

Dark matter beams @ neutrino facilities



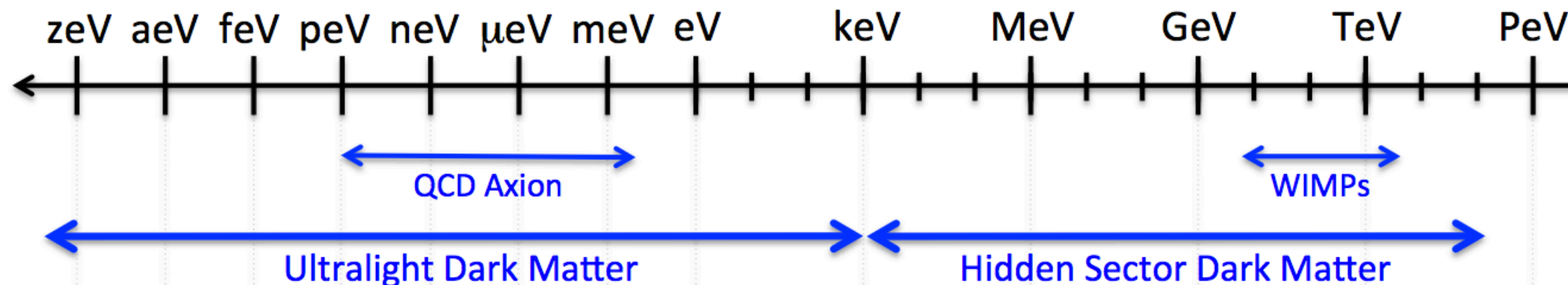
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DM model landscape is broad

Theoretical guidance is crucial

Not a complete list, U.S. Cosmic vision 2017



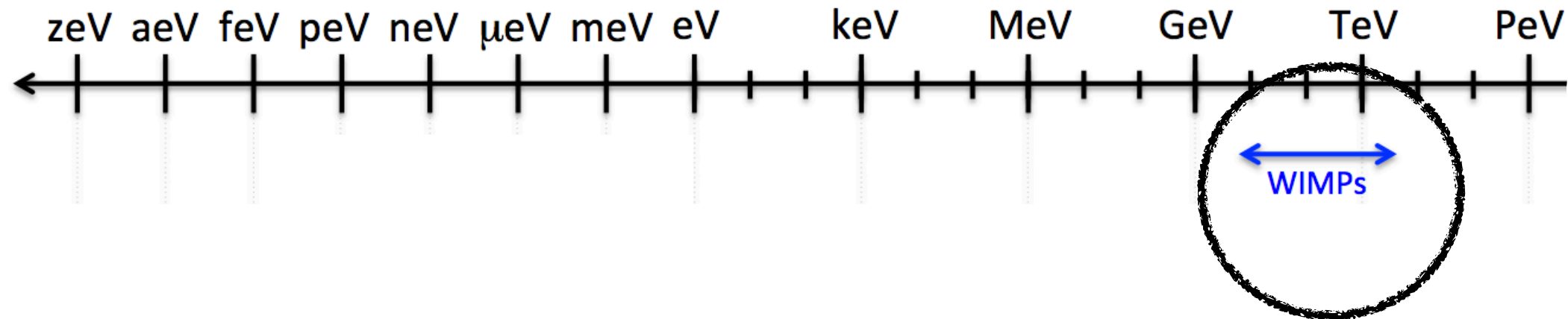
Cosmological history of DM ?

Connection to other particle physics long standing questions
(e.g. strong CP problem and hierarchy problem) ?

DM production mechanism is a powerful guidance to select well motivated DM candidates

Thermal DM acquires its abundance through thermal contact with the Standard Model bath. **DM mass range: 1 keV-100 TeV**

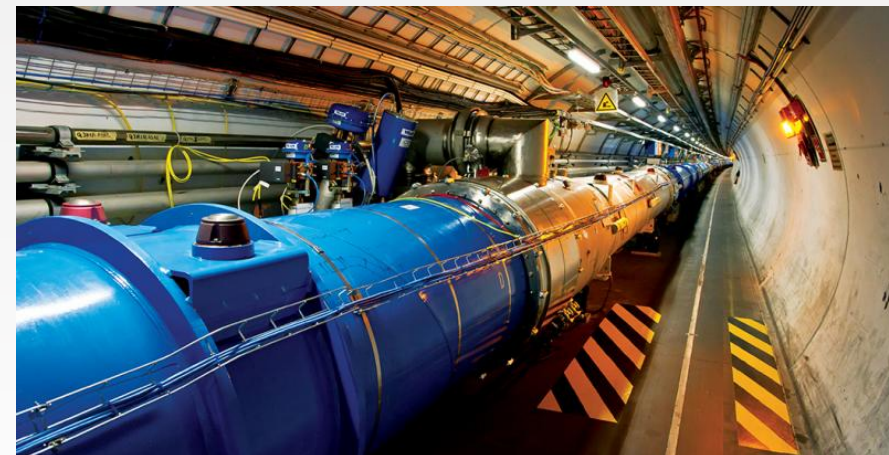
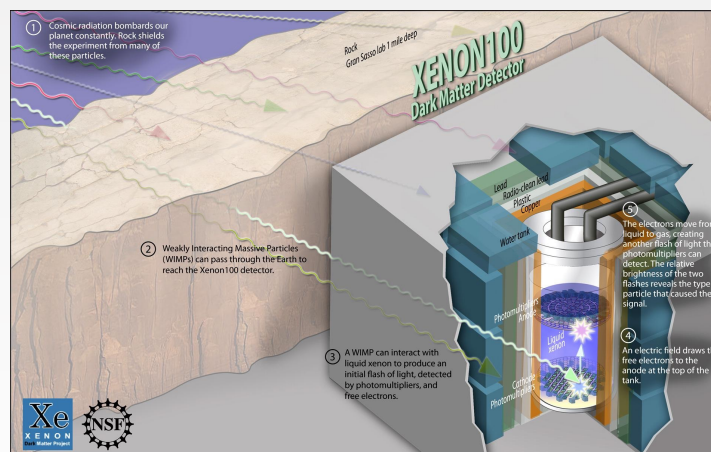
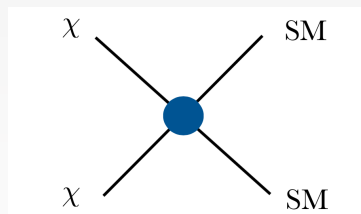
Most of the experimental efforts focus on a small region



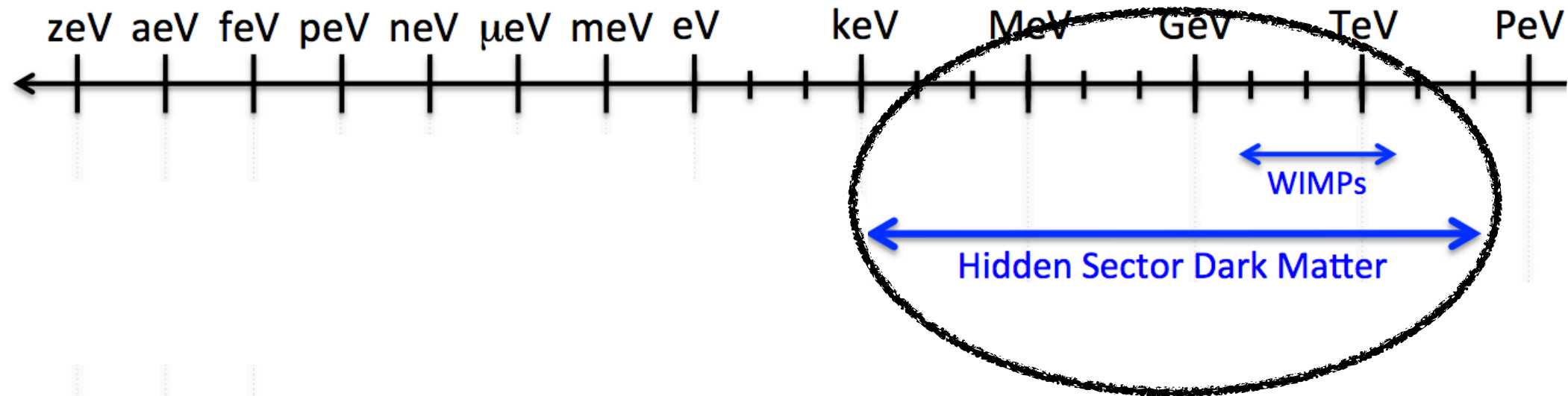
Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

What if DM interact with us via the **weak force (W and Z)** ?

Ubiquitous in SM extensions aimed to solve the hierarchy problem



Going beyond WIMPS?

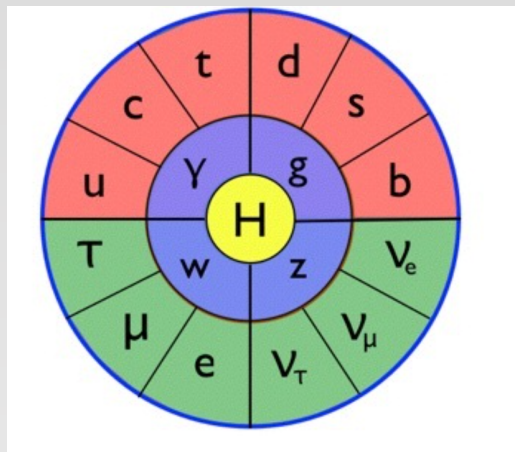


Interesting mass range for thermal DM: 1 keV-100 TeV

Focus on the sub-GeV window

Direct detection experiments lose sensitivity & LHC has a limited reach.
New experimental strategy required

MeV-GeV thermal DM

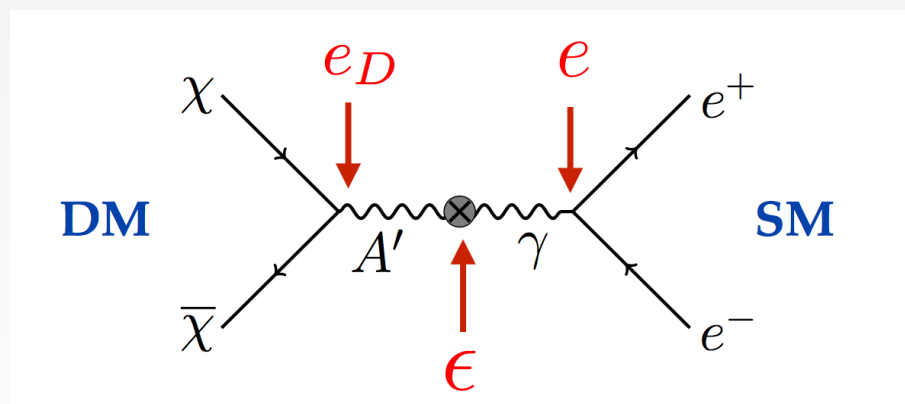


An **MeV-GeV** particle interacting with the visible sector via new **MeV-GeV forces** could account for the observed DM abundance in the universe

$$\epsilon F_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}$$

$$g_{A'}^{\text{SM}} = \epsilon e x_f$$

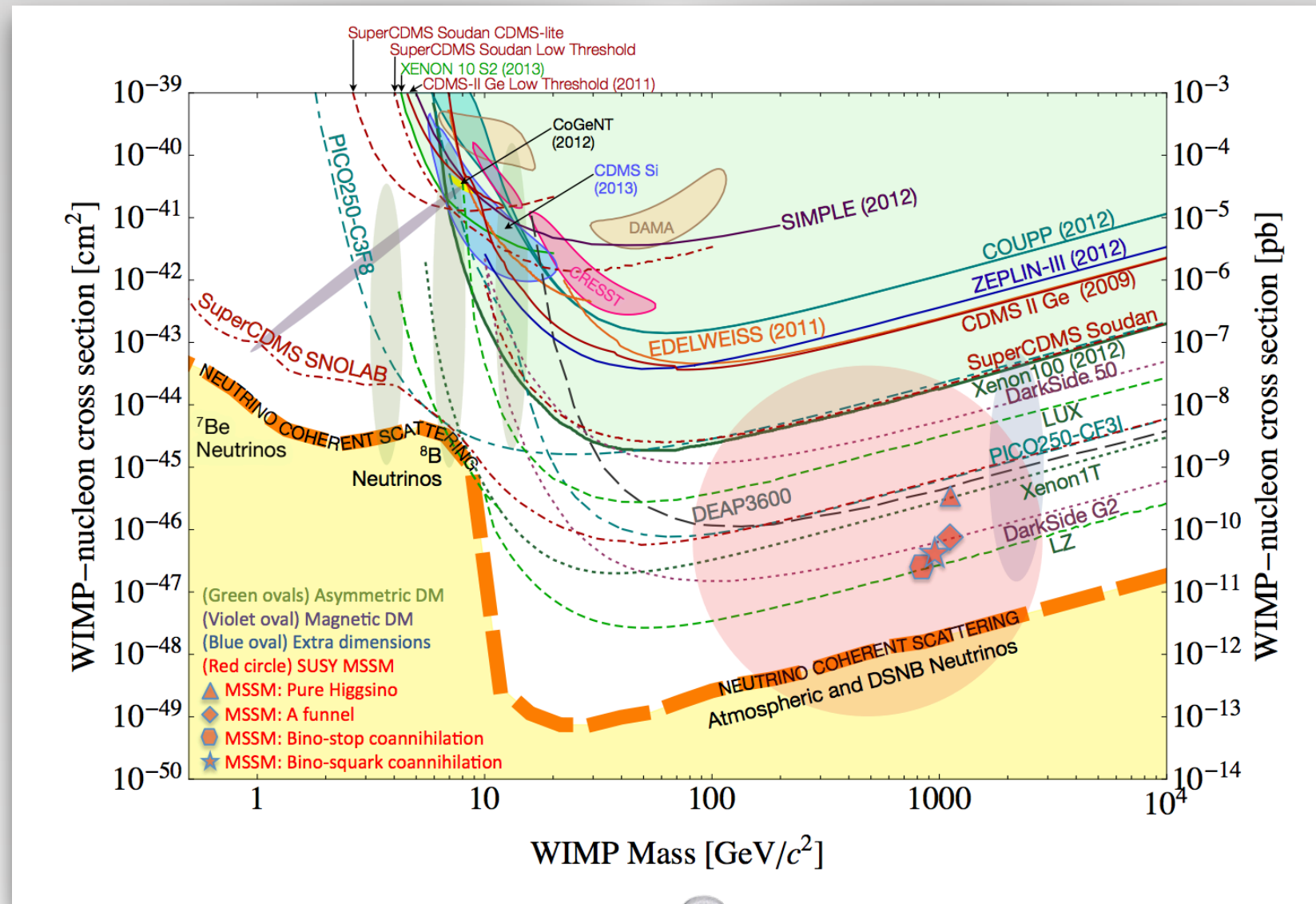
$$g_{A'}^{\phi} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$



Dark Photon portal:
MeV-GeV gauge boson
kinetically mixed with the photon

[Holdom 1985]

Experimental probes

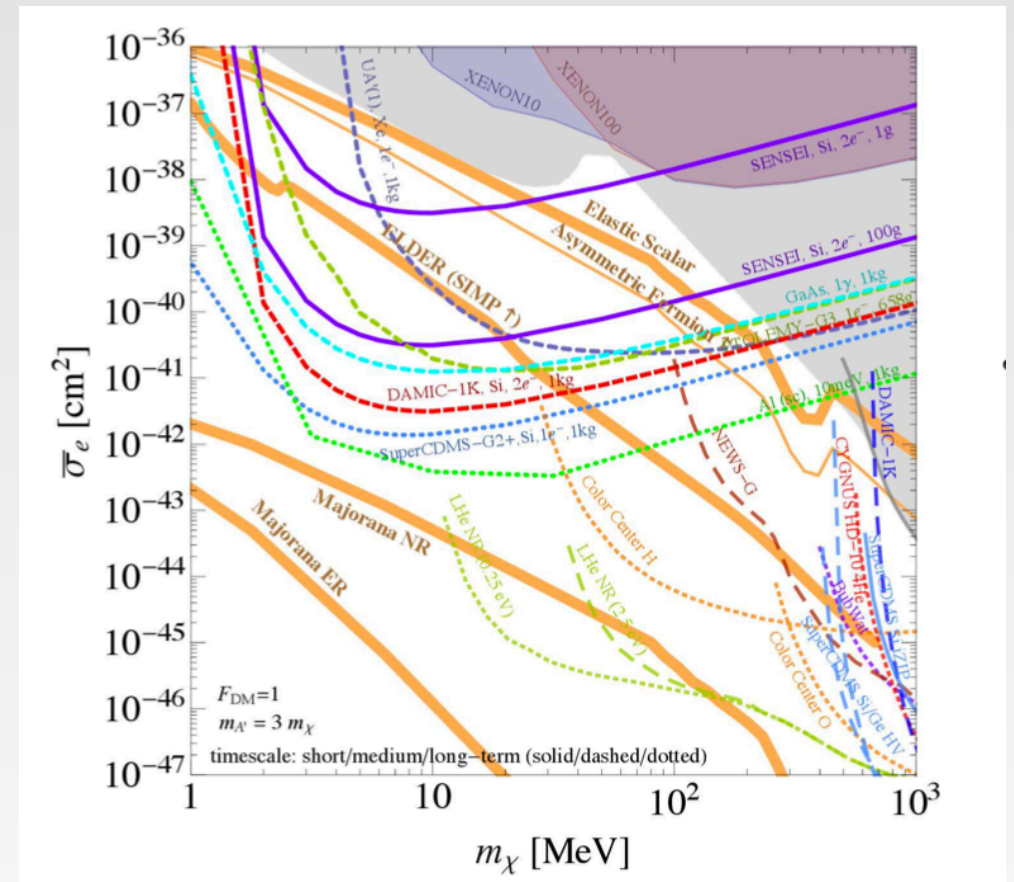
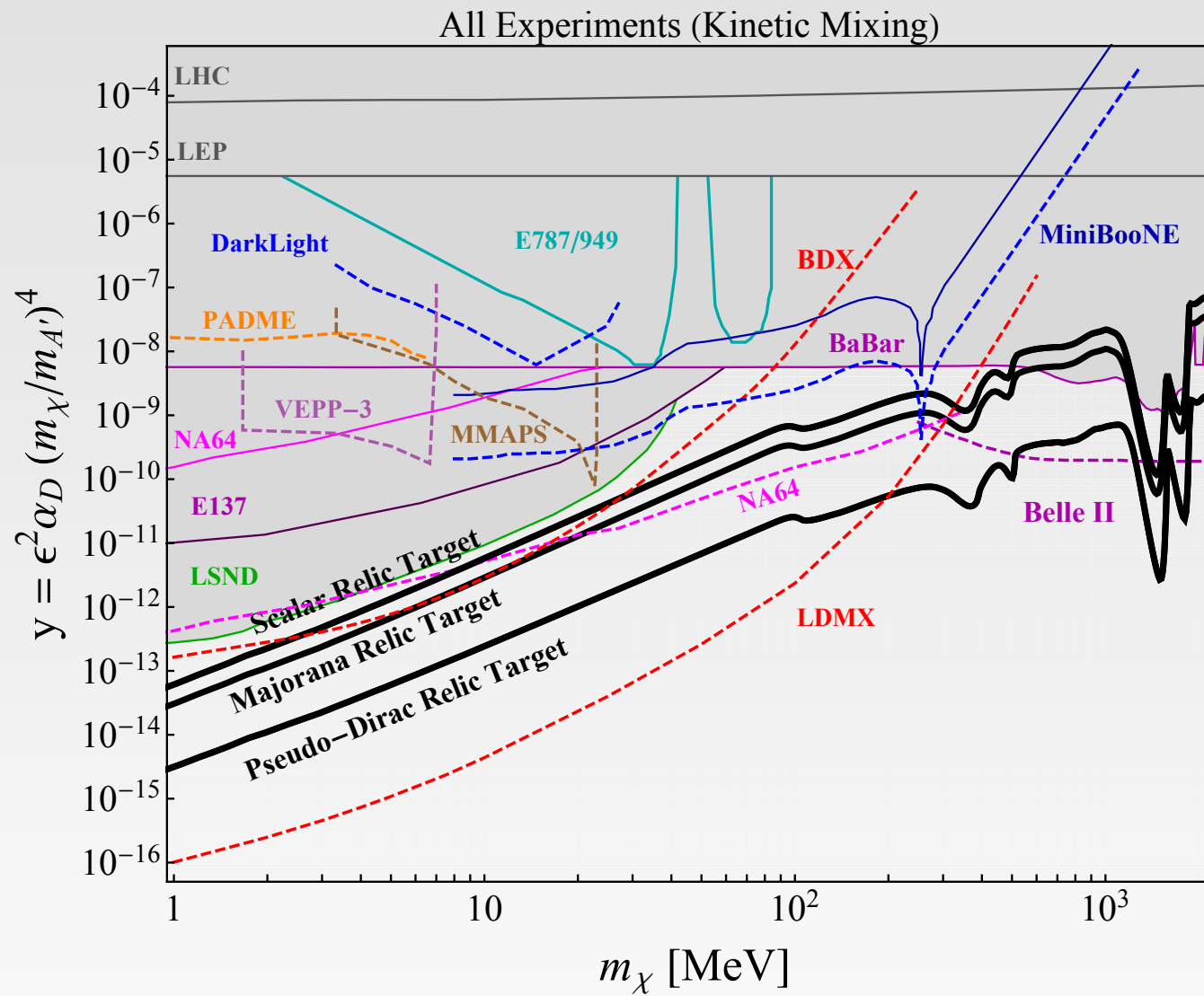


1. DM-electron direct detection experiments (e.g. Essig et al. 2012)
2. Low energy/ high intensity experiment

New experimental program is needed

An impressive future effort

Intensity frontier: fixed targets and low energy colliders

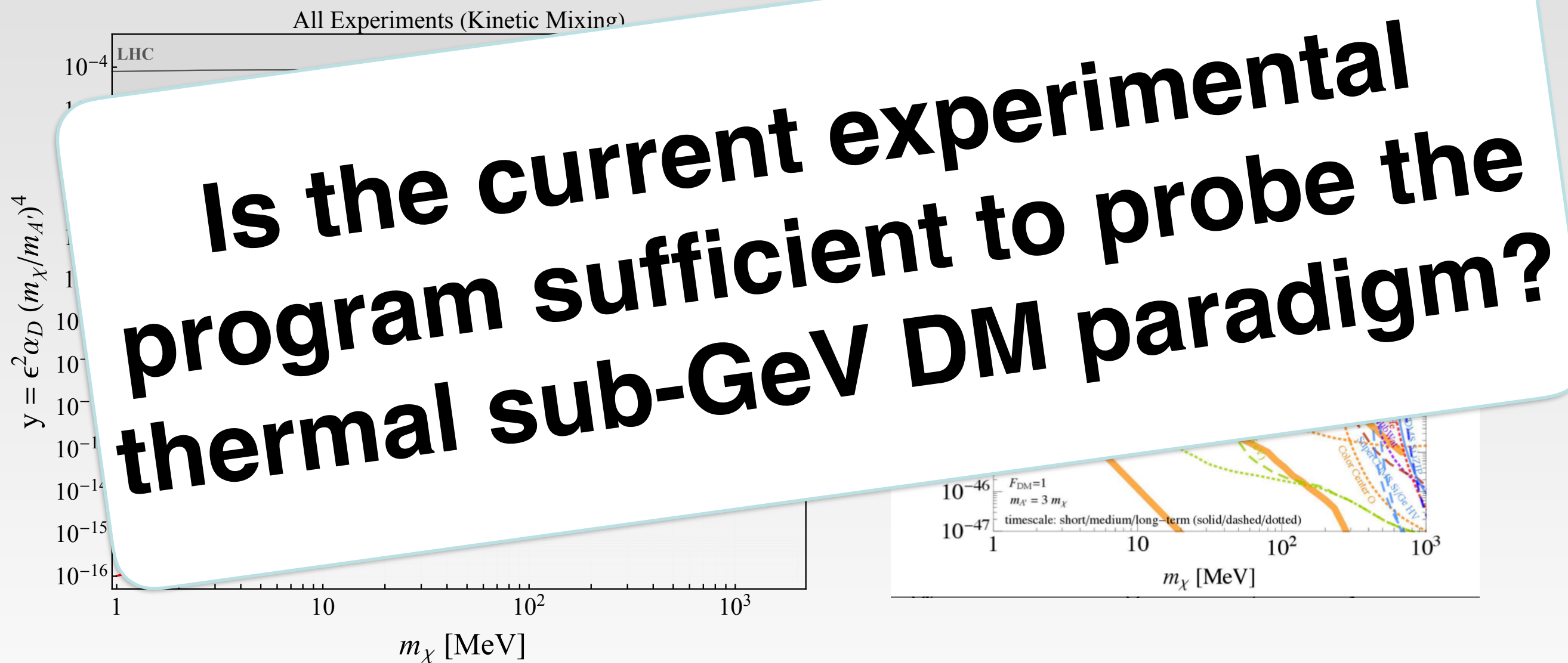


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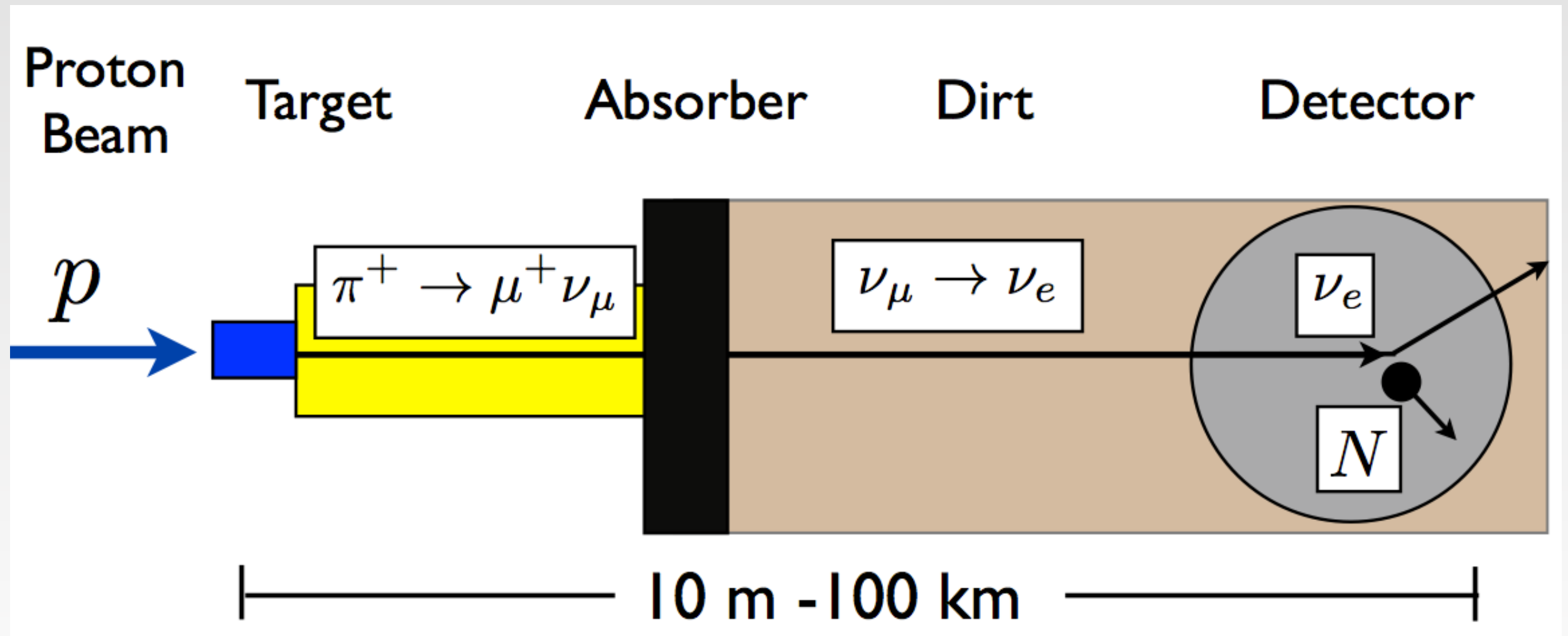


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Next generation direct detections experiments

Neutrino facilities

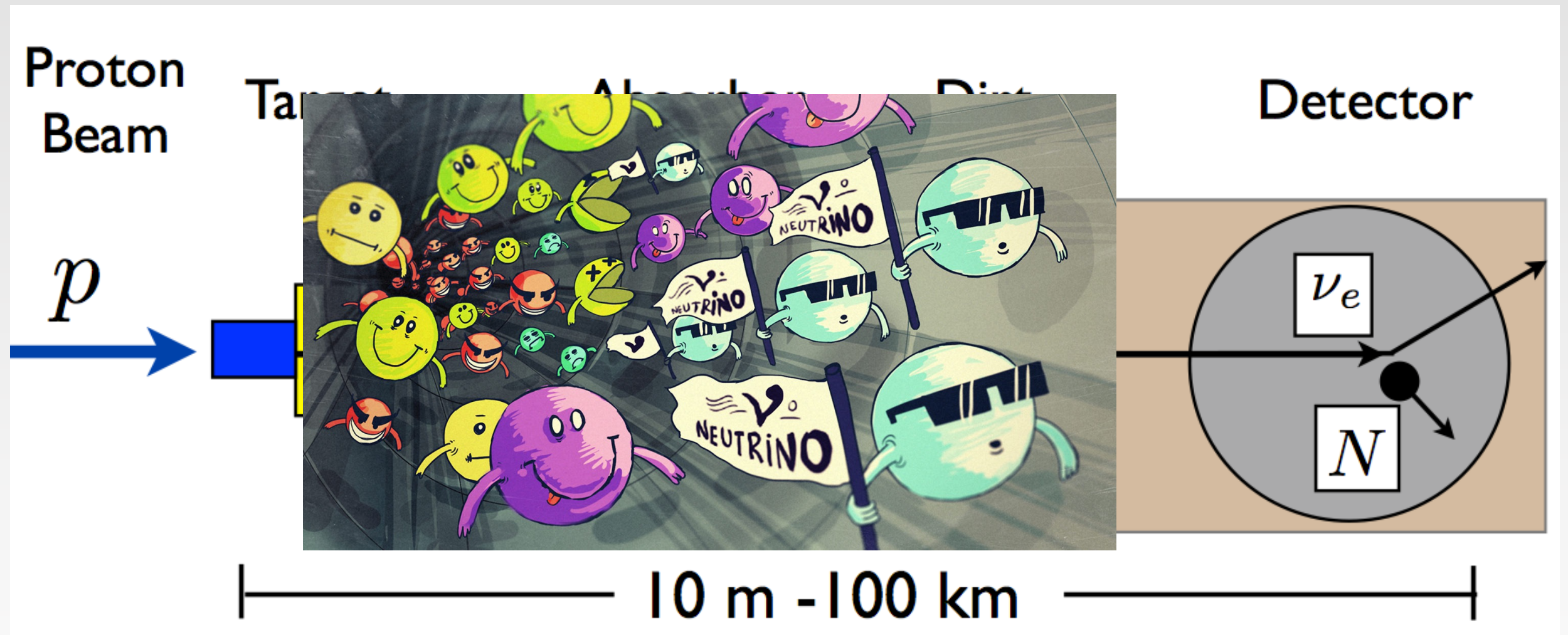
Original goal: measuring neutrino masses and mixings



Neutrino facilities

New proposal goal: use neutrino facilities to search for DM

[Batell, Pospelov Ritz, 2009]



A relativistic DM beam is produced along the neutrino one.
DM particles also enter the detector and scatter off electrons and nuclei

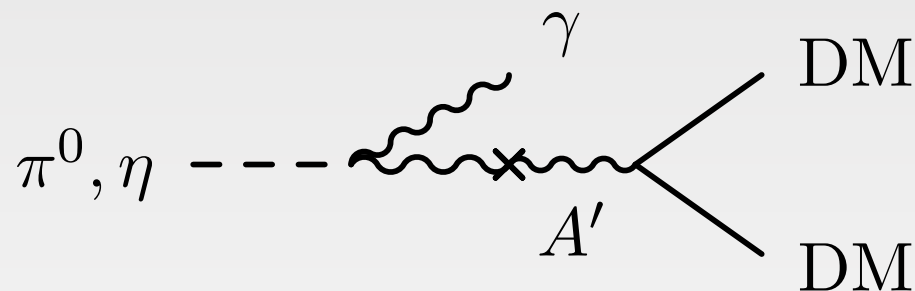
How is the DM beam produced?

MeV-GeV gauge boson kinetically mixed with the photon $g_{A'}^{\text{SM}} = \epsilon e x_f$

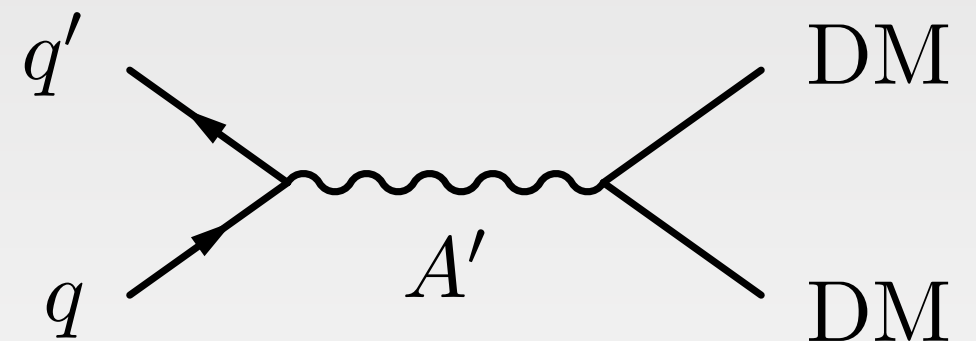
MeV-GeV scalar DM (no tension with cosmology) $g_{A'}^\phi \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

On shell production of the mediators is essential

- Production via meson decay



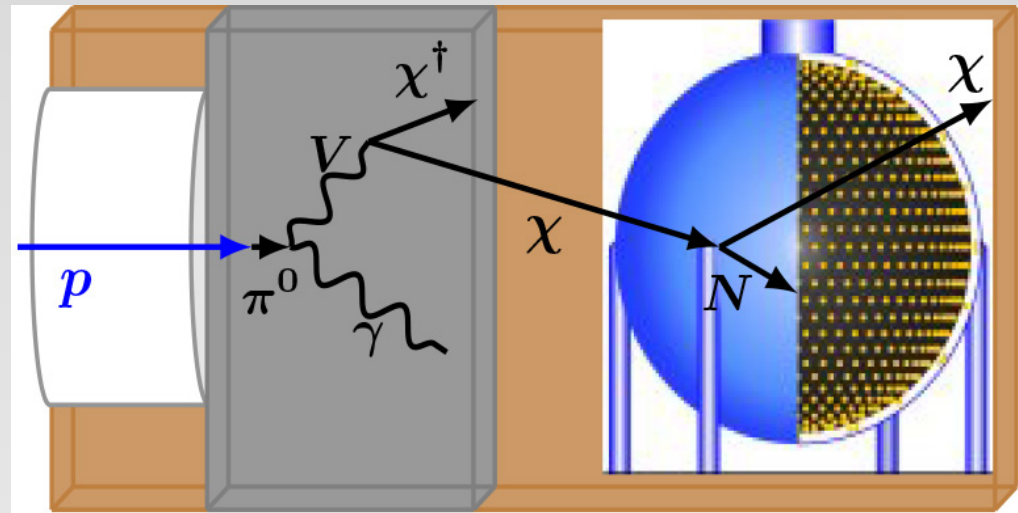
- Direct Production



Type of signature: MeV-GeV mediator decaying into DM

High intensity experiments:
order 10^{20} protons on target per year!

How do we detect DM ?



Two observables

- DM-nucleus scattering
- DM-electron scattering

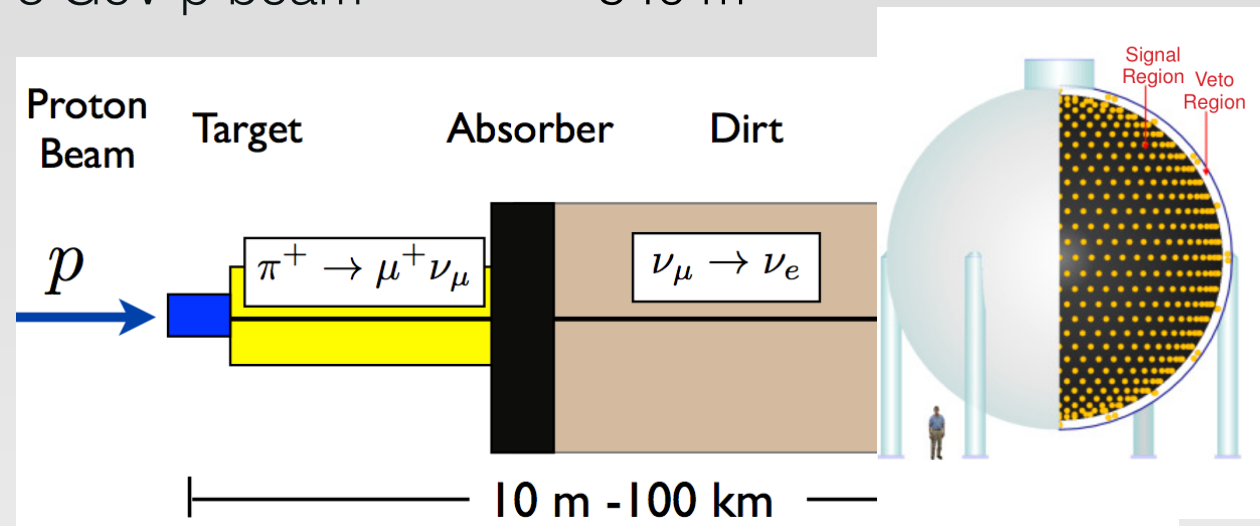
Main challenge: suppression of neutrino background.

Currently only one experimental collaboration (MiniBooNE) is performing DM searches

DM search @ MiniBooNE

8 GeV p beam

540 m



MiniBooNE: 800 tons detector

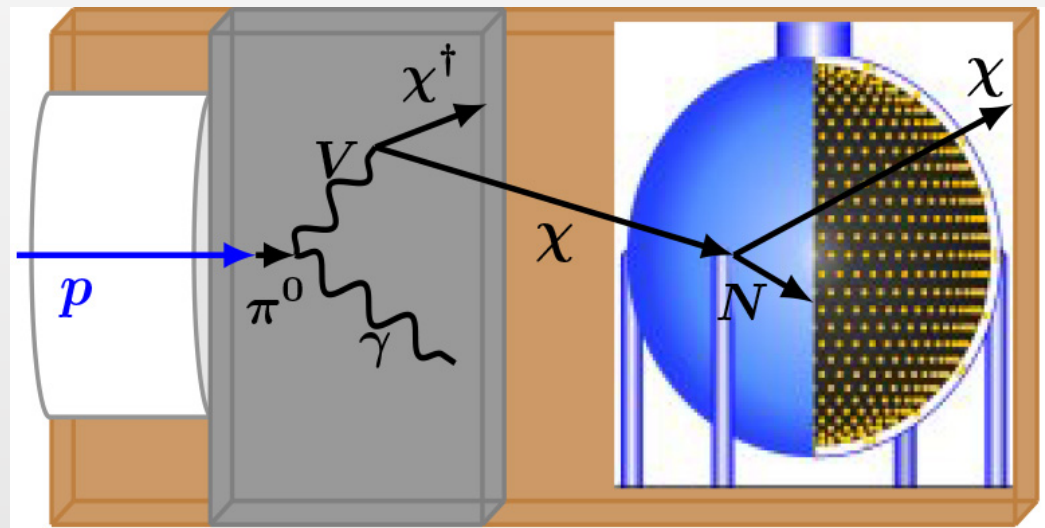


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Building a DM program@ accelerator neutrino facilities

- Rich and diverse experimental program
- We are sitting on many datas which might be used to search for DM **symbiotically** to the neutrino program
- Massive **future experimental effort** (SBND, ICARUS, HyperK, DUNE)
- **Complementarity** to future direct detection experiments (nucleon-DM)
- **Broad class of signals** to explore (extend the effort to visible decays, other light dark matter scenarios)

DM-electron scattering



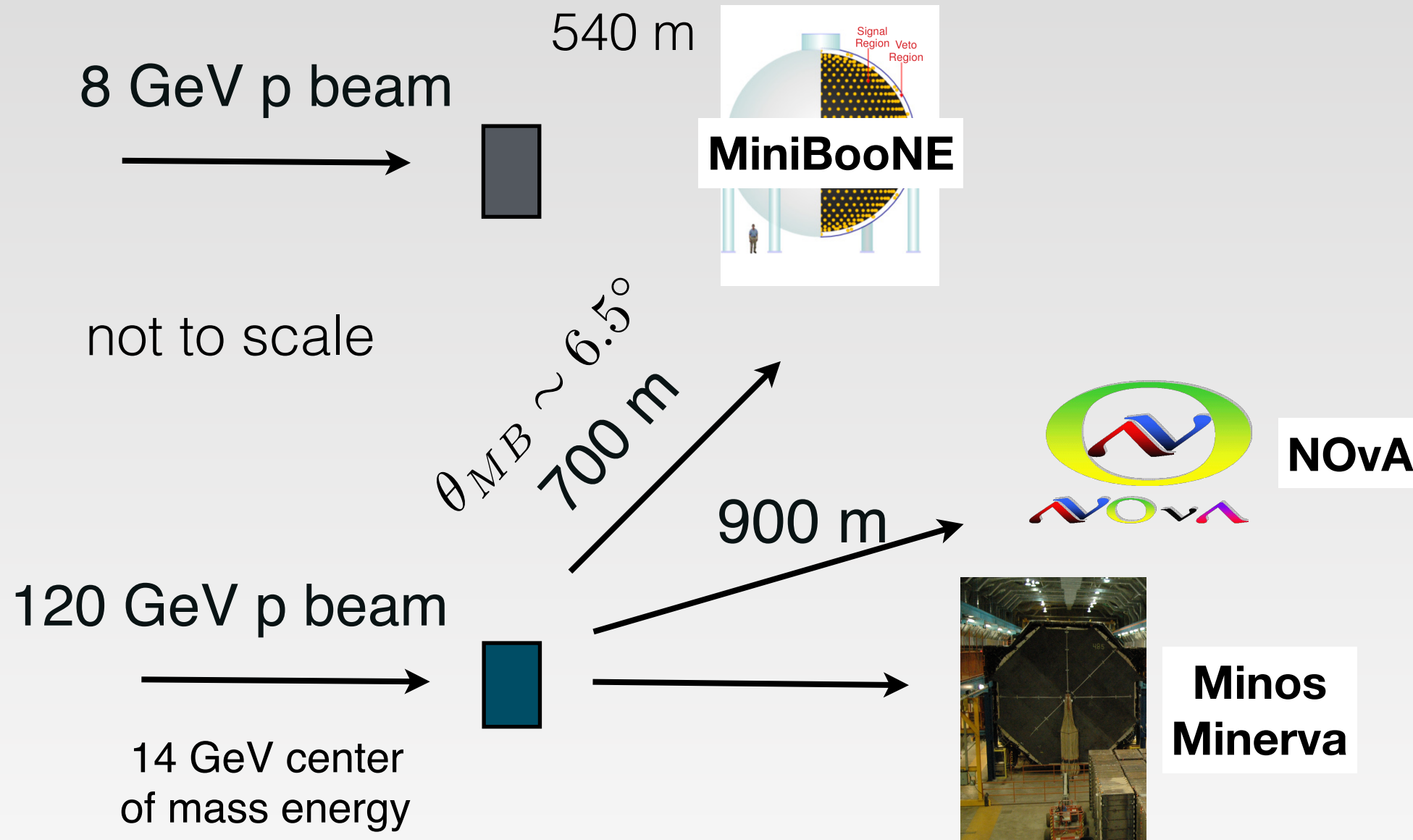
[DeNeverville, CF, 2018]

[DeNeverville, CF, Shoemaker, 2019 in progress]



Small neutrino background

Neutrinos @ Main Injector (NuMI)



[Dobrescu, CF, 2014]
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Many possibilities (and existing data) to explore DM parameter space

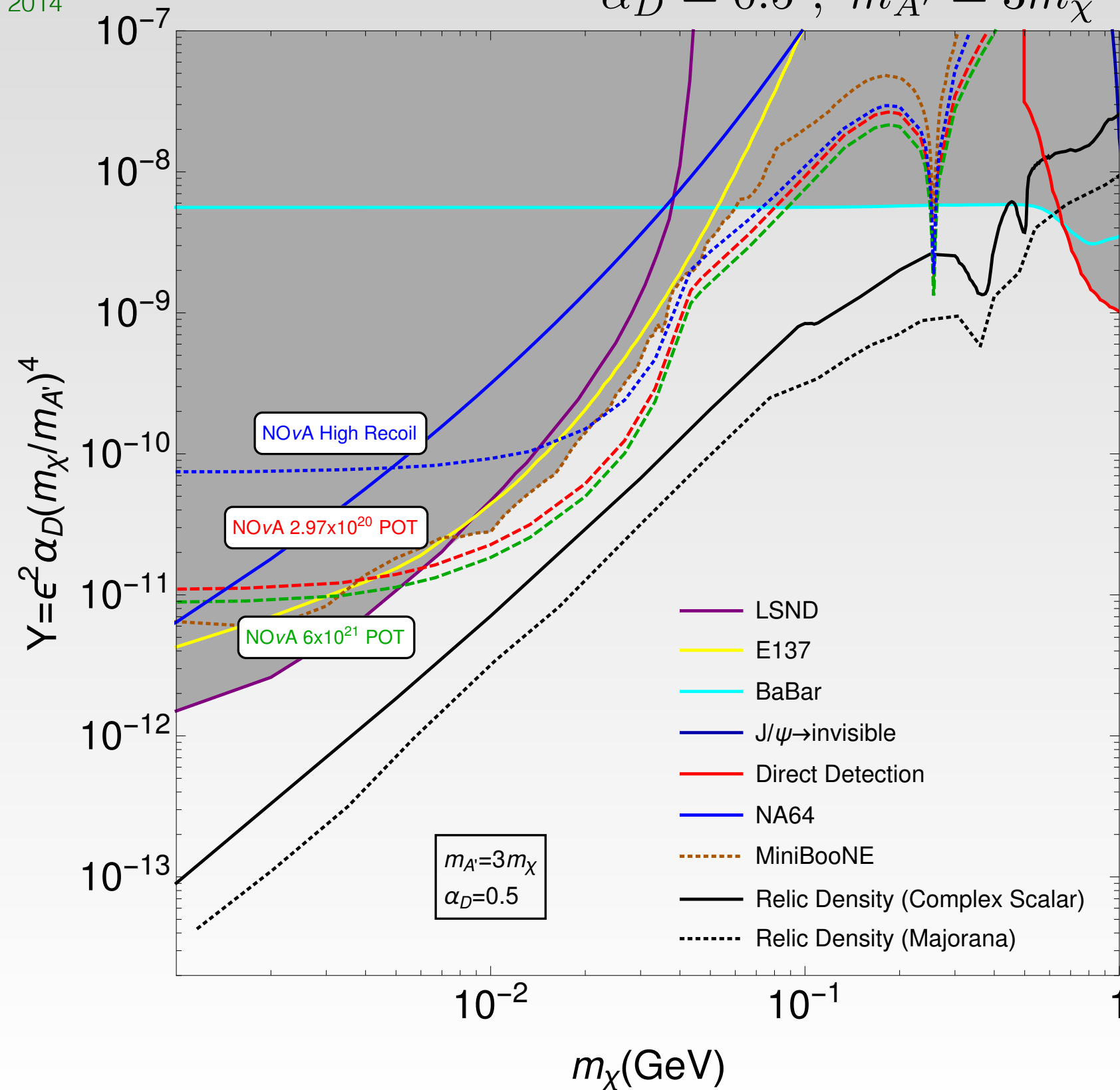
NOvA as a DM detector

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Izaguirre, et al 2014

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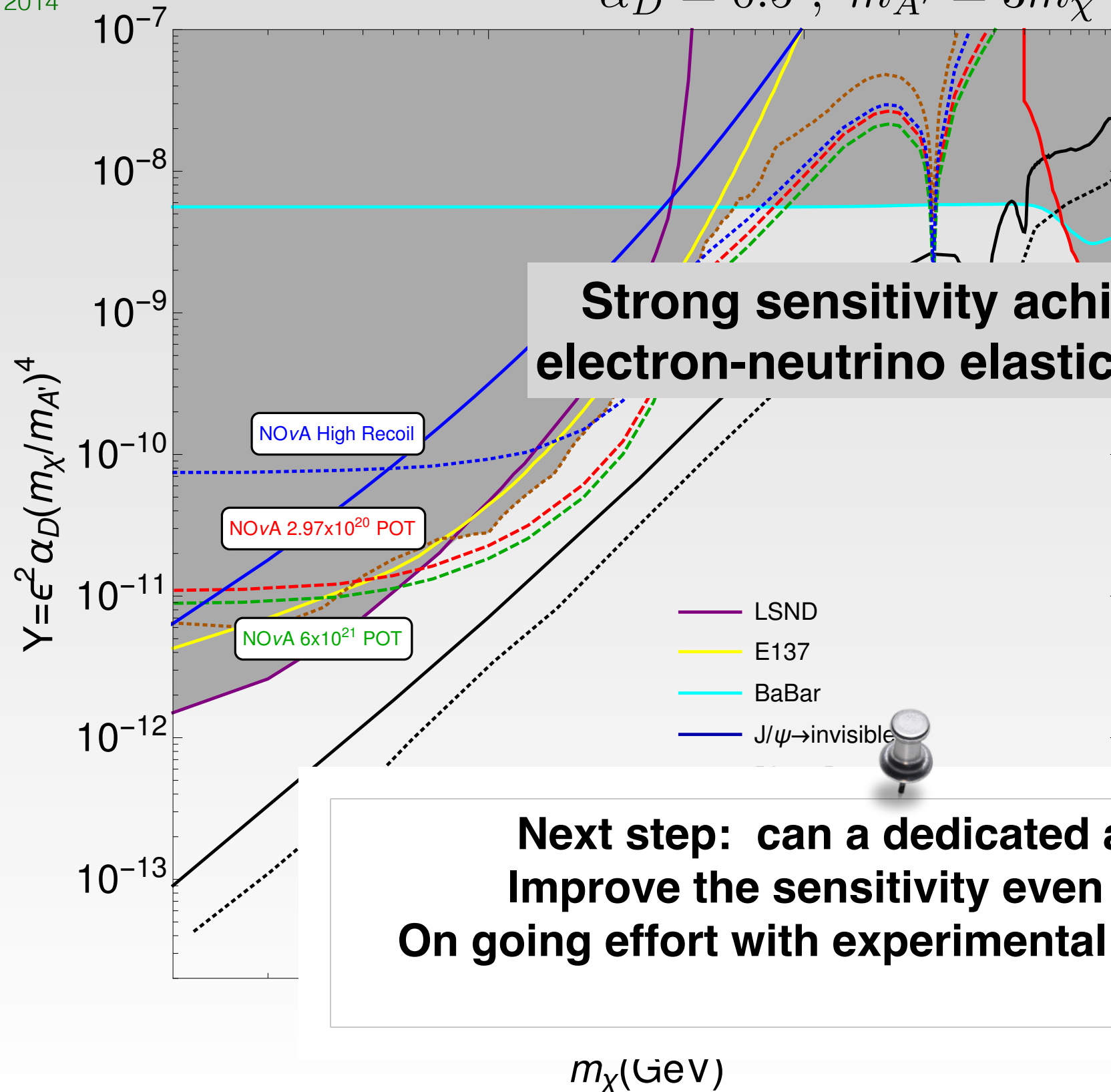
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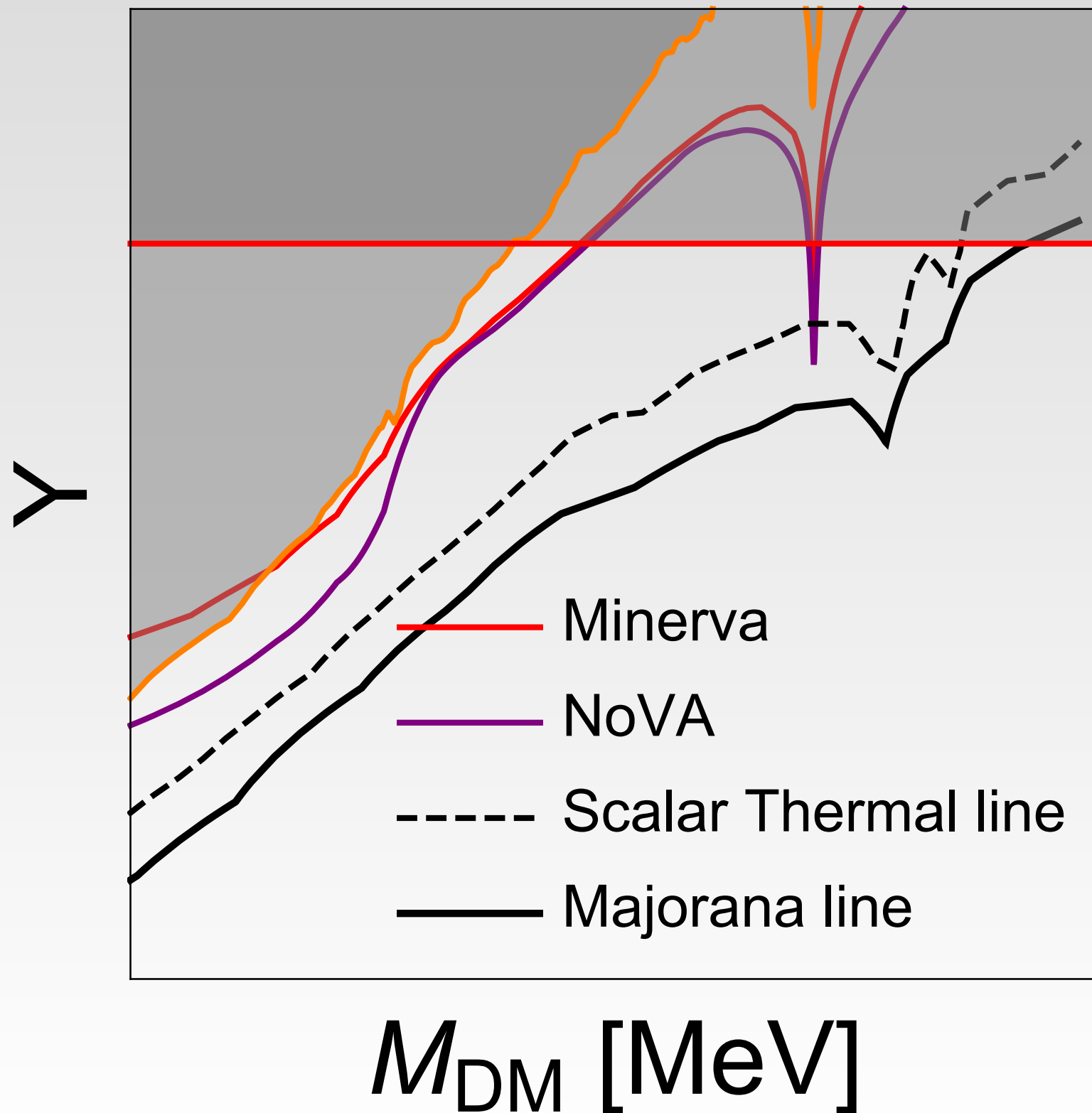


Strong sensitivity achieved by recasting electron-neutrino elastic scattering analysis

**Next step: can a dedicated analysis
Improve the sensitivity even further?
On going effort with experimental collaboration**

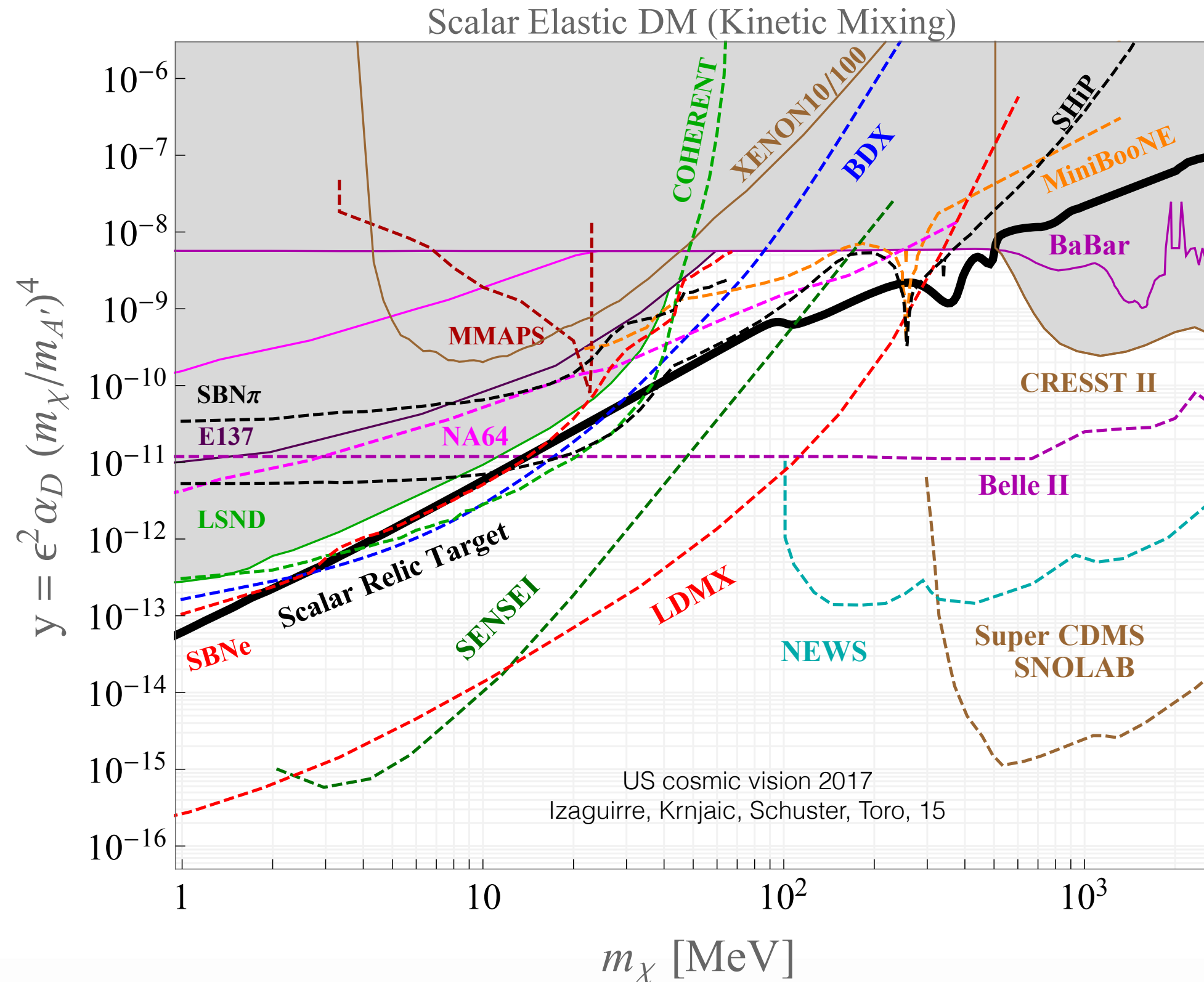
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Direct detection for scalar DM



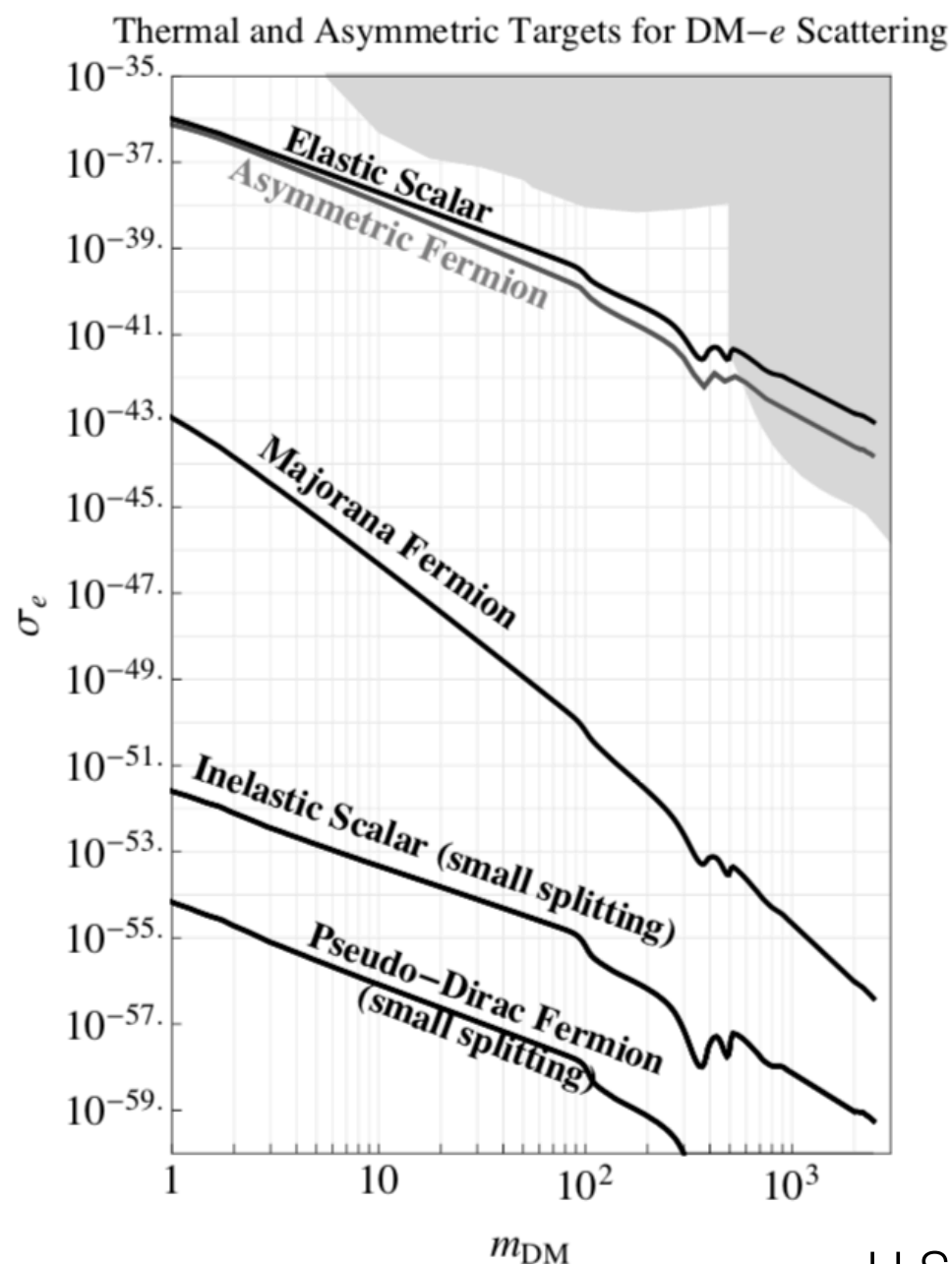
Vector Portal: dark photon

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CMB safe: scalar, Majorana or Pseudo-Dirac DM.

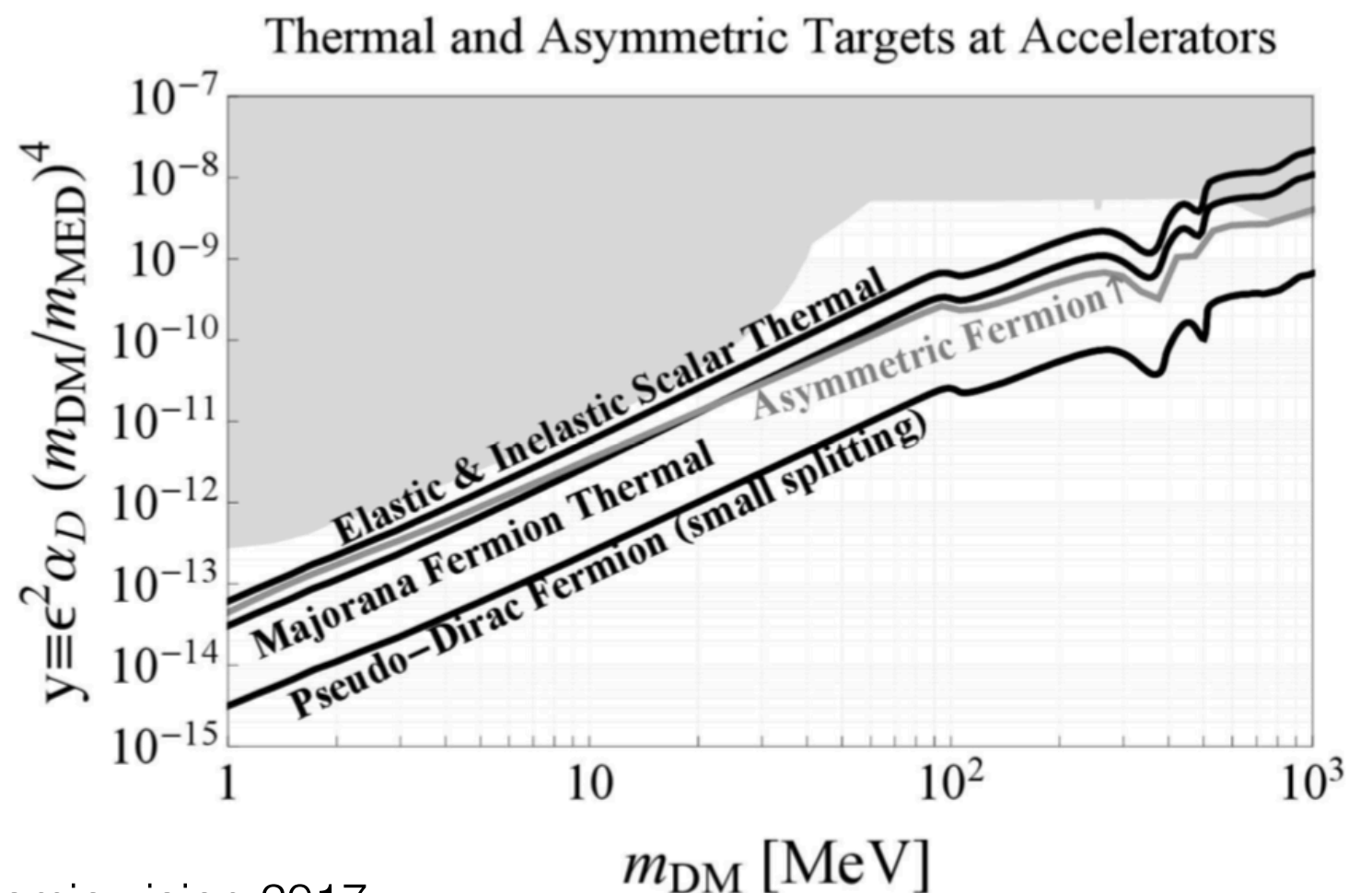


Thermal targets

Izaguirre, Krnjaic, Schuster, Toro, 2014

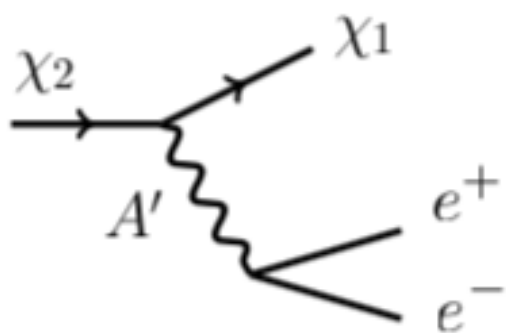
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- Study of potential sensitivity of liquid argon detectors such as **SBND** and **ICARUS** 8 GeV FNAL Booster beam line
- Prospects to probe DM at DUNE? Study for a dedicated detector
- Study of the sensitivity to non-minimal dark sectors both @ FNAL facilities and @ CERN (i.e. NA62)



Signature for Pseudo-Dirac thermal dark matter @SBND
CF, Palamara, Szelc, in progress

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facilitate

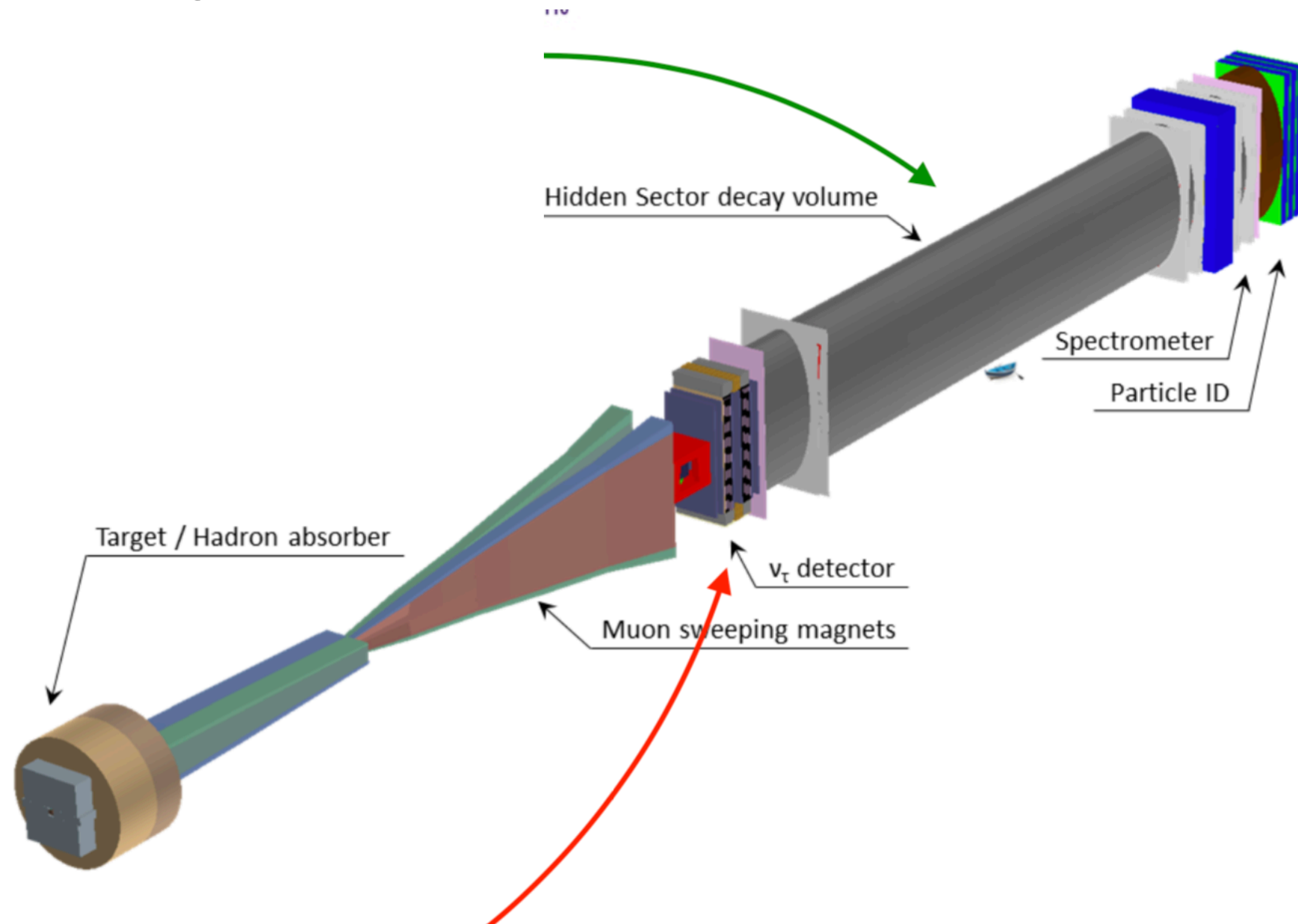
Release of a MadGraph plugin (MadDump) to facilitate these efforts

(L.Buonocore, CF, F.Maltoni, O.Mattelaer, F.Tramontano, 2018)

...@SBND
...zero, in progress

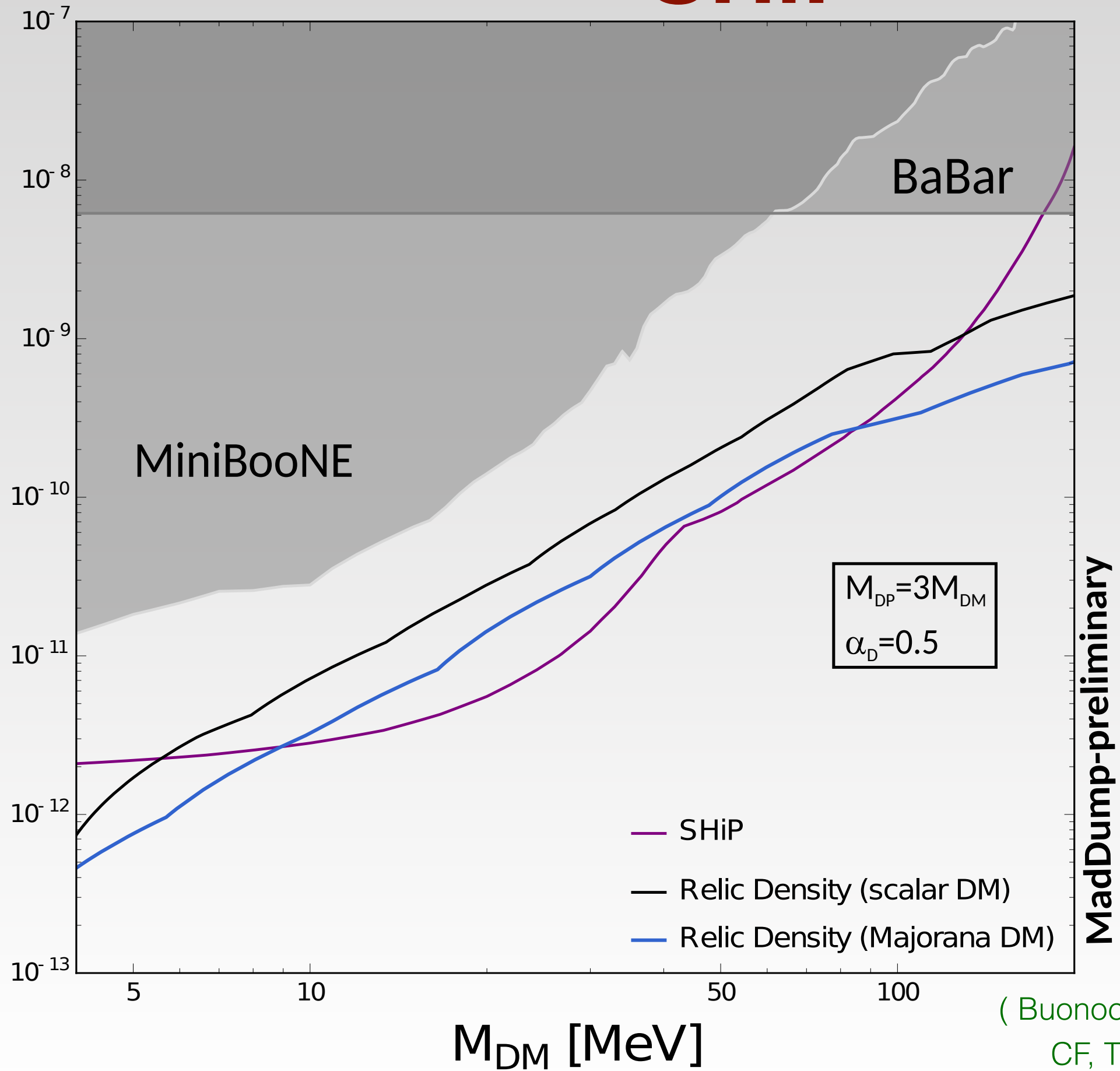
SHiP

Search for long lived particles



Neutrino detector: looking for invisible signatures

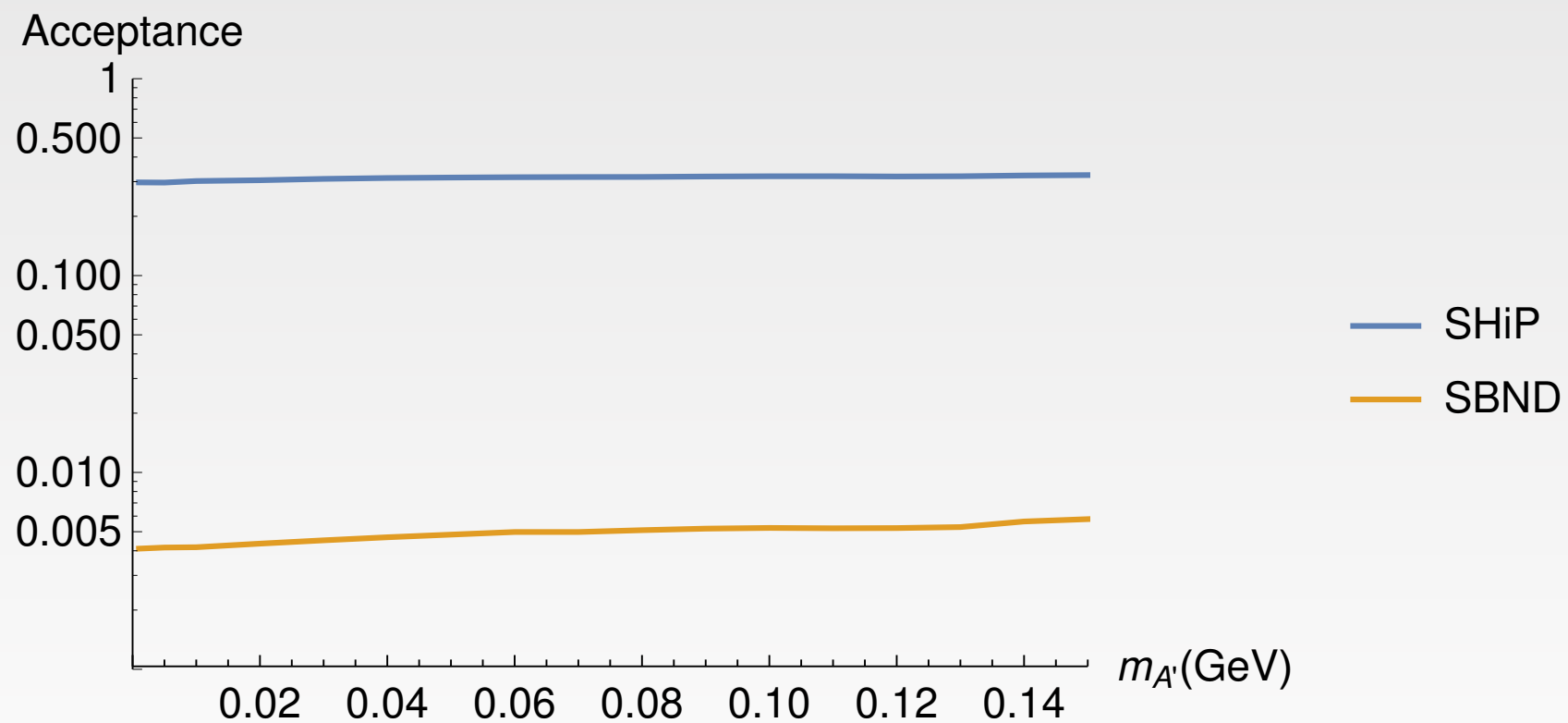
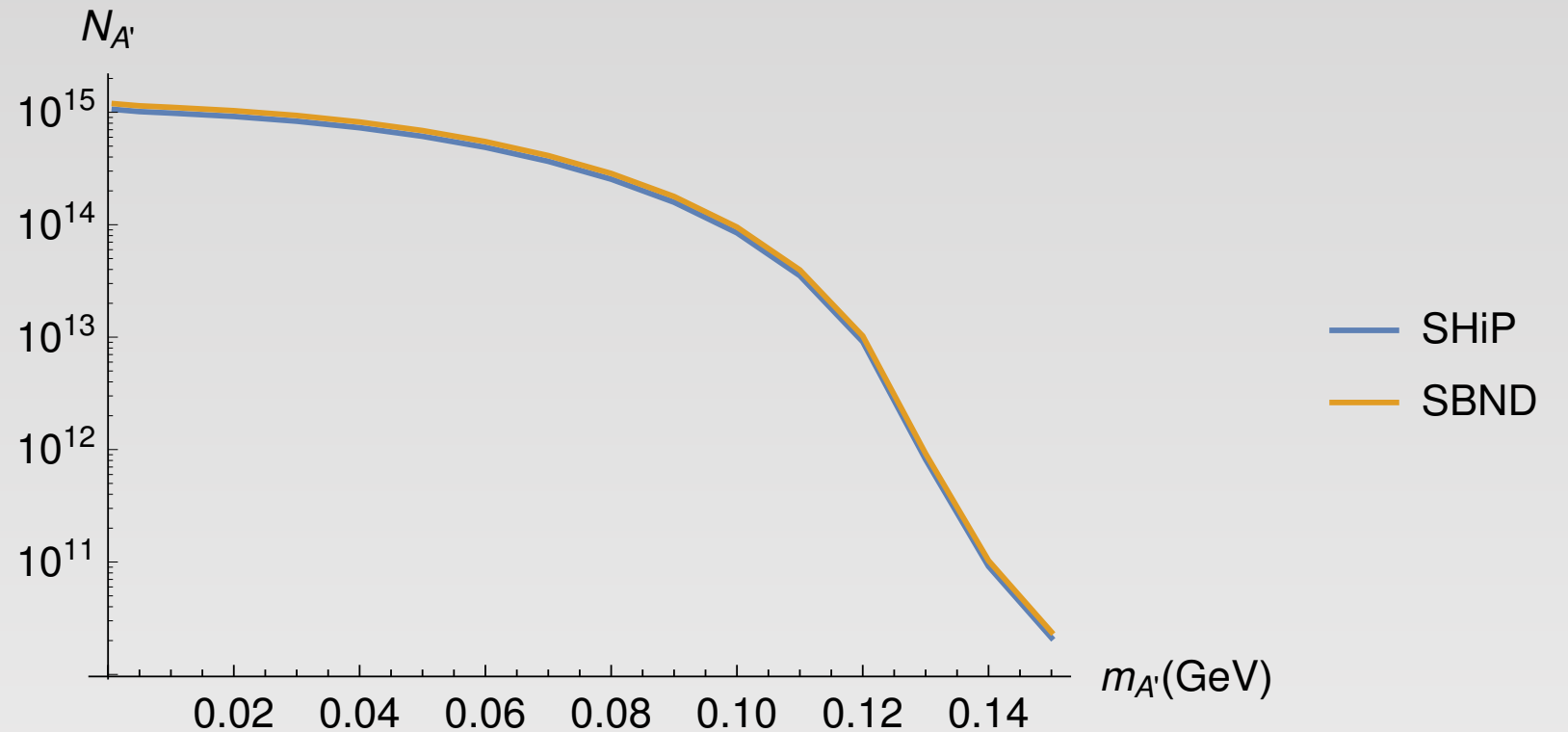
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SHiP versus SBND

**High energy
400 GeV versus 8 GeV
is crucial!**



Accelerator based searches

Important role played by fixed target experiments

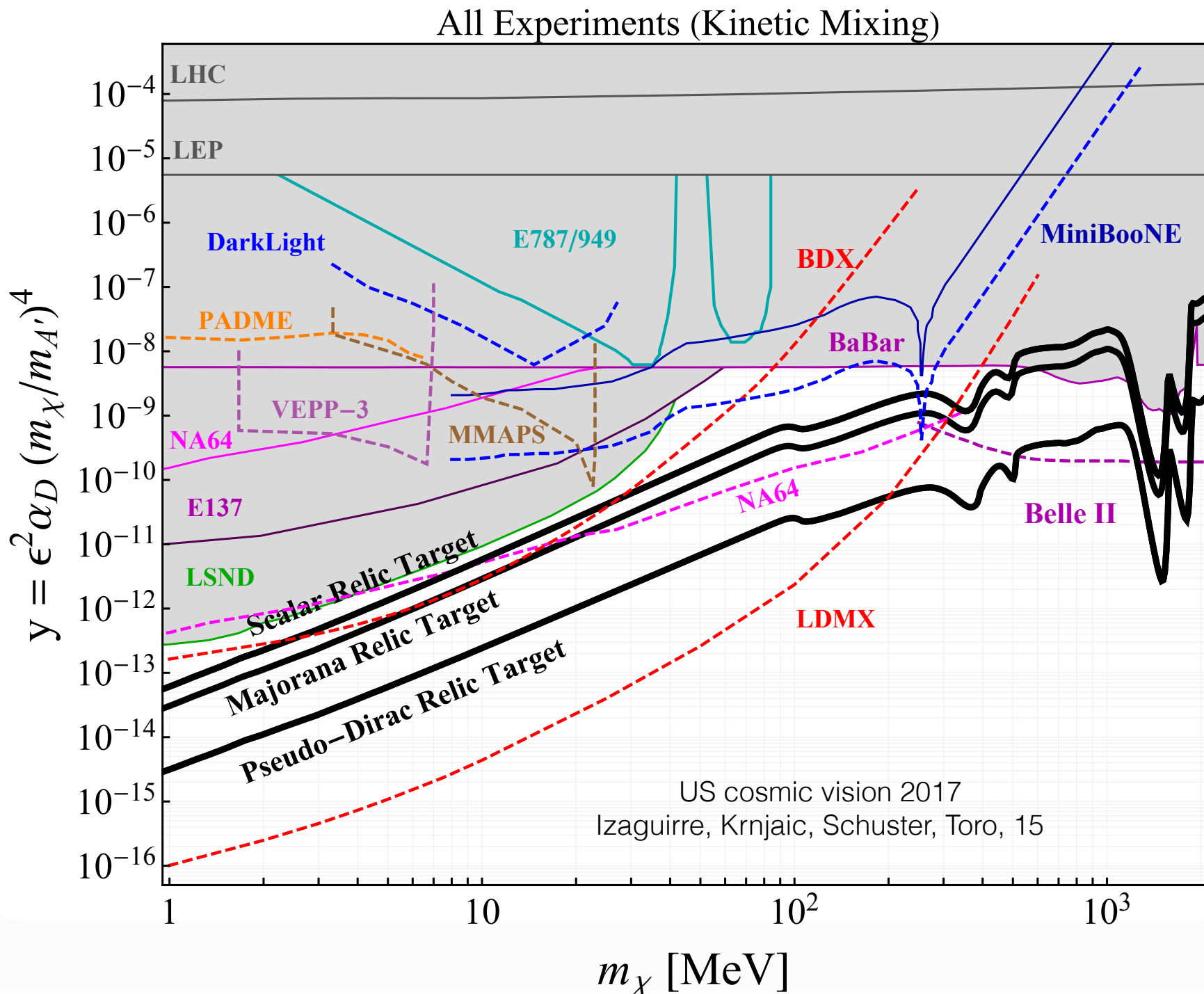
Dark photon benchmark model

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \alpha_D \epsilon^2 \frac{m_\chi^2}{m_{A'}^2} \sim \frac{Y}{m_\chi^2}$$

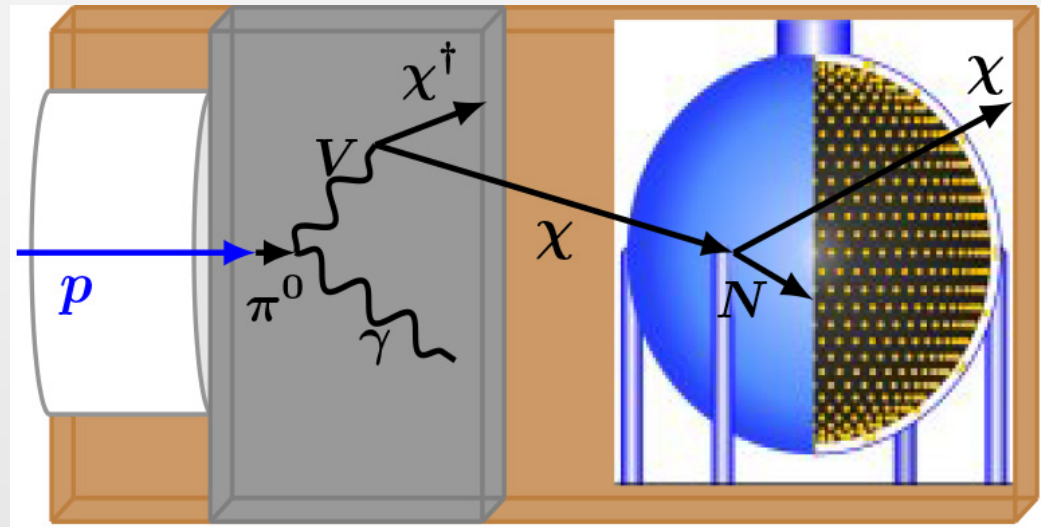
$$Y \equiv \epsilon^2 \alpha_D \frac{m_\chi^4}{m_{A'}^4}$$

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DM-quark scattering



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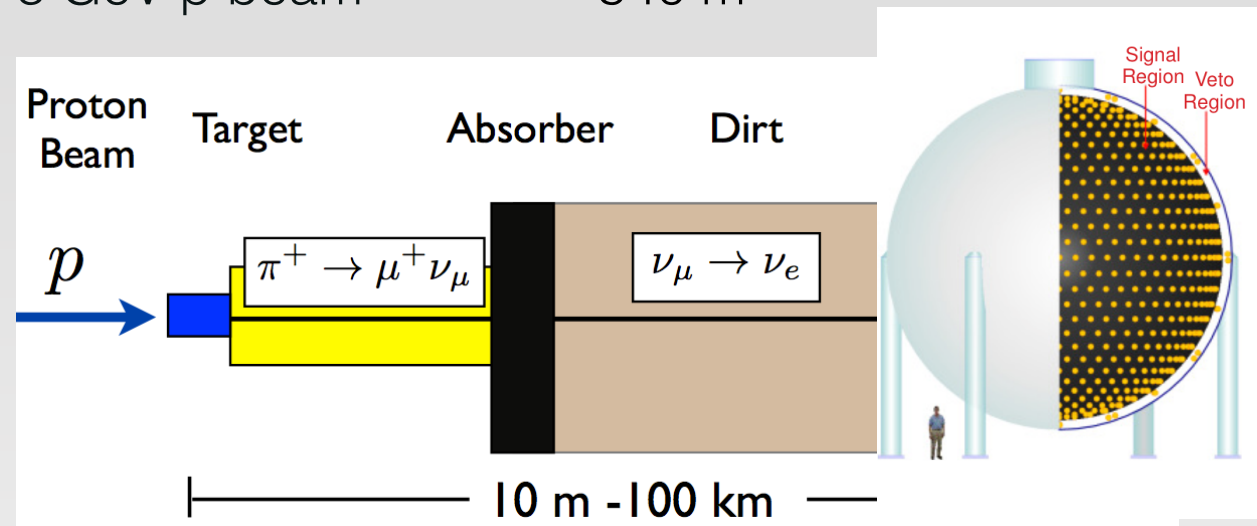
[CF 2017]

Complementarity with direct detection program for sub-GeV mass range

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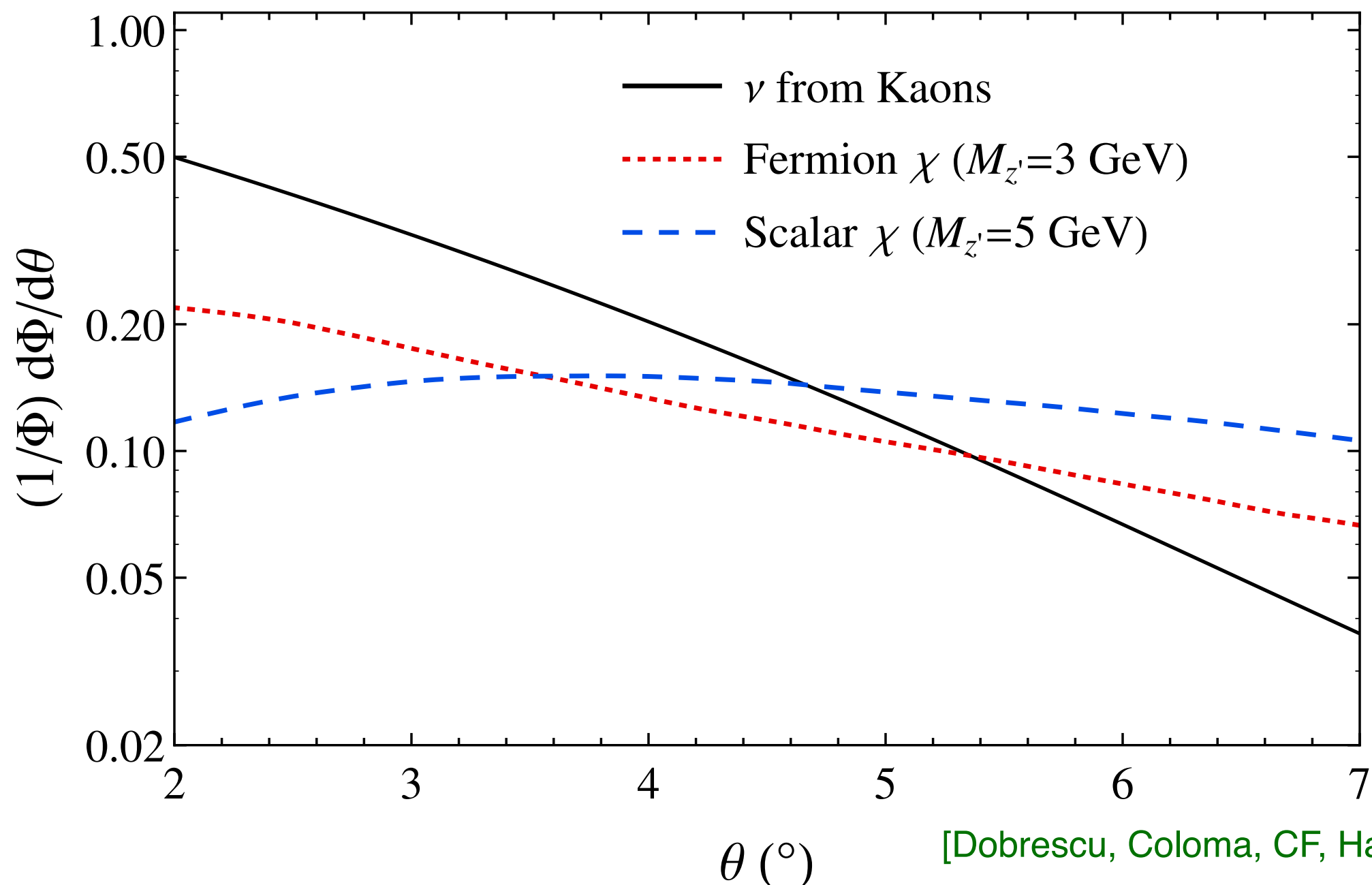
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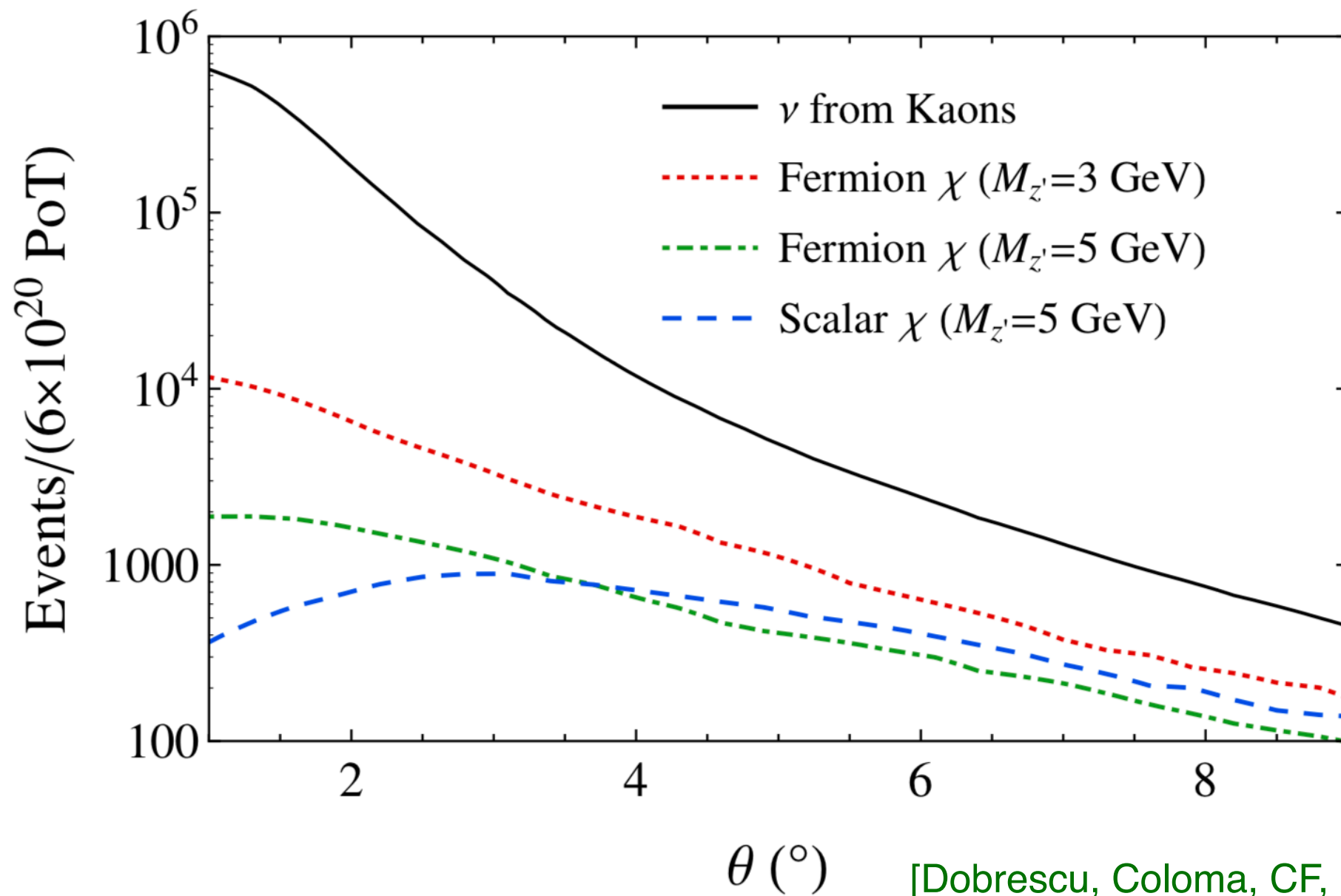
Difference angular distribution of DM and neutrino flux



Is it possible to build a DM program symbiotic to the neutrino one?
YES- a crucial role is played by off-axis detectors

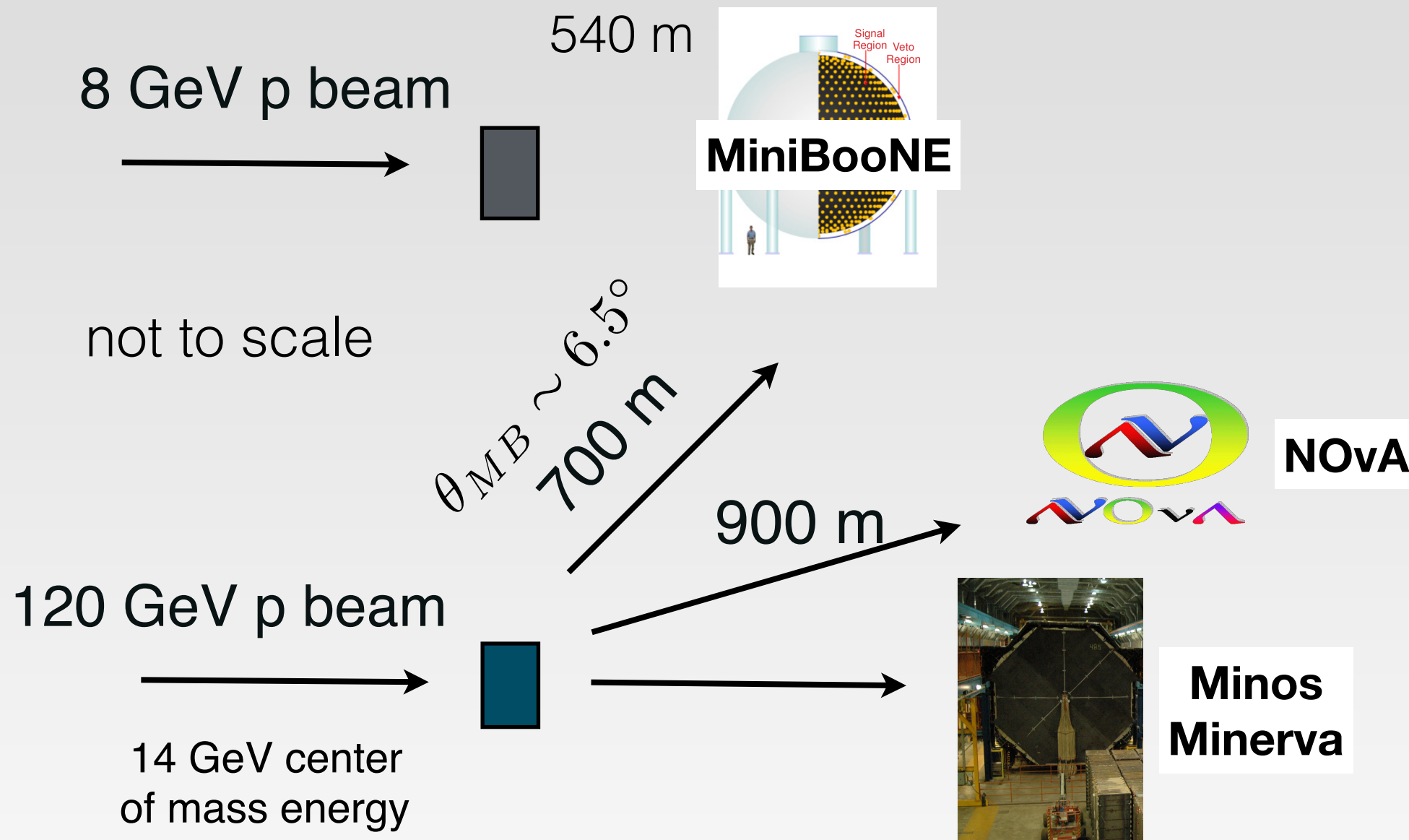
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Deep inelastic scattering events



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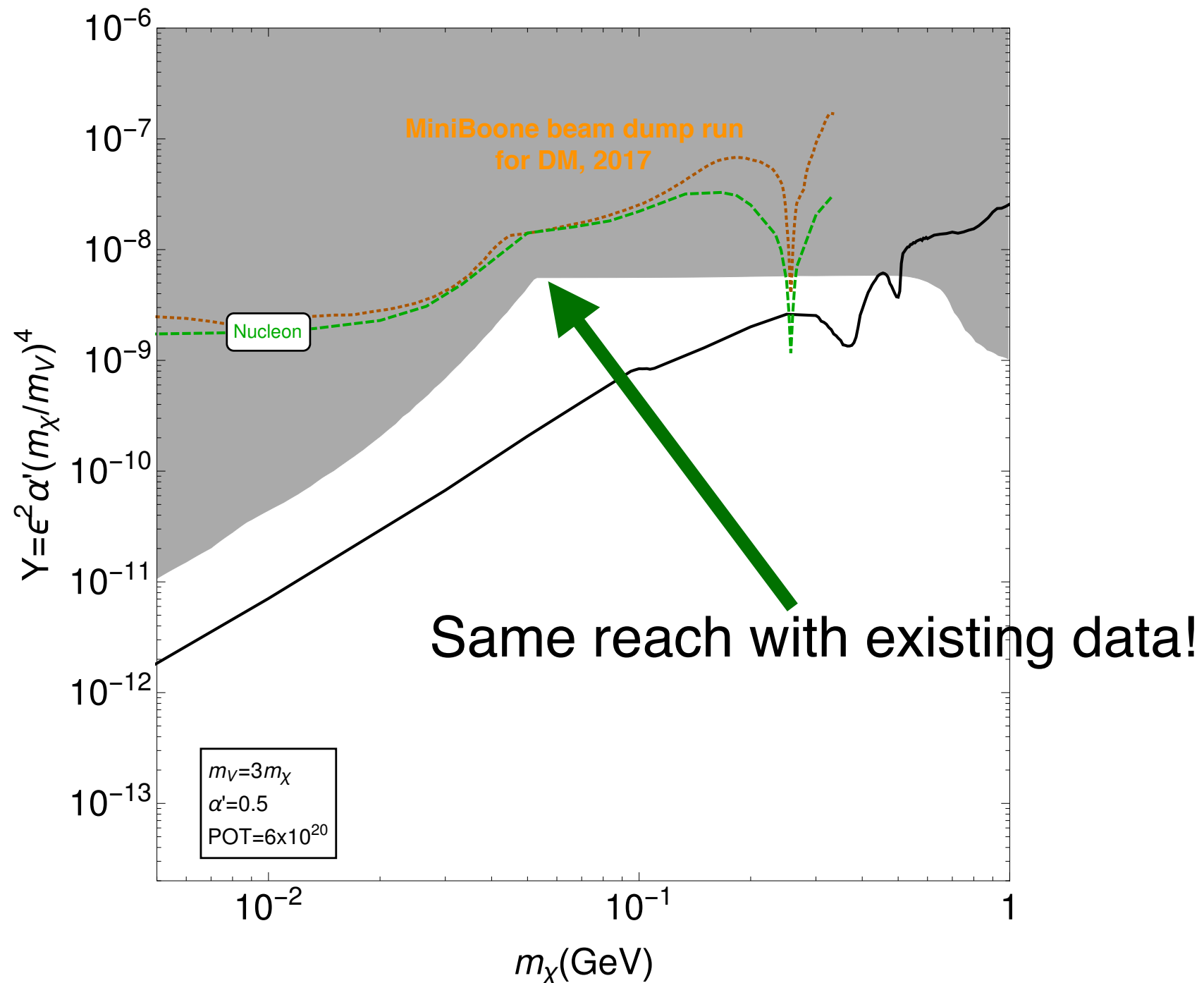
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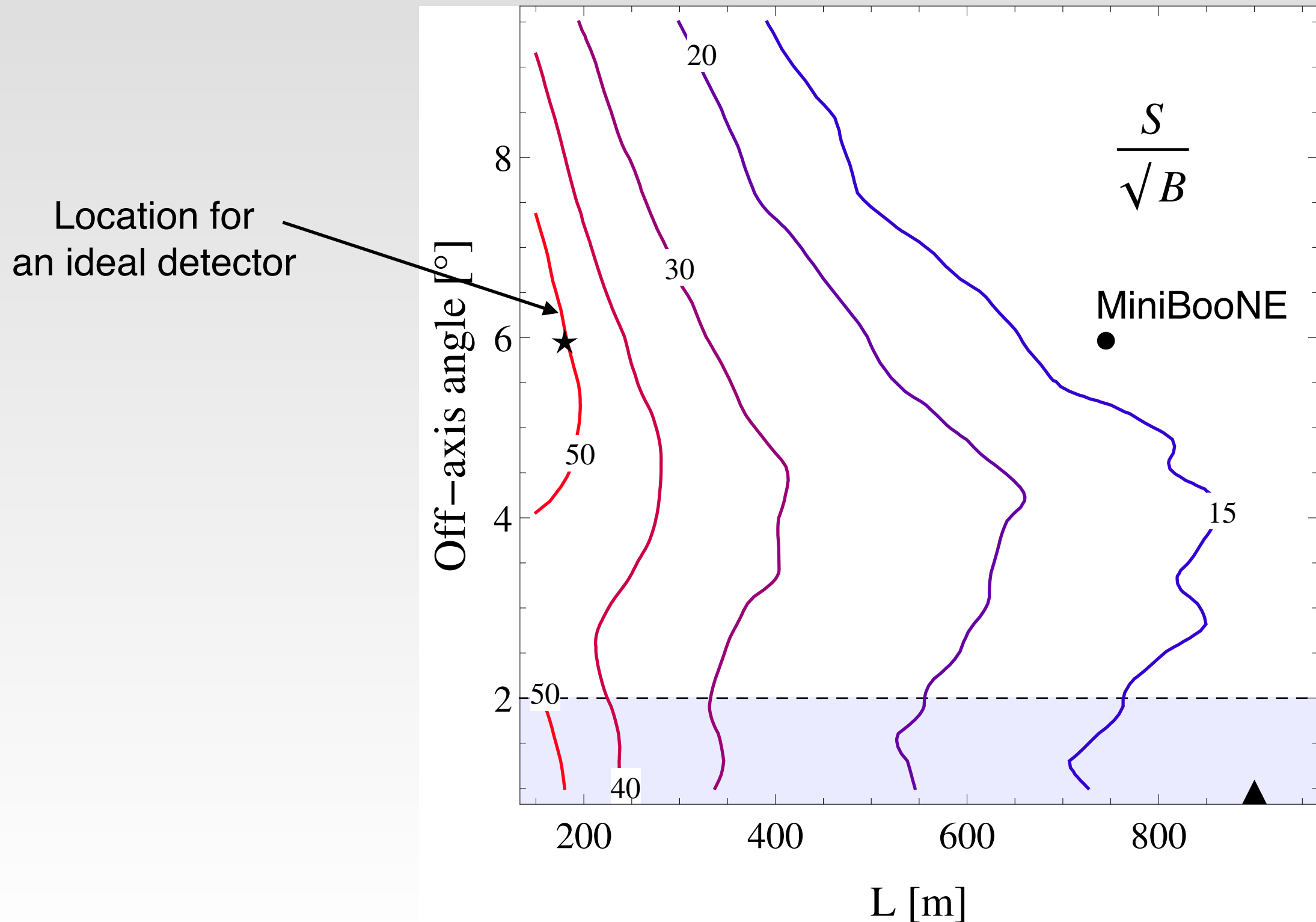
Similar location as future detector ICARUS!



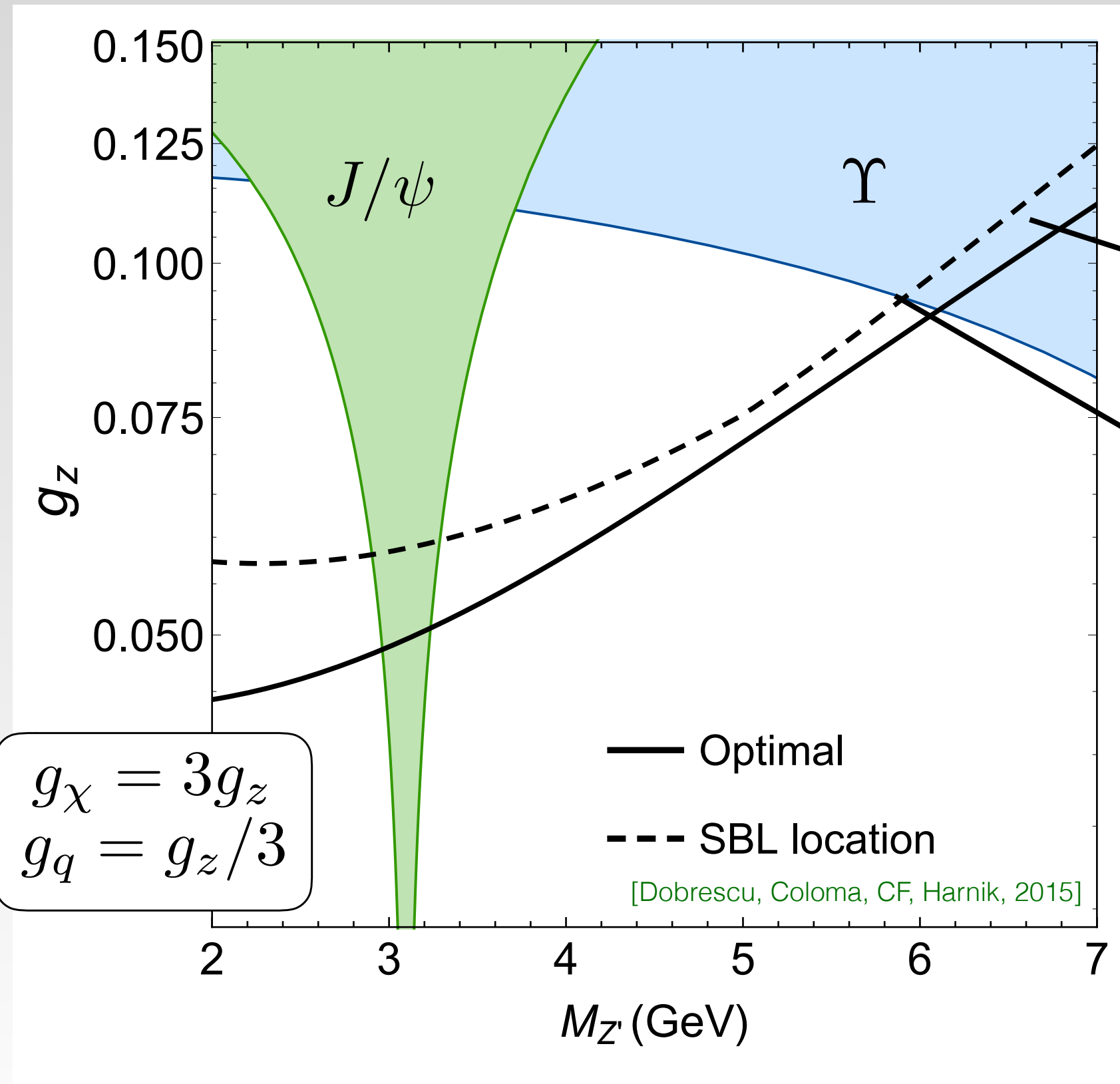
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Detector location off-axis location



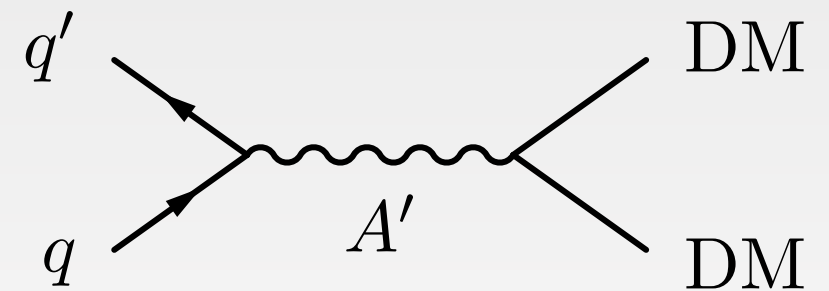
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Analysis of deep inelastic scattering events

Ideal detector (DUNE/LBNF)

Existing MiniBooNE data



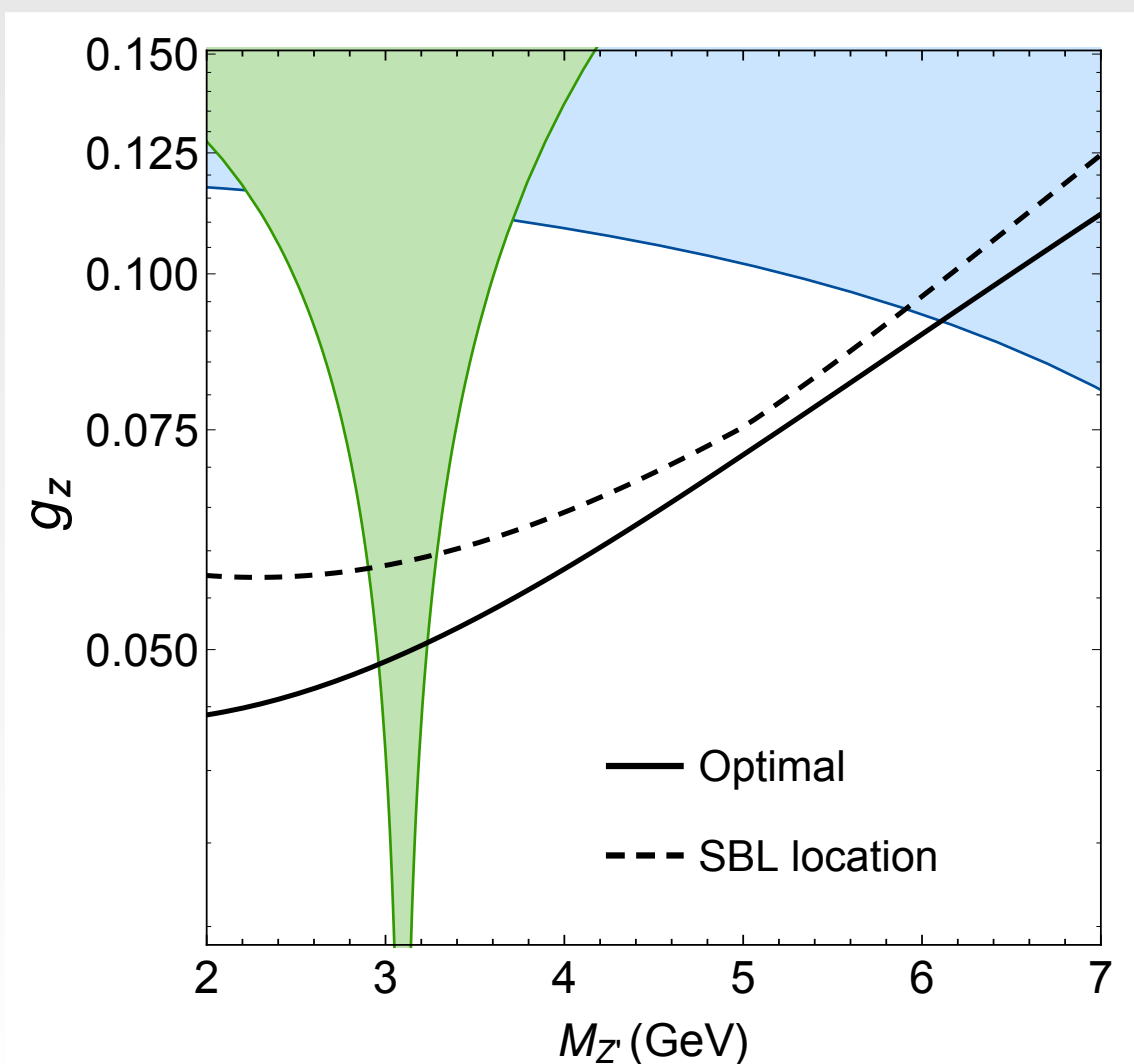
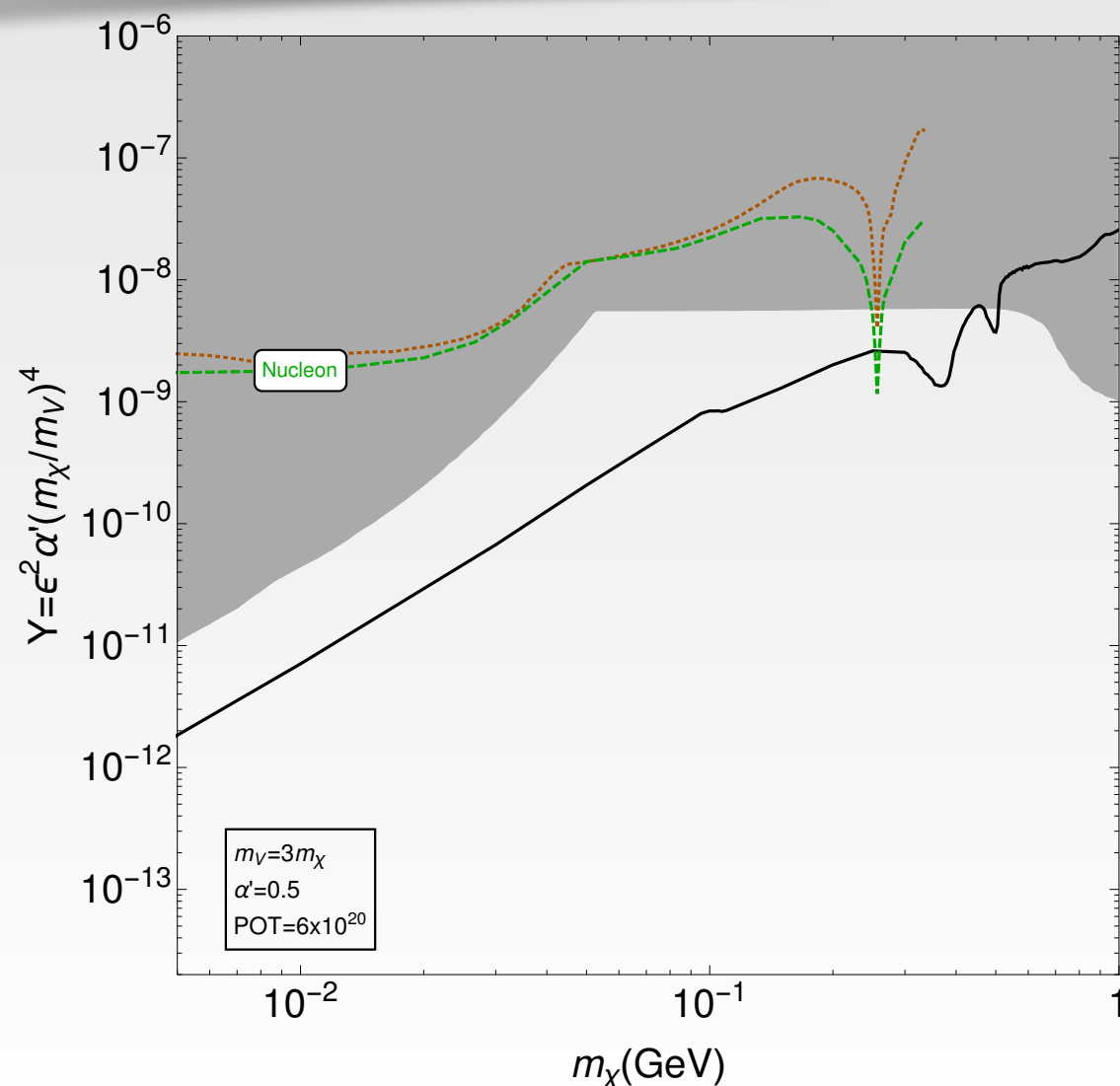
In this mass range
Drell-Yan production

UV dependent constraints from anomalies

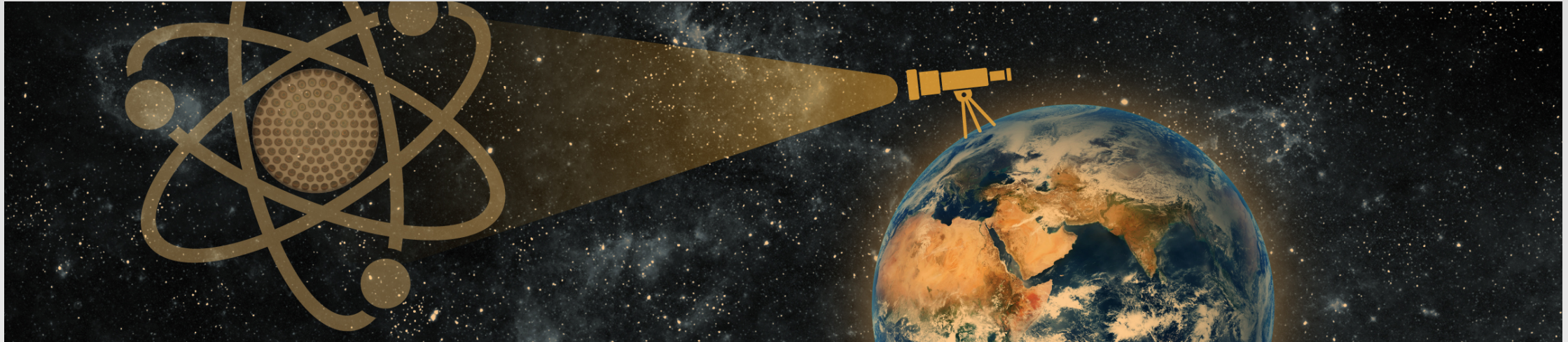
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Symbiotic neutrino/DM programs

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- ICARUS: similar location as MiniBooNE: plan to set up the dedicated analysis, possible triggers.



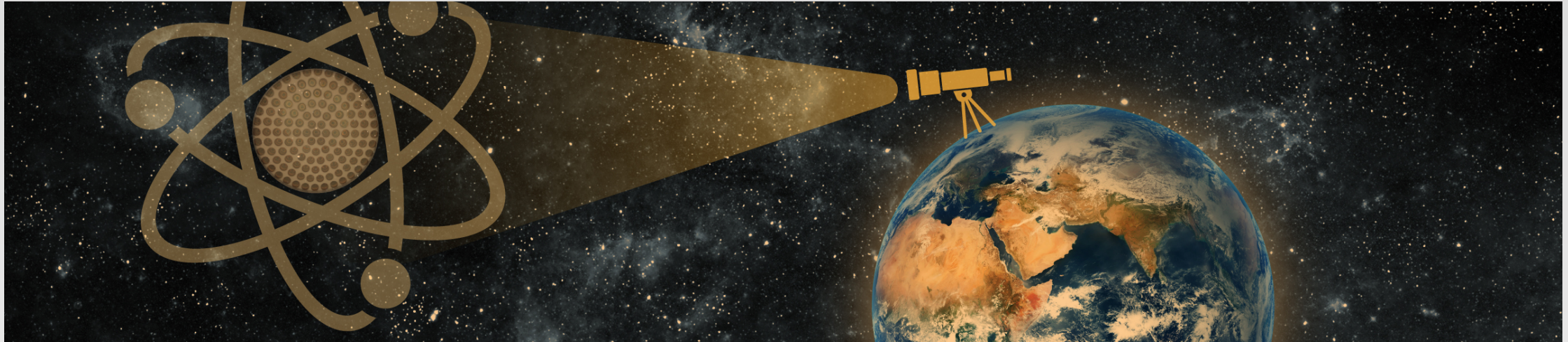
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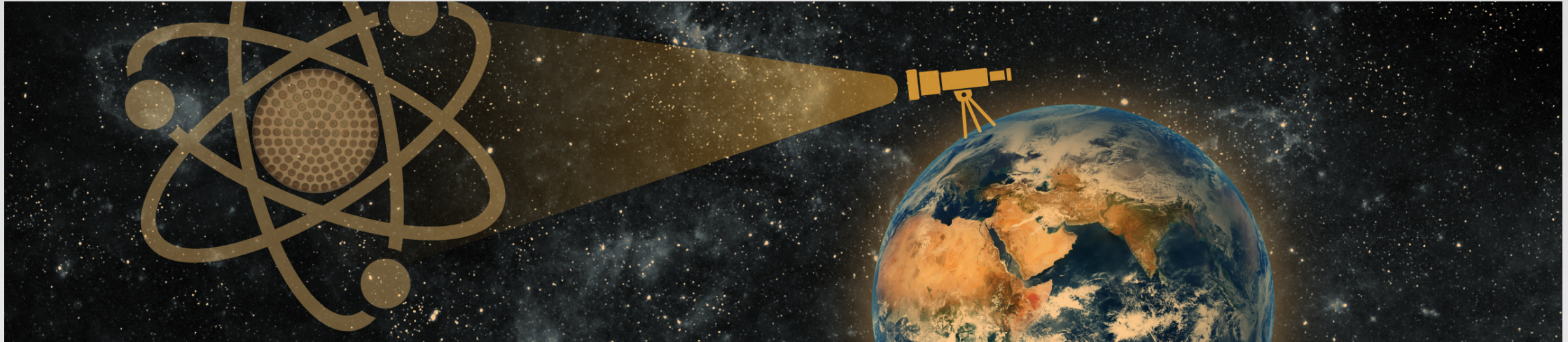


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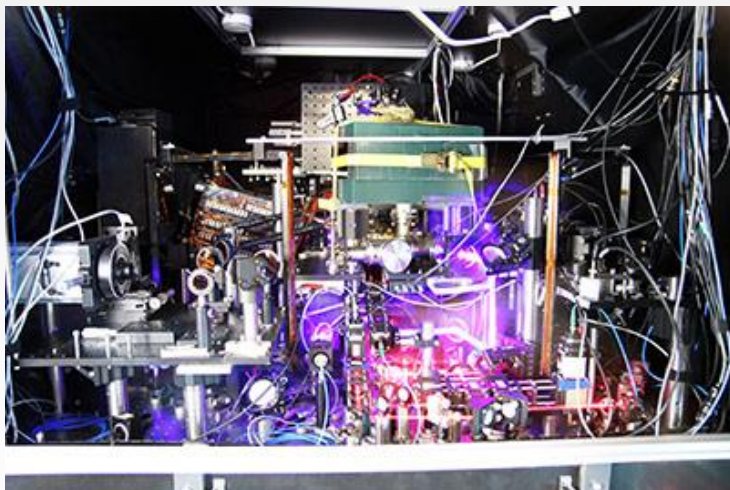
The quest for dark sectors is in full swing

Highly multidisciplinary effort between different branches of physics from particle to nuclear and atomic physics

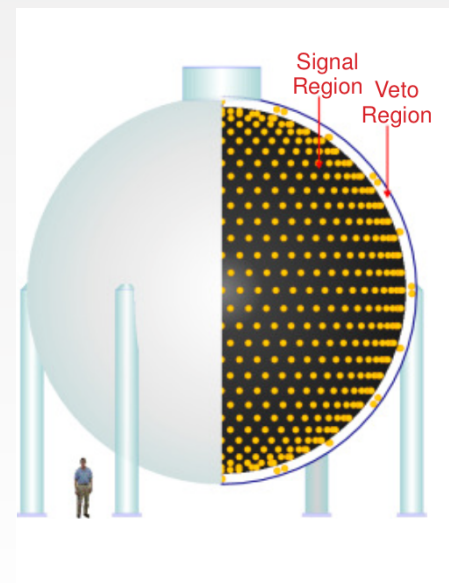
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Laboratory probes

- **Direct probe:** searching for MeV-GeV DM@ neutrino facilities
- **Indirect probe:** searching for long/medium range dark forces via atomic spectroscopy



Strontium atomic clock

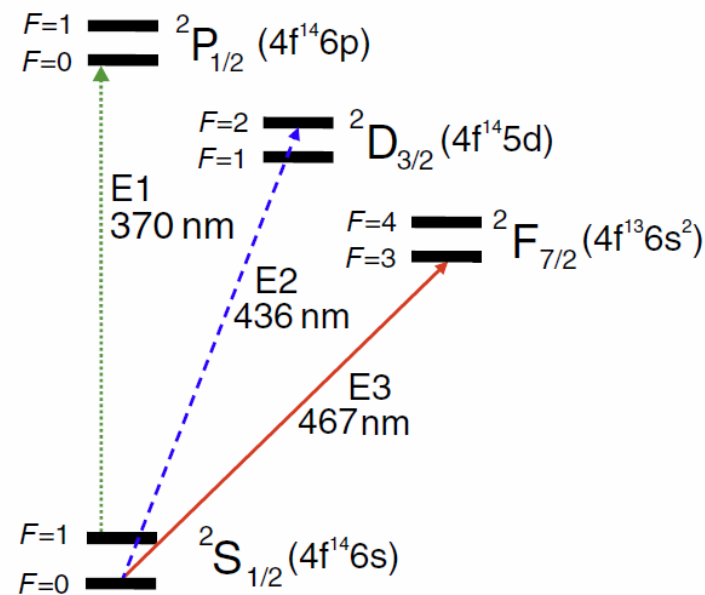


MiniBooNE neutrino detector

Atomic probes of new physics

Atomic spectroscopy measurements reached an extraordinary precision
(relative error 10^{-16} - 10^{-18})

Yb⁺ ion-clock



Two working experiments:
PTB Germany, NPL UK

New Journal of Physics
The open-access journal for physics

Absolute frequency measurement of the $^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow ^2F_{7/2}$ electric octupole transition in a single ion of $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ with 10^{-15} fractional uncertainty

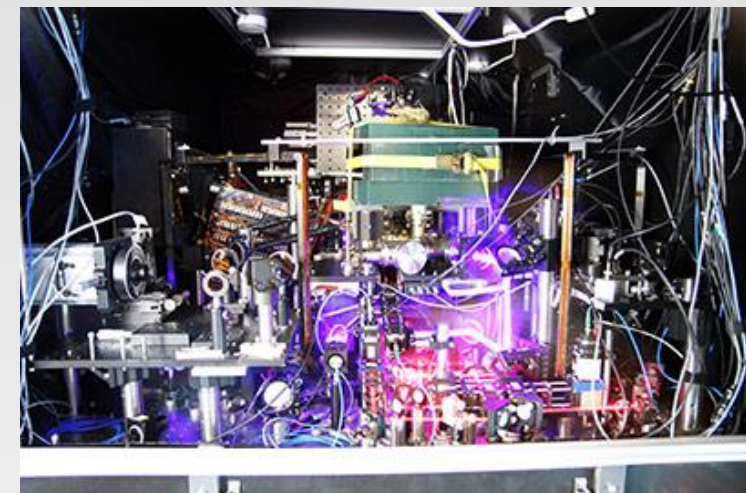
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Improved Limit on a Temporal Variation of m_p/m_e from Comparisons of Yb⁺ and Cs Atomic Clocks

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Accurate measurements of different transition frequencies between atomic levels of the electronic and hyperfine structure over time are used to investigate temporal variations of the fine structure constant α and the proton-to-electron mass ratio μ . We measure the frequency of the $^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow ^2F_{7/2}$ electric octupole (E3) transition in $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ against two caesium fountain clocks as $f(E3) = 642\,121\,496\,772\,645.36$ Hz with an improved fractional uncertainty of 3.9×10^{-16} . This transition frequency shows a strong sensitivity to changes of α . Together with a number of previous and recent measurements of the $^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow ^2D_{3/2}$ electric quadrupole transition in $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ and with data from other elements, a least-squares analysis yields $(1/\alpha)(d\alpha/dt) = -0.20(20) \times 10^{-16}/\text{yr}$ and $(1/\mu)(d\mu/dt) = -0.5(1.6) \times 10^{-16}/\text{yr}$, confirming a previous limit on $d\alpha/dt$ and providing the most stringent limit on $d\mu/dt$ from laboratory experiments.

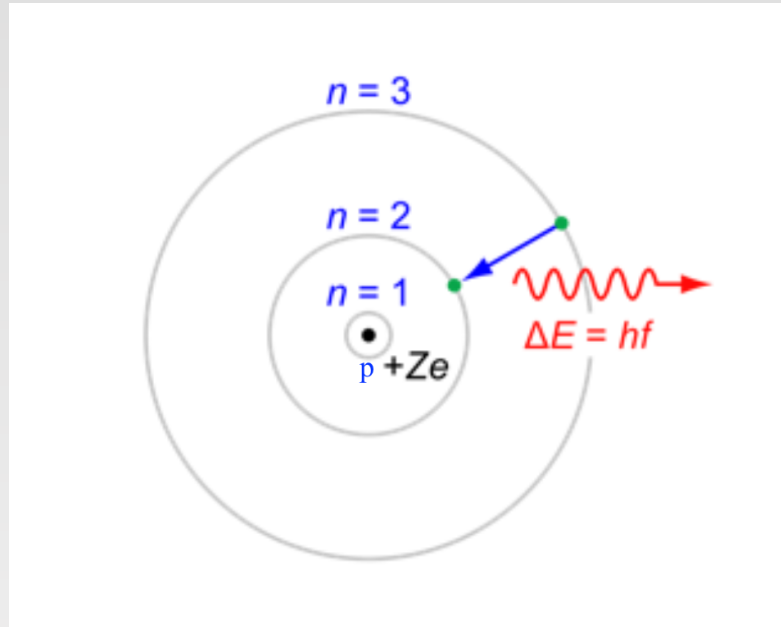


Strontium atomic clock



How can we exploit such a precision to probe fundamental physics ?

Spin independent dark forces



mediator spin
 $s=0,1,2$

mediator mass

$$V_{\phi}(r) = \frac{(-1)^{s+1}}{4\pi} y_e y_N \frac{e^{-m_{\phi} r}}{r}$$

e-coupling

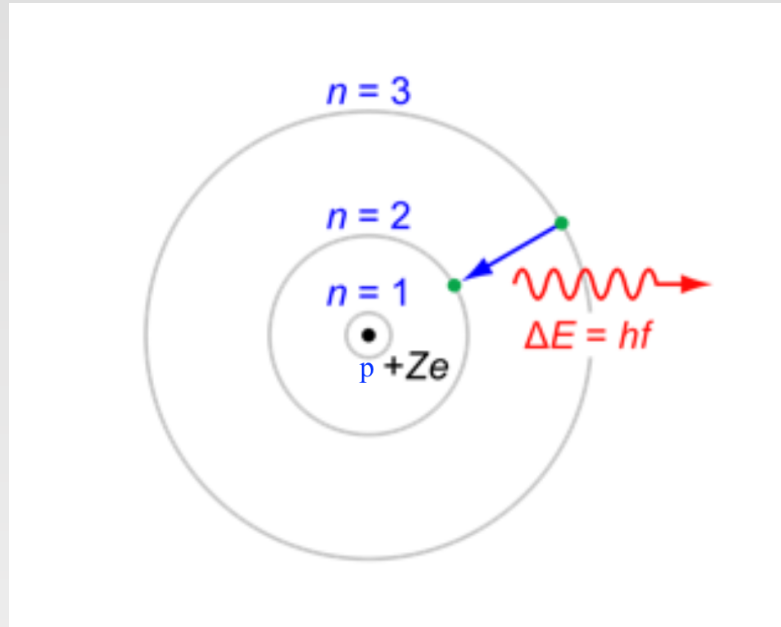
nucleus-coupling

$$y_N = y_p Z + y_n (A - Z)$$

This gives rise to an additional contribution to the frequency shift.

$$\delta\nu_i = y_e y_N X_i \quad X_i \simeq \int d^3r \frac{e^{-m_{\phi} r}}{r} [|\psi_b(r)|^2 - |\psi_a(r)|^2]$$

How do we probe this new contribution?



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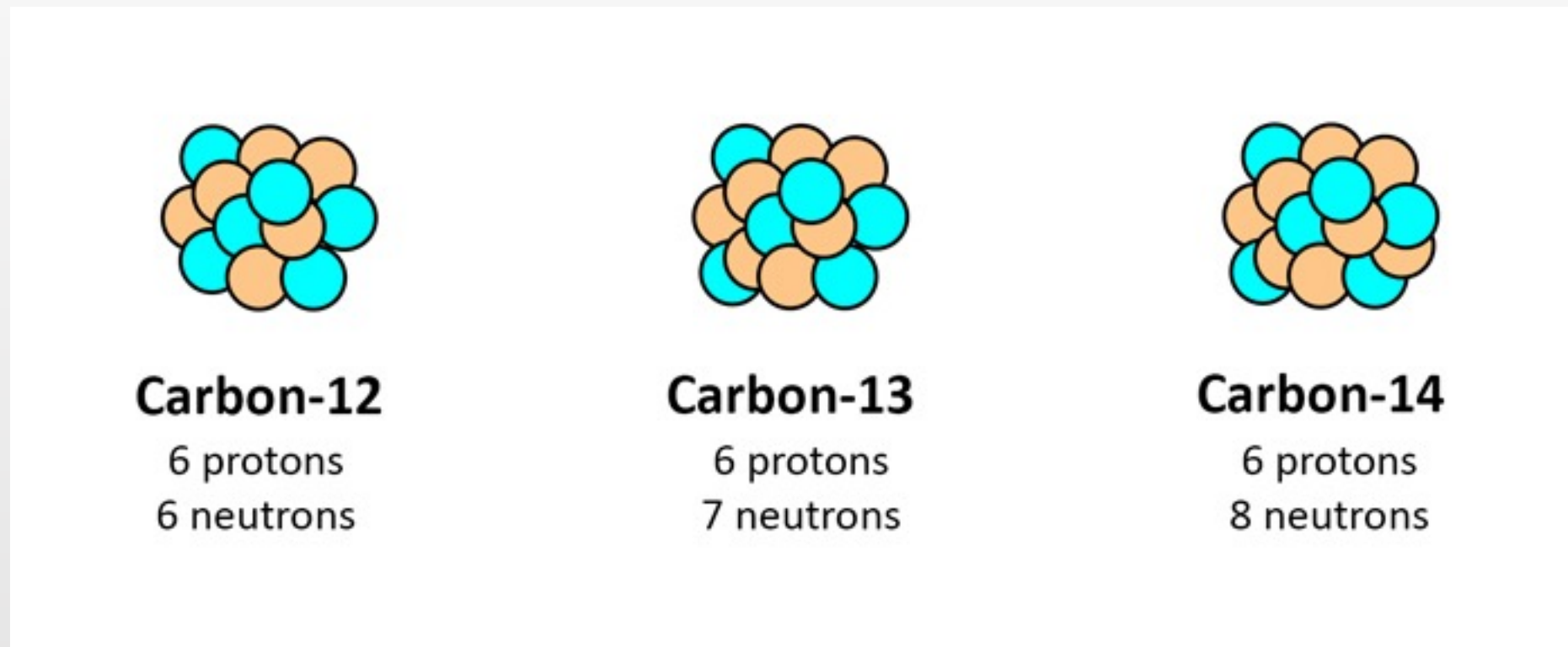
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- A) Precise theoretical prediction versus experimental measurement (few electrons atoms)
- B) A new observable to distinguish new physics signal from “QED background” (also many electrons atoms)

Probing new physics with Isotope shift

atoms with the same number of protons but different number of neutrons



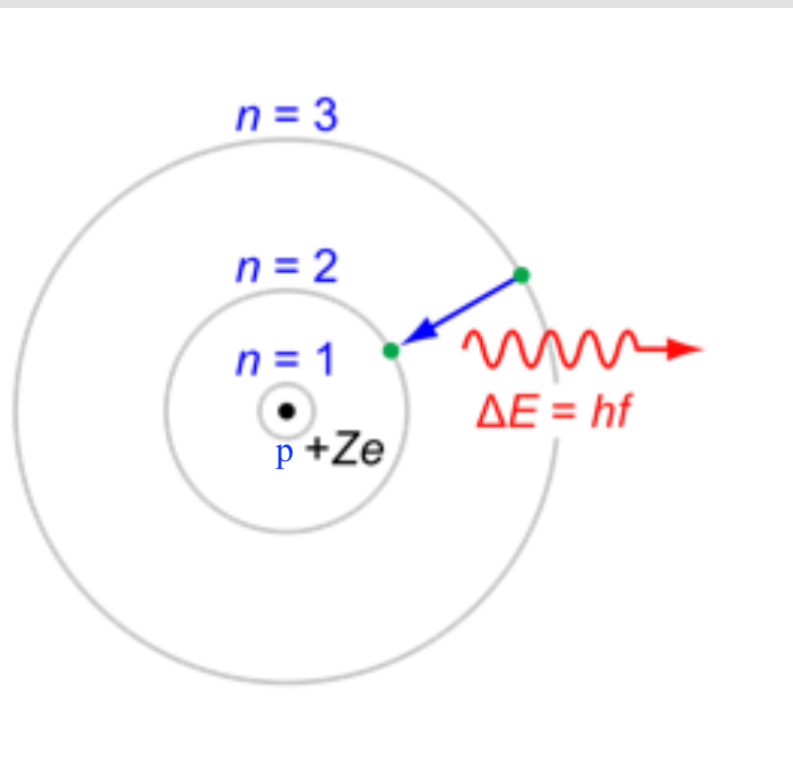
Focus on **spin-less** isotopes of a given element A and A'

[Berengut, Budker, Delaunay, Flambaum, **CF**, Fuchs, Grojean, Harnik, Ozeri, Perez, Soreq, 2017].

[Delauney, **CF**, Fuchs, Soreq, 2017]

Isotope Shifts Spectroscopy

Consider an atomic optical transition
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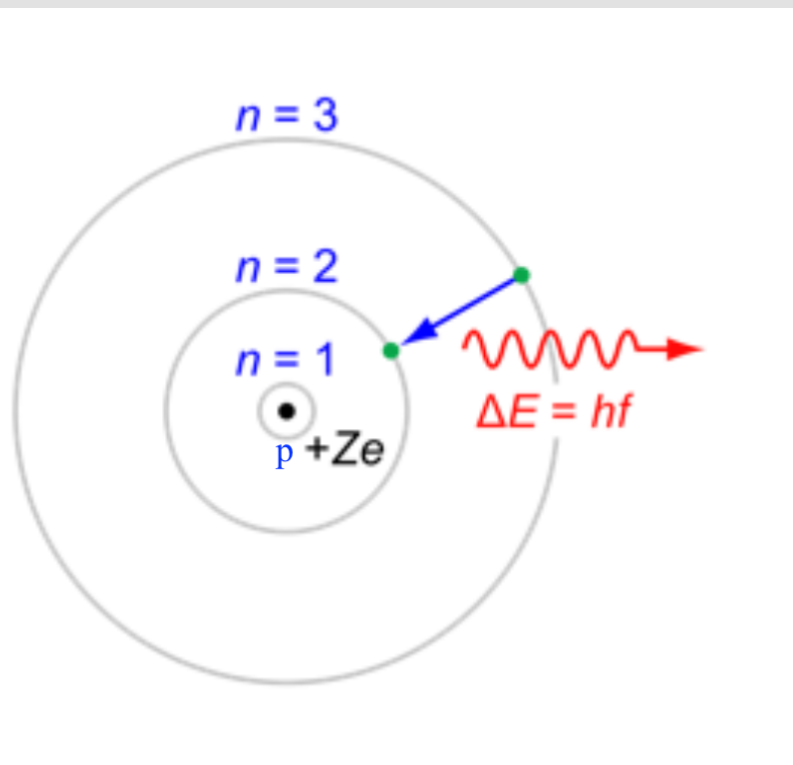
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New Physics contribution only slightly reduced $(A-A')/A$
(at most one order of magnitude suppression for heavy atoms)

$$(\Delta\nu_i^{AA'})_{\text{NP}} = y_e y_N (A - A') X_i$$

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QED effects cancel up to:

electronic factors

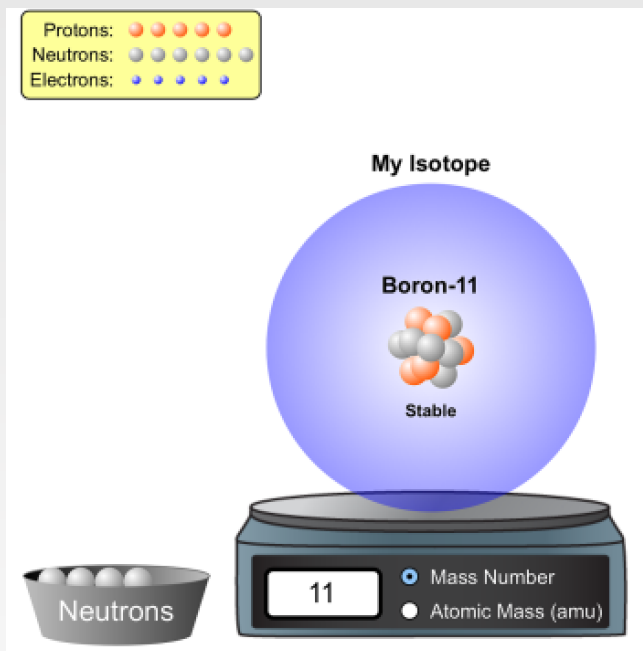
Optical transition i

$$\nu_i^{AA'} \approx K_i \mu_{AA'} + F_i \lambda_{AA'}$$

mass shift

field shift

$$\mu_{AA'} \equiv m_A^{-1} - m_{A'}^{-1} \quad \lambda_{AA'} = \delta \langle r^2 \rangle + \text{higher moments}$$



Key point: electronic and nuclear dependence is **factorised**

King's linearity

Given 2 transitions for the same isotopes A and A'

$$\nu_i^{AA'} \approx K_i \mu_{AA'} + F_i \lambda_{AA'}$$

$$m\nu_i^{AA'} \equiv \nu_i^{AA'} / \mu_{AA'}$$



Factorisation

$$m\nu_2 = F_{21} m\nu_1 + K_{21}$$

Linear relation

$$F_{21} \equiv F_2 / F_1 \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \text{Slope} \quad K_{21} \equiv K_2 / K_1 - F_{21} K_1 \quad \text{Offset}$$

At what level does this relation hold?

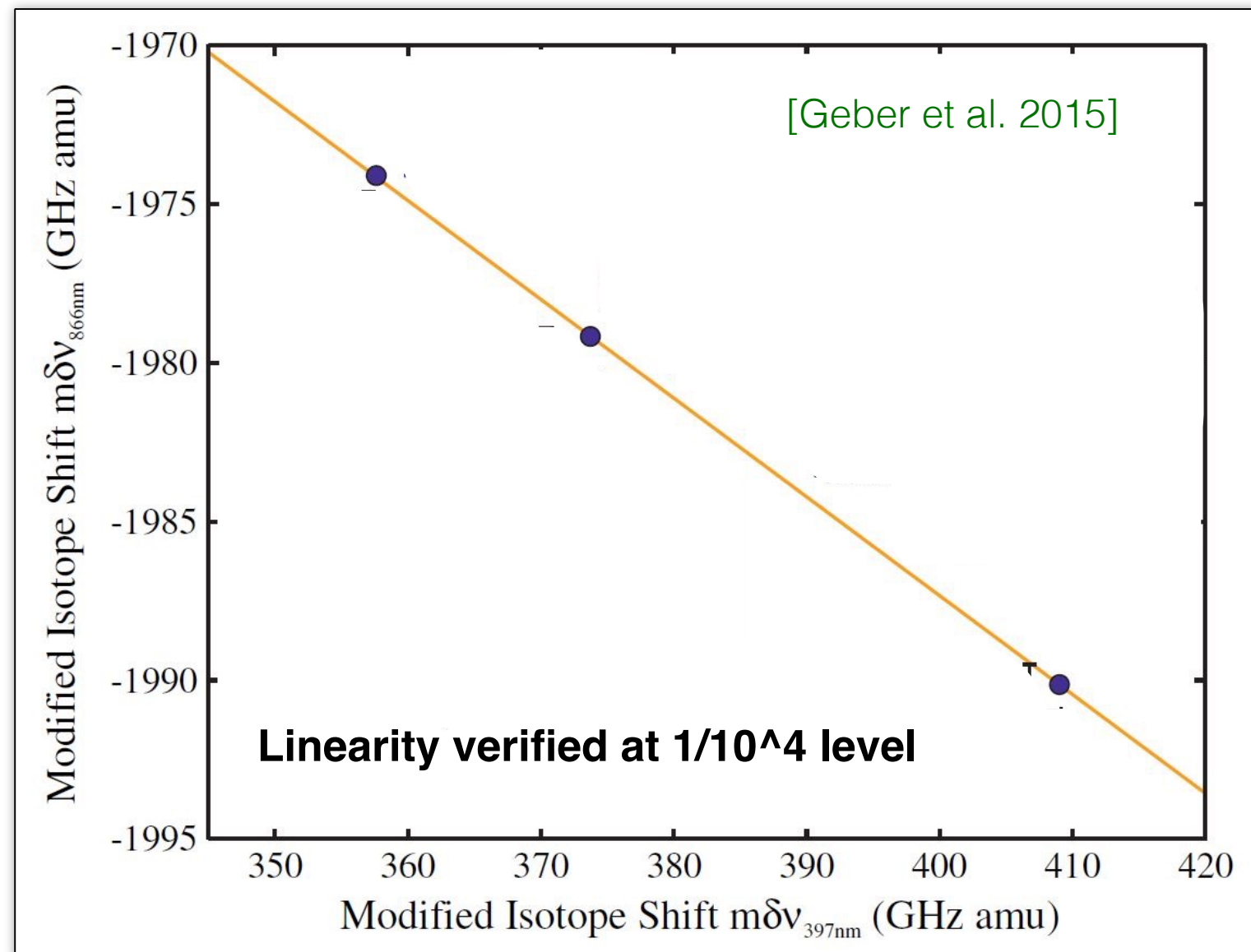
[Flaumbam et al 2017 for theory estimates]

King's Plot

Considering then 3 pairs of isotopes

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Precision 0.1 MHz

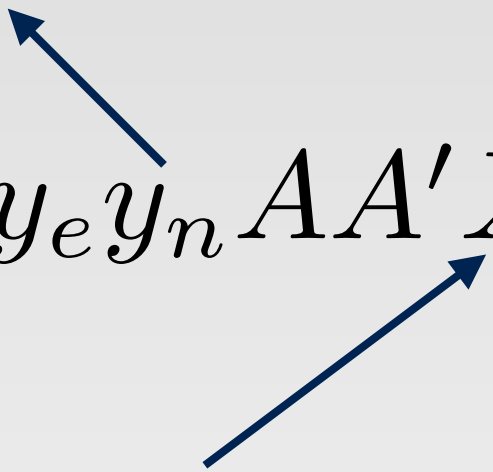


King's linearity

Adding the contribution of a new spin independent dark force

[CF et al , 2017]

Neutron coupling

$$m\nu_2 = F_{21}m\nu_1 + K_{21} + y_e y_n A A' X_{21}$$


NP electronic factors X_i : the only theoretical inputs (depend on mediator mass) calculated using many-body perturbation theory
[Berengut et al. 2005]

$$X_{21} = X_2 - F_{21} X_1$$

Non linearity from BSM unless: $X_i \propto F_i$ **Short range interactions**

King's Plot

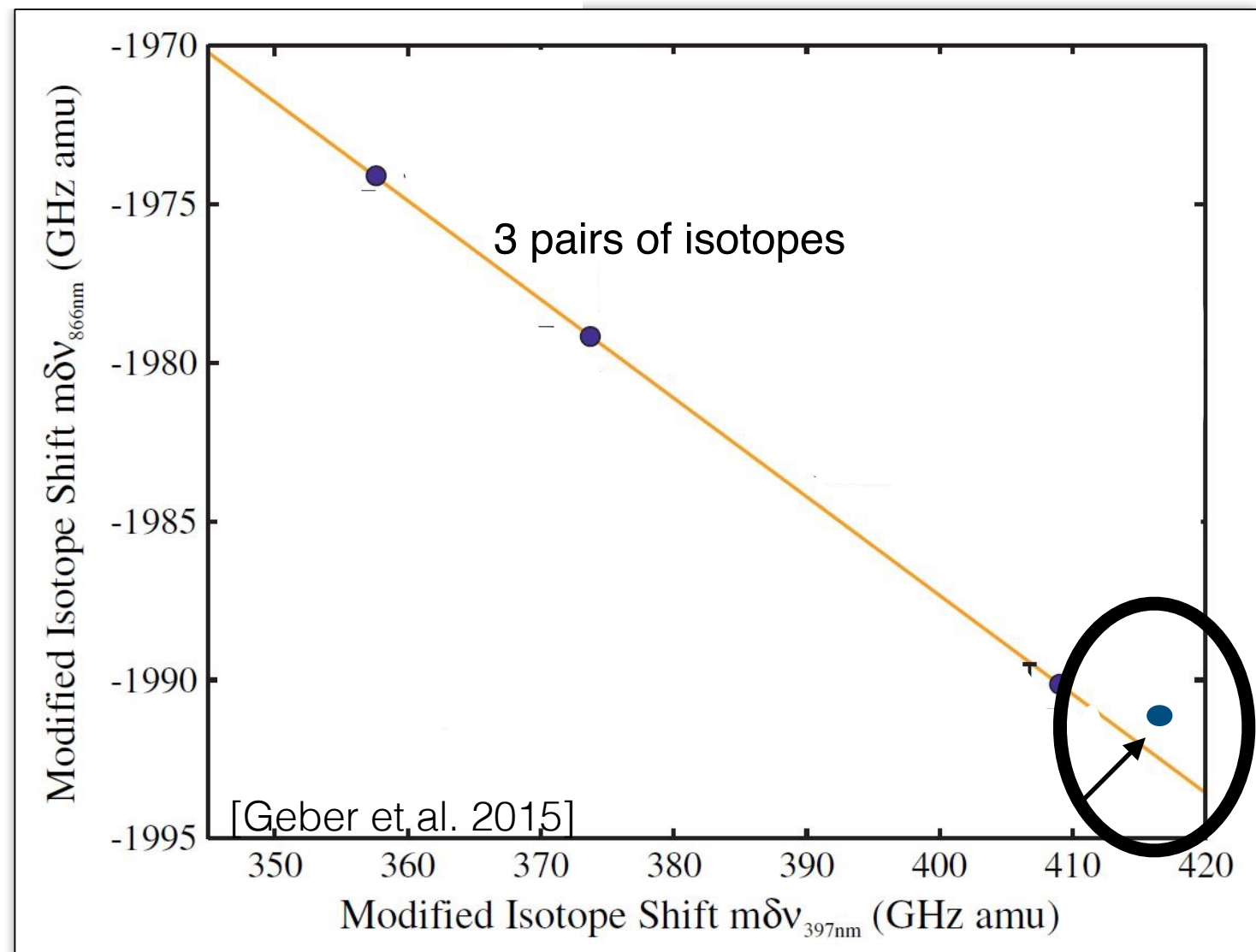
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Breaks linearity

[CF et al , PRL 2017]

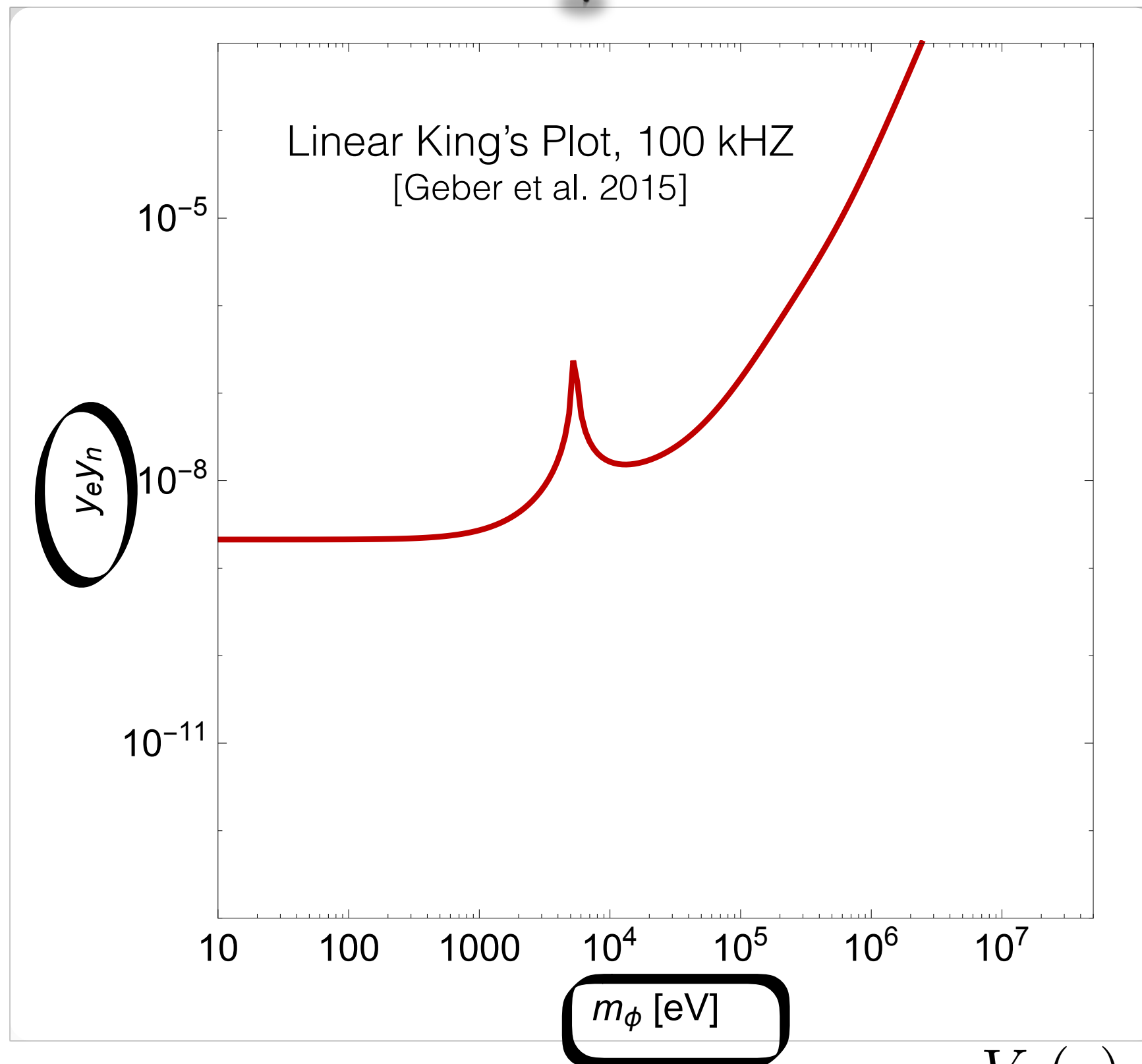


If data gives a linear King's plot:

[CF et al,2017]

Constraints on new physics!

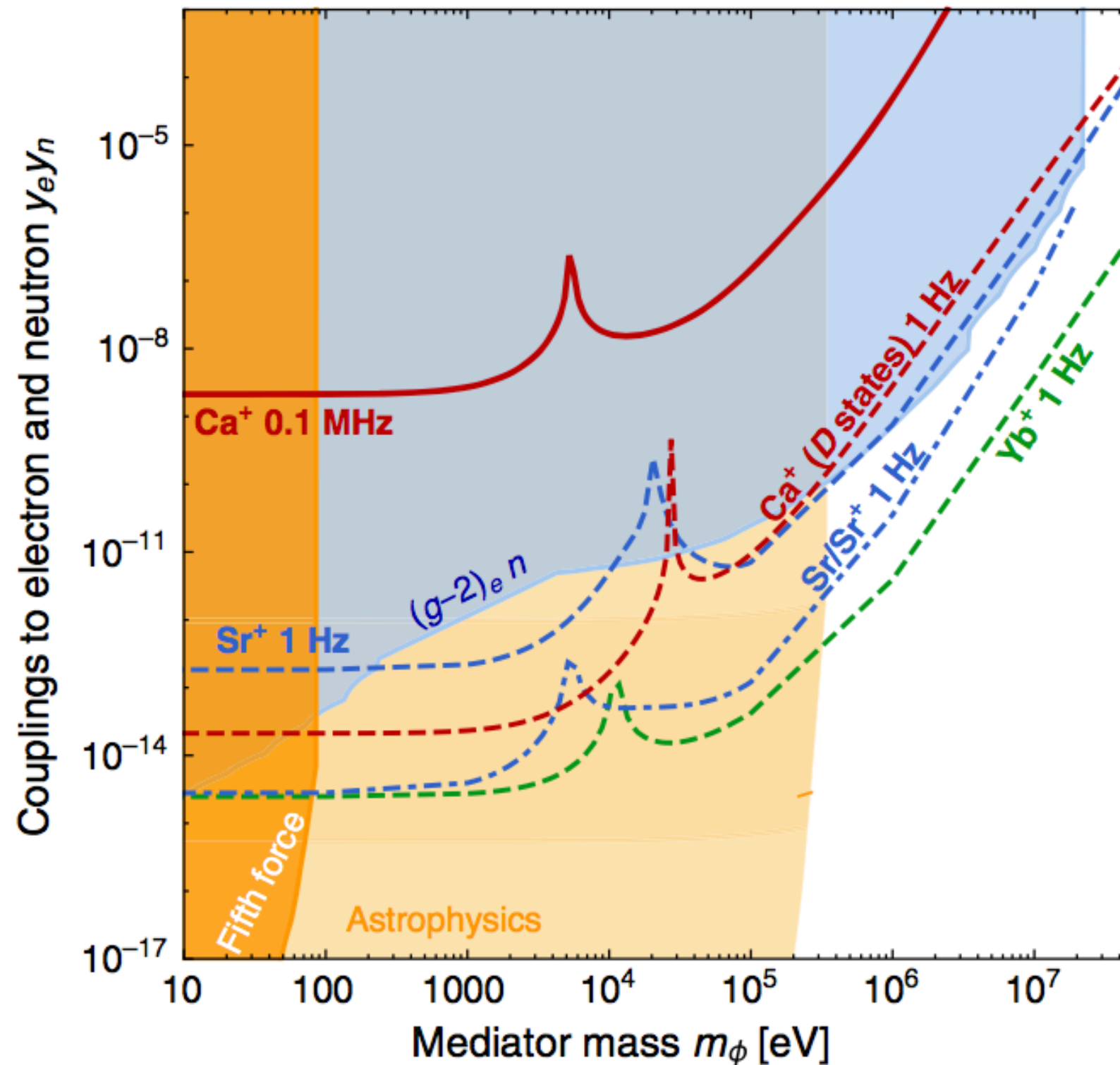
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$$V_\phi(r) = \frac{(-1)^{s+1}}{4\pi} y_e y_N \frac{e^{-m_\phi r}}{r}$$

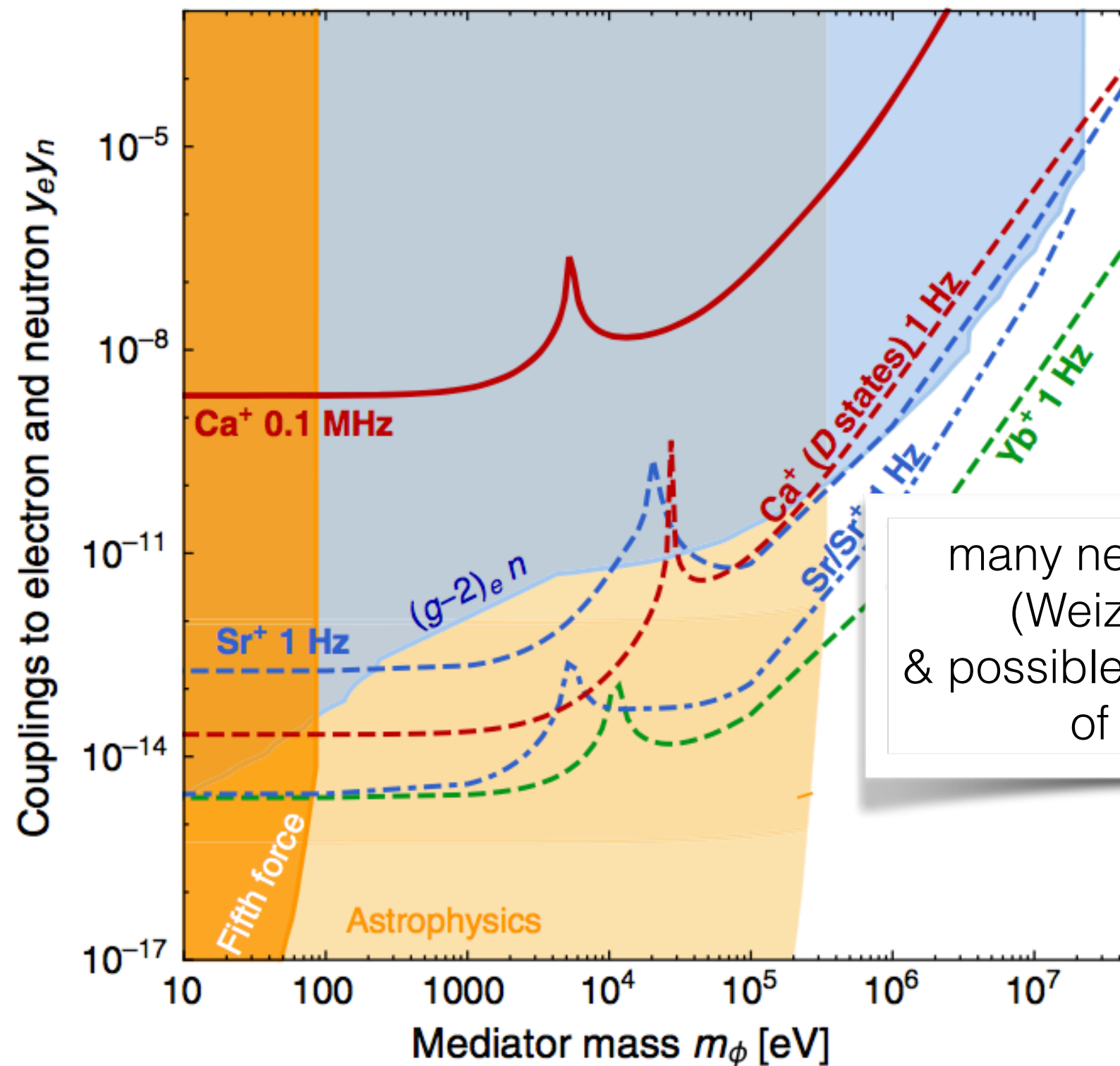
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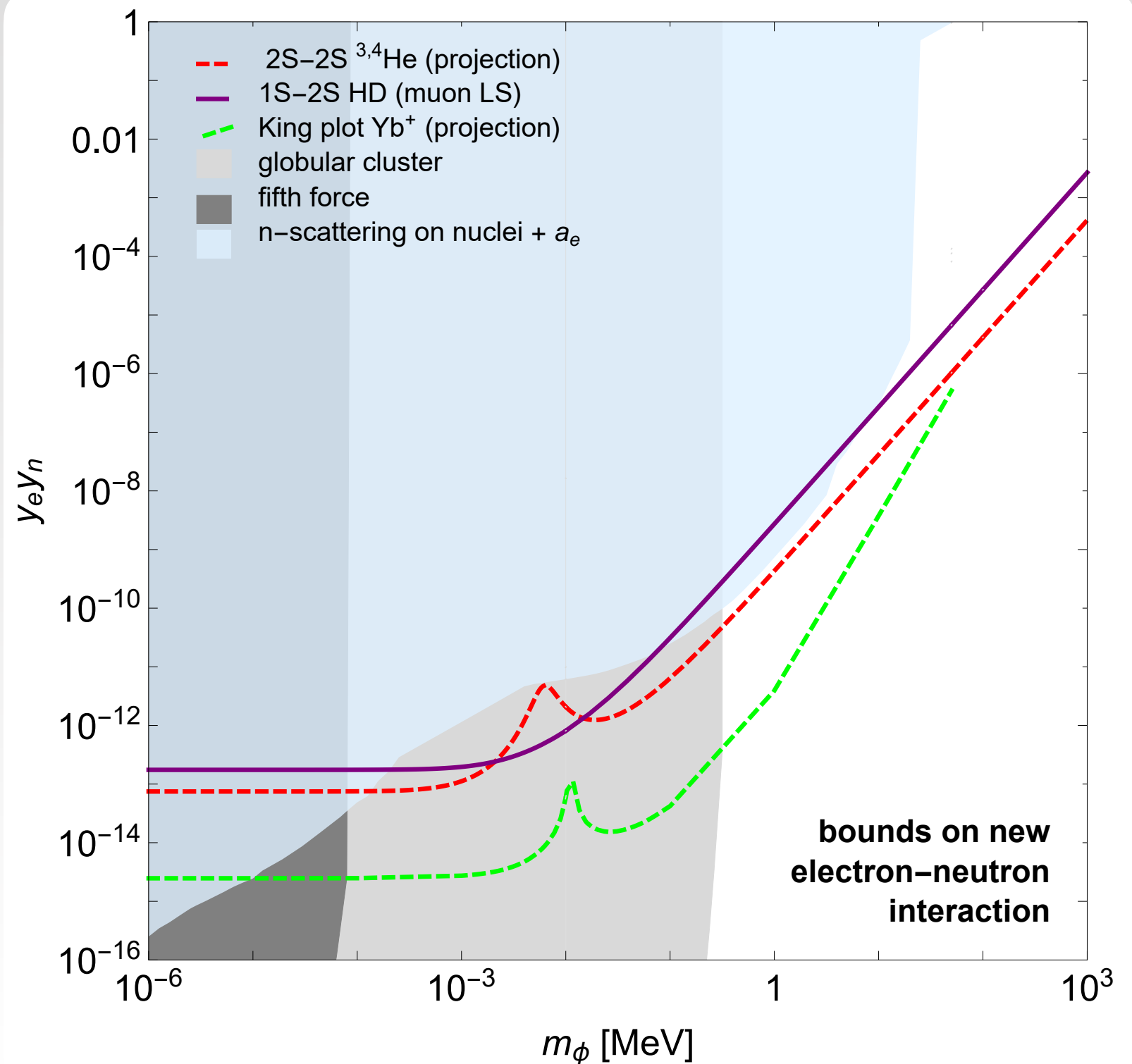
many new ongoing measurements
(Weizmann, PTB, Mainz, MIT..)
& possible reach to unexplored regions
of the parameter space

What about few electron atoms?

Exploiting precision of [theoretical predictions](#) and comparing it with experiments

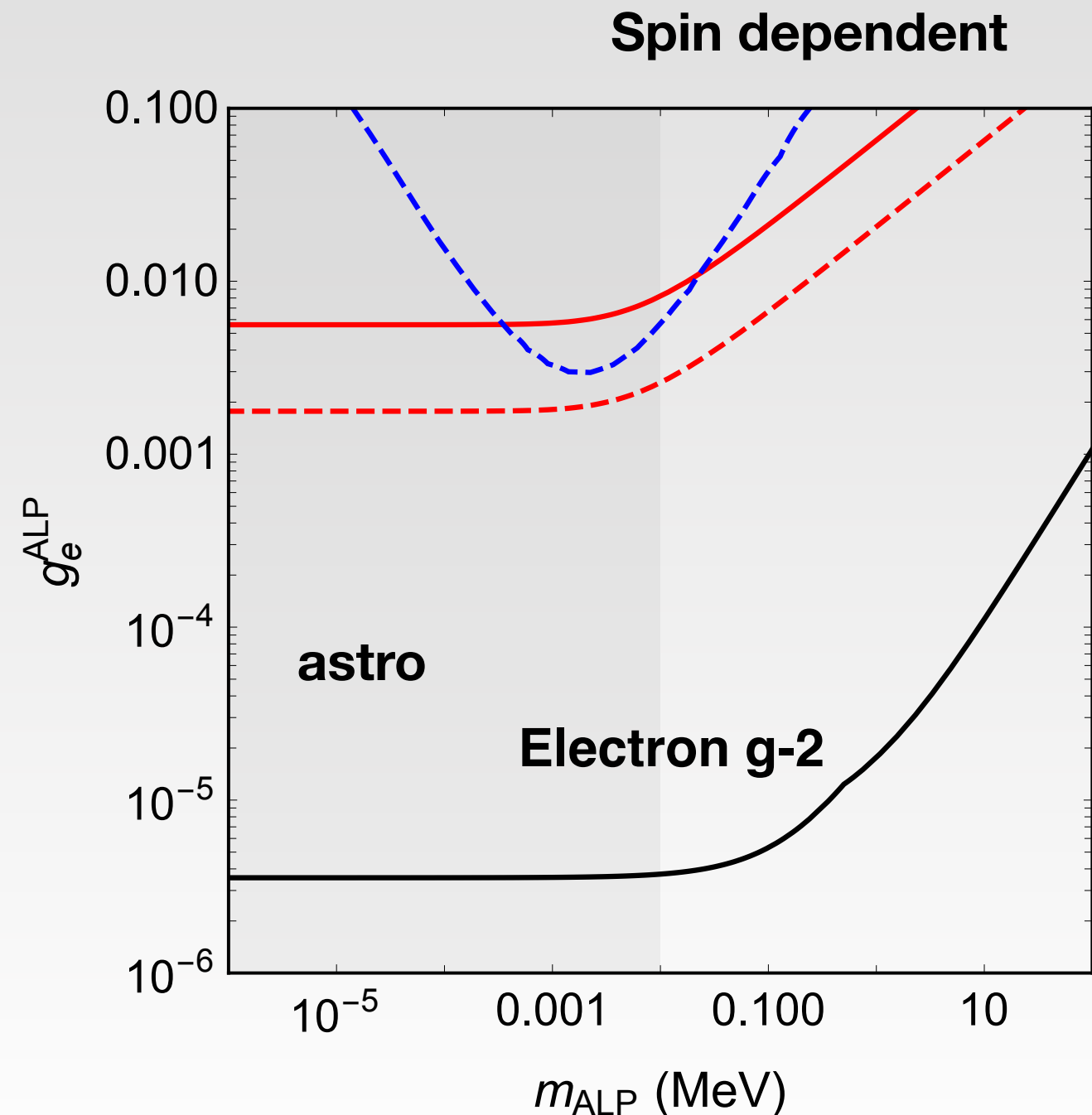
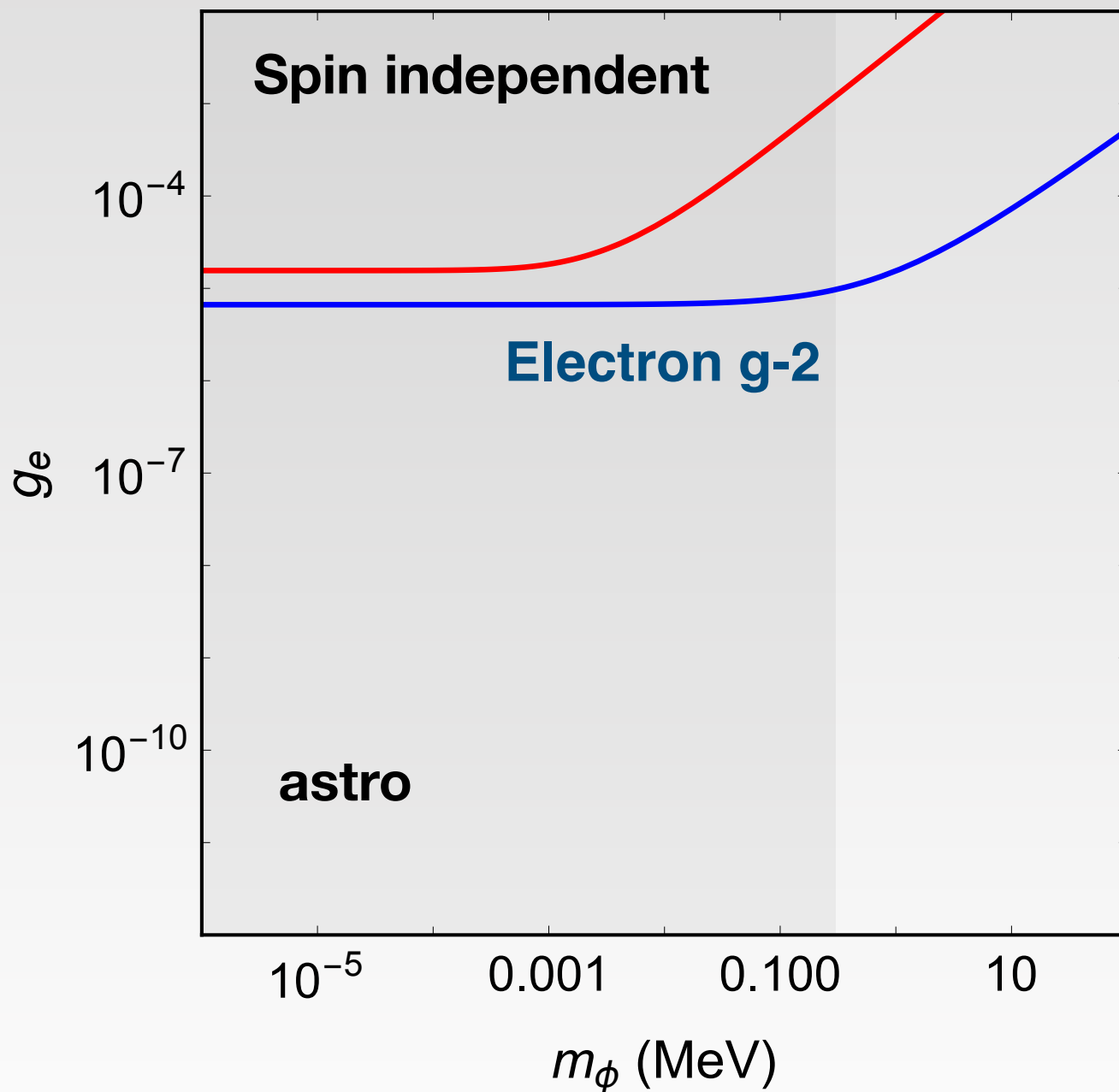
[Delauney, **CF**, Fuchs, Soreq 2017]

Helium 3,4
and H/D IS measurements



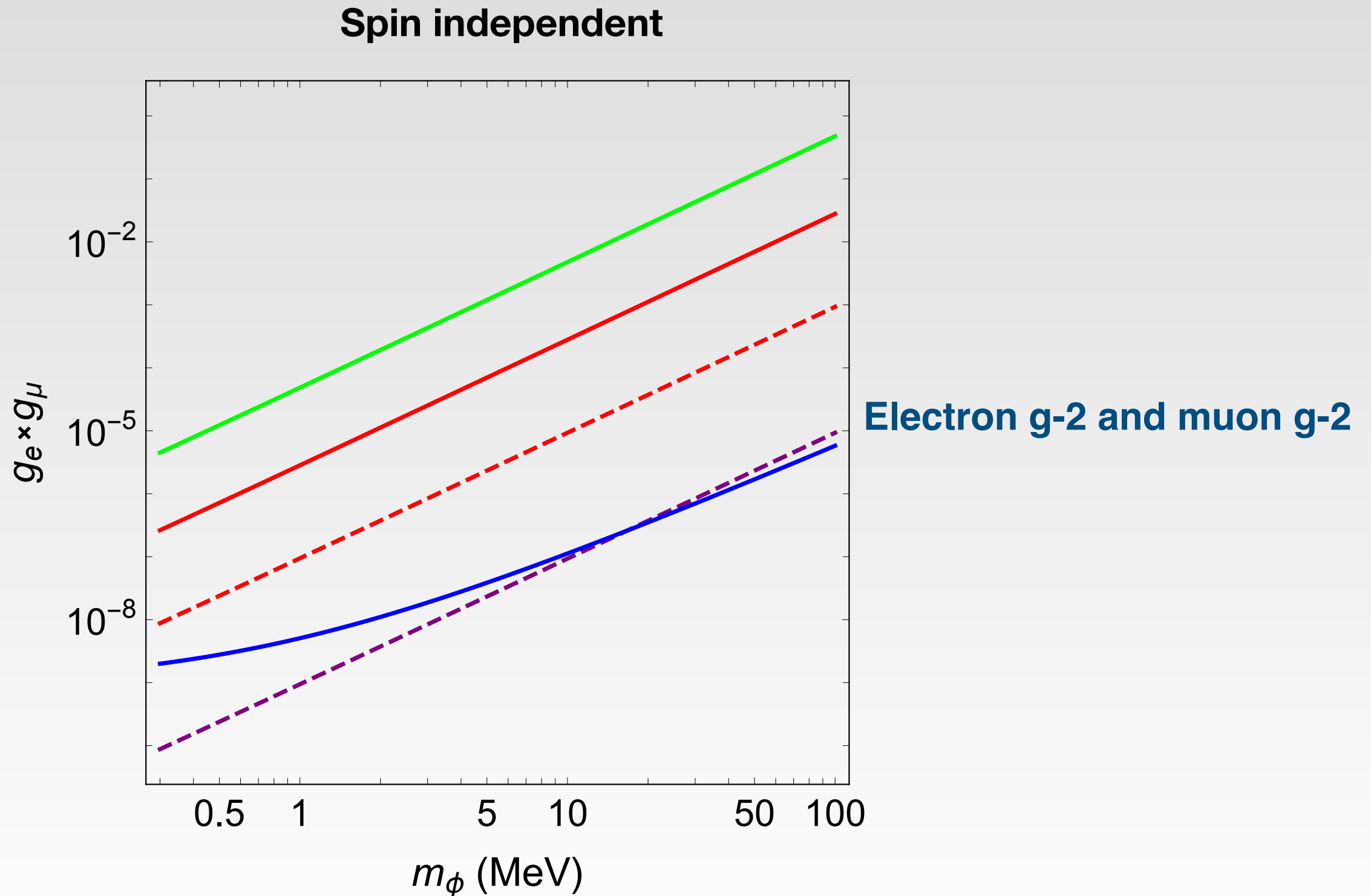
Perspectives with positronium

In order to overcome existing bounds from astro and g-2 a precision several orders beyond state of the art would be needed



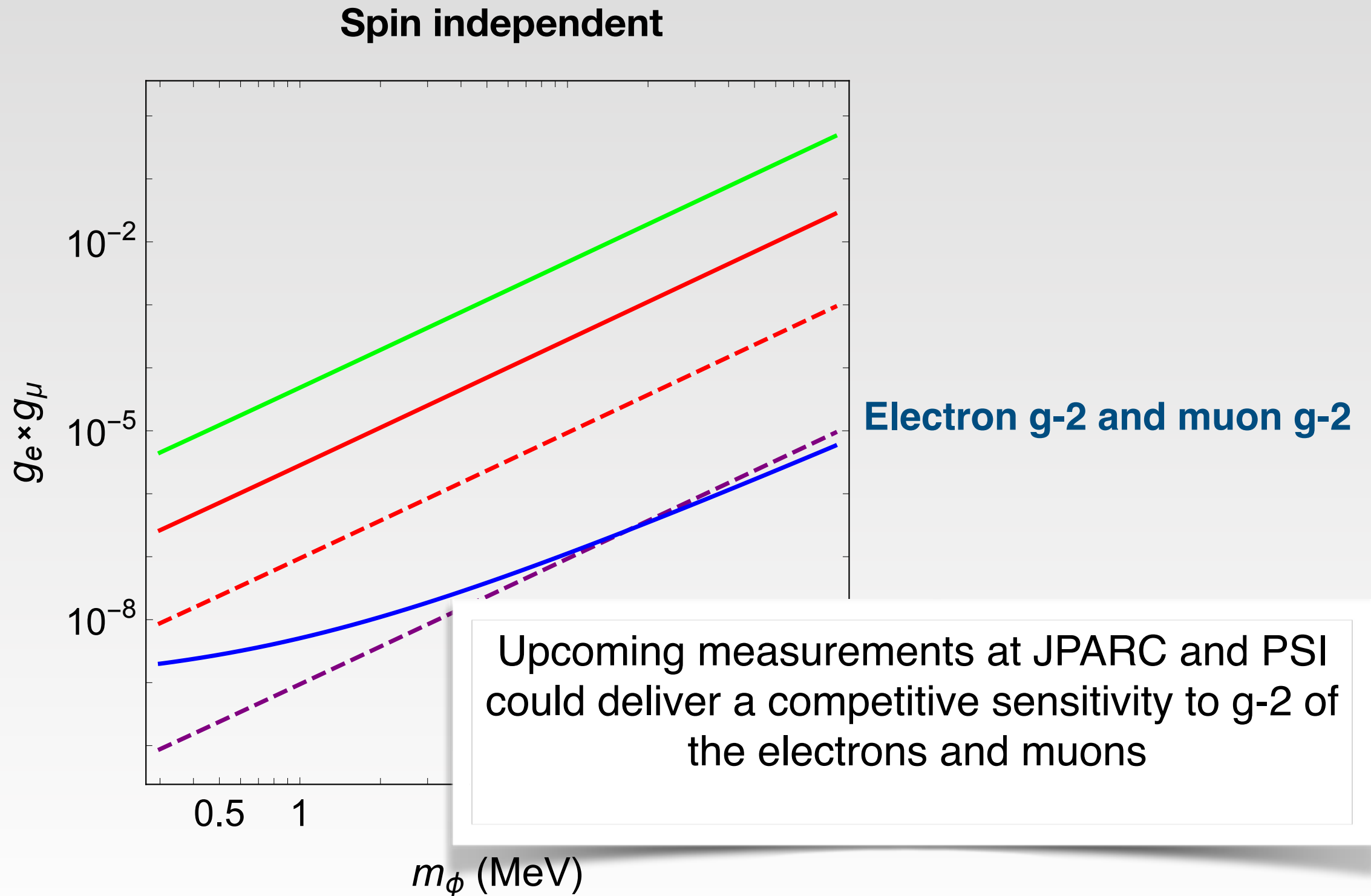
[Perez-Rios ,CF, Peset, in progress]

Perspectives with muonium



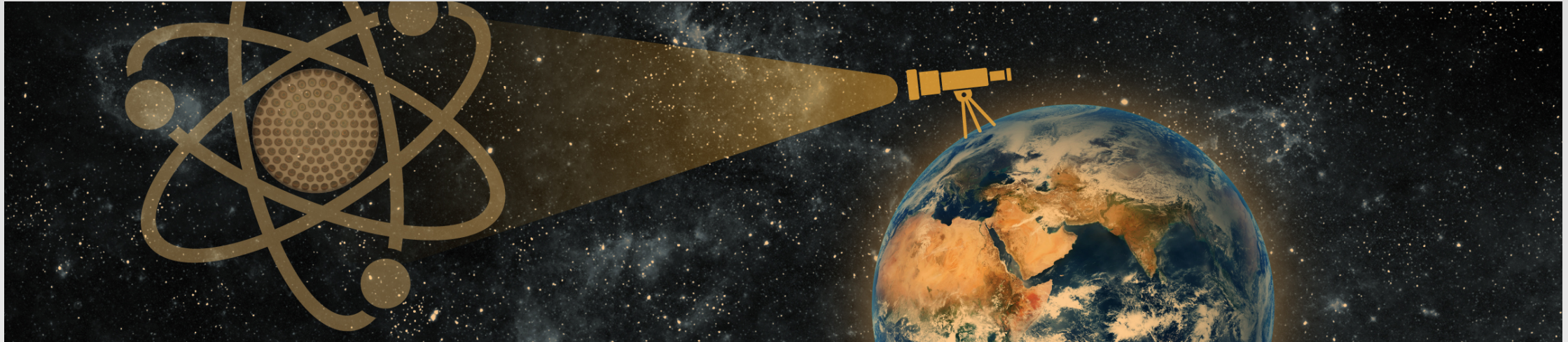
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More to explore

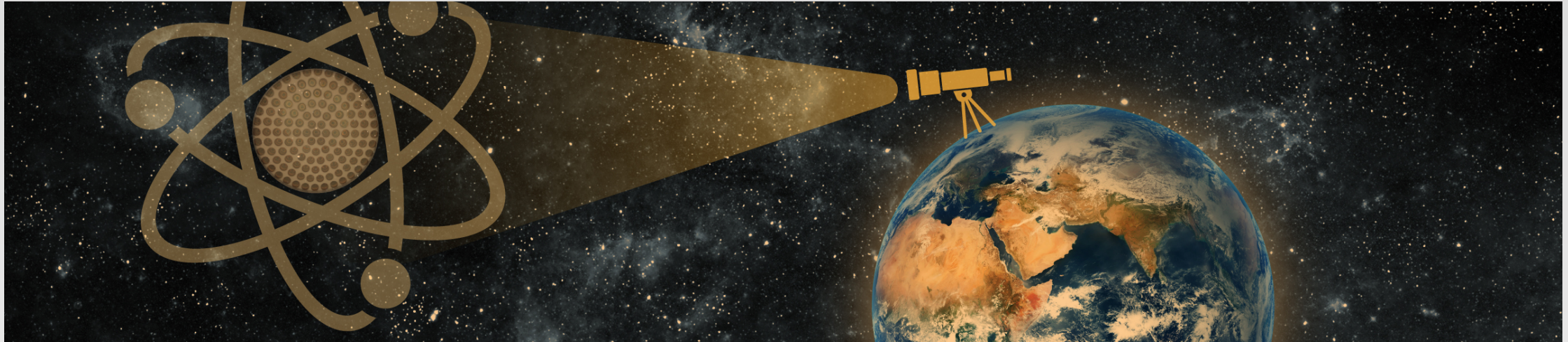


Are there similar observables sensitive to spin-dependent forces?

Study the sensitivity of exotic atoms (e.g. muonic atoms) both to spin-independent and spin-dependent forces. [\[CF,C.Peset,in progress\]](#)

Perspectives for future measurements (FAMU,CREMA..) and theory improvements

Outlook



The quest for dark sectors is in full swing

Highly multidisciplinary effort between different branches of physics from particle to nuclear and atomic physics

A discovery could be around the corner: new data and measurements in the next few years will probe interesting regions of the parameter space.

Thank you!

Backup

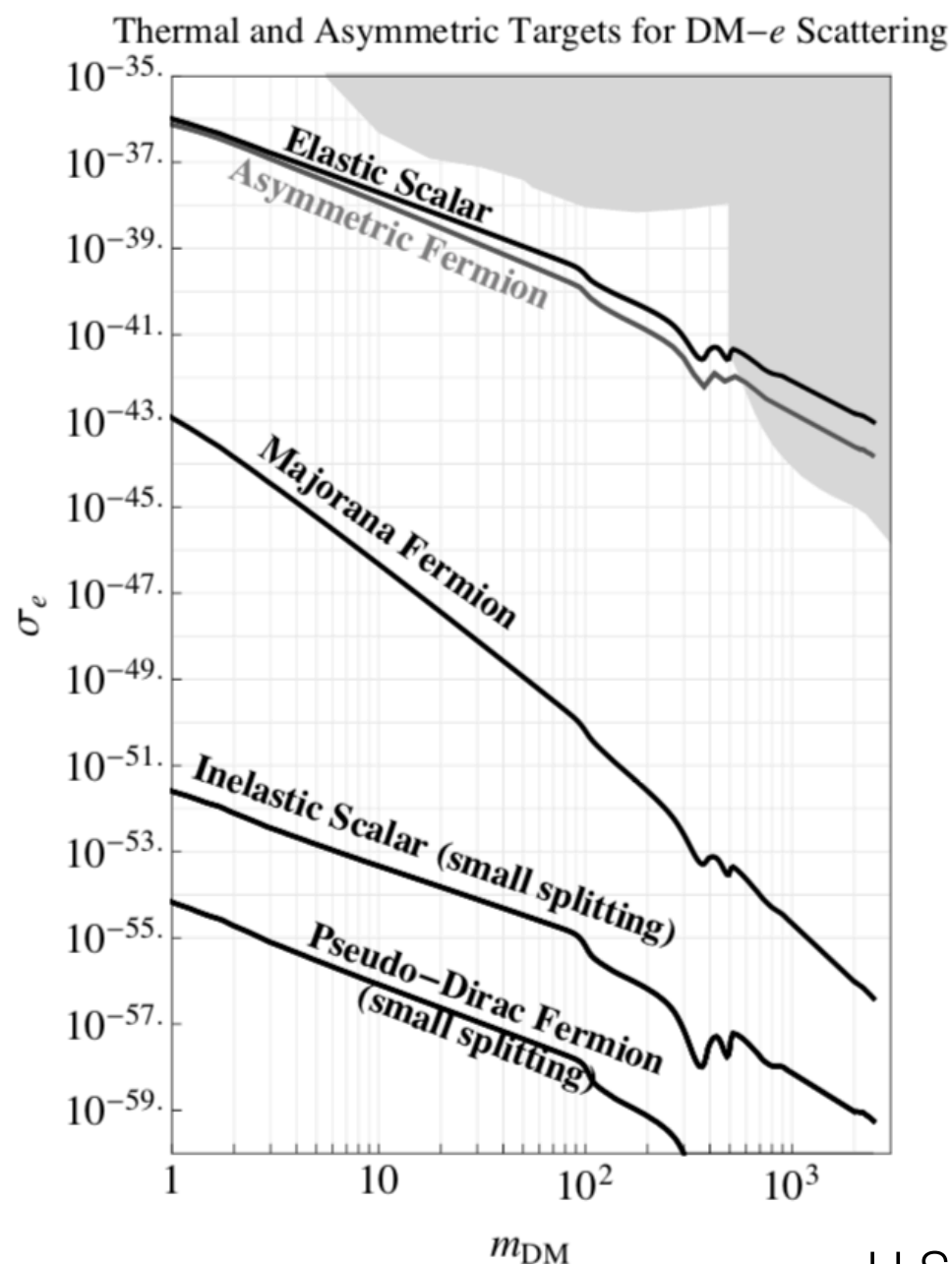
Vector Portal: dark photon

$$\epsilon F_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}$$

$$g_{A'}^{\text{SM}} = \epsilon e x_f$$

$$g_{A'}^{\phi} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

CMB safe: scalar, Majorana or Pseudo-Dirac DM.

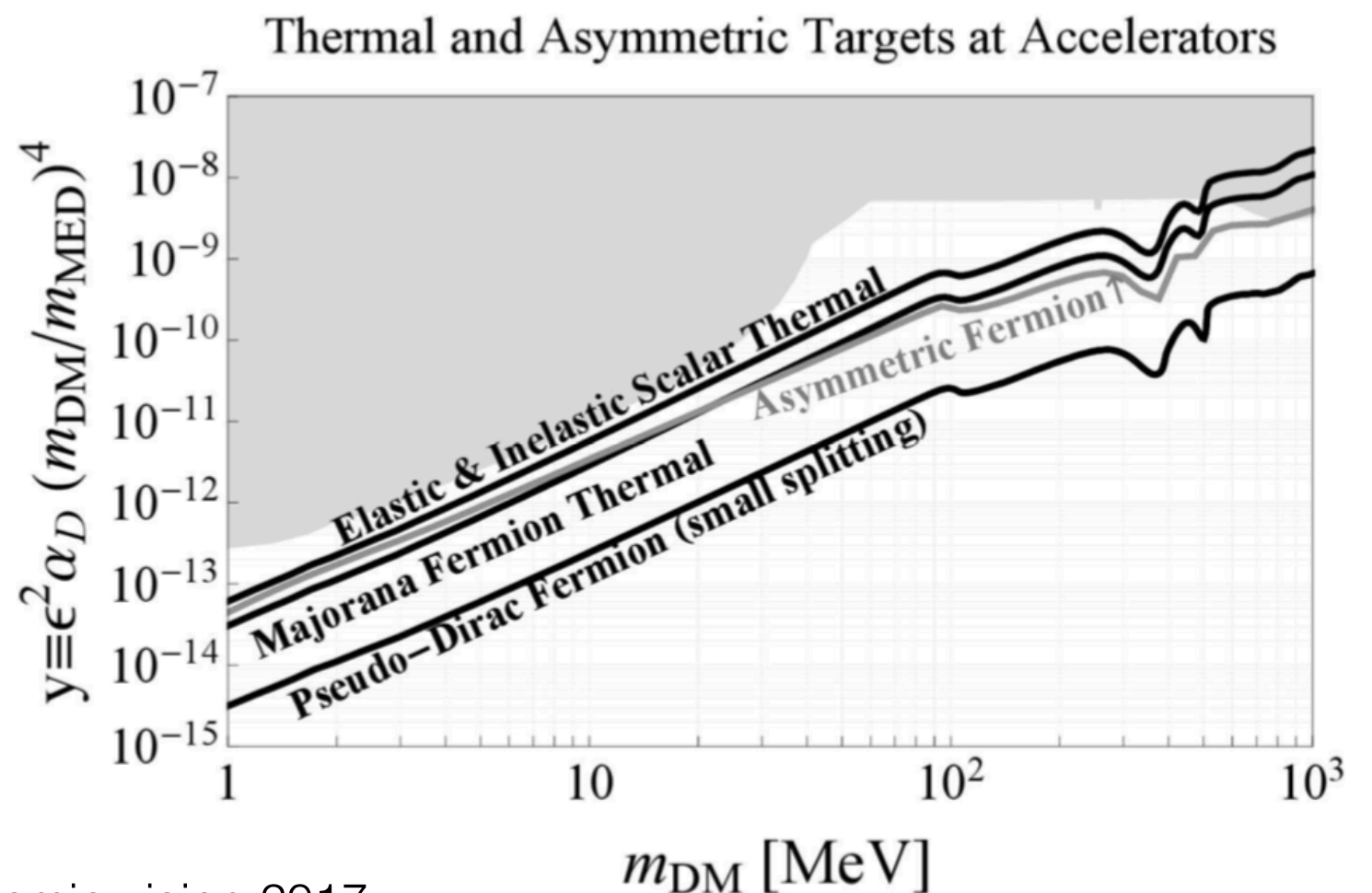


Thermal targets

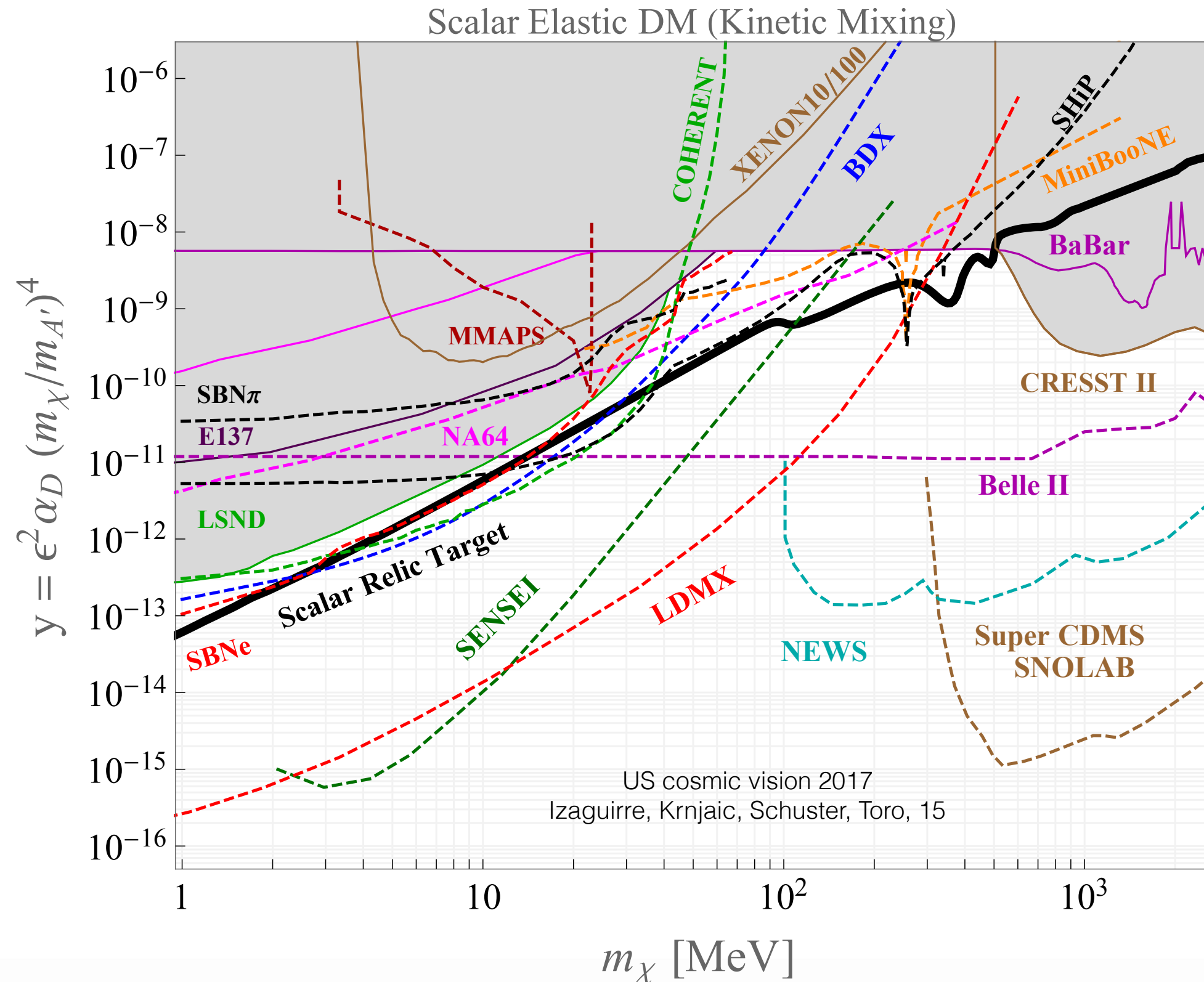
Izaguirre, Krnjaic, Schuster, Toro, 2014

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto \frac{Y}{m_\chi^2}$$

$$\alpha_D = 0.5, \quad m_{A'} = 3m_\chi$$



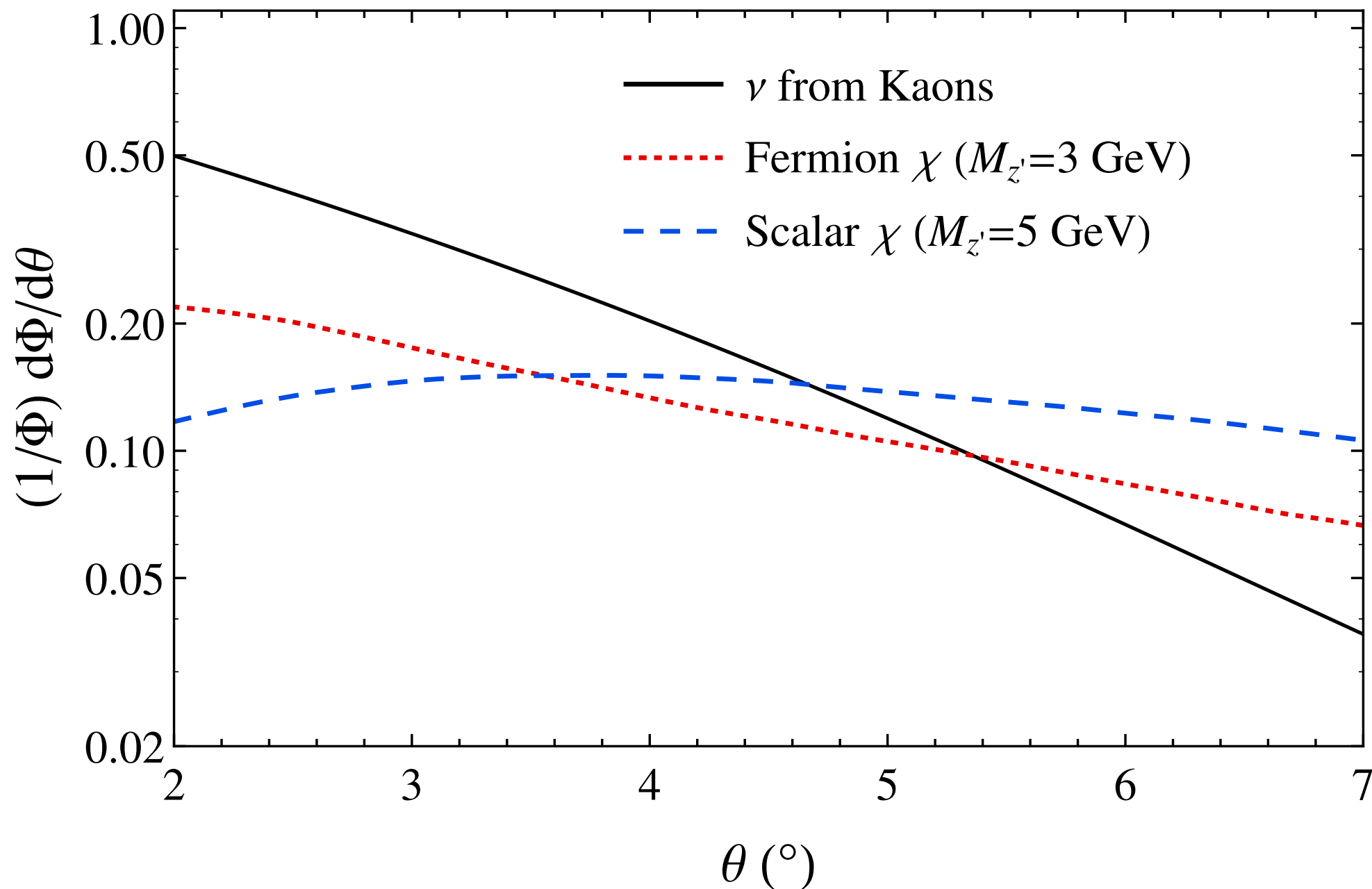
Direct detection for scalar DM



Off axis detectors

Neutrino background “dies” faster than signal going off axis

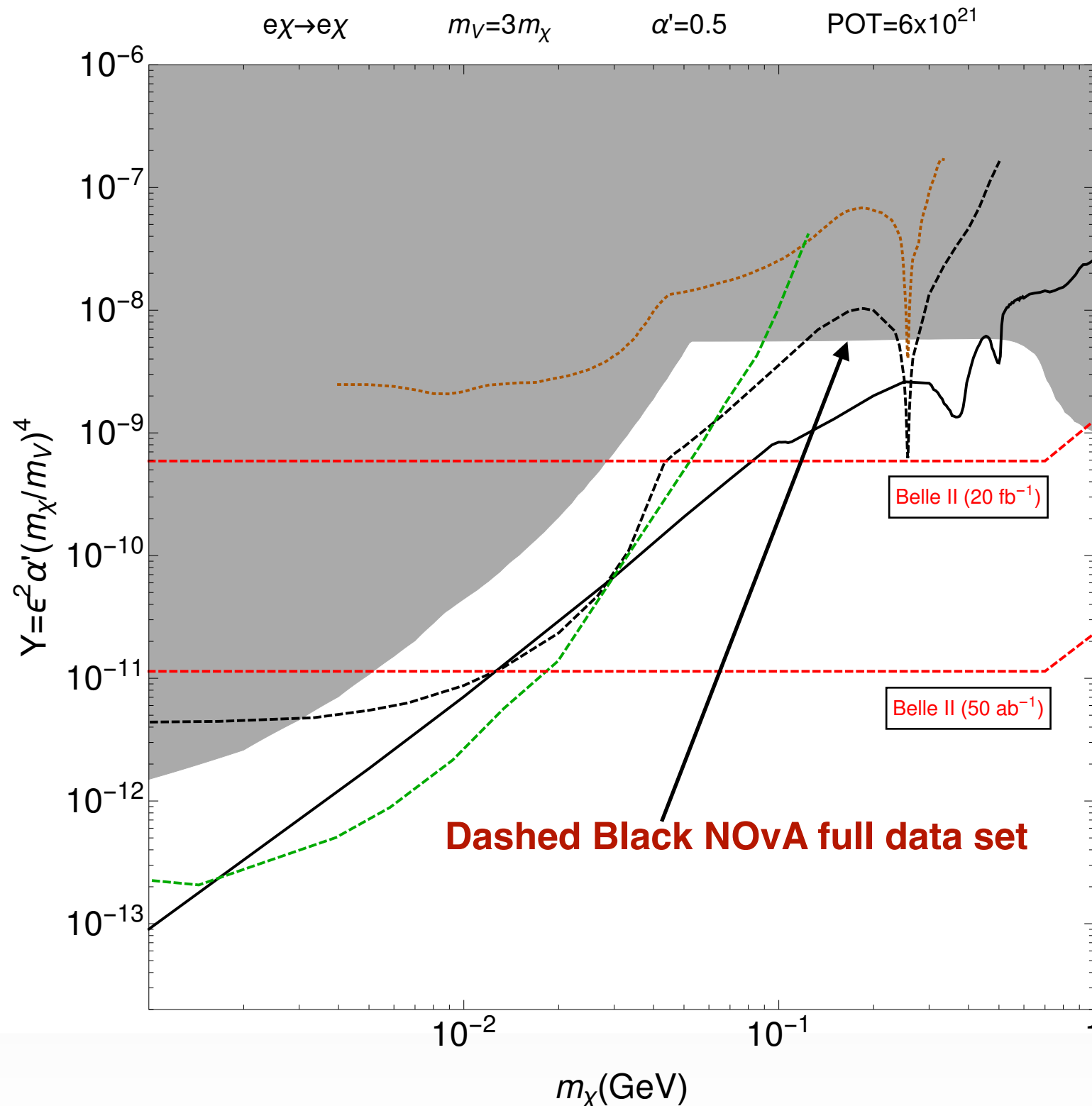
[Dobrescu, Coloma, **CF**, Harnik, JHEP 2015]



NOvA as a DM detector

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \alpha_D \epsilon^2 \frac{m_\chi^2}{m_A^2} \sim \frac{Y}{m_\chi^2}$$

$$Y \equiv \epsilon^2 \alpha_D \frac{m_\chi^4}{m_A^4}$$



Dashed Green BDX
 proposed electron fixed target experiment

Solid Black Relic density (scalar)

Detector location off-axis location

