spring 2016

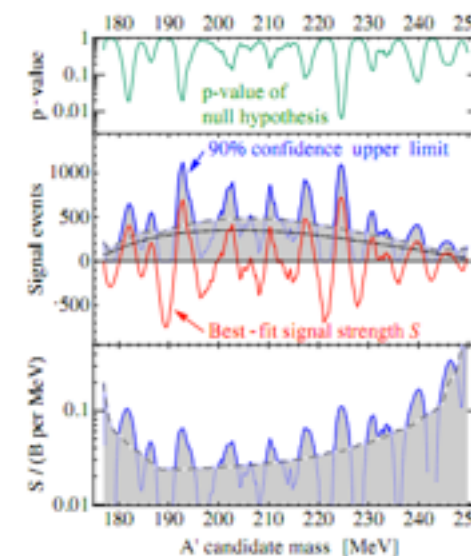


FIG. 4. Top: Background-only model p -value versus A' mass. Middle: Shaded gray region denotes 90% confidence limit, 50% power-constrained allowed region [23]. 90% confidence upper limit is shown in solid blue (dotted blue) when it is above (below) the expected limit (gray dashed). Red solid line denotes the best-fit for the number of signal events S . For comparison, dot-dashed line indicates contribution of statistical uncertainty to expected sensitivity, if background shape were known exactly. Bottom: 90% confidence, 50% power-constrained, and expected limits as above, here quoted in terms of ratio of signal strength upper-limit to the QED background, B , in a 1-MeV window around each A' mass hypothesis.

candidate masses within 15 MeV of the upper or lower boundaries, for which a window of equal size touching the boundary is used. A binned profile likelihood ratio (PLR) is computed as a function of signal strength S at the candidate mass, using 0.05 MeV bins. The PLR is used to derive the local probability (p -value) at $S = 0$ (i.e. the probability of a larger PLR arising from statistical fluctuations in the background-only model) and a 90%-confidence upper limit on the sig-

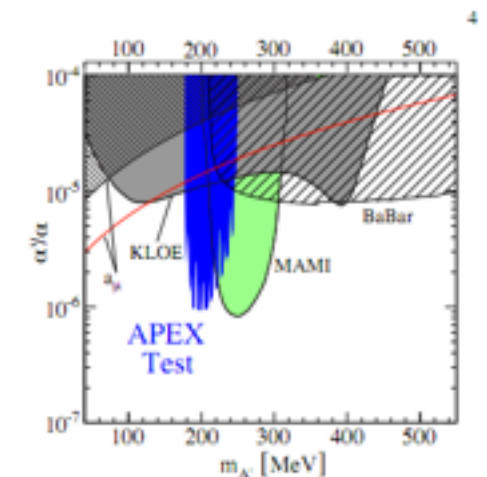
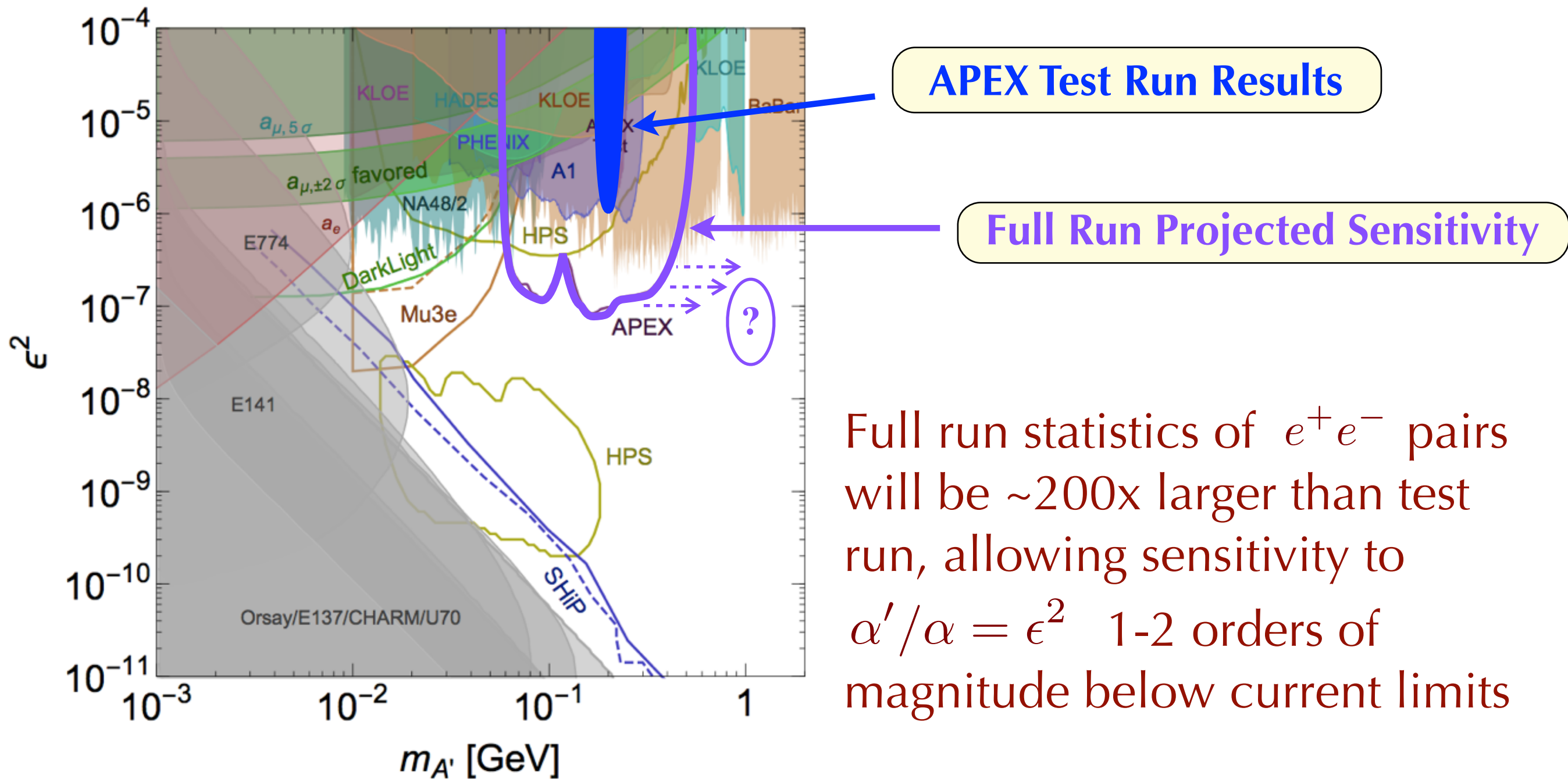


FIG. 5. The 90% confidence upper limit on α'/α versus A' mass for the APEX test run (solid blue). Shown are existing 90% confidence level limits from the muon anomalous magnetic moment a_μ (fine hatched) [7], KLOE (solid gray) [14], the result reported by Mainz (solid green) [18], and an estimate using a BaBar result (wide hatched) [2, 12]. Between the red line and fine hatched region, the A' can explain the observed discrepancy between the calculated and measured muon anomalous magnetic moment [7] at 90% confidence level. The full APEX experiment will roughly cover the entire area of the plot.

dence. The most significant excess, at 224.5 MeV, has a local p -value of 0.6%; the associated global p -value is 40% (i.e. in the absence of a signal, 40% of prepared experiments would observe a more significant effect due to fluctuations).

To translate the limit on signal events into an upper limit on the coupling α' with minimal systematic errors from acceptance and trigger efficiencies, we use a ratio method, normalizing A' production to the measured QED trident rate. We distinguish between three components of the QED trident background: radiative tridents Fig. 1 (b), Bethe-Heitler tridents Fig. 1 (c), and their interference diagrams (not shown). The A' signal and radiative trident fully differential cross sections are simply related [2], and the ratio f of the radiative-only cross section to the full trident cross section can be reliably estimated in Monte Carlo: f varies linearly from 0.71 to 0.75

Plan for full run



JLab 12 GeV program underway

- APEX is the back-up experiment for Spring 2016 (more likely Fall 2017/Spring 2018)
- New SciFi optics calibration method and septum magnets
- Data acquisition rate improvements (up to 5 kHz) and high-rate VDC updates

MAMI at Mainz

A1: Spectrometer setup at MAMI



Spectrometer A:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &> 20^\circ \\ p &< 735 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 28 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 20\% \end{aligned}$$

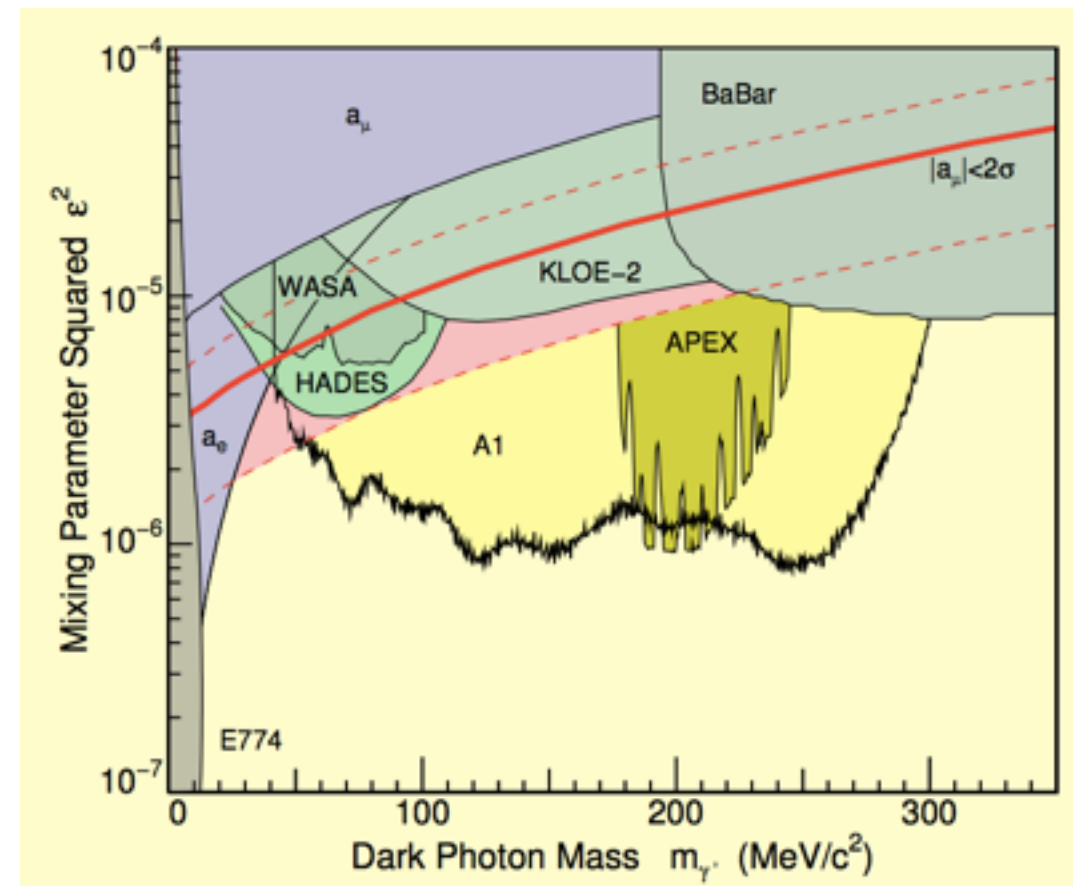
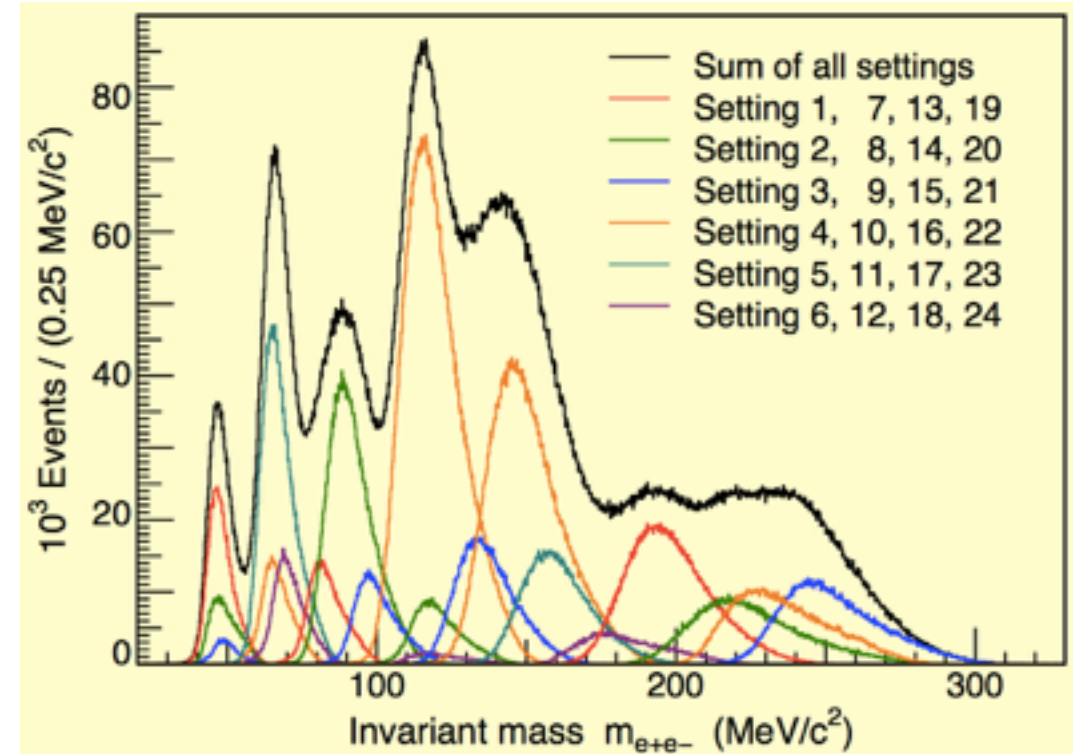
Spectrometer B:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &> 8^\circ \\ p &< 870 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 5.6 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 15\% \end{aligned}$$

Spectrometer C:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &> 55^\circ \\ p &< 655 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 28 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 25\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta p/p < 10^{-4}$$



Similar approach and reach to APEX

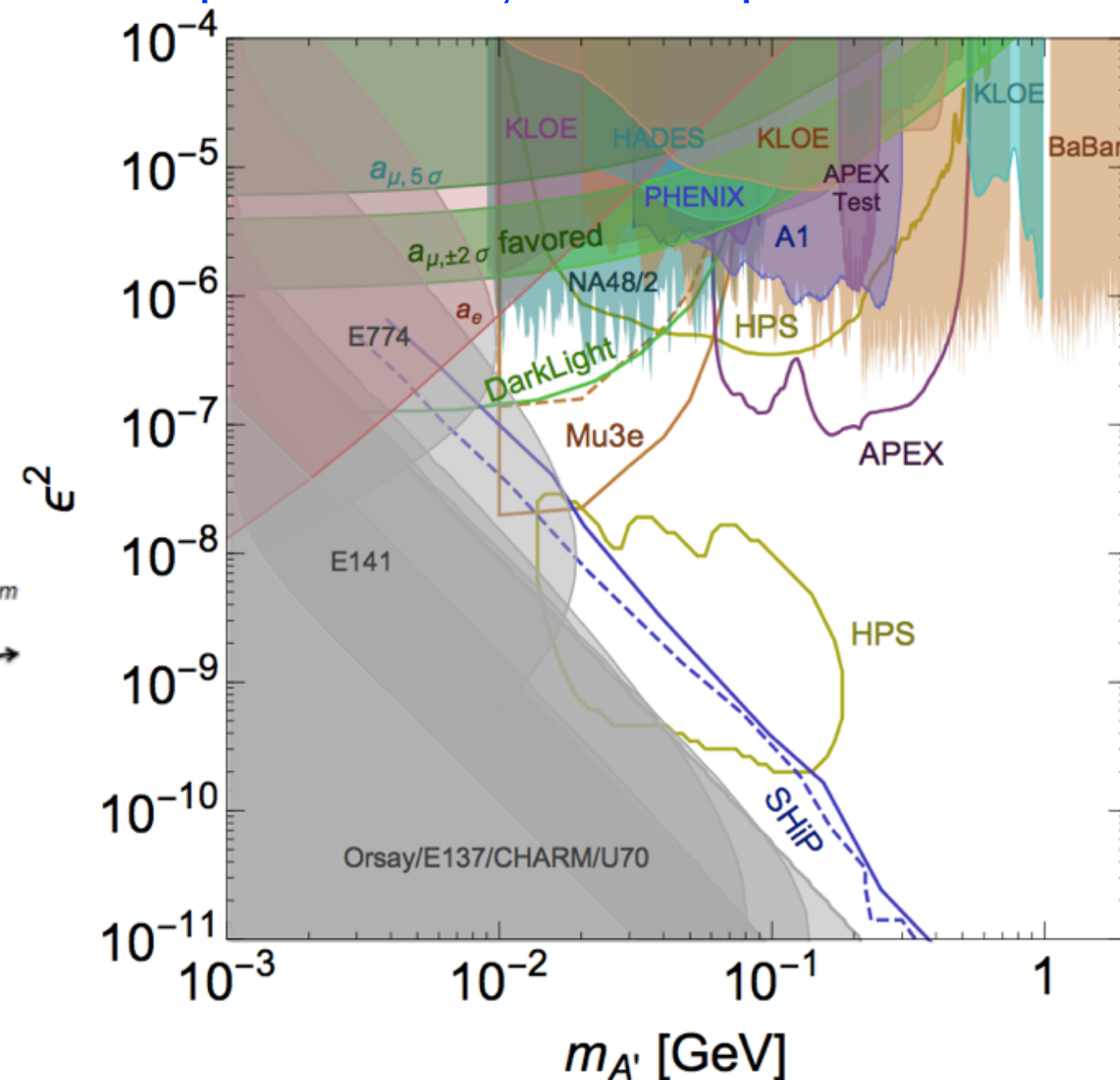
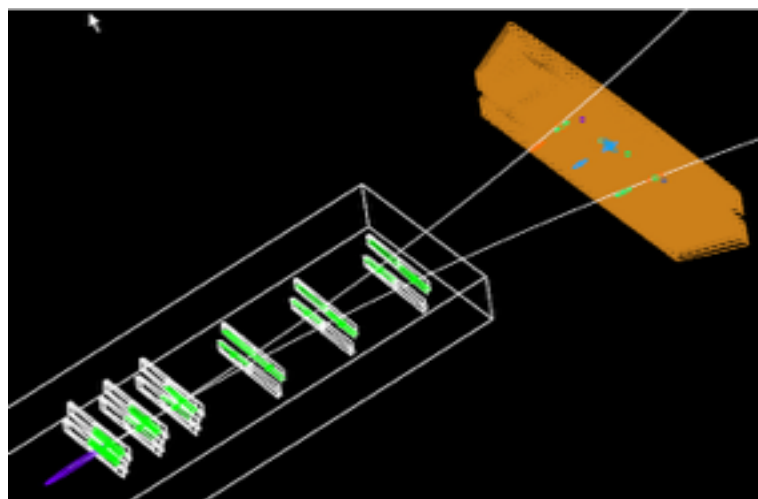
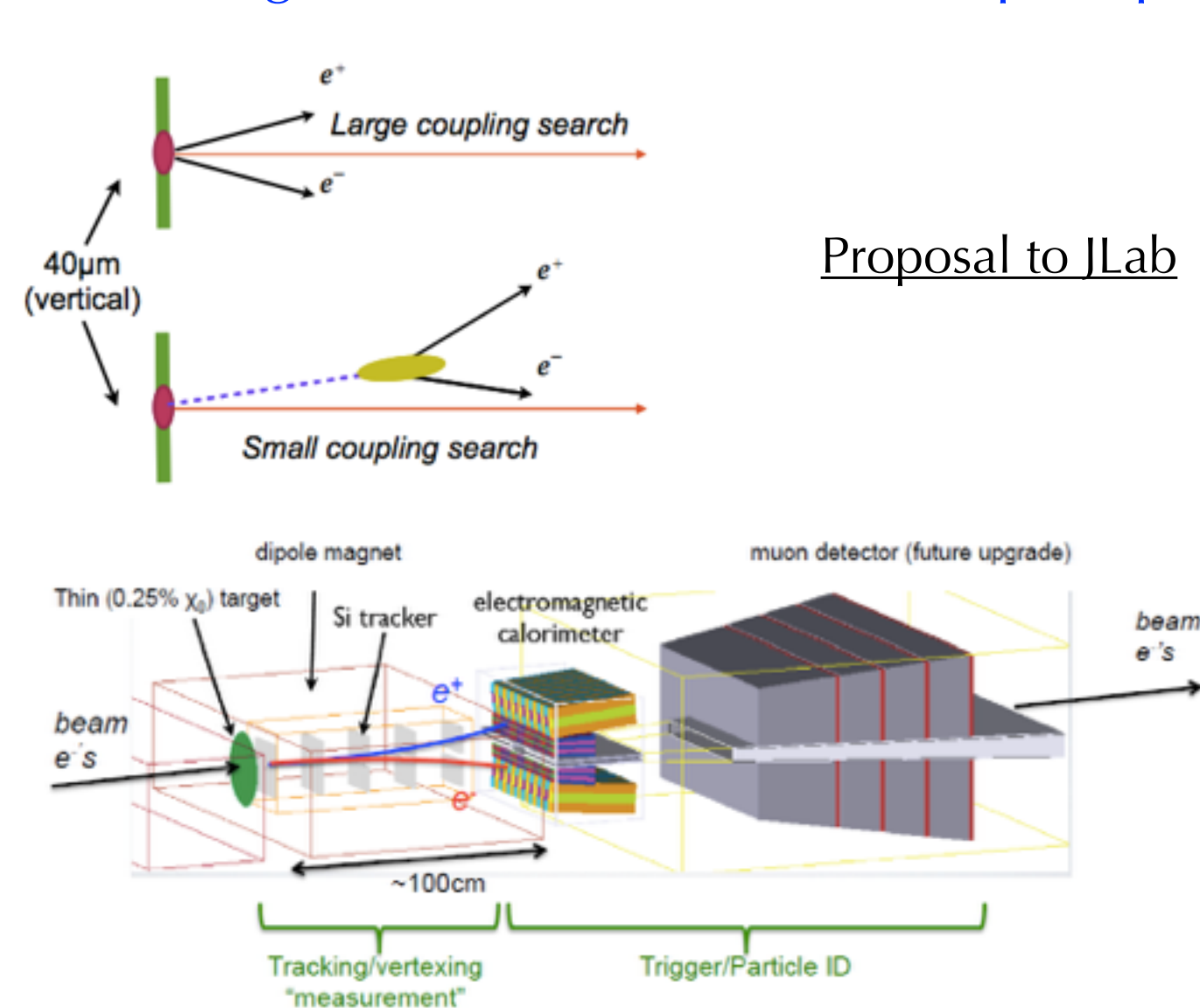
Phenomenal built-in momentum resolution
wins the day

PRL 112, 221802 (2014)

HPS in JLab Hall B

Designed to be sensitive to both prompt and displaced decays — unique reach

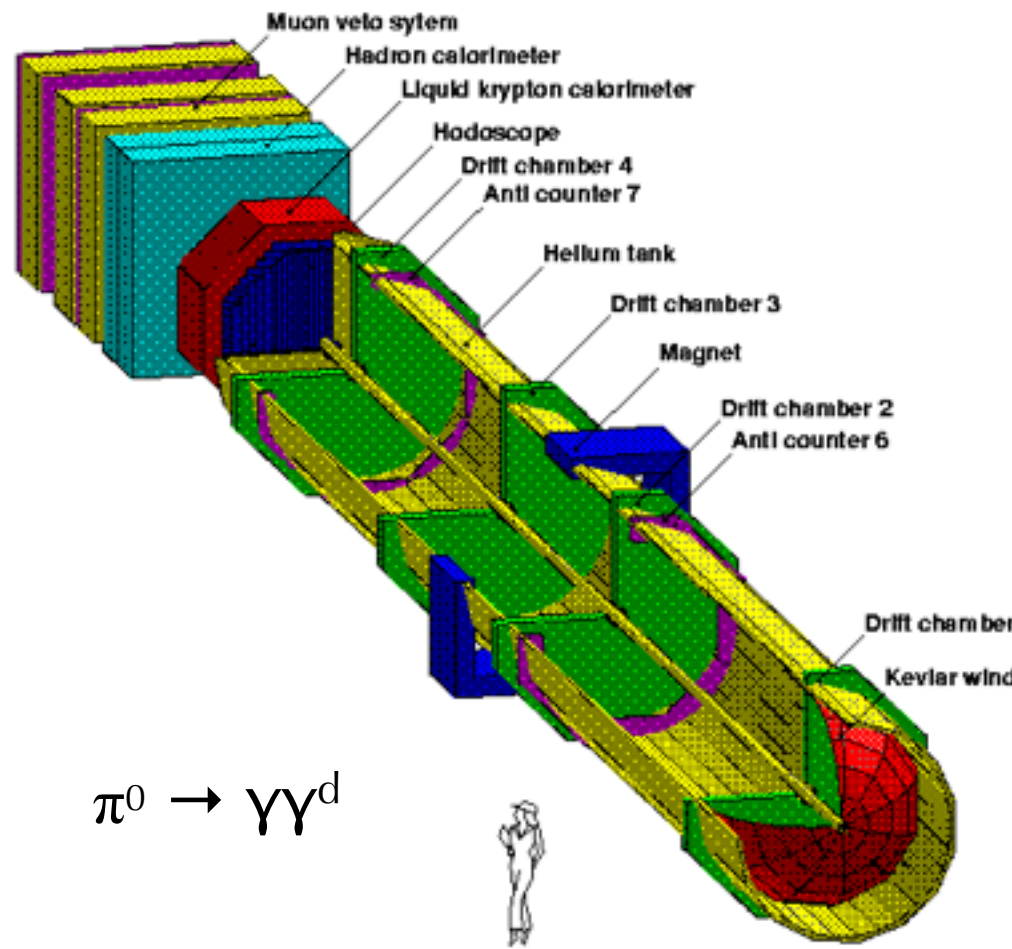
Proposal to JLab



Engineering run earlier this year

Targeting APS 2016 for publication of engineering run data

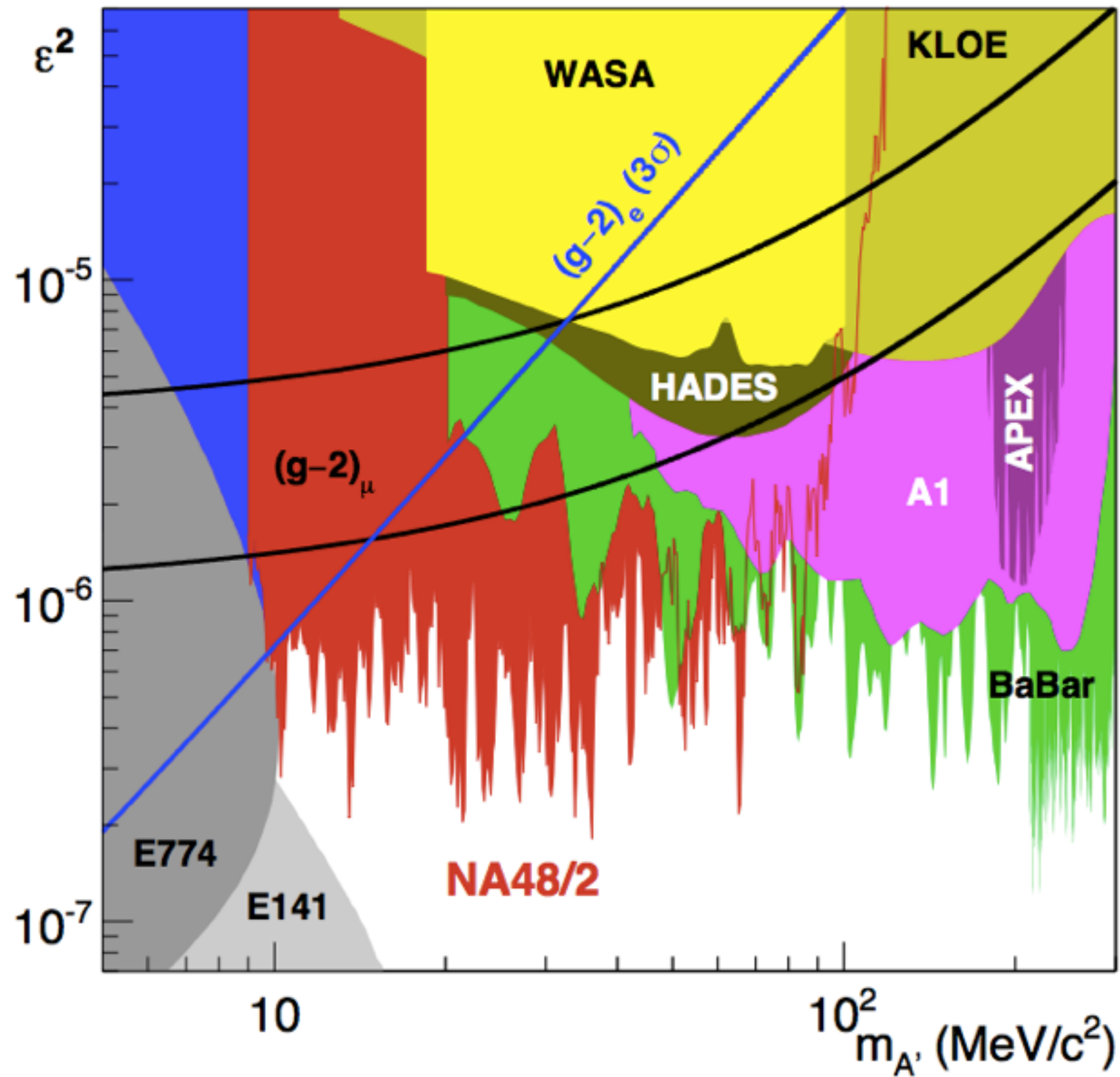
Full-run sometime in 2016



Ran in 2003-4 at the CERN SPS

$K^+ K^-$ beams

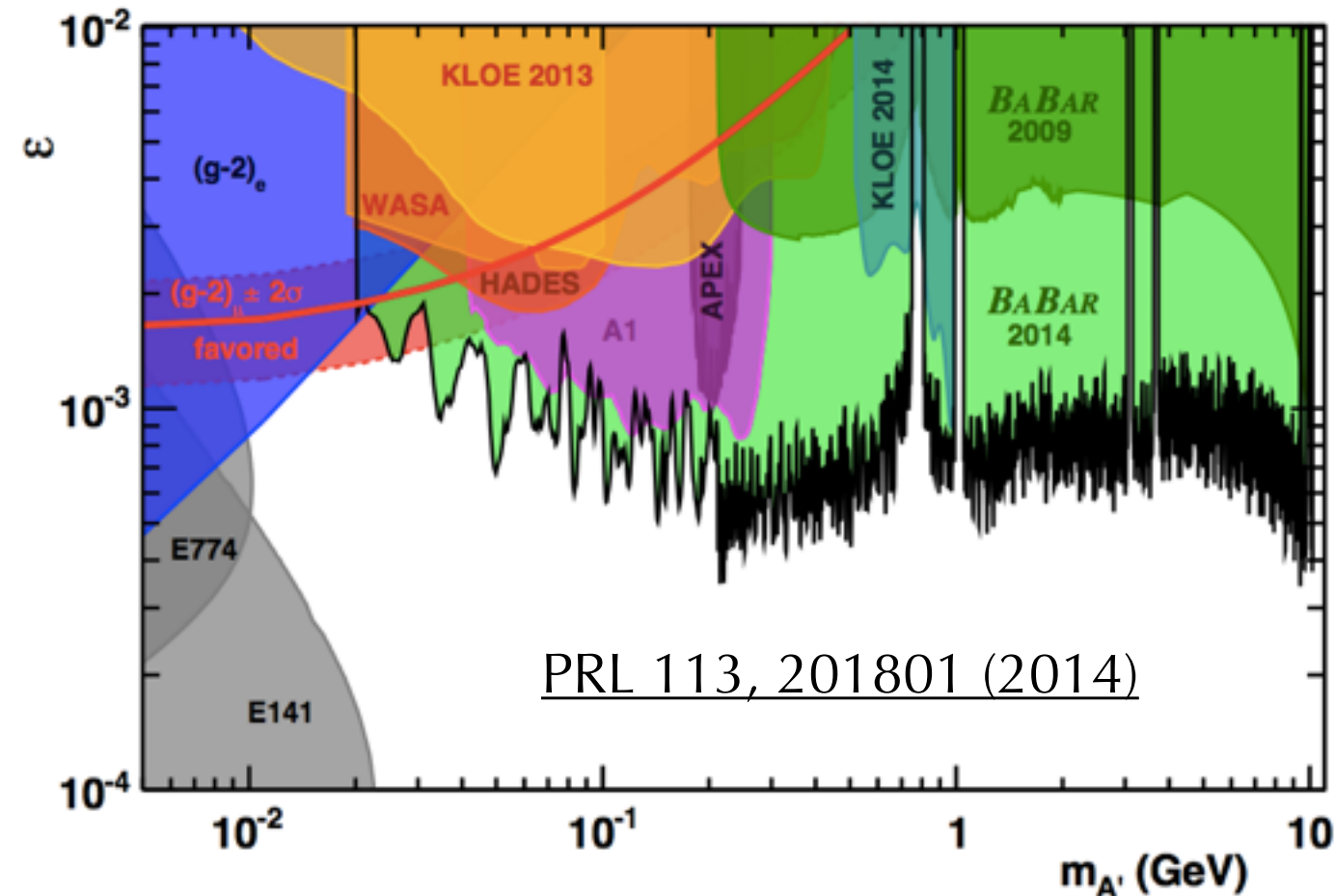
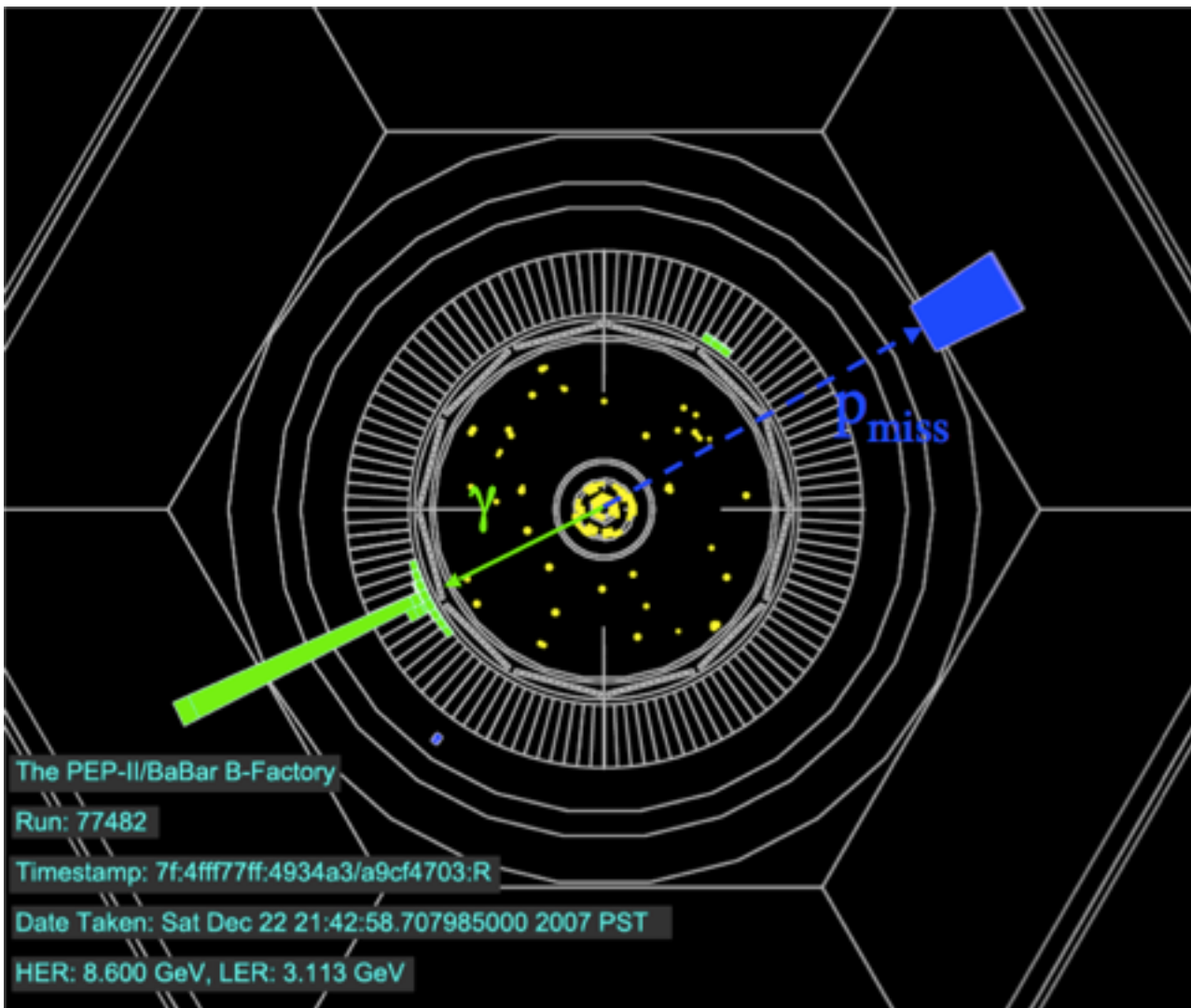
Data revisited this year



Effectively kills the $(g-2)_\mu$ band for dark photon to visible!

High-intensity collider experiments: BaBar

High-intensity, low-to-medium energy collider experiments have excellent dark photon reach



B-factories have huge datasets (BaBar: 514/fb, Belle: >1000/fb)

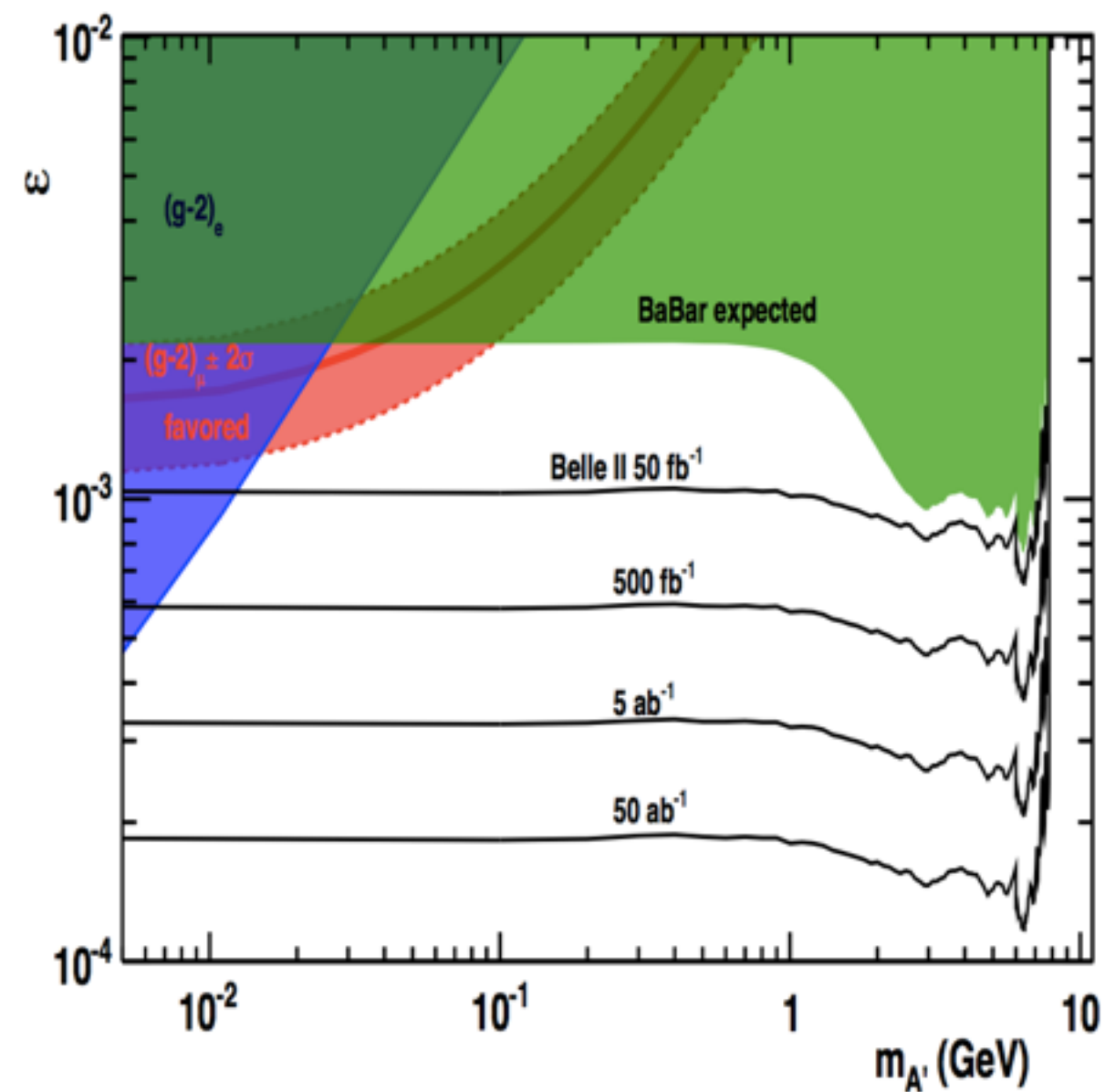
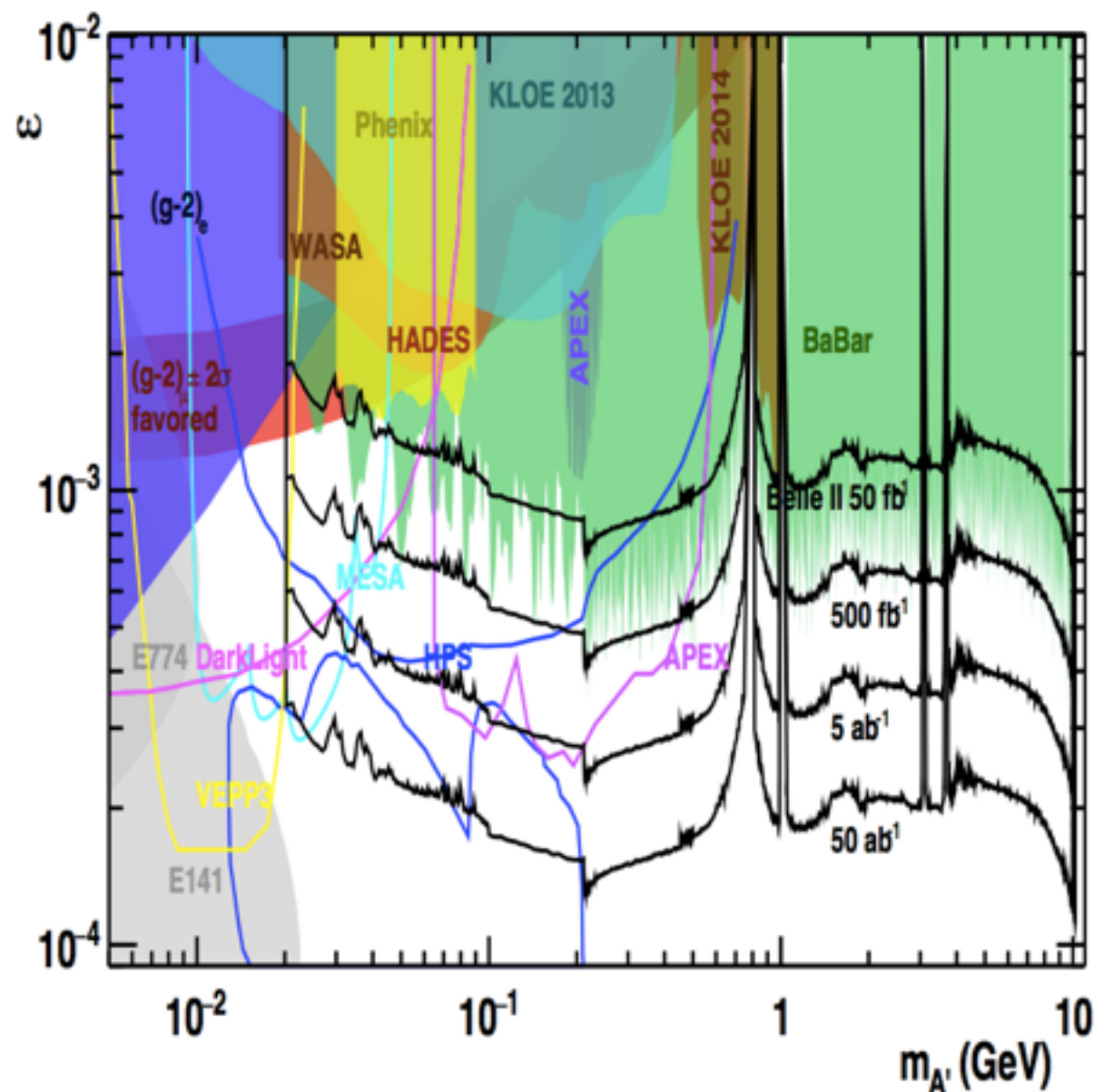
==> Ideally suited for high-statistics resonance searches

BaBar:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^d, \gamma^d \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \text{ or } e^+e^-$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma + \text{invisible}$$

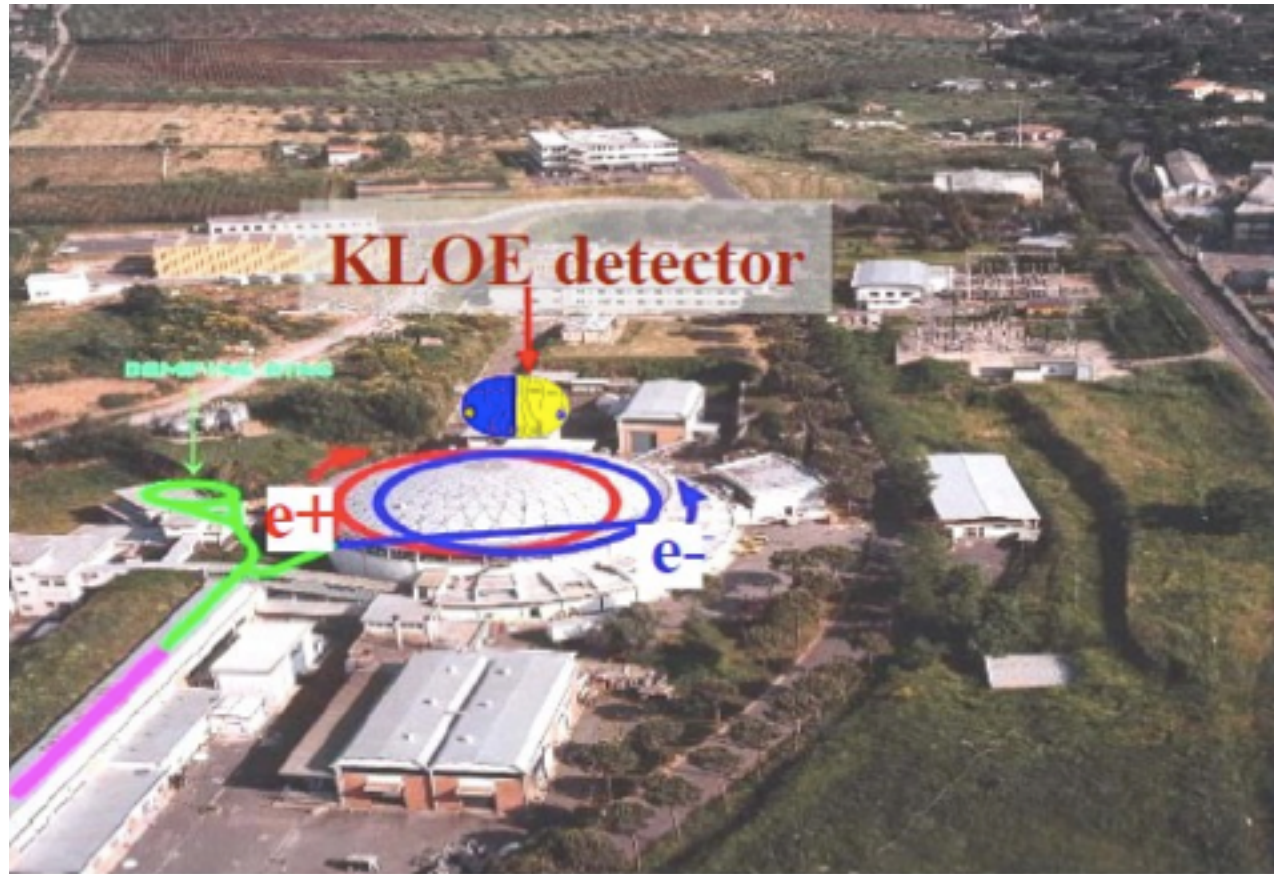
High-intensity collider experiments: Belle



Belle conducted dark photon searches in a large number of leptonic and hadronic decays and multiplicities with similar reach to BaBar

Things get very interesting with Belle II

Dark photons with KLOE@DAΦNE



e^+e^- collider designed (appropriately) to study
the Φ , so $\sqrt{s} = 1.0195$ GeV

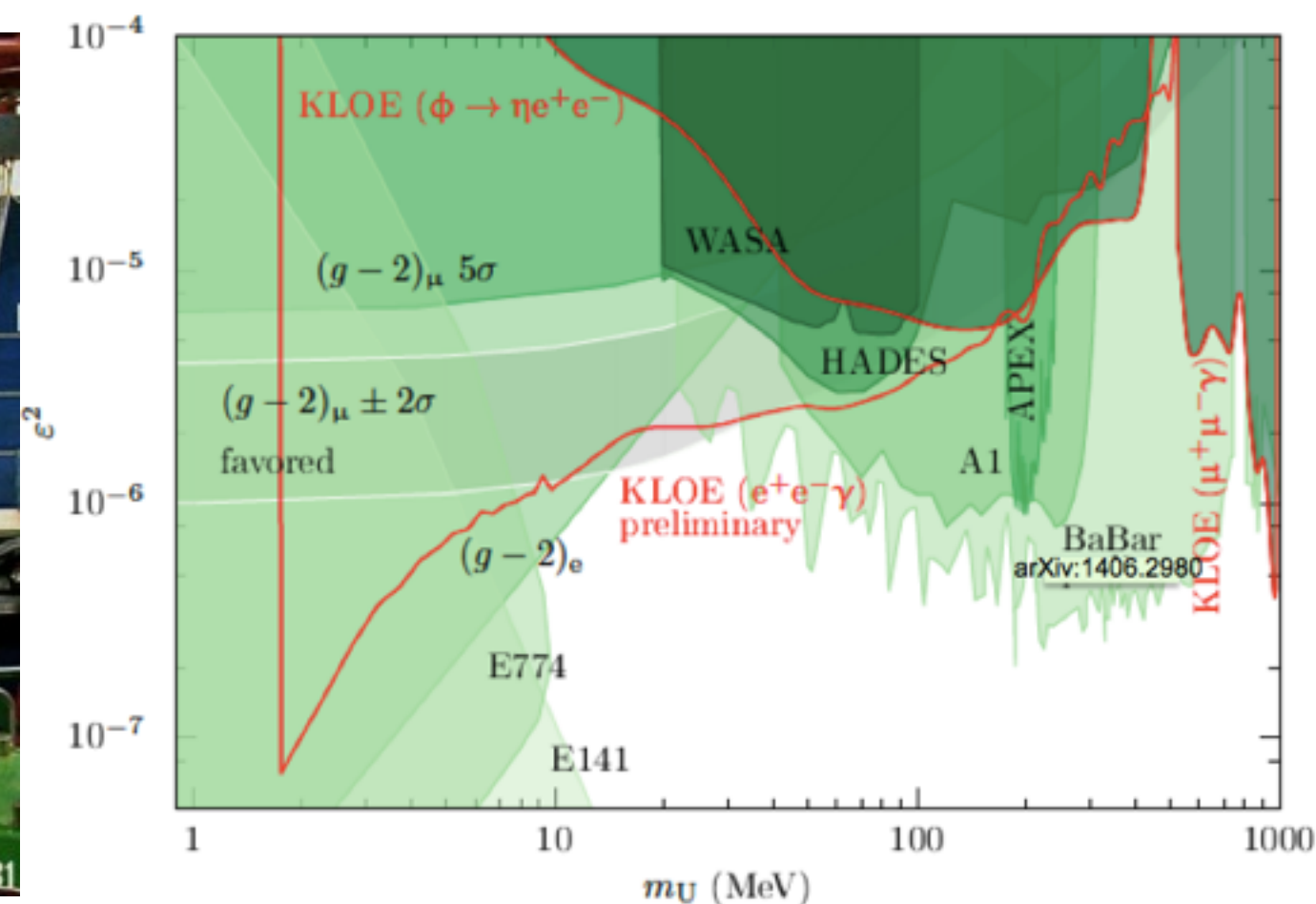
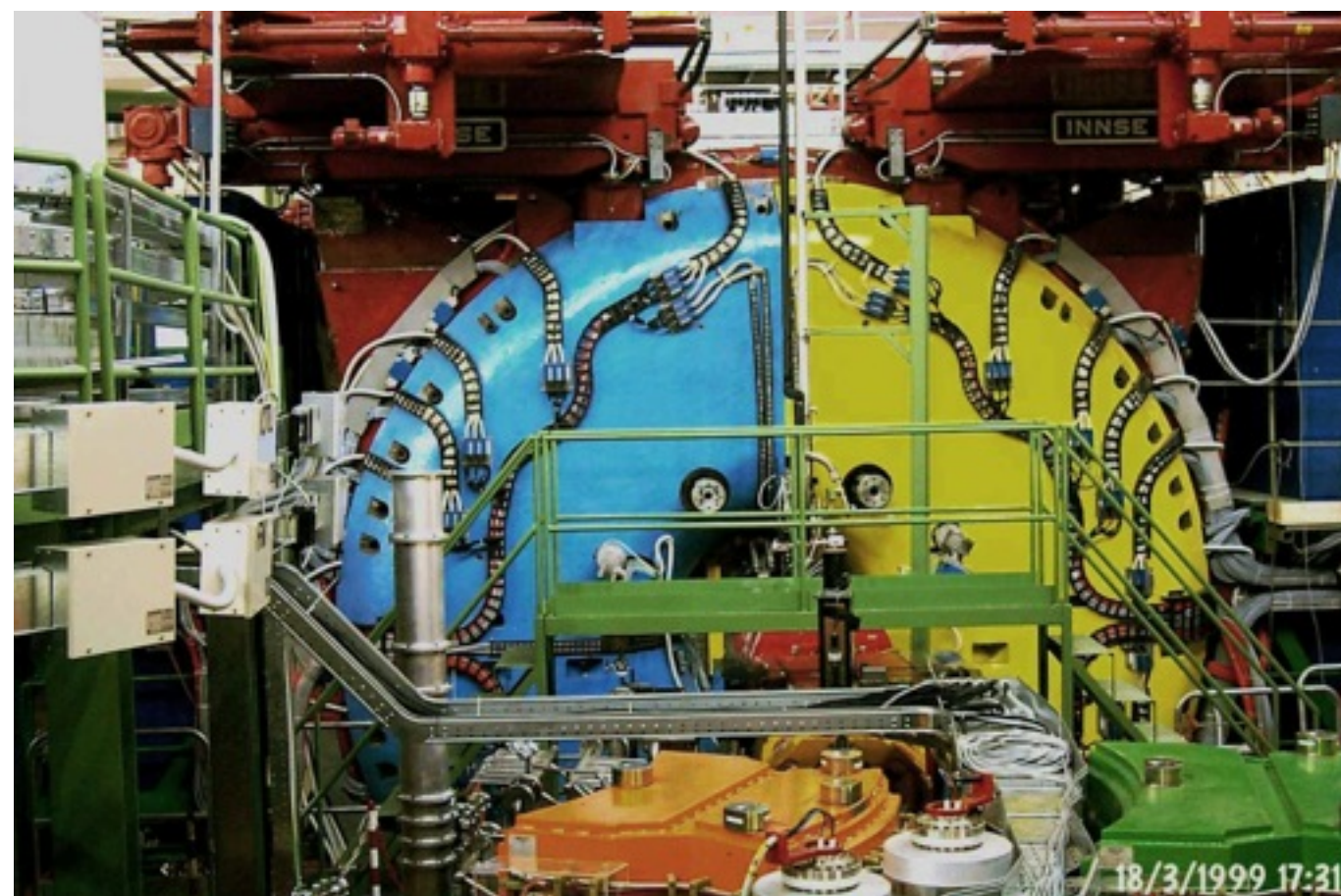
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \gamma$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta e^+e^-$$

\Rightarrow Possible sources of dark photons

Dark photons with KLOE@DAΦNE



Big Drift chamber

Stereo wires and carbon-fiber structure, $\sigma_{PT} < 0.4\%$ PT ($\theta > 45^\circ$)

Hermetic sampling calorimeter

Loose trigger conditions (high acceptance across a broad physics program)

Excellent integrated luminosity in 2002 and 2004-2005 runs

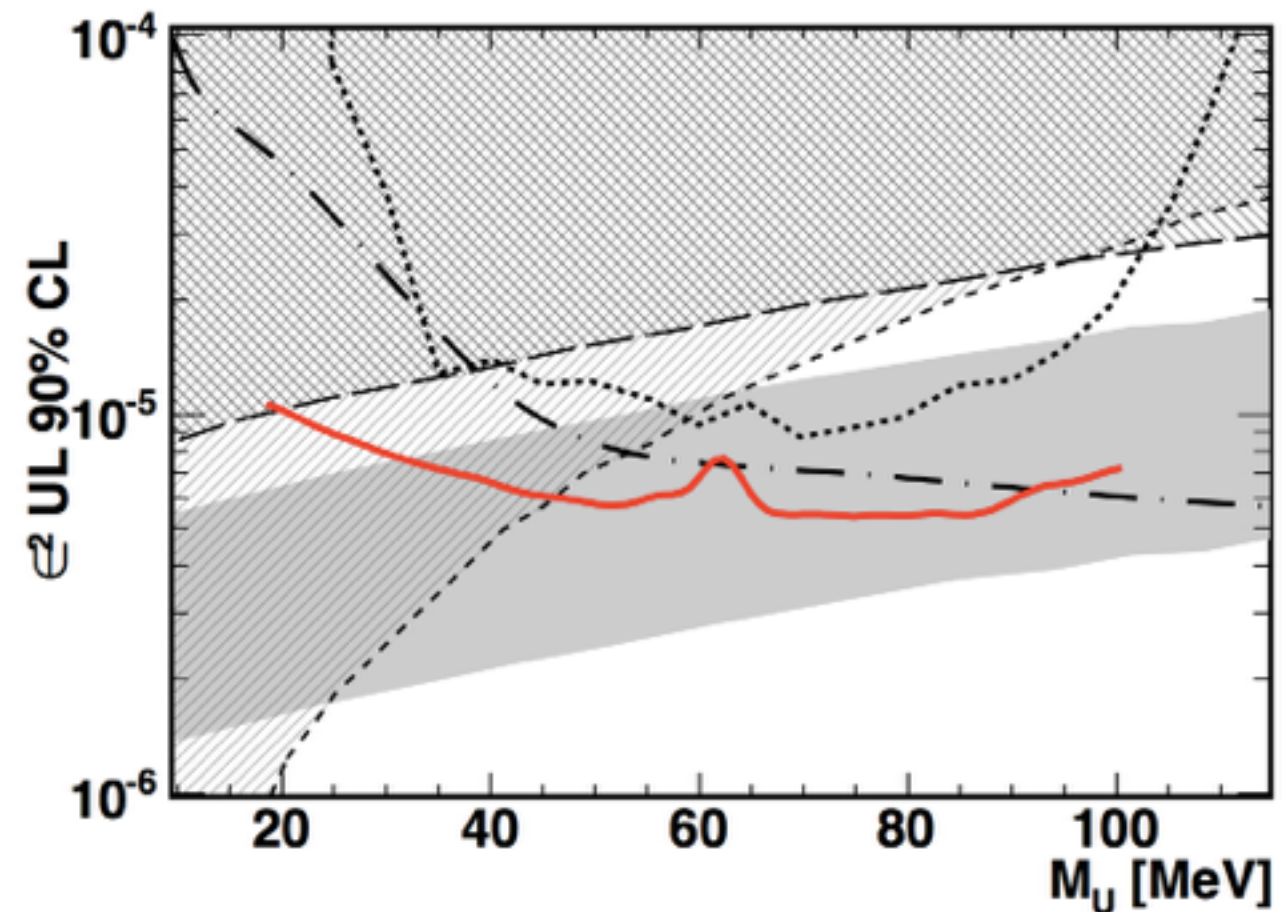
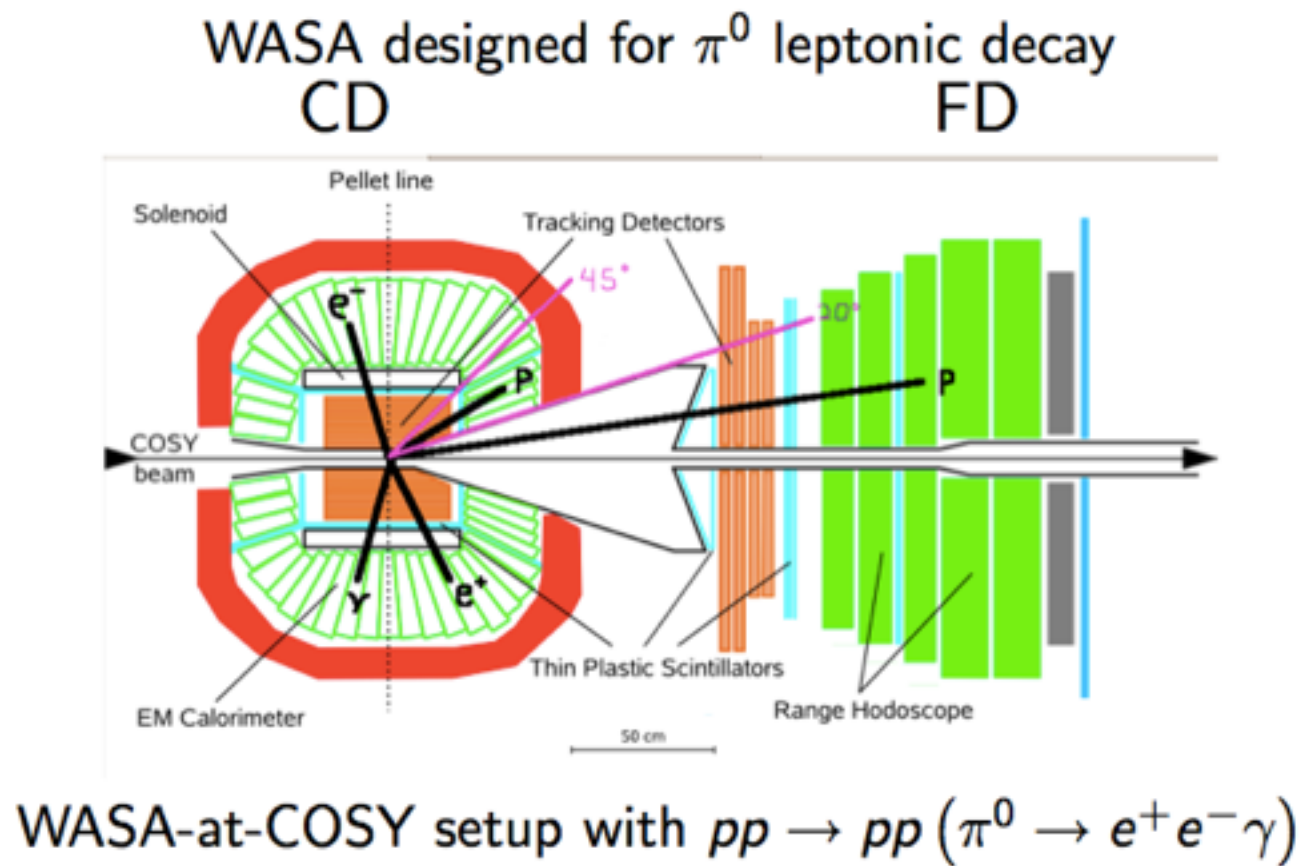
Upgrades

[arXiv:1509.00740](https://arxiv.org/abs/1509.00740)

An excellent venue for dark photon searches

Hadronic dark photon decay searches proposed

Dark photons with WASA@COSY



WASA detector designed to study rare pion decays

Moved from Uppsala to Jülich

Excellent repurposing of existing experimental equipment to put an exclusion
right in the $(g-2)_\mu$ sweet spot

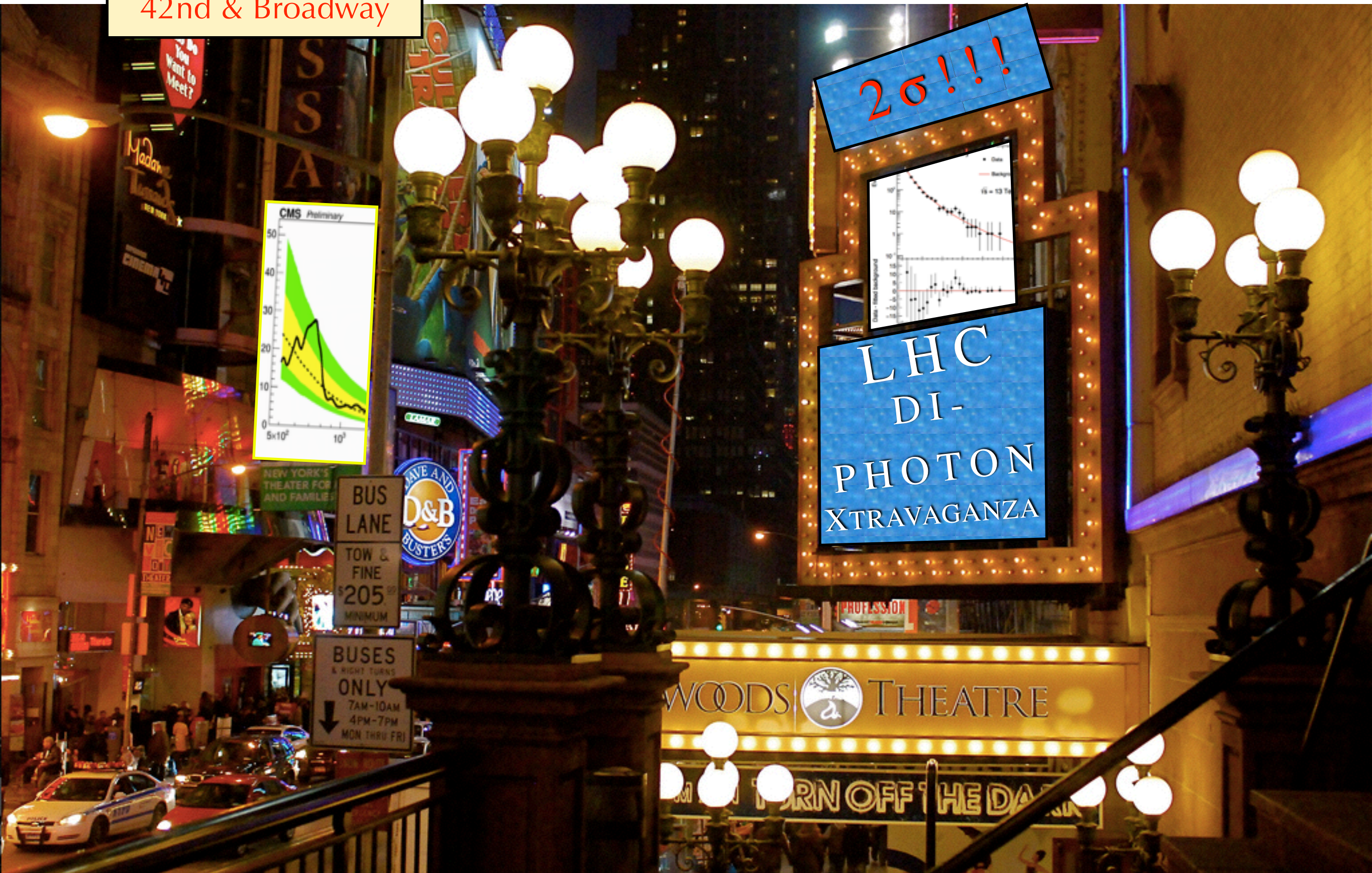
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The LHC



The LHC

42nd & Broadway



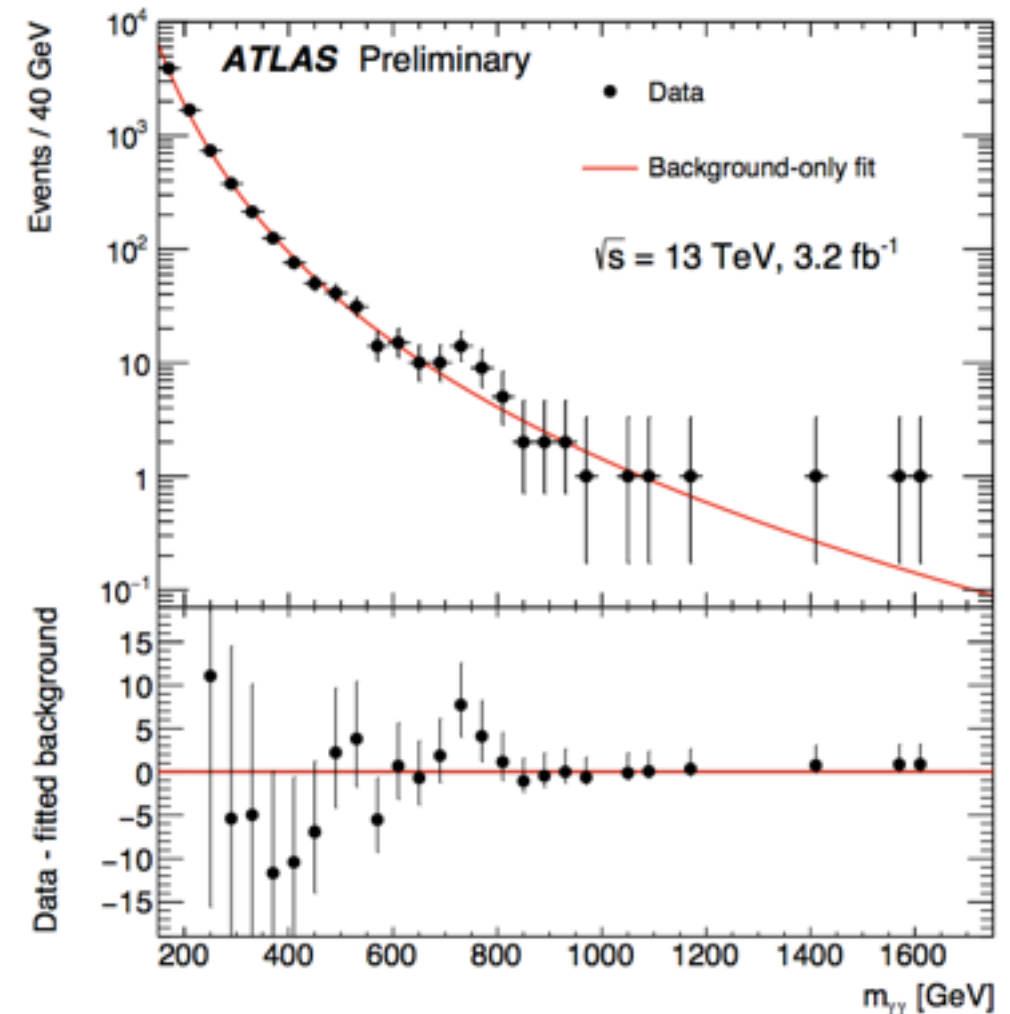
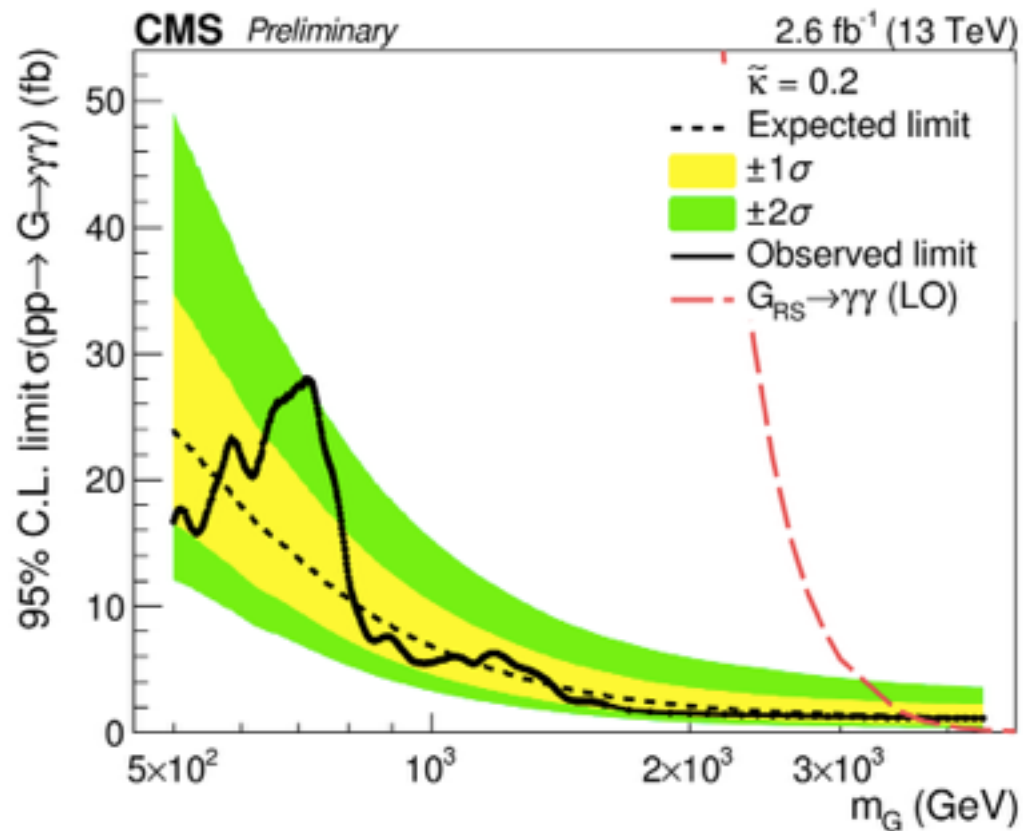
The LHC

East Village Off-Off-Broadway

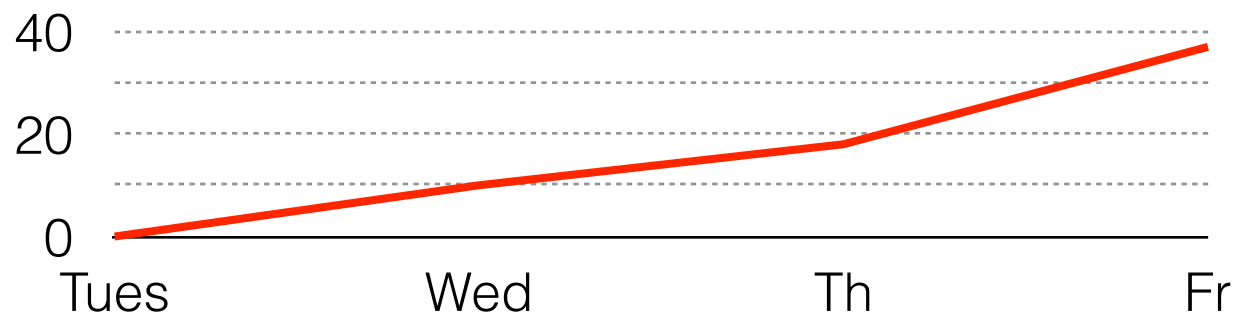


The LHC

At the LHC we're not just slight, intriguing diphoton excesses at 750 GeV.



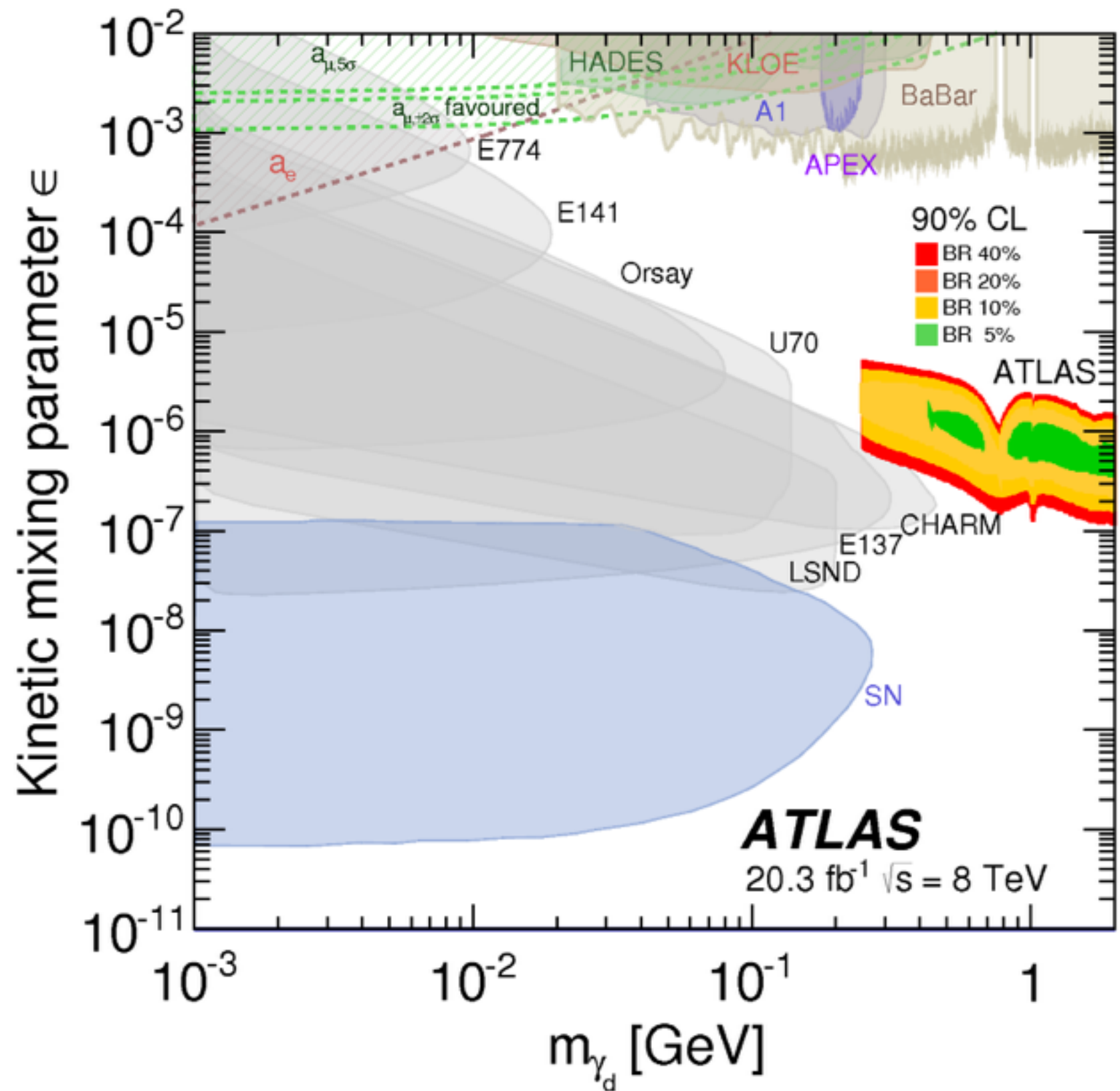
arXiv pheno $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 750 \text{ GeV}$ papers, cumulative,
 after our seminar @CERN on Tues. 15 Dec. 2015



Run 2 is a playground of
 fascinating signatures,
 approaches and final states,
 including dark photons.

Dark photons at the LHC

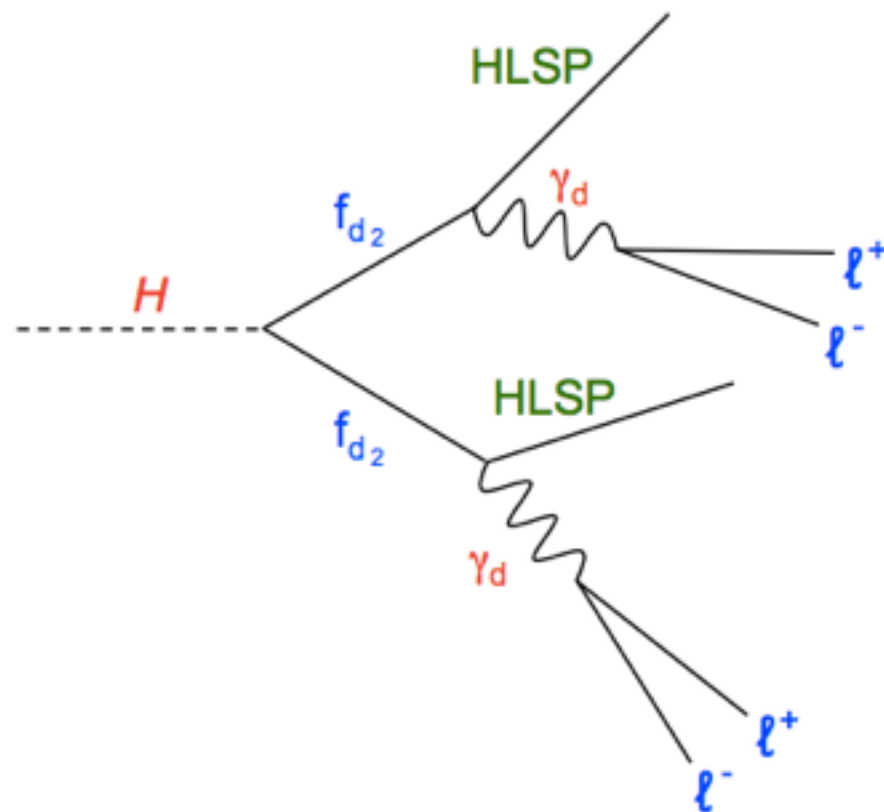
The LHC is now getting in on
the dark photon action...
...via *lepton-jets*.



Dark photons at the LHC

Highly collimated groupings of leptons: *lepton-jets*; distinct LHC signature

Low-mass dark photons can be produced via cascade decays of heavier states

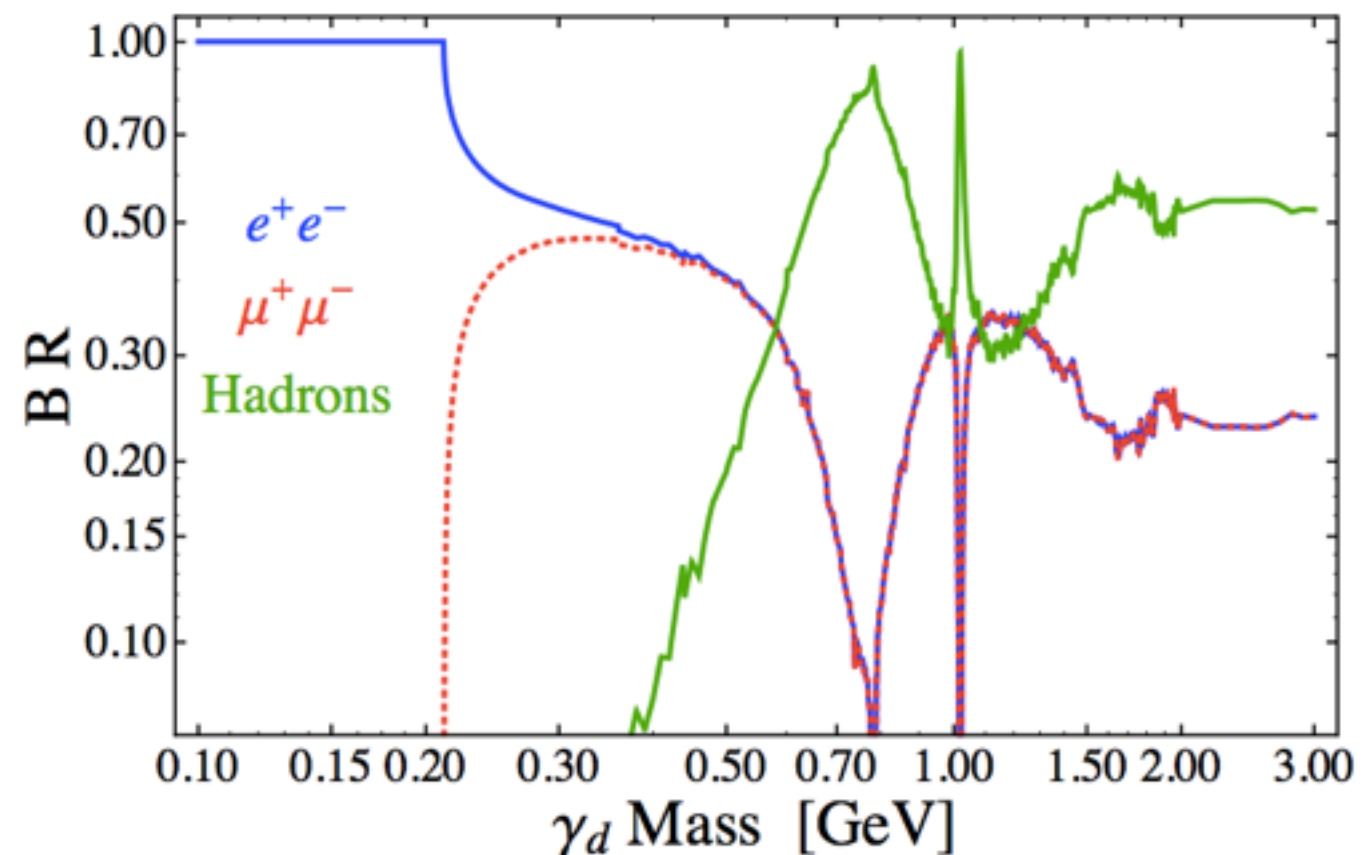
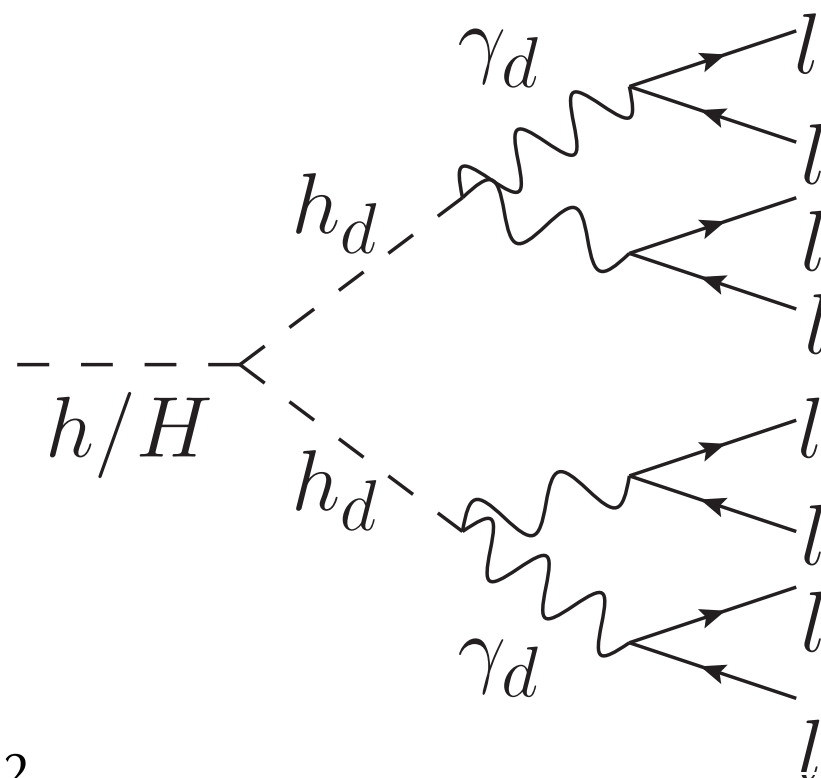


Low-mass

→ large boost

→ collimated decay products

Leptonic decays prominent over wide (low) mass range

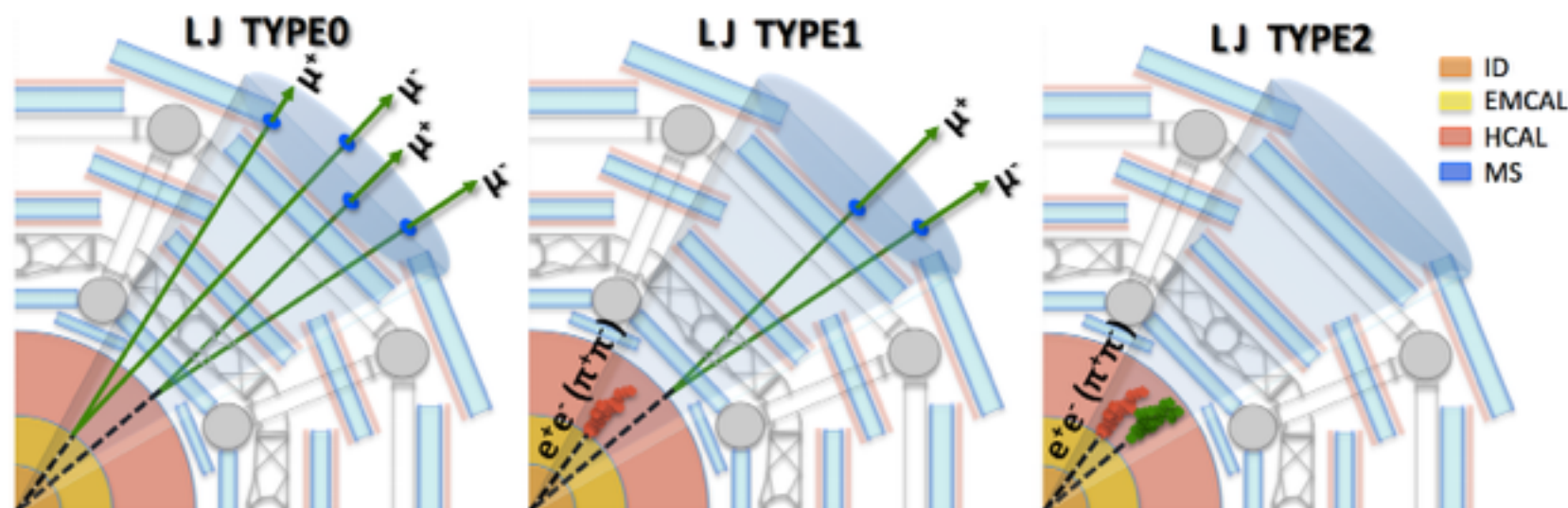


Prompt and displaced lepton-jets at the LHC

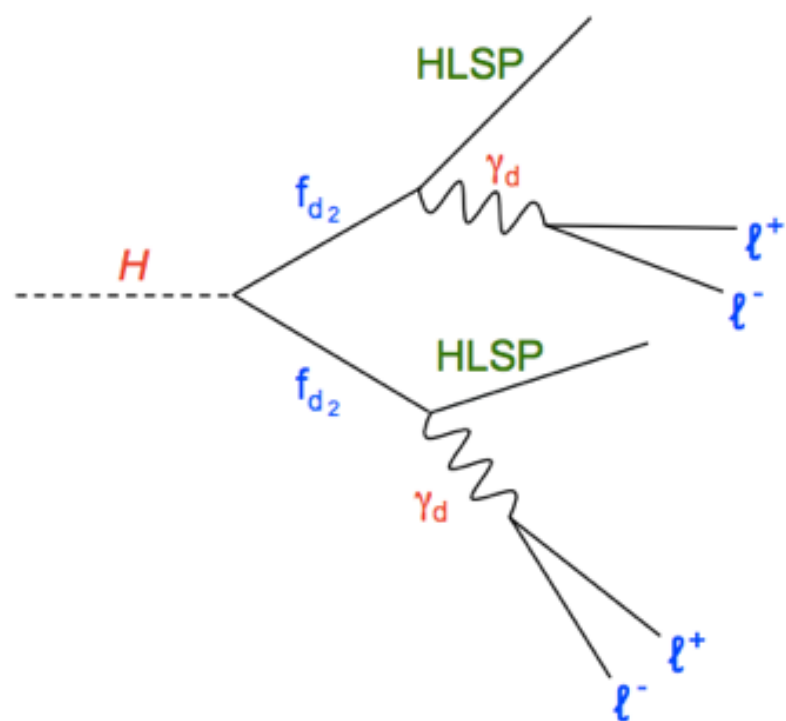
Highly collimated groupings of leptons: *lepton-jets*; distinct LHC signature

- Standard muon ID benefits from isolation; here need dedicated clustering algorithm with a cone of ΔR

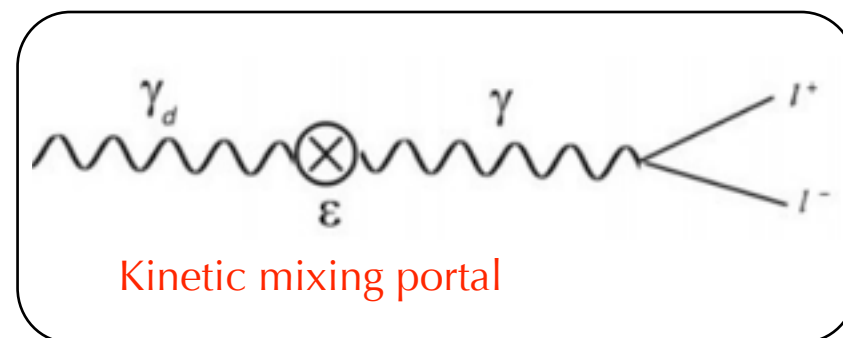
Model-independent search for lepton-jet objects, with a few benchmark signal interpretations



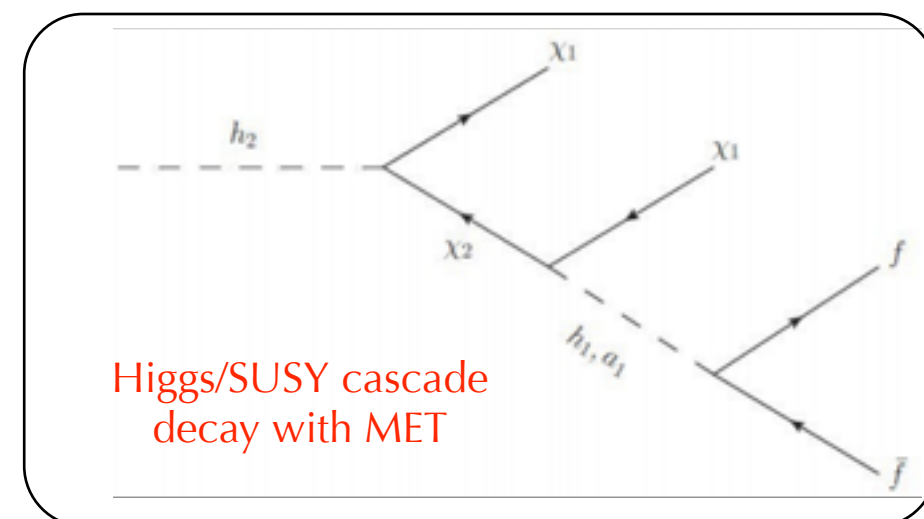
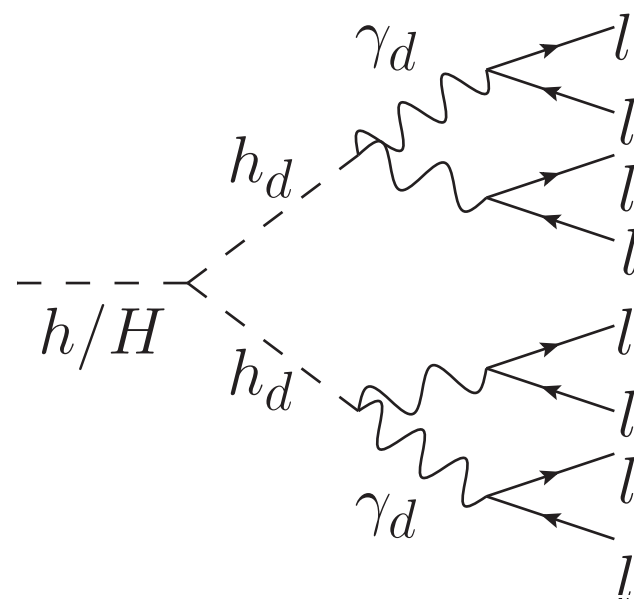
Weak interaction ==> non-negligible dark photon lifetime



Dark/hidden sector coupled to SM Higgs and leptons via very light dark sector particles



Three separate types of lepton-jet definitions considered
Cosmic backgrounds important



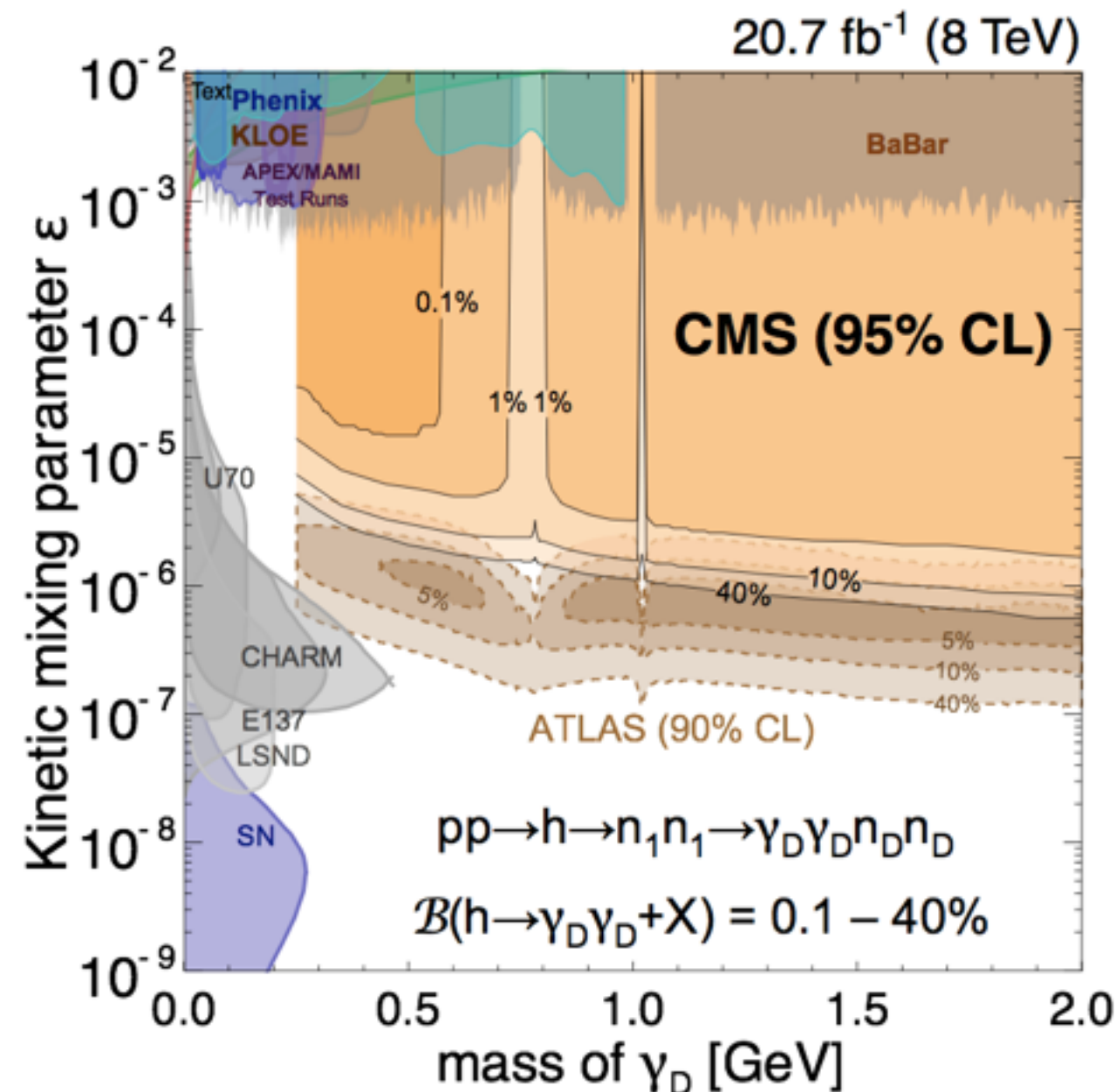
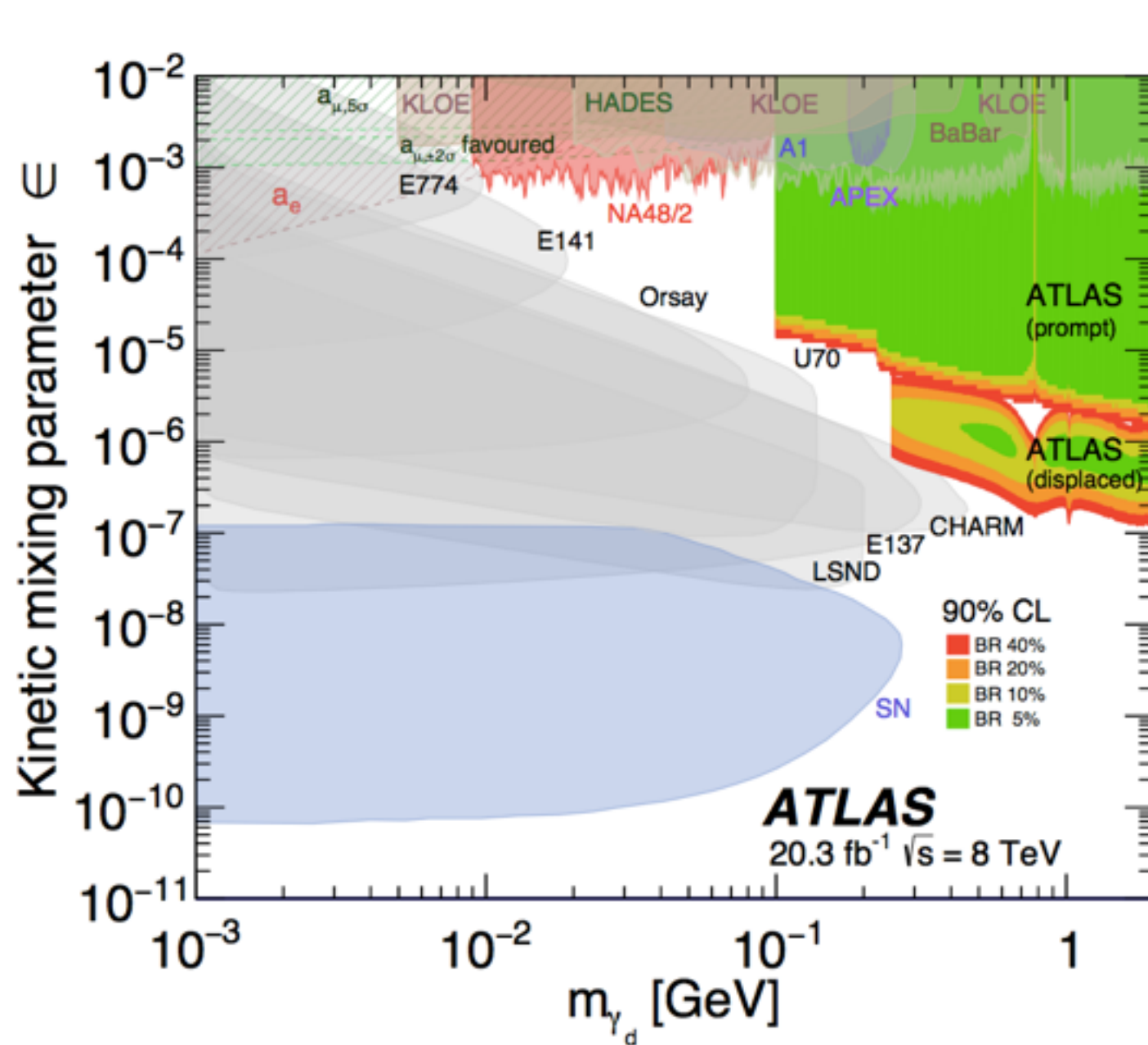
Prompt and displaced lepton-jets at the LHC

ATLAS: JHEP11(2014)088
arXiv:1511.05542

CMS: arXiv:1506.00424

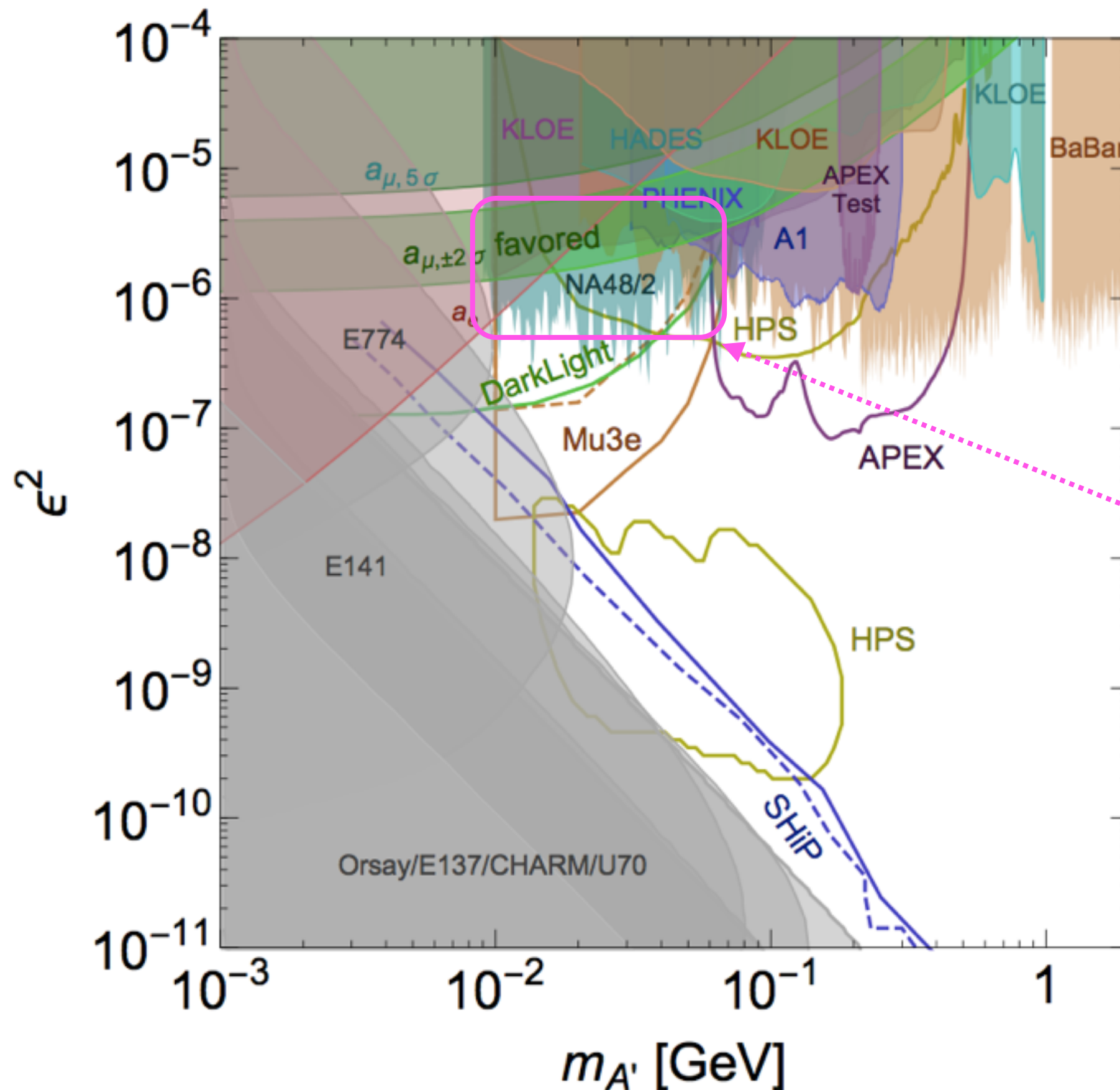
ATLAS lepton-jets

CMS dark photon interpretation of
 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\mu$



Parameter space getting squeezed

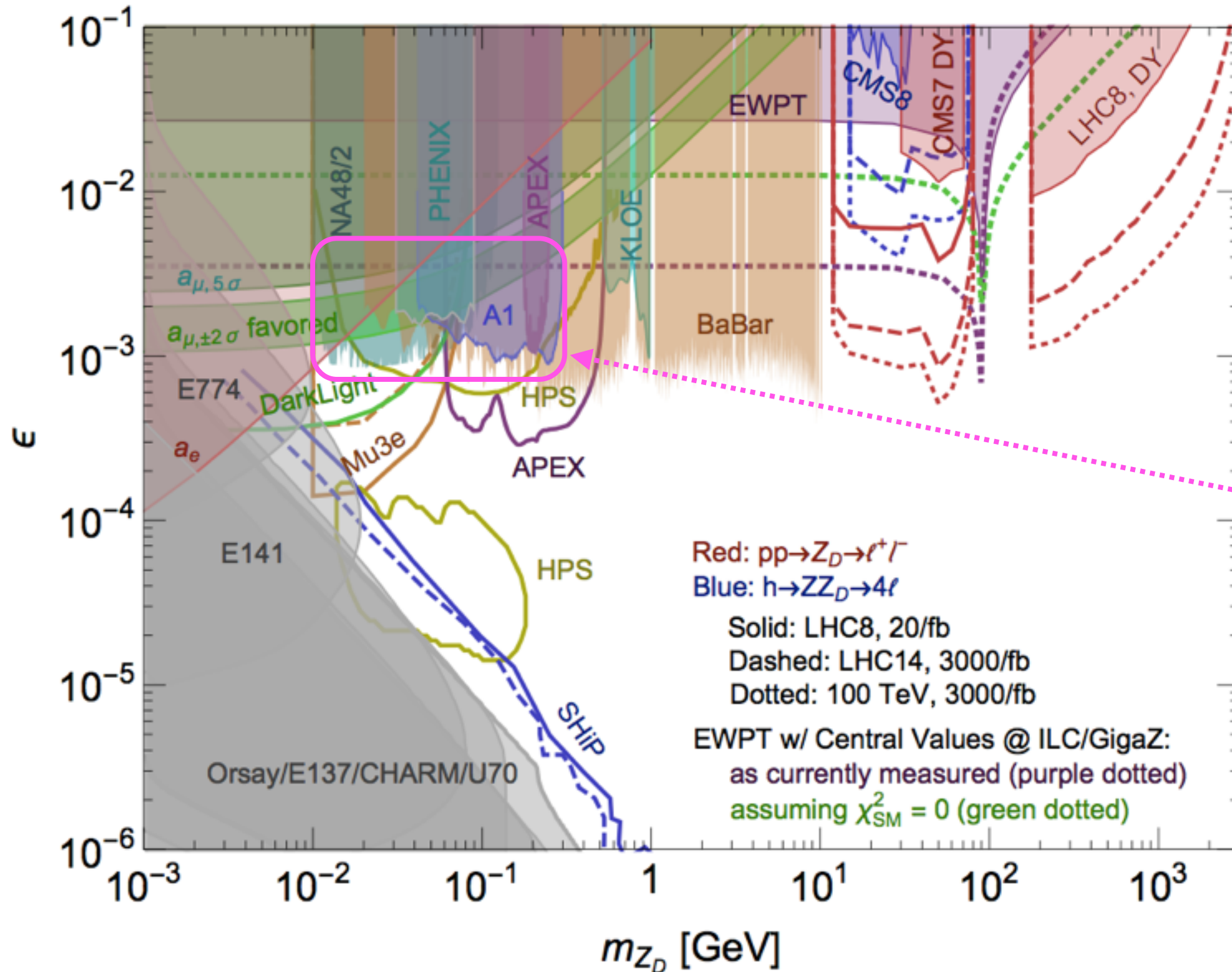
Parameter space getting squeezed — for visible decays



Recent results
disfavor $A' \rightarrow \text{SM}$
solution to
muon g-2
(also beam dump
reinterpretation)

$A' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ a
stronger possibility

Parameter space getting squeezed — for visible decays



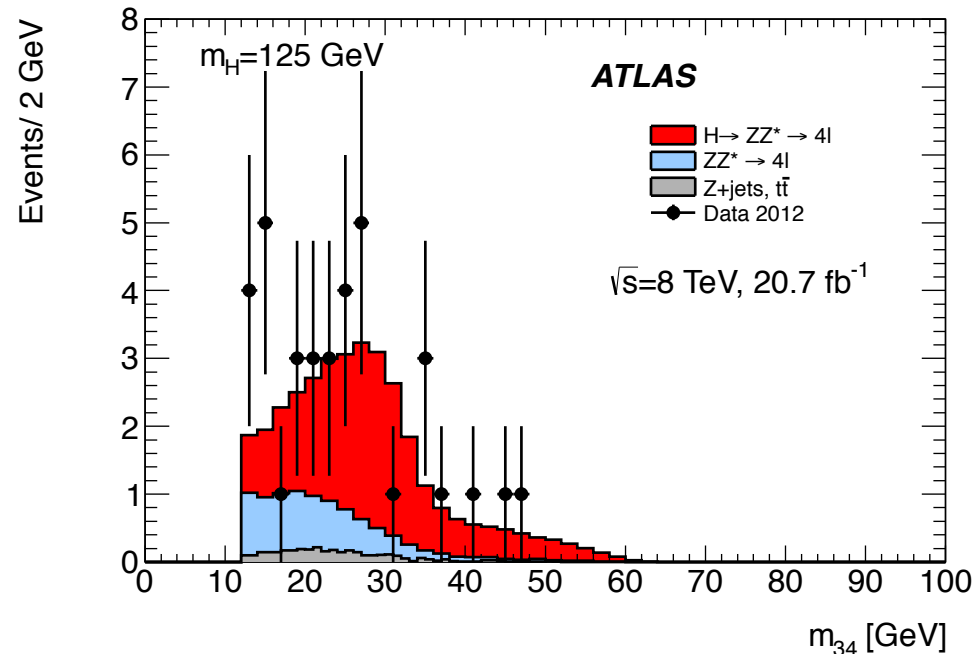
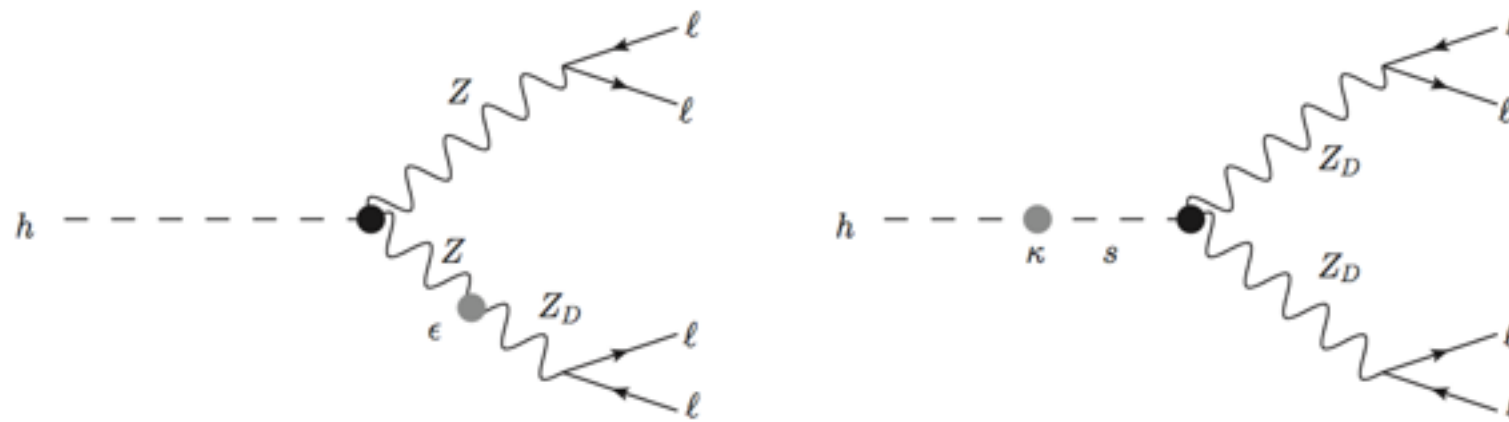
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Extend our thinking to higher masses

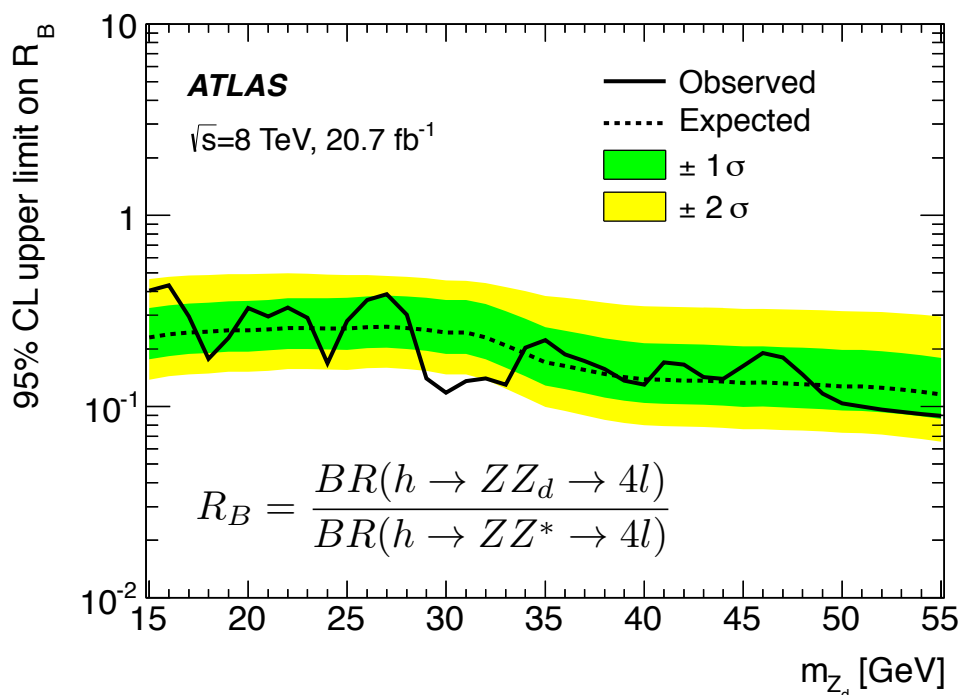
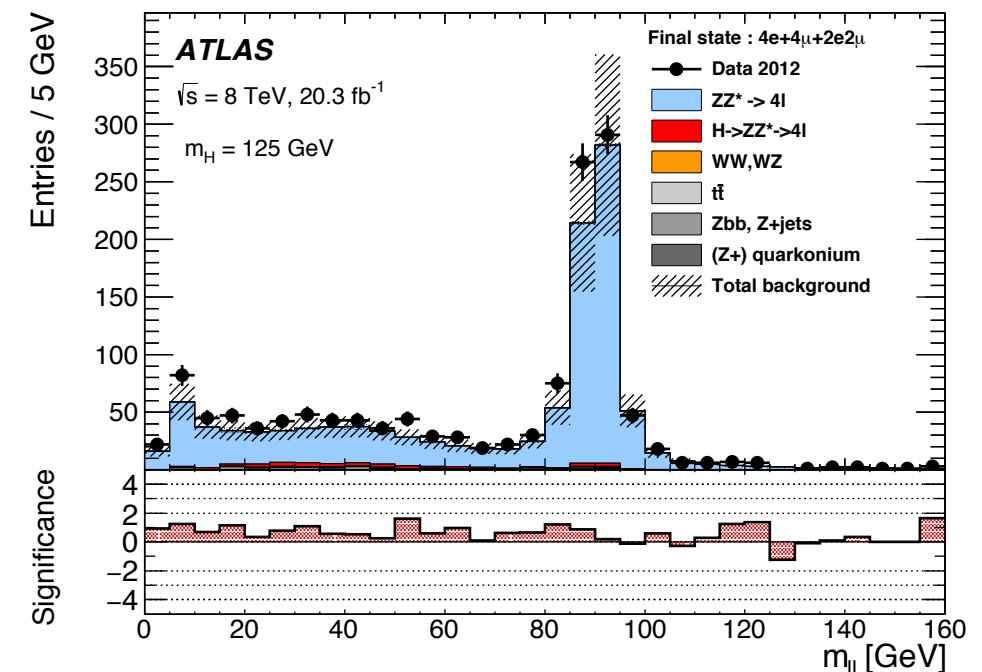
Higher mass hidden gauge bosons: $H \rightarrow Z_{(d)}Z_d \rightarrow 4l$

ATLAS (8 TeV): [arXiv:1505.07645](https://arxiv.org/abs/1505.07645)

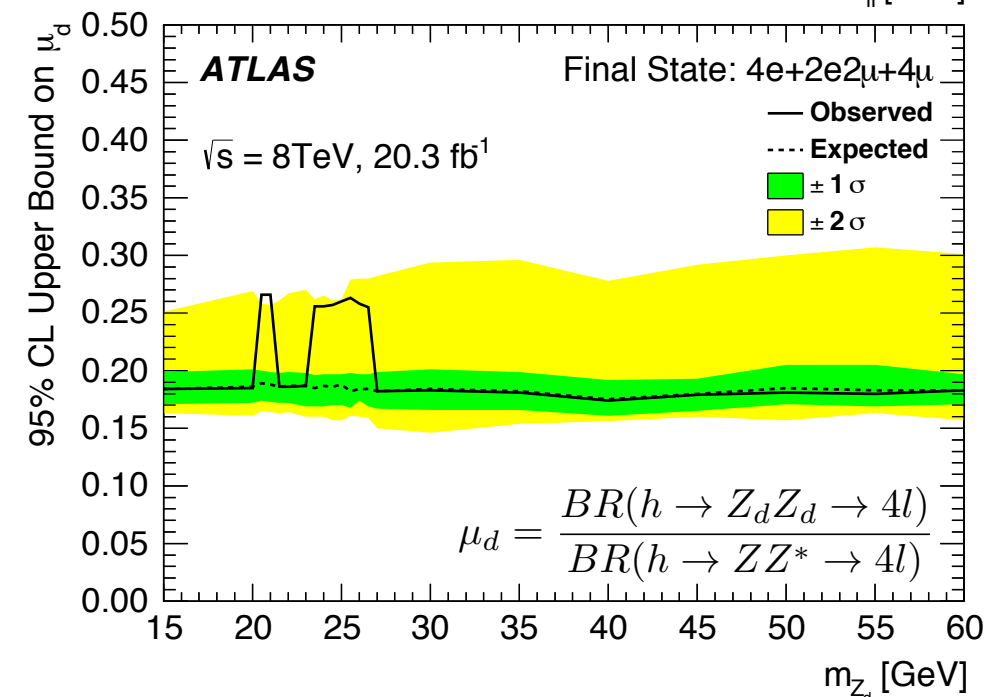
Dedicated search in ATLAS
Higgs-to-four-leptons events



ZZ_d : Look for
excesses in m_{34}
spectrum
(where m_{12} is
closest to m_Z)

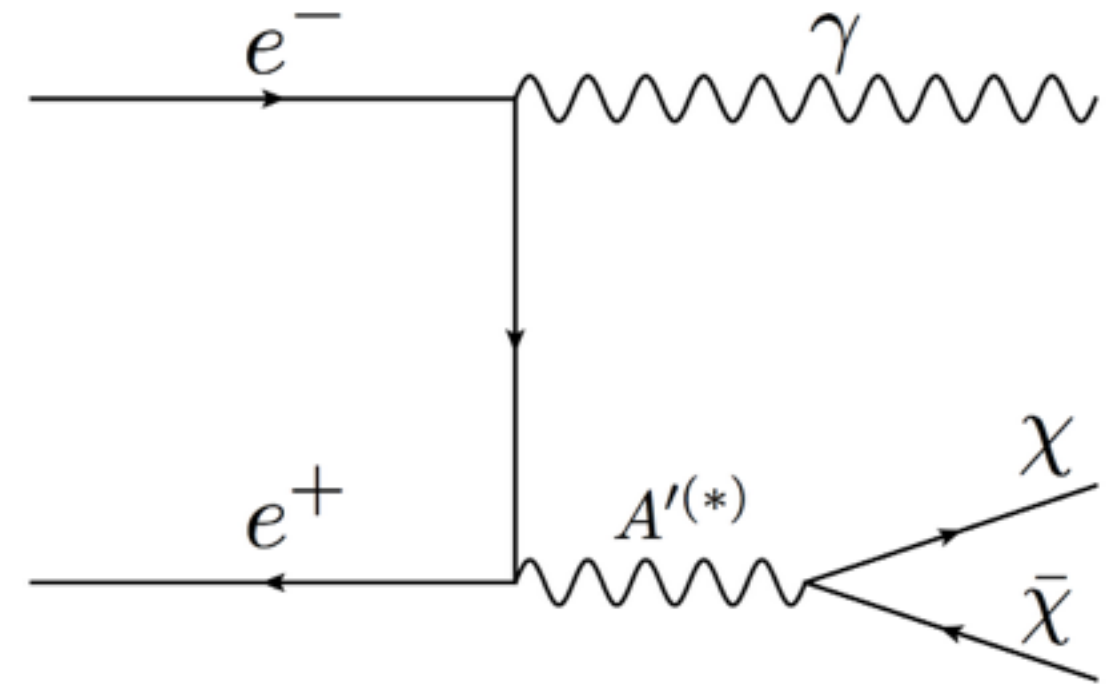
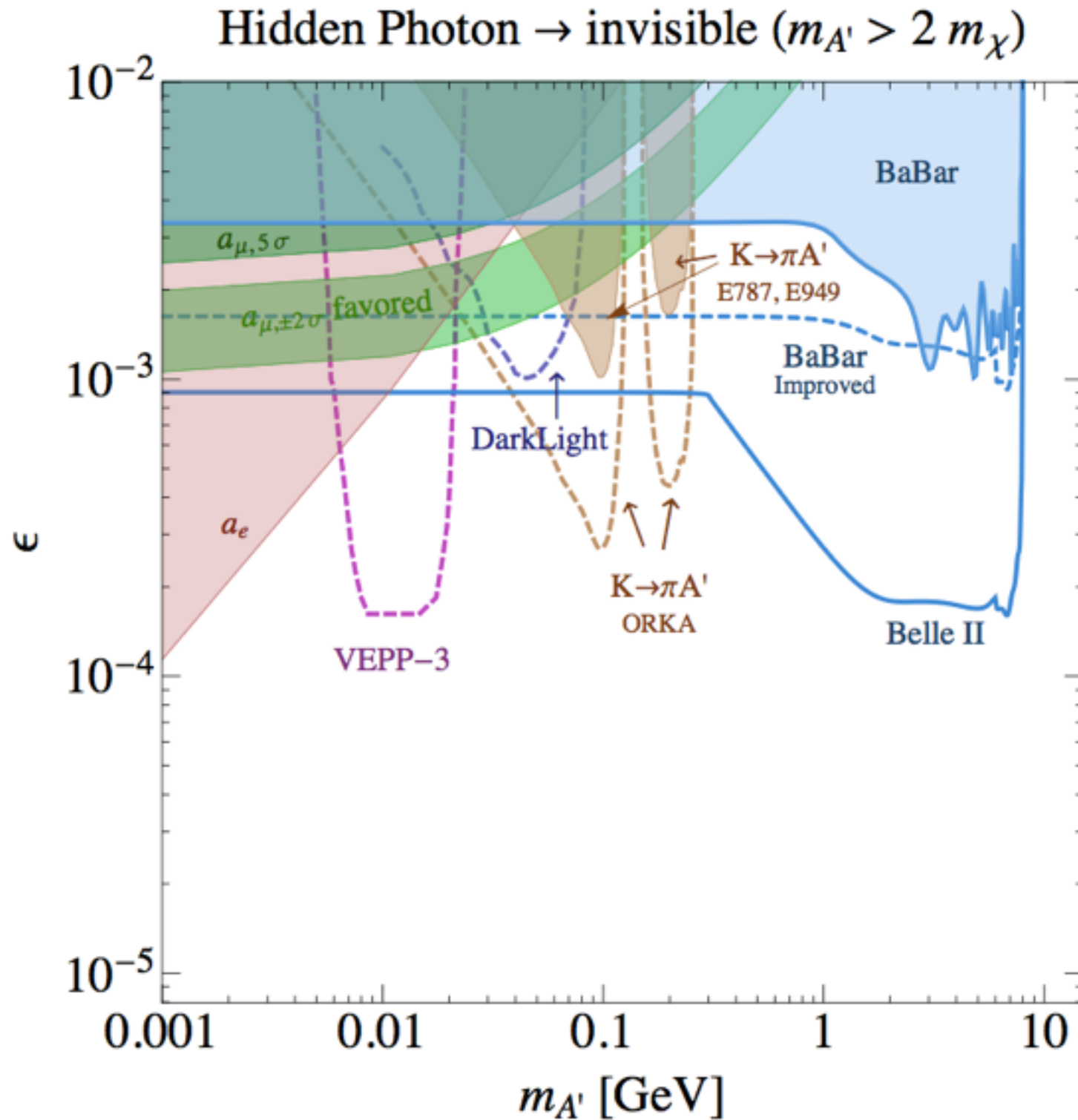


Z_dZ_d : keep events with a
unique quadruplet where
the mass difference
between the 2 dilepton
system $|m_{12}-m_{34}|$ is
minimal; then apply a Z-
veto and a J/ψ and Υ veto



Invisible dark photon decays

arXiv:1309.5084



Excellent prospects at Belle 2

Monophoton trigger essential

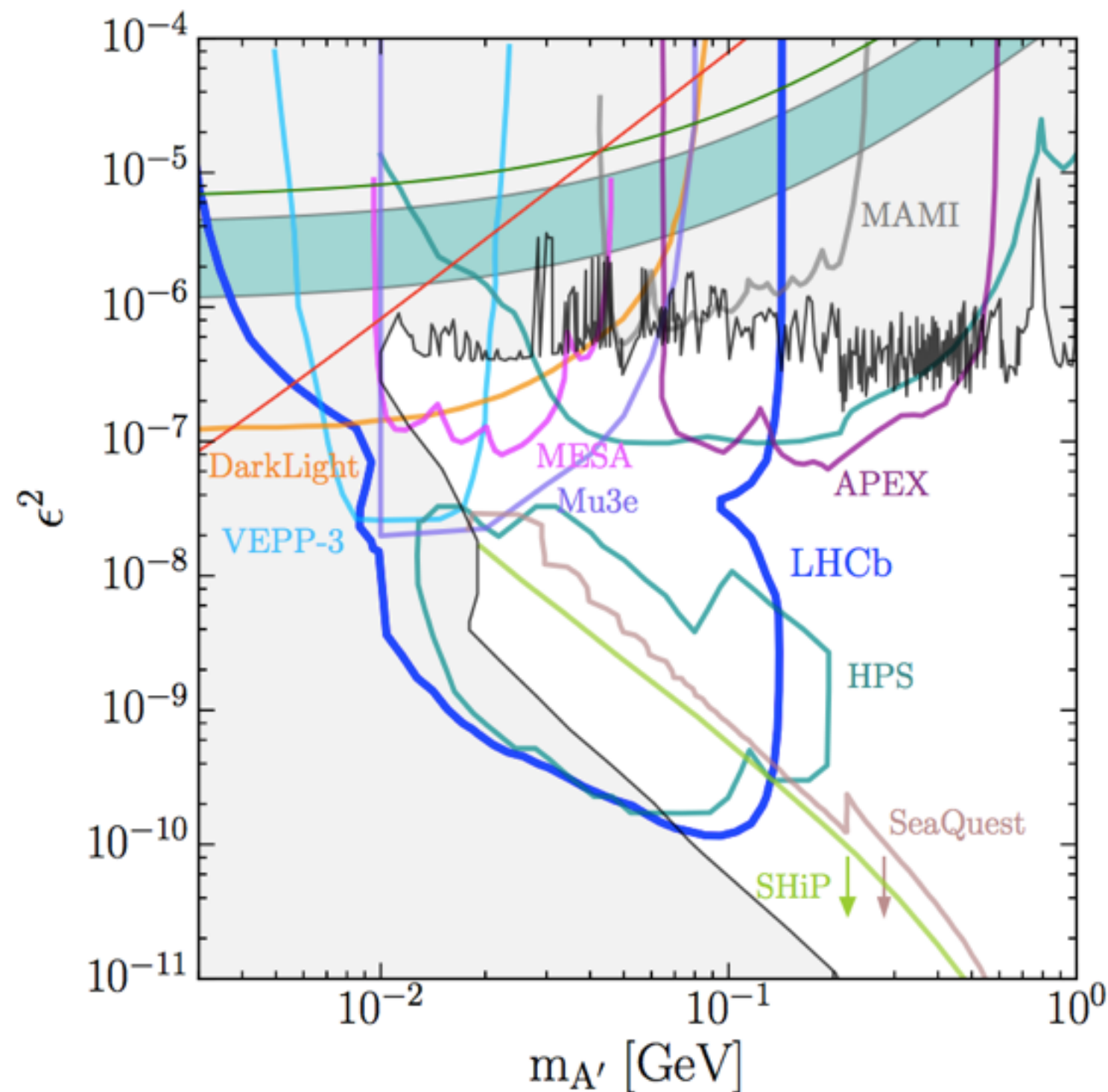
Others:

NA62, Project X

[ORKA canceled!]

On the horizon: Dark photons at LHCb Run 3

[arXiv:1509.06765](https://arxiv.org/abs/1509.06765)



Hidden gauge boson from
charm meson decays

$$D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 \gamma$$

Rate in LHCb ~ 700 kHz
 $\rightarrow \sim 5$ trillion events in LHC
Run 3

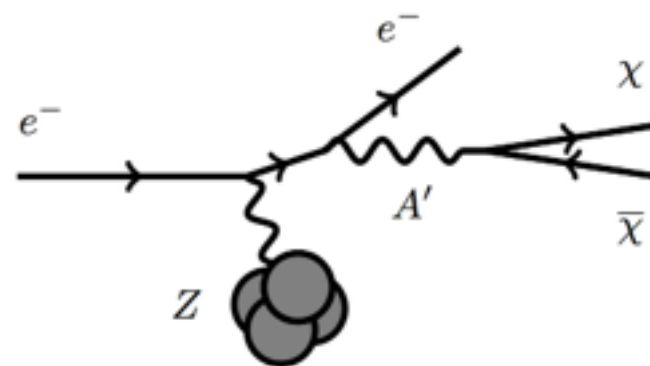
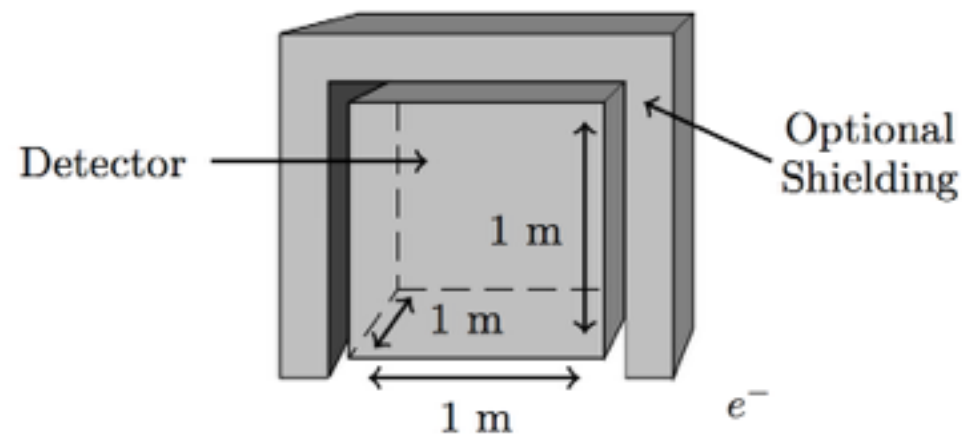
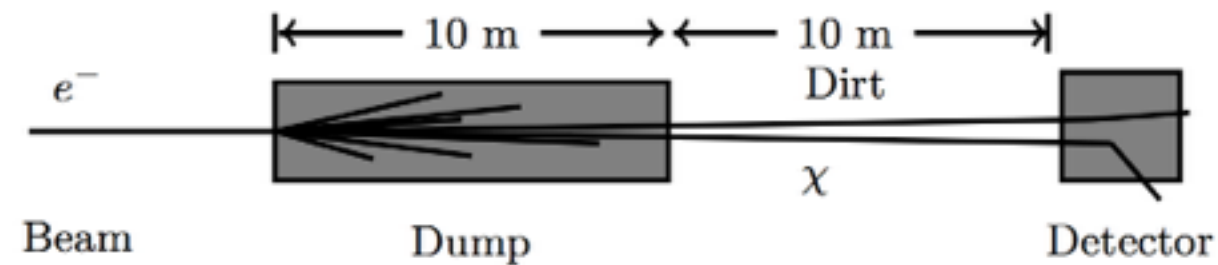
Closes (some of) the gap
between APEX/HPS resonance
search and vertexing searches

On the horizon: New beam dumps

Example: **BDX**

Probe higher $m_{\chi d}$

[arXiv:1406.3028](https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.3028)

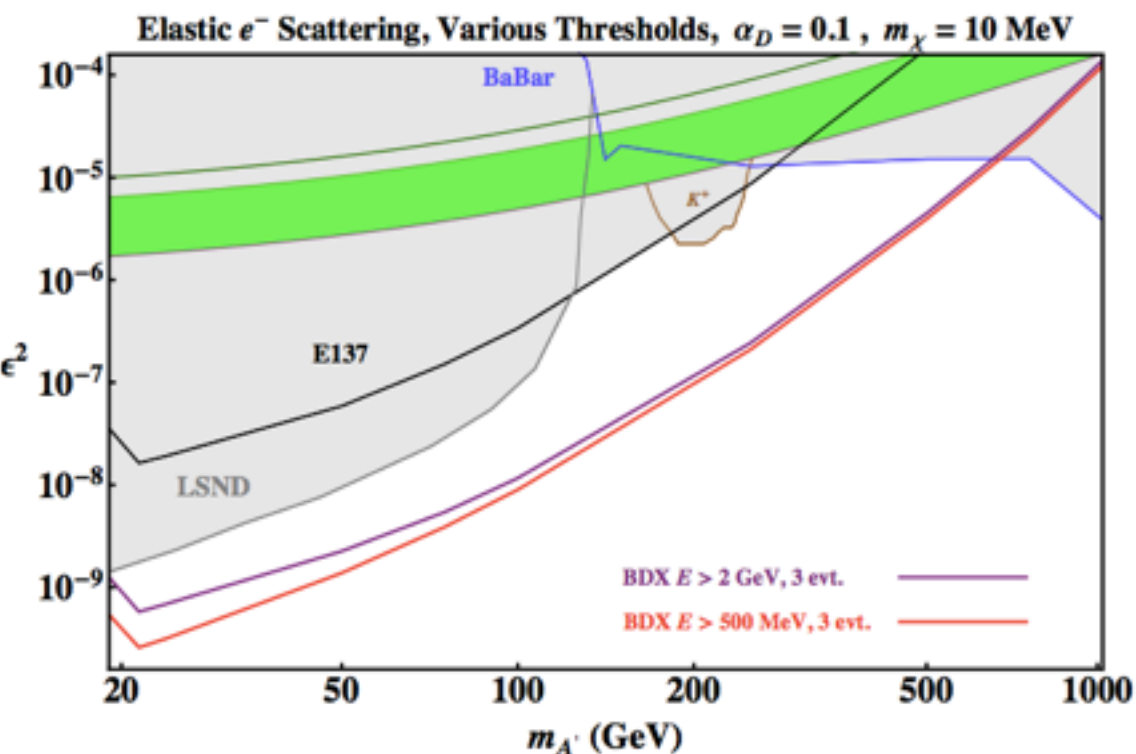


Detected energy deposit is low, so the detector concept is shockingly simply, but the background estimate is difficult.

Pair produce a dark matter beam with enough recoil energy to show up in a scintillator cube

Proposed to take place at JLab, but SLAC also a possibility

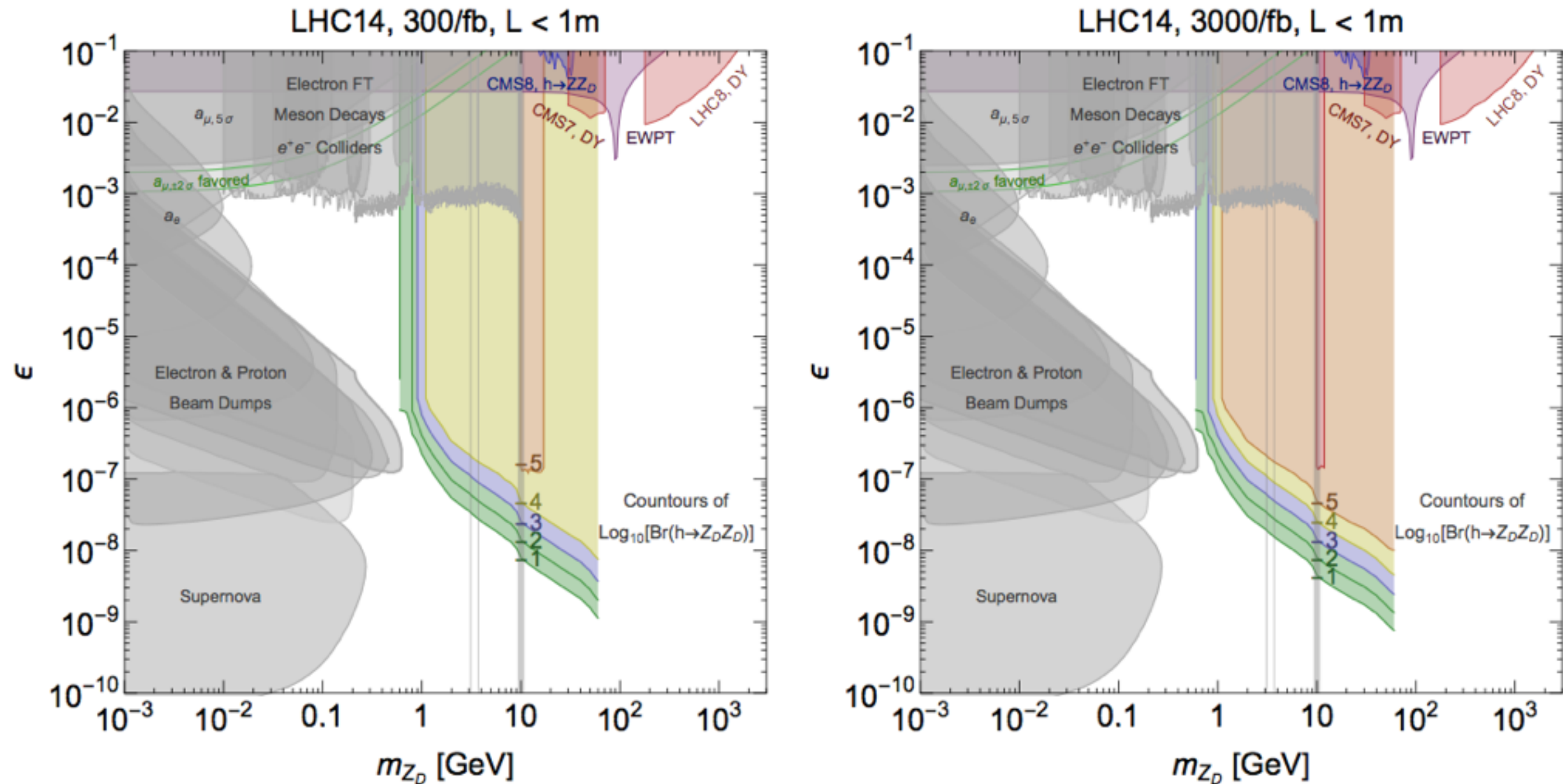
Currently working on prototype detector, simulation, full JLab proposal



Others: "Missing momentum" [\[arXiv:1411.1404\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.1404)

Mini-BooNE

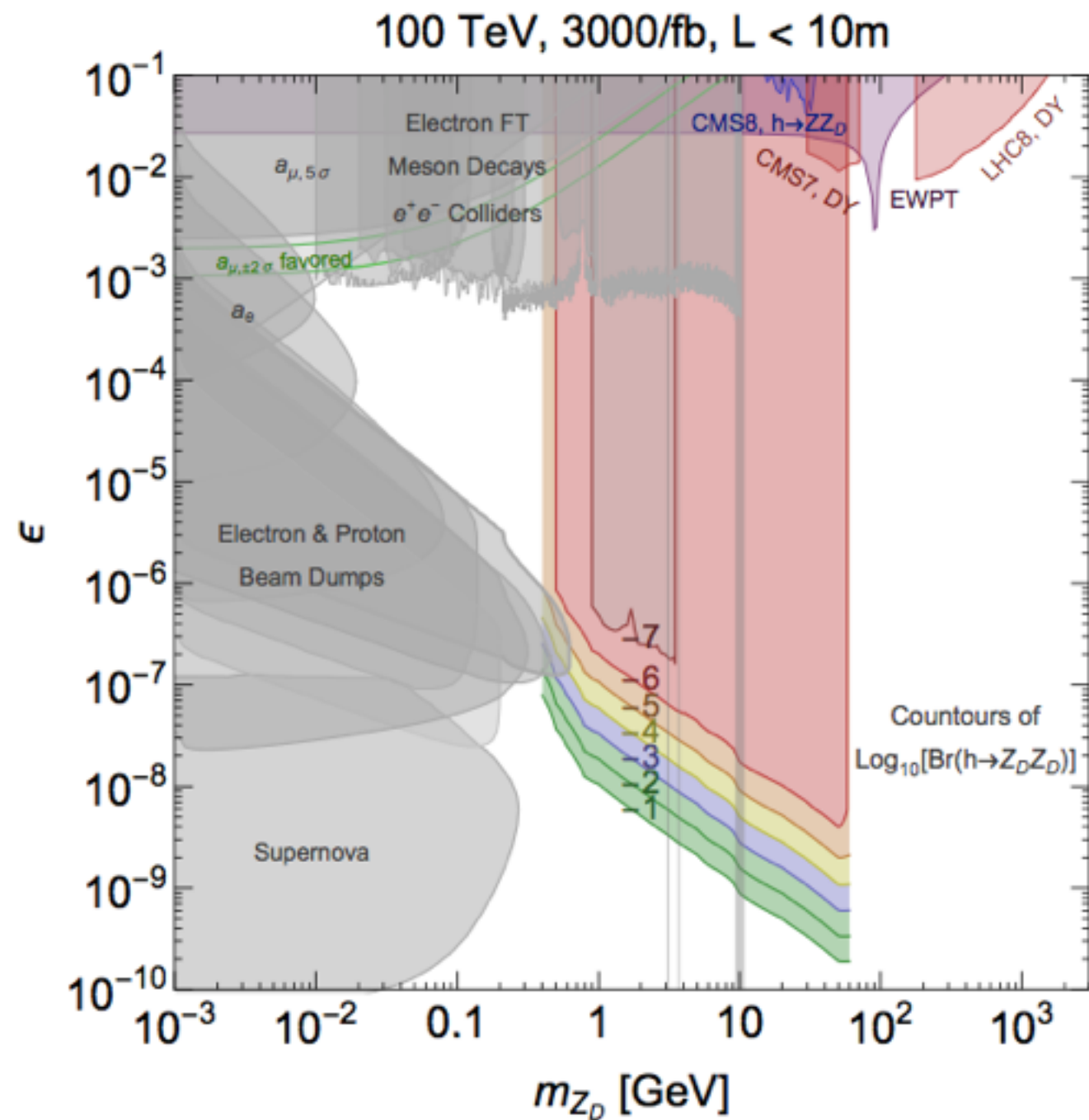
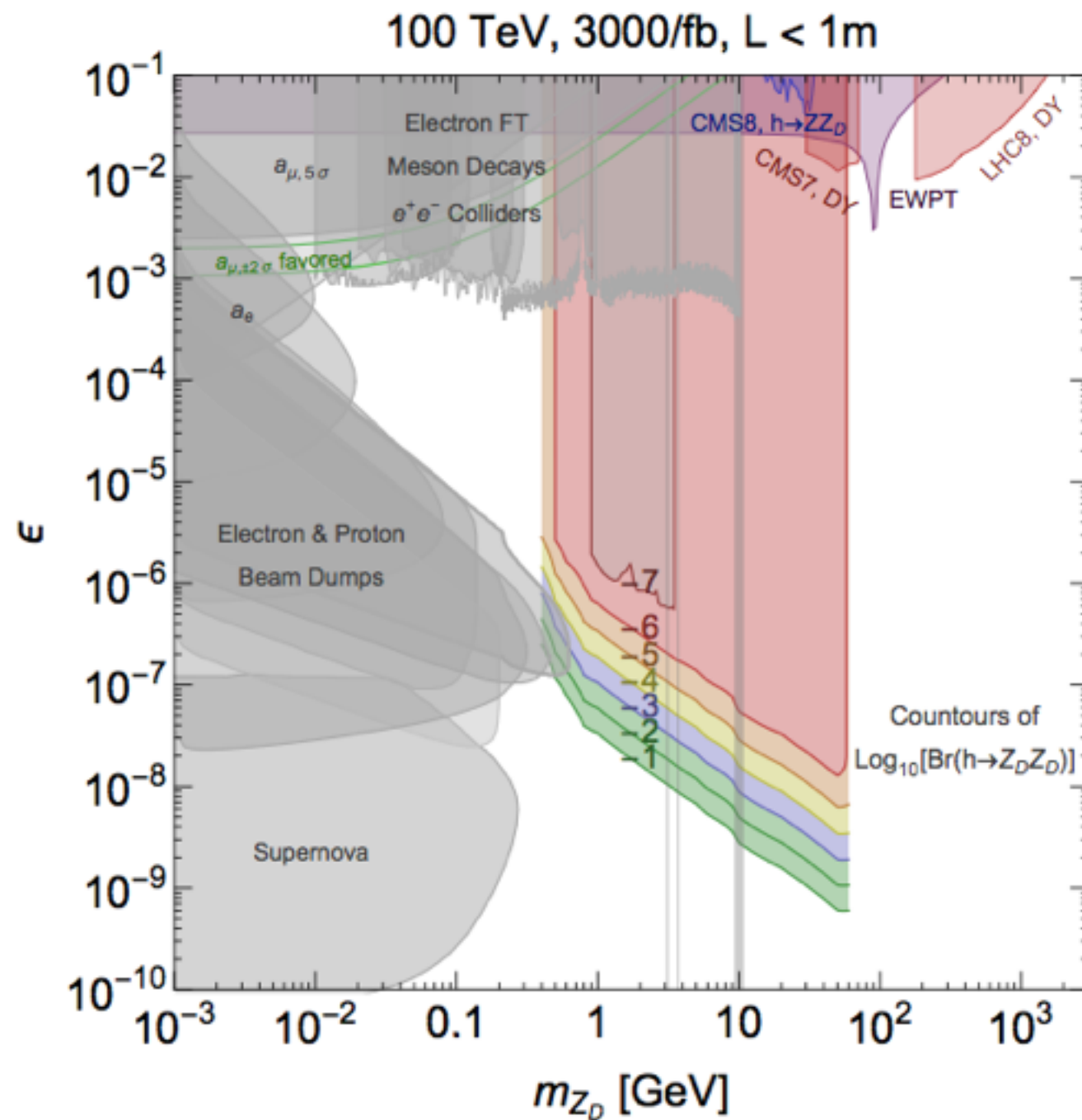
On the horizon: New reaches for ATLAS/CMS



Higgs mixing with displaced decays

[arXiv:1412.0018](https://arxiv.org/abs/1412.0018)

The future: FCC



Higgs mixing with displaced decays

[arXiv:1412.0018](https://arxiv.org/abs/1412.0018)

Impossibilities: h125 as a photon source

$$h \longrightarrow \gamma\gamma^d, m_{\gamma^d} < m_h/2$$

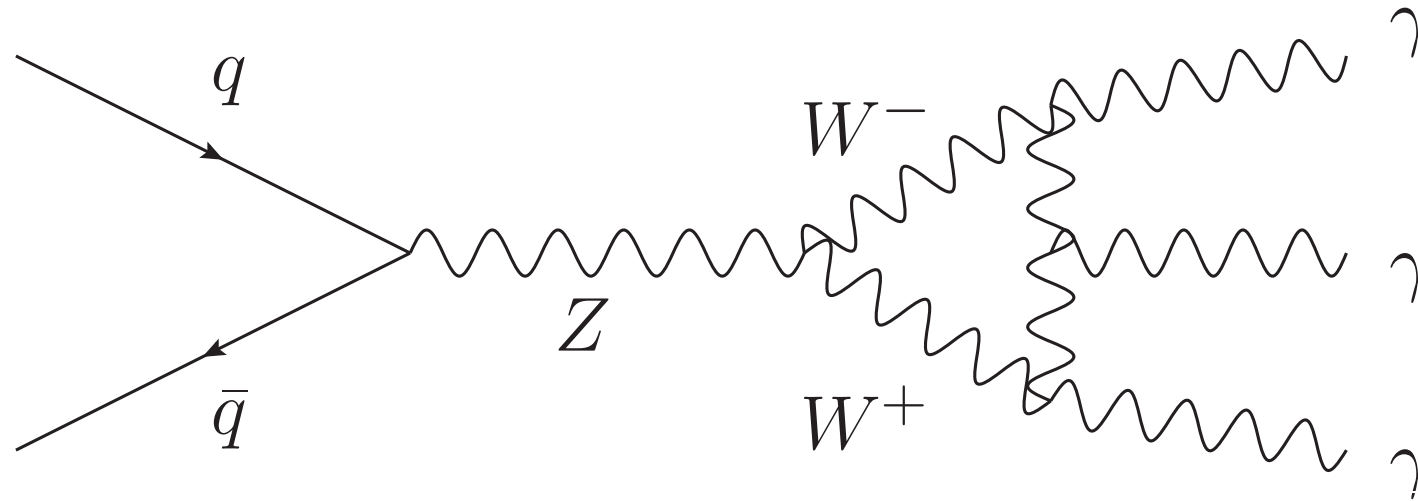
Experiment	N_{h125}
ILC at 1 TeV	$10^{4-5} / \text{year}$
TLEP	$10^5 / \text{year}$
Muon collider	$10^4 / \text{year}$
LHC 14 TeV 3000/fb	10^8
Photon linear collider	60 x e+e- collider

V.Telnov, Photon2015

$\text{BR}(h \longrightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 2 \times 10^{-3} \longrightarrow X \text{ years at a photon collider?}$

Impossibilities: $Z \rightarrow 3\gamma$ as a photon source

$$Z \rightarrow \gamma^{(d)} \gamma^{(d)} \gamma^{(d)}$$



Recent ATLAS result: World's best limit on SM Z to three photons

One of many results in an inclusive three photon search for new phenomena

[arXiv:1509.05051](https://arxiv.org/abs/1509.05051)

Obs. (exp.) 95% CL upper limit on $\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow 3\gamma)$

- 2.2 (2.0)e-6

(almost 5 times better than LEP)

- SM prediction: 5e-10

If you have a source of 10^{15} Zs, let me know.

Peta-Z @ FILC?

New ideas

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What else?
PADME!

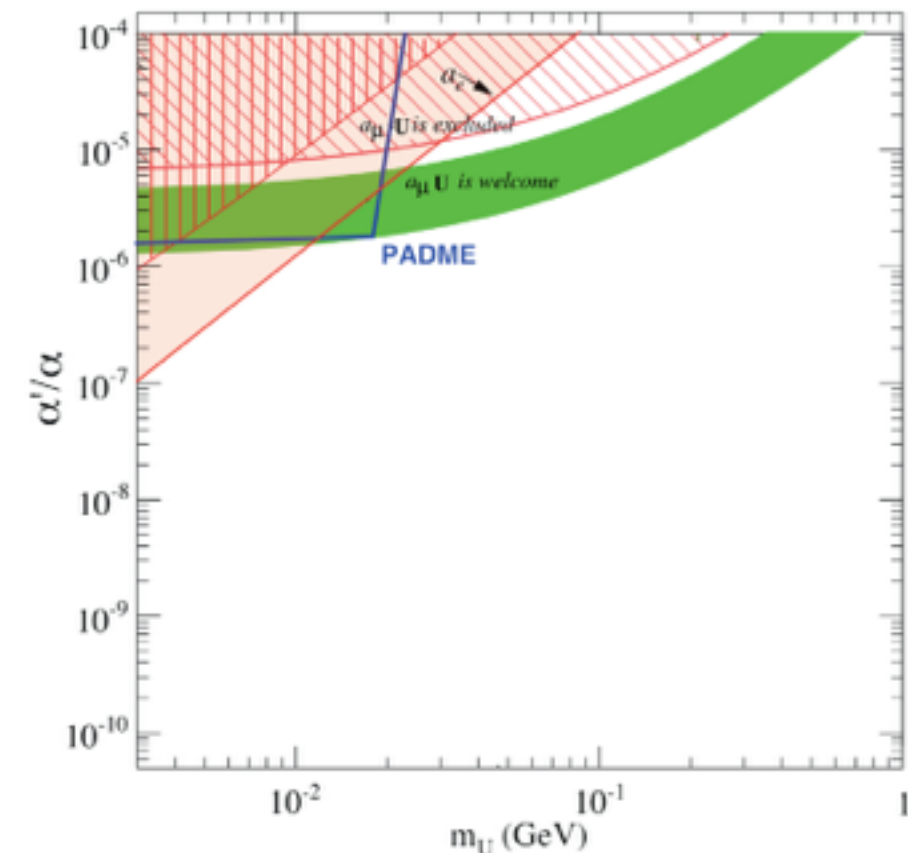
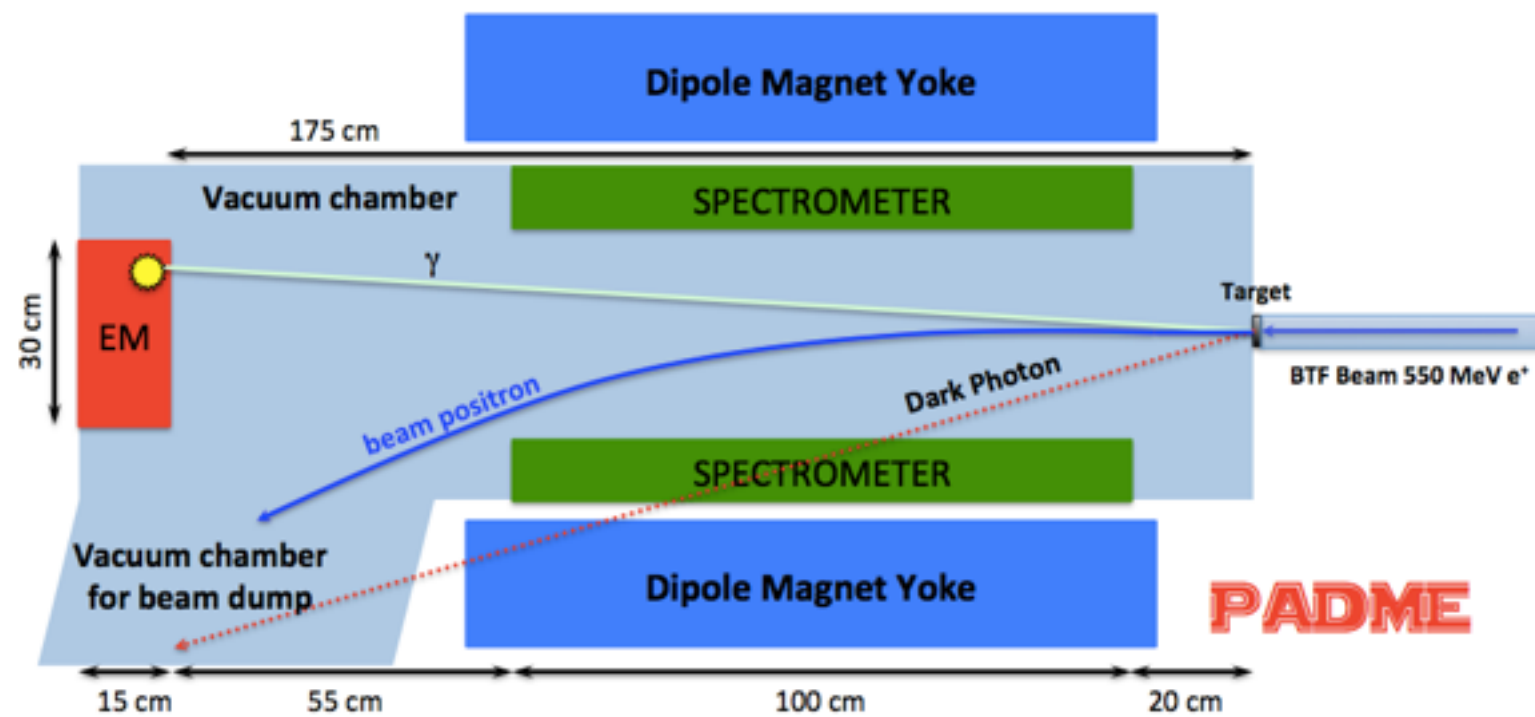


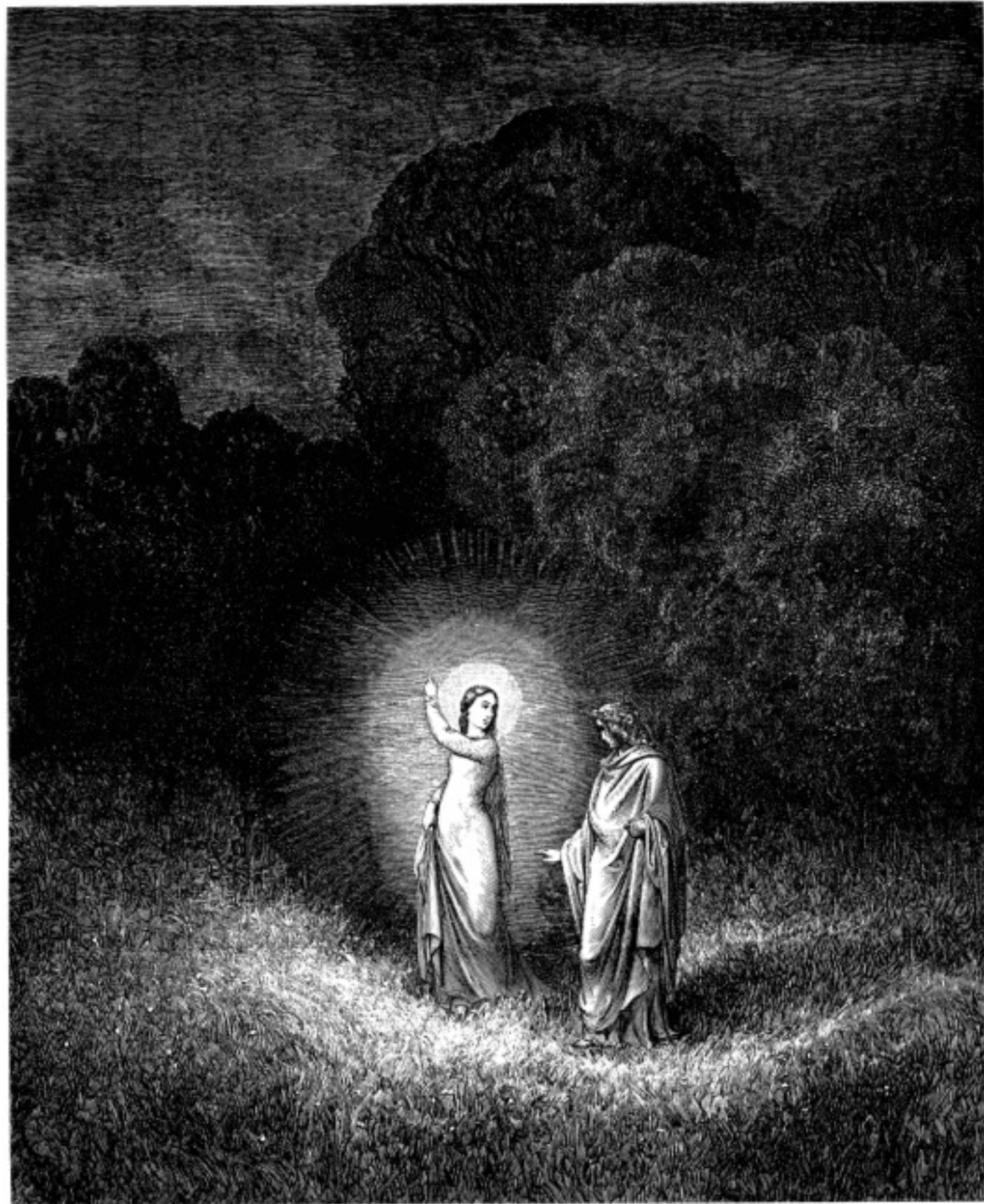
Figure 3: *Schematic of the Positron Annihilation into Dark Matter Experiment (PADME).*

Sensitive to both visible and invisible decays, $\epsilon^2 \sim 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ in the
mass range $2.5 < M_{A'} < 22.5$ MeV.

[arXiv:1501.01867](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.01867)

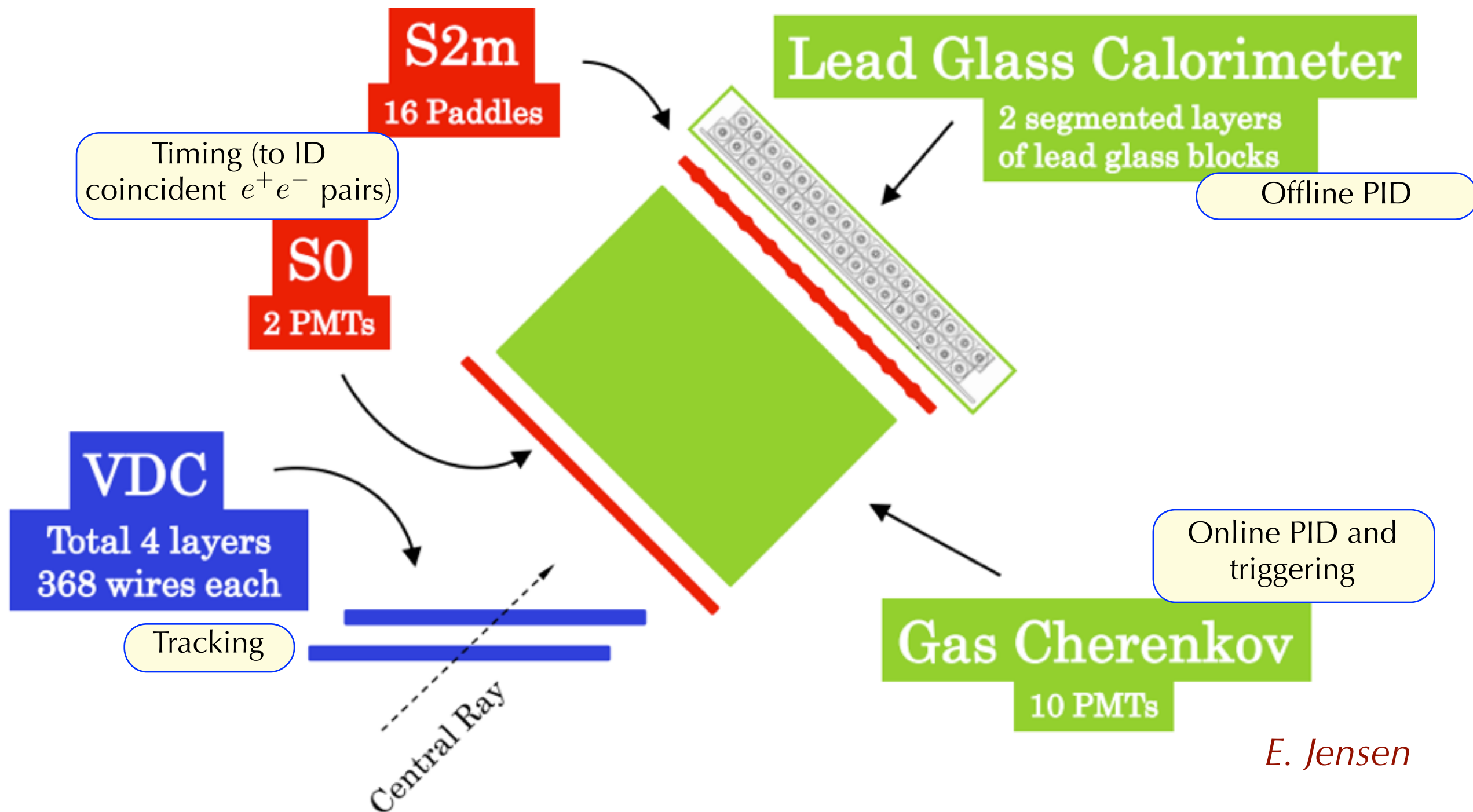
Approved and financed!
Talk to Mauro.

Stepping from the dark photon wood into the light



Backups

Hall A High Resolution Spectrometers (HRSs)

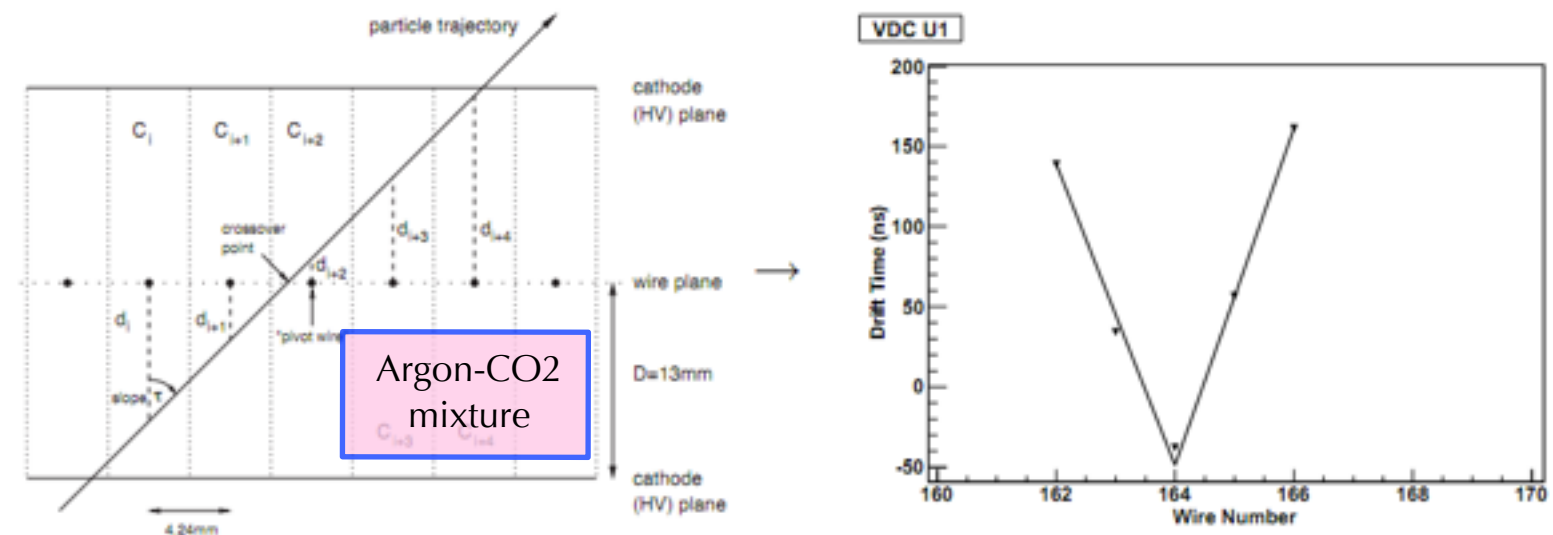


E. Jensen

APEX: Determining mass resolution

Two parallel VDCs provide accurate reconstruction of full 3D track of particle as it enters the HRS

- APEX: Electron singles rate from 0.7 to 5.8 MHz
- Rates are higher than ever used in Hall A -- 5 MHz (75 kHz/wire, 368 wires)

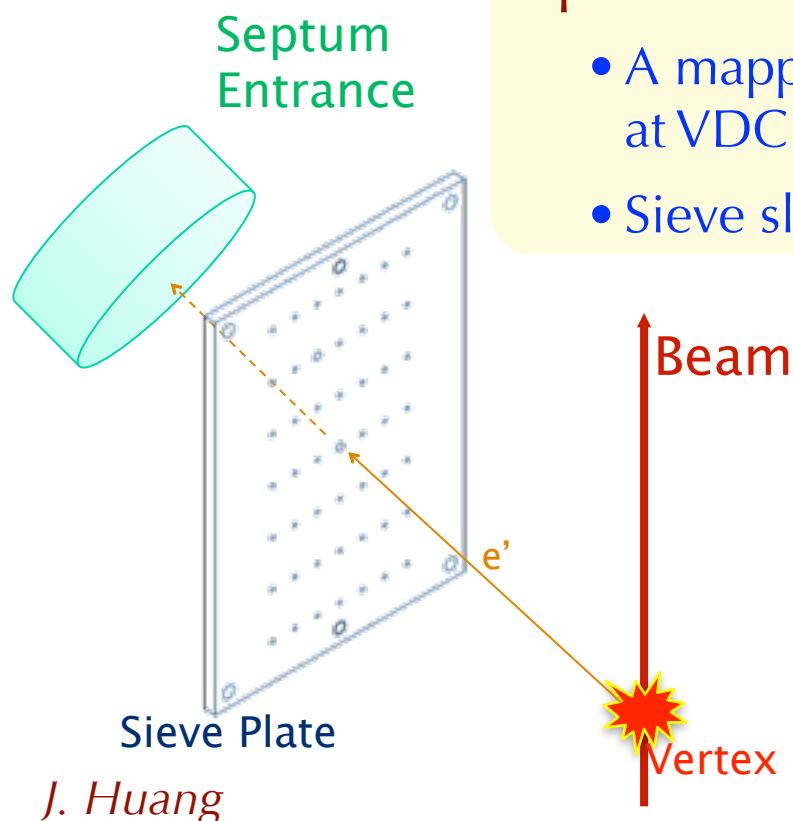


- Algorithm scans for 'V' shaped clusters in time

S. Riordan

Optics calibration

- A mapping from measured coord. at VDC to 3-momentum at target
- Sieve slit method



Mass resolution depends on angular and momentum resolution

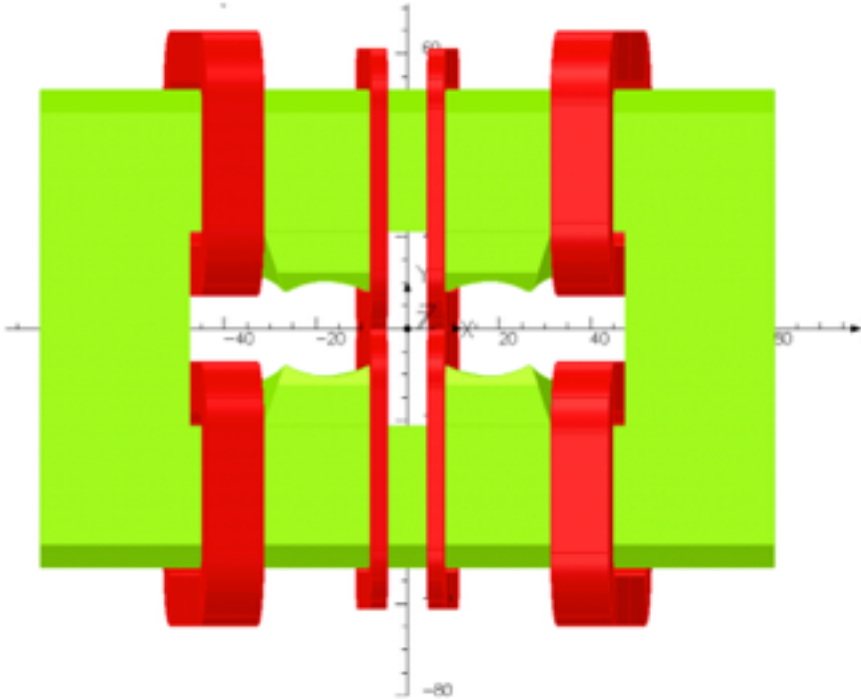
- HRS momentum resolution excellent, 10^{-4} ; negligible
- **Angular resolution and multiple scattering in target dominate**

$mrad$	Optics	Tracking	MS in target
$\sigma(\text{horiz})$	0.11	~ 0.4	0.37
$\sigma(\text{vert})$	0.22	~ 1.8	0.37

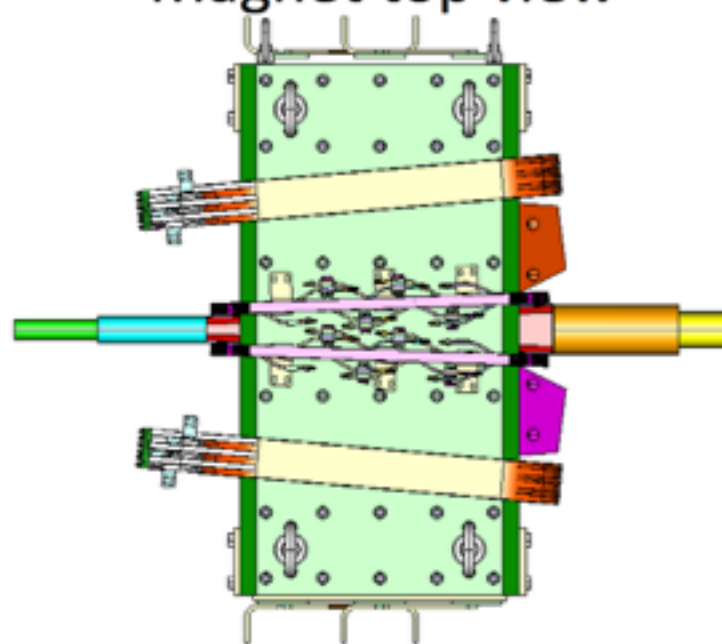
Test run mass resolution: $\sigma \sim 0.85 - 1.11 \text{ MeV}$ (varies over mass range)

APEX: Work in progress for full run

Front view



Magnet top view



New septum magnets

- Magnet parts produced
- Contractor, Buckley Systems, has finished testing coils
- Magnet shipped to JLab for further testing
- Sensitivity projections currently being updated with new acceptance and dedicated Monte Carlo

New optics method

- Scintillating fiber (SciFi) hodoscope

