

# Dark photon – experimental searches

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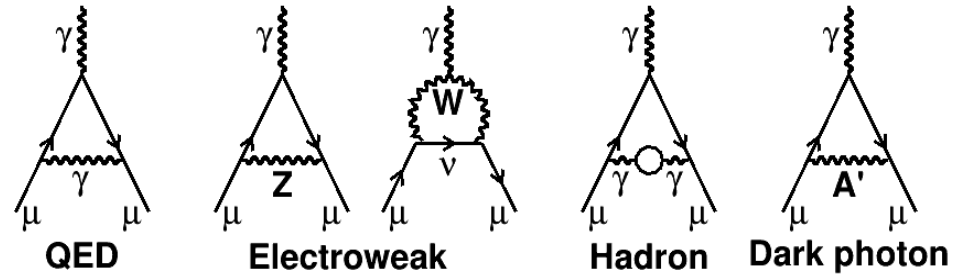
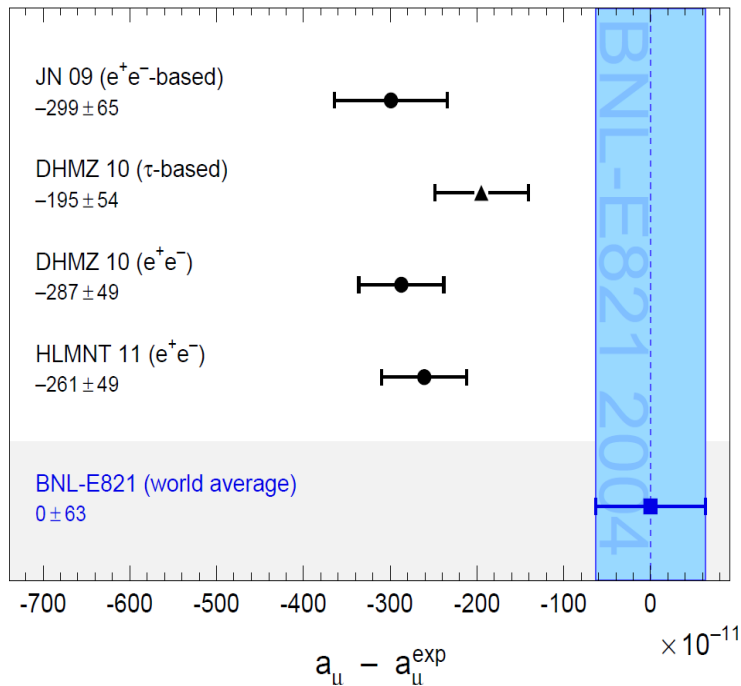


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# The Dark Photon @ LNF spring school

- Models
- Phenomenology
- Observables (or non-observables)
- When experiment meets theory
- Experiments ... experiments ... experiments

# Why Dark Photon?



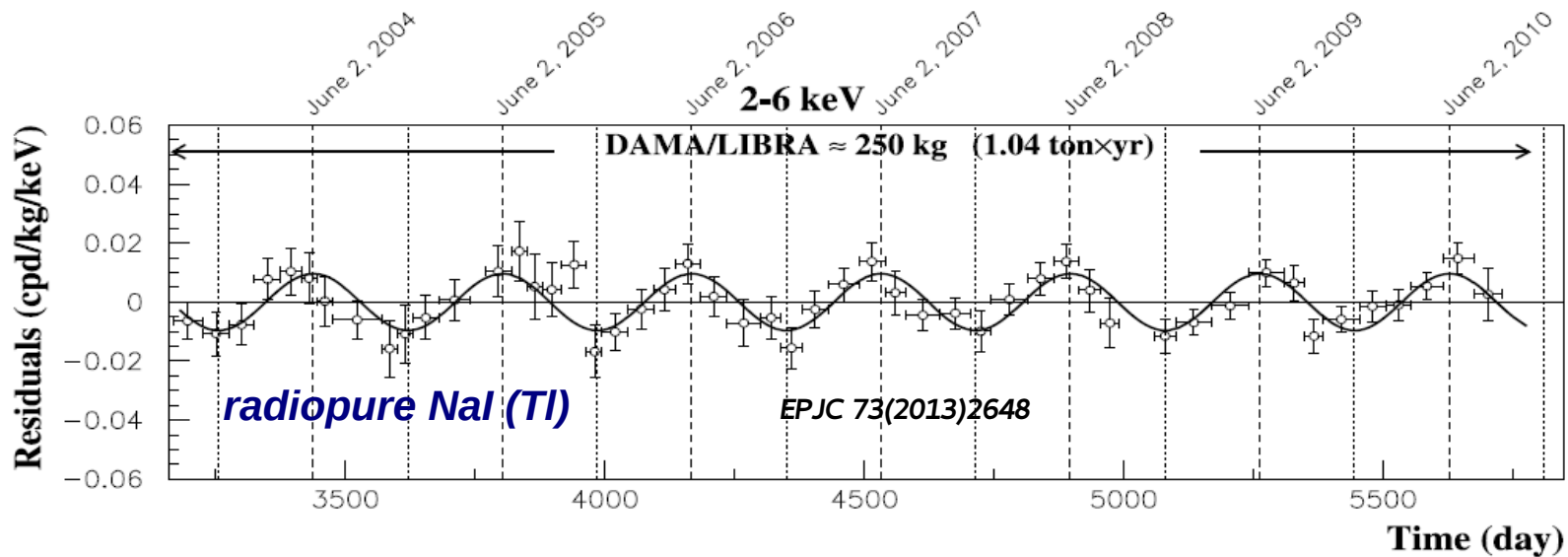
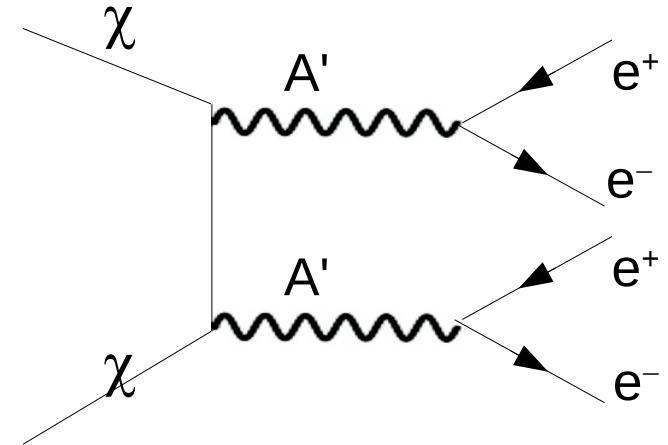
- About  $3\sigma$  discrepancy between theory and experiment ( $3.6\sigma$ , if taking into account only  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ )

$$a_\mu^{\text{dark photon}} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \varepsilon^2 F(m_V/m_\mu), \quad (17)$$

where  $F(x) = \int_0^1 2z(1-z)^2 / [(1-z)^2 + x^2z] dz$ . For values of  $\varepsilon \sim 1-2 \cdot 10^{-3}$  and  $m_V \sim 10-100$  MeV, the dark photon, which was originally motivated by cosmology, can provide a viable solution to the muon  $g-2$  discrepancy. Searches for the dark

# Why Dark Photons

- Dark matter annihilation: positron, antiproton and 511 keV g excess
- Dark matter scattering



# Why Dark Photon?

- The effective interaction that can be studied is



$$\mathcal{L} \sim g' q' \bar{\Psi} (\gamma_\mu + \alpha'_a \gamma_\mu \gamma^5) \Psi A'^\mu, \text{ usually } \alpha'_a = 0$$

- $q_f \rightarrow 0$  for some flavours
- Textbook scenario, could address the  $(g_\mu - 2)$  discrepancy, abundance of antimatter in cosmic rays, signals for DM scattering
  - **General U'(1) and kinetic mixing with B (A', Z')**
    - Universal coupling proportional to the  $q_{em}$
    - Just single additional parameter –  $\epsilon$
  - **Leptophilic/leptophobic dark photon**
  - „Gauging“ SM accidental symmetries: (e.g.  $L_\mu - L_\tau$ ,  $B - L$ )

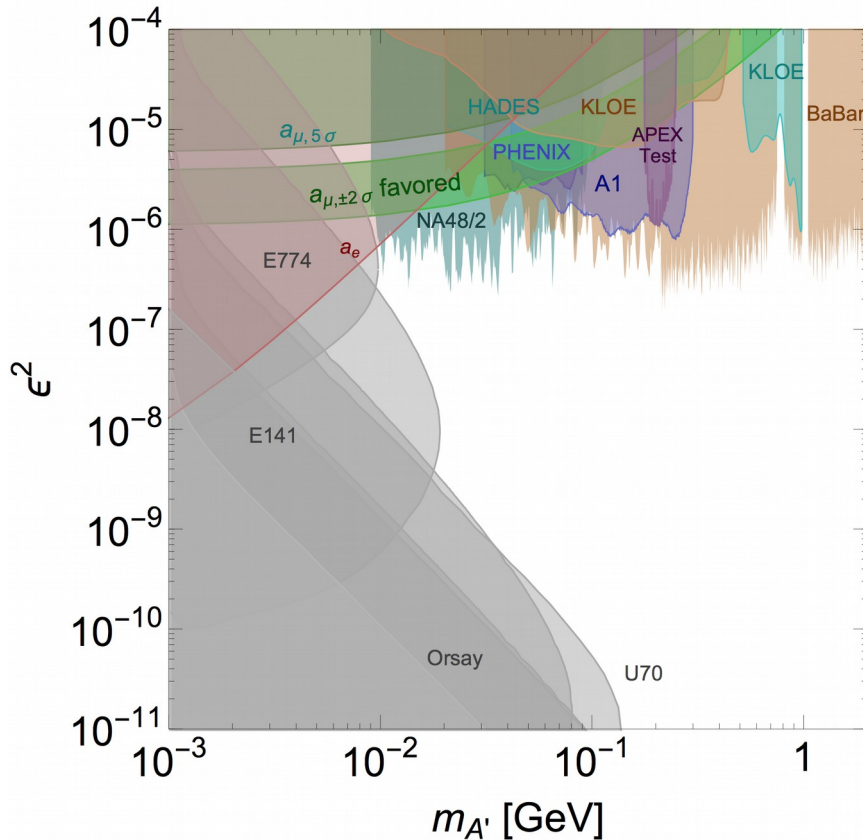
$$L_{mix} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^{QED} F_{dark}^{\mu\nu}$$

# Variety of Dark Photons ...

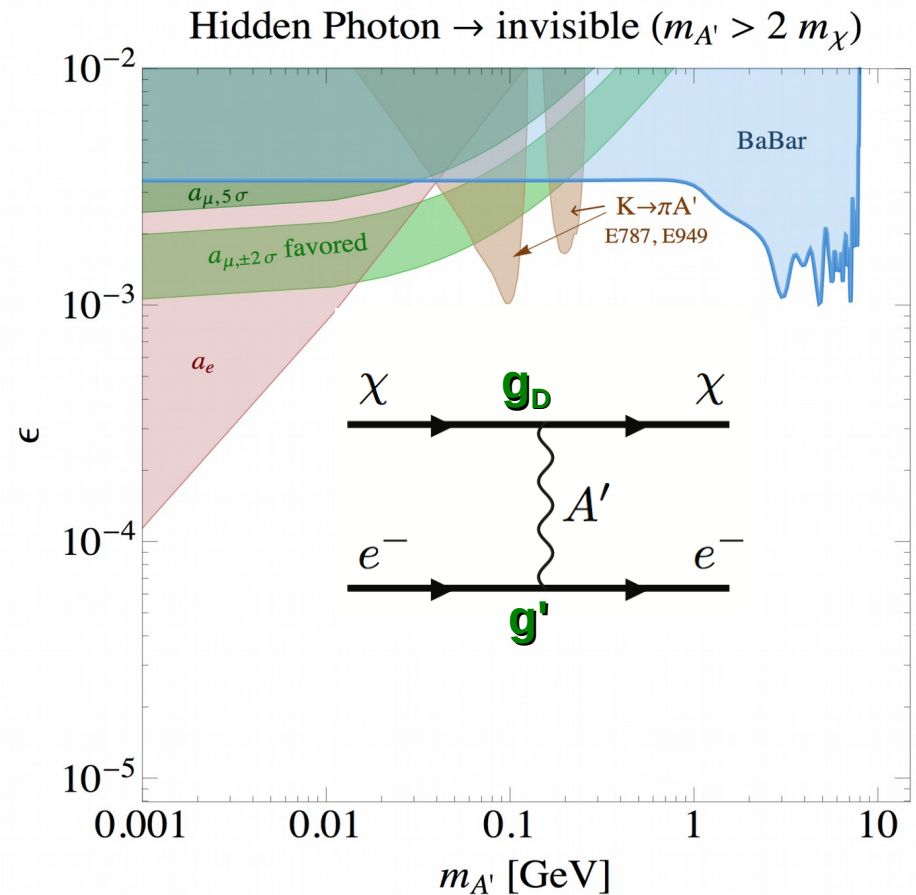
- Part of the phenomenology of the Dark Photon depends on what we don't know
  - Is it really a mediator between the visible and the hidden world?
  - Is it a manifestation of a Fifth Force?
  - How does it come to couple to SM particles?
    - Mixing with SM gauge boson?
    - Universal versus non-universal couplings?
- And moreover – what the hidden world looks like?
  - Light?
  - Heavy?
  - How many states?

# Parameters with the Dark Photons

Dark photon is the only new light particle



- Two parameters
  - Mass  $M_A$
  - Coupling constant



- At least four parameter space to be studied:

$$M_{A'}, g', g_D, M_\chi$$

# Parameters with the Dark Photons

- The picture is quite simplified
  - Minimal extension of the Standard Model
- Shall we be minimal?
  - Multiparticle structure of the Standard Model
  - Why the DM should be composed of a single particle?

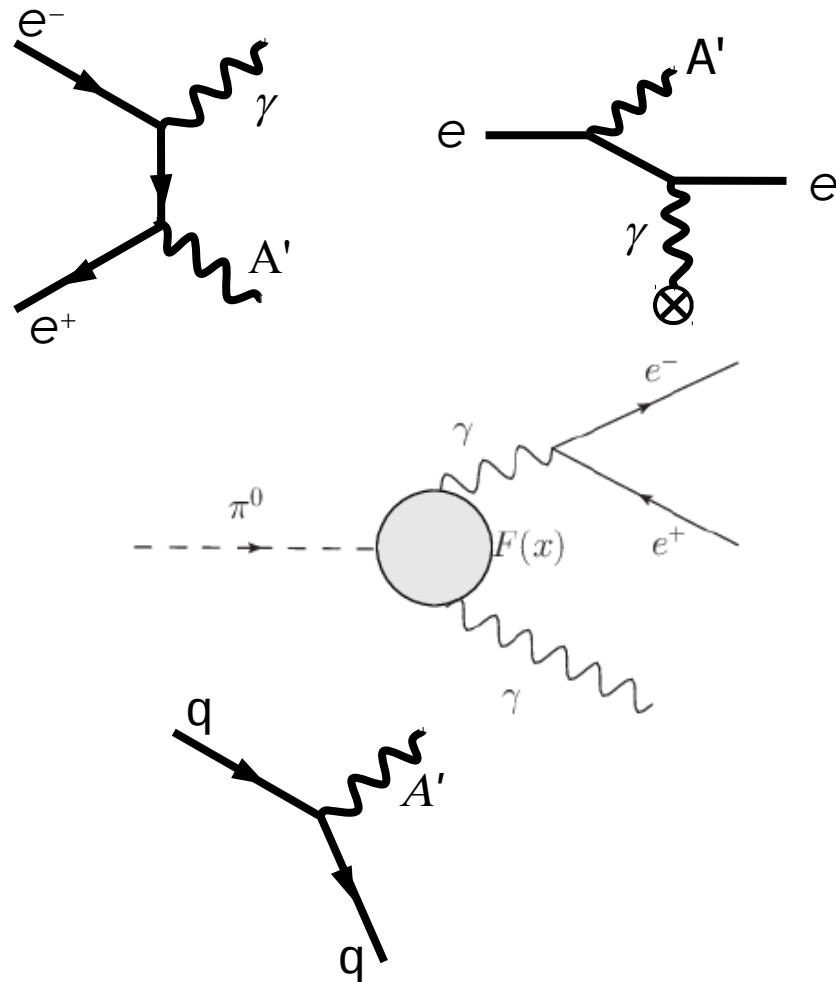
**The picture should be simple, but not simpler than necessary**

- Each coupling to the SM fermions might be flavour dependent
  - $g'$  becomes  $g'_f$ , tuning to avoid anomalies
- Multiparticle structure of DM:  $\chi \rightarrow \chi_i$ ,  $M_\chi \rightarrow M_{\chi_i}$
- DM coupling constants might be different:  $g_D \rightarrow g_{D_i}$



# Dark Photon production

- In the general framework every SM particle can become a source of dark photons
- Type of the initial particles
  - $A'$  from electrons
  - $A'$  from hadrons
- Type of technique
  - Colliders
  - Beam dump
  - Thin targets
- Production mechanisms
  - Meson decays
  - Bremsstrahlung
  - Annihilation



# Dark Photon decays

- Leptons

$$\Gamma_{A' \rightarrow l+l^-} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha \epsilon^2 M_{A'} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_l^2}{M_{A'}^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_l^2}{M_{A'}^2}\right)$$

- Hadrons

$$\Gamma_{A' \rightarrow \text{had}} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha \epsilon^2 M_{A'} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{M_{A'}^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_\mu^2}{M_{A'}^2}\right) \times \frac{\Gamma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} (E = M_{A'})$$

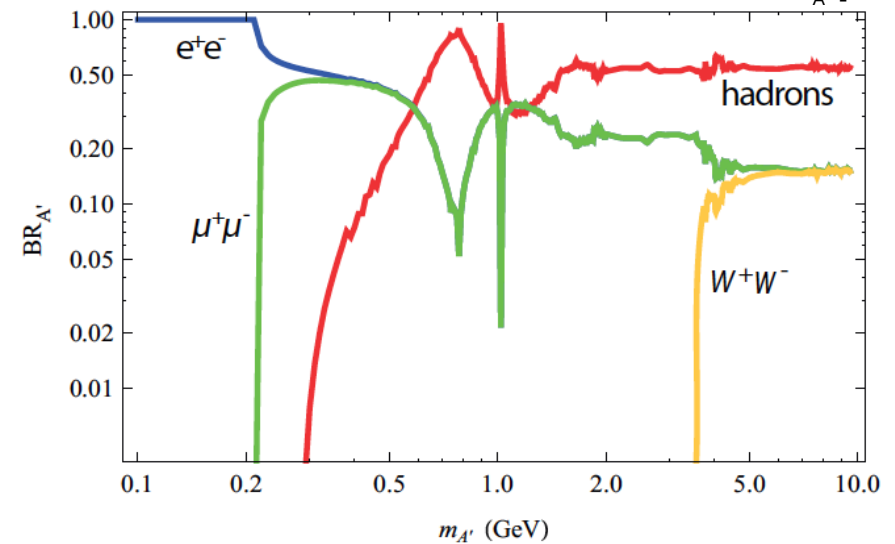
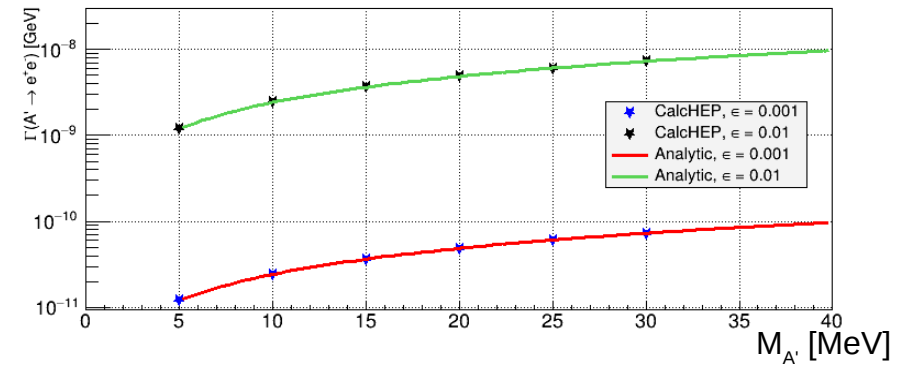
- Dark matter fermions

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# The Faith of the Dark Photon

- Decays to SM fermions
  - Depending on mass:  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ...

For  $M_{A'} = 40$  MeV and  $\varepsilon = 10^{-3}$ ,  
 $\tau_{A'} \sim 10^{-15}$  s,  $ct \sim 2$   $\mu$ m
- Decay to hidden sector particles
  - If  $M_{A'} > 2 m_\chi$ , then  $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$ 
    - Not suppressed by  $\varepsilon^2$
- Not decay at all (at least within the experimental sensitivity)
  - For small  $\varepsilon^2$  and  $M_{A'} < 2 m_\chi$
  - Decays into photons, if  $M_{A'} < 2 m_e$ ;  $A' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



*Batell, Pospelov and Ritz,  
PRD 80, 095024 (2009)*

# What do we see at experiments?

- The final detection is due to signals in the detectors that are generated only by the electromagnetic interactions!
  - Ionization and charge collection
  - Excitation and photons collection
  - We can detect charged particles (they ionize)
- Steps to consider when planning/doing an experiment
  - How the Dark Photon can be produced?
  - What would be the experimental signature?
  - What is the major background to it?
  - What is the model that the experimental setup is (is not) sensitive to

I see Dark Photons...



# Experiment vs Theory

- Theory:  
transition rates  
and cross-sections

$$\Gamma = \int |M|^2 d\Phi$$

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# What do we measure

- Number of events, satisfying given requirements

$$N_{\text{signal}} = N_{\text{measured}} - N_{\text{background}}$$

- Sensitivity estimation: statistical uncertainty of the **simulated (determined from data)** background taken as a reference to determine the 90% (or 68 %) confidence level exclusion limits
- In case of modelling the events:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(N) \sim (\sqrt{N})_{\text{stat}} \oplus (\delta_{\text{model}} * N)$$

- Precision SM description of the processes

## Zero background (signal) experiments

- Sensitivity scales as  $1/N$
- More difficult to convince why the detected number of events is 0

## Non background free experiments

- Sensitivity scales as  $1/(\sqrt{N})$
- Probe the technique and understanding through background modelling

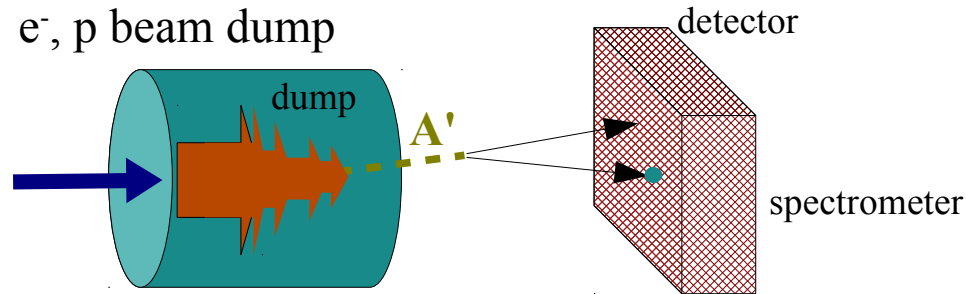


# Unconstrained initial process

- The initial kinematics quantities are not known
  - Cannot fix the initial state that creates the Dark Photon
    - $e^- + N \rightarrow e^- + N + A'$  (A'-strahlung)
    - Production in EM/hadronic showers
  - Thin target or beam dump experiments
- Reconstruct or look for specific signatures of the final state
  - Dark Photon decaying into SM particles
    - Thin target and beam dump
  - Dark Photon decaying into DM particles
    - Seek for DM particles scattering inside the detectors

# Beam dump

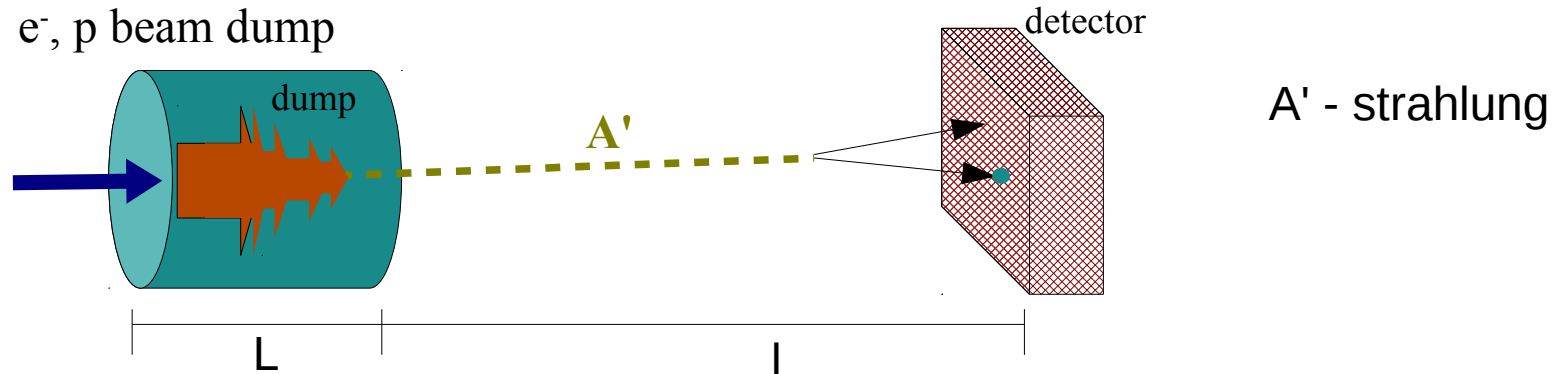
- Production: A'-strahlung, shower, absorption of secondaries



- Number of interactions depend on the total number of beam particles
  - Highest possible beam intensity
- The number of the events one should expect depends on
  - Total particles on target
  - A' coupling
  - A' mass
  - Geometry of the setup

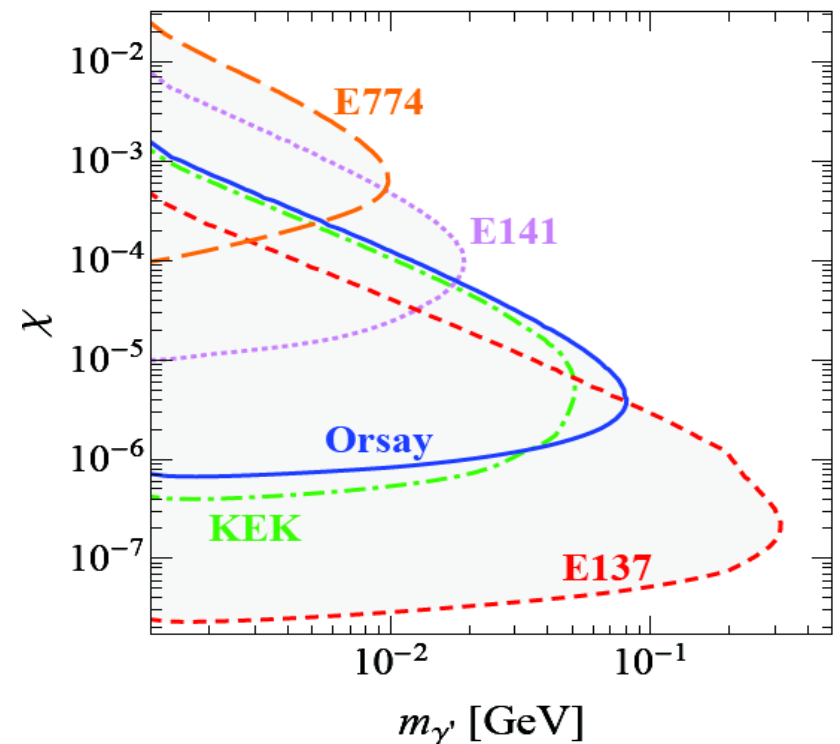
$$N \simeq \frac{N_e N_0 X_0}{A} \int dE_{\gamma'} \int dE_e \int dt \left[ I_e \frac{1}{E_e} \frac{d\sigma}{dx_e} \right]_{x_e = \frac{E_{\gamma'}}{E_e}} e^{-\frac{L_{sh}}{l_{\gamma'}}} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{L_{dec}}{l_{\gamma'}}} \right) \text{BR}_{l\bar{l}}$$

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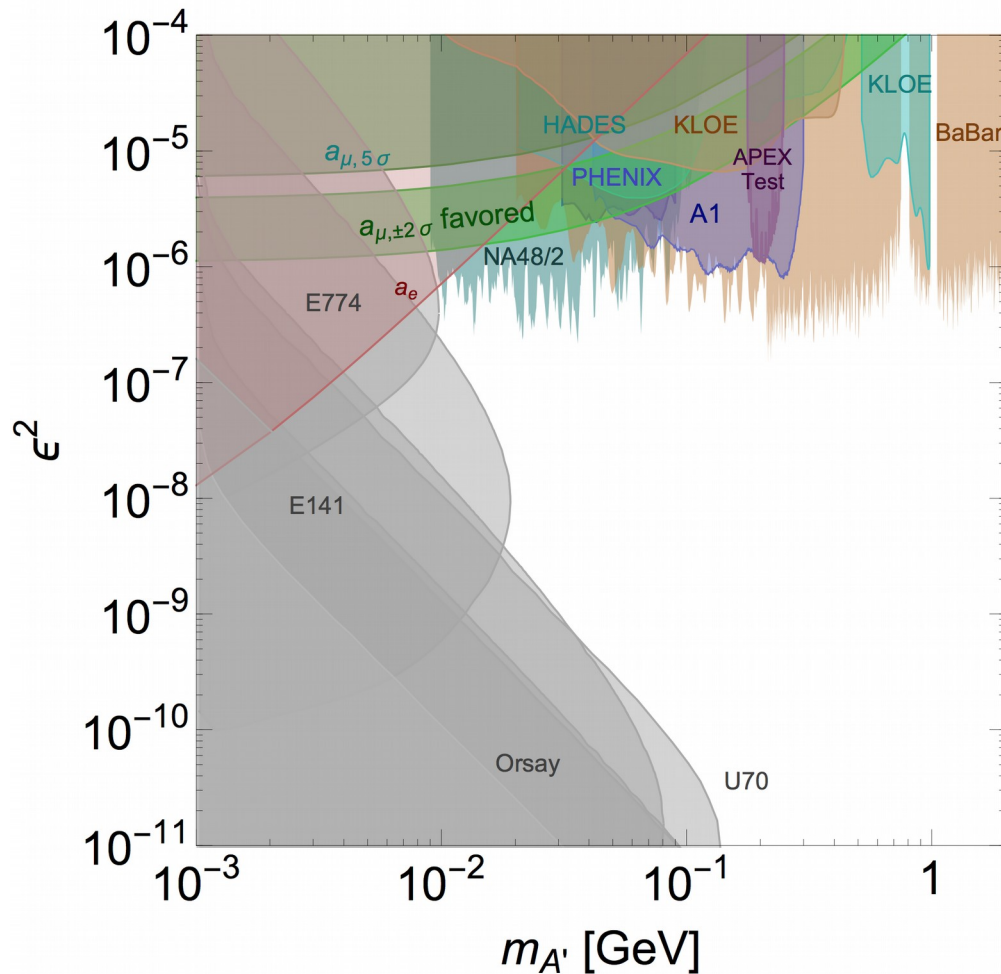


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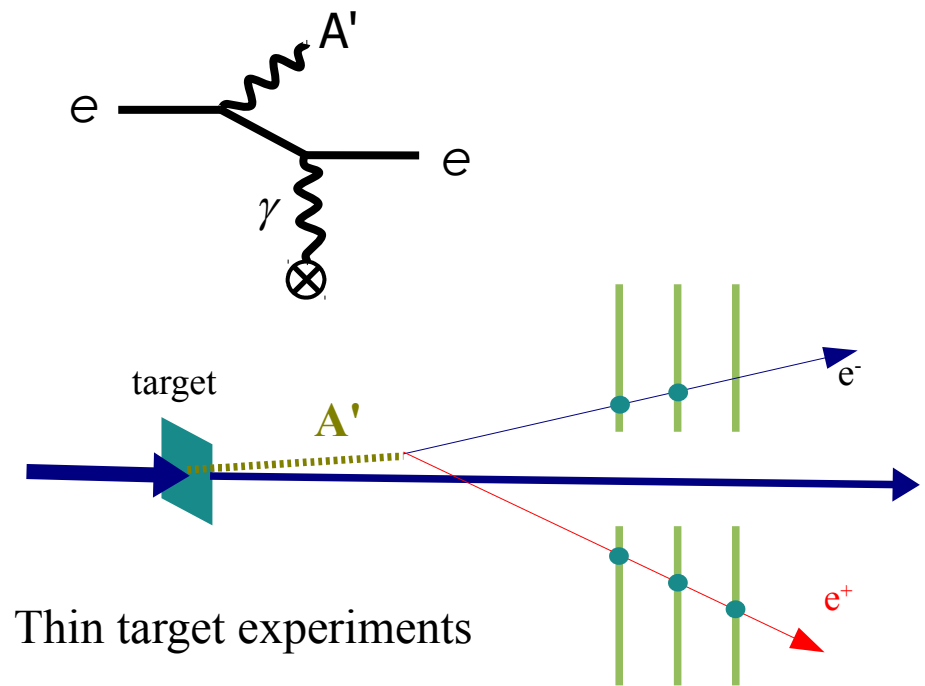
- Beam energy
  - Boosts the produced DP
  - Gives access to higher masses
- Initial flux
  - Dependence is weaker than on  $E_{\text{beam}}$
- Inactive region length
  - Crucial for the access to high  $\varepsilon$
  - But leakage from the target ...



# Thin target



- Fixed thin target:
  - Lower production rate
  - Background contribution



Thin target experiments

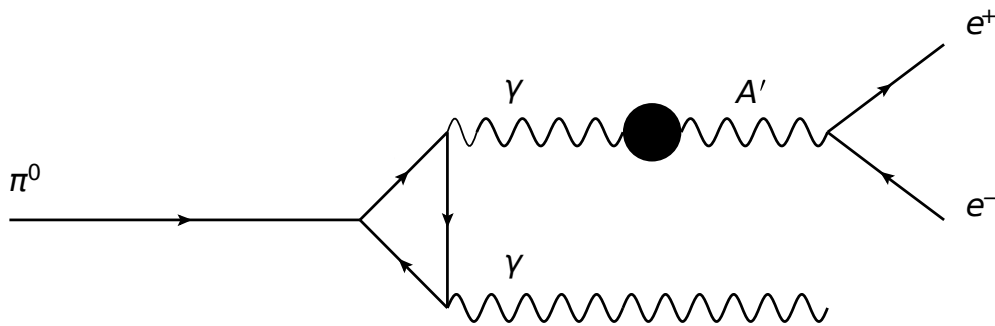
- Naive „everything is signal“ does not work
  - Kinematical reconstruction of the final state
  - Peaks in the  $e^+e^-$  invariant mass spectrum

# Constrained initial process

- Initial state is carefully prepared
  - $A'$  as a product of SM particles decays:  $\pi^0$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\eta$ ....
  - $e^+e^-$  colliders
  - Annihilation
- Possible  $A'$  final states
  - $A' \rightarrow$  SM particles, all states reconstruction
    - Provides significant background suppression
  - $A' \rightarrow$  DM particles
    - Determination of  $A'$  properties through missing momentum/energy/mass

# Dark Photon in meson decays

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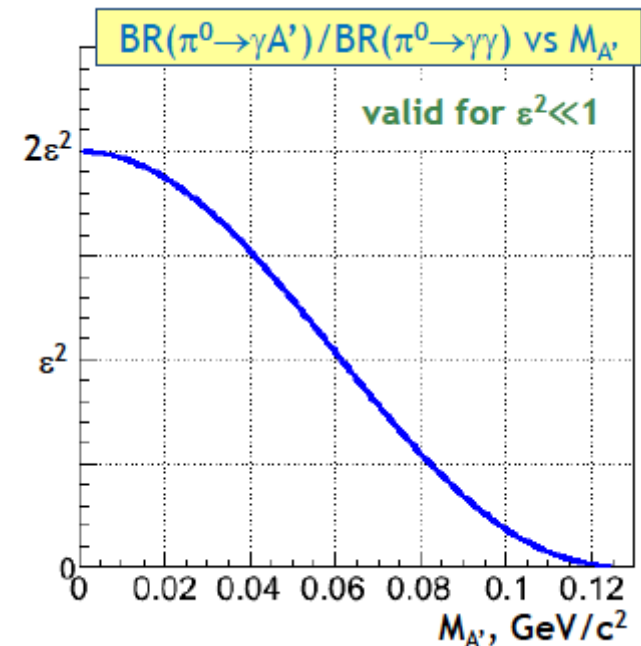


$$\mathcal{B}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma A') = 2\varepsilon^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_{\pi^0}^2}\right)^3 \mathcal{B}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

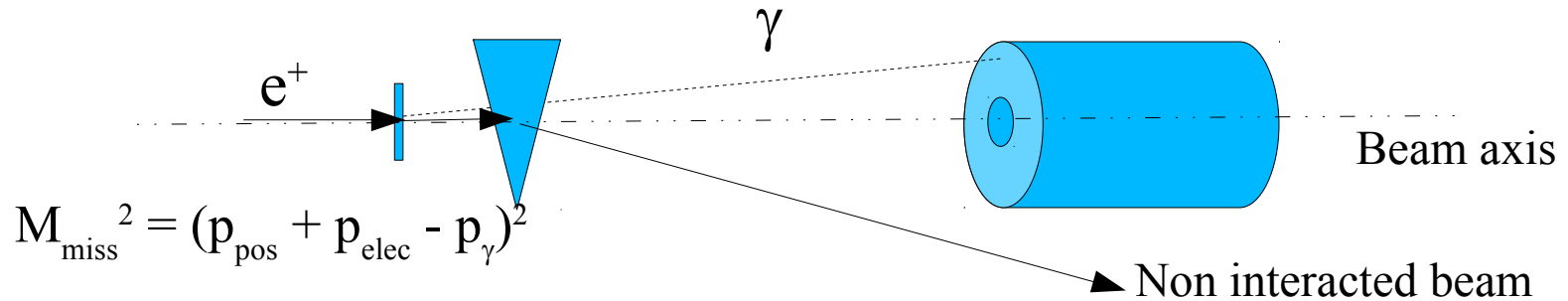
- Identify a solid source of  $\pi^0$ 
  - @ colliders:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Y, \rho, \eta, \phi$
  - In target production
    - Background from beam-target interaction
  - Use a cascade process, where  $\pi^0$  is one of the products
    - $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0, K^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \pi^0 \nu$  ( $K\mu 3$ )

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma \quad (\pi^0_D)$$

- $\text{Br}(K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+e^-\gamma) = 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$



# A' in annihilation

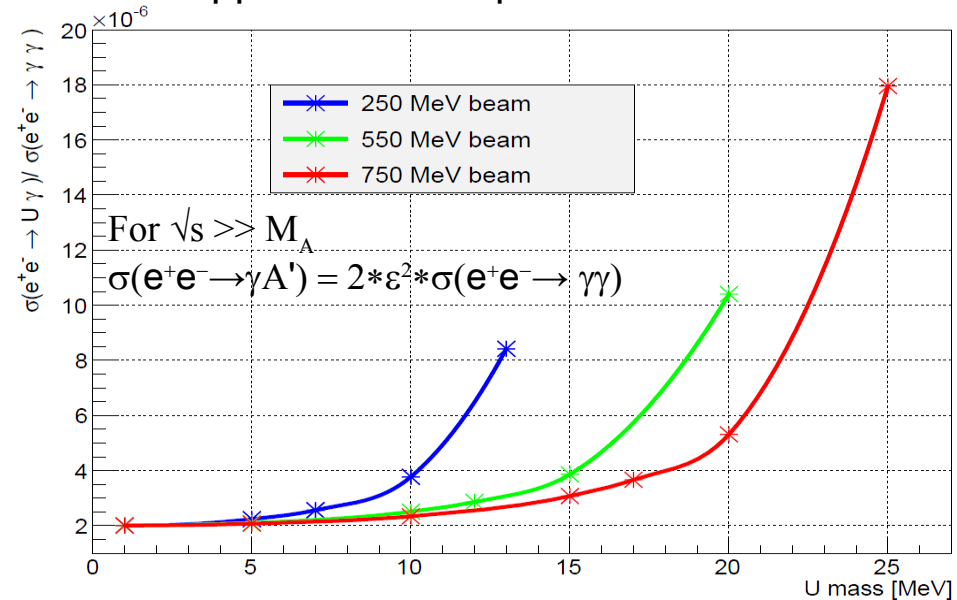


- Positron beam on a thin target
- Positron momentum is determined by the accelerator characteristics
- Missing mass resolution: annihilation point,  $E_{\gamma}$ ,  $\phi_{\gamma}$

$$\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{N(U\gamma)}{N(\gamma\gamma)} * \frac{Acc(\gamma\gamma)}{Acc(U\gamma)} = \epsilon^2 * \delta,$$

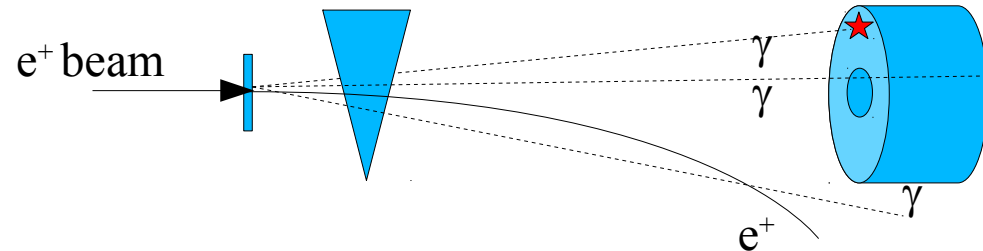
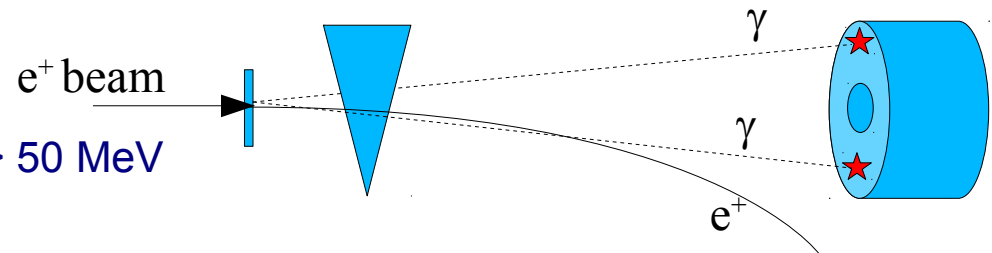
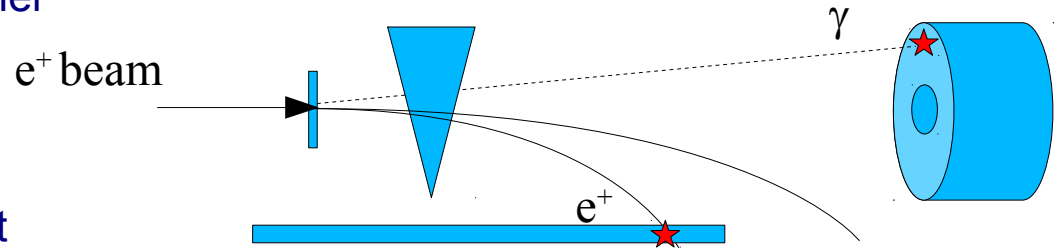
- Clear 2 body correlation
- Background minimization
  - Best possible resolution on energy/angle measurement
  - **Dominant process in e+/e- interactions with matter is bremsstrahlung**
  - Photons vetoing
  - Minimize the interaction remnants + vetoing

Cross section enhancement with the approach of the production threshold



# Backgrounds

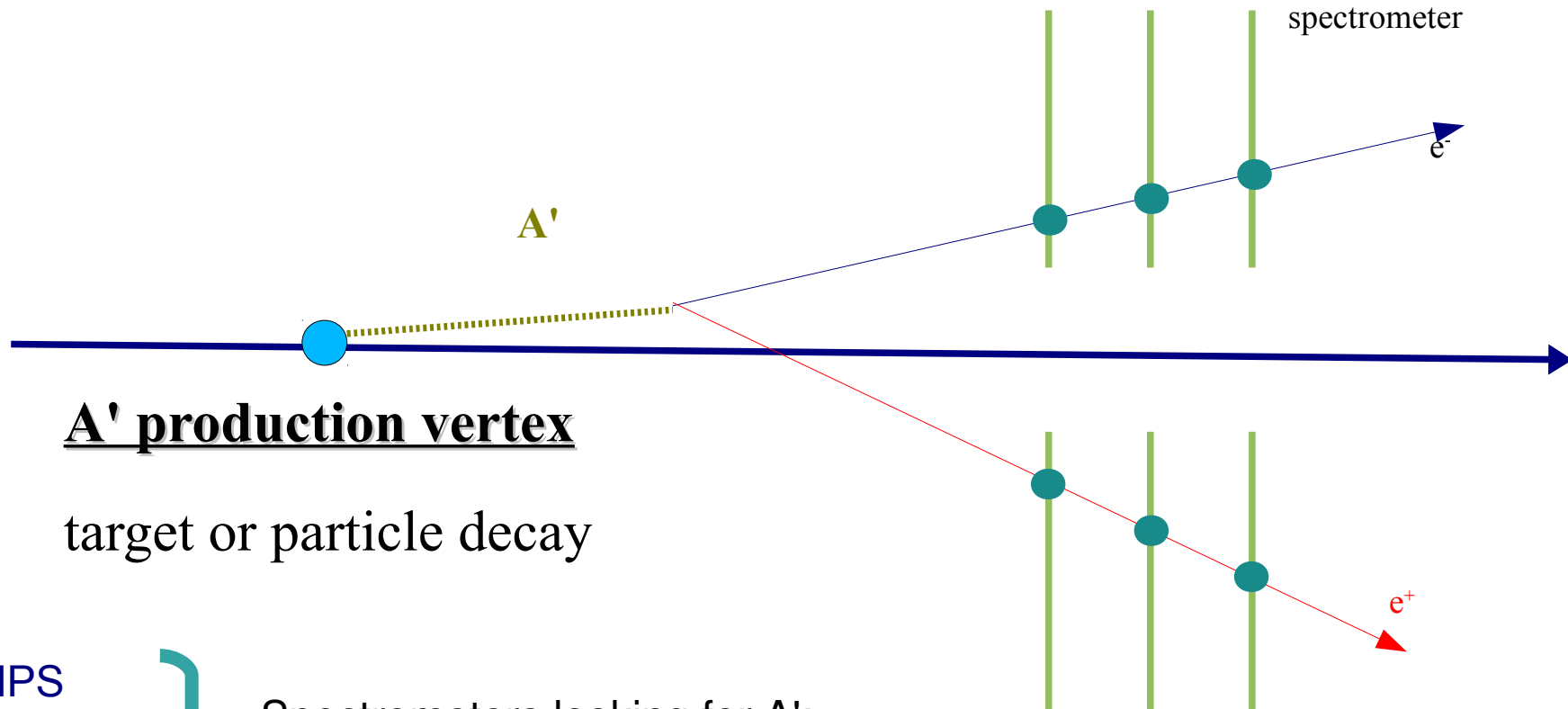
- Bremsstrahlung in the field of the target nuclei
  - Photons mostly @ low energy, background dominates the high missing masses
  - An additional lower energy positron that could be detected due to stronger deflection
- 2 photon annihilation
  - Peaks at  $M_{\text{miss}} = 0$
  - Quasi symmetric in gamma angles for  $E_\gamma > 50$  MeV
- 3 photon annihilation
  - Symmetry is lost – decrease in the vetoing capabilities
  - Does not peak
- Radiative bhabha scattering
  - Topology close to bremsstrahlung





# Experiments

# Thin target experiments

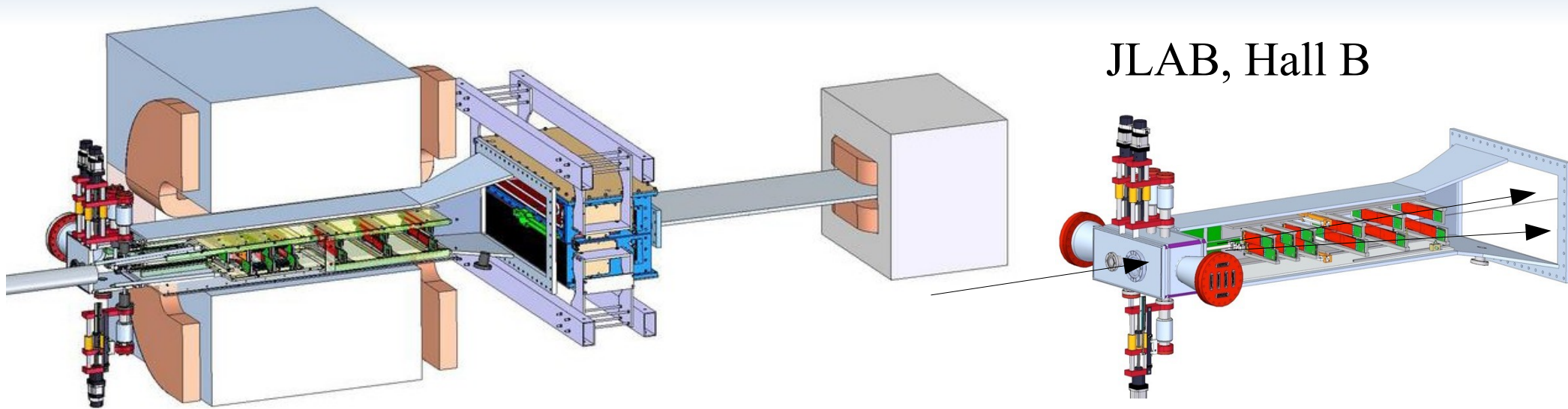


- HPS

- MESA

Spectrometers looking for A':  
- produced in a thin target  
- decaying to leptons

# HPS experiment

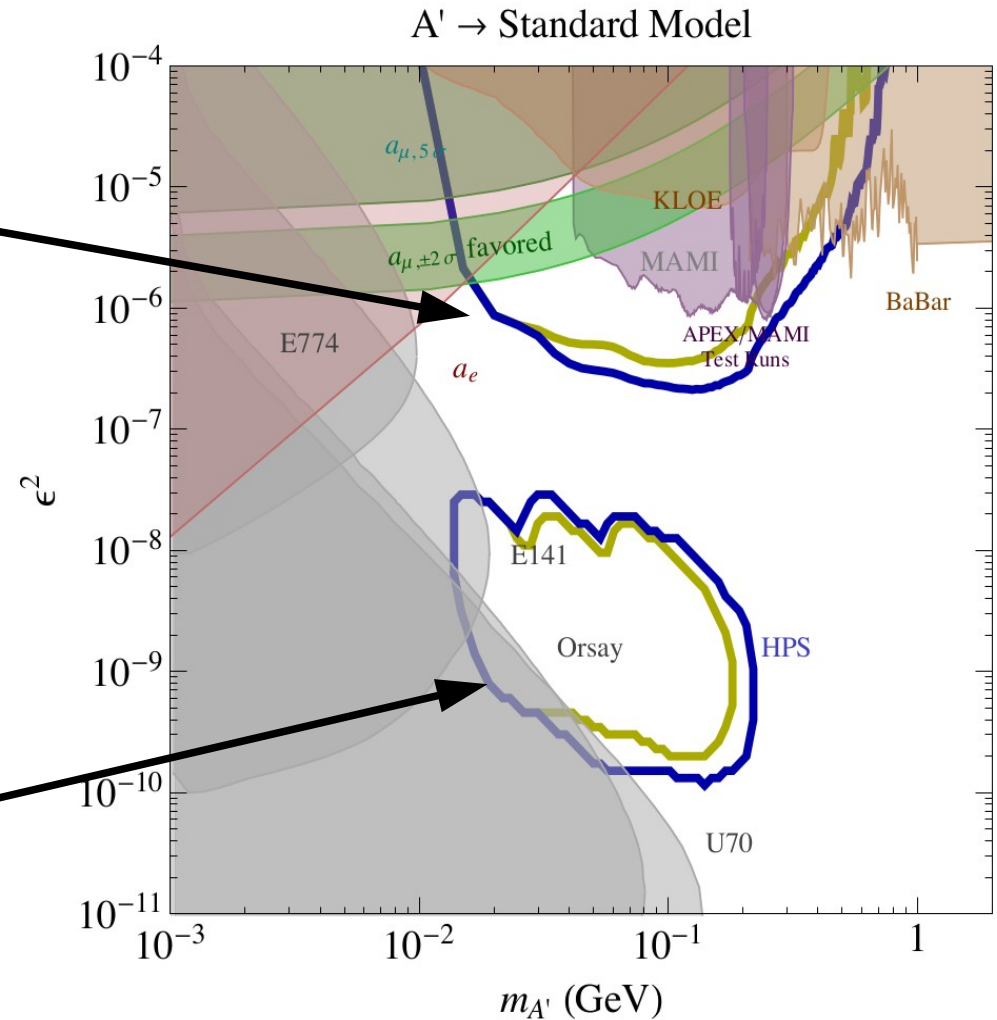
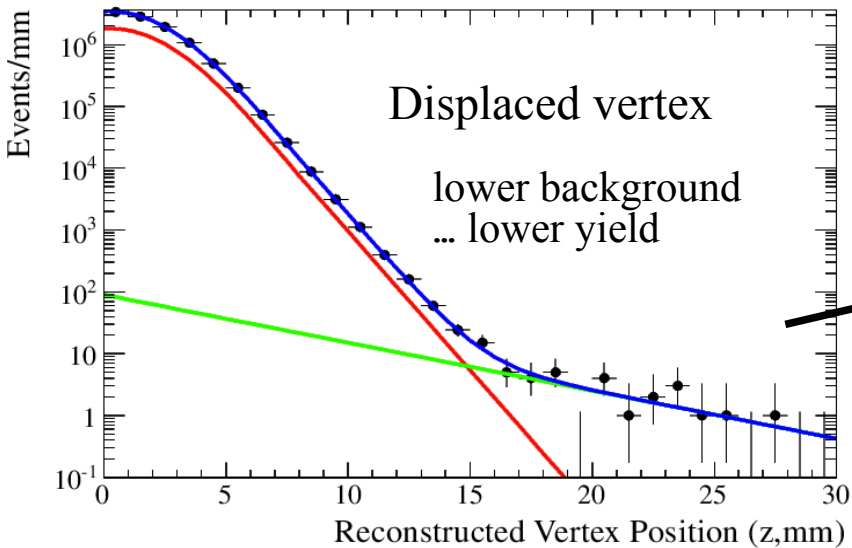
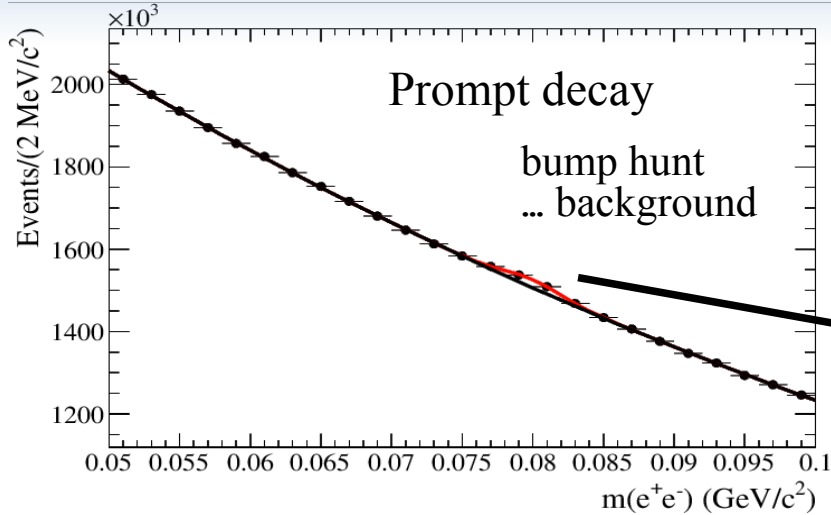


- Electron beam (2.2 and 6.6 GeV, up to 500 nA) on a thin tungsten target (0.25%  $X_0$ )
- $A'$ -strahlung production
- Decay channel –  $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- Silicon vertex tracker (1 m long) inside dipole magnet, 6 layers (dual sensor)
  - Particle momenta, Vertices
  - 6.4  $\mu\text{m}$  hit resolution,  $\sigma(t) = 2.5$  ns
- Lead tungstate electromagnetic calorimeter

**Fast energy measurement**  
**Trigger definition**

# HPS sensitivity

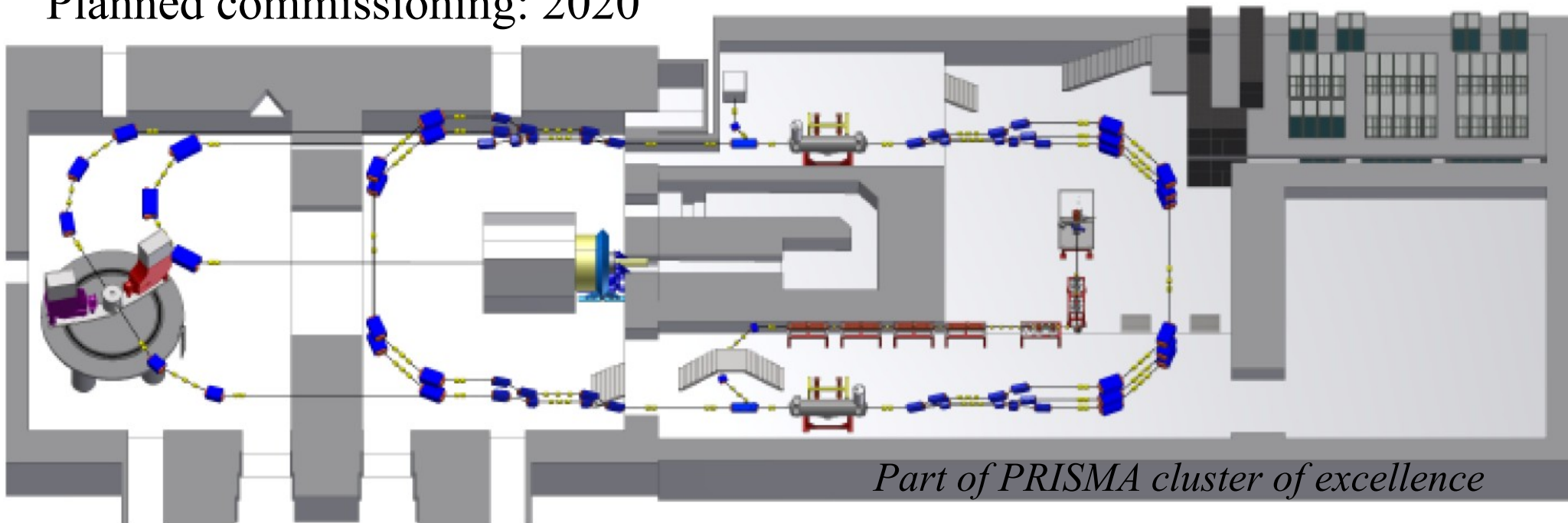
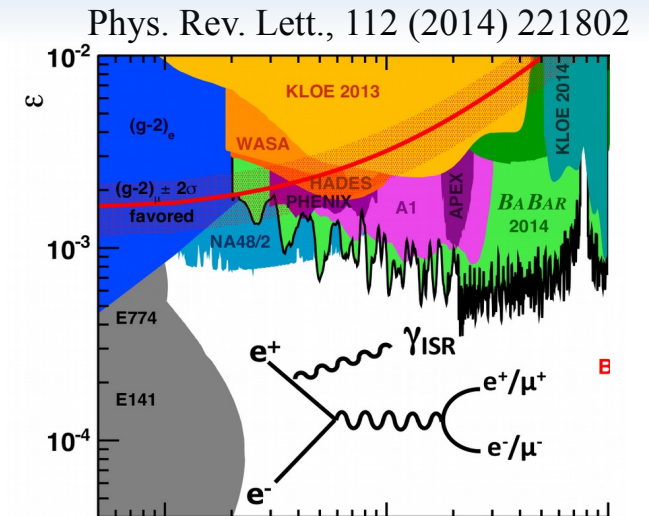
Timothy Nelson, Dark Sectors Workshop, 28-30 Apr., SLAC



# Dark photon @ Mainz

- Tradition in dark photon physics - A1 @ MAMI
- New accelerator: MESA (Mainz Energy-recovering Superconducting Accelerator)
  - Energy up to 155 MeV
  - Current  $> 1$  mA

Planned commissioning: 2020

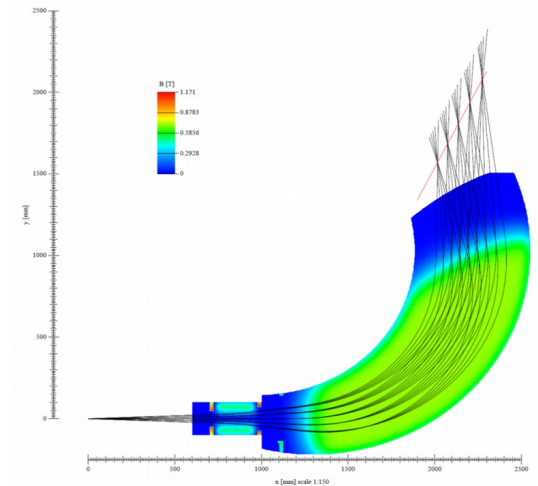
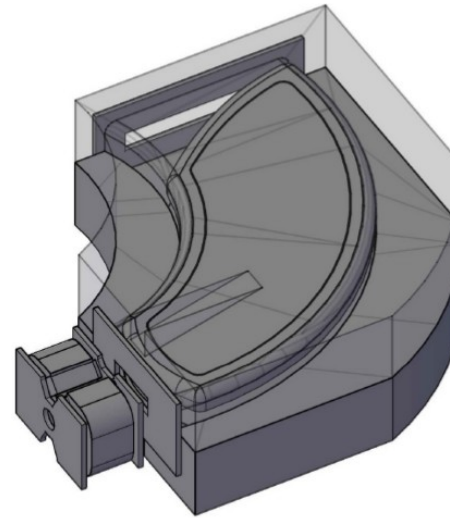
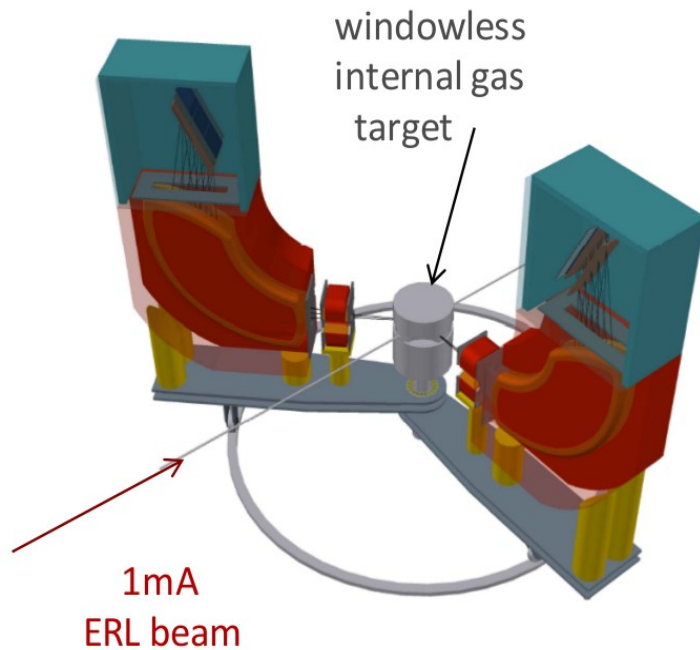


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# MAGIX @ MESA

## The MAInz Gas Internal EXperiment

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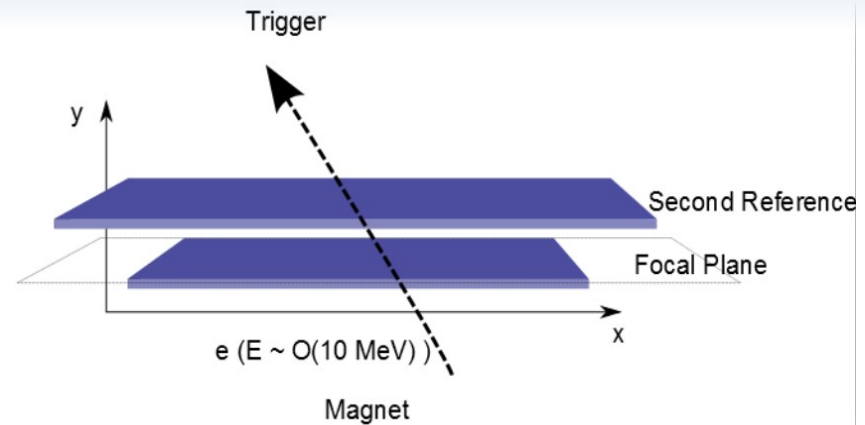
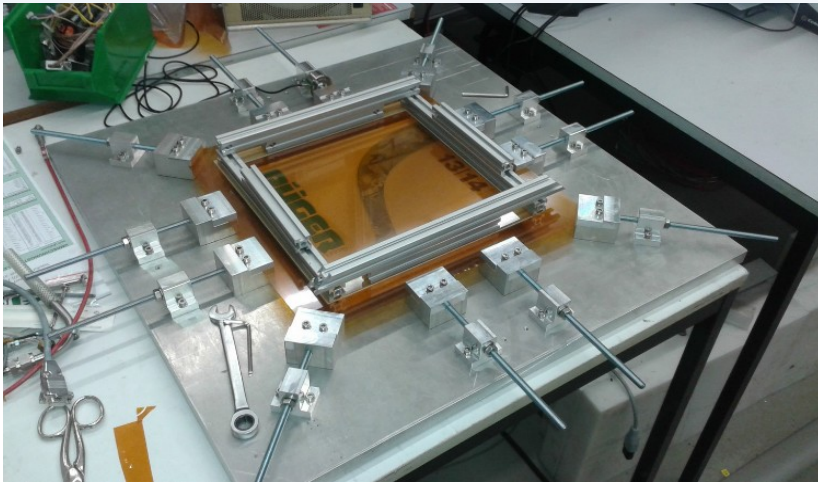


- Double arm high resolution spectrometers
  - Aim for  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$
  - Acceptance  $\pm 50$  mrad

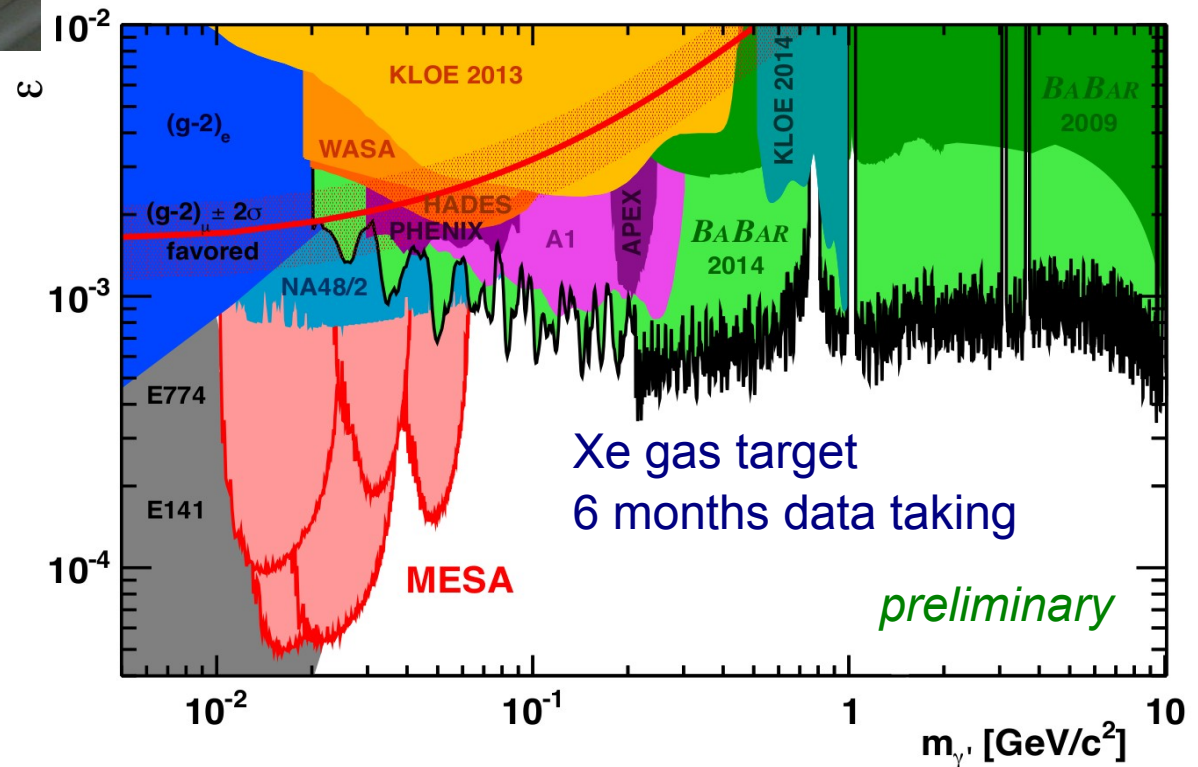
- Gas jet target
  - Supersonic gas /cluster jet
  - High gas density ( $10^{19}/\text{cm}^2$ )
  - O(mm) target length
  - Windowless



# MAGIX @ MESA



- Two position detectors
  - Focal plane
  - Direction measurement
- GEM detectors considered
  - 0.7% X0
  - High rate capability
  - 2D strip readout
    - Should aim for 50 $\mu$ m coordinate resolution



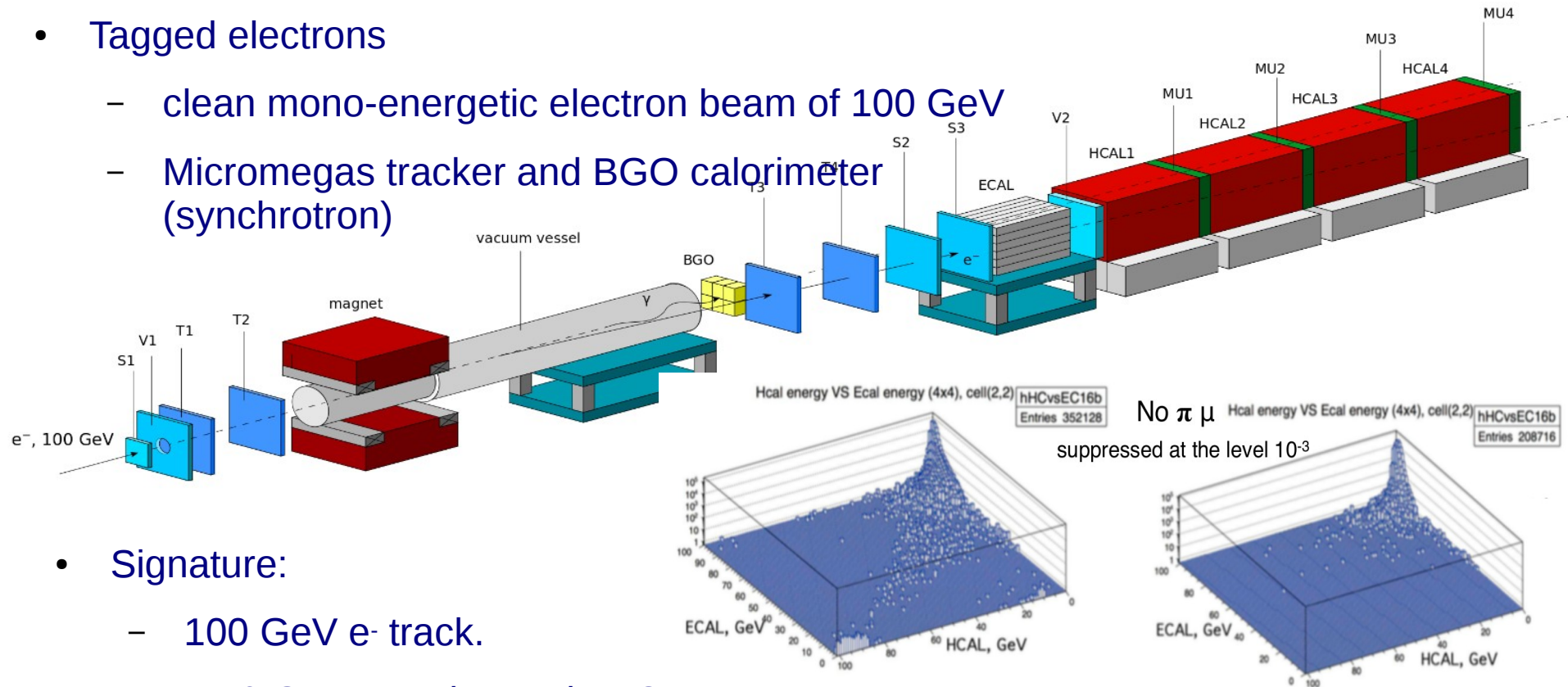
# Missing energy technique

- NA64 experiment @ CERN SPS

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- Tagged electrons

- clean mono-energetic electron beam of 100 GeV
- Micromegas tracker and BGO calorimeter (synchrotron)

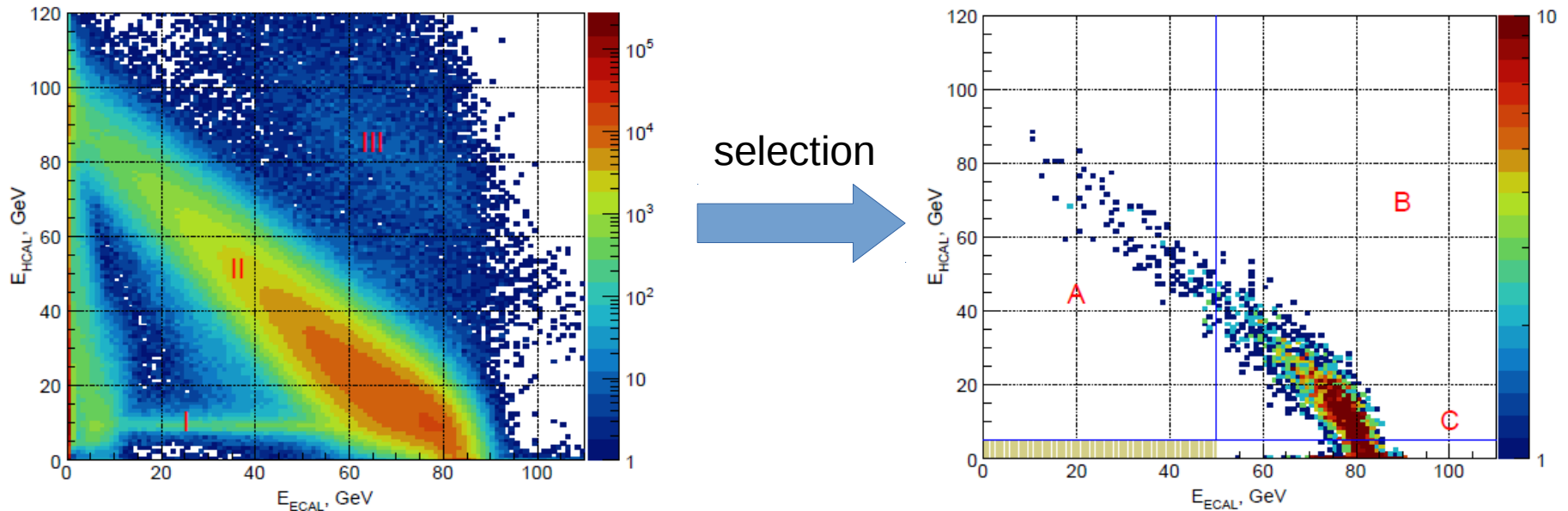


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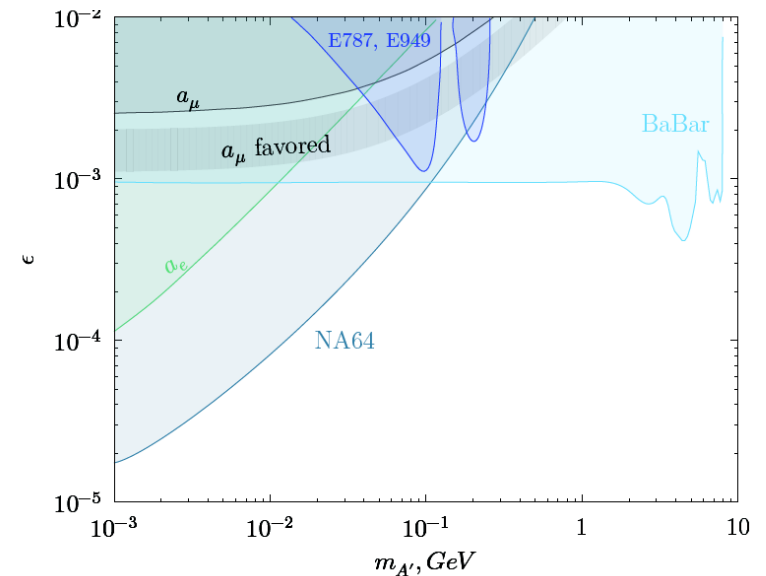
- 100 GeV  $e^-$  track.
- $< 50$  GeV EM shower in ECAL
- no energy in Veto + HCAL



# NA64 results



- Perform the analysis in  $E_{\text{ECAL}} - E_{\text{HCAL}}$  plane
- Sensitive to DP production through radiation in the shower development
- Using reweighting factors to account for differences between GEANT4 MC and DATA
- Zero events in the signal region
  - Expected 0.5 SM background



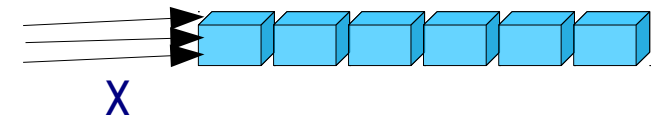
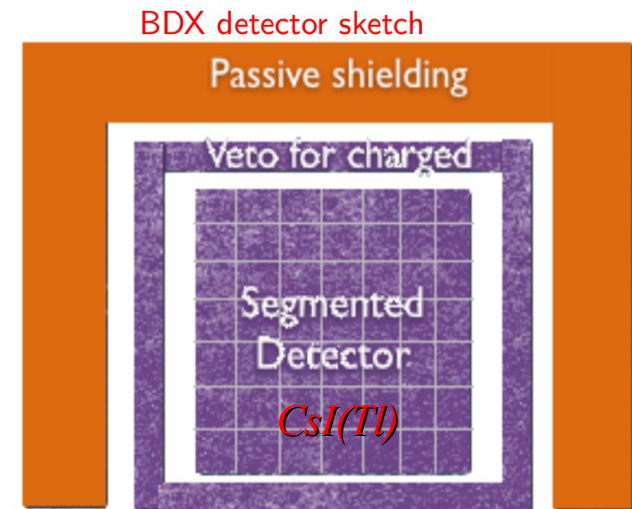
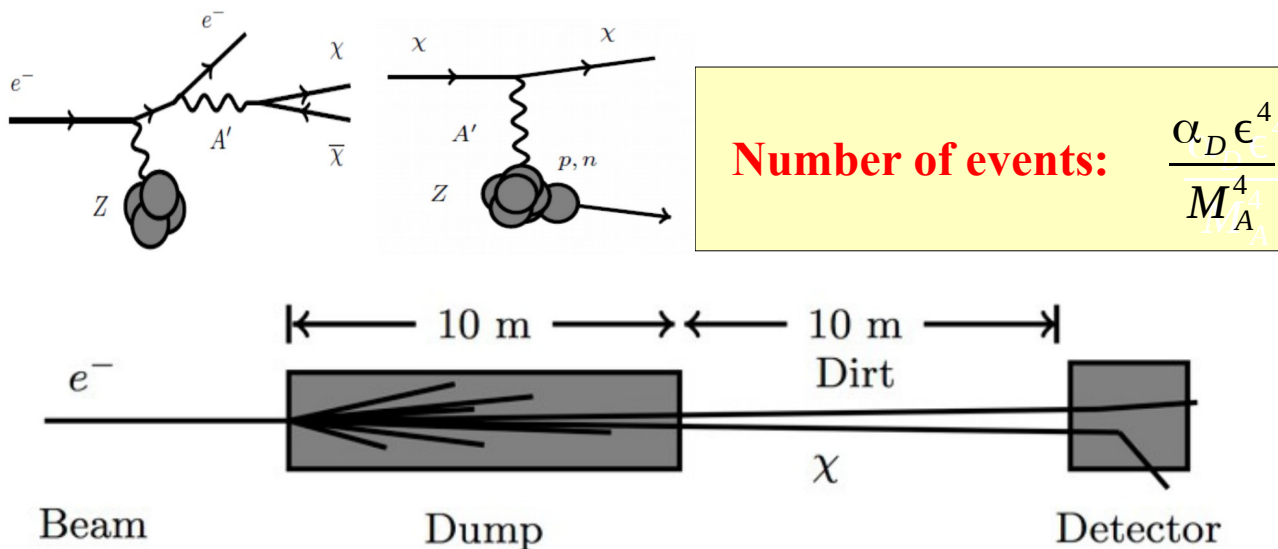
# DM scattering: BDX

arXiv:1607.01390 [hep-ex]

## Beam Dump eXperiment

- $\chi$  production
  - High-energy, high-intensity  $e^-$  beam impinging on a dump
  - $\chi$  particles pair-produced radiatively, through  $A'$

- $\chi$  detection
  - Detector placed behind the dump,  $O(10\text{m})$
  - $\chi$  scattering through  $A'$
  - Different signals depending on the interaction ( $e^-$  elastic,  $p$  quasi-elastic, .)



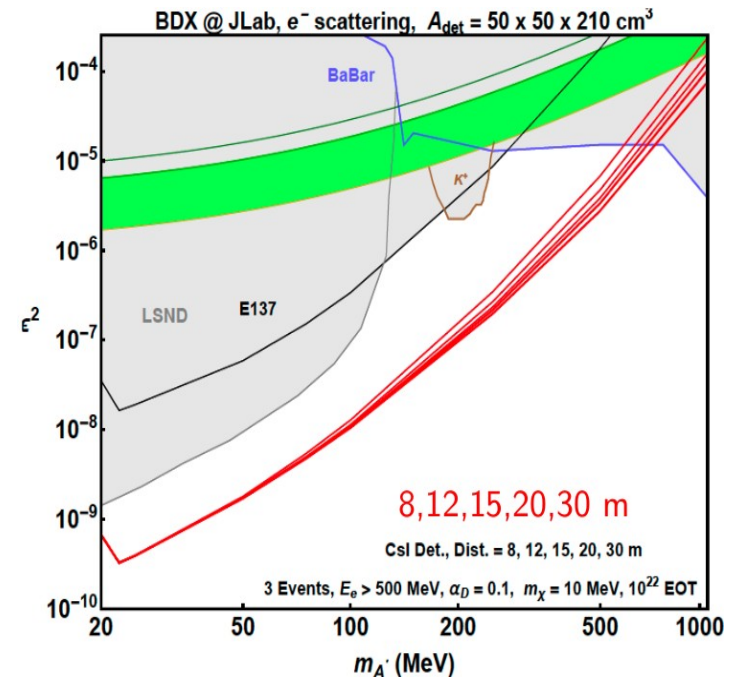
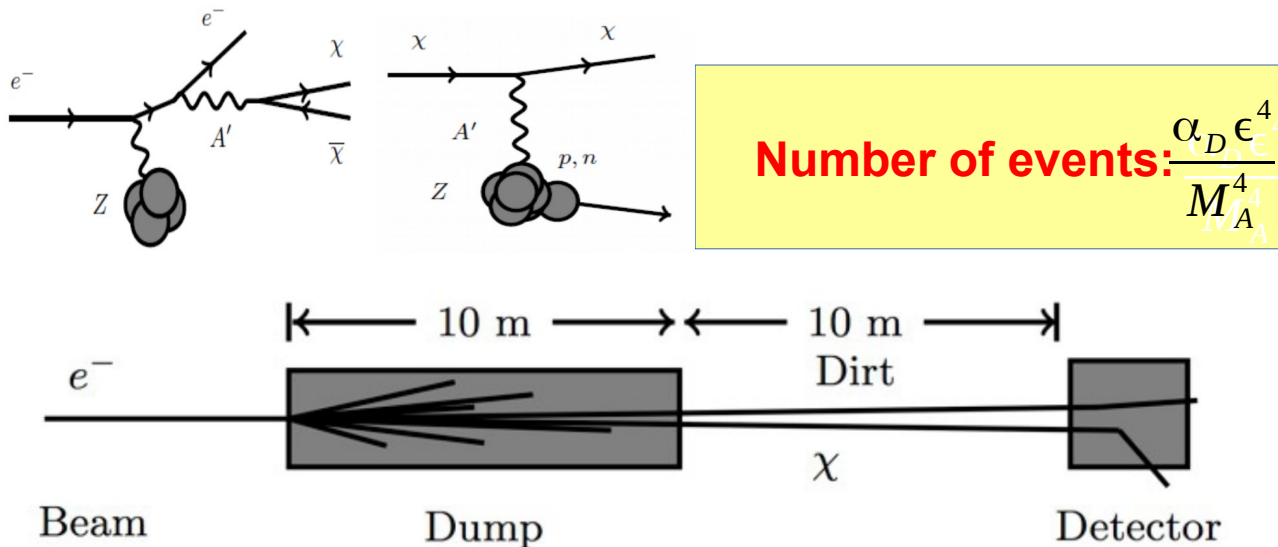
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- Preparation of a full Proposal ongoing
- Interesting opportunities for a phase-1 run @ other facilities

# DM scattering: BDX

## Beam Dump eXperiment

- $\chi$  production
  - High-energy, high-intensity  $e^-$  beam impinging on a dump
  - $\chi$  particles pair-produced radiatively, through  $A'$

- $\chi$  detection
  - Detector placed behind the dump,  $O(10\text{m})$
  - $\chi$  scattering through  $A'$
  - Different signals depending on the interaction ( $e^-$  elastic,  $p$  quasi-elastic, .)



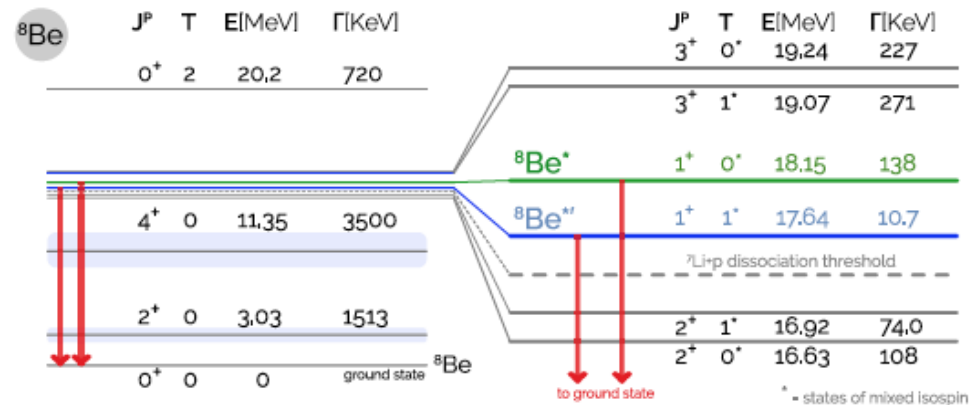
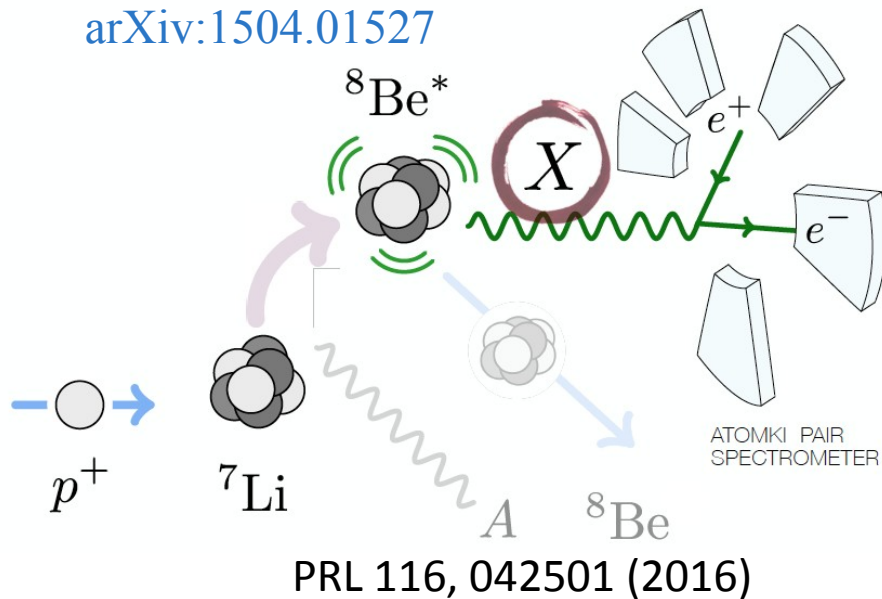
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# Constrained initial state

- Recall:
  - Initial state with fully determined kinematics
  - A single missing particle in the final state can be reliably identified
  - In case the full final state can be reconstructed → reduced background and consistency checks

# Anomalies in nuclear transitions

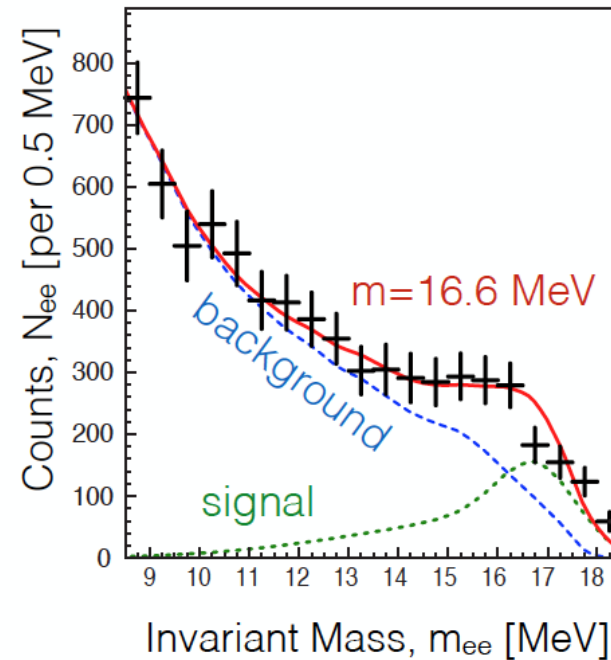
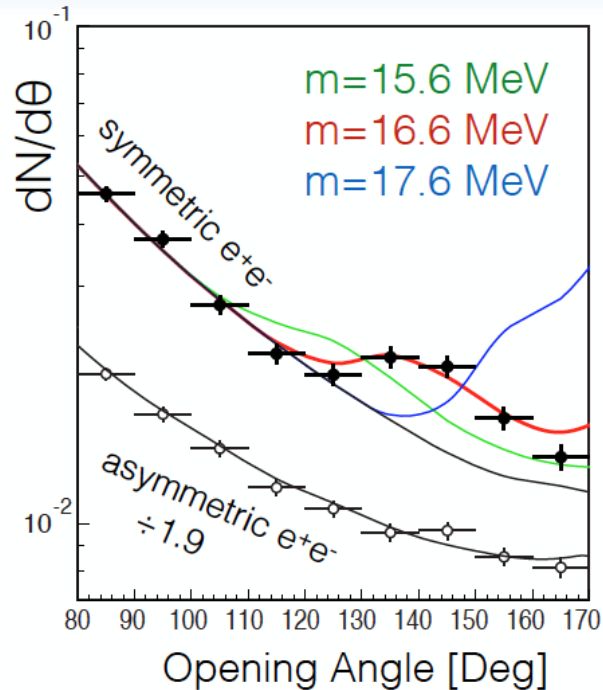
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- Carefully prepared initial state
  - $p + ^7\text{Li} \rightarrow ^8\text{Be}^*$ , populating high energy excited state

# Anomalies in nuclear transitions

PRL 116, 042501 (2016)



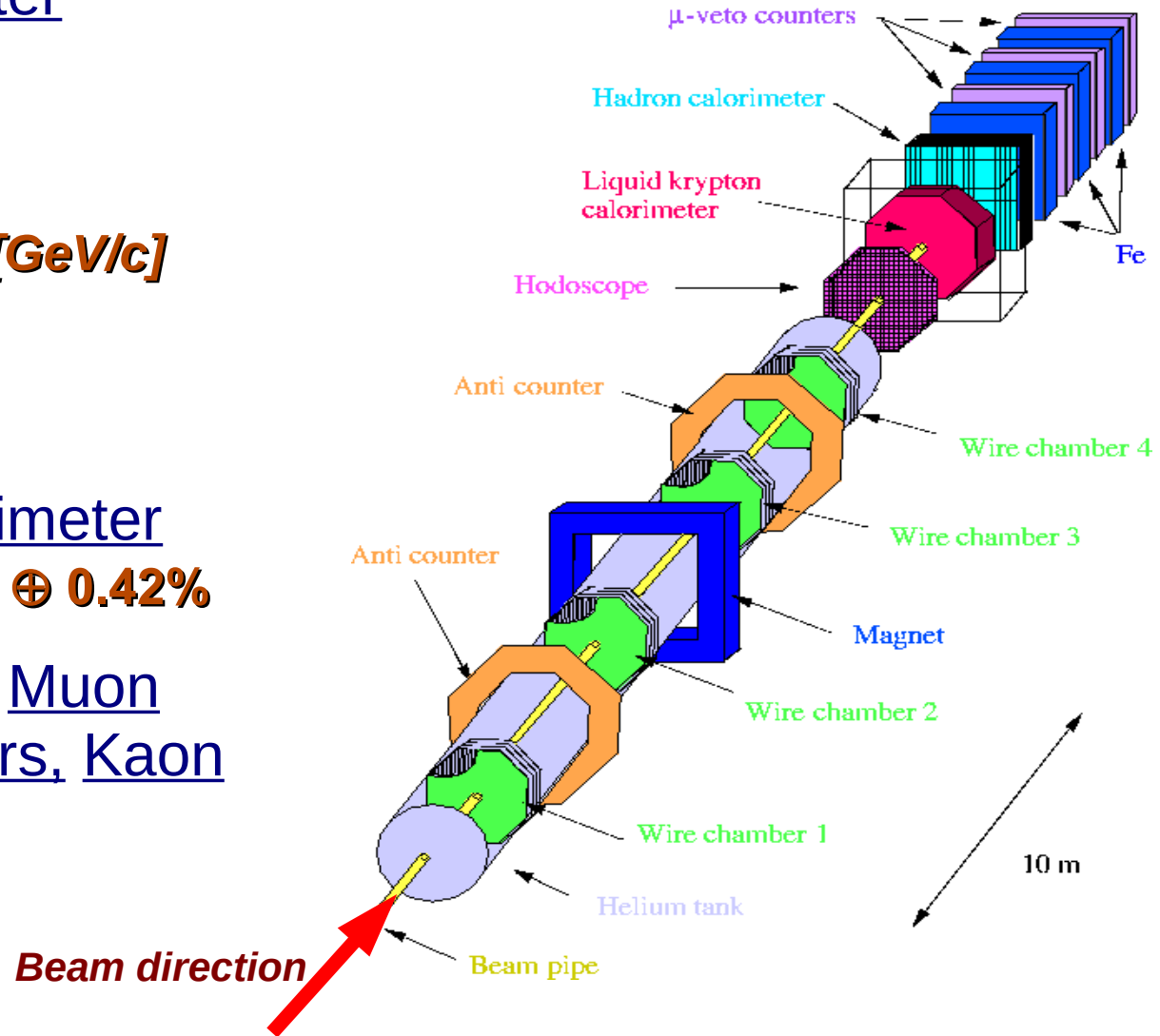
- Anomalous angular and invariant mass distributions in the IPC process
- Several indications in the last few decades
- New experiment to look for this effect exploiting He
- E- $\Delta$ E plastic scintillator detector, in the plane transversal to the beam
- The anomaly observed at  $\sim 17$  MeV – difficult to be interpreted within nuclear physics so far...

# NA48/2: $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \rightarrow \pi^\pm A' \gamma \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^- \gamma$

- Magnetic spectrometer (DCH)  
4 drift chambers  
 $p_{\perp}^{\text{kick}} = 120 \text{ MeV}/c$   
 $\Delta p/p = 1\% \oplus 0.044\% * p [\text{GeV}/c]$
- Hodoscope  
 $\sigma(t) = 150 \text{ ps}$
- Liquid Krypton Calorimeter  
 $\Delta E/E \approx 3.2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 9\%/E \oplus 0.42\%$
- Hadron Calorimeter, Muon counters, Anticounters, Kaon Beam Spectrometer

$N_{K^\pm} \sim 2 \times 10^{11}$

The NA48 Detector

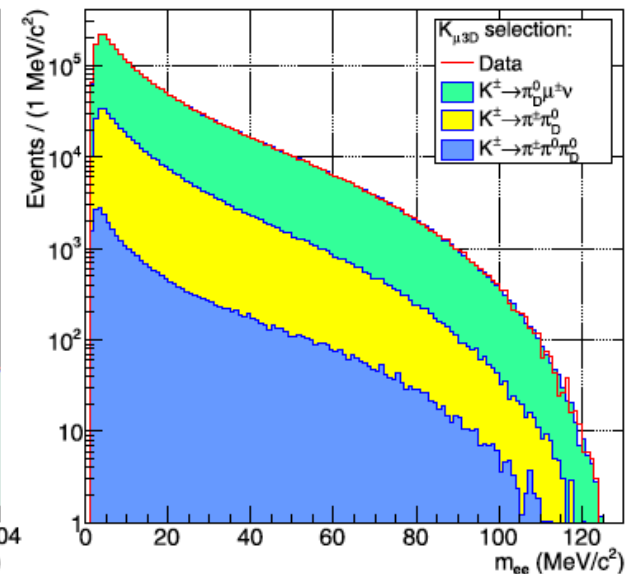
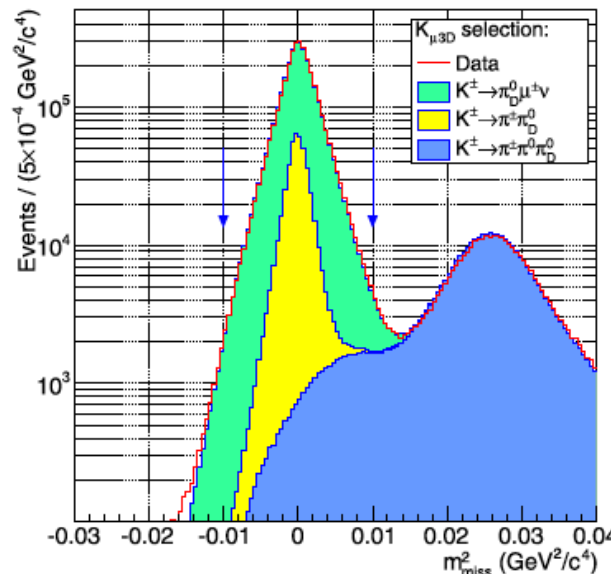
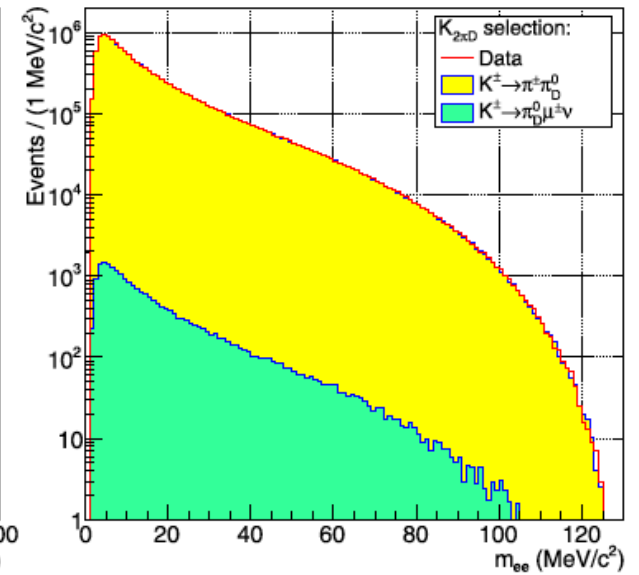
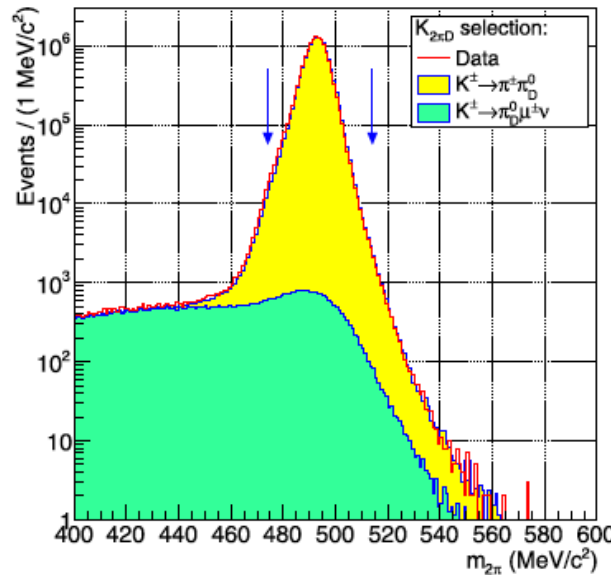




# Dark Photon in meson decays

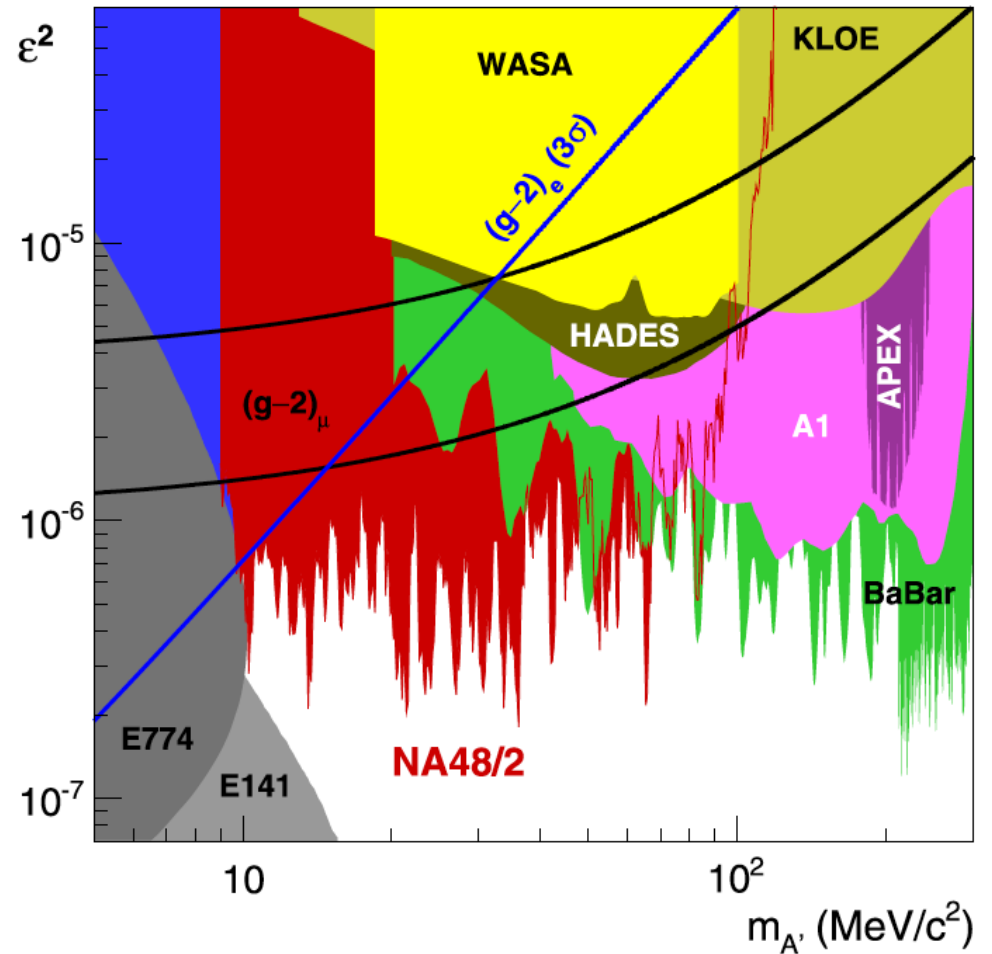
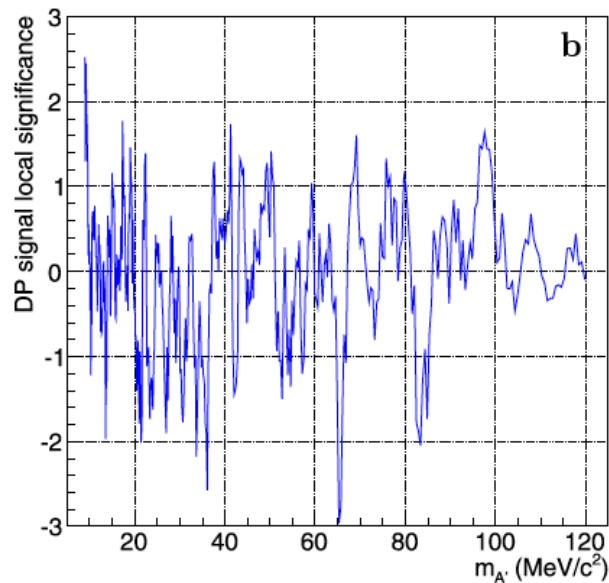
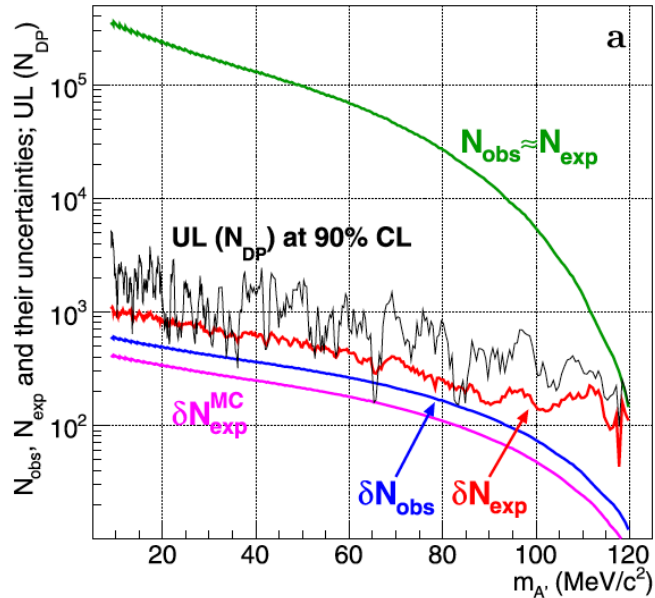
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- Combined  $\pi^0 \rightarrow ee\gamma$  reconstruction in  $K \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$  and  $K\mu 3$
- Study the  $M_{ee}$  distribution searching for excess
- Sample of  $1.7 \times 10^7 \pi^0$
- Precise accounting for
  - Trigger efficiency
  - $e^+e^-$  mass spectrum
  - Acceptance
  - Resolution



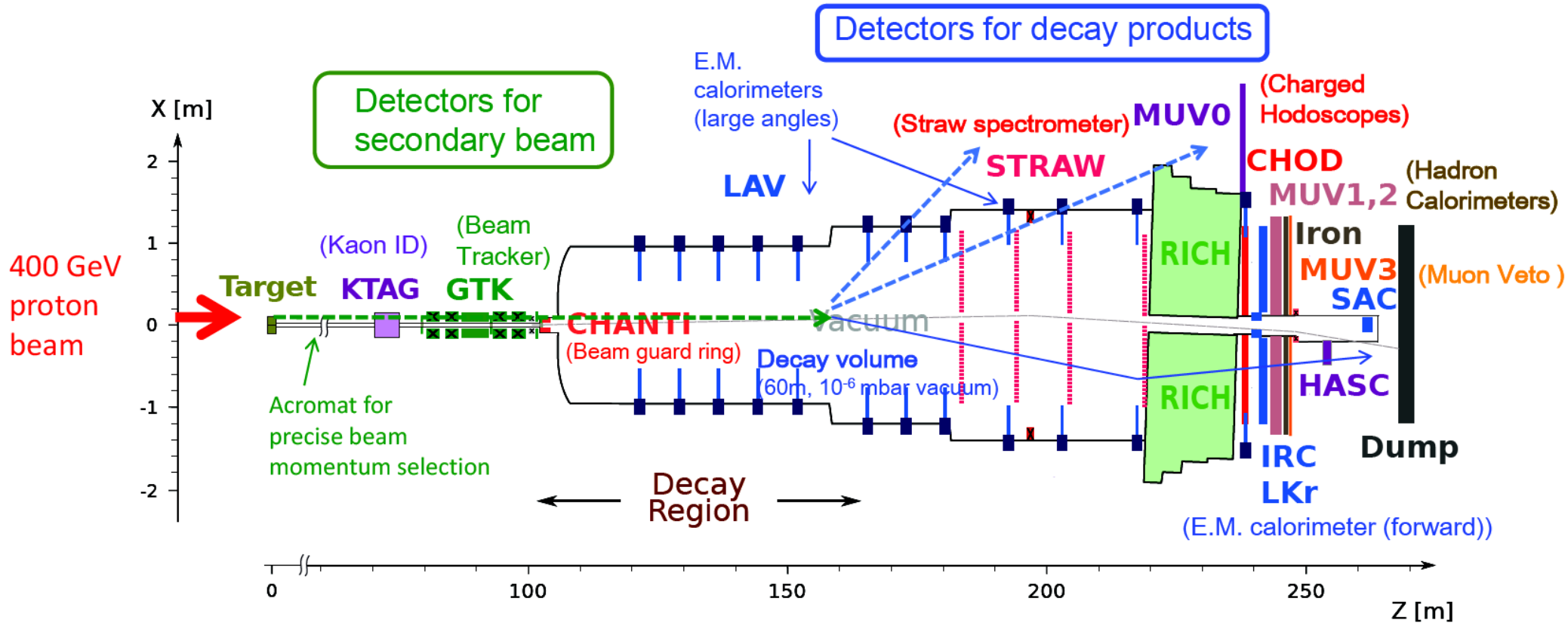


# Dark photon in $\pi^0$ decay



- Covering the gap for  $(g_\mu - 2)$  in the visible DP decays

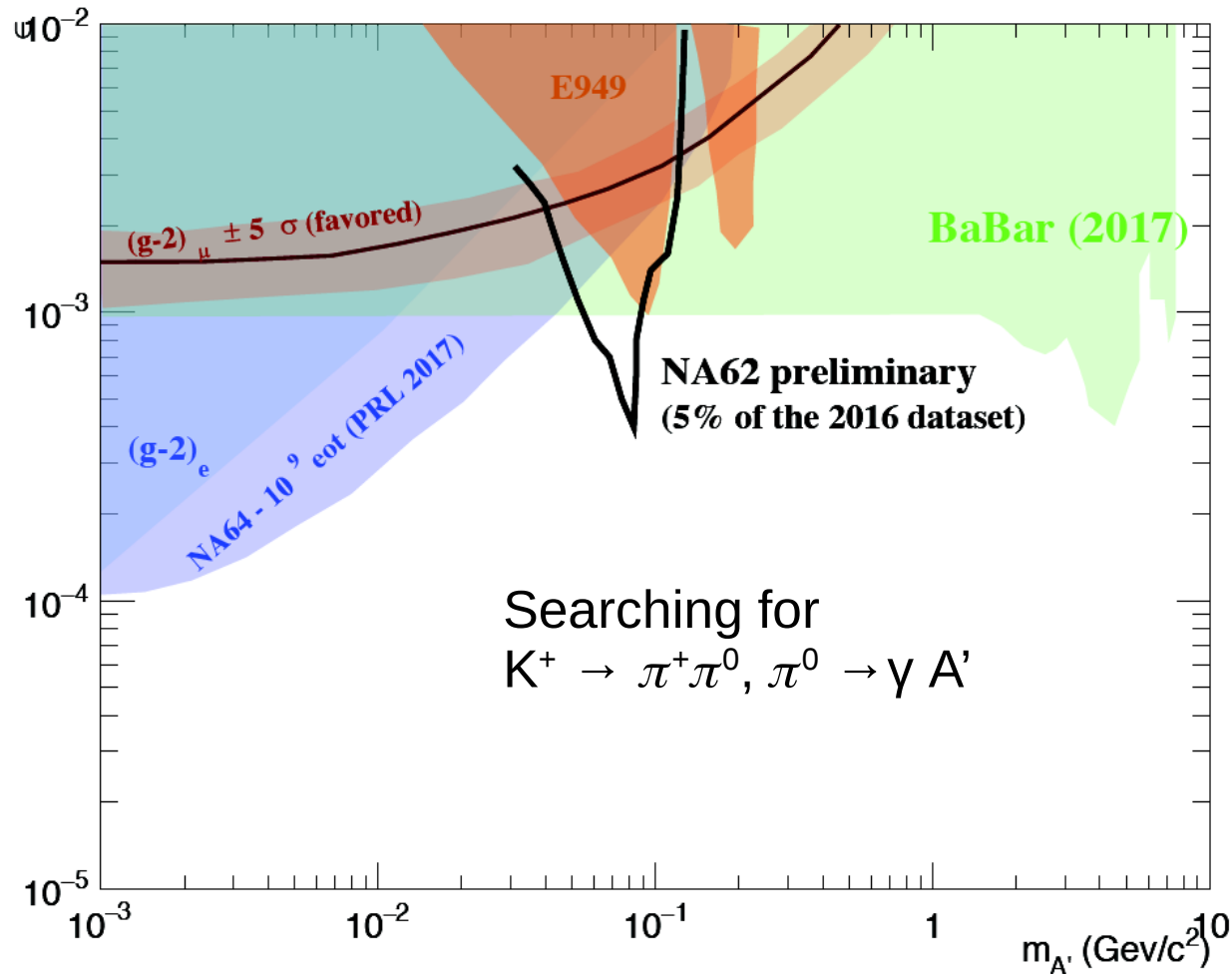
# NA62: extensive search for NP



**NA62  $\sim (2.0-3.0) \times 10^{18}$  protons-on-target/year @ 400 GeV/c**

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# NA62: extensive search for NP



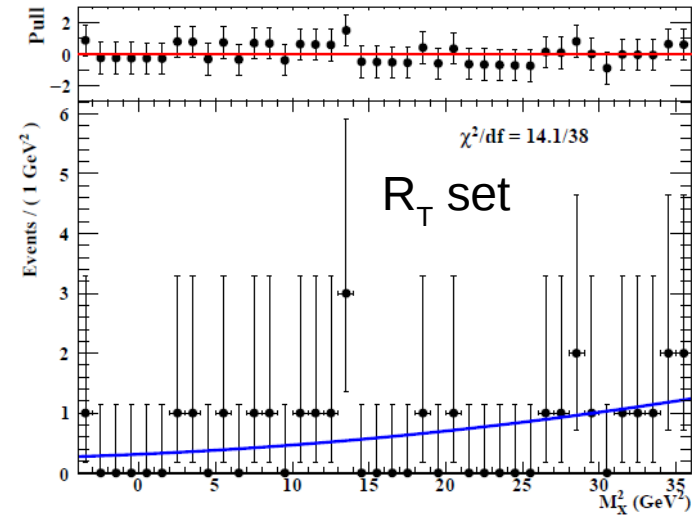
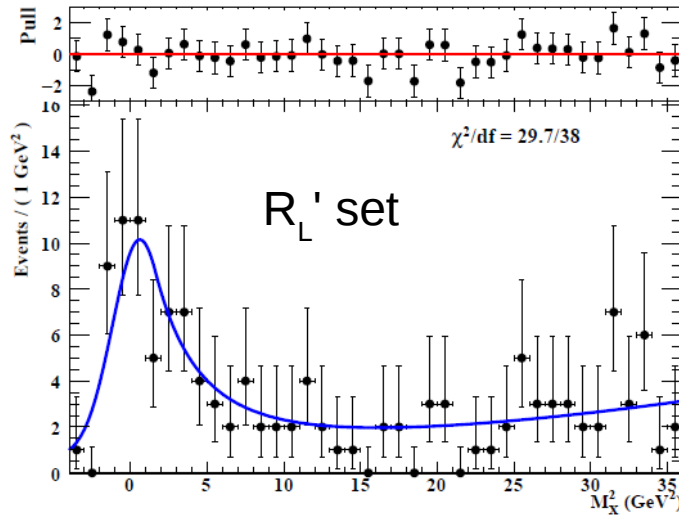
- Total number of kaons in the fiducial region –  $X \cdot 10^{13}$

# $e^+e^-$ colliders

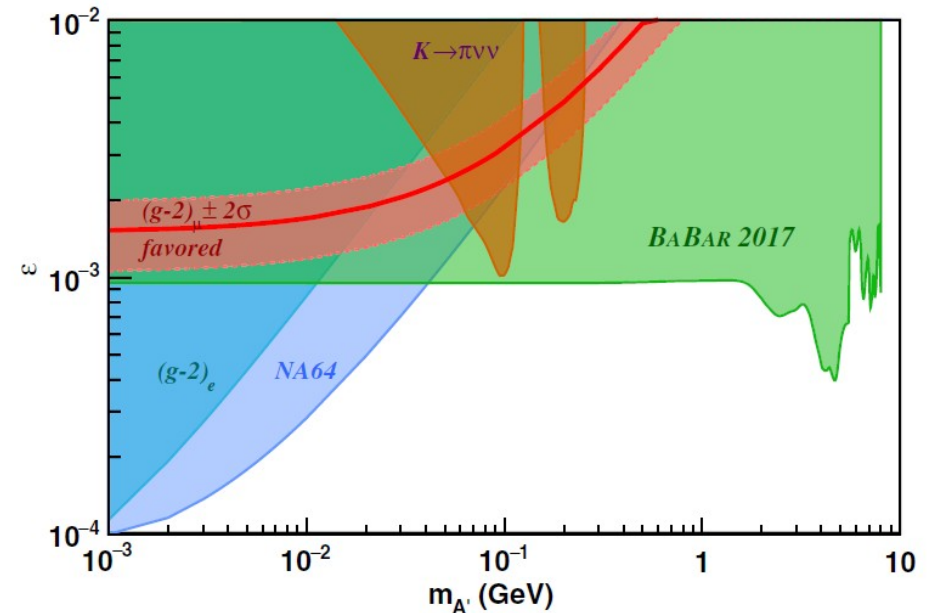
- The initial state is given by the beam energies
  - $P_{e^+}$  and  $P_{e^-}$  are known
  - $M_{ij}$  determines the event kinematics
- Final state:
  - $A'$  associate production
  - Can study both scenarios
    - $A' \rightarrow f f$  , and  $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$

# BaBar search for invisible DP

Y(3S) data

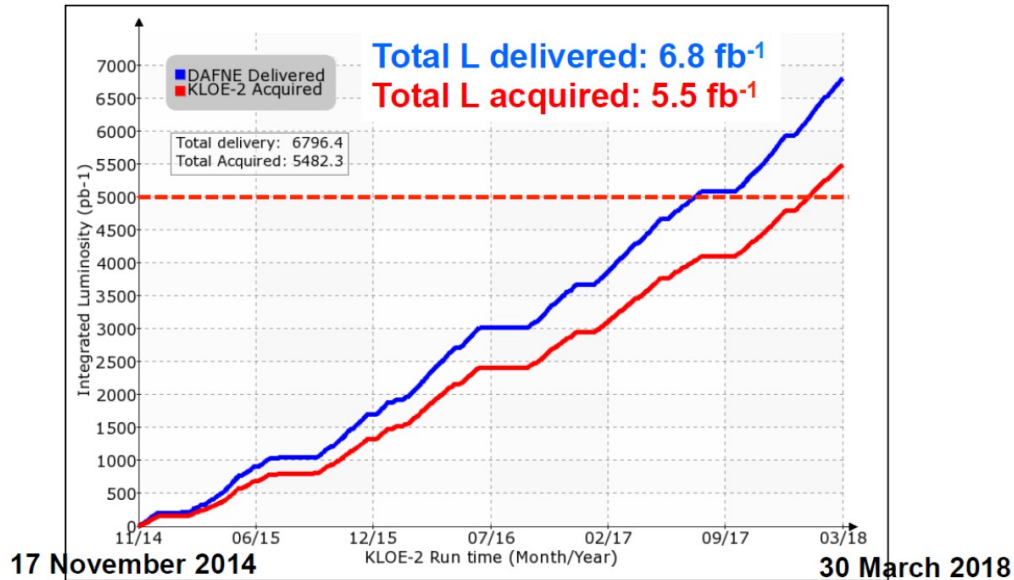


- 53 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data close to Y resonances
- Single photon trigger
- BDT discrimination between signal and background
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  (radiative Bhabha)

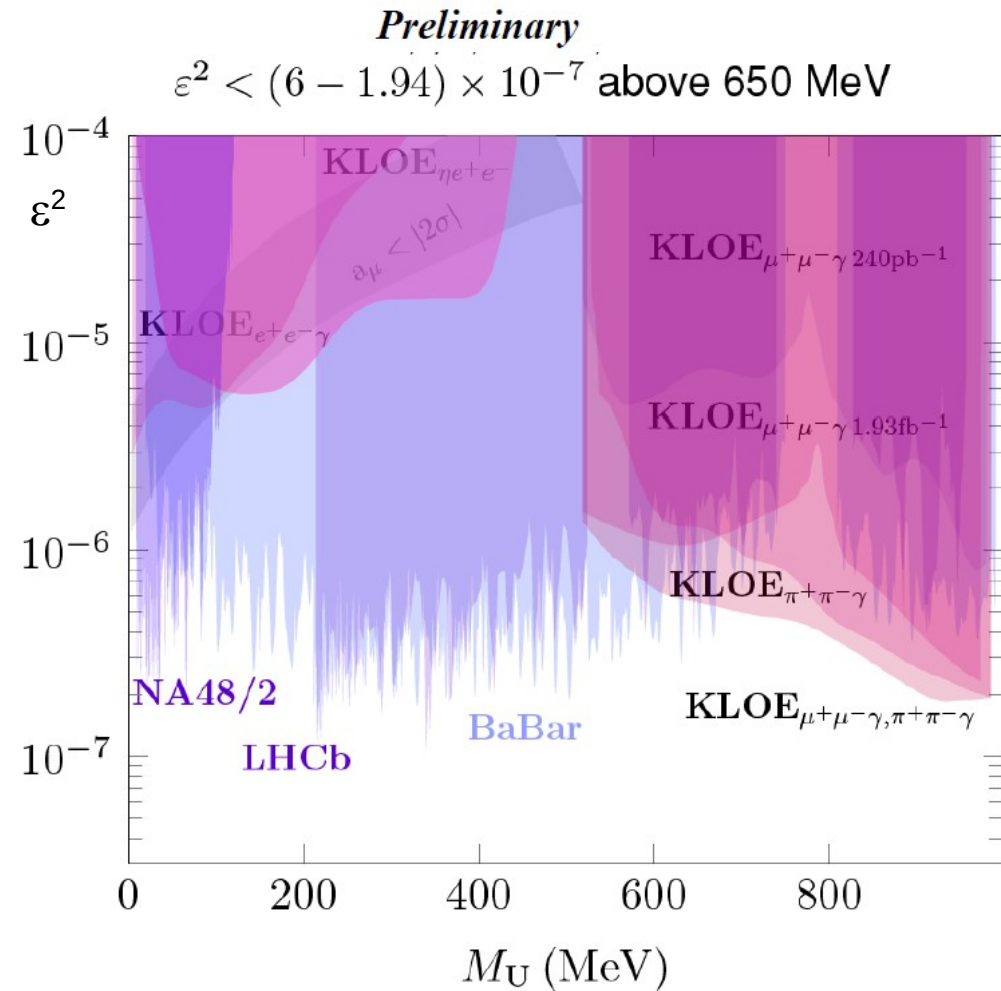


# KLOE and Dark Photon

Talk of Elena Perez Del Rio



- Multimode searches for DP, including
  - muon final states
  - Dark higgs states
  - Hadron final states
  - Electron final states



# KLOE and Dark Photon

*Talk of Elena Perez Del Rio*

$\phi \rightarrow \eta U$  with  $U \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  Phys. Lett B 706 (2012) 251-255  
Phys. Lett B 720 (2013) 111-115

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow U \gamma$  with  $U \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  Phys. Lett B 736 (2014) 459-464

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow U h'$  with  $h' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$  Phys.Lett. B747 (2015) 365-372

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow U \gamma$  with  $U \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  Phys.Lett. B750 (2015) 633

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow U \gamma$  with  $U \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  Phys.Lett. B757 (2016) 356-361

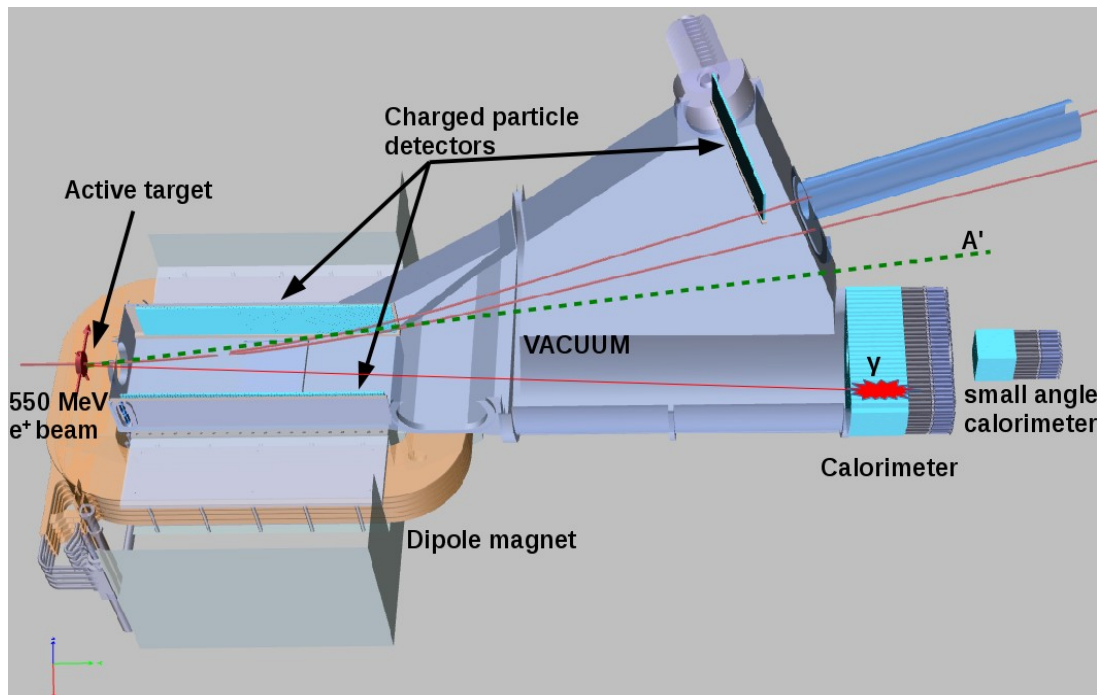
- LNF is already a Dark Sector physics laboratory
- New results to come
  - Including single photon detection



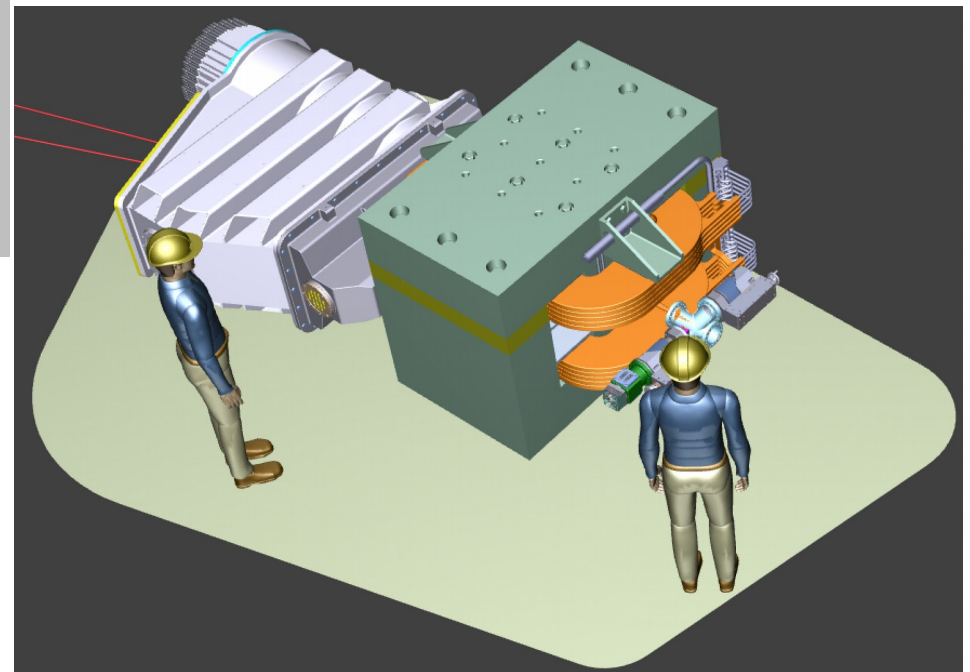
# PADME

## Positron Annihilation into Dark Matter Experiment

Adv. HEP 2014 (2014) 959802



- Small scale fixed target experiment
  - $e^+$  @ Frascati Beam test facility
  - Solid state target
  - Charged particles detectors
  - Calorimeter

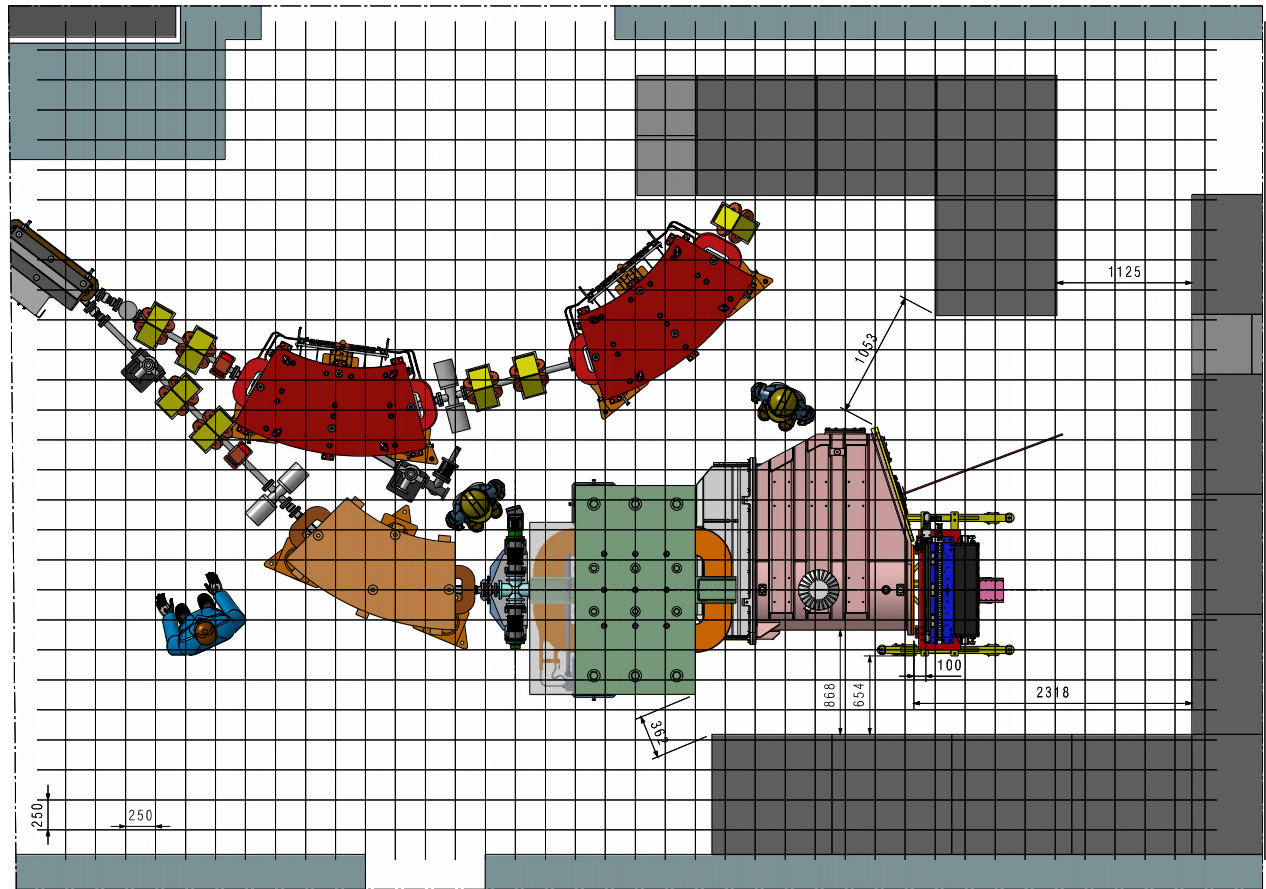


*Talks of Clara Taruggi and Federica Oliva*

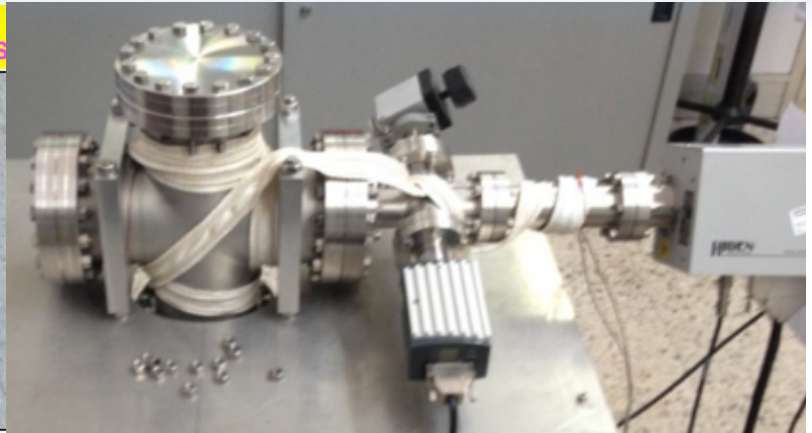
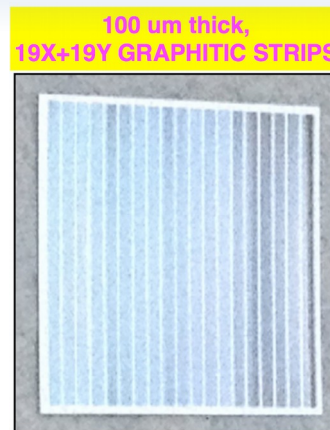
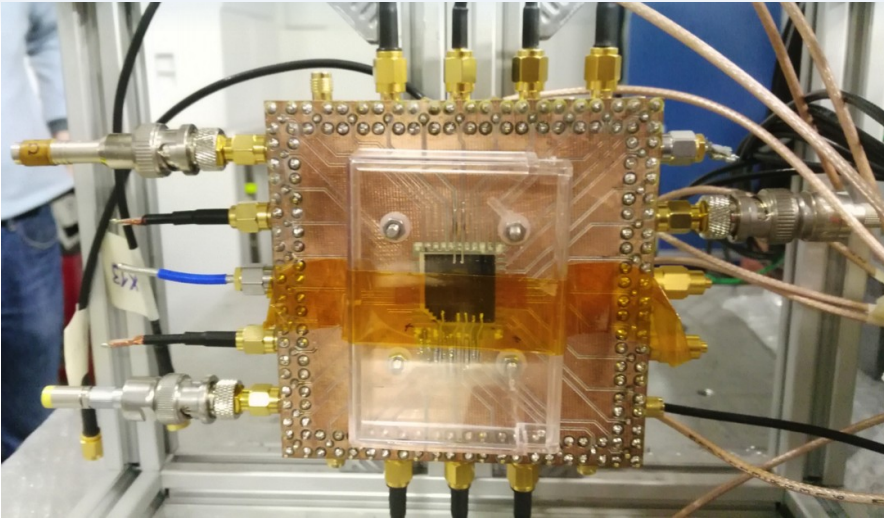


# PADME @ BTF

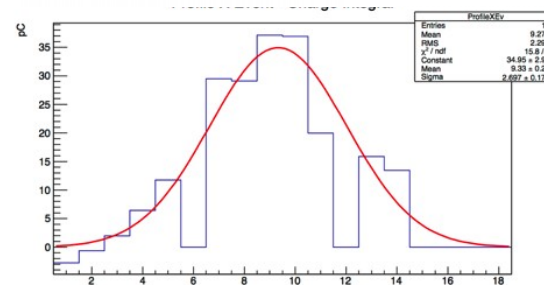
	Electrons	Positrons
Maximum beam energy ( $E_{\text{beam}}$ ) [MeV]	750 MeV	550 MeV
Linac energy spread [Dp/p]	0.5%	1%
Typical Charge [nC]	2 nC	0.85 nC
Bunch length [ns]	1.5 – 40 (can reach 200 in 2016)	
Linac Repetition rate	1-50 Hz	1-50 Hz
Typical emittance [mm mrad]	1	~1.5
Beam spot s [mm]	<1 mm	
Beam divergence	1-1.5 mrad	



# Diamond target



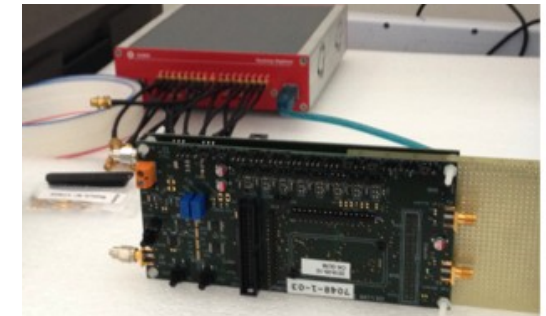
Motorized support structure ready for vacuum tests ongoing



## Polycrystalline diamonds

- 100 mm thickness:
- $16 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$  strip and X-Y readout in a single detector
- Samples with graphitized and metalized strips available
- PADME prototype  $20 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2$  produced and tested 2015
- Low noise CSA integrated in the 16 channel chip AMADEUS from IDEAS

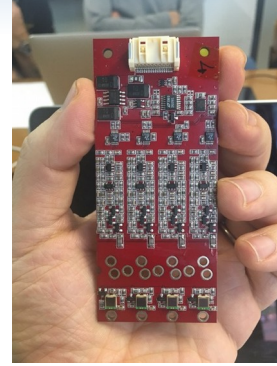
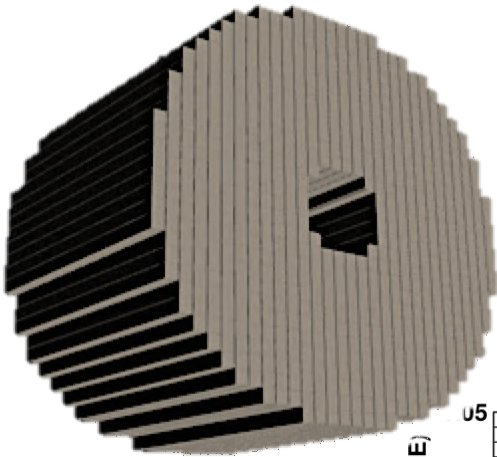
- Test beam results (~5000 e):
  - **good efficiency**
  - resolution on the position of the beam center **< 0.2 mm**
- FE electronics defined



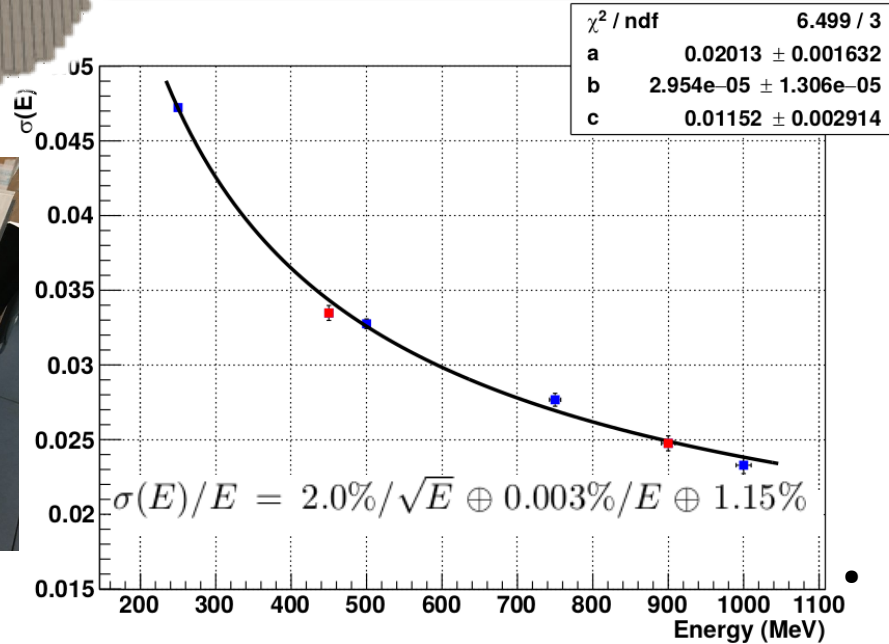


# Calorimeter and vetoes

616 BGO crystals, 2 x 2 cm<sup>2</sup> cross section



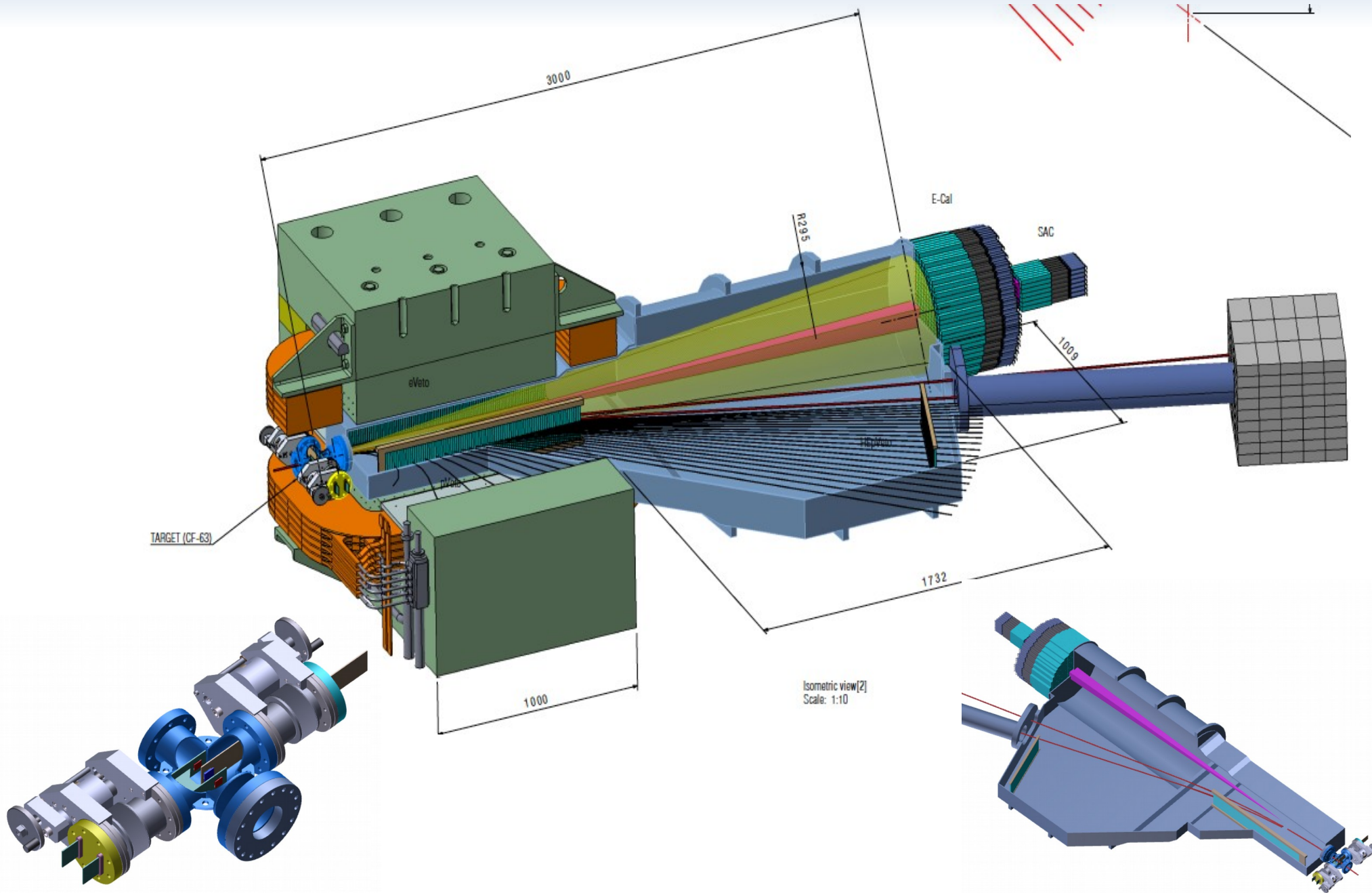
SiPM based readout



Annular calorimeter to avoid high rate from bremsstrahlung

- Efficiency > 99%,
- $\sigma(t) < O(1 \text{ ns})$
- Momentum information through correlation with the particle position

# Construction





# Sensitivity

$2.5 \times 10^{10}$  fully GEANT4 simulated  
550MeV  $e^+$  on target events

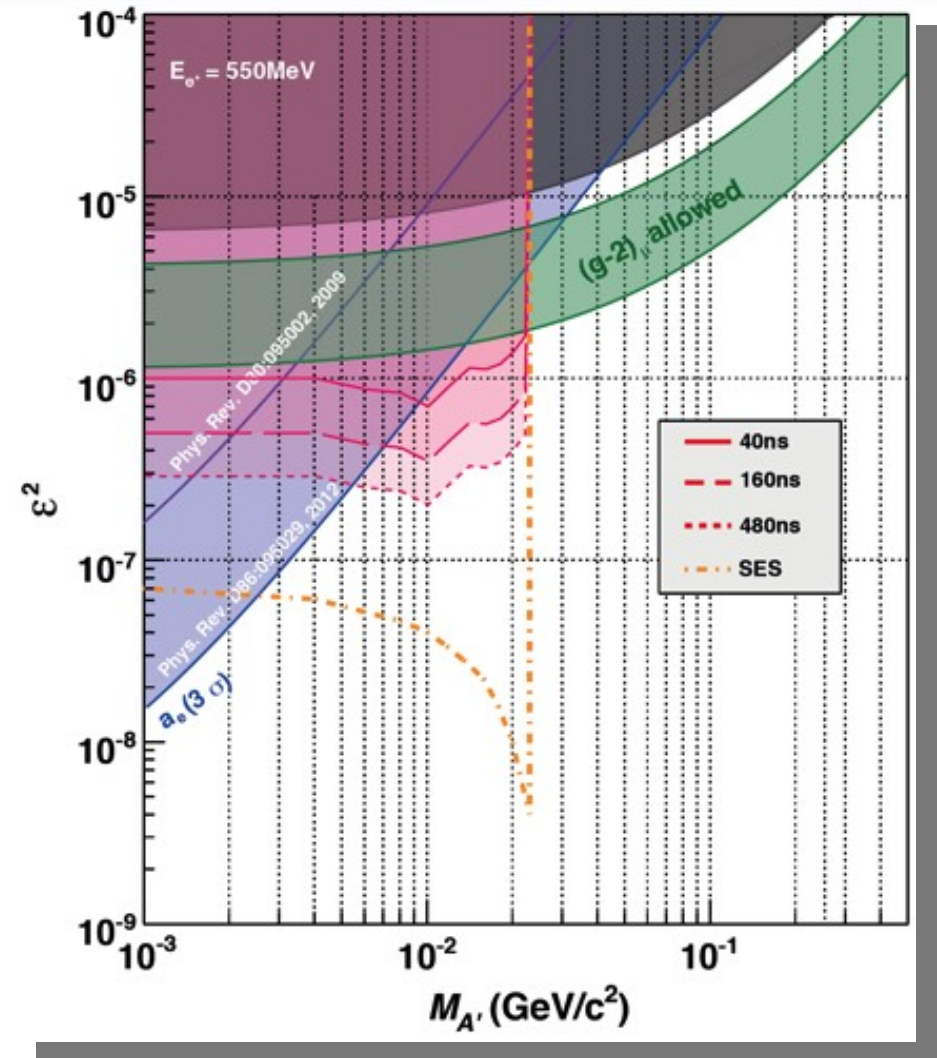
Number of BG events is extrapolated  
to  $1 \times 10^{13}$  electrons on target

$$\frac{\Gamma(e^+e^- \rightarrow A'\gamma)}{\Gamma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{N(A'\gamma)}{N(\gamma)} \frac{Acc(\gamma\gamma)}{Acc(A'\gamma)} = \varepsilon \cdot \delta$$

PADME:

2 years of data taking at 60%  
efficiency with bunch length of 200 ns  
 $4 \times 10^{13}$  EOT = **20000**  $e^+$ /bunch  $\times 2 \times$

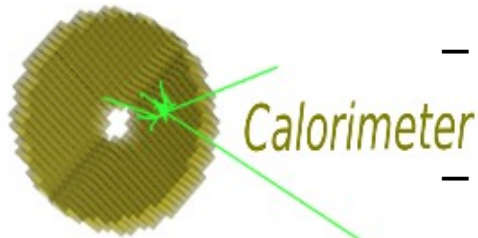
**$3.1 \cdot 10^7$  s  $\times 0.6 \cdot 49$  Hz**





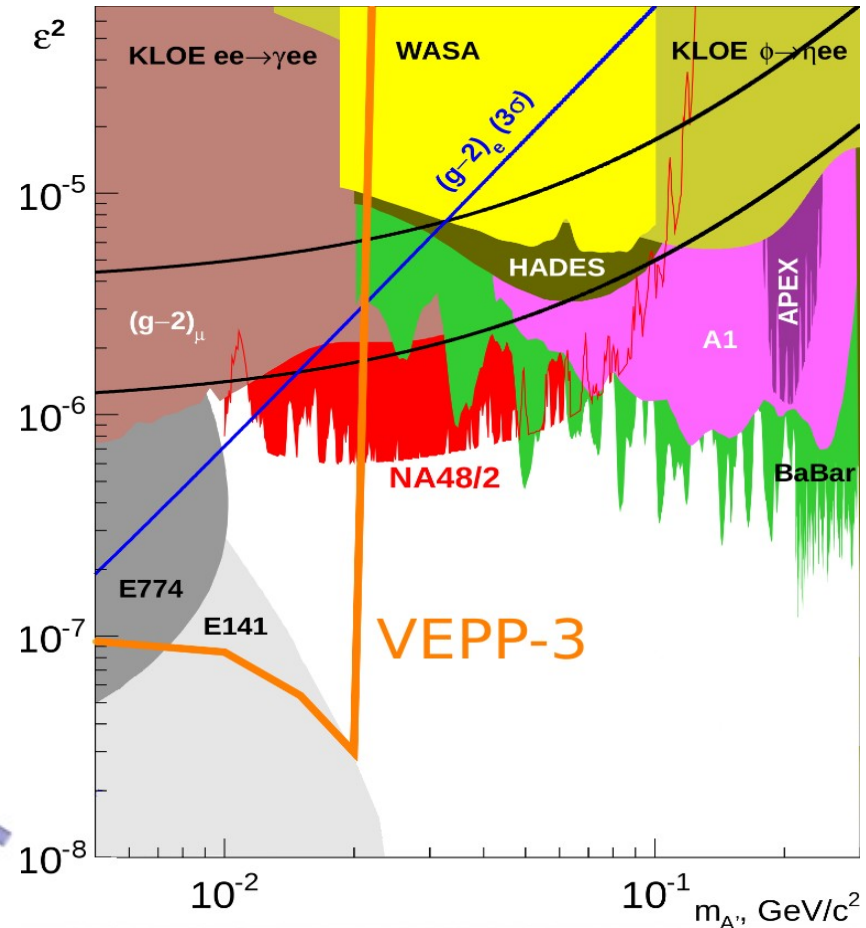
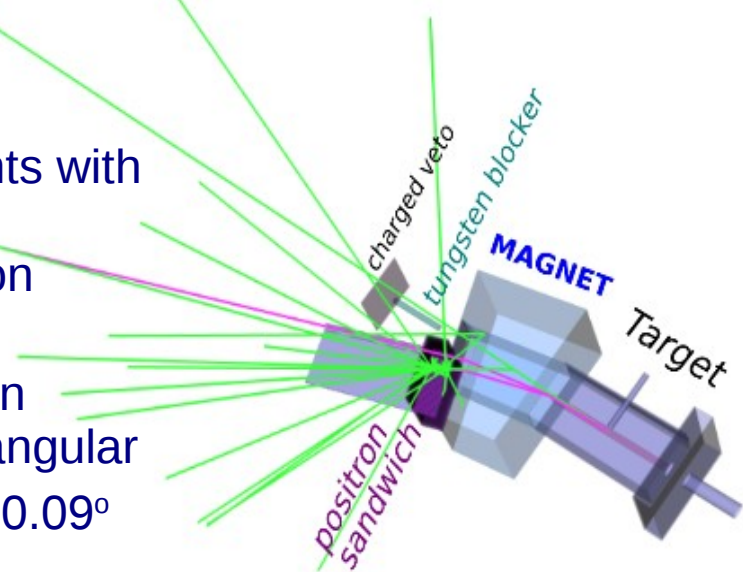
# VEPP 3

- CLEO CsI crystals
  - 624 crystals are assembled in a “ring”
  - placed at a distance of 8 m from the target



Calorimeter

- CLEO measurements with 180 MeV positrons:
  - energy resolution  $\sigma_E = 3.8\%$
  - spatial resolution  $\sigma_x = 12 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow$  angular resolution:  $\sigma_\theta = 0.09^\circ$

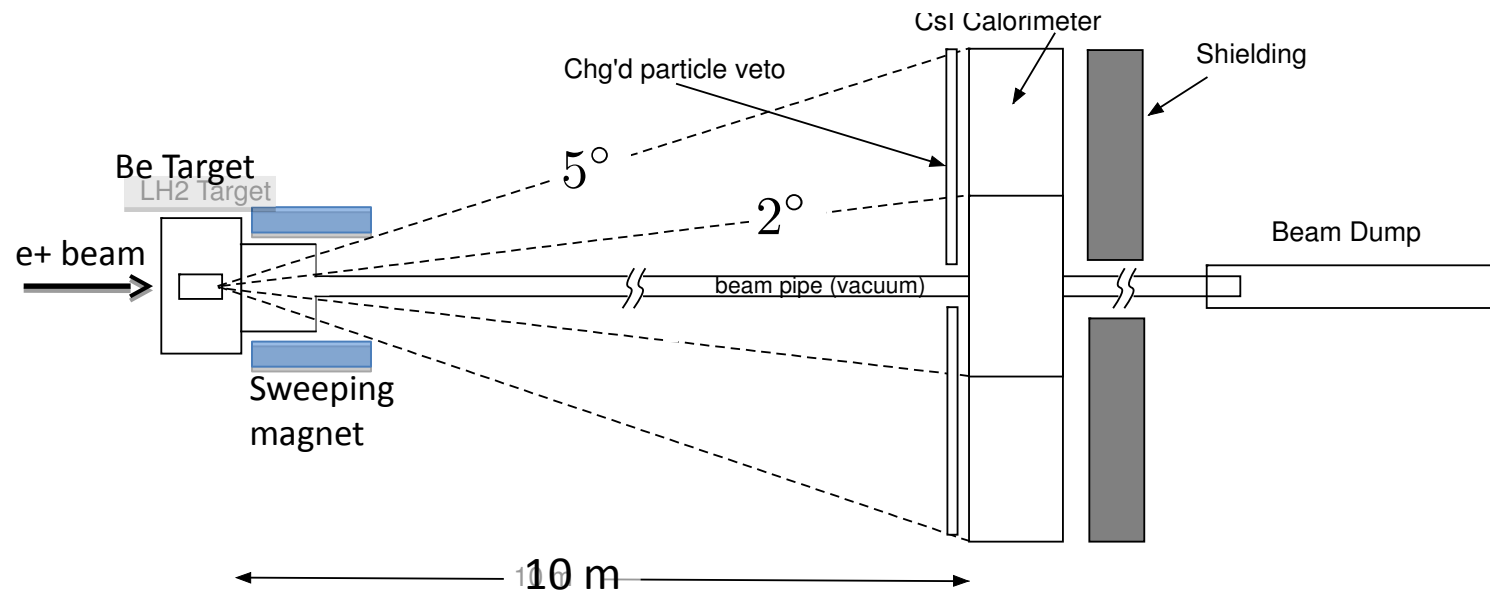
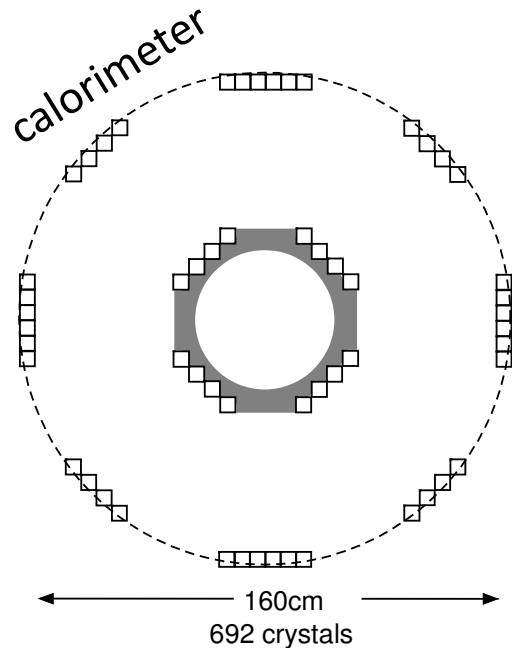
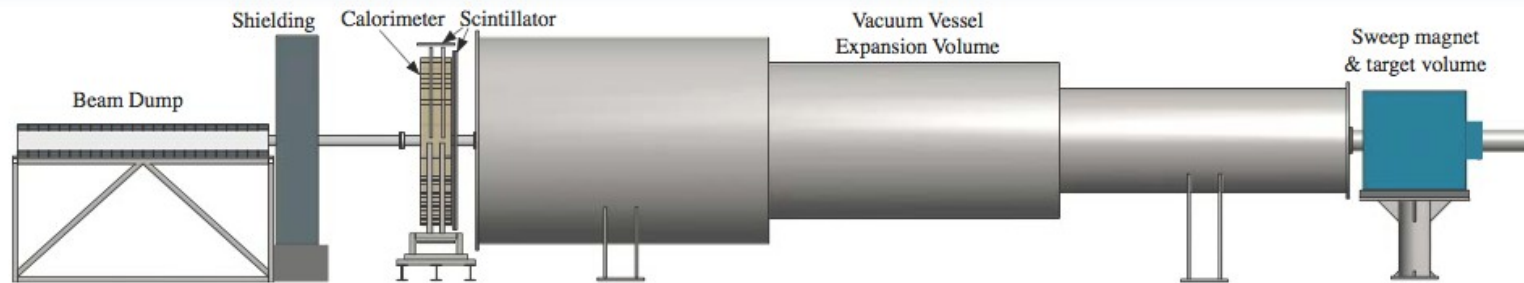


- Possible operation in 3-4 years with the by-pass beam line





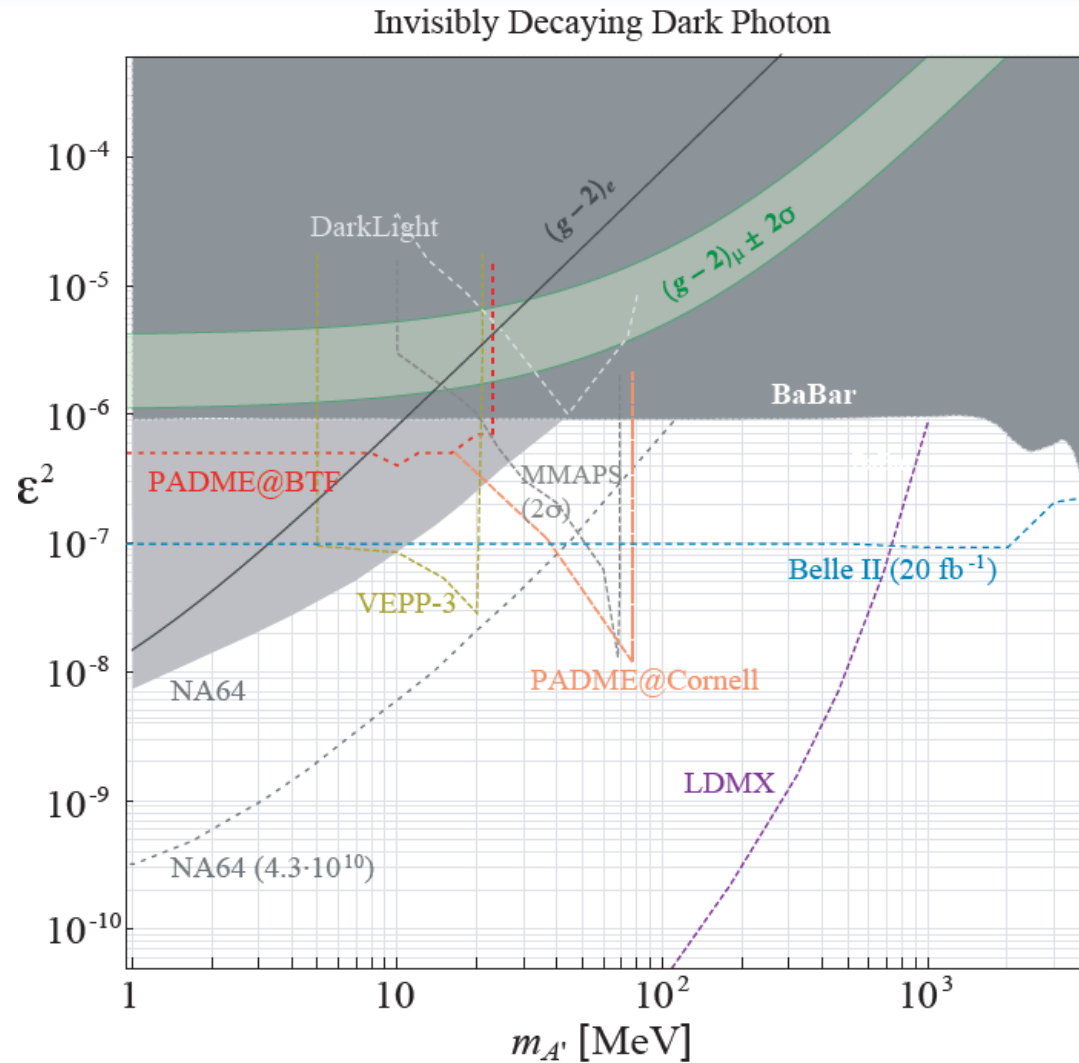
# MMAPS design and sensitivity



- Charged particle vetoes in front of the calorimeter
- CsI(Tl) crystal calorimeter (from CLEO), PMTs instead of photodiodes (time properties)
- Issues with **overlap @ maximal luminosity**: good double pulse separation necessary

**Extend the accessible region up to  $M_{A^*} = 74 \text{ MeV}$**

# Missing mass searches



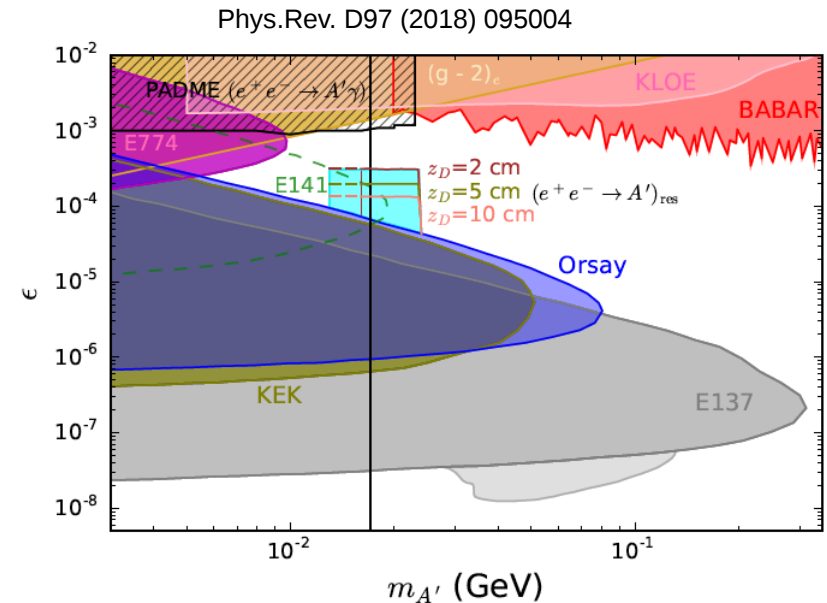
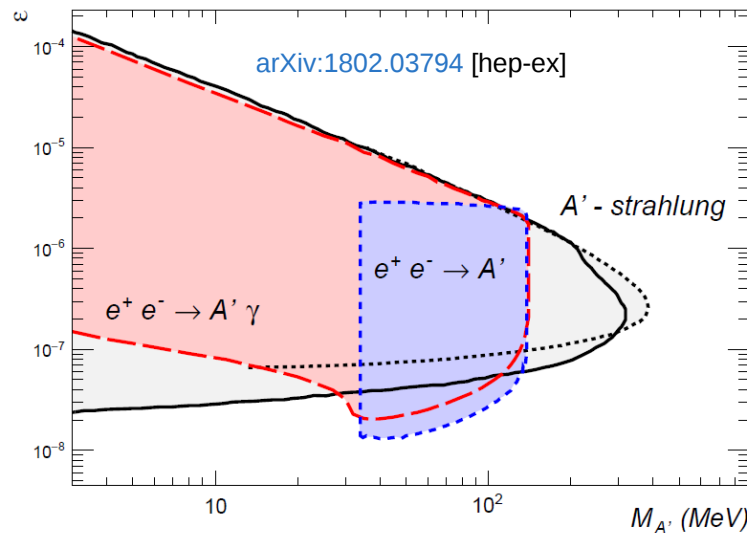
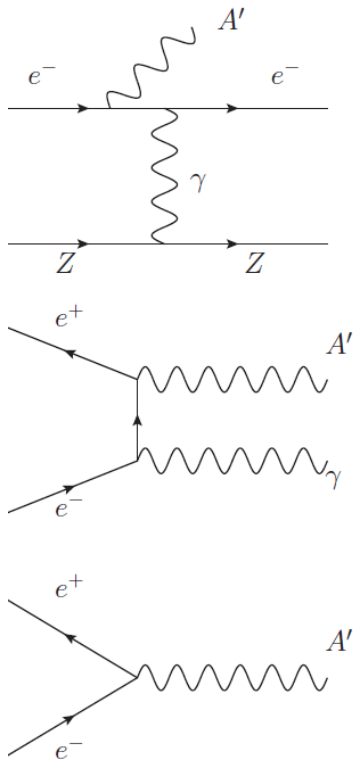
# Missing mass searches

	PADME	MMAPS	VEPP3
Place	LNF	Cornell	Novosibirsk
Beam energy	550 MeV	Up to 5.3 GeV	500 MeV
$M_A$ limit	23 MeV	74 MeV	22 MeV
Target thickness	$2 \times 10^{22}$ e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>	$O(2 \times 10^{23})$ e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>	$5 \times 10^{15}$ e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>
Beam intensity	$8 \times 10^{-11}$ mA	$2.3 \times 10^{-6}$ mA	30 mA
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ rate [s <sup>-1</sup> ]	15	$2.2 \times 10^6$	$1.5 \times 10^6$
$\epsilon^2$ limit (plateau)	<b><math>10^{-6}</math> (<math>10^{-7}</math> SES)</b>	<b><math>10^{-6} - 10^{-7}</math></b>	<b><math>10^{-7}</math></b>
Time scale	2018	?	2020 (ByPass)
Status	<b>Preparation for run</b>	Not funded by NSF	<b>Proposal</b>

# Exploiting further the annihilation

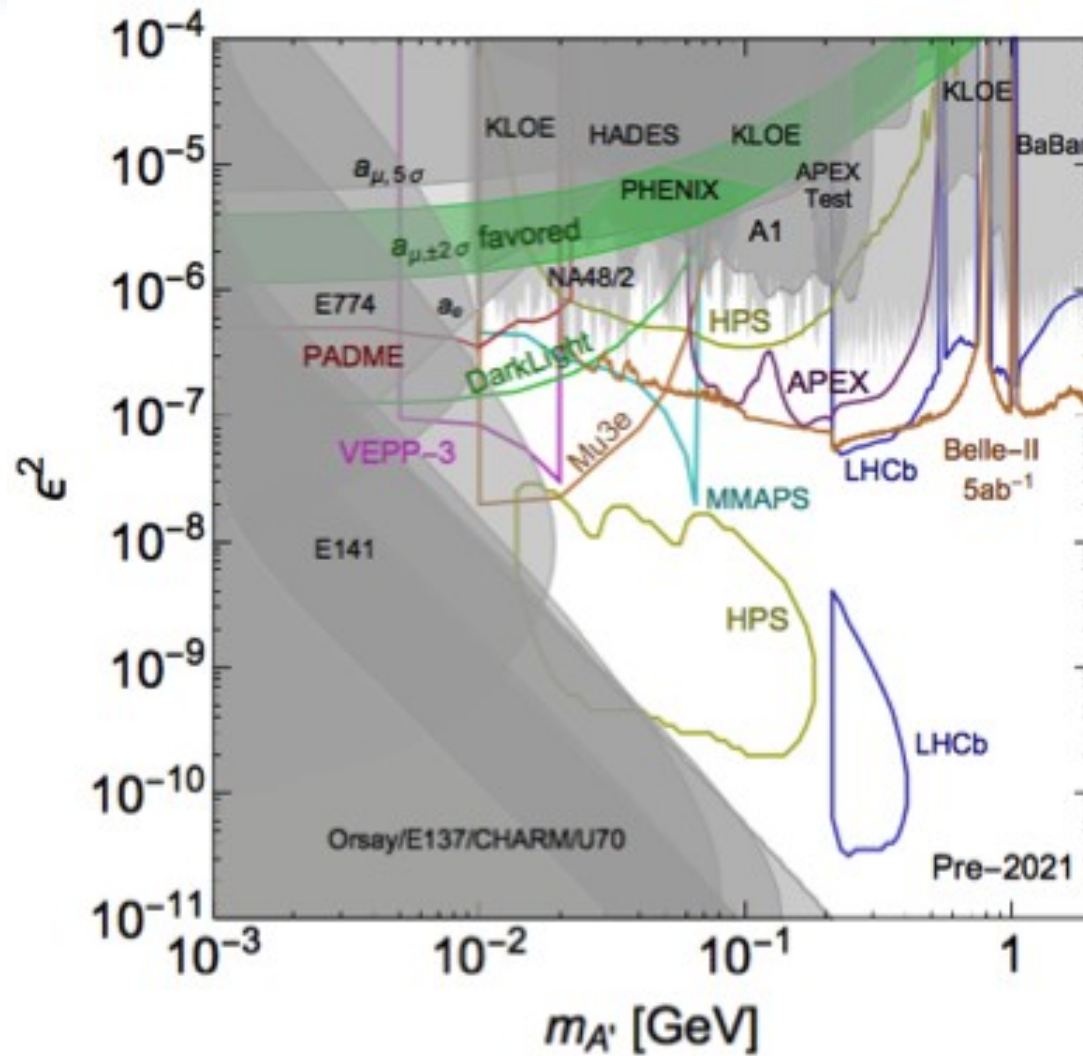
Talks of Anish Ghoshal and Cristian David Carvajal Ruiz

- Annihilation in beam dump and thin targets



- Associate production of dark photon vs resonant annihilation
- A promising technique to cover the gap between dump and fixed (or no) target experiments
  - However, needs to control the leakage from the beam shower...

# Conclusion



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- Dark photons may be just at the door
- Many projects in the past, many ongoing projects, many new to come on stage
- A variety of techniques applied to the Dark Photons studies
- Mass range from  $O(\text{MeV})$  –  $O(\text{GeV})$  covered
- And recall – most of the experimental searches are not only for DP, but for any excess of events with a specific topology