
Muon Beam Experiments to Probe the Dark Sector

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Muon anomalies

- ❖ Muon $g-2$ anomaly:

- ❖ ~ 3.5 sigma deviation from SM prediction

[Bennett et al, Phys.Rev. D73,072003]

- ❖ More precise measurement at Fermilab ($g-2$)

- ❖ Improved SM calculation based on lattice QCD

[Benayoun et al. 1407.4021]

- ❖ New Physics?

- ❖ Proton size anomaly: ~ 7 sigma

- ❖ Muonic hydrogen lamb shift [Mohr et al, Science 353, 669]

- ❖ Lepton flavor non-universality in B physics R_K and R_{K^*} , each has around 2.5 sigma deviation from SM

[LHCb, 2014 and 2017]

Dark Sector

Portal:

Scalar

Pseudo-scalar

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Vector

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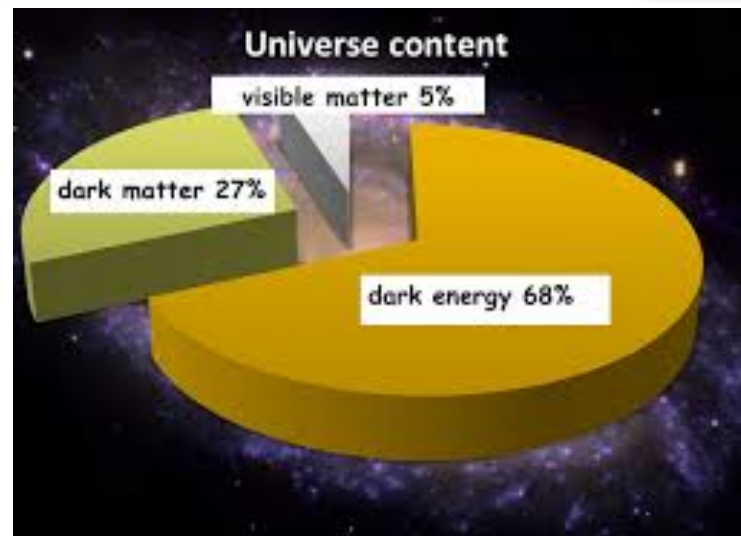
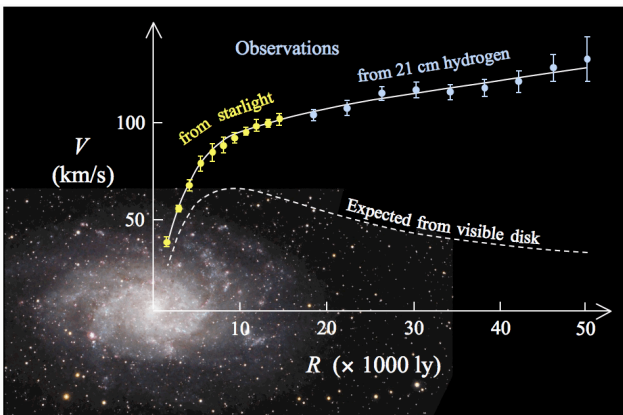
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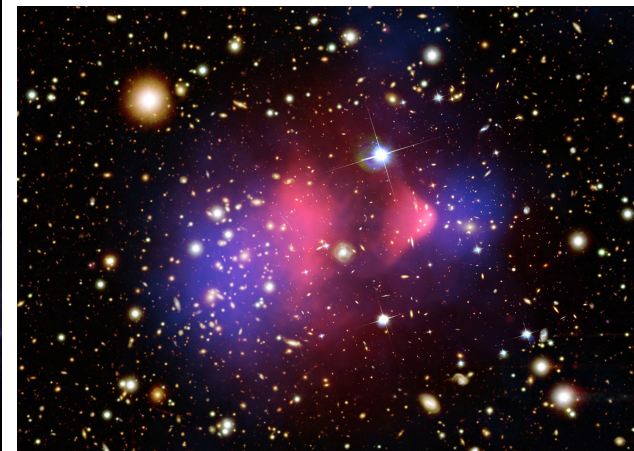
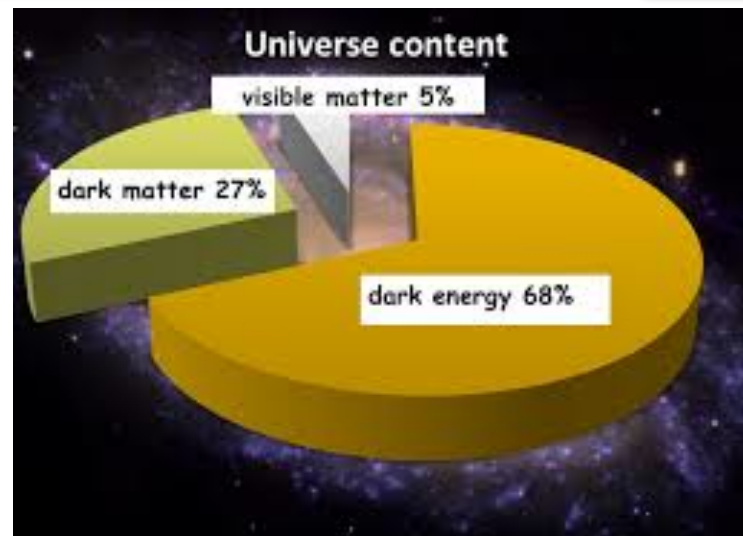
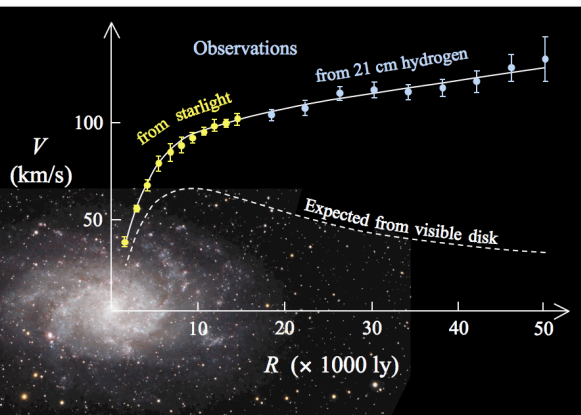
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Theory for lepto-philic dark scalar

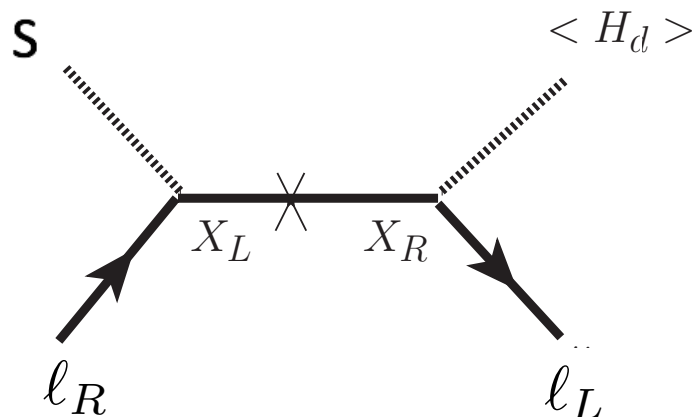
❖ Effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu S)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_S^2 S^2 + \sum_{l=e,\mu,\tau} g_l S \bar{l} l$$

Assuming $g_e : g_\mu : g_\tau = m_e : m_\mu : m_\tau$

❖ UV completion:

❖ Dark Higgs(H_d) + S + Vector-like leptons (X)



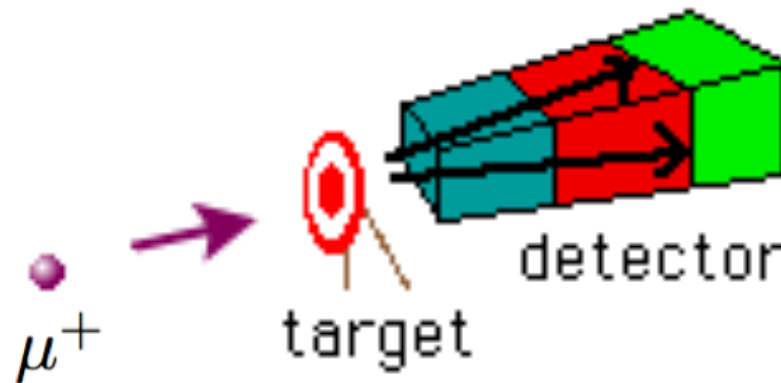
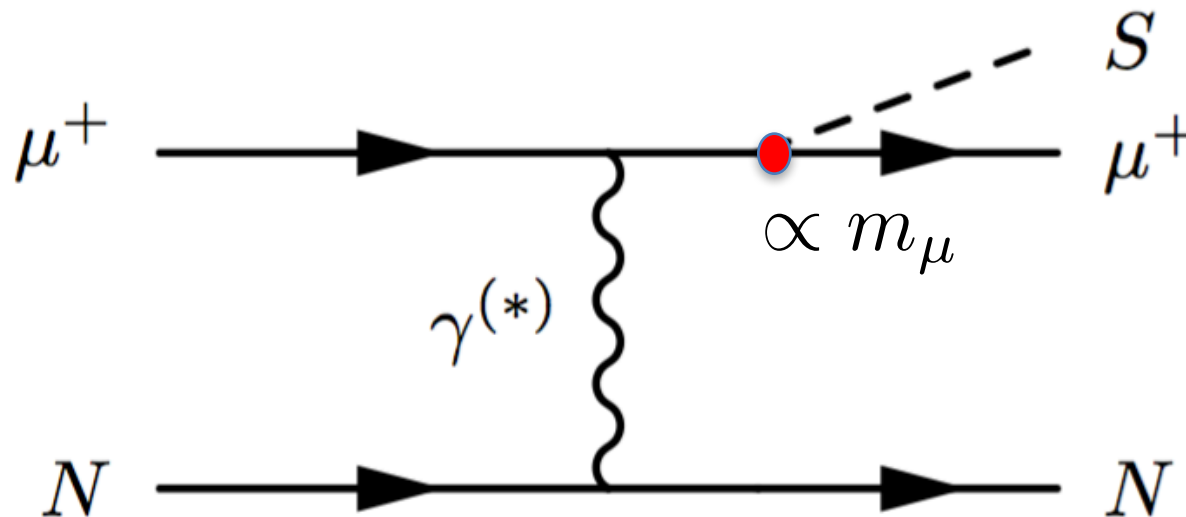
[Chen, Davoudiasl, Marciano, Zhang, Phys.Rev. D93, 035006]

❖ Lepton-specific 2HDM + S w/ MFV

[Batell, Lange, McKeen, Pospelov, Ritz, Phys.Rev. D95, 075003]

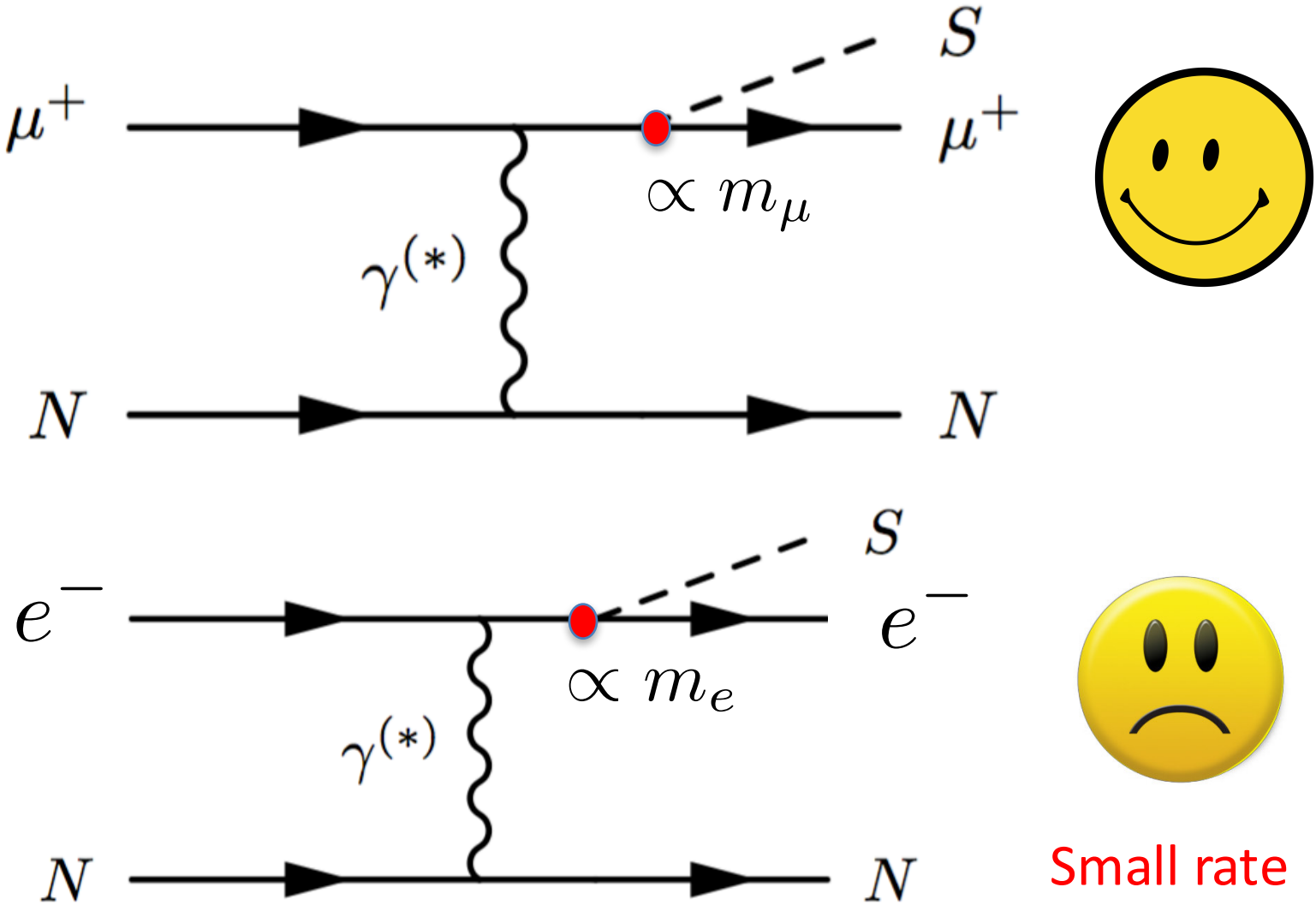
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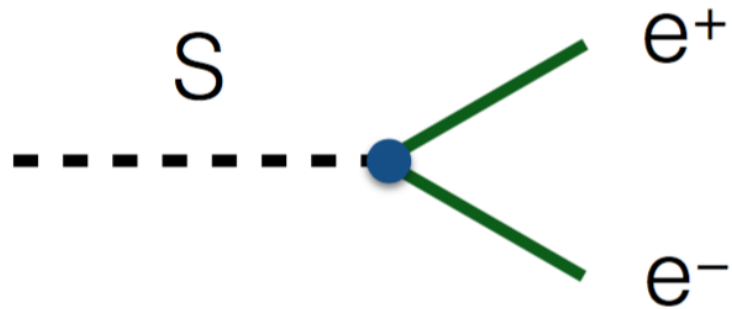


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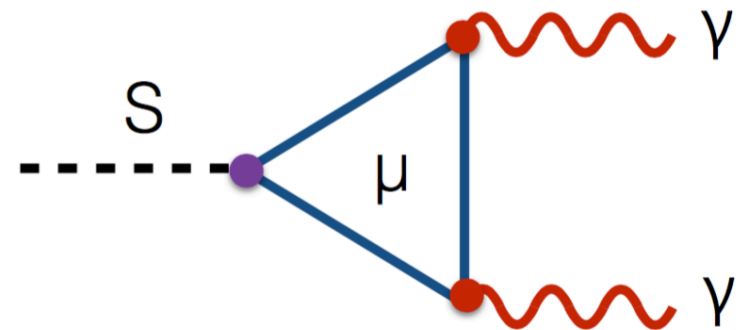
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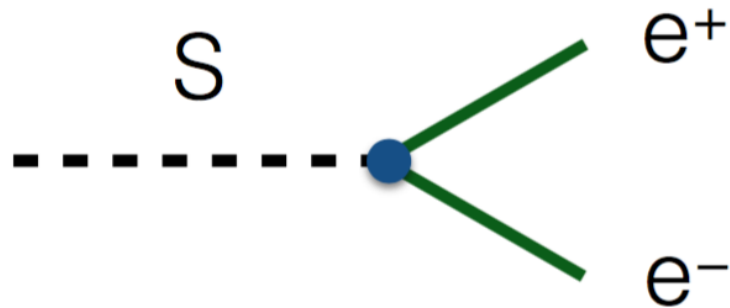


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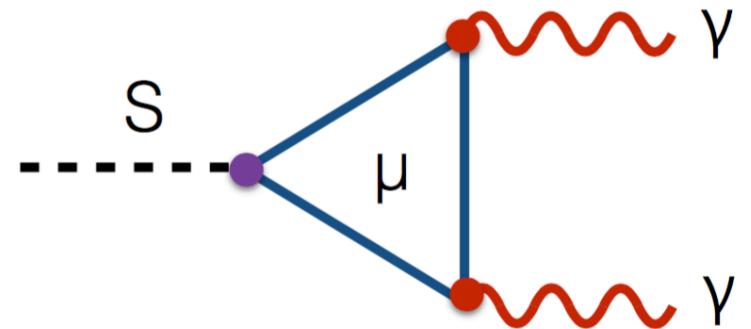
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- ❖ Decay length (L_S): for $m_S = 100$ MeV, $g_\mu = 10^{-3}$

$$L_S = \beta_S \gamma_S \tau_S$$

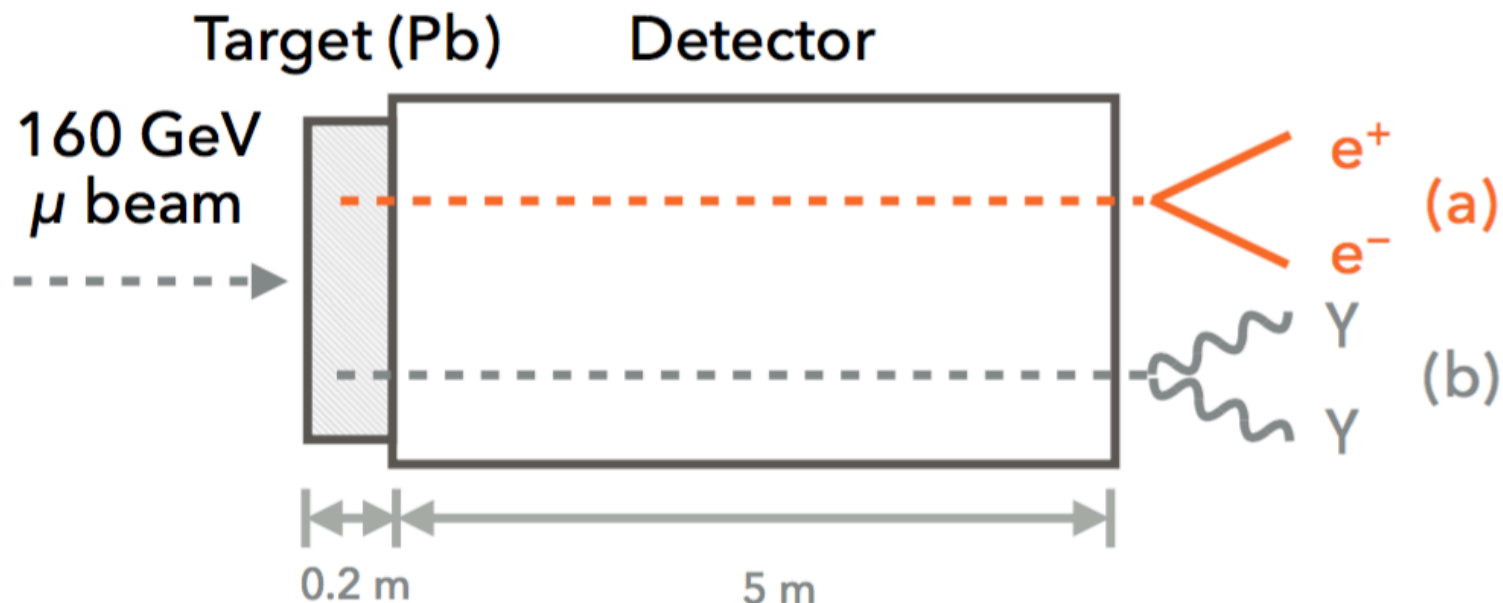
$$L_S \sim 5 \text{ cm, Model A}$$

$$L_S \sim 5 \text{ m, Model B}$$

Proposal for two types of experiments

- ❖ Missing energy (NA 64 at CERN)

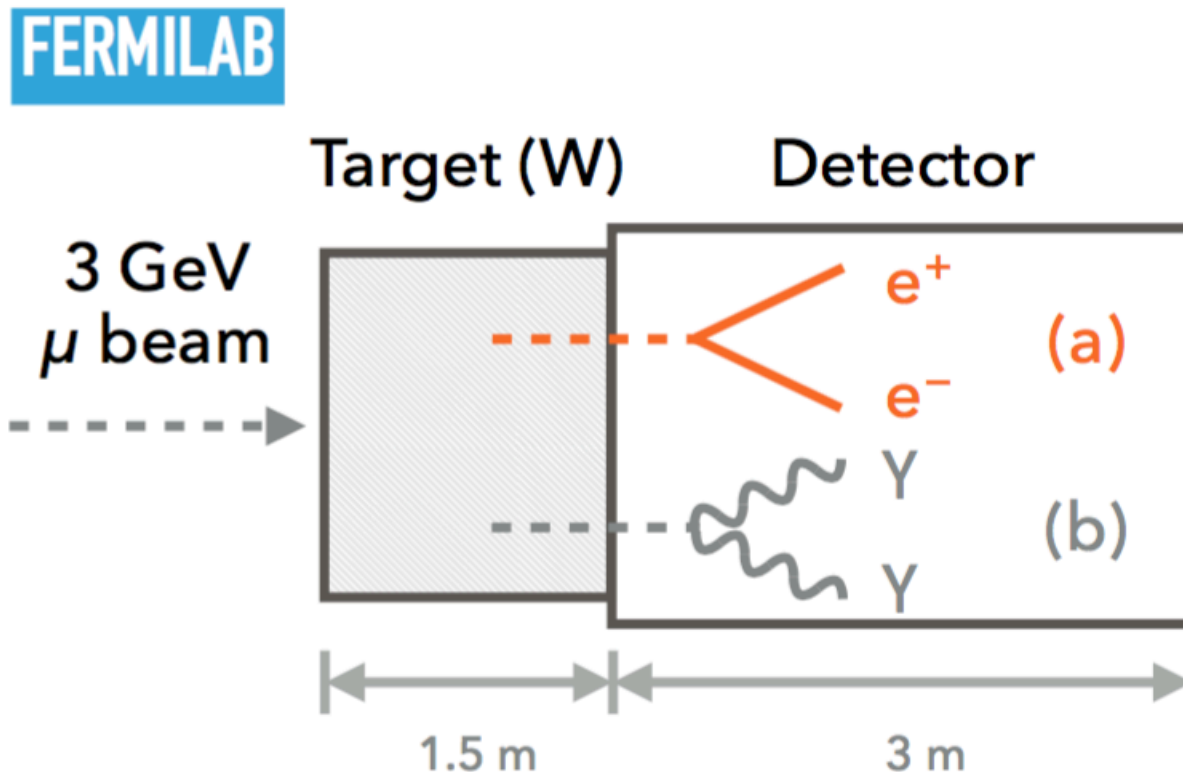
NA64-TYPE



- ❖ Using lead as target
- ❖ Luminosity: assuming 10^6 muons/sec for a 3-month run
- ❖ Signal: recoiled muon losing more than $1/3$ of its energy

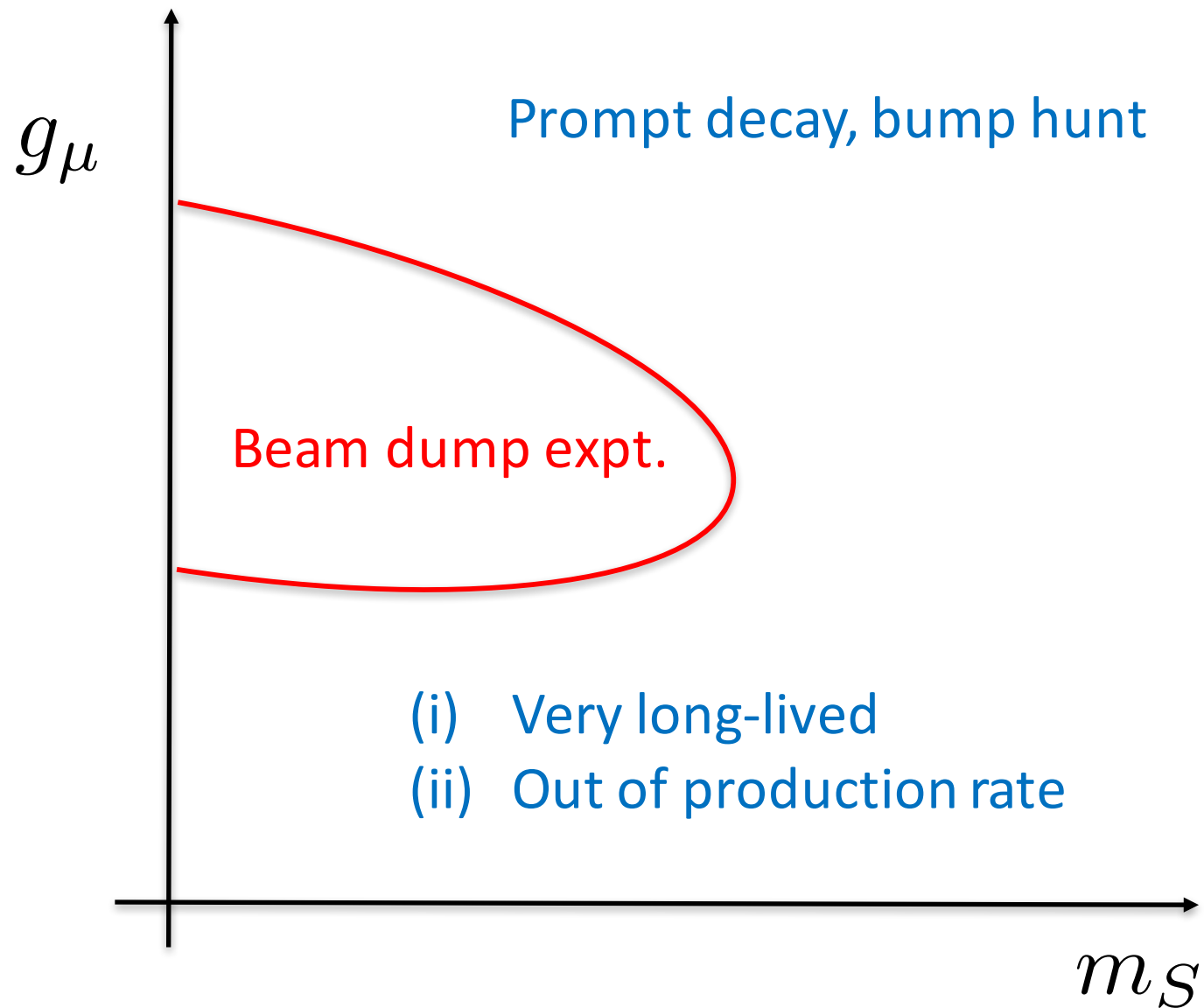
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- ❖ Visible decay: can use the existing muon beam facilities at Fermilab



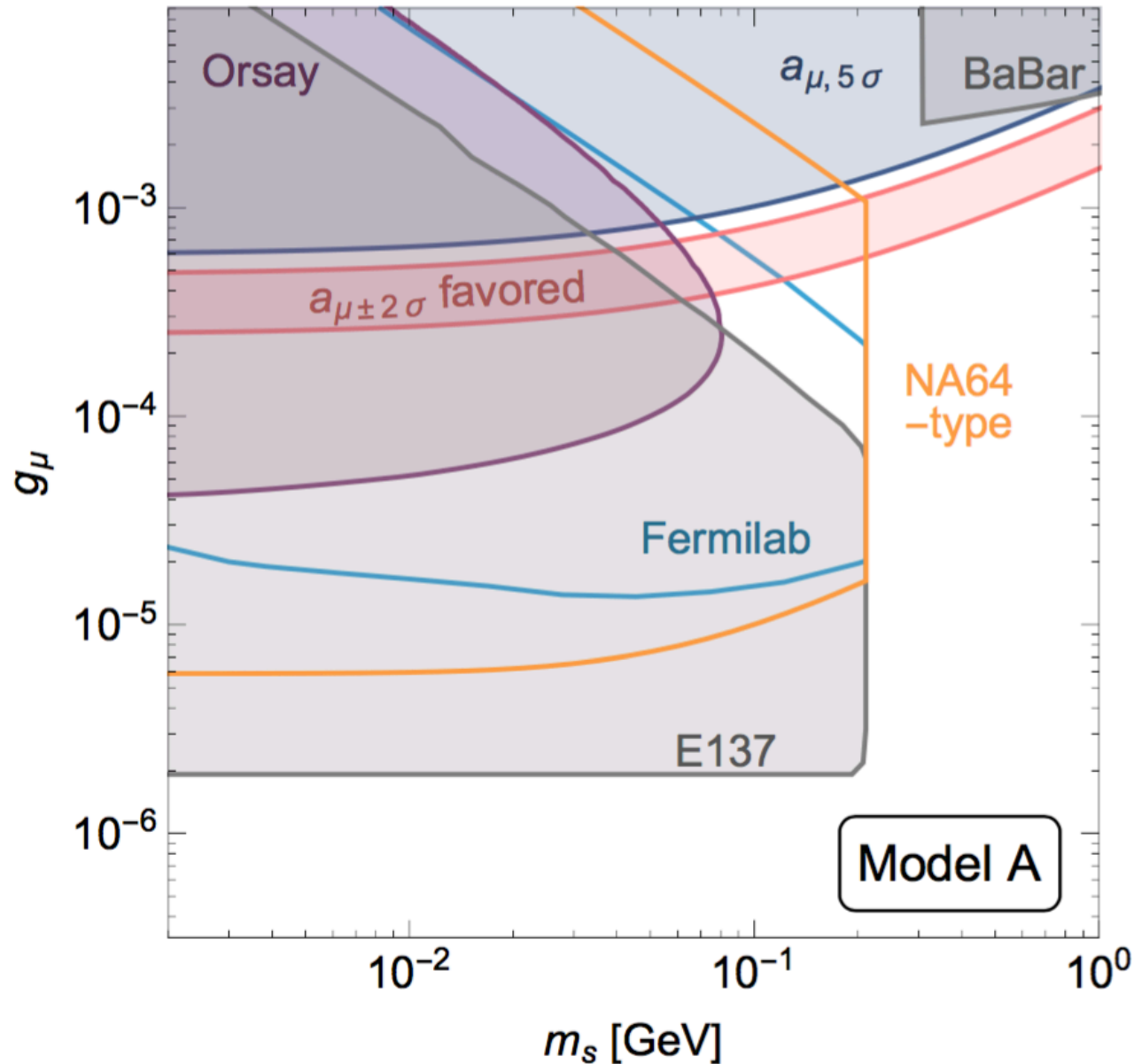
- ❖ Using tungsten as target
- ❖ Luminosity: assuming 10^7 muons/sec for 1 year of running
- ❖ Signal: displaced vertices reconstructed from $e^+ e^-$ or $\gamma \gamma$

Parameter space



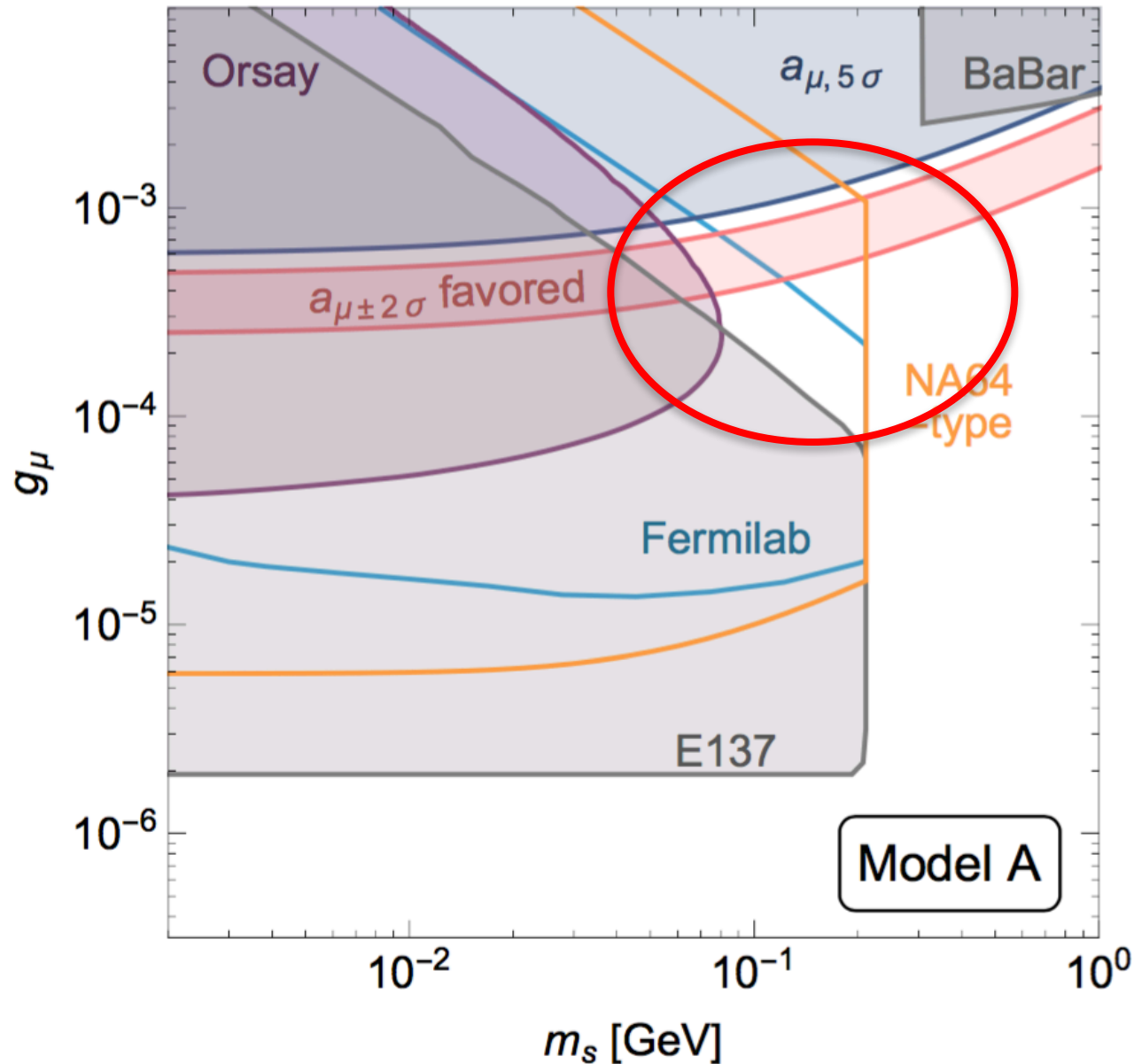
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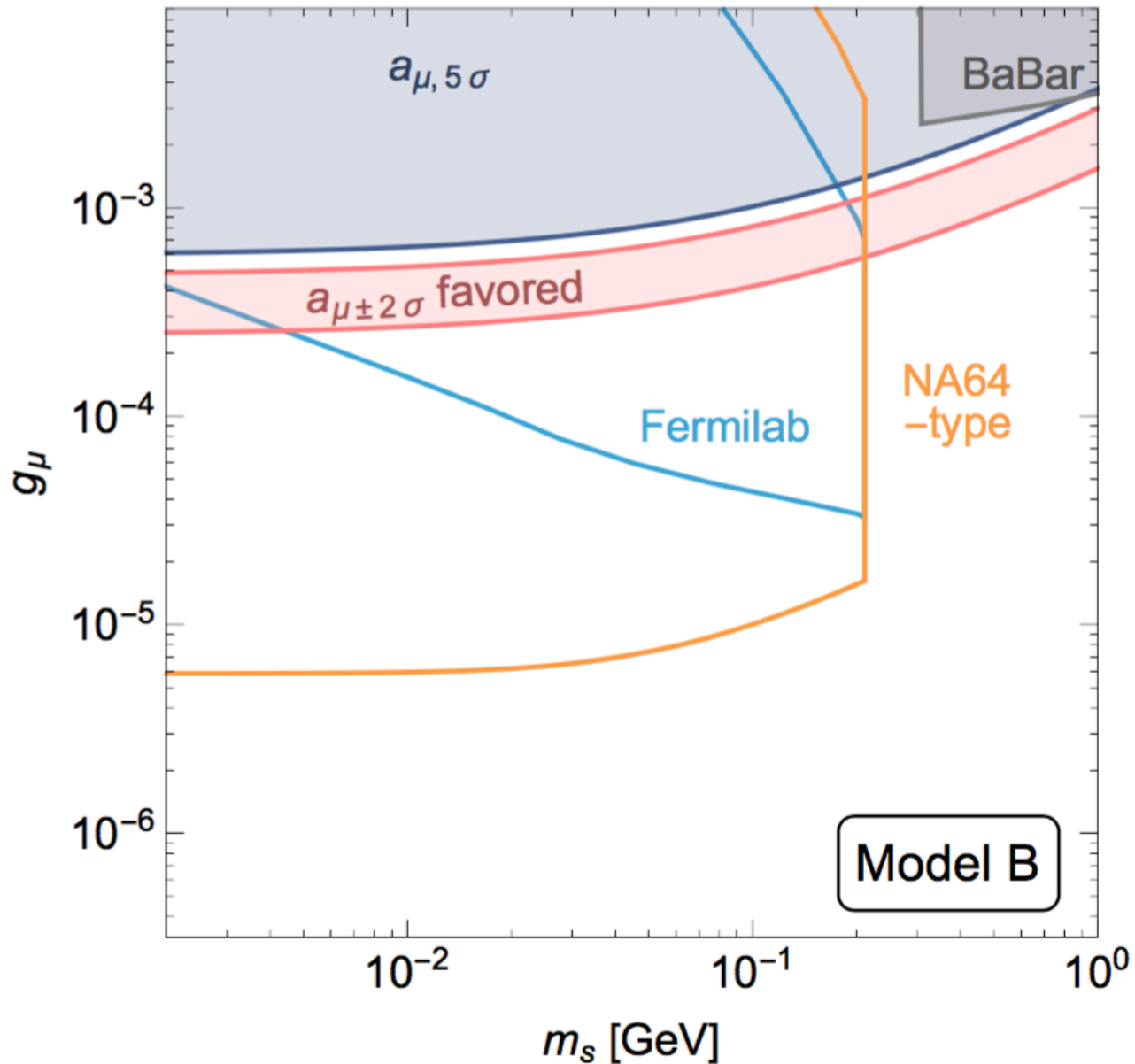
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Results: model B

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Take home message

- ❖ Muon sector is interesting. A light scalar may potentially solve or relax $g-2$ anomaly
- ❖ Two types of experiments that can search for such scalar are proposed
 - ❖ Missing energy: NA64-type
 - ❖ Muon beam dump: Fermilab
- ❖ With minimal modifications, muon beam experiments can be used to probe the dark sector using our proposal

BACKUP SLIDES

Background

- ❖ NA 64-type: potential background comes from low-energy tail in the energy distribution of beam muons and in our study we assume that it is negligible

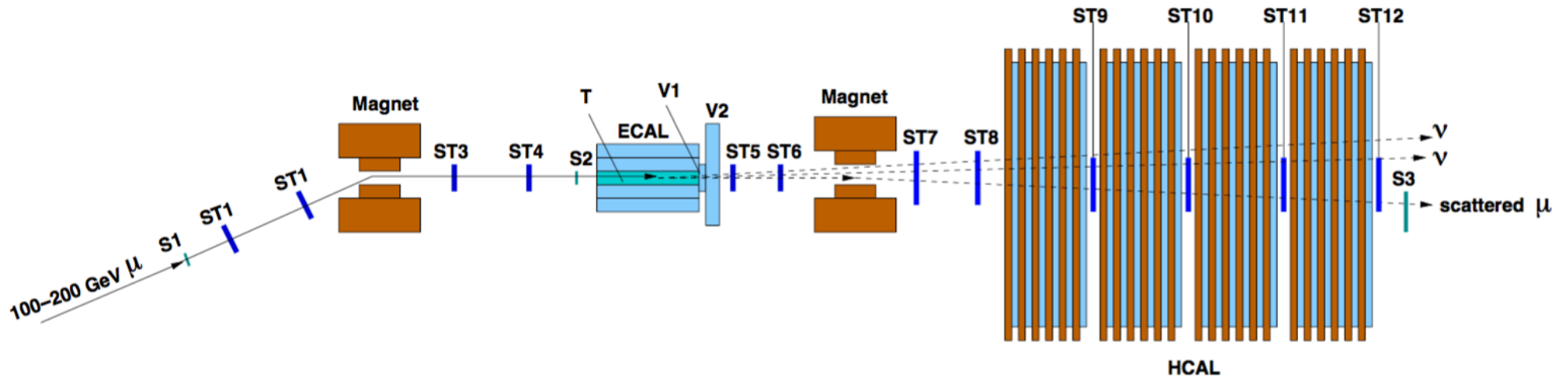
[Gninenko, Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) 095015]

- ❖ Fermilab:
 - ❖ Neutral Kaon decays

$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \text{ and } K_L \rightarrow 3\pi^0 \text{ decays}$$

Setup

- ❖ Setup for NA64 muon mode:



❖ Decay length

$$L_S = 25 \text{ cm} \times \left(\frac{5 \times 10^{-4}}{g_\mu} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{100 \text{ MeV}}{m_S} \right)^2, \quad \text{Model A,}$$

$$L_S = 20 \text{ m} \times \left(\frac{5 \times 10^{-4}}{g_\mu} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{100 \text{ MeV}}{m_S} \right)^4, \quad \text{Model B.}$$

❖ Number of events

$$\begin{aligned} N_S &= N_\mu \int_{y_{\min}}^{y_{\max}} dy n_{\text{atom}} \int_{x_{\min}}^1 dx \frac{d\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 3}}{dx} \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} dz P(z) \\ &= N_\mu \int_{y_{\min}}^{y_{\max}} dy n_{\text{atom}} \int_{x_{\min}}^1 dx \frac{d\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 3}}{dx} \left(e^{-\frac{z_{\min}}{L_S}} - e^{-\frac{z_{\max}}{L_S}} \right) \end{aligned}$$