

Semi-Visible Dark Photons



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Dark Matter

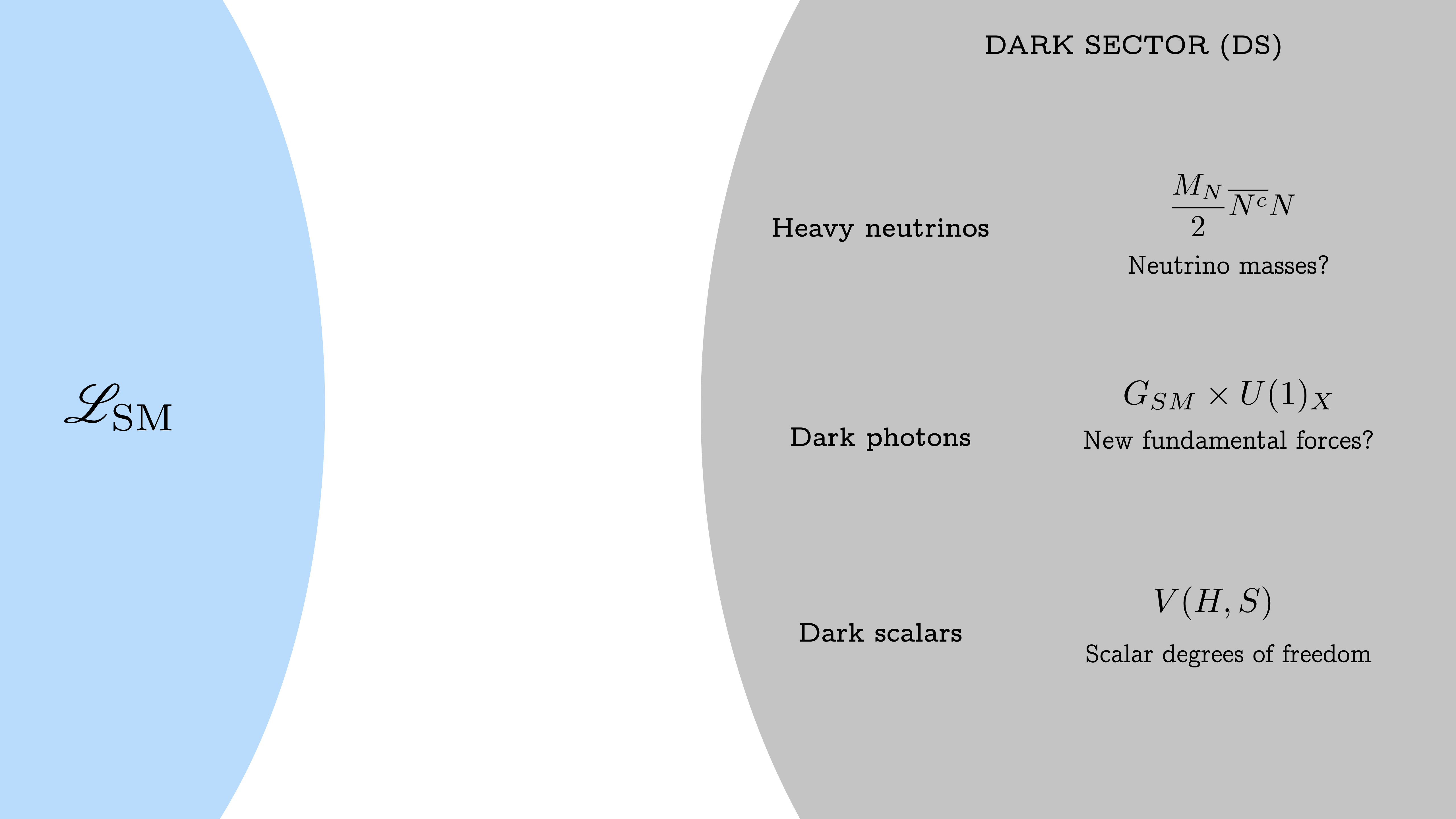
Self-consistent sector of matter particles

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$

The SM has very little room for new
particles and forces at low scales.

Neutrino masses?

Anomalous measurements:
 $(g - 2)_\mu$? MiniBooNE? ...?



$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$

DARK SECTOR (DS)

Heavy neutrinos

$$\frac{M_N}{2} \overline{N^c} N$$

Neutrino masses?

Dark photons

$$G_{SM} \times U(1)_X$$

New fundamental forces?

Dark scalars

$$V(H, S)$$

Scalar degrees of freedom

Renormalizable Portals:
(SM SINGLET) X (DS SINGLET)

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Neutrino portal

$$B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

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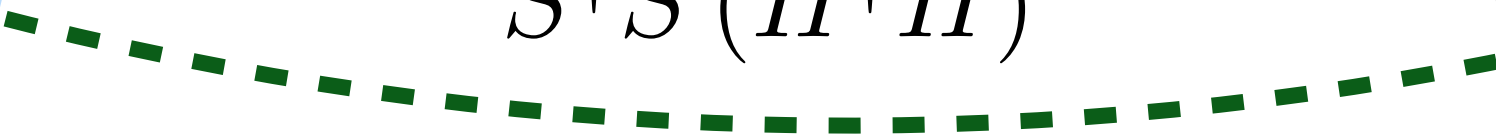
Vector portal

$$S^\dagger S (H^\dagger H)$$

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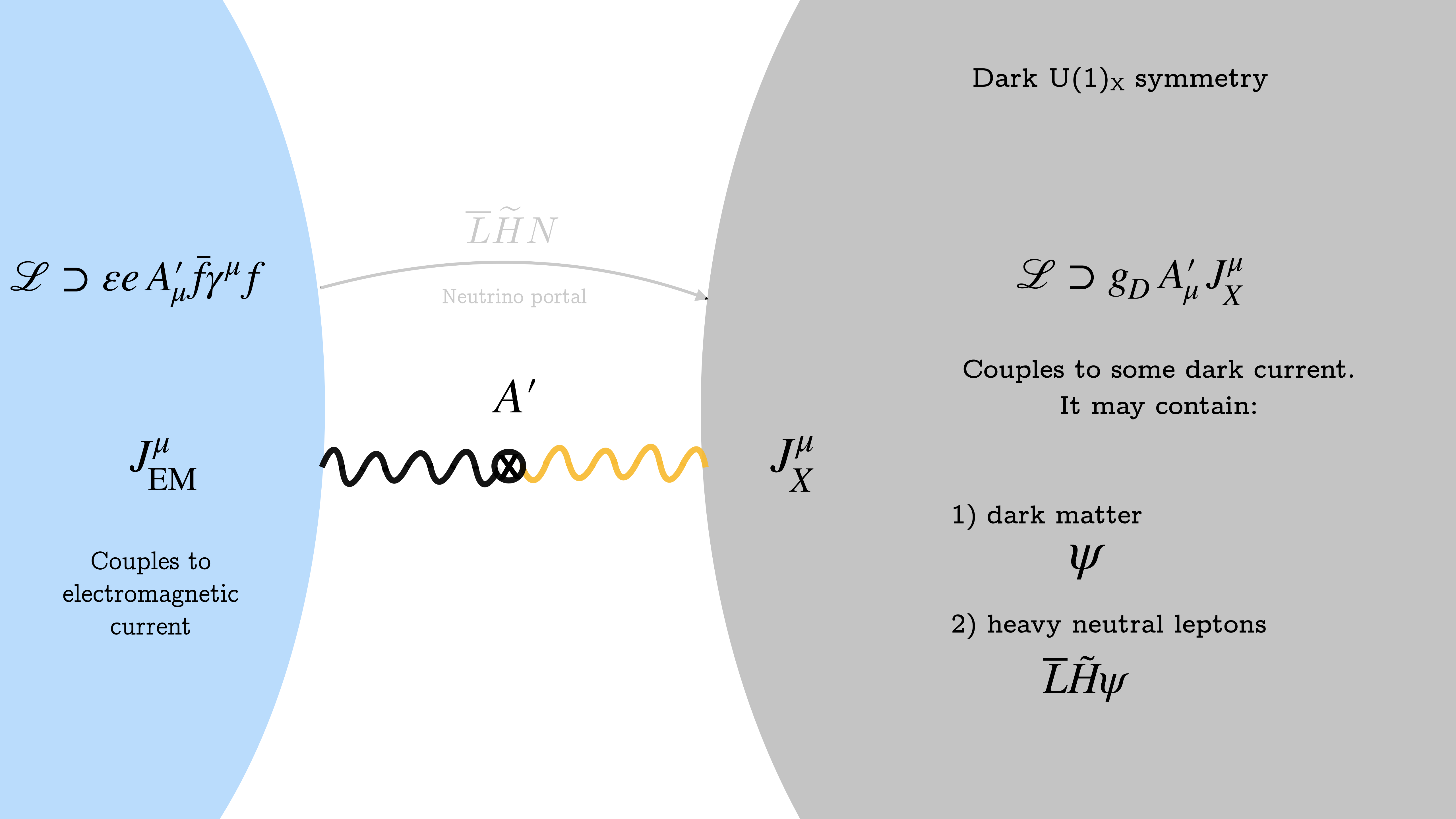
Scalar degrees of freedom



Scalar portal

Dim-5 axion “portal”
special, see other talks

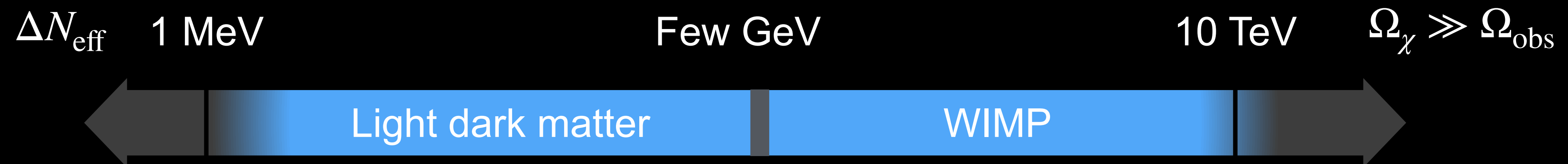
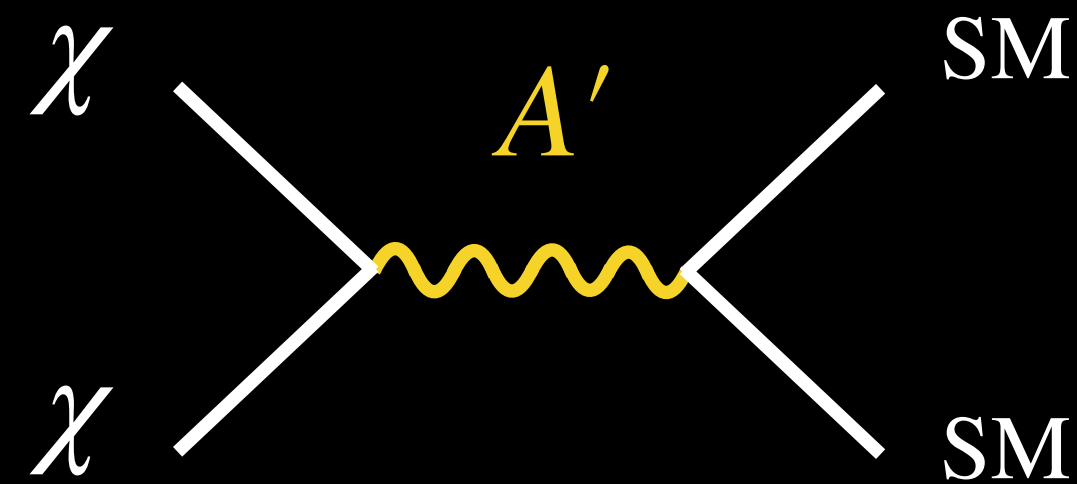
$$\frac{a}{\Lambda} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}$$



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Thermal freeze-out dark matter with direct annihilation to SM particles

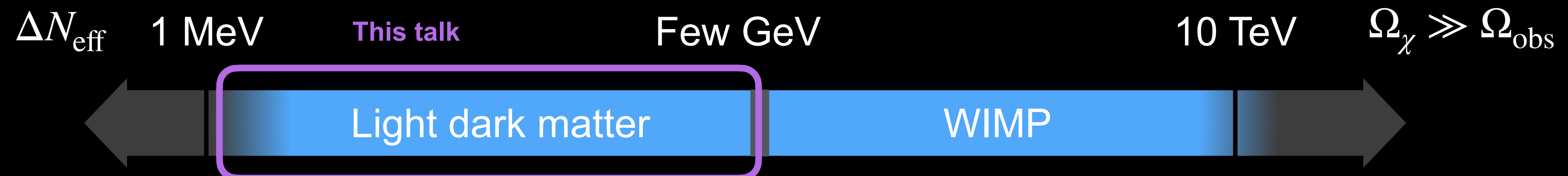
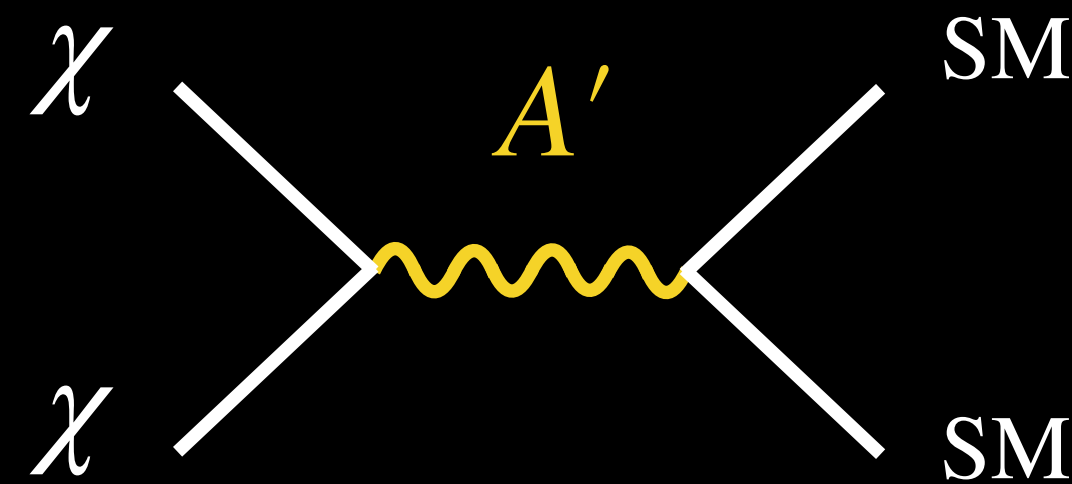
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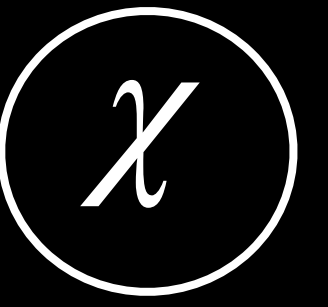
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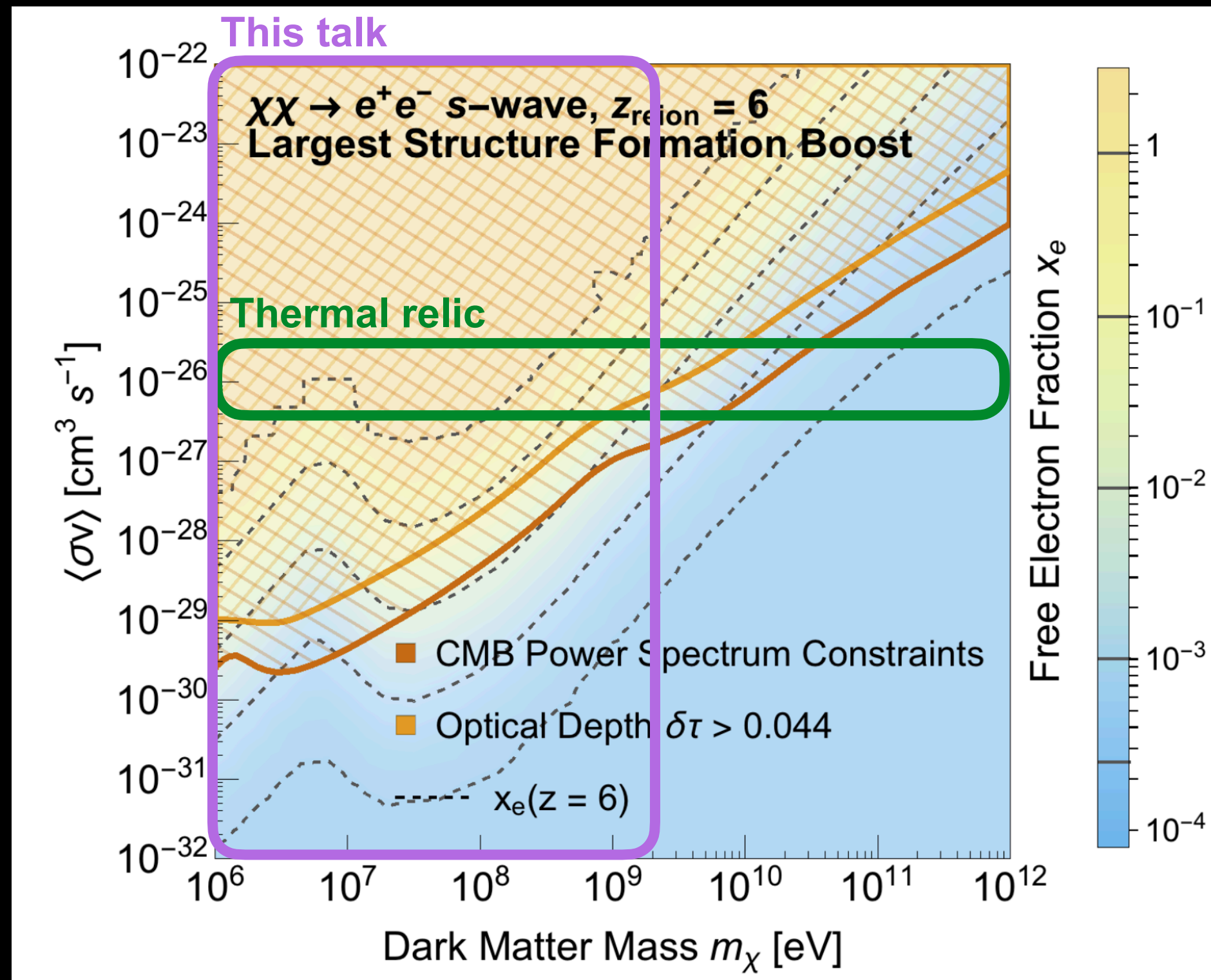
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Freeze-out and CMB limits

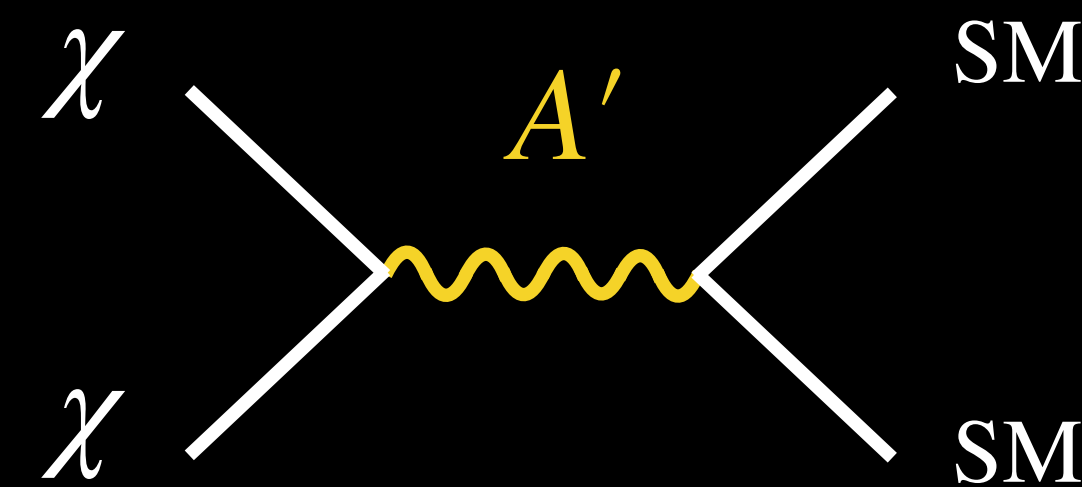


Self-annihilations inject energy into CMB
at late times (H/He ionization)

H. Liu, T. Slatyer, J. Zavala, 1604.02457



S-wave annihilation (i.e. velocity-independent annihilation x_{sec} $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim a$) is excluded by CMB at low masses.

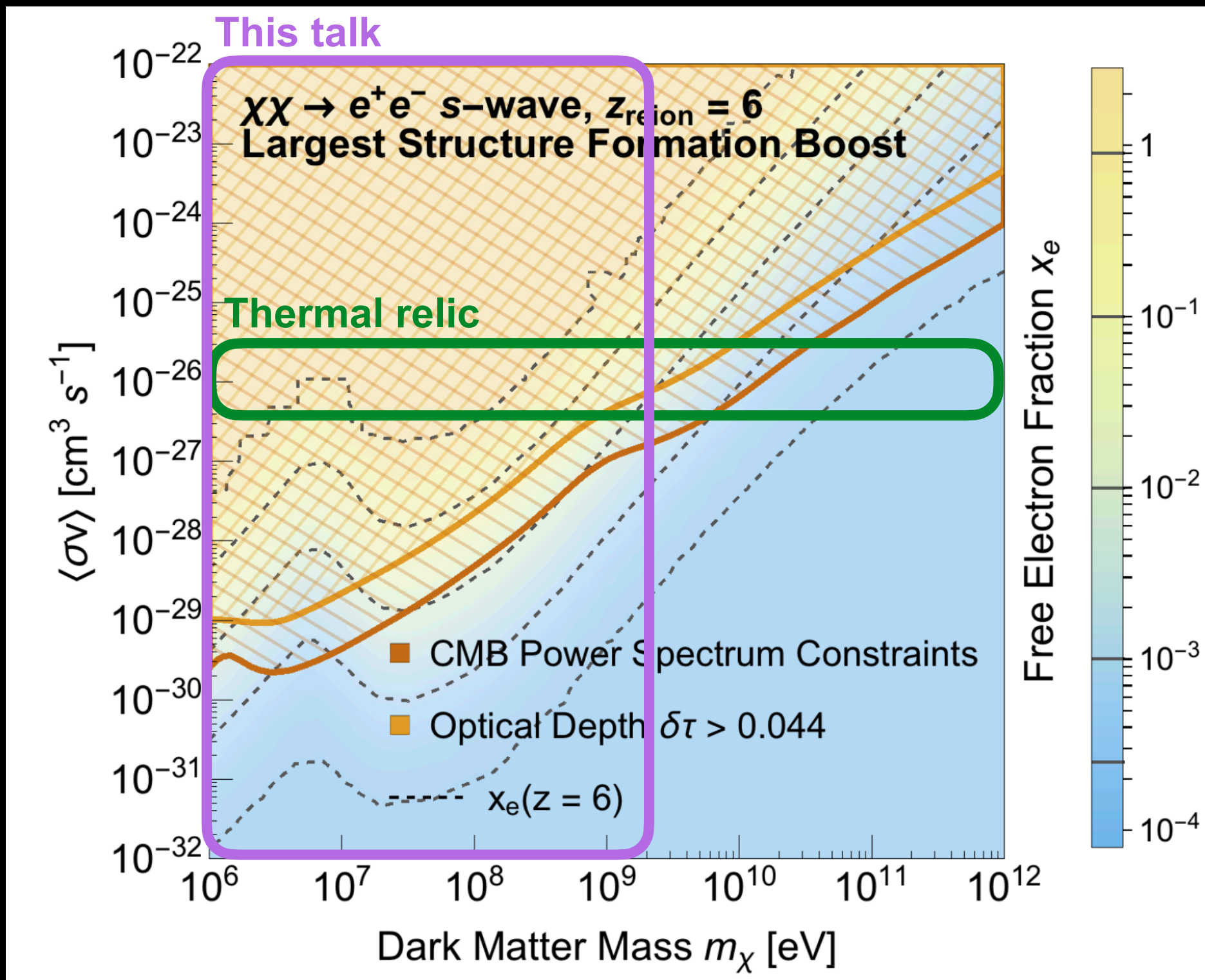


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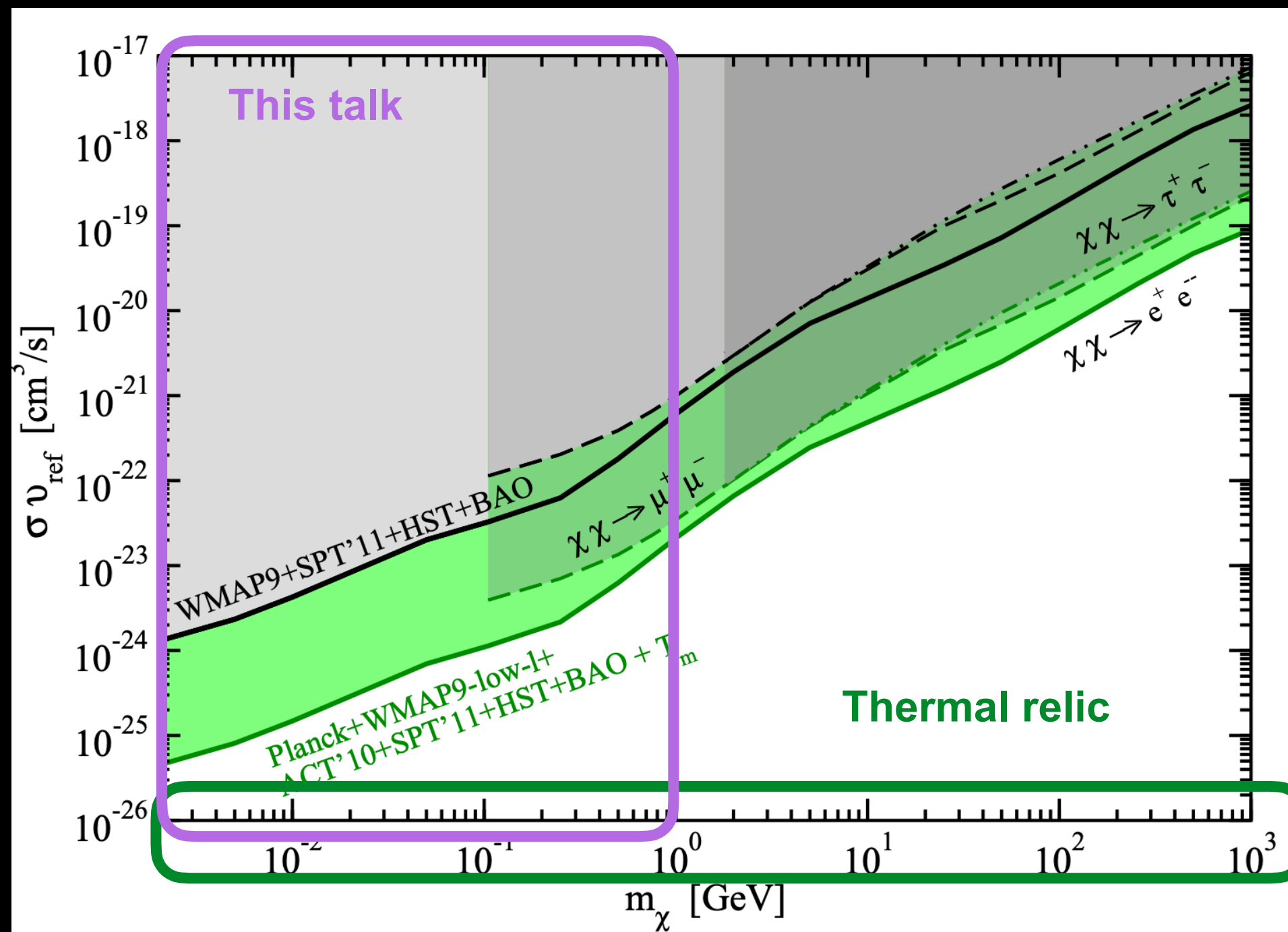
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Diamanti et al, arXiv:1308.2578



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Solution 2) late annihilation $\neq$ freeze-out annihilation,

- p-wave annihilation, $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim bv^2$
- Resonantly-enhanced annihilations
- Asymmetric dark matter
- Forbidden annihilation
- **Co-annihilation (“inelastic” Dark Matter)**

DM can only annihilate with heavier partner
which eventually decays away ($\psi_2 \rightarrow \psi_1 + \dots$)

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Direct detection

For inelastic scattering to take place, mass splitting should be sufficiently small.

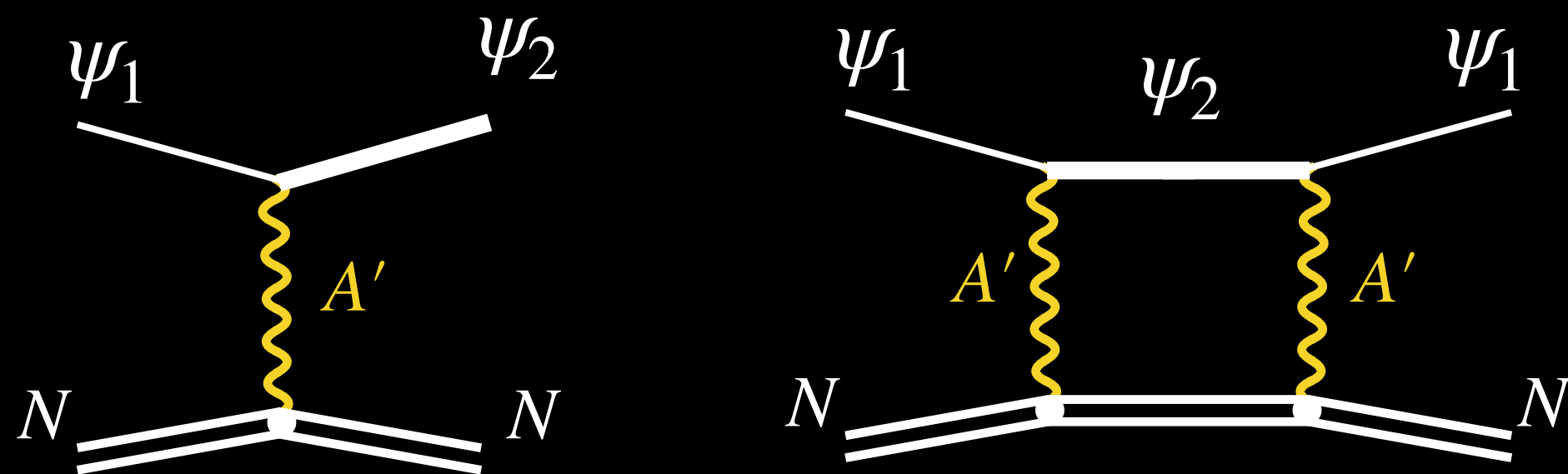
$$\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1} \equiv \Delta < \beta^2 \frac{m_N}{2(m_{\chi_1} + m_N)}$$

Thresholds are larger for lighter nuclei:

DAMA (Iodine 127) vs CDMS (Germanium 73)

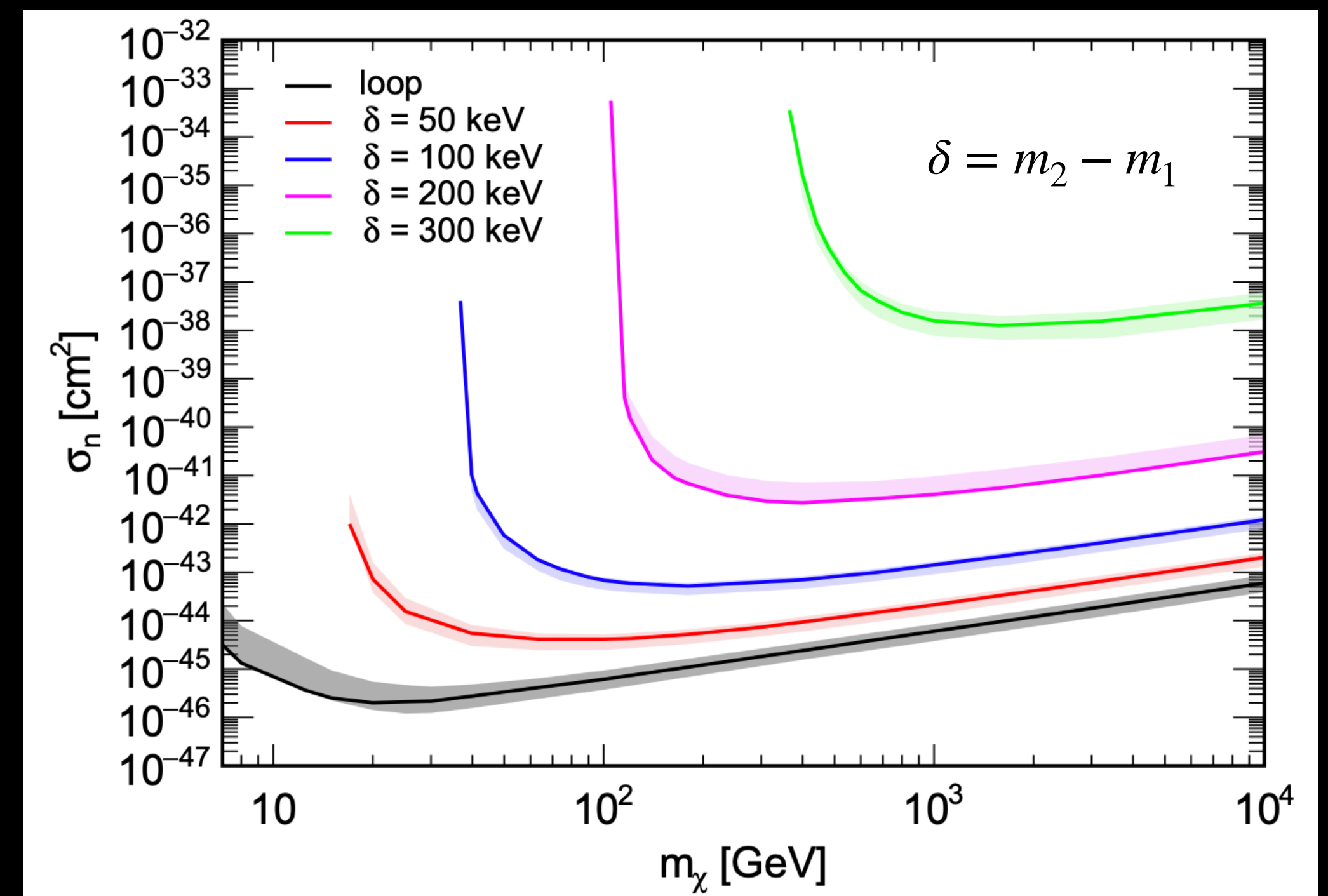
D. Smith and N. Weiner, arXiv:0101138.

Later excluded by CDMS and XENON.



Challenging target for direct detection
when the mass splitting is large.

Latest limits from *PandaX-II*, arXiv:2205.08066



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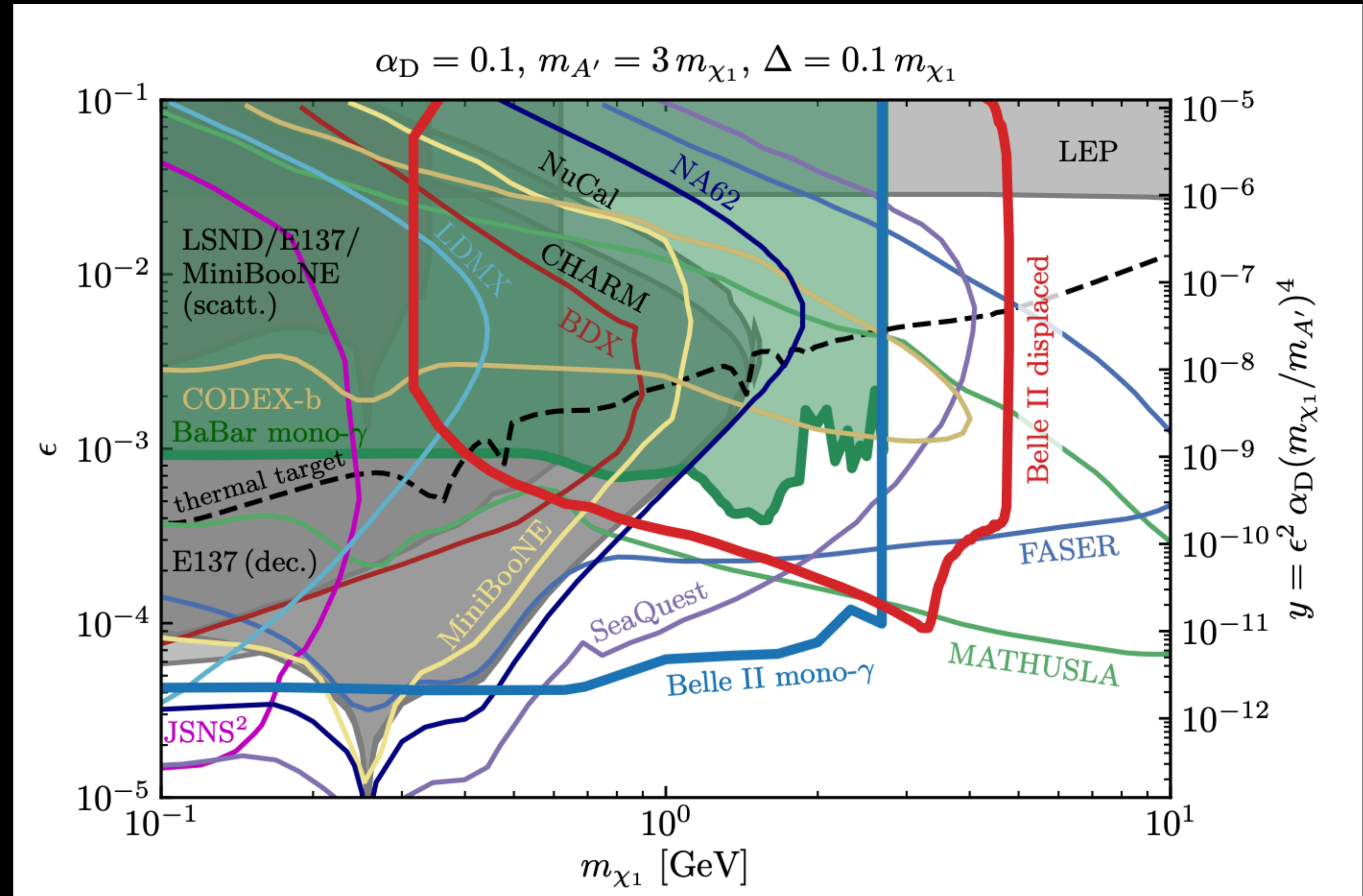
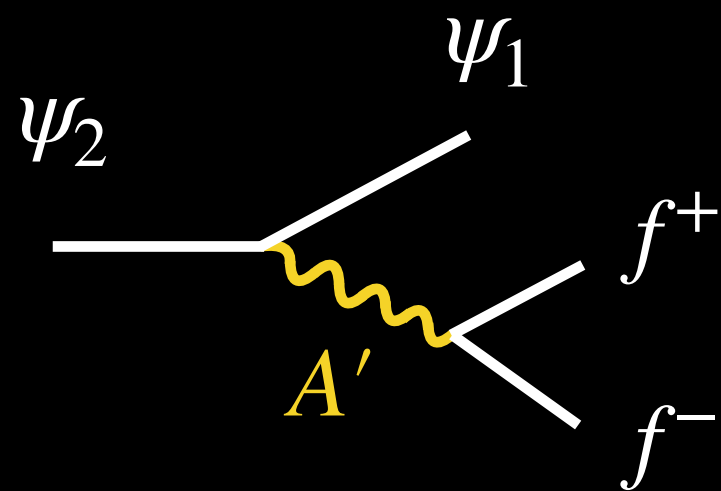
Accelerator searches

M. Duerr et al, arXiv:1911.03176

Relic density now depends on Δ as well as the usual parameters, but same number of degrees of freedom.

Heavy partner is now unstable and long-lived for small Δ .
Important input from the fixed target and collider experiments.

$$\Gamma_{\psi_2 \rightarrow \psi_1 e^+ e^-} \sim \alpha \epsilon^2 \alpha_D \times \frac{\delta^5}{m_{Z'}^4}$$



At larger values of Δ , fixed-target and collider experiments thrive.

Models of Heavy Neutral Fermions (HNFs)

QED is rather... boring.

All particles form exact Dirac pairs because of charge conservation.

$$Q(e_L) = Q(e_R)$$

But that may not be the case in a broken $U(1)'$ theory.

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Models of Co-Annihilation — Complex scalar

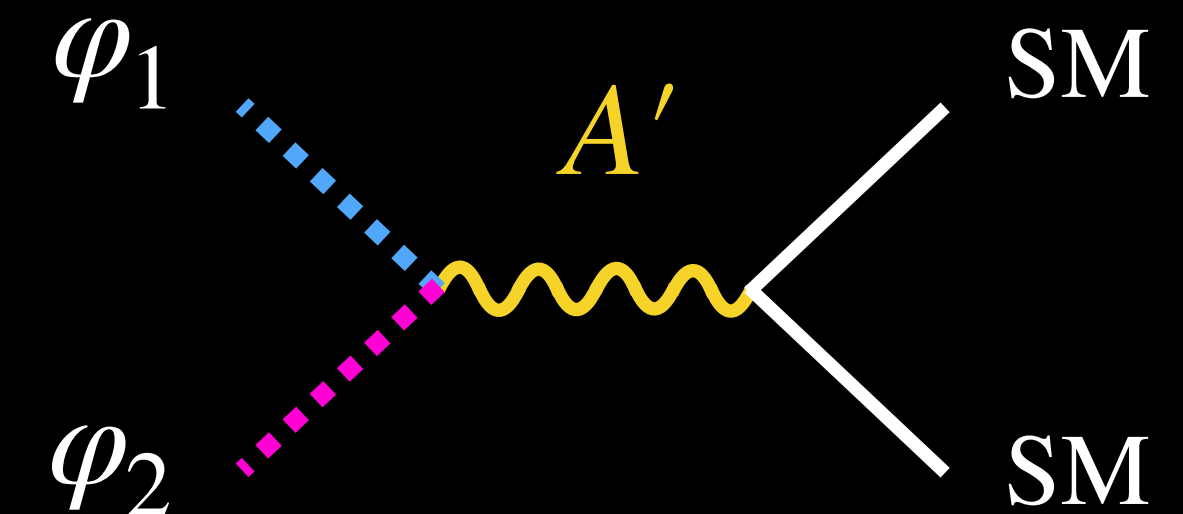


$U(1)_X$ charged complex scalar $\Phi \sim \varphi_1 + i\varphi_2$ with an induced small mass splitting. The term $\mu\Phi^2$ splits pair by breaking $U(1)_X$ by 2 units.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} \supset m_{\Phi}^2 |\Phi|^2 + \frac{\mu}{2}(\Phi^2 + h.c.)$$

$$J_X^\mu = i(\Phi^* \partial^\mu \Phi - \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi^*) = (\varphi_2 \partial^\mu \varphi_1 - \varphi_1 \partial^\mu \varphi_2)$$

A diagram illustrating the mass splitting of the complex scalar field. On the left, the label m_Φ is followed by a dotted line. This line leads to a bracketed structure. Inside the bracket, there are two horizontal bars: a blue one on top labeled φ_2 and a magenta one on the bottom labeled φ_1 . To the right of the bracket is the symbol μ .



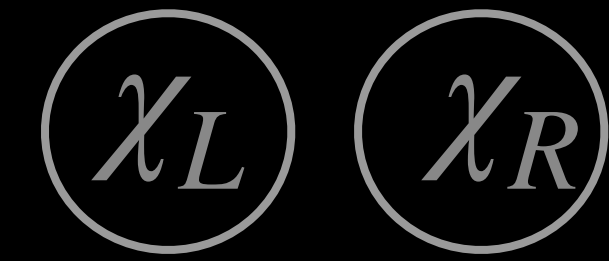
CP conservation ensures that no diagonal coupling appear.

Models of Heavy Neutral Fermions (HNFs)

Model 1 — Inelastic Dark Matter

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Models of Co-Annihilation — inelastic Dark Matter



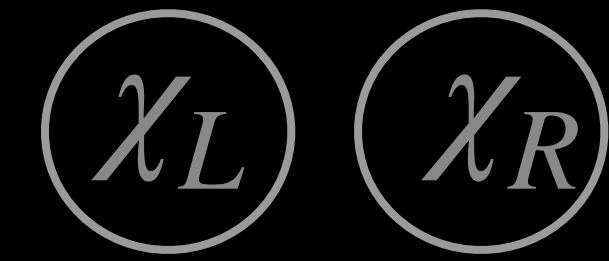
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} \supset \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\chi}_L & \bar{\chi}_R^c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_L & m_D \\ m_D & \mu_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L^c \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix} \quad \tan 2\theta = \frac{2m_D}{\mu_R - \mu_L}$$

$$m_D \left\{ \frac{\psi_2}{\psi_1} \right\} \mu_L + \mu_R$$

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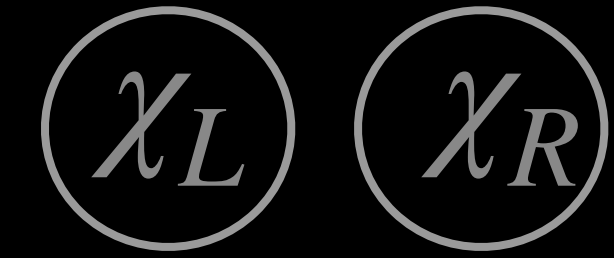
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We find an enhanced symmetry ($\psi_L^c \leftrightarrow \psi_R$, or charge conjugation):

$$C(\psi_+) = +1, \quad C(\psi_-) = -1, \quad C(A') = -1. \quad J_X^\mu = \overline{\psi_+} \gamma^\mu \psi_- = \overline{\psi_2} \gamma^\mu \psi_1$$

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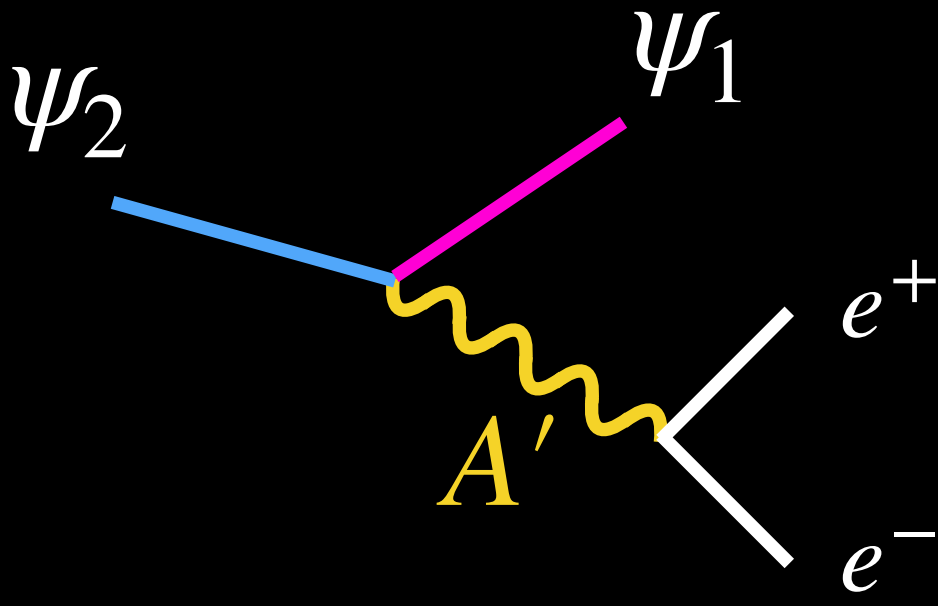
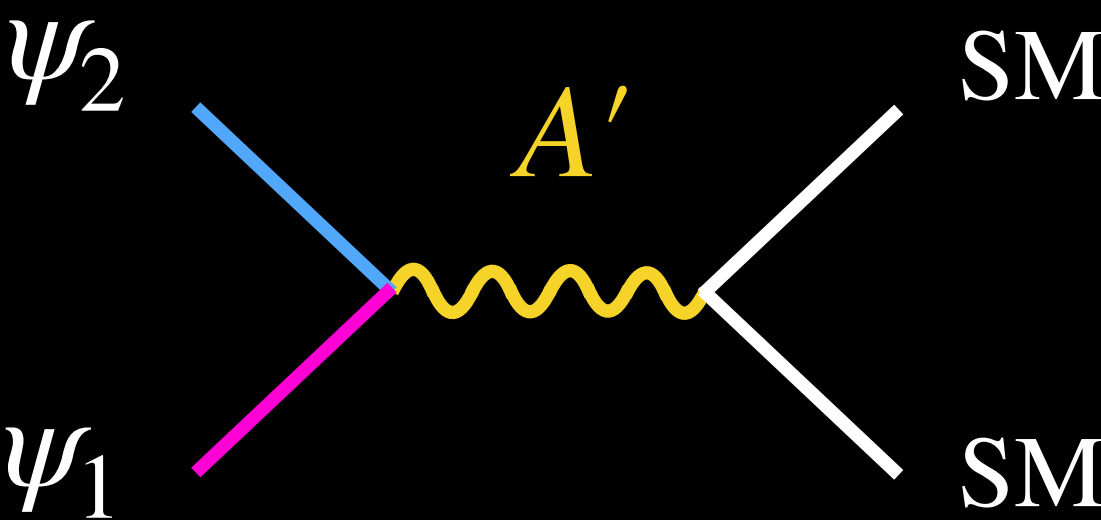
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Dark photon decay
branching ratios:

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Models of Heavy Neutral Fermions (HNFs)

Model 2 — Mixed Inelastic Dark Matter

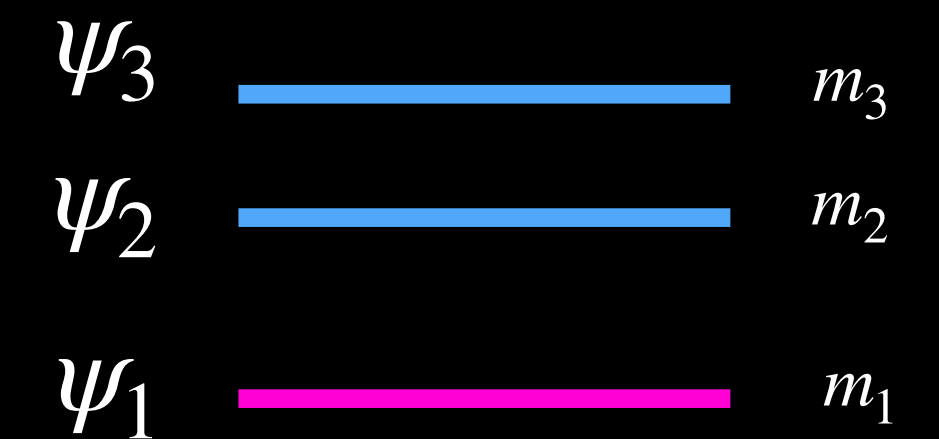
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Mixed Inelastic Dark Matter — mixed iDM



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$$\begin{array}{c} \Psi_2 \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \psi_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} M_X + \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_X} \\ \\ \\ \mu_L - \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_X} \end{array}$$

If $\Lambda \equiv \Lambda_L = \Lambda_R$, dark fermions maximally mix again.

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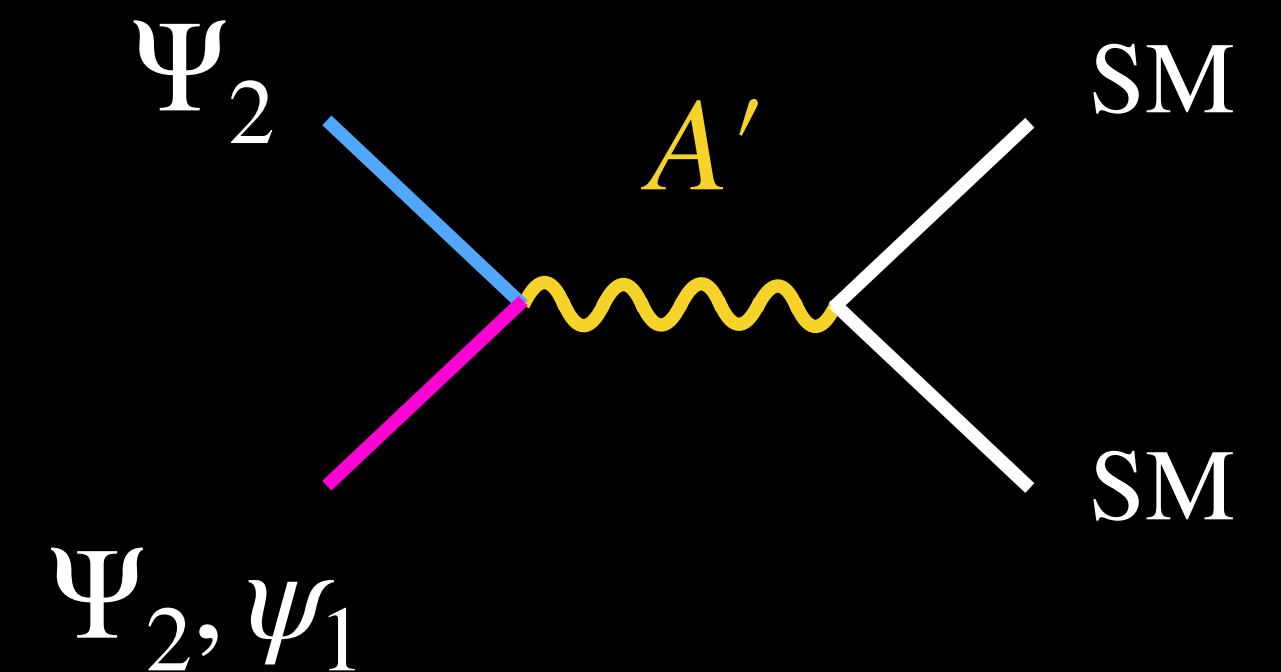
$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_2 &= M_X + \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_X} \\ \psi_1 &= \mu_L - \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_X} \end{aligned}$$

$$J_X^\mu = (\theta \bar{\Psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \psi_1 + \bar{\Psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \Psi_2)$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\Lambda}{M_X - \mu_L}$$

Dark photon decay branching ratios:

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Model 3 — Inelastic Dirac Dark Matter

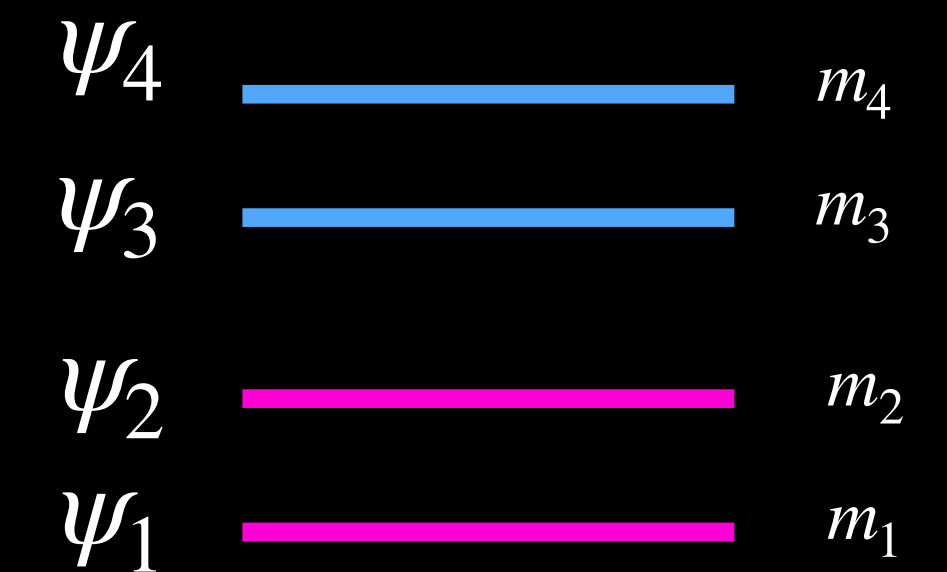
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Inelastic Dirac Dark Matter — i2DM



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Breaking of the $U(1)_X$ by one unit.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} \supset \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\eta_L} & \overline{\eta_R^c} & \overline{\chi_L} & \overline{\chi_R^c} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_1 & 0 & M_L \\ M_1 & 0 & M_R & 0 \\ 0 & M_R & 0 & M_2 \\ M_L & 0 & M_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_L^c \\ \eta_R \\ \chi_L^c \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$$



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Imposing C symmetry again, we can then collapse to a
Dirac fermion matrix

$$\underline{\underline{\Psi_2}} \sim M_2$$

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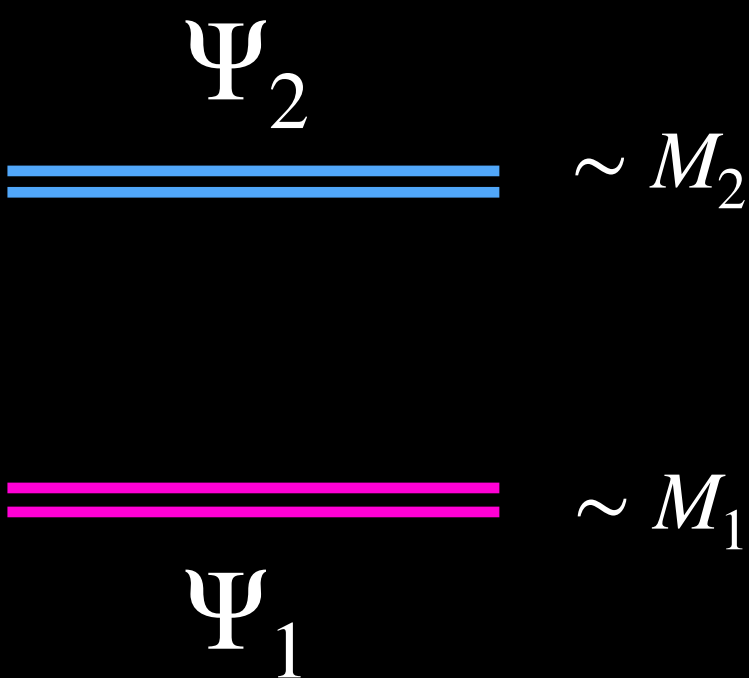


A. Filomonova et al, [arXiv:2201.08409](#)

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 No breaking of the $U(1)_X$.

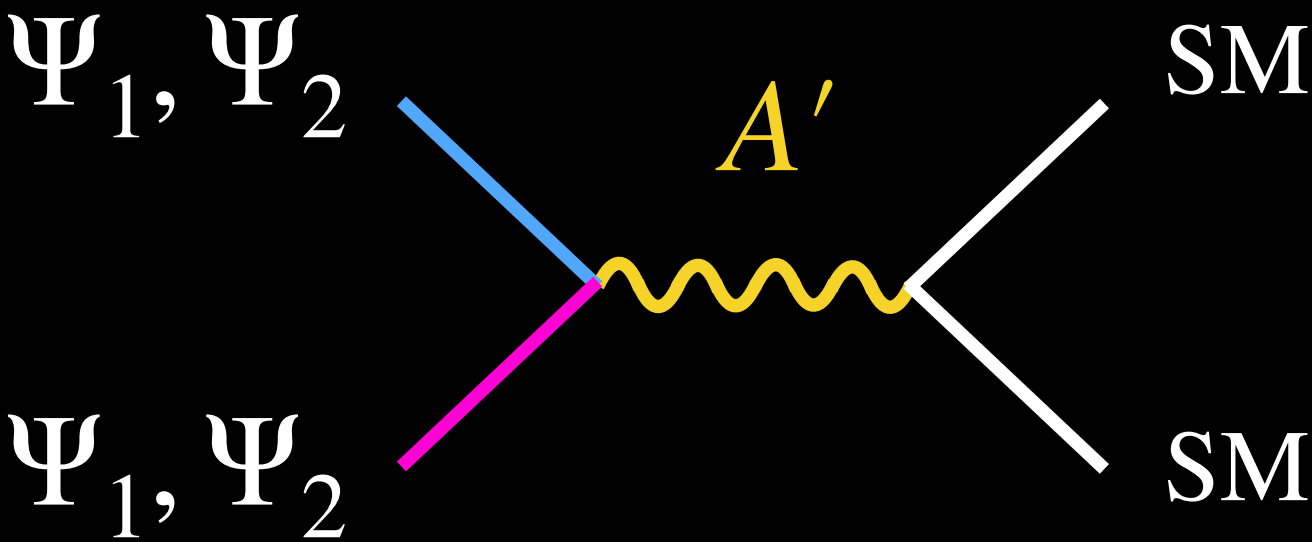
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$$J_X^\mu = (\theta^2 \overline{\Psi_1} \gamma^\mu \Psi_1 + \theta \overline{\Psi_2} \gamma^\mu \Psi_1 + \overline{\Psi_2} \gamma^\mu \Psi_2)$$



Where $\theta \sim m_1/m_2$, and no Majorana masses allowed. We have 2 Dirac particles.

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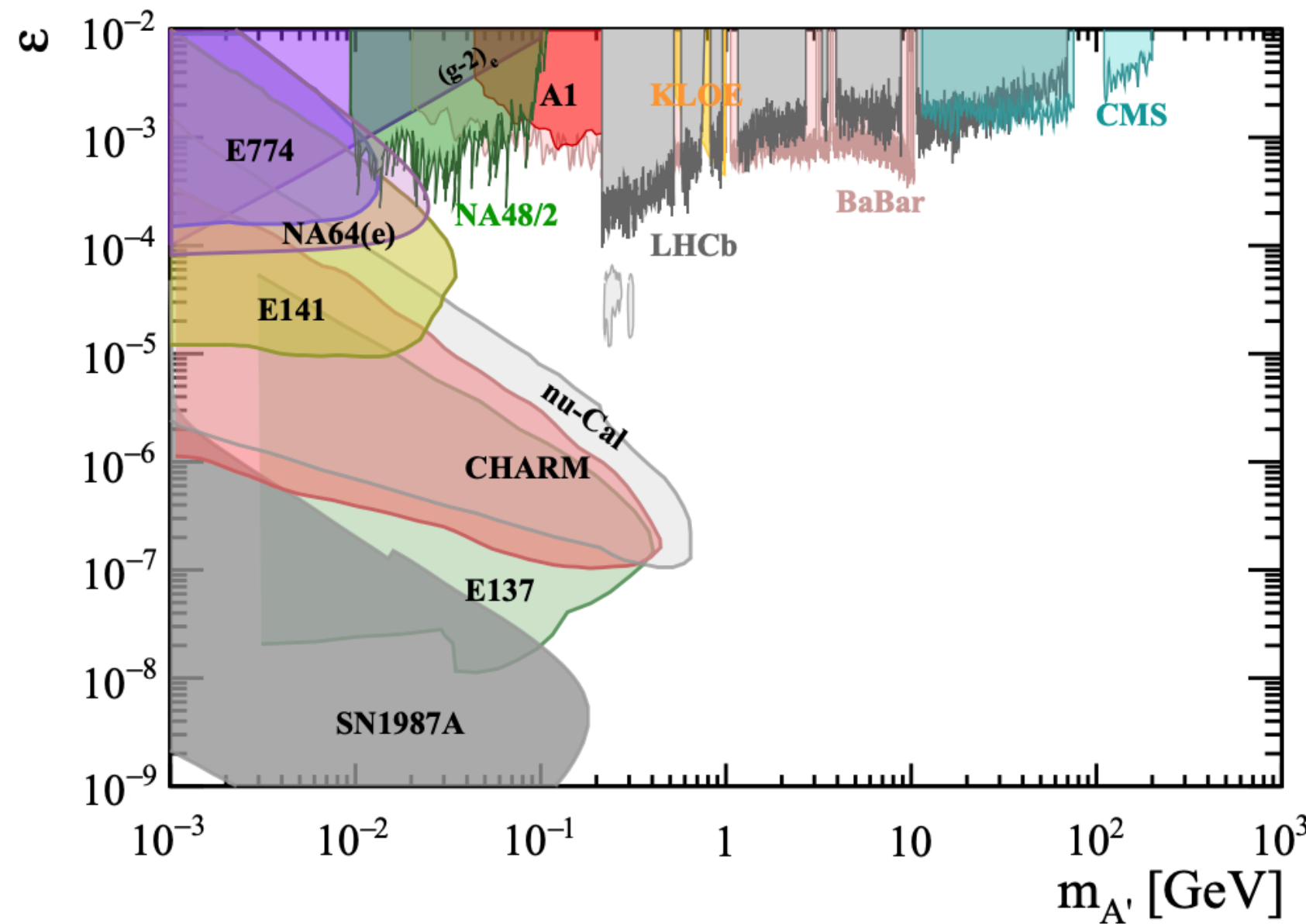
Phenomenology

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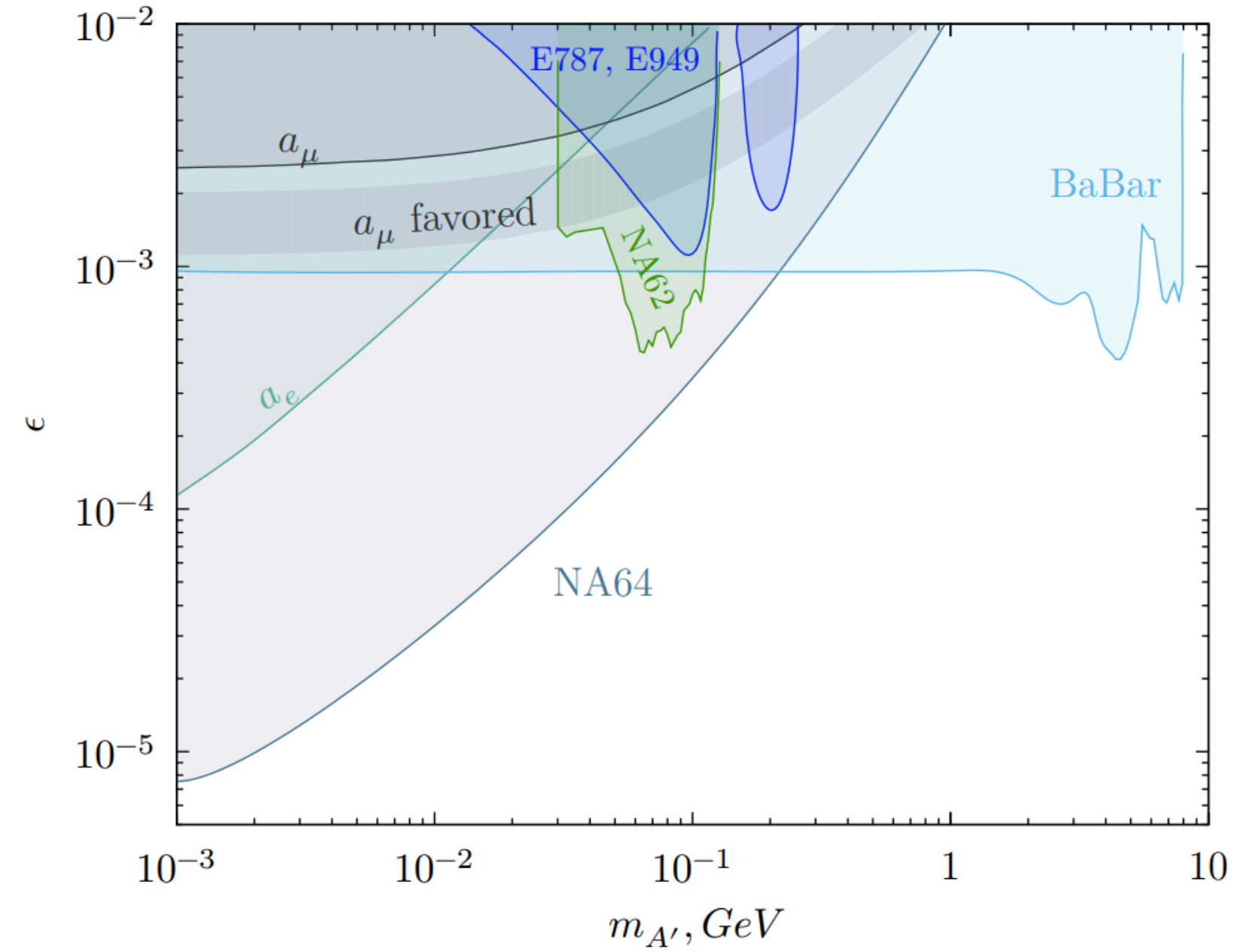
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Visible and Invisible dark photon explanations of $(g - 2)_\mu$ are ruled out

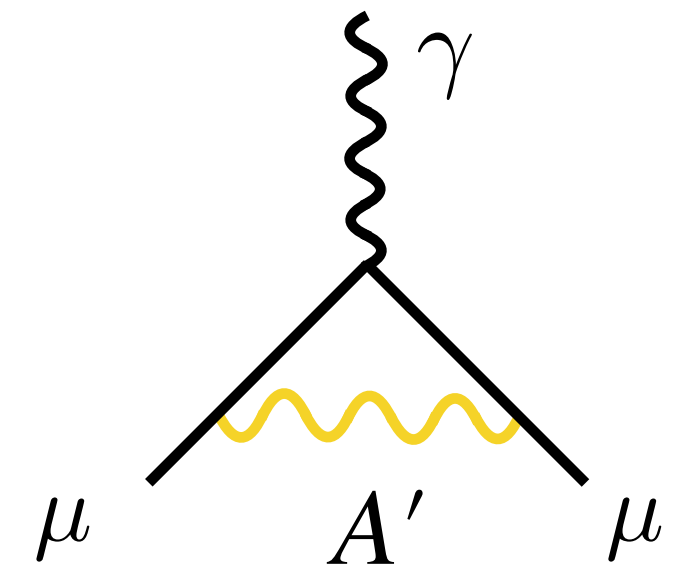
M. Fabbrichesi et al,
SpringerBriefs in Physics 2020, [2005.01515](#)



D. Banerjee et al, PRL 123, 121801 (2019)



Hypothetical vector bosons
contribute positively:



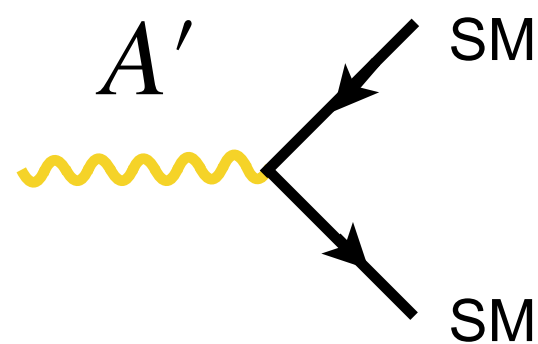
$$\Delta a_\mu^{A'} \sim \frac{\varepsilon^2 \alpha}{3\pi} \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_{A'}^2}$$

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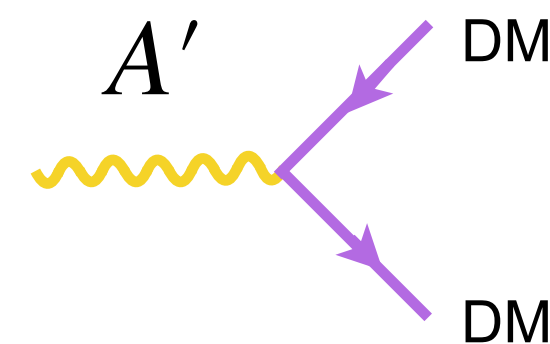
$$m_\mu \ll m_{A'}$$

Pospelov, PRD80:095002,2009

Visible:

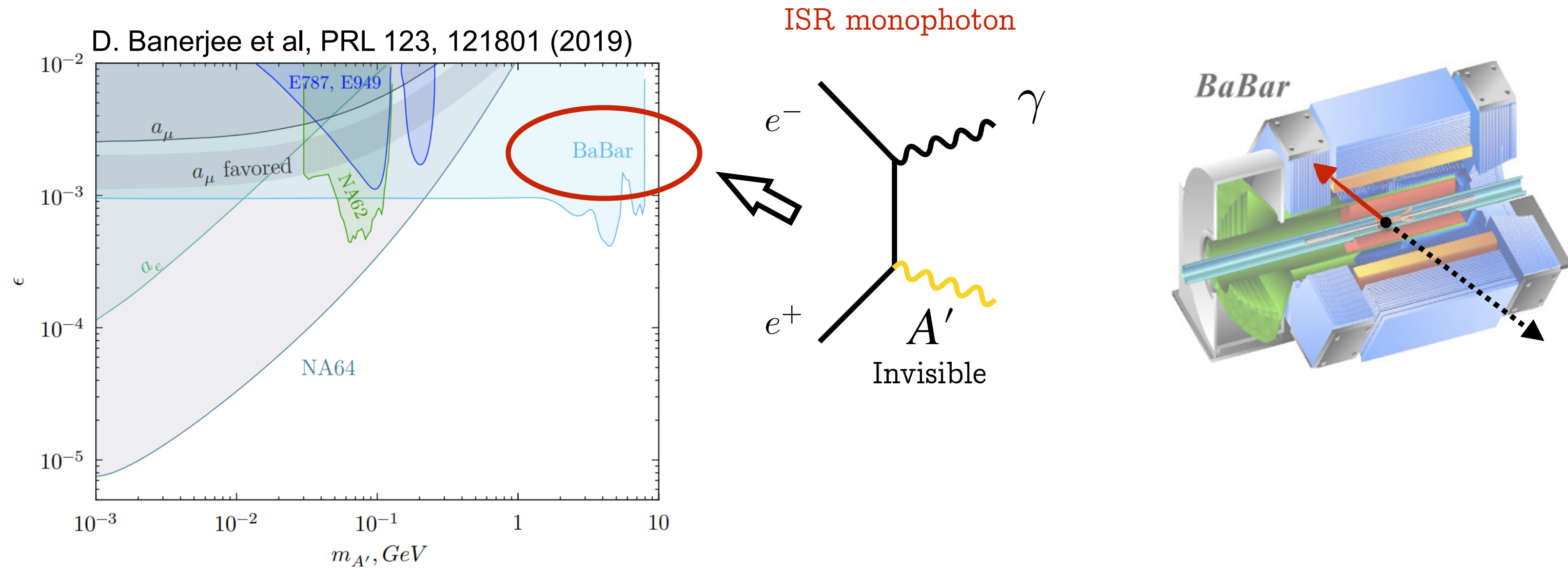


Invisible:



Dark Photons at BaBar

Initial state radiation searches (monophotons)

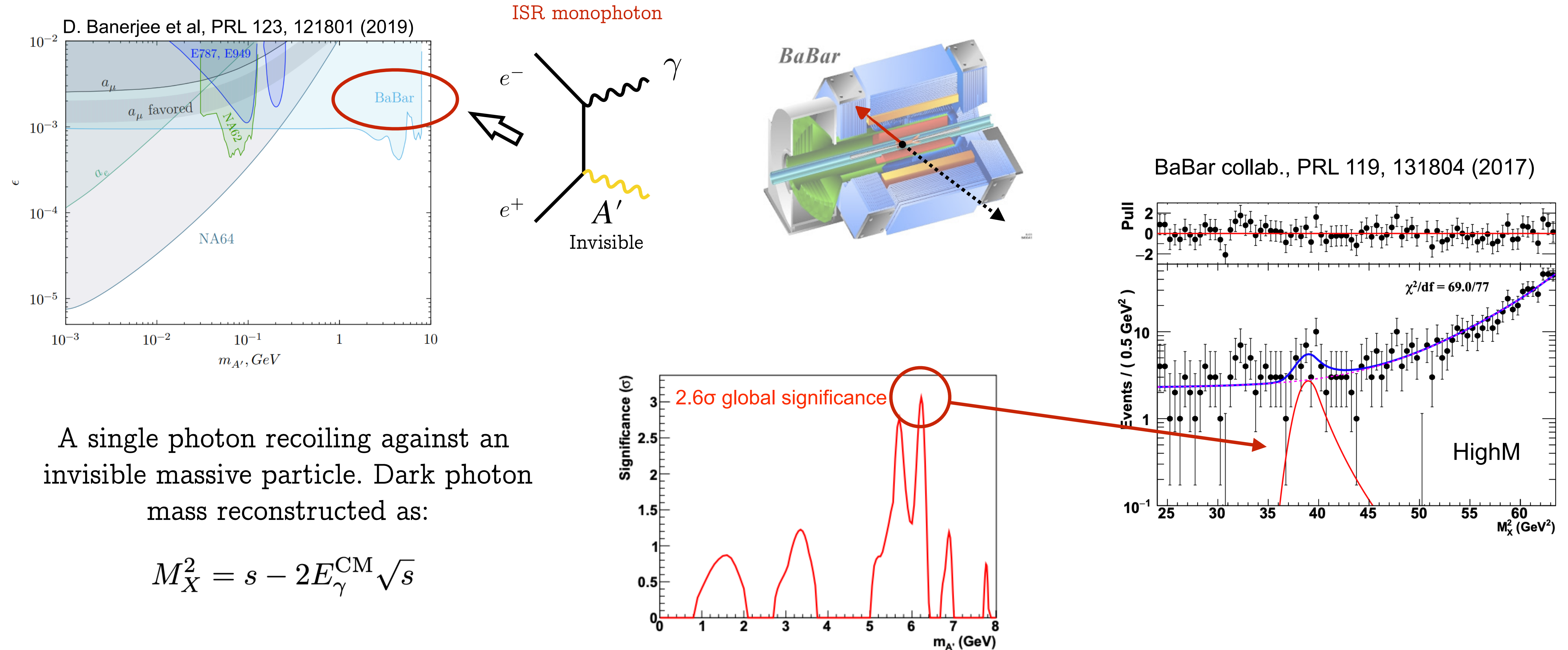


A single photon recoiling against an invisible massive particle. Dark photon mass reconstructed as:

$$M_X^2 = s - 2E_\gamma^{\text{CM}}\sqrt{s}$$

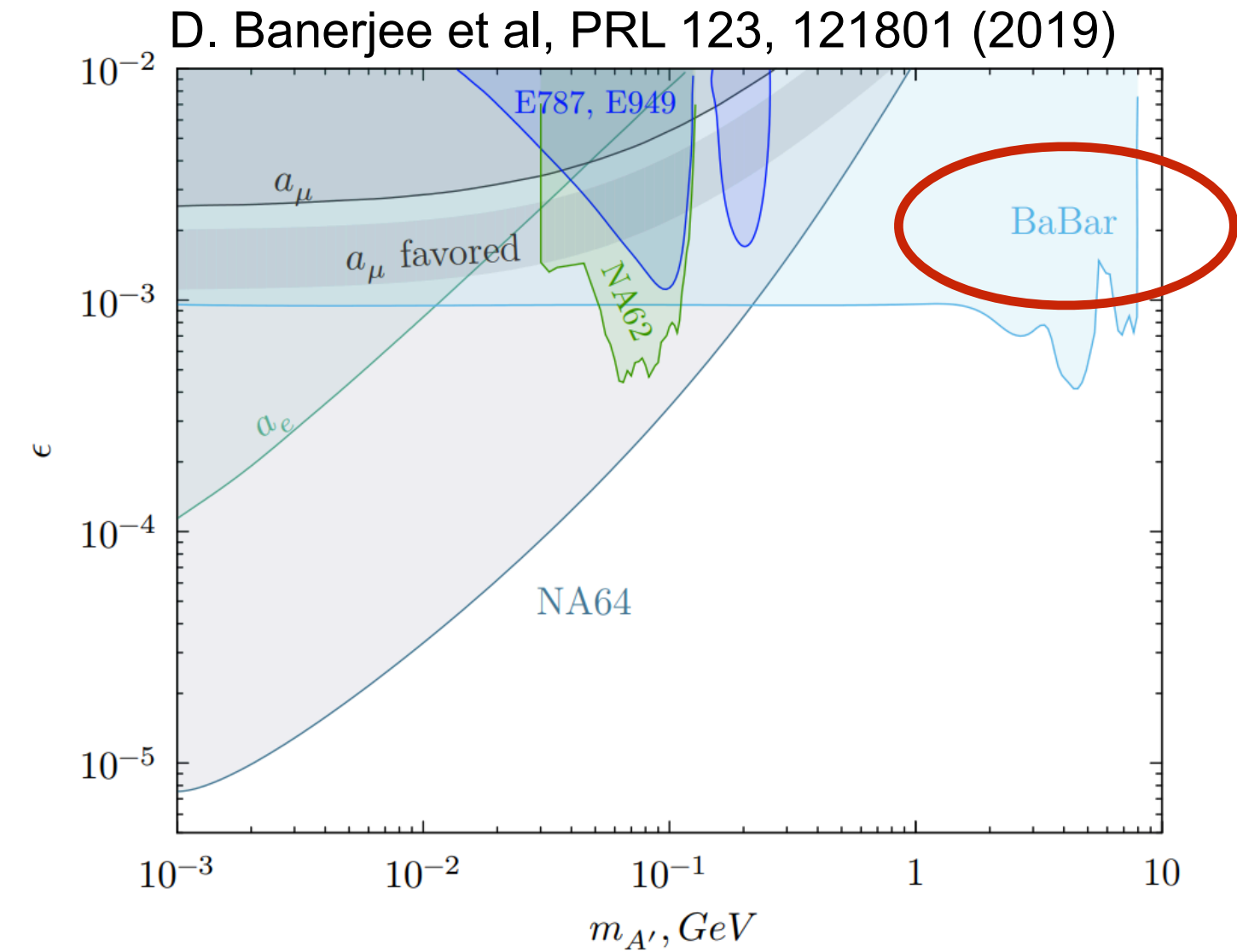
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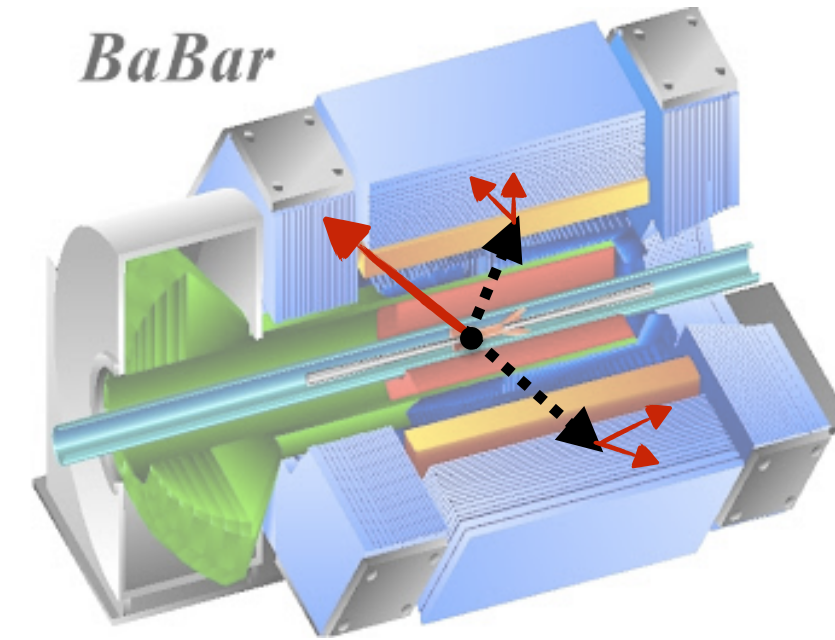
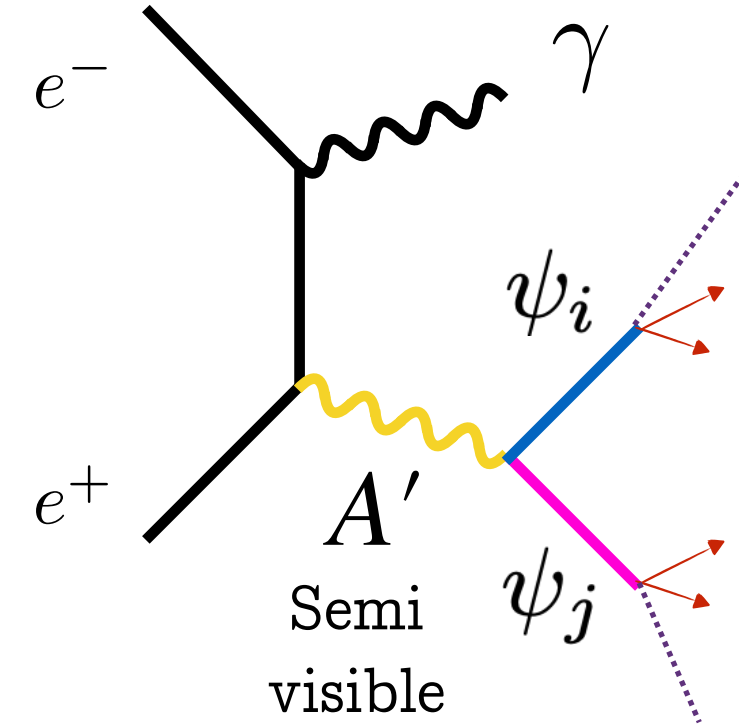


Dark Photons at BaBar

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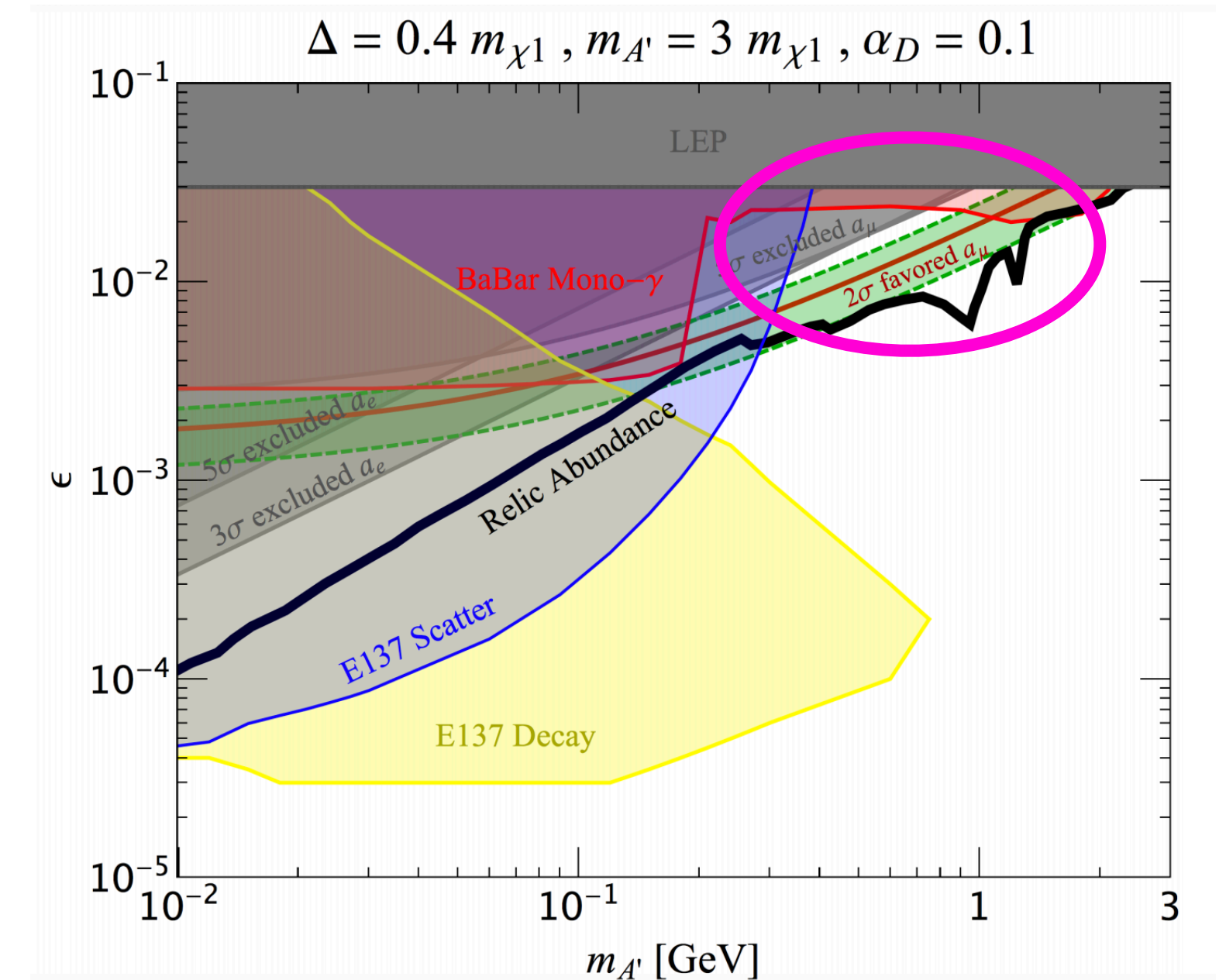
ISR monophoton



If A' decays semi-visibly, then additional tracks are vetoed in the mono photon selection.

For example, taking $\varepsilon \sim 0.02$ we need $P_{\text{missing } A'} \lesssim 2.2 \times 10^{-3}$
 $m_{A'} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

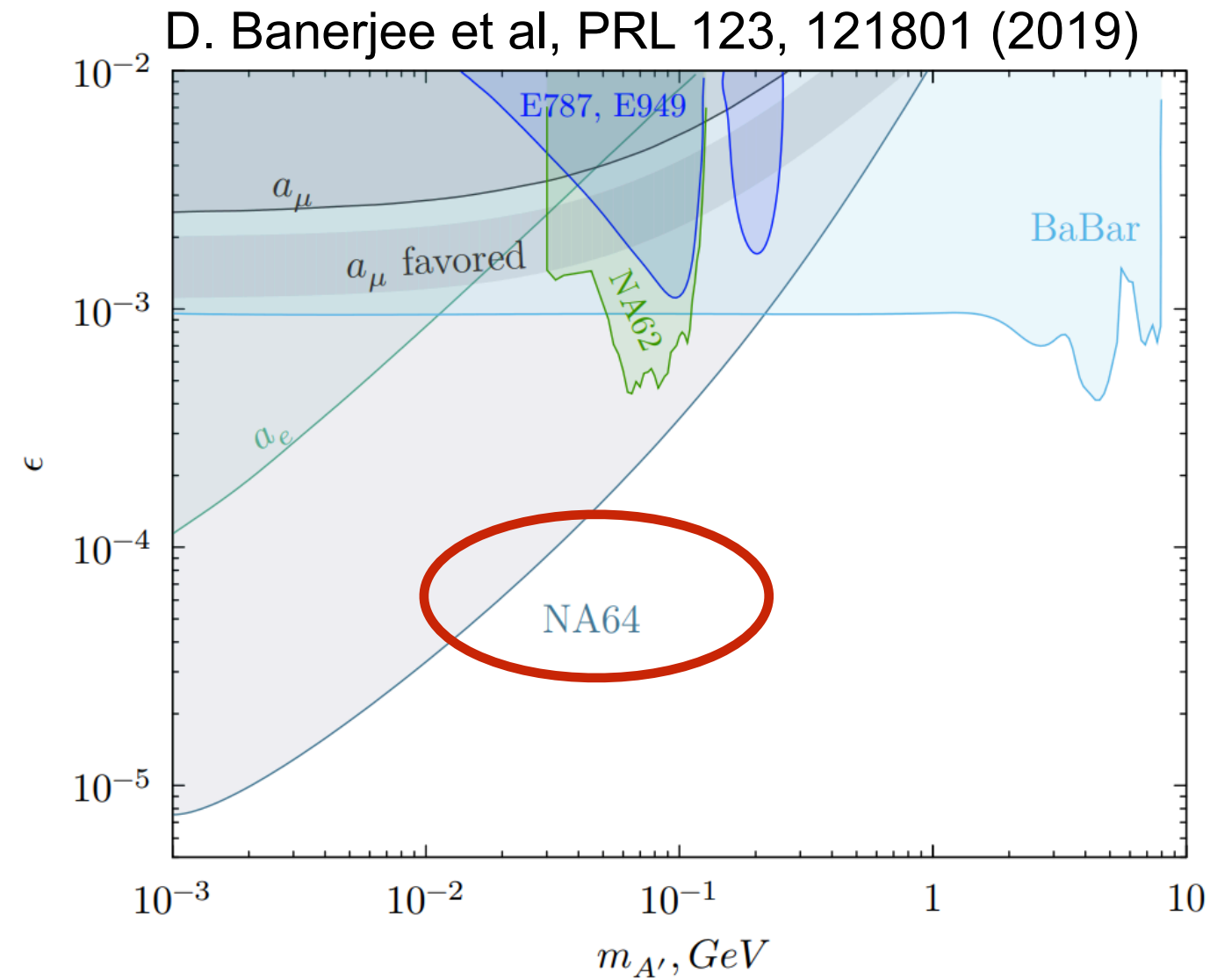
New $(g-2)_\mu$ region of interest around dark photon masses of 0.3 to 3 GeV.



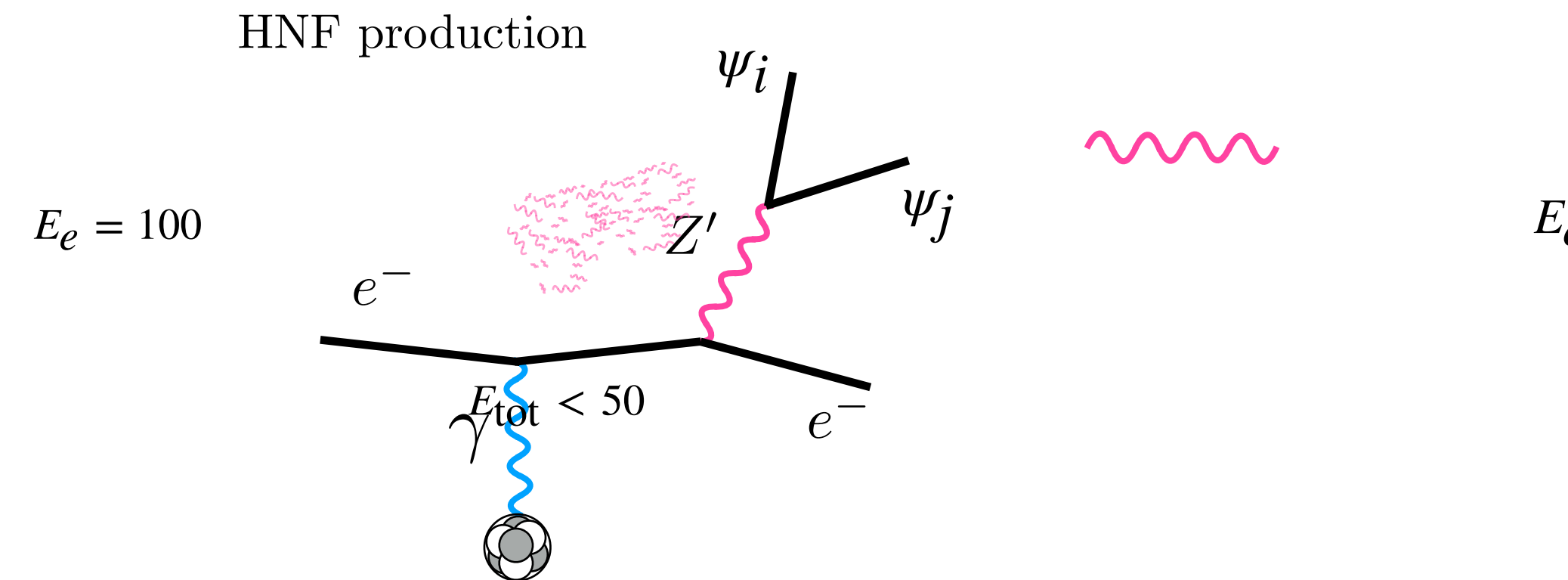
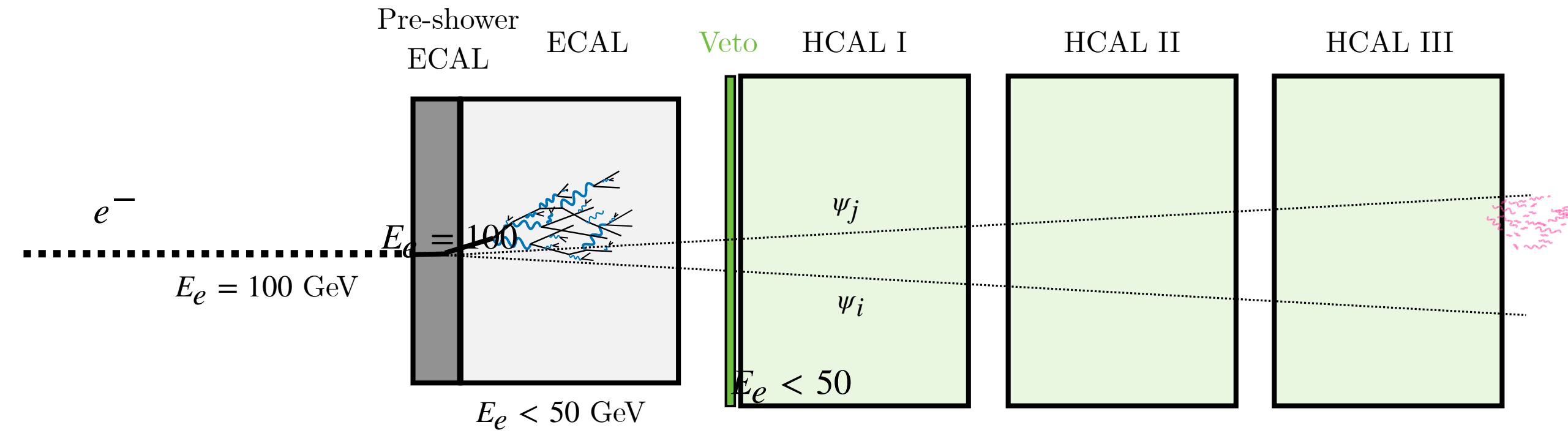
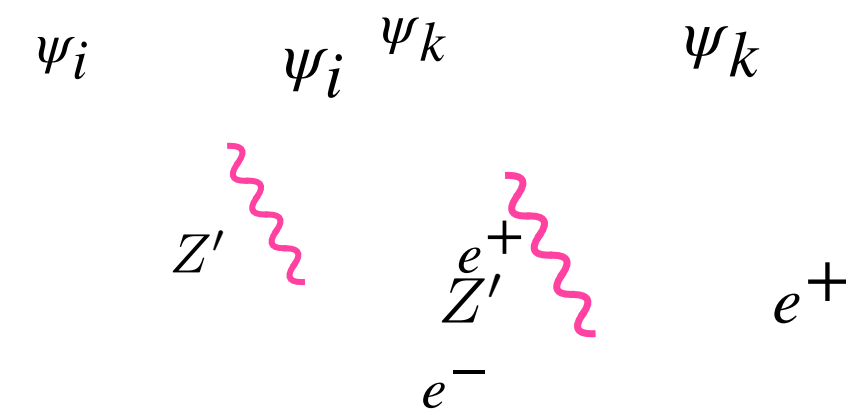
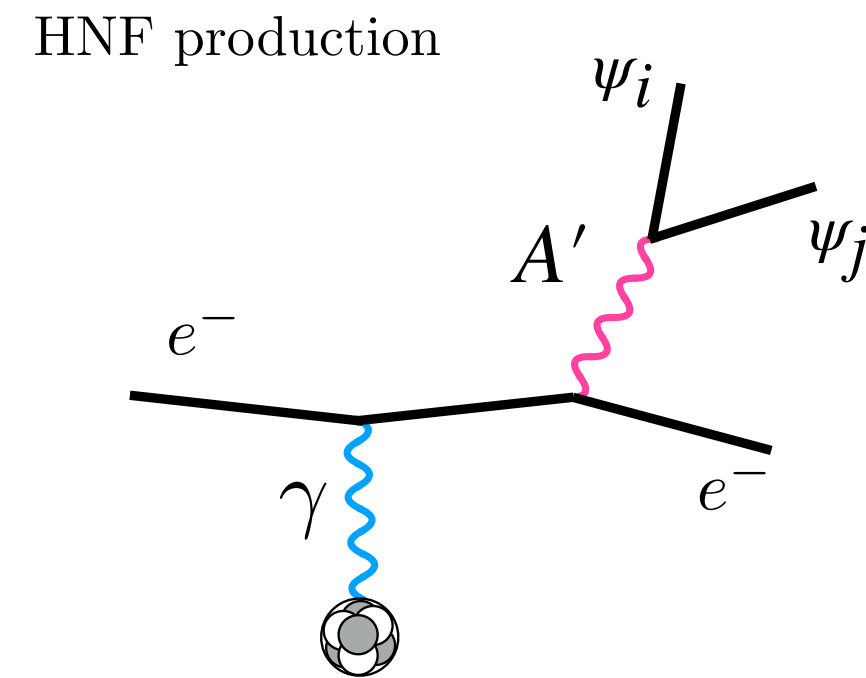
G. Mohlabeng, Phys. Rev. D 99, 115001 (2019)

Searches for invisible dark photons at NA64

Electrons on target

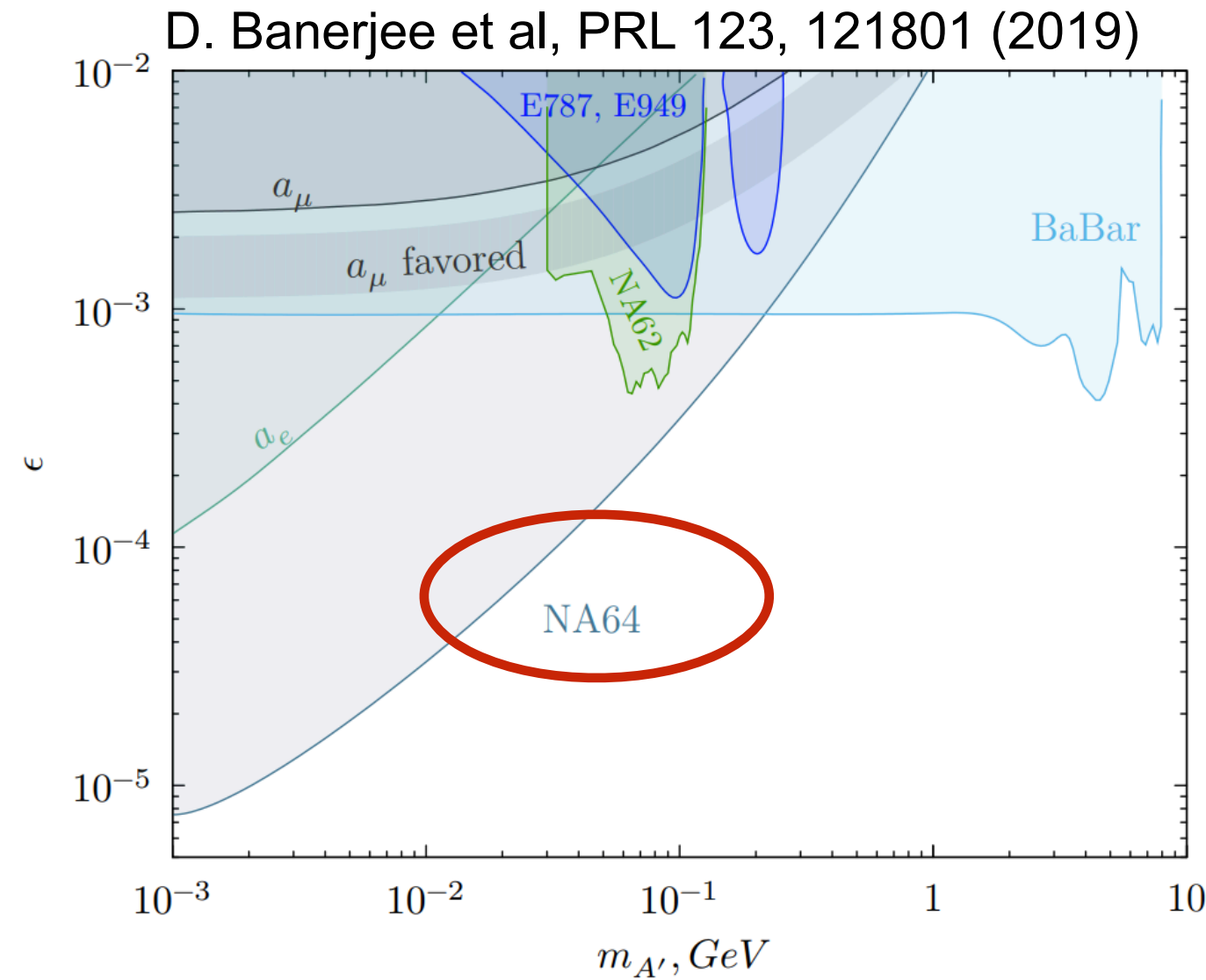


Fixed-target searches for invisible A' also very sensitive.

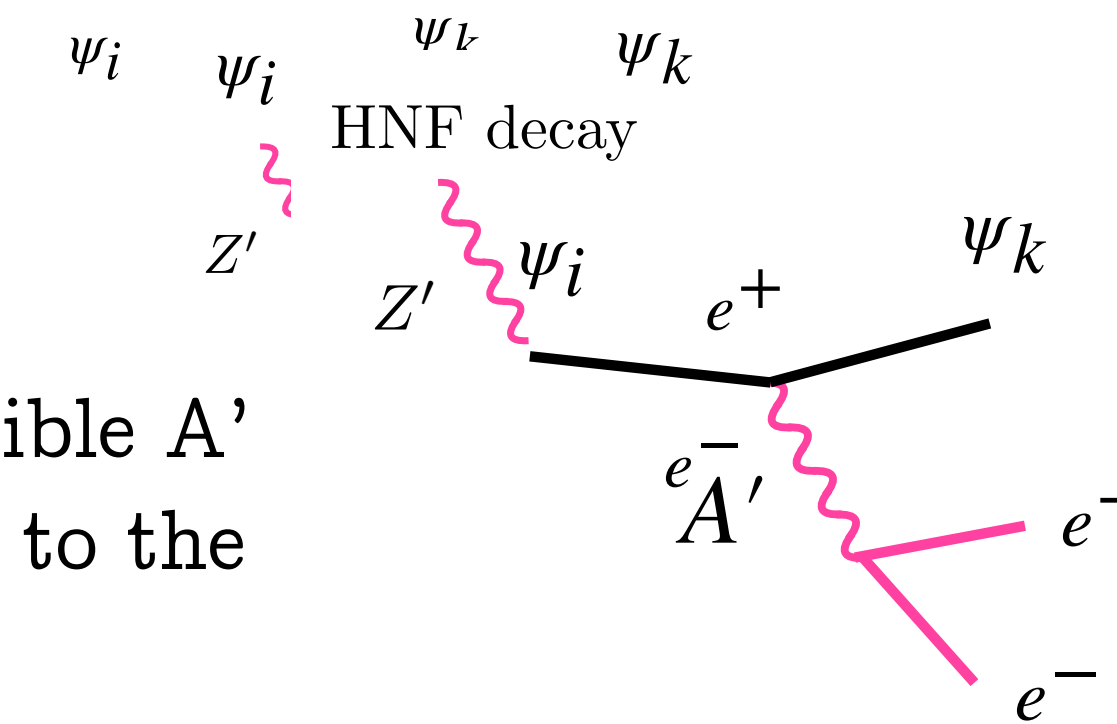
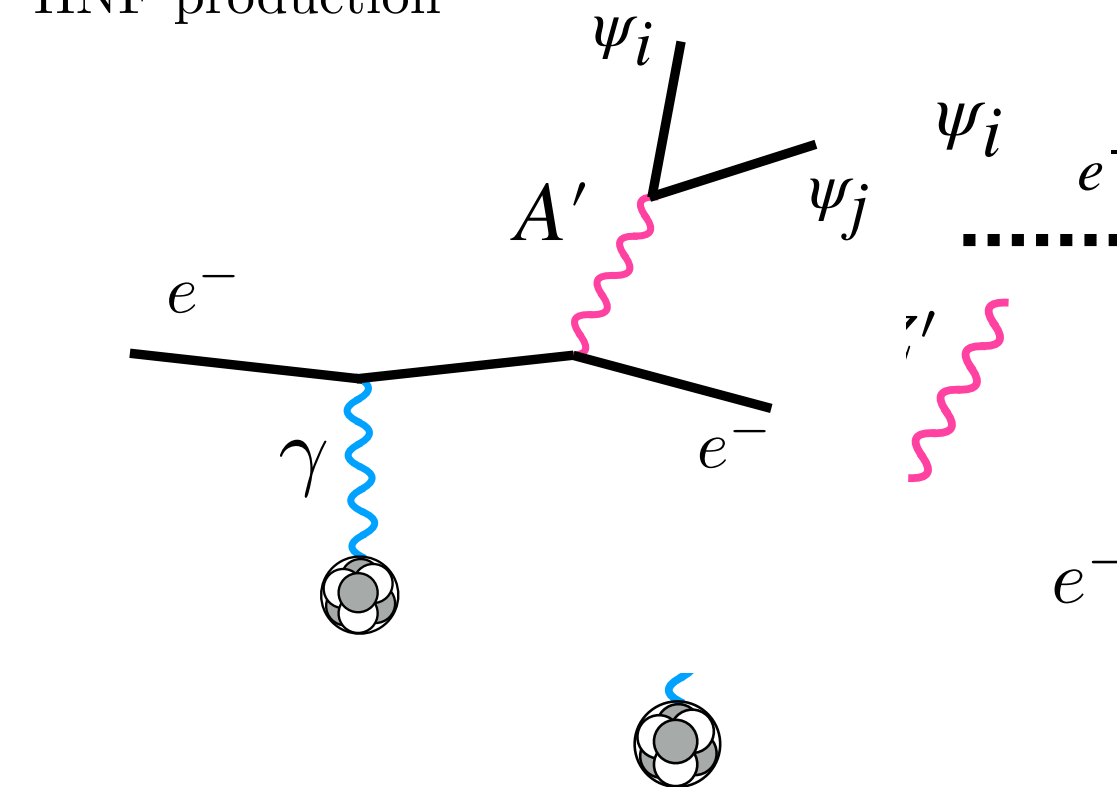


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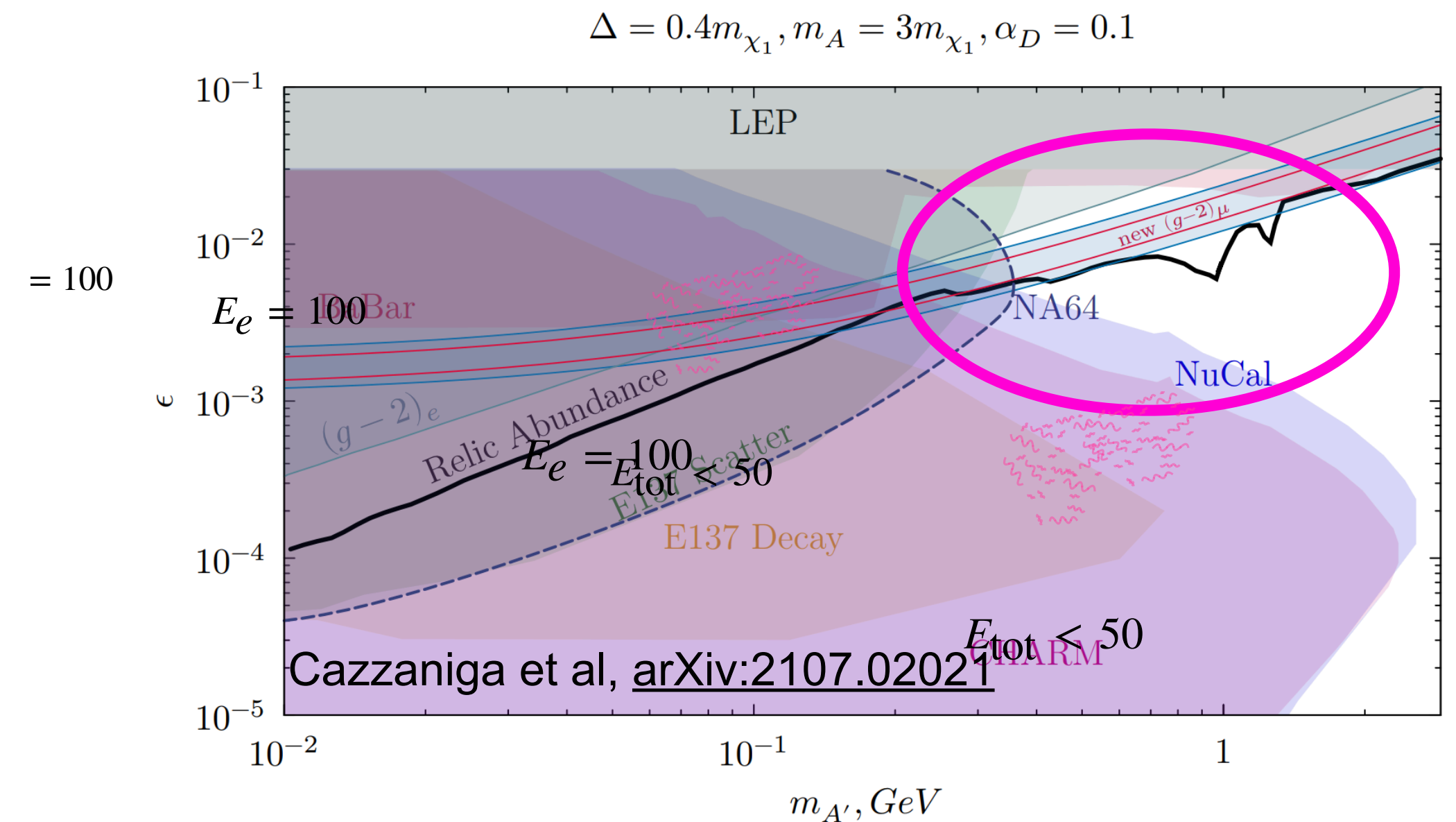
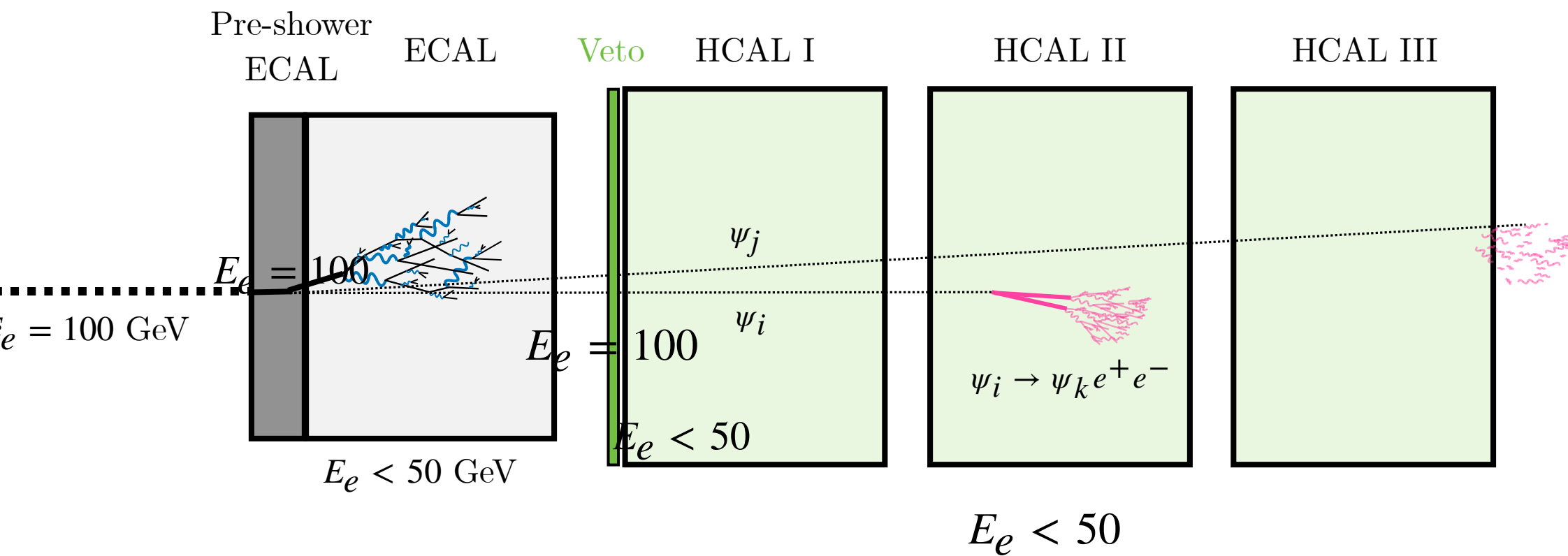
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HNF production

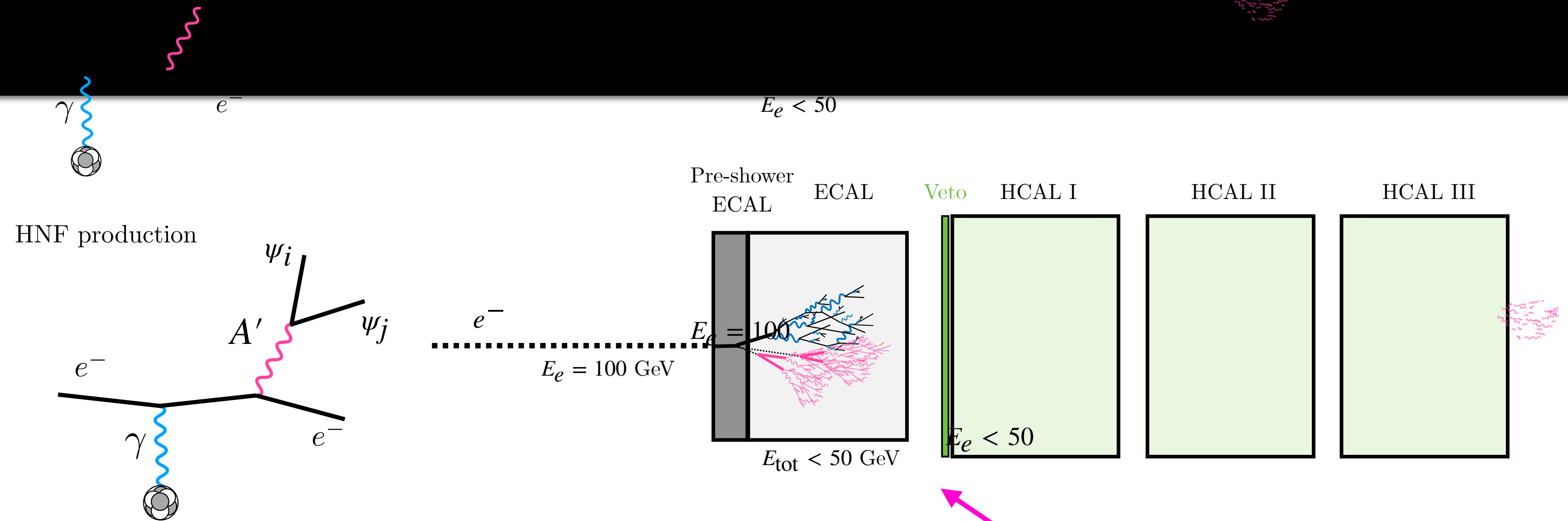
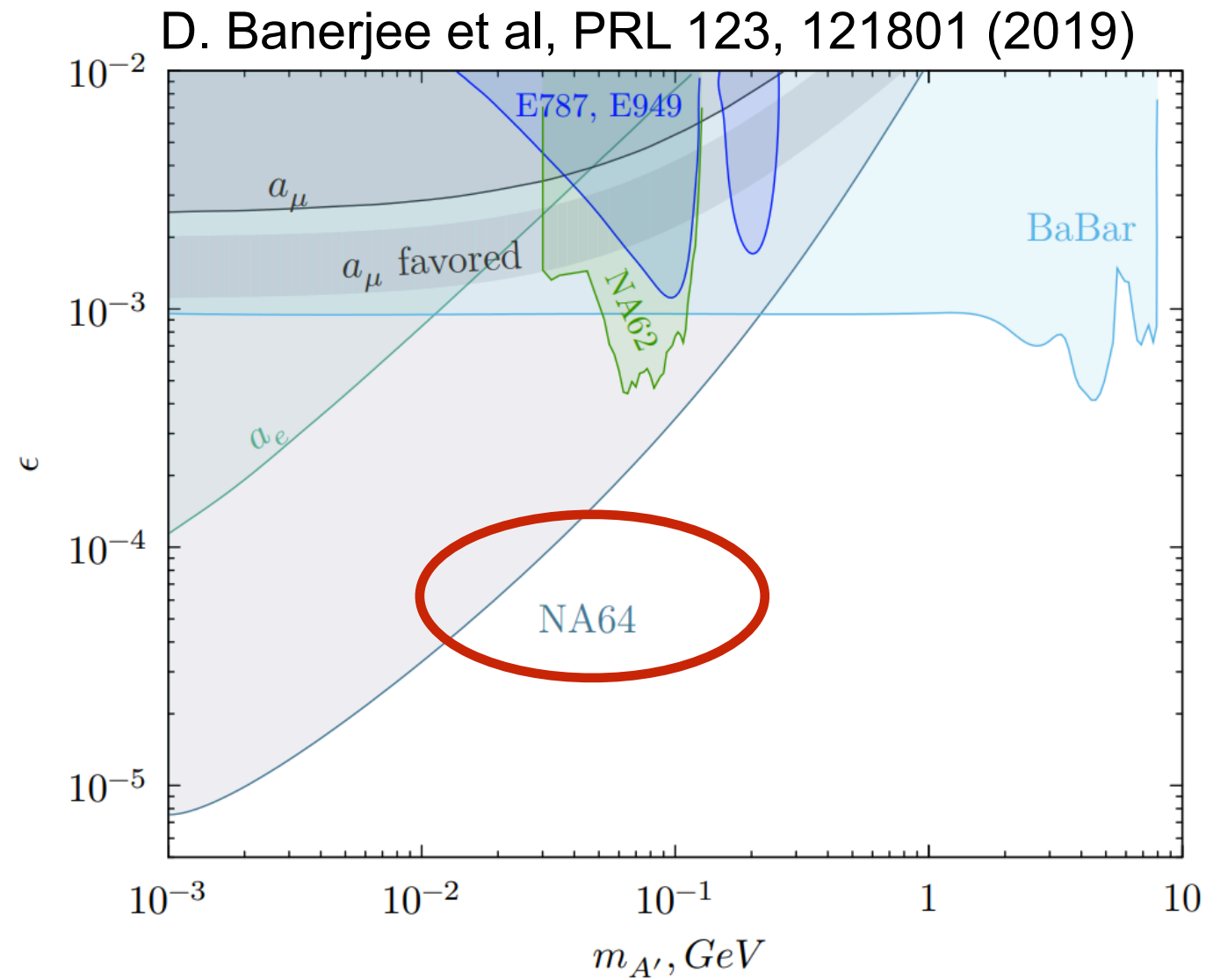


Fixed-target searches for semi-invisible A' with displaced decay. Getting close to the $(g-2)$ region.



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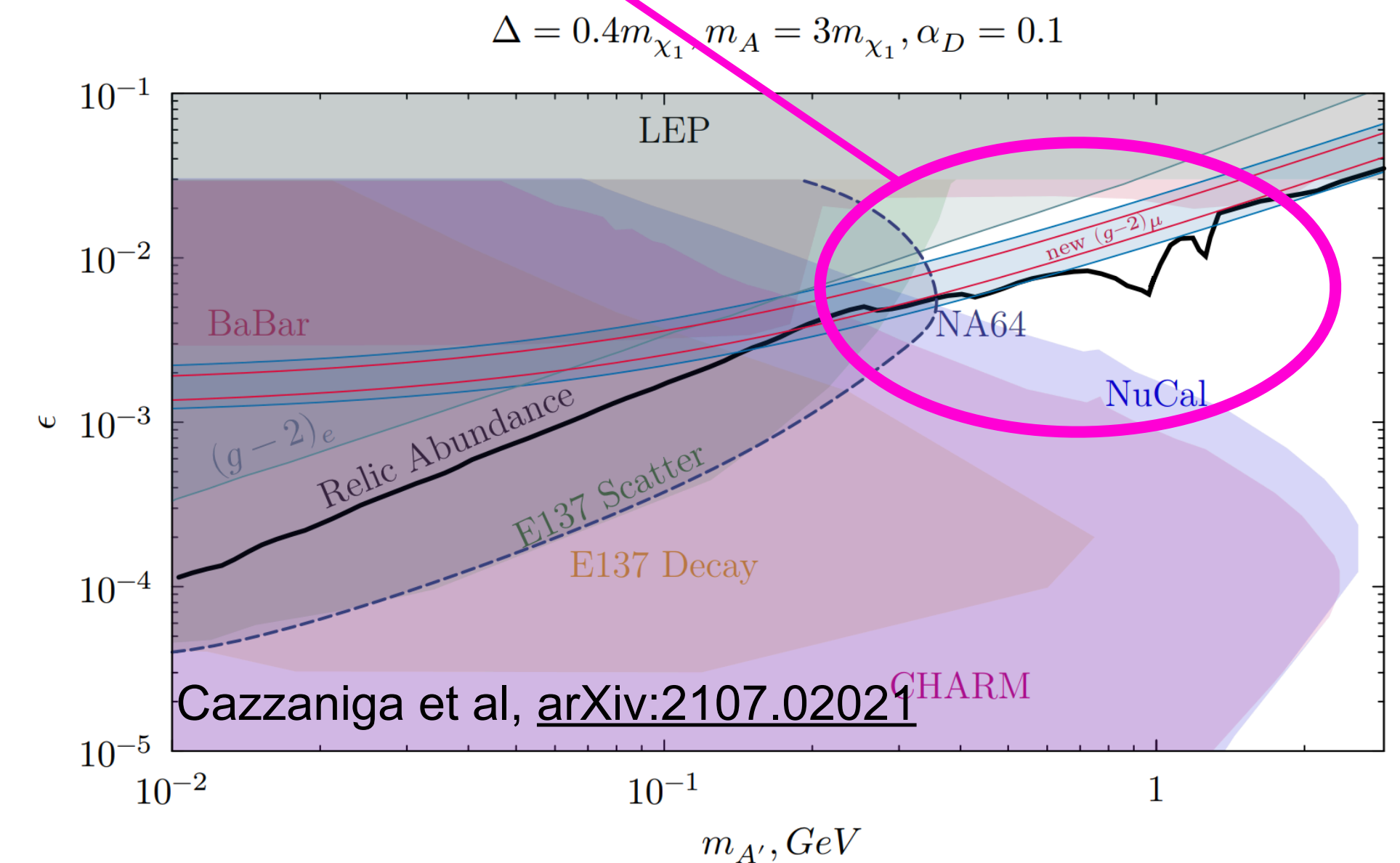
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Currently, the $g-2$ region is where prompt decays happen.

We estimate the sensitivity of a search where the HNF decay happens inside the detector.

Currently being performed by the collaboration!

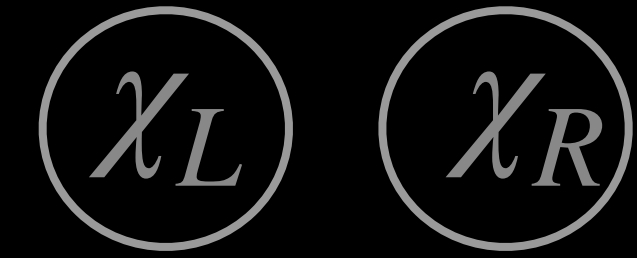


Results

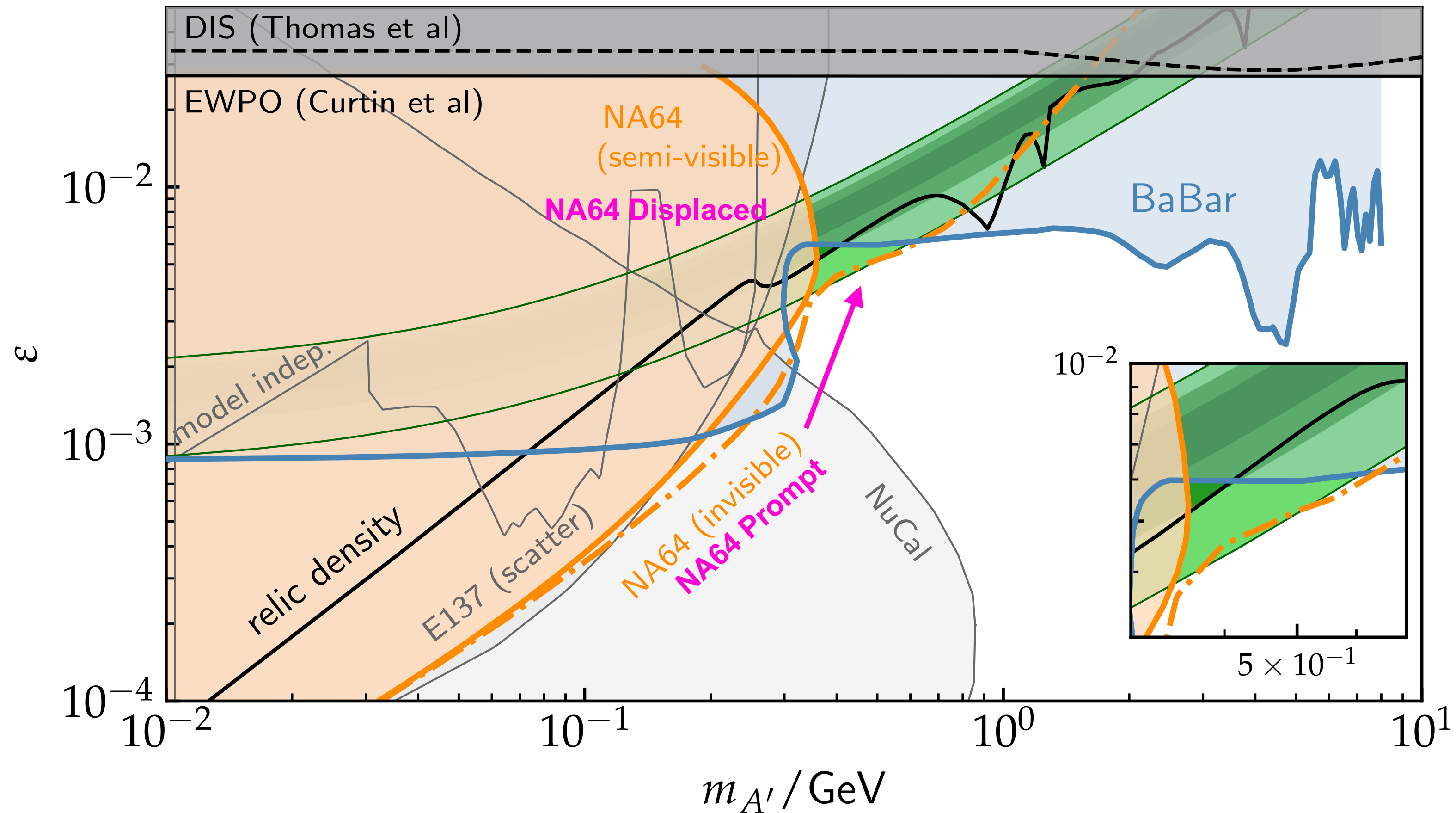
Our own simulation of BaBar and NA64

Results of our BaBar and NA64 simulations

Inelastic Dark Matter (iDM)



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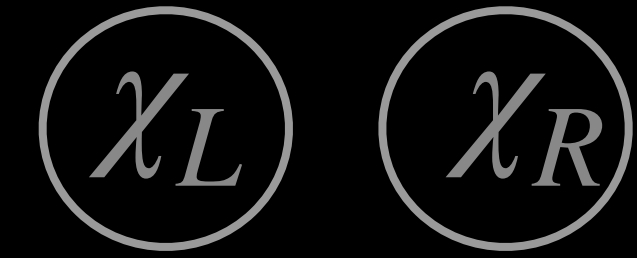
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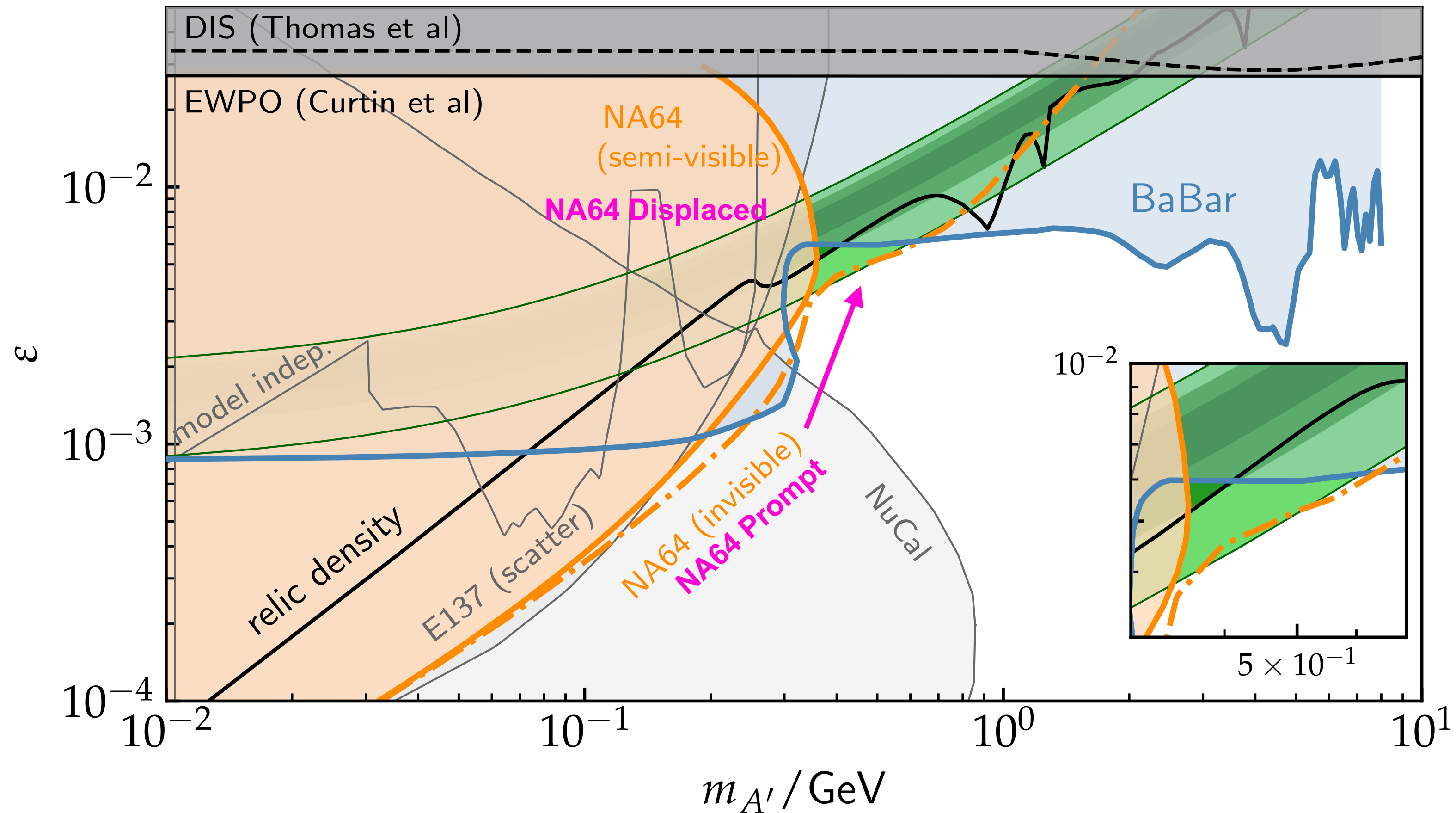
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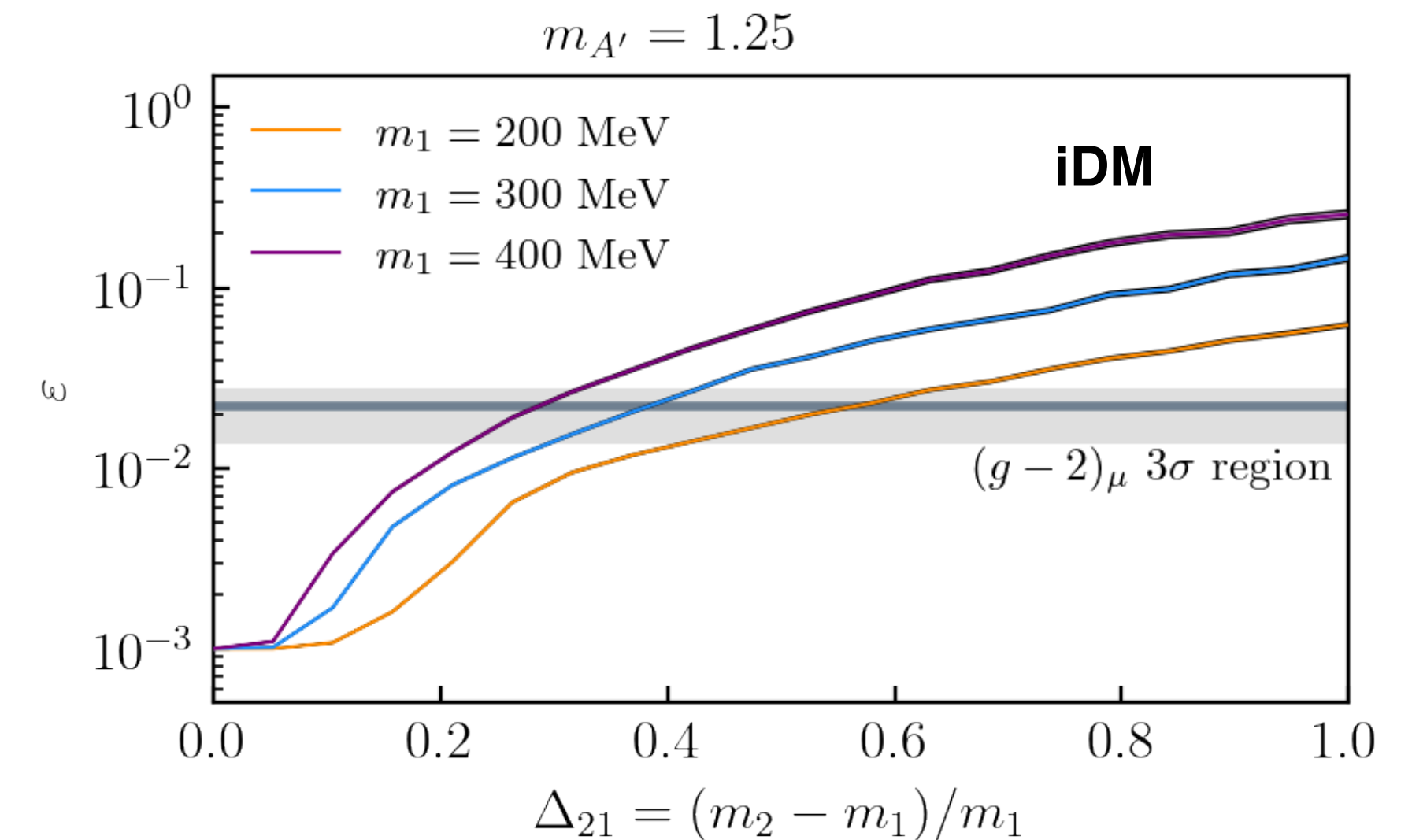


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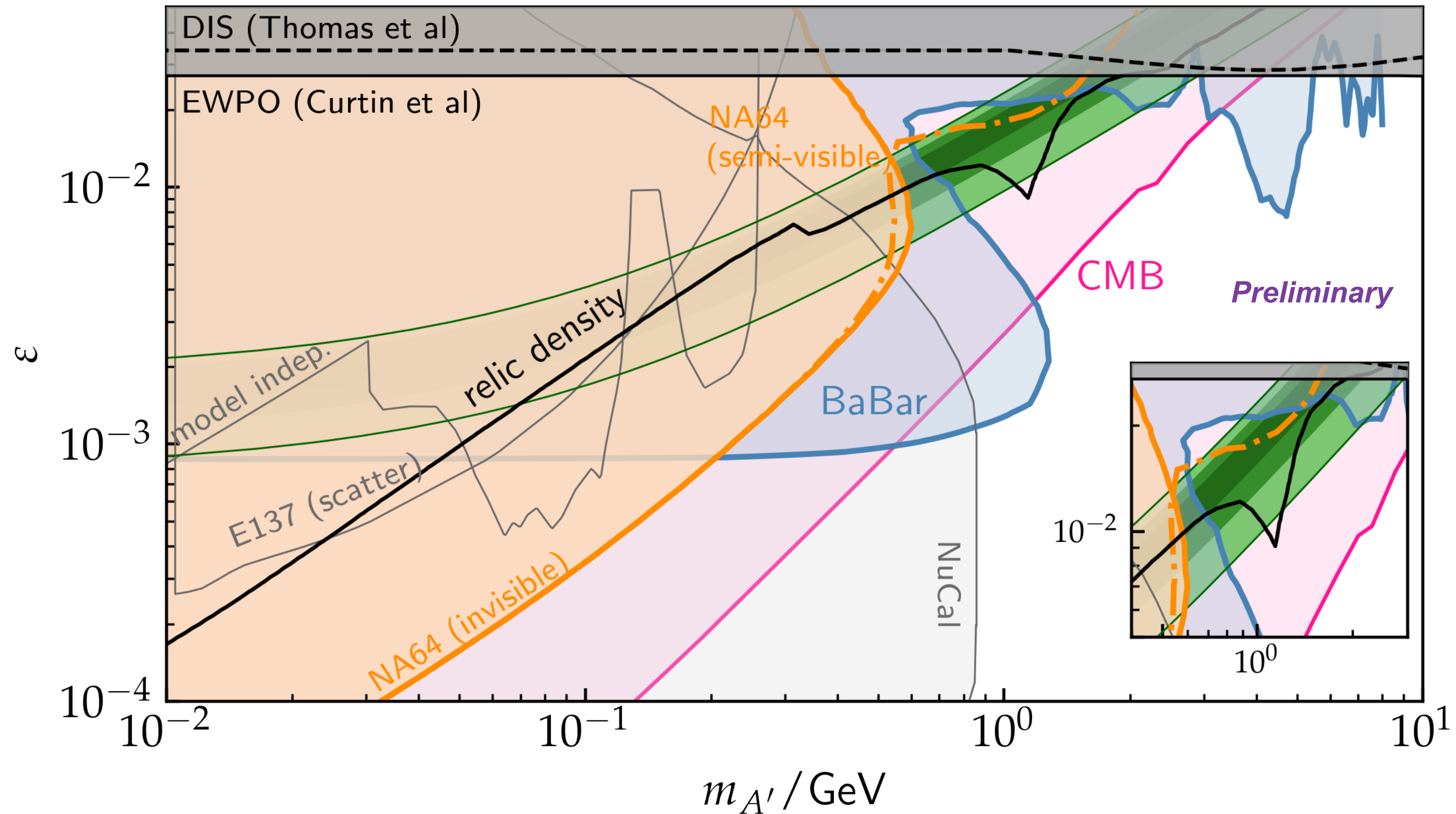
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Inelastic Dirac Dark Matter (i2DM)



i2DM: $\Delta_{21} = 0.4$, $m_1/m_{A'} = 0.33$, $\alpha_D = 0.5$, $\theta = 4.6^\circ$



If not dark matter, parameter space **could explain** $(g-2)_\mu$

$$J_X^\mu = (\theta^2 \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \psi_1 + \theta \bar{\psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \psi_1 + \bar{\psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \psi_2)$$

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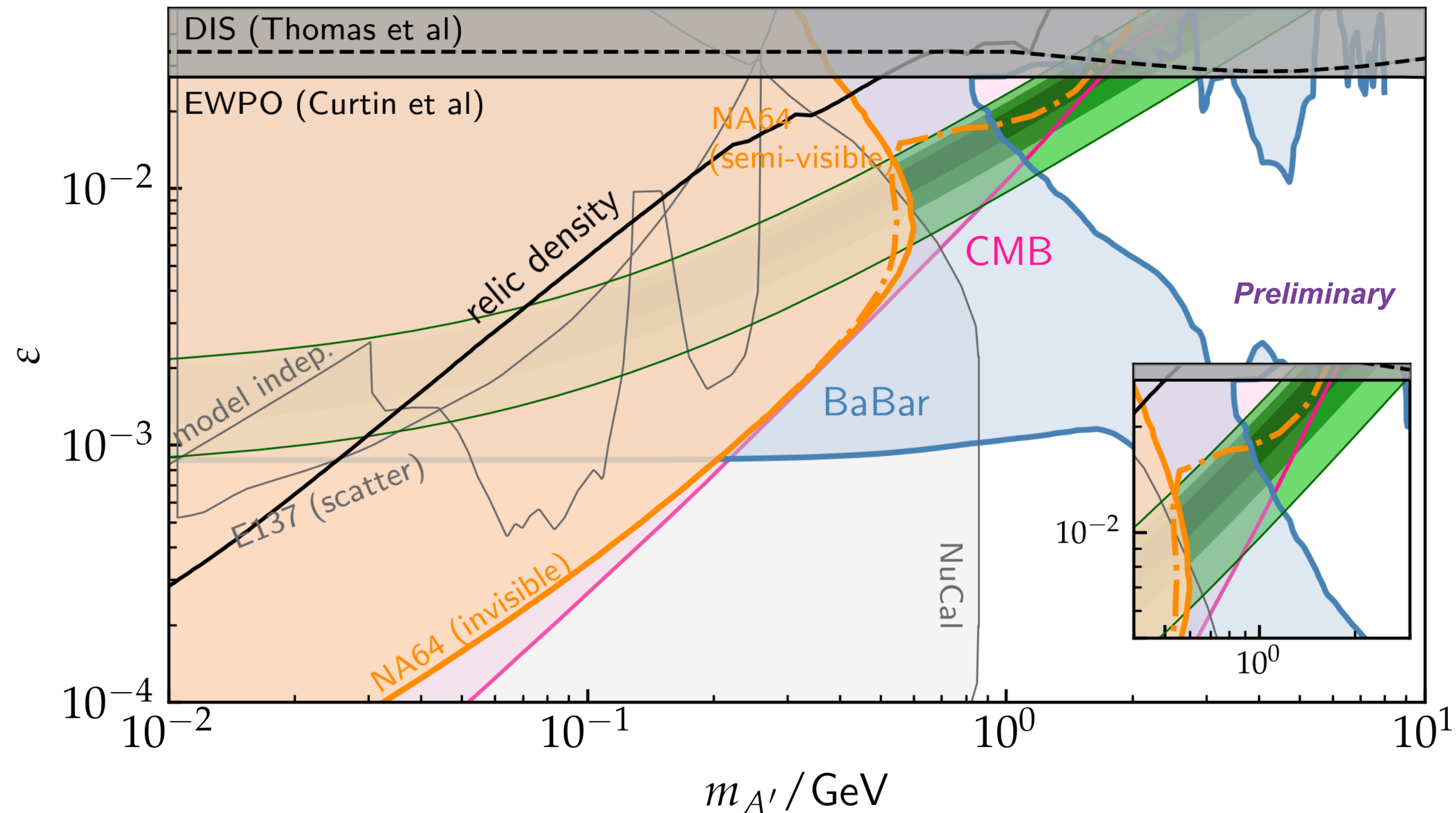
Not an issue if ψ_1 mixes with neutrinos, as it decays $\psi_1 \rightarrow \nu e^+ e^-$.

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Inelastic Dirac Dark Matter (i2DM)



i2DM: $\Delta_{21} = 0.4$, $m_1/m_{A'} = 0.33$, $\alpha_D = 0.5$, $\theta = 2.3^\circ$ ↓



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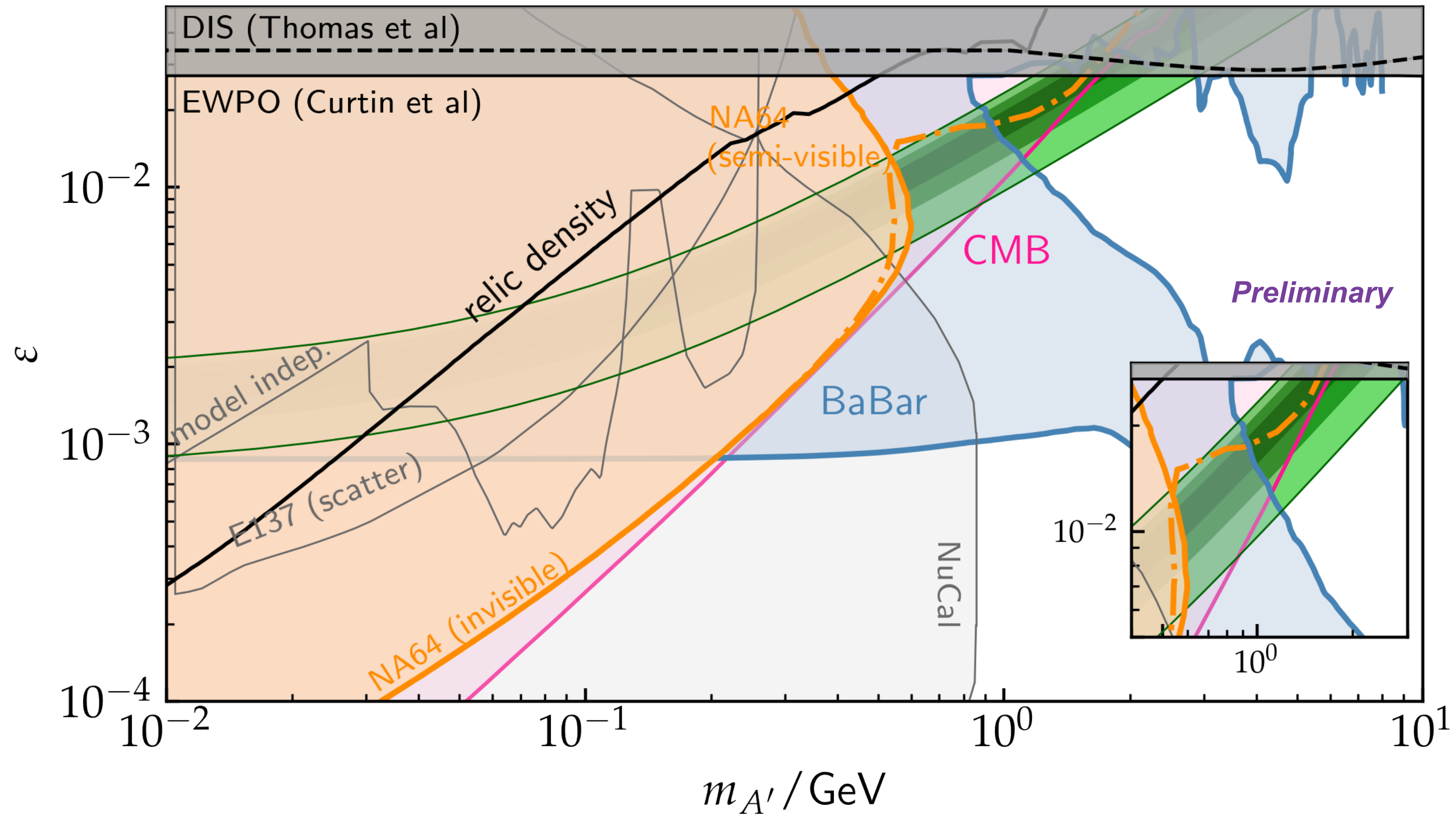
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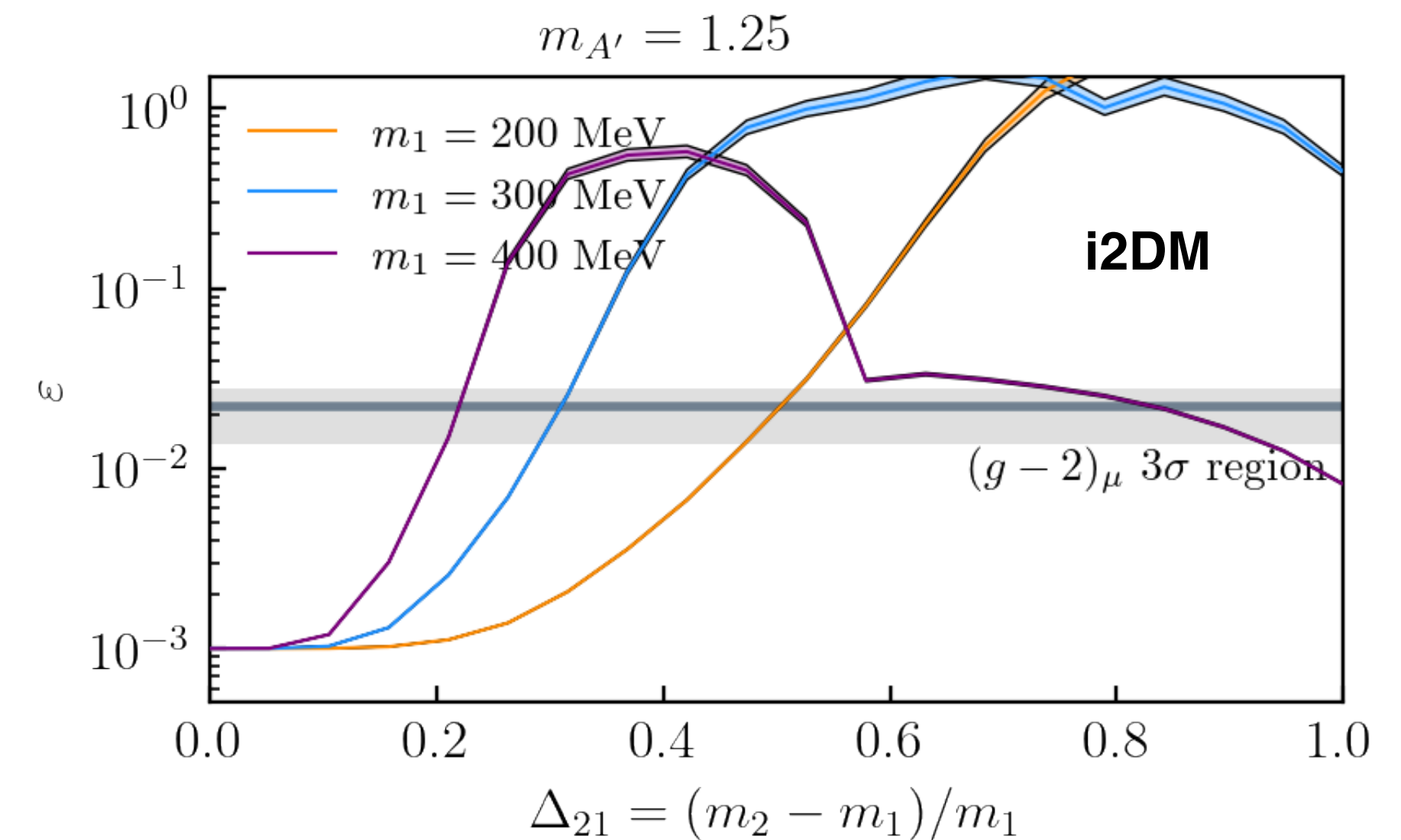
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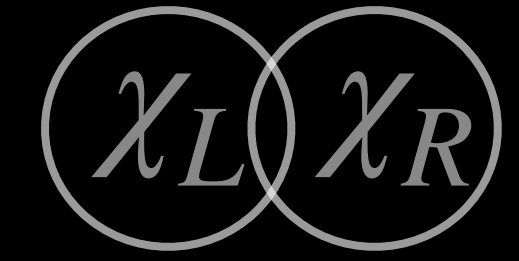


If not dark matter, parameter space **could explain** $(g-2)_\mu$

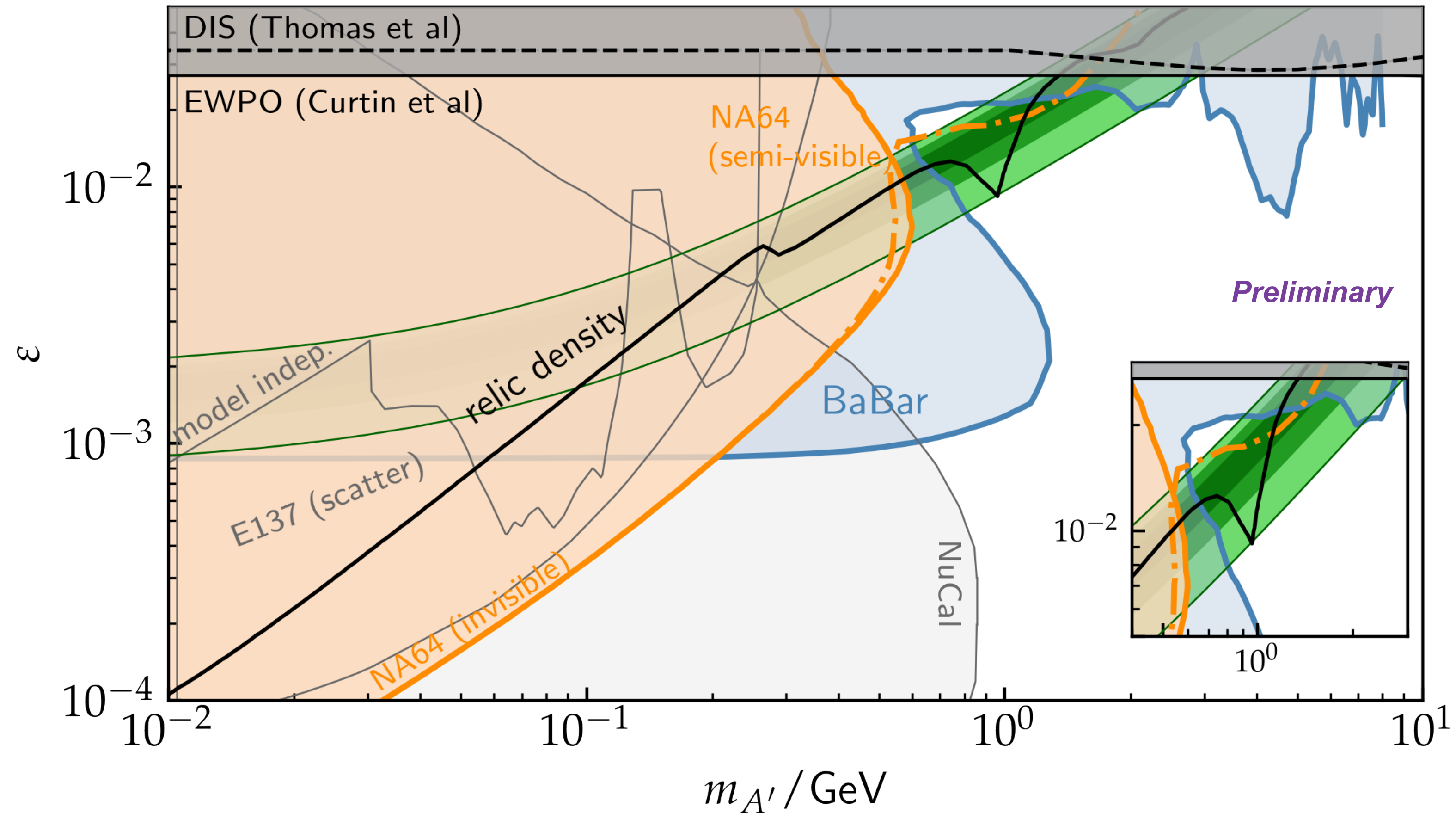


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Mixed Inelastic Dark Matter



mixed-iDM: $\Delta_{21} = 0.4$, $m_1/m_{A'} = 0.33$, $\alpha_D = 0.5$, $\theta = 18^\circ$



Parameter space that **can explain** $(g-2)_\mu$

$$J_X^\mu = (\theta \bar{\Psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \psi_1 + \bar{\Psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \Psi_2)$$

Now ψ_1 can easily be dark matter, and CMB does not constrain it.

Relic density is governed by

$$\Psi_2 f_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow \psi_1 f_{\text{SM}}$$

and

$$\Psi_2 \Psi_2 \rightarrow f_{\text{SM}} f_{\text{SM}}, \quad \Psi_2 \psi_1 \rightarrow f_{\text{SM}} f_{\text{SM}}$$

and is insensitive to 11 vertex.

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A dark Dirac fermion seesaw

$$\eta_L$$

$$\chi_L$$

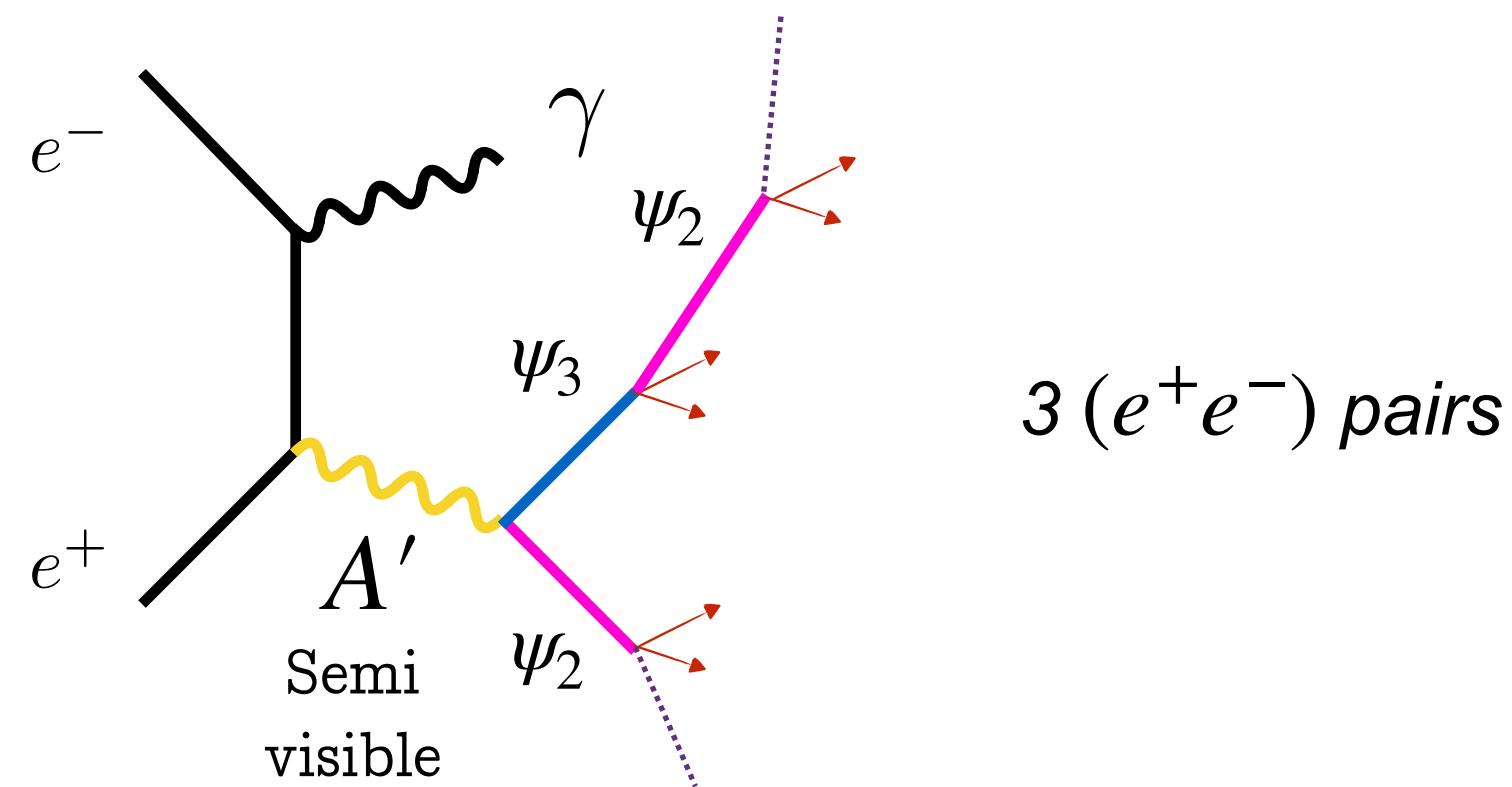
$$\chi_R$$

Model **can explain** $(g-2)_\mu$

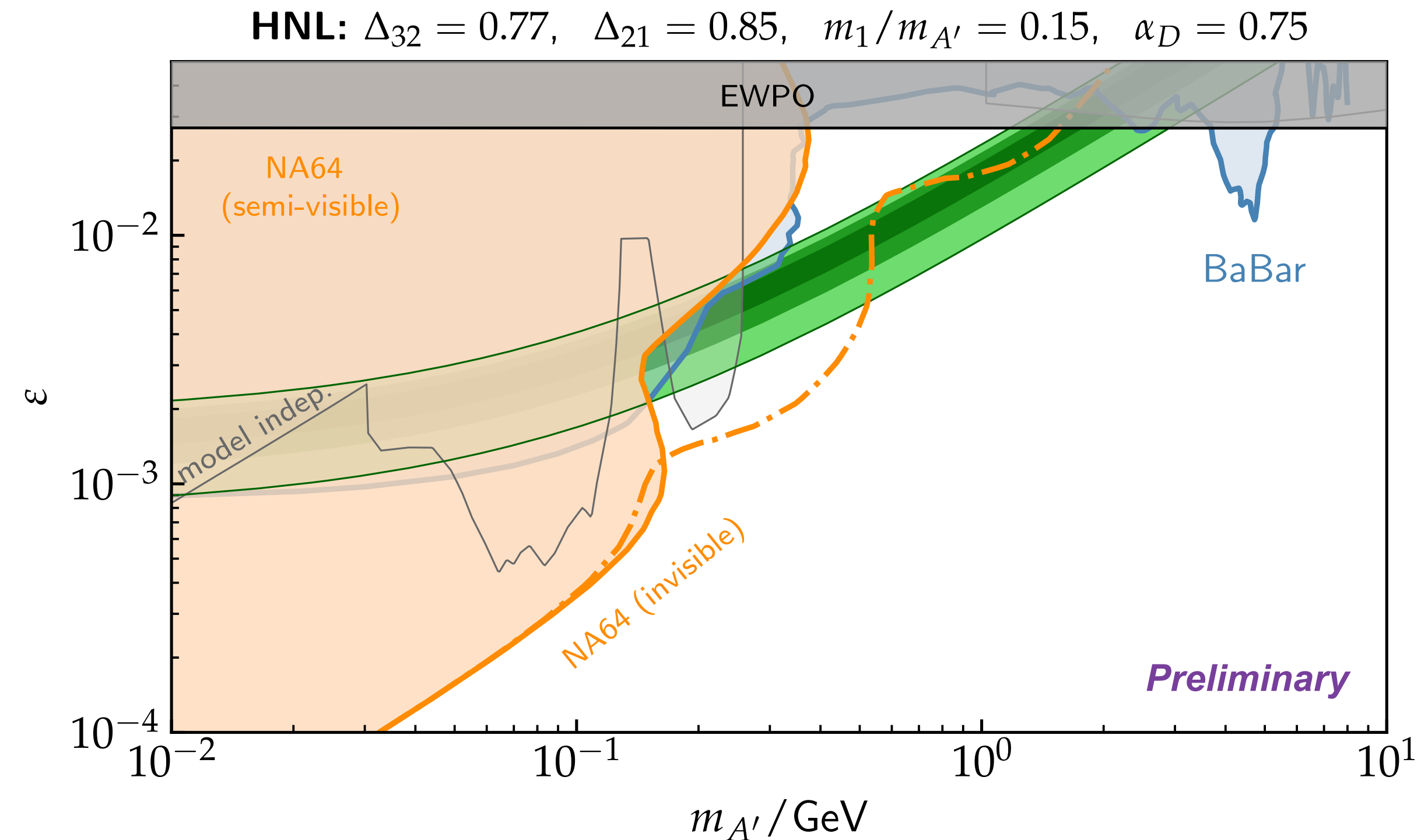
(if $\text{HNF} \equiv \text{HNL}$)

But ψ_i have to mix with neutrinos as otherwise,
we overproduce dark matter.

Rather extreme point of parameter space.



We choose benchmark points in [A. Abdullahi, MH, S. Pascoli, 2020](#), where anomalies in neutrino experiments, including the MiniBooNE excess, can be explained.



Explanation is **possible...** but:

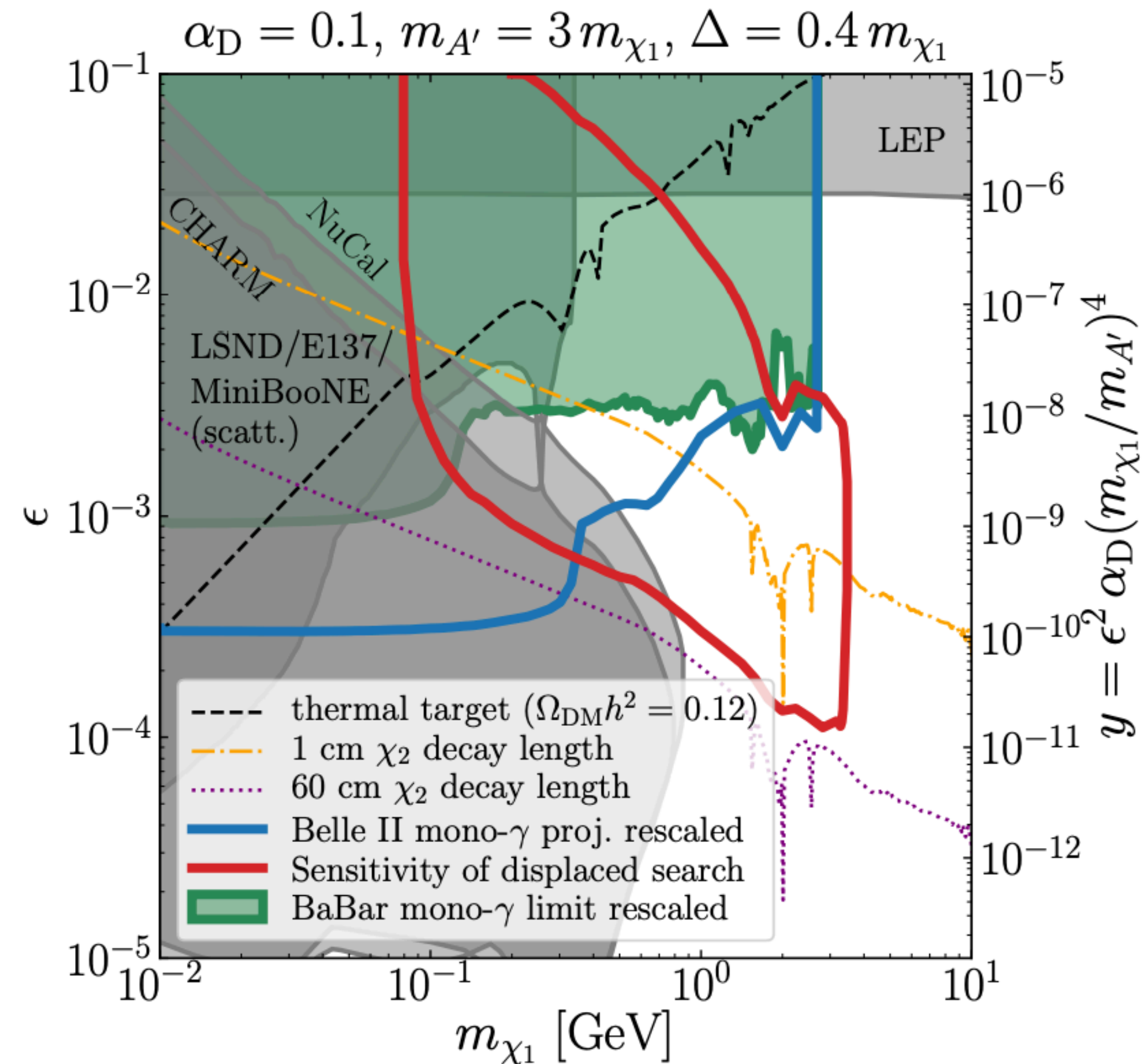
- i) Landau pole below EW scale,
- ii) s-channel production can dominate.

Future prospects

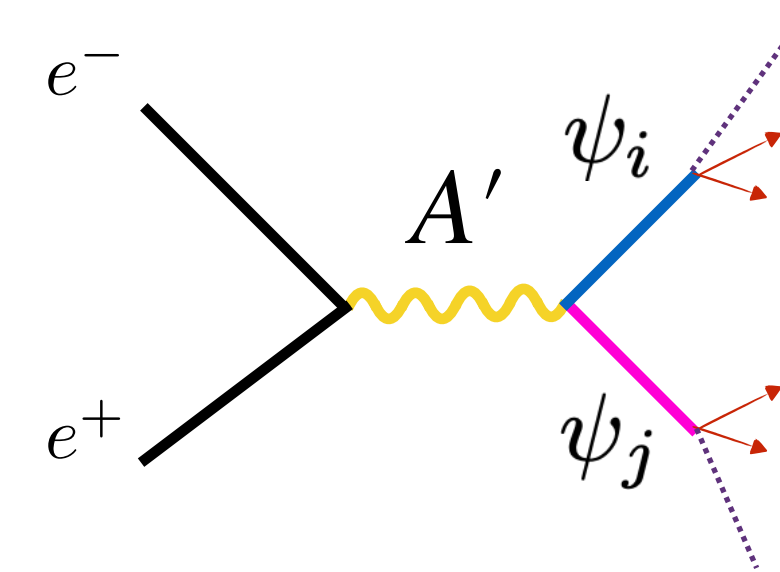
Fixed targets and neutrino experiments

Belle-II — displaced vertices

M. Duerr et al, [arXiv:1911.03176](#)



S-channel: lose the photon, but gain in rate.



$\frac{\alpha_D}{\alpha}$ of the ISR rate.

Different kinematics,
larger pT for the fermions.

S-channel production not included,
sensitivity can be much better.

Dark Neutrino Sectors

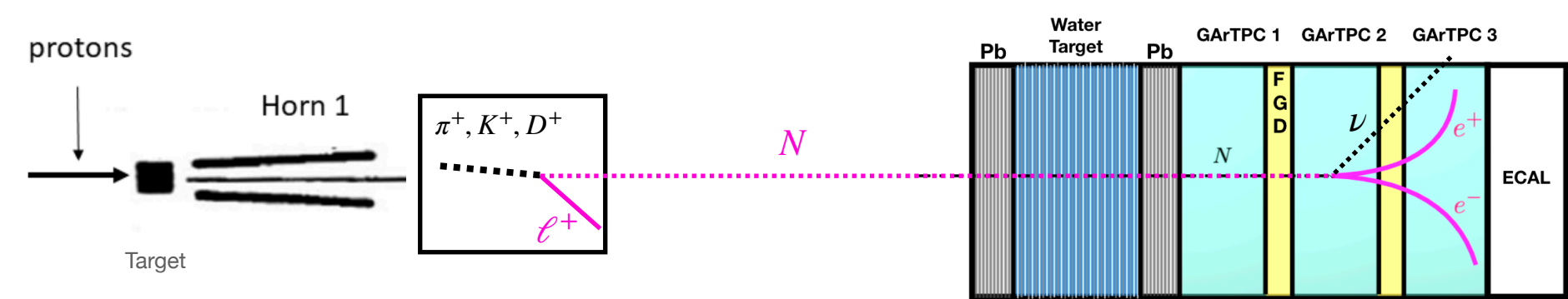
Upscattering at the T2K near detector

T2K Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 100, 052006 (2019)

See also, Vedran Brdar et al, arXiv:2007.14411

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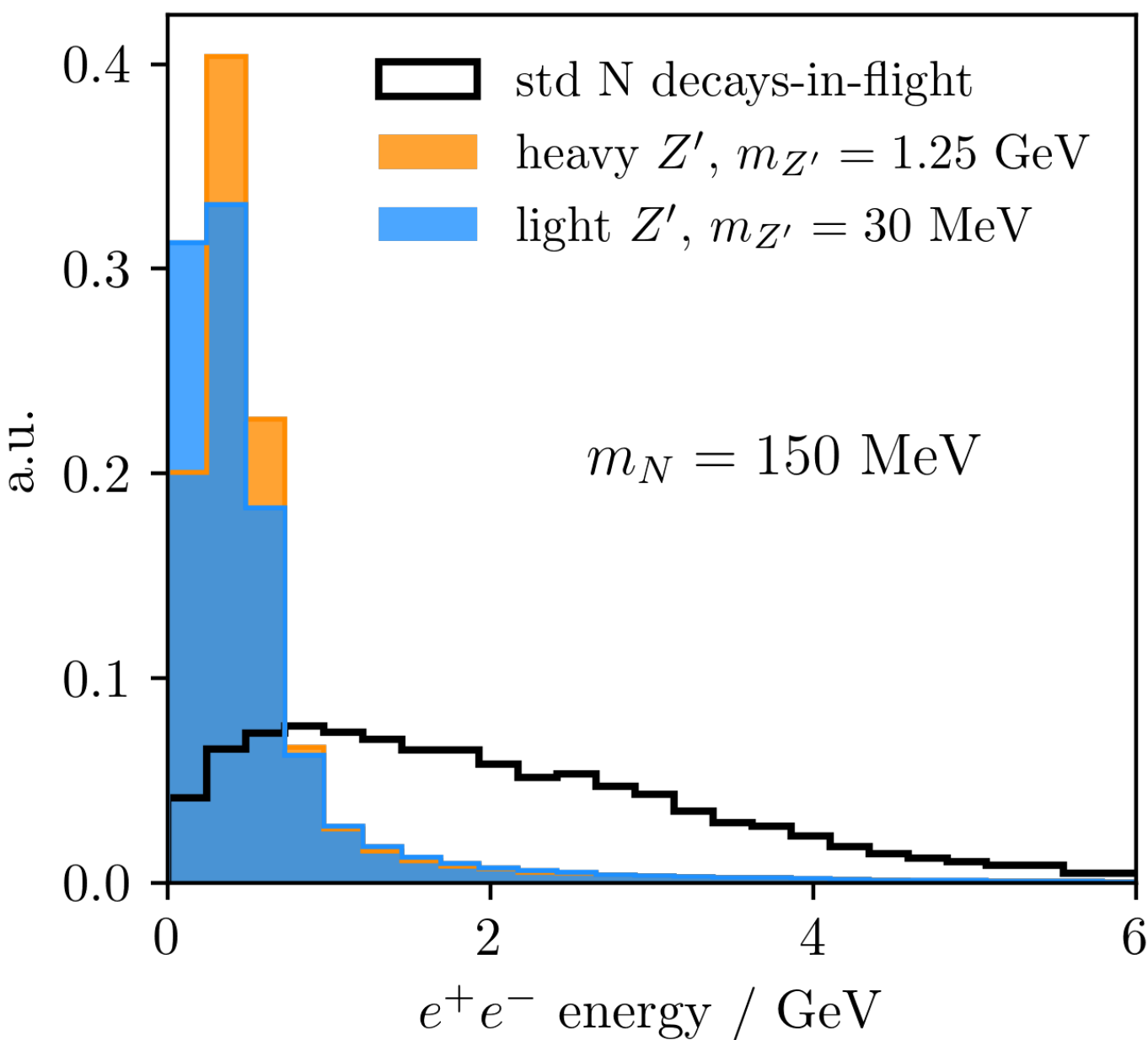
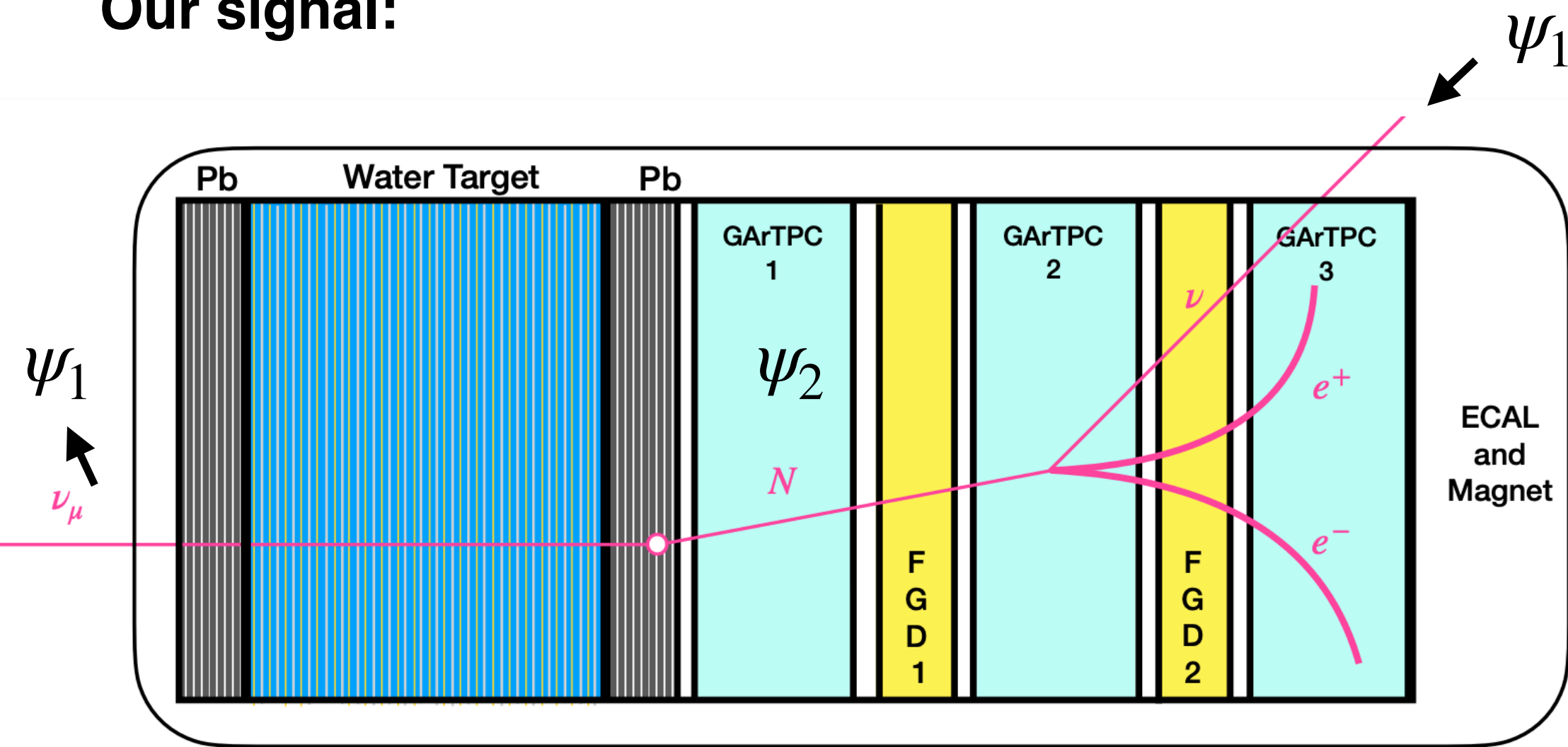
T2K search:



- + Heavy **lead** plates
- + Gaseous Argon modules
- + Magnetic field to separate e^+e^-

No events were observed.
Backgrounds were < 1 .

Our signal:



The search focused on the decay
in flight of HNLs (solid black)

Our upscattering signal is different,
mostly in energy (colors).

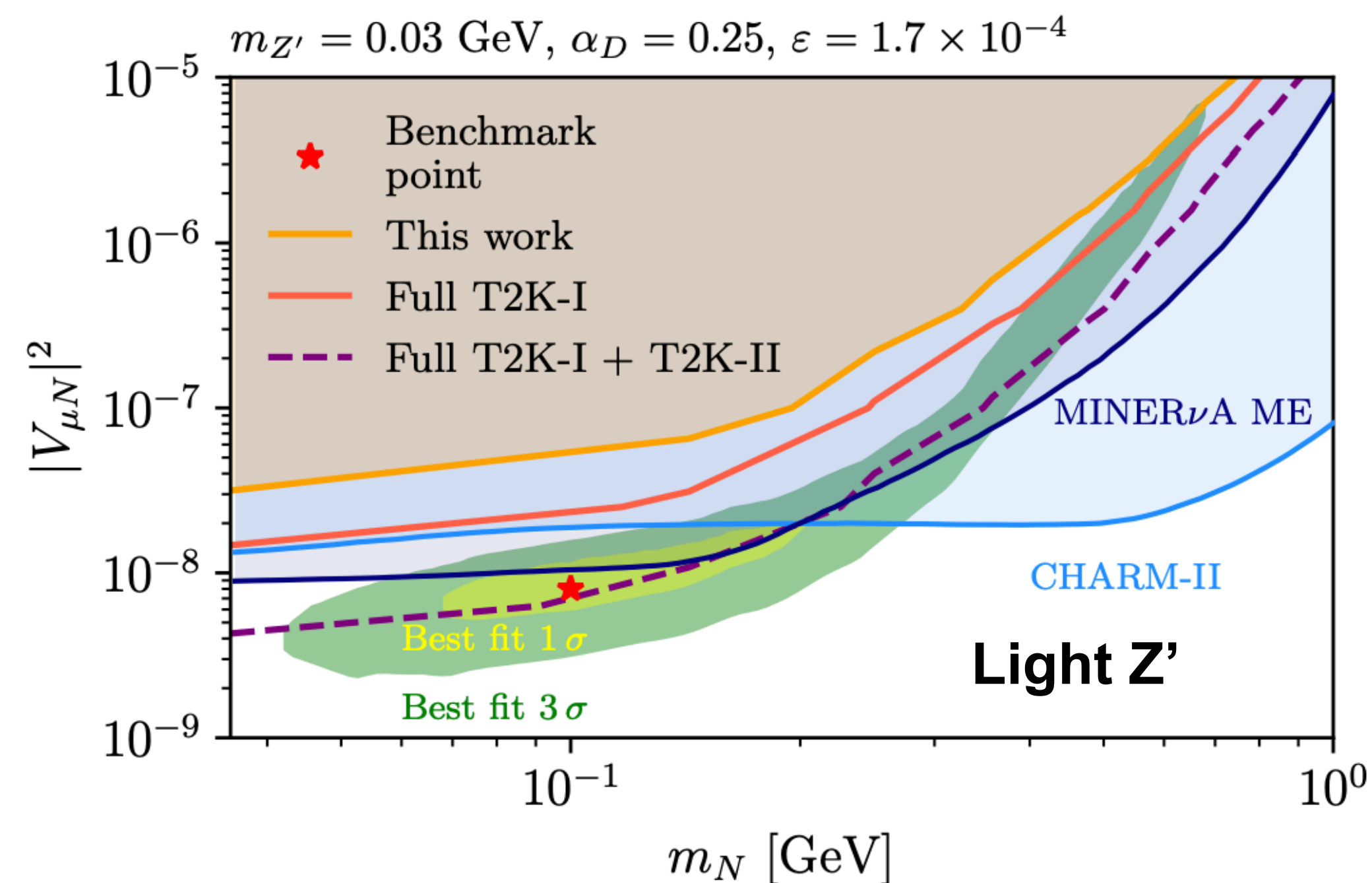
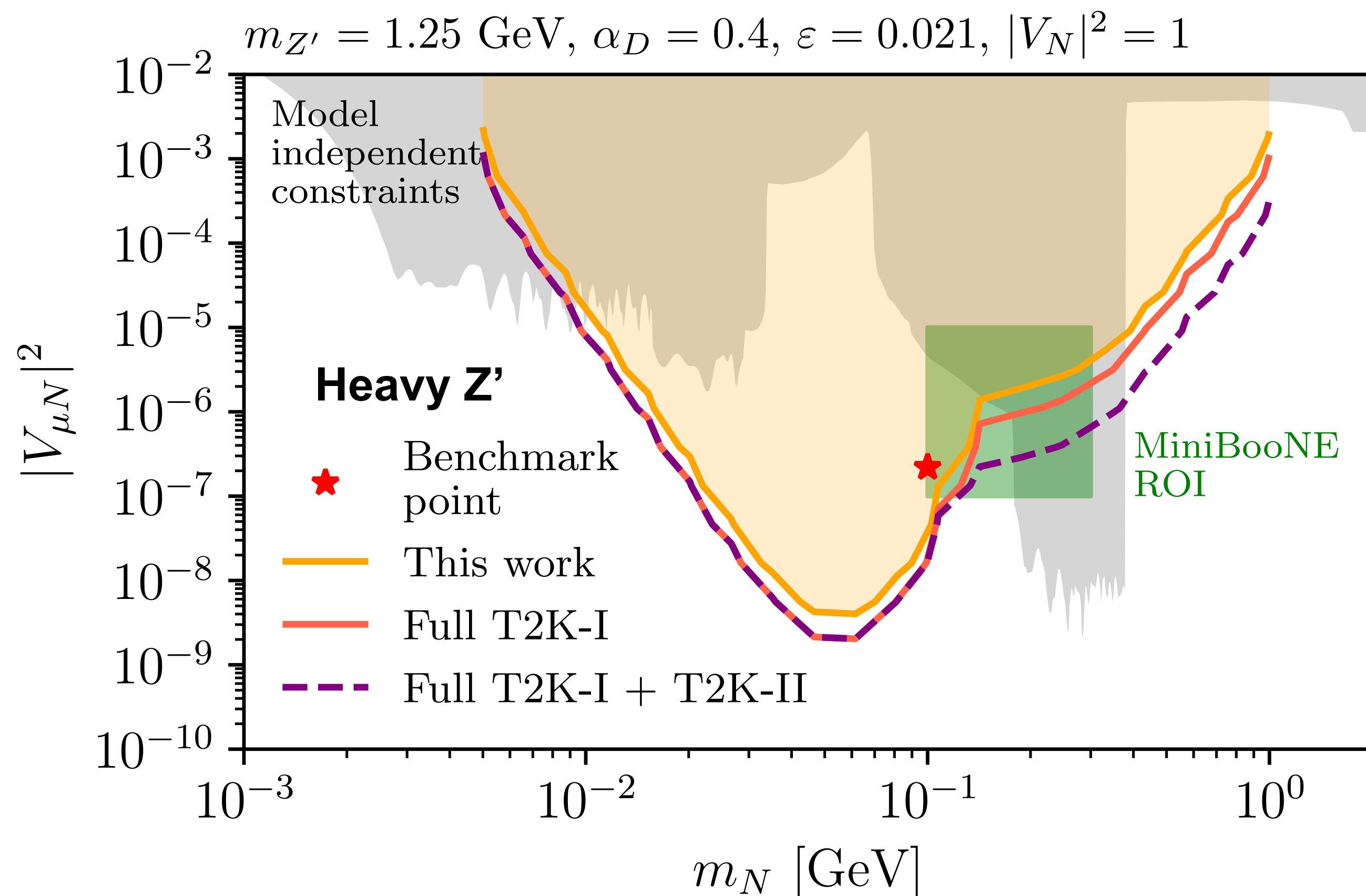
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Models with $c\tau_N^0/m_N > 1 \text{ cm/GeV}$
Is in tension with T2K data,
Otherwise, rate in GArTPC is too low.

* Unfortunately, no MiniBooNE fit is available yet.

DarkNews-Generator

A. Abdullahi, J. Hoefken, MH, D. Massaro, S. Pascoli, [arXiv:2207.04137](#)



DarkNews is a lightweight MC generator for new physics in neutrino-nucleus scattering. Including vector, scalar, and dipole mediators in upscattering processes to up to 3 HNLs.

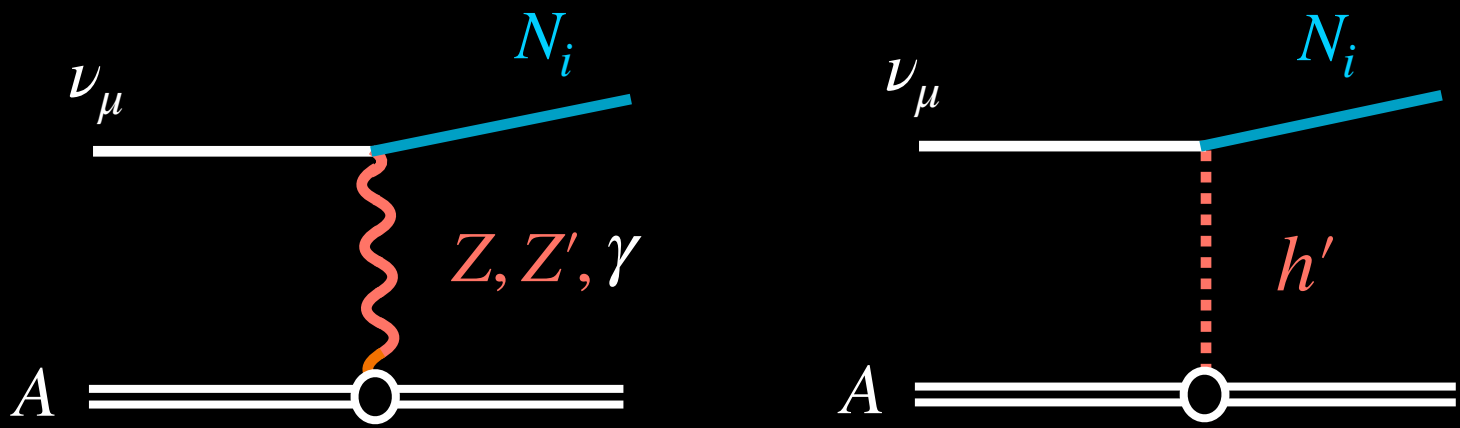
`pip install DarkNews`



Modeling several processes for GeV-scale accelerator experiments:

Scattering:

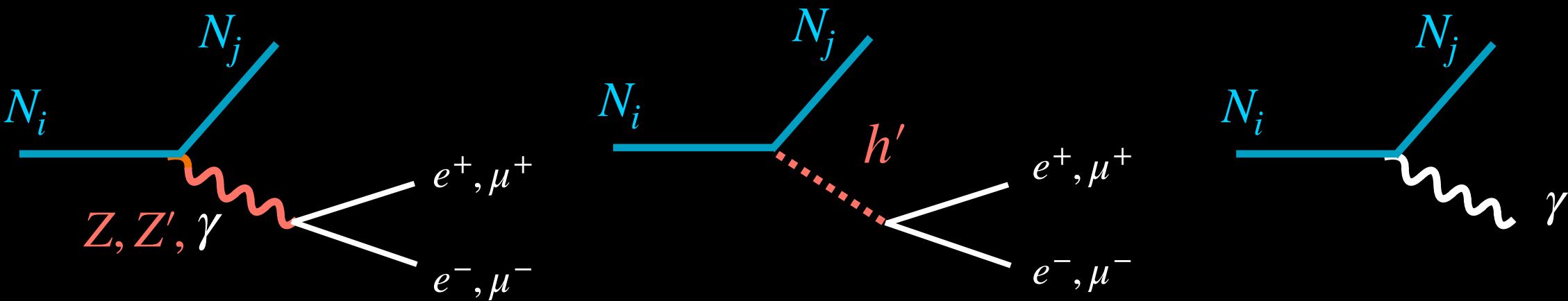
$\nu A \rightarrow N A$
(Coherent & QE peak)



Helicity conserving or flipping upscattering $\nu \rightarrow N$

HNL decay:

$N \rightarrow \nu \ell^+ \ell^-$
or
 $N \rightarrow \nu \gamma$



N may be Majorana or Dirac, with either helicity states.

Conclusions

A semi-visible dark photon with $m_{A'} \sim 1$ GeV and $\varepsilon \sim 10^{-2}$ is easy to look for, but so far, not directly targeted by current searches.

Interesting solution to the $(g - 2)_\mu$ puzzle and can also have connections to the anomalies in the neutrino short-baseline program.

Thank you

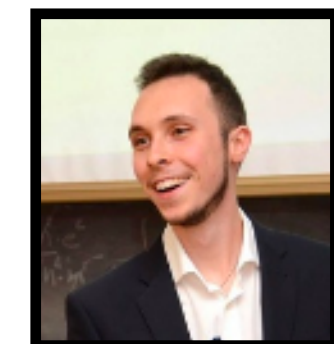
The plan for the future to extend our coverage of these models:

1. Searches for A' in CERN's NA64 program allowing for prompt decay signature.
2. Searches for monophotons and displaced vertices at Belle-II.
3. Make use of $\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2 \rightarrow \psi_1 e^+ e^-$ upscattering signatures at neutrino experiments.
4. Eventually, LDMX could dig much deeper into parameter space.

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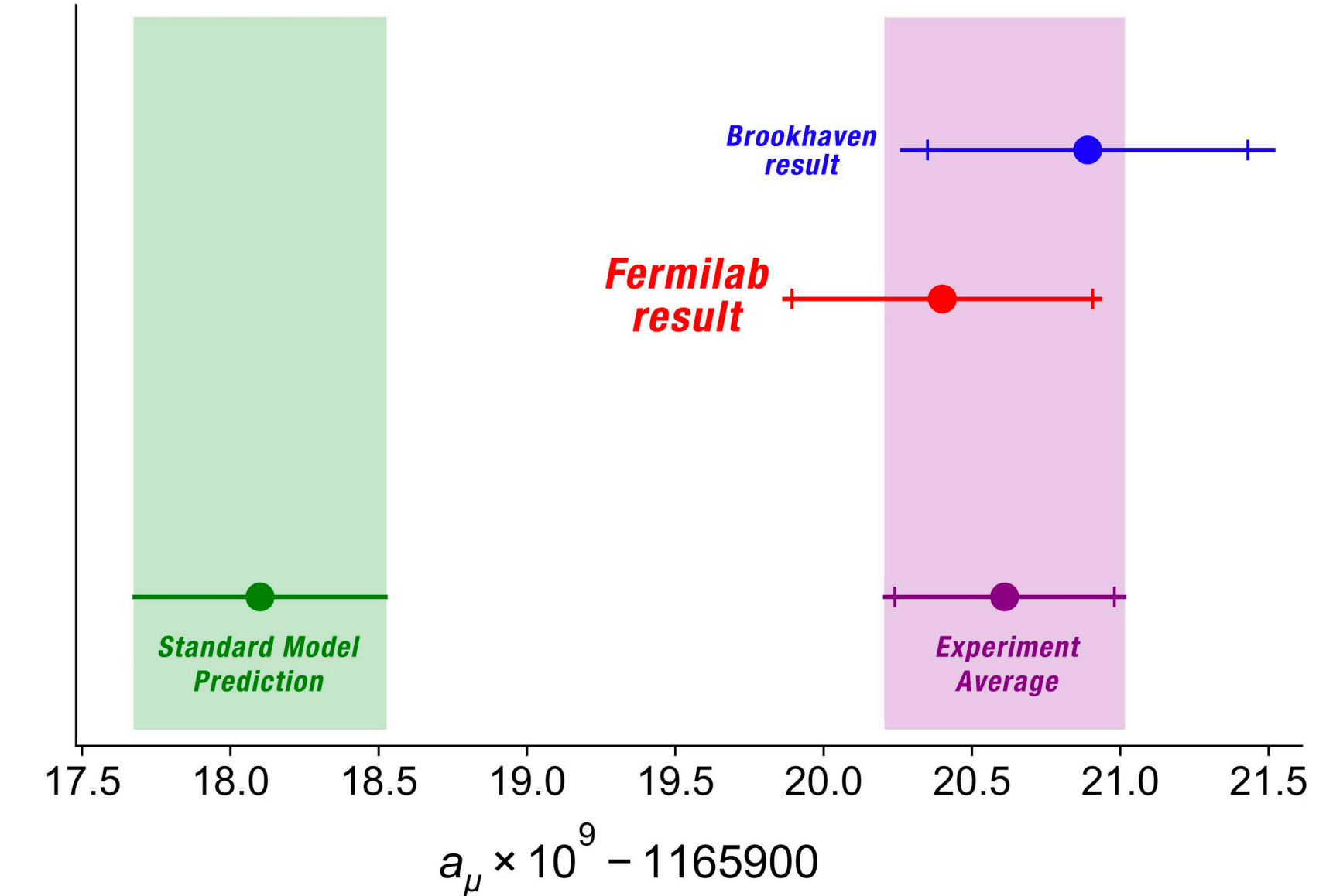
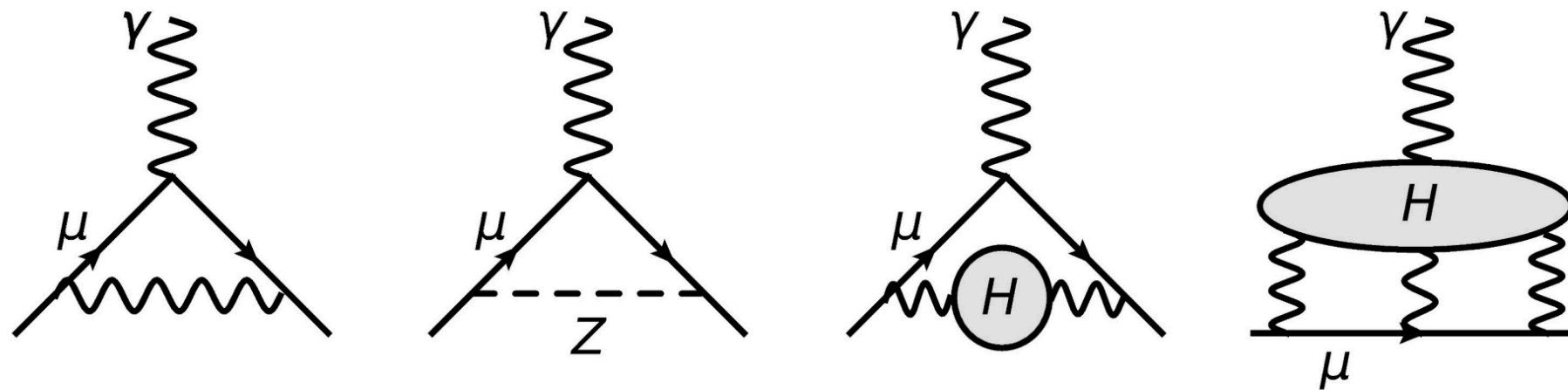
Back-up slides

Dark forces contributing to $(g-2)_\mu$

$$a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = a_\mu^{\text{QED}} + a_\mu^{\text{EW}} + a_\mu^{\text{HVP, LO}} + a_\mu^{\text{HVP, NLO}} + a_\mu^{\text{HVP, NNLO}} + a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} + a_\mu^{\text{HLbL, NLO}}$$

$$= 116\,591\,810(43) \times 10^{-11}.$$

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$$a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} = 116592061(41) \times 10^{-11}$$

Muon (g-2) BNL., PRD73:072003,2006

Muon (g-2) FNAL 10.1103/PhysRevLett.126.141801

$$\Delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 251 \times 10^{-11}$$

Combination of BNL and FNAL results stands at a 4.2σ discrepancy with theory white-paper calculations (see also, lattice results).

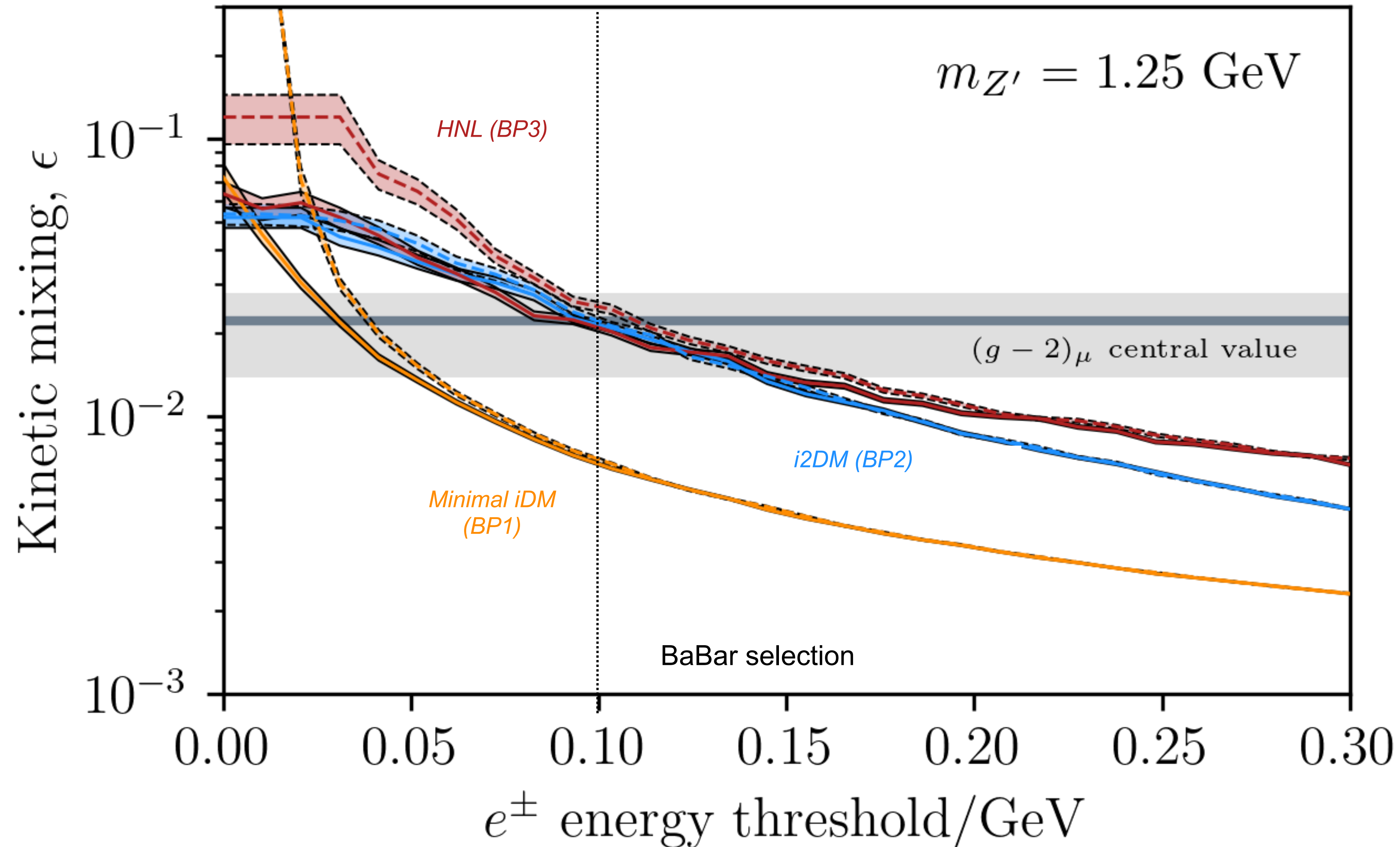
If theory predictions are indeed under control, then new physics must not be too far out of reach

$$\Delta a_\mu^{\text{NP}} \sim \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{m_\mu^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

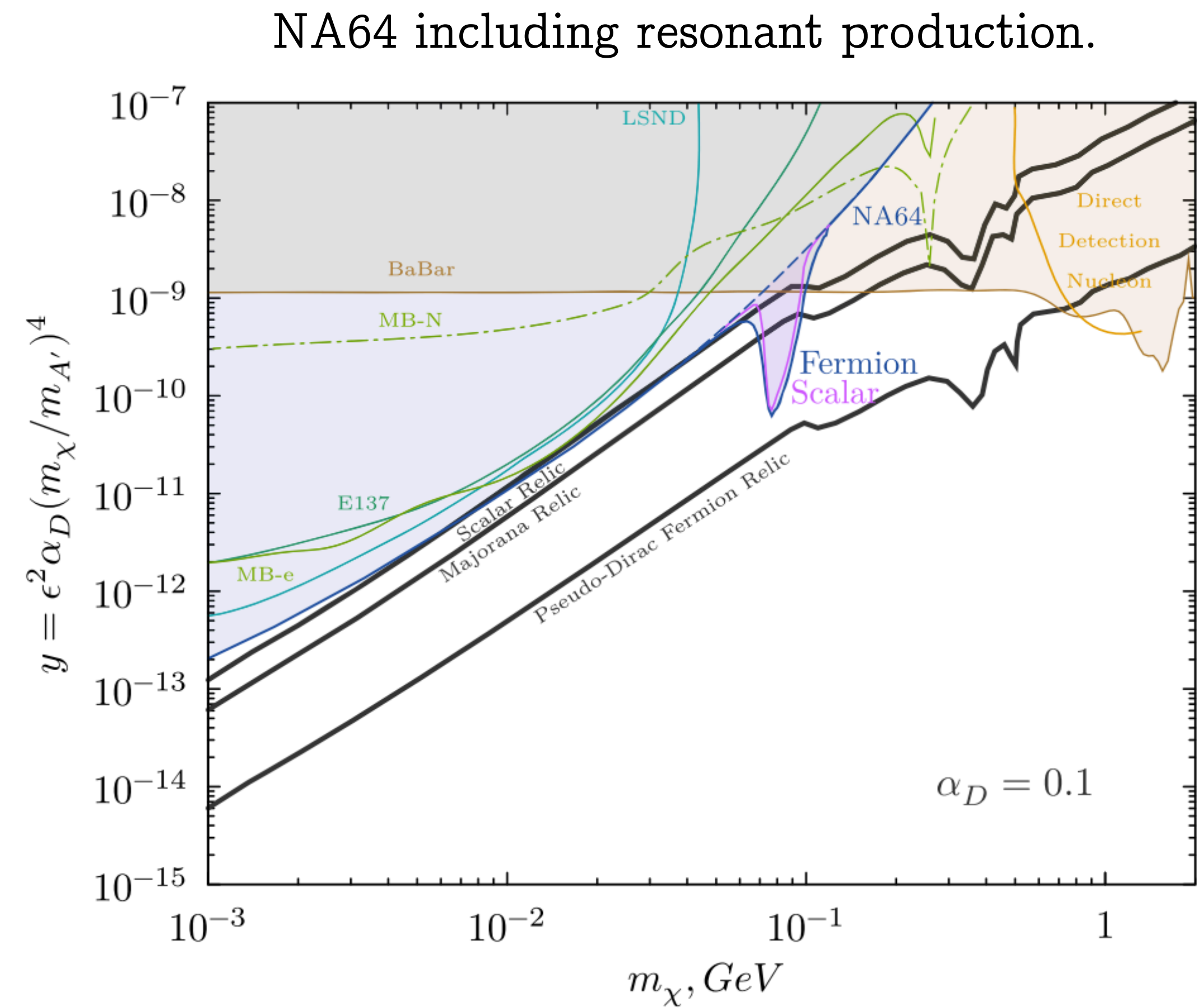
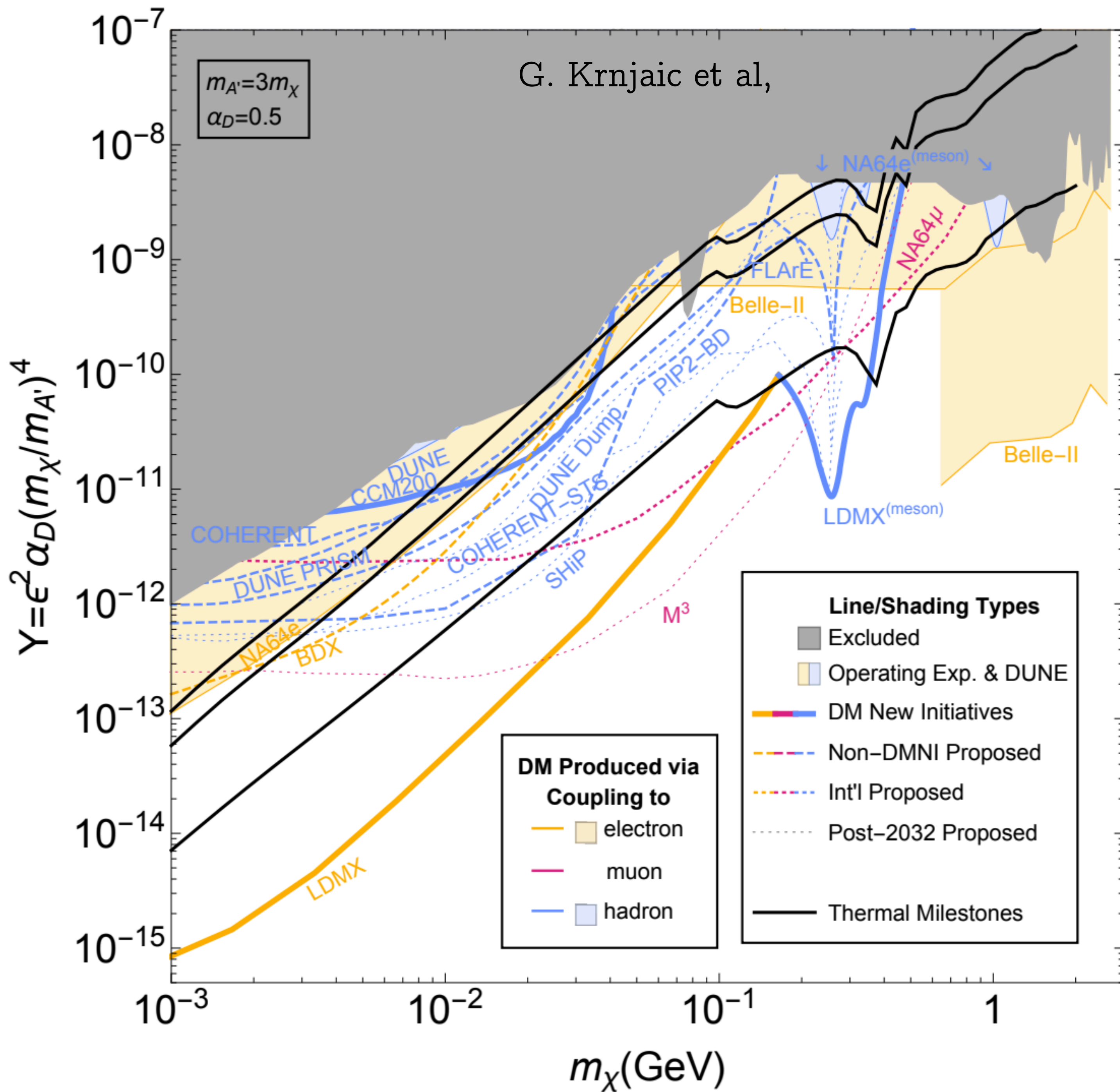
$$\frac{\Lambda}{g} \sim \text{few 100s of GeV}$$

Signal characteristics

Dependence of the results on simulation assumptions

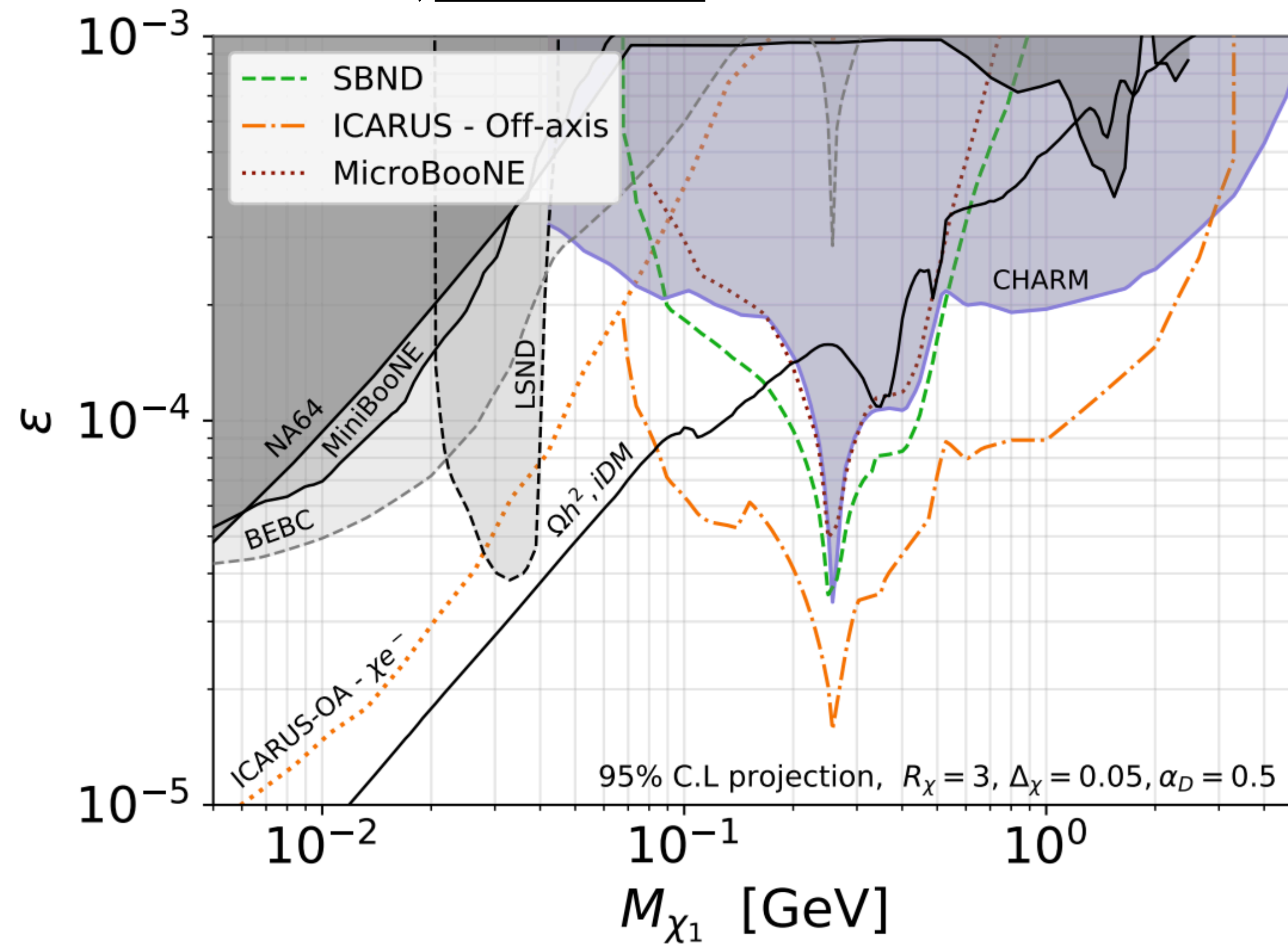


At BaBar, **energy thresholds** are the dominant source of “invisible” dark photon events:



iDM at the Short-Baseline program at FNAL.

B. Batell et al, [arXiv:2106.04584](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.04584)



Pseudo-Dirac, $m_\chi = 100$ MeV

