

FASER/T2K実験における軽い新粒子探索

(Search for light new particles at FASER/T2K)

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based on

“Dark Photon from light scalar boson decay at FASER”, JHEP03 (2021) 072

“New Constraint on Dark Photon at T2K off-axis near detector”, JHEP11 (2023) 056

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今日の話

★ 暗黒光子をFASER実験とT2K実験でどこまで探せるか？

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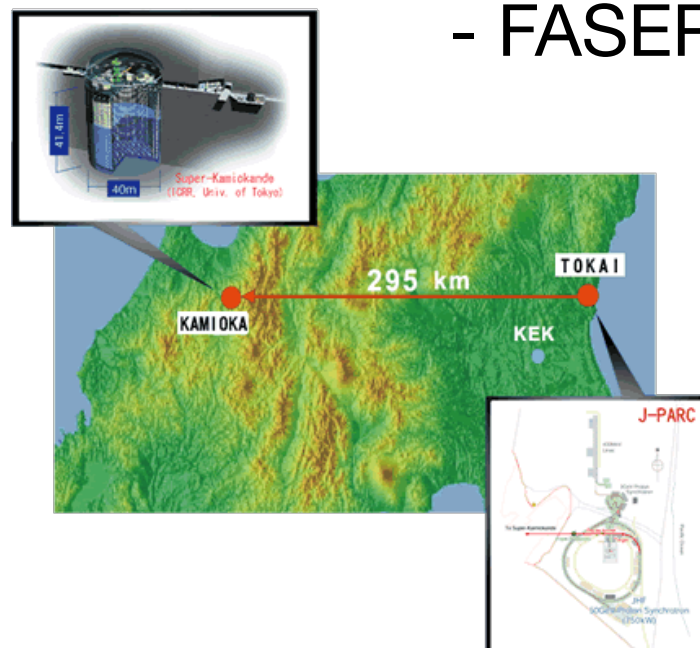
- 暗黒光子 (Dark Photon)
- 暗黒ヒッグス (Dark Higgs)
- 自発的対称性の破れ
- FASER実験, T2K実験



暗黒セクター



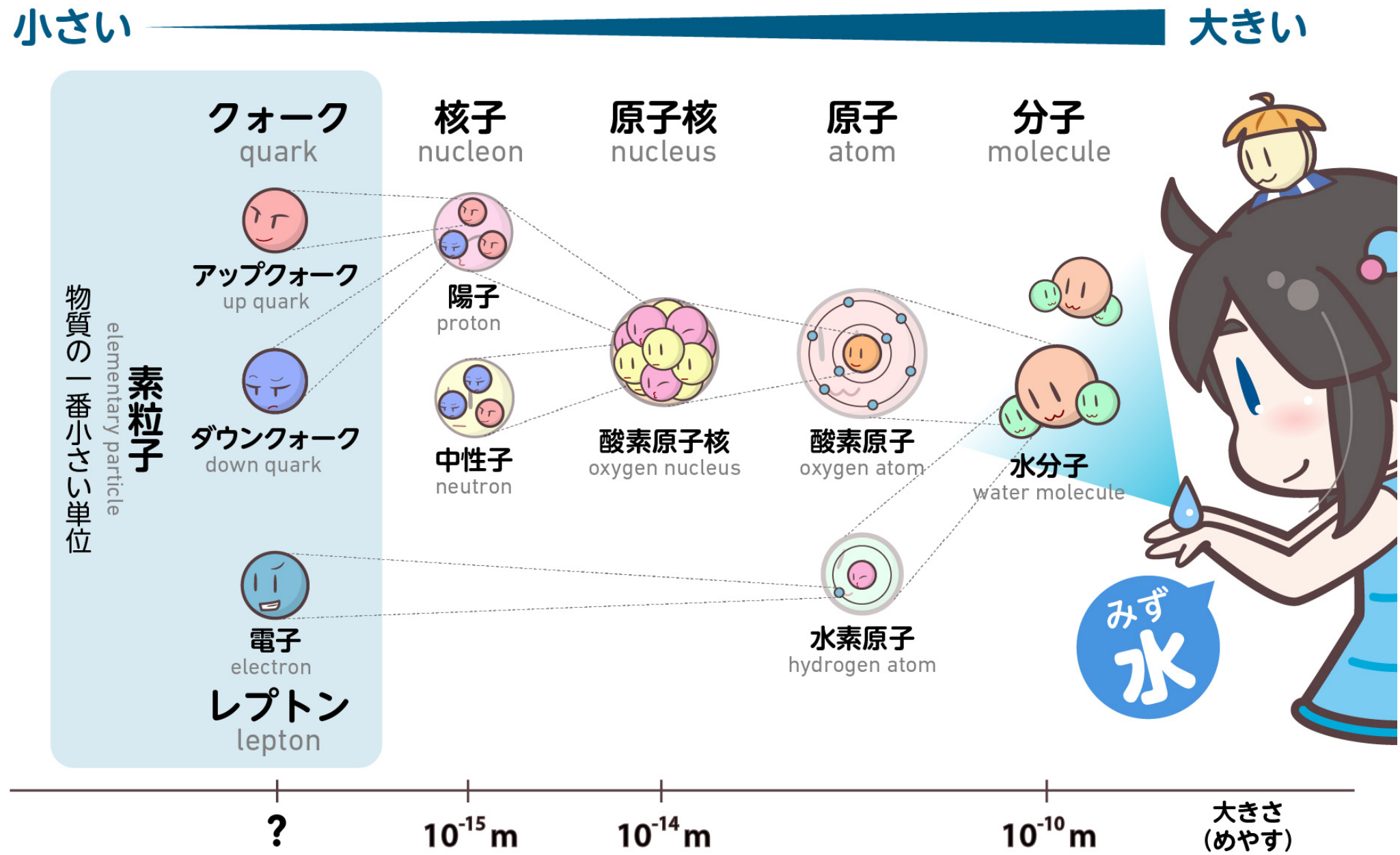
暗黒物質 (Dark Matter)



0. Fast review of Standard Model and Higgs mechanism



Elementary particle



物質の最小単位

Standard model

(力=相互作用)

物質粒子 matter (fermions) spin 1/2				ゲージ粒子 gauge bosons spin 1		力を伝える粒子
1 世代		2 世代		3 世代		
クォーク quarks				電磁気力 electromagnetic		$U(1)_{EM}$
						$SU(3)_C$
レプトン leptons				強い力 strong		$(Z, W^\pm)$ $SU(2)_L$
				弱い力 weak		質量を与える粒子
					ヒッグス粒子 spin 0	

Photon



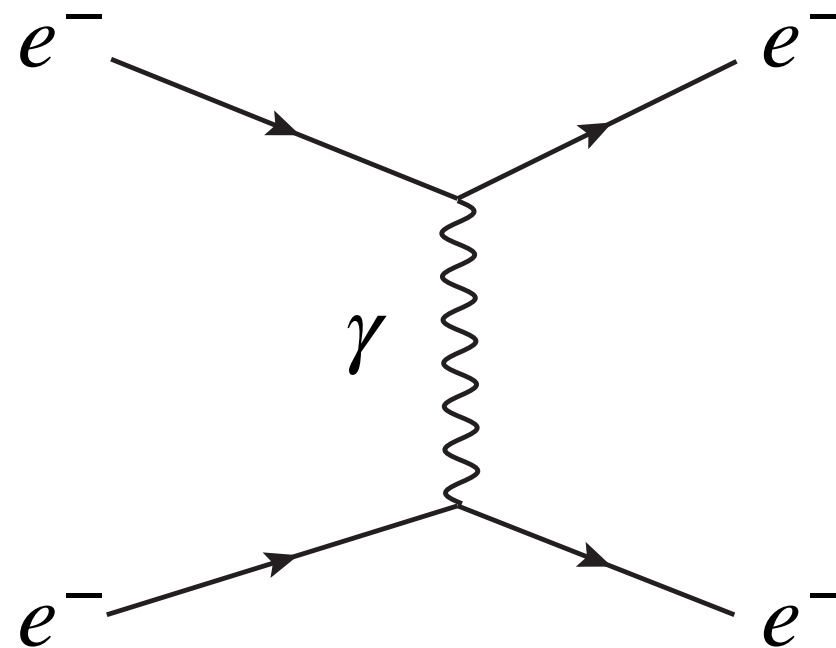
電磁気力を伝える 光子

Akimoto, Yuki @ higgstan

higgstan.com

- 電磁波の量子
- 電磁気力を伝える仮想量子

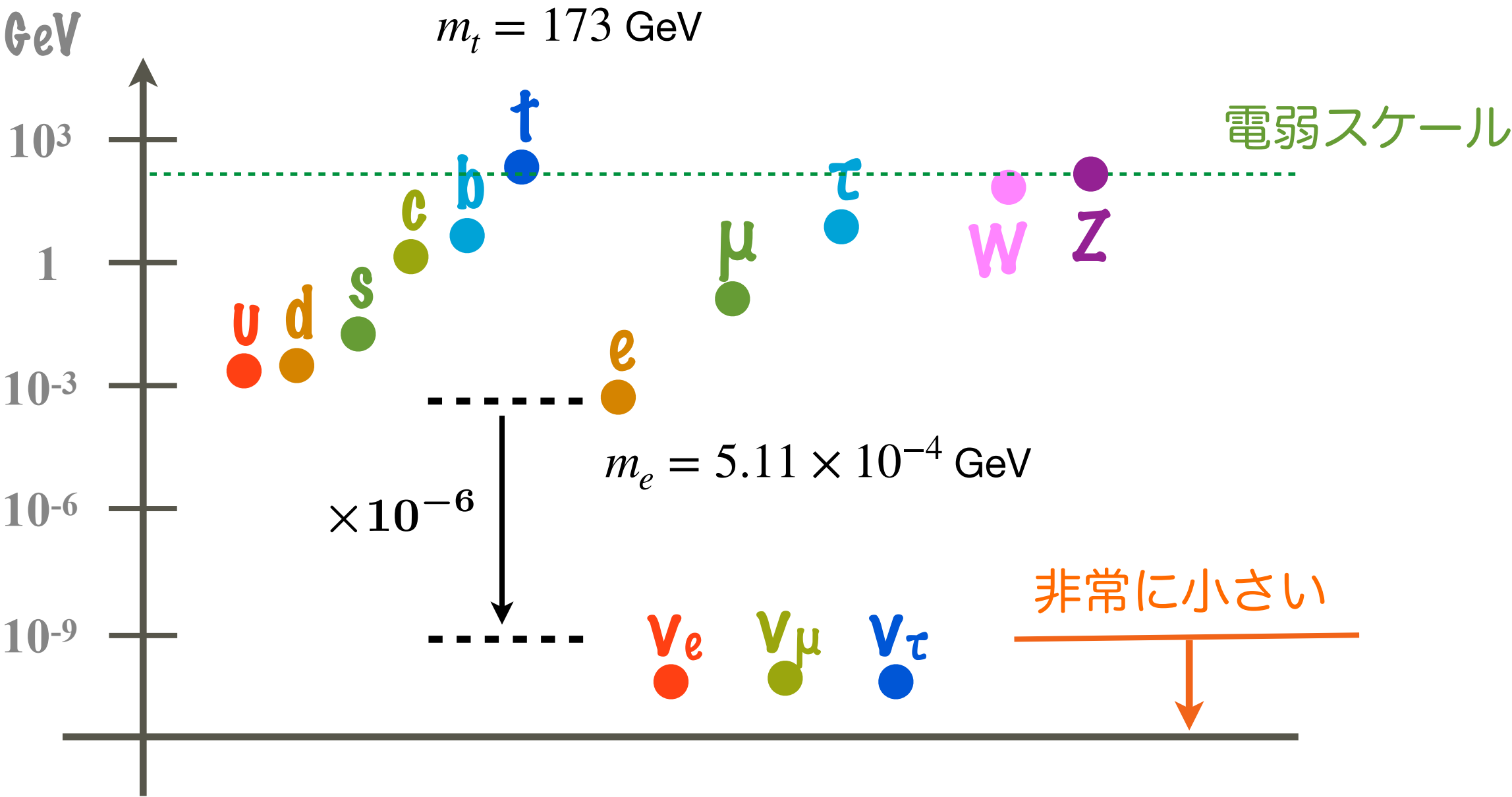
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Mass spectrum

$1\text{GeV} = 10^9\text{eV}$

$1\text{MeV} = 10^6\text{eV}$



- 質量ゼロ
- 光子 (Photon)
 - グルーオン (Gluon)

Higgs mechanism

F. Englert & P. Higgs,
Nobel prize in physics in 2013

- ▶ 素粒子が質量を持つことは対称性によって禁止
- ▶ 特に W と Z ボソンの質量は大問題

自発的対称性の破れなら問題を回避できる

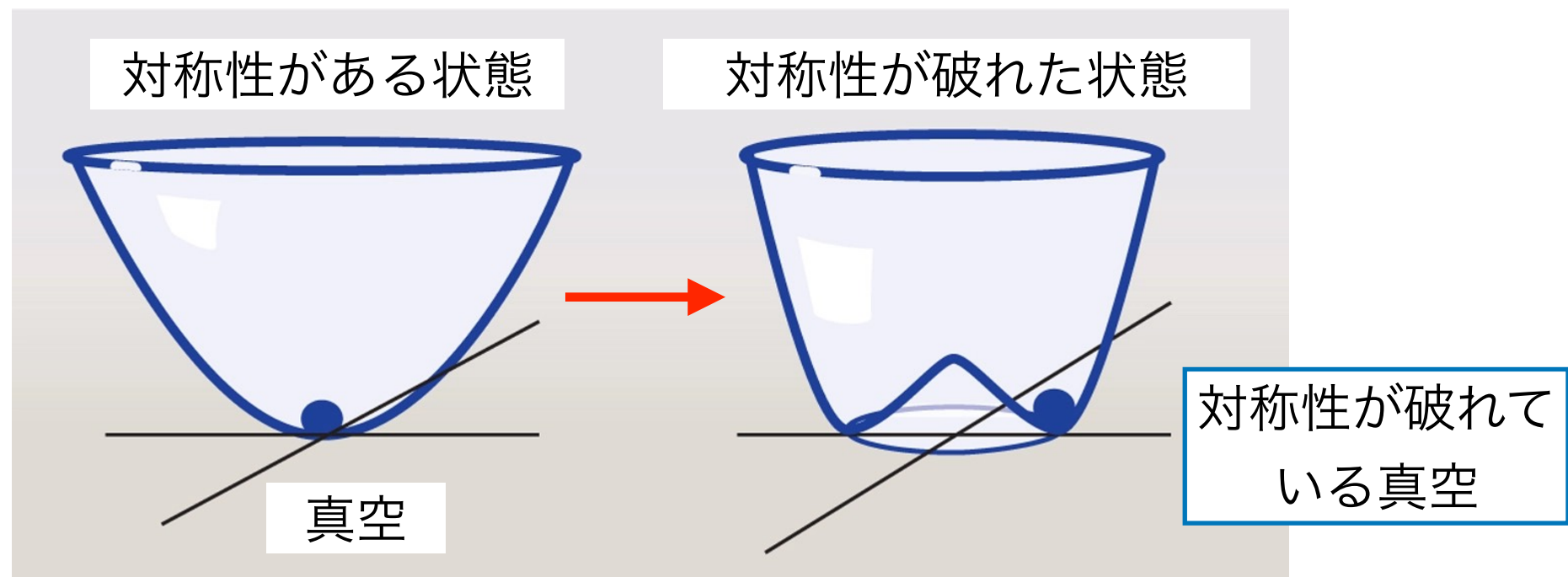
▶ Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism

- ヒッグス場の真空凝縮＝相転移
- ヒッグス場の凝縮によって対称性が破れる

冷たい窓に凝縮する水滴



ヒッグスの
ポテンシャル
エネルギー



Higgs mechanism

memo

$$\langle H \rangle = \langle 0 | H | 0 \rangle$$

- ▶ ヒッグス場が真空凝縮すると

$$\langle H \rangle = 0 \longrightarrow \langle H \rangle = v \ (\neq 0)$$

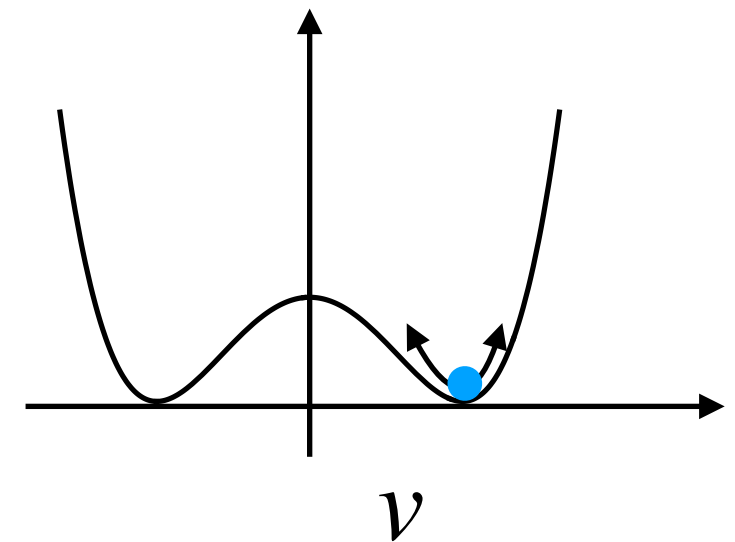
v : 真空期待値

対称性がある真空

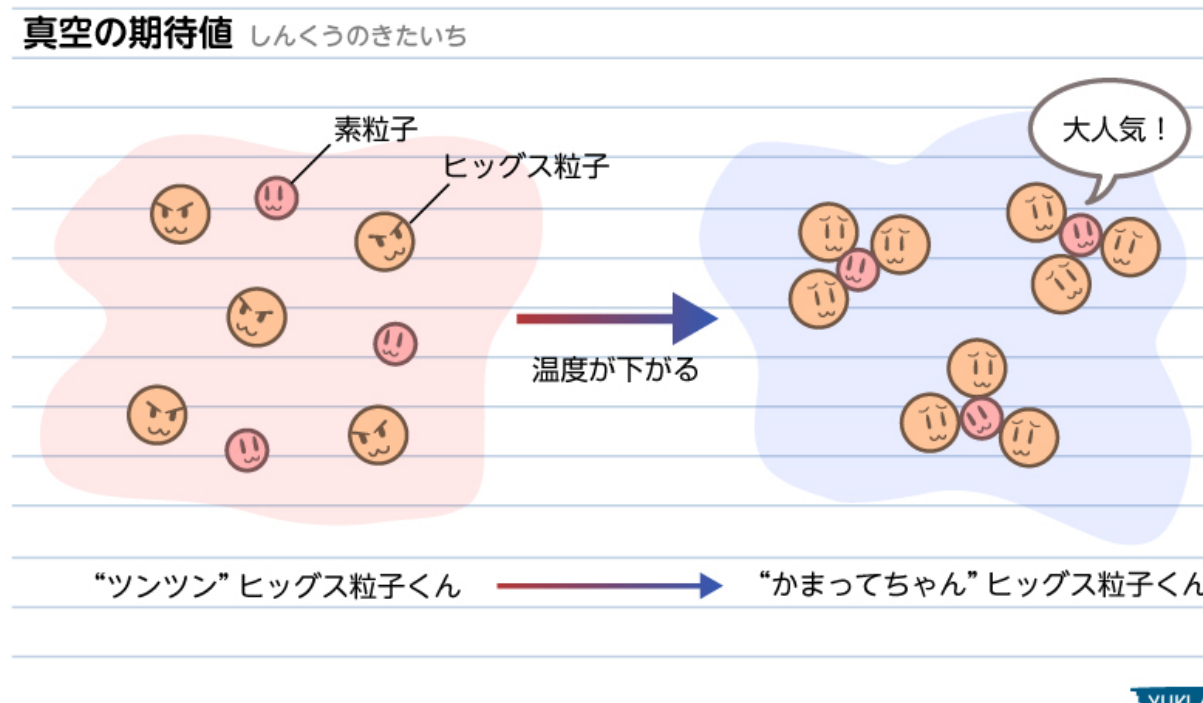
対称性が破れた真空

- ▶ ヒッグス粒子は真空周りの励起

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h)$$



- ▶ 質量はヒッグス場の真空期待値から得られる



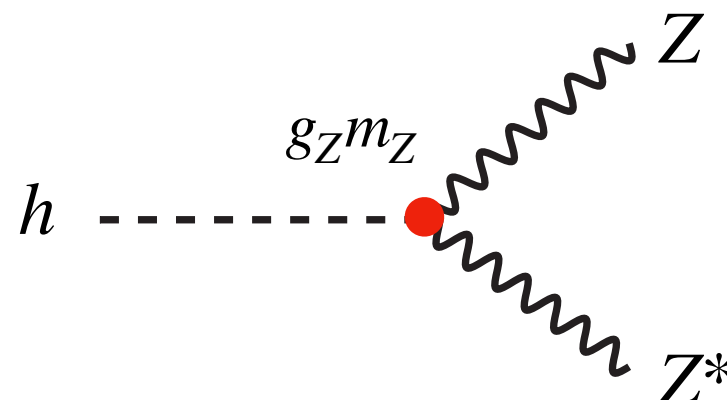
Gauge boson mass

- ▶ ゲージ粒子(Z boson)の質量

$$\mathcal{L} = g_Z^2 H^\dagger H Z^\mu Z_\mu \xrightarrow{H = \frac{v+h}{\sqrt{2}}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_Z^2 Z^\mu Z_\mu}_{\text{Z boson mass : } m_Z = \frac{1}{2} g_Z v} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} g_Z m_Z h Z^\mu Z_\mu}_{\text{Z boson mass : } m_Z = \frac{1}{2} g_Z v} + \frac{1}{8} g_Z^2 h^2 Z^\mu Z_\mu$$

- ▶ ヒッグス(h)-Z-Z 相互作用

- 自発的対称性の破れによる
質量獲得の証拠
- ヒッグス粒子が2つのゲージ粒子に崩壊



Fermion mass

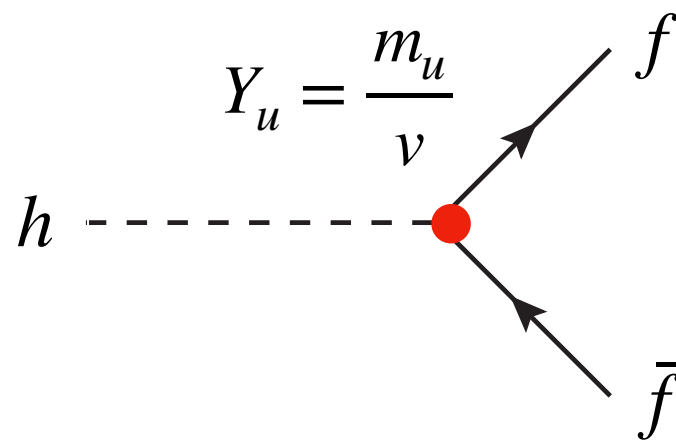
▶ クォーク & レプトンの質量

$$\mathcal{L} = Y_u \bar{u}_L \tilde{H} u_R + h.c. \quad \xrightarrow{H = \frac{v+h}{\sqrt{2}}} \quad \underline{m_u (\bar{u}_L u_R + \bar{u}_R u_L)} + \frac{Y_u}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_L u_R h + h.c.$$

u quark mass : $m_u = \frac{Y_u}{\sqrt{2}} v$

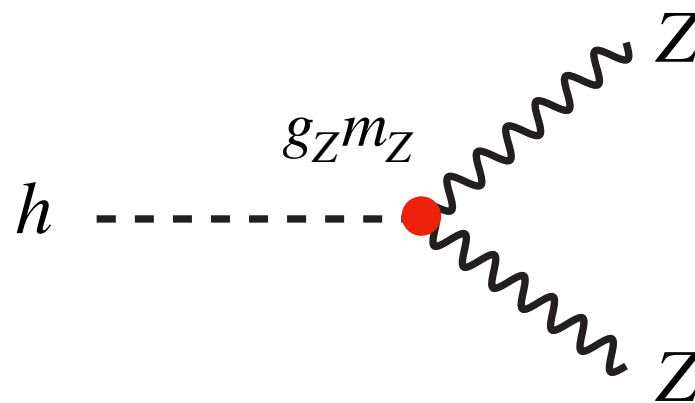
▶ h - f - f 相互作用

- ヒッグス粒子が2つのフェルミオンに崩壊



まとめ

- ▶ 光子 (フォトン, Photon) は電磁気力を伝えるゲージ粒子
電荷を持っている粒子と相互作用 (反応) する
- ▶ ヒッグス (Higgs) は対称性を破って素粒子に質量を与える
- ▶ ヒッグス機構によって対称性が破れた証拠



Outline

1. Introduction
2. Dark Photon with Dark Higgs
3. FASER and T2K sensitivity
4. Summary

1. Introduction

ここからスライドが英語になります
(単語が分からない場合はいつでも聞いてください)

Introduction

SM = Standard Model

- ▶ The standard model has been explaining almost all experimental results
- ▶ There are problems that the SM cannot address
 - Phenomenology side:
 - Neutrino mass and mixing (Lepton Flavor Violation)
 - Baryon asymmetry of the Universe
 - **Dark Matter**/Dark Energy
 - Anomalous magnetic moment of the muon (electron?)
 - Strong-CP problem
 - etc...
 - Theoretical side:
 - Number of generations
 - Origin of forces (gauge symmetry), including gravity
 - Hierarchy from the Planck/GUT scale to the EW scale
 - etc...

Introduction

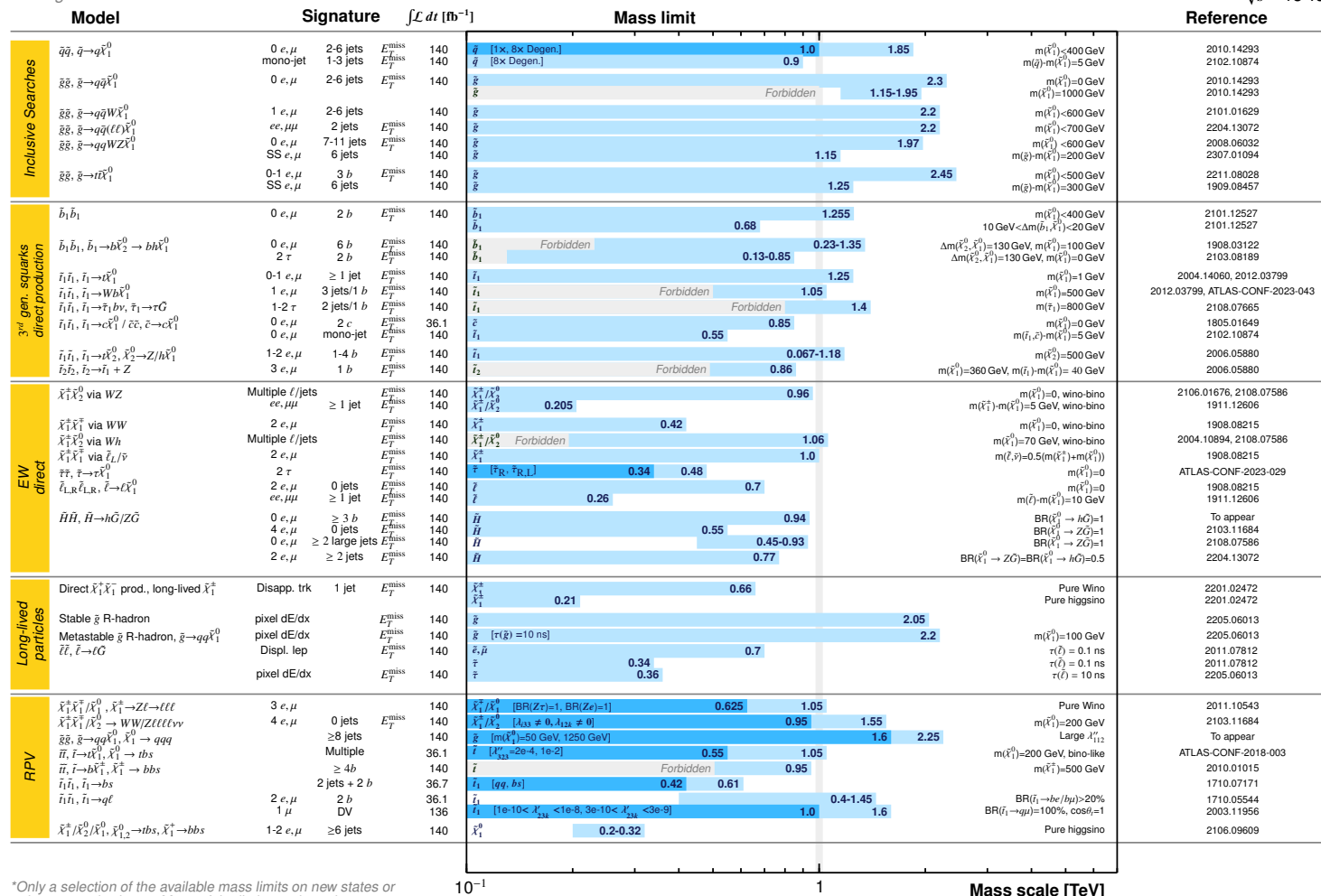
New Physics Beyond the SM (BSM) must solve these problems

SUSY, extra dim. technicolor ...

But no convincing signatures of BSM have been seen yet...

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits
August 2023

ATLAS Preliminary
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

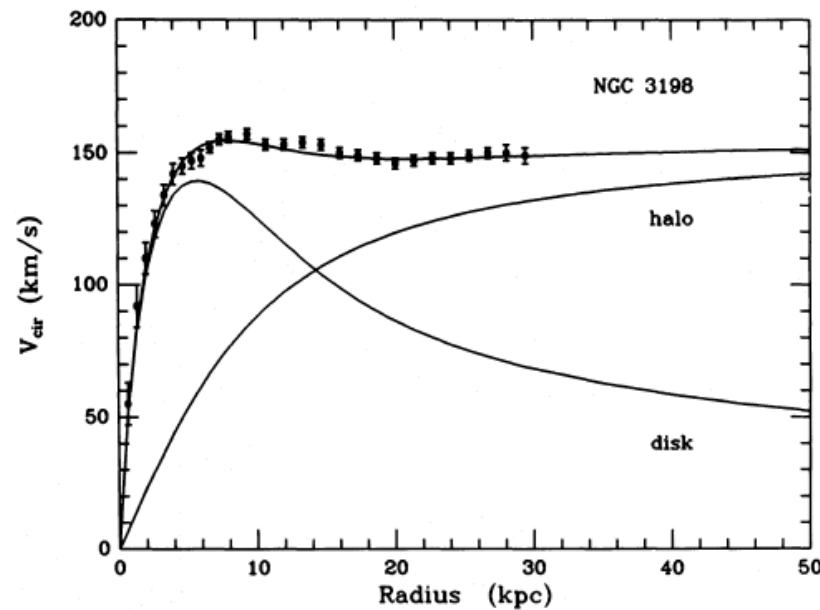


*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

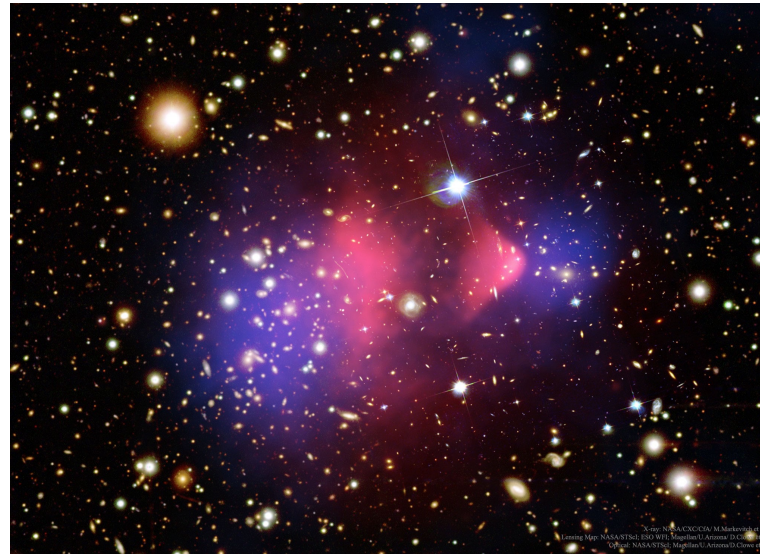


Dark Matter

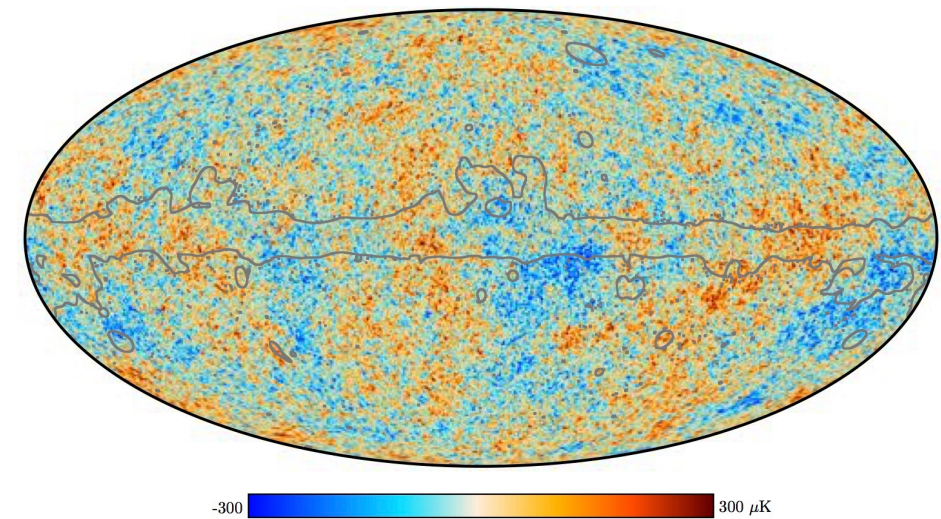
Rotation curves of galaxies



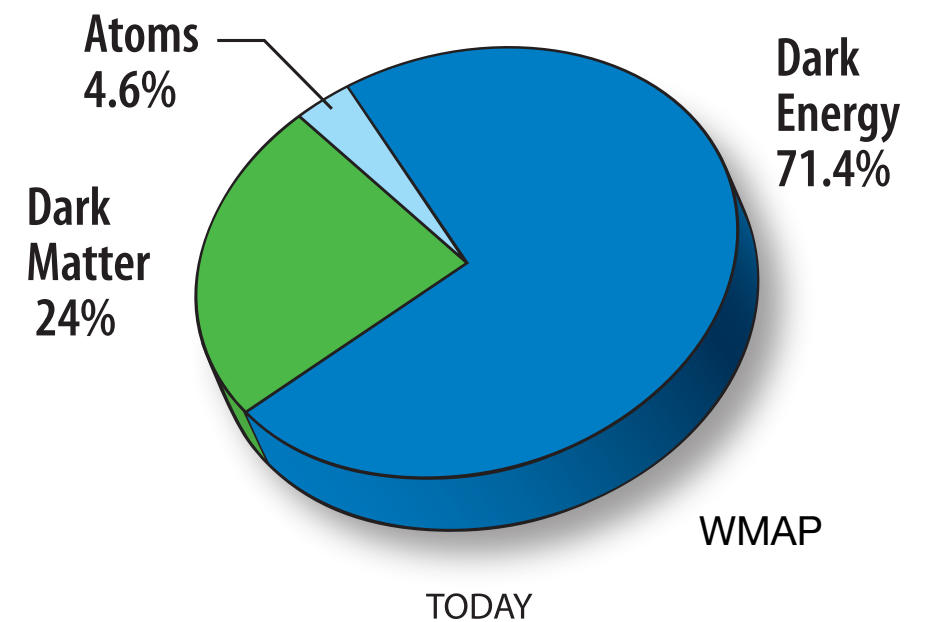
The bullet cluster



Cosmic microwave background



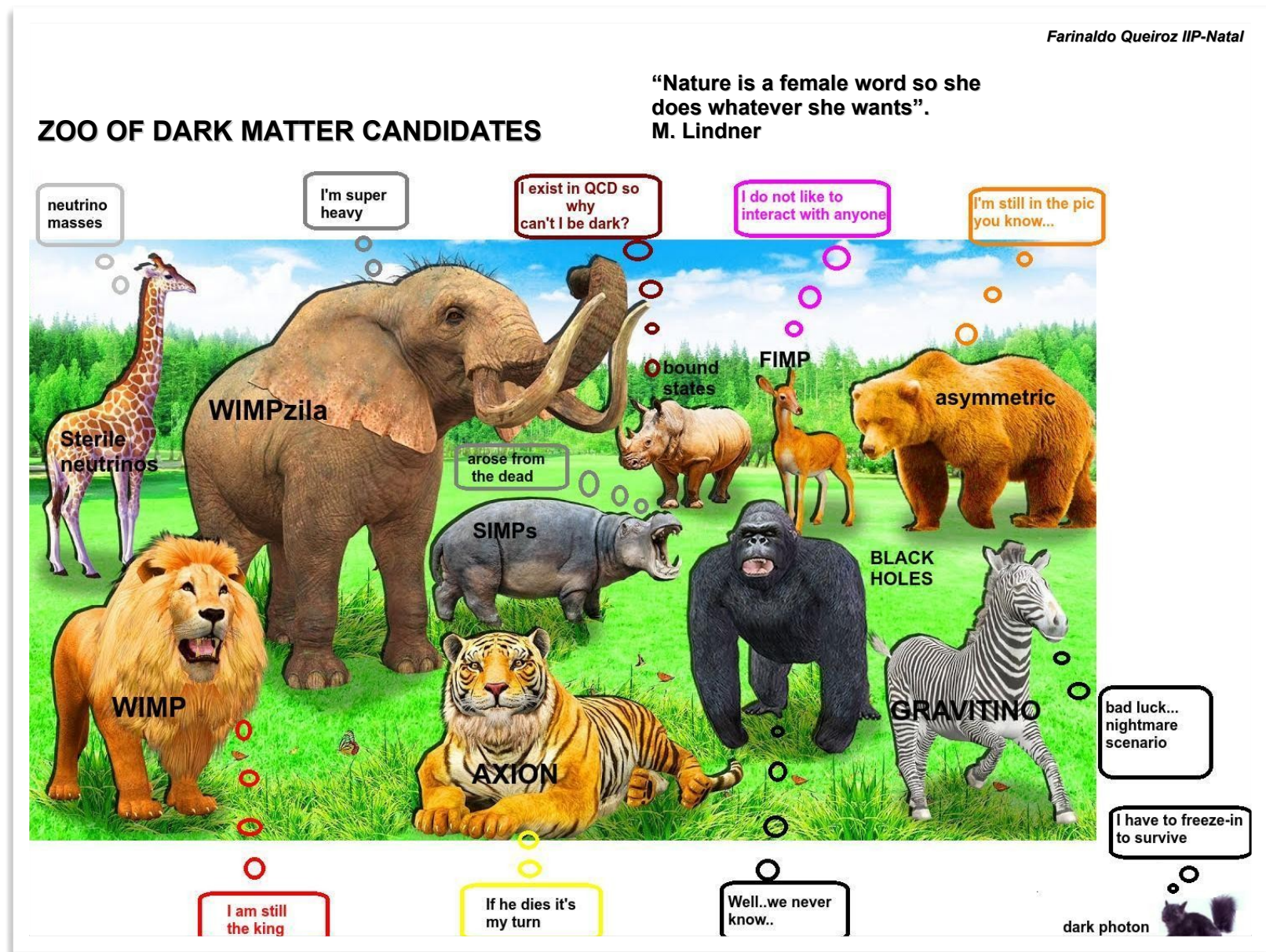
- The DM occupies 24% of the total energy density of the Universe.
- The ordinary matter is just 4.6%.



Dark Matter Candidates

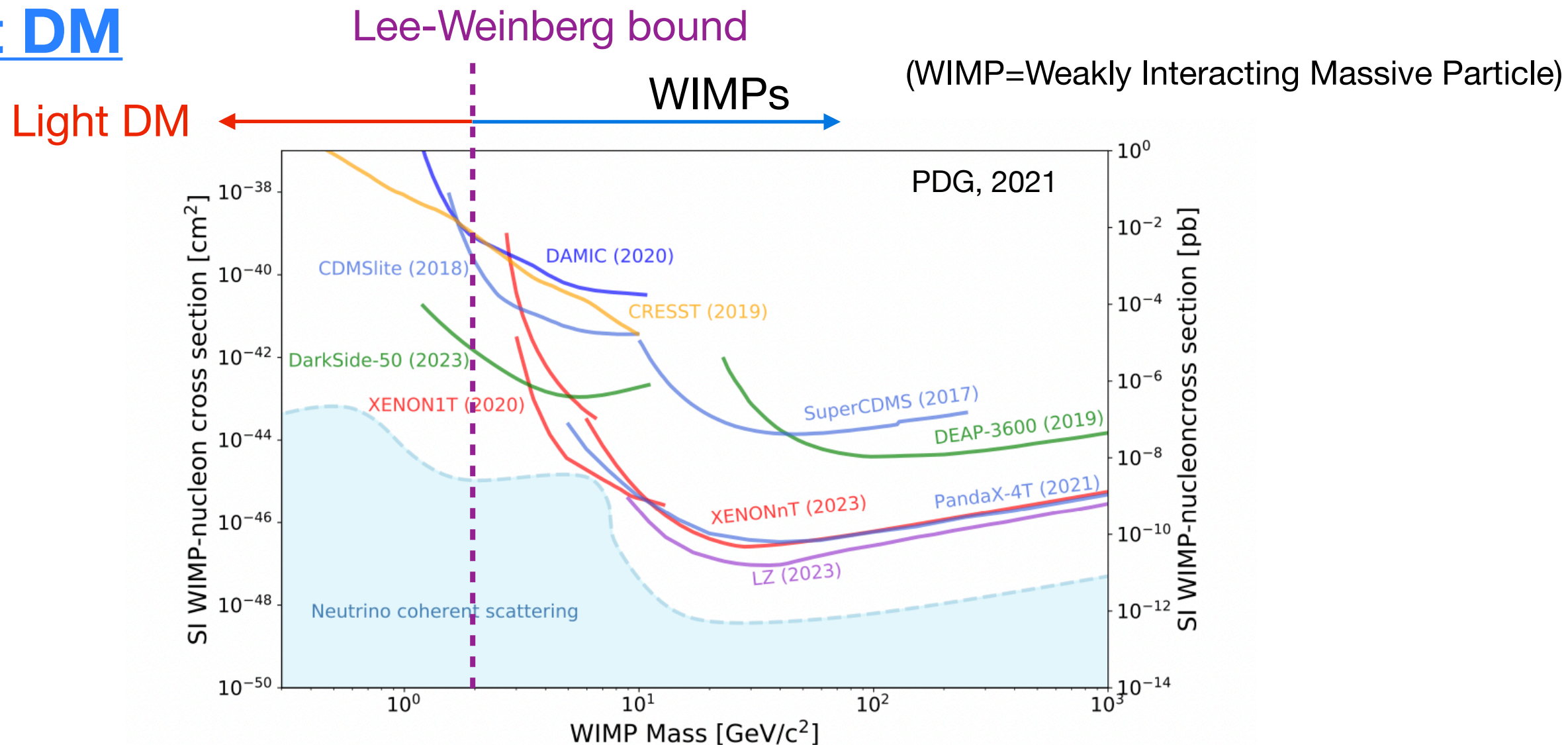
- ▶ There are many candidates, via thermal or non-thermal productions
 - Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)
 - Axion or Axion-Like-Particles (ALPs)
 - Sterile neutrinos
 - pNG particles
 - Dark Photon
 - Gravitino
 - etc...

None of them have been found yet



taken from F. Queiroz slide

Light DM



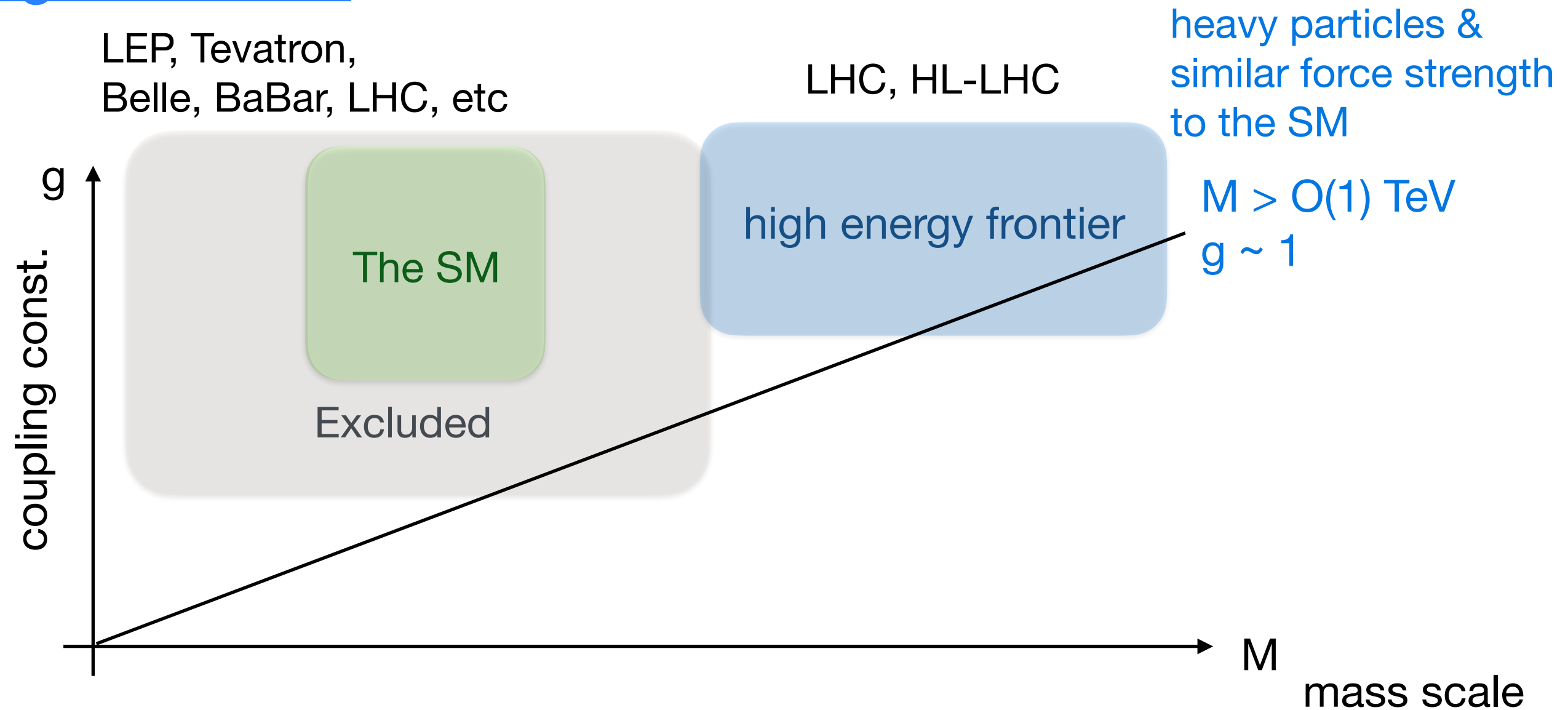
- **Lee-Weinberg bound** : When the DM annihilates through the weak int., **its mass must be > 2 GeV** to avoid overproduction.

Lee and Weinberg, PRL 39 (1977)

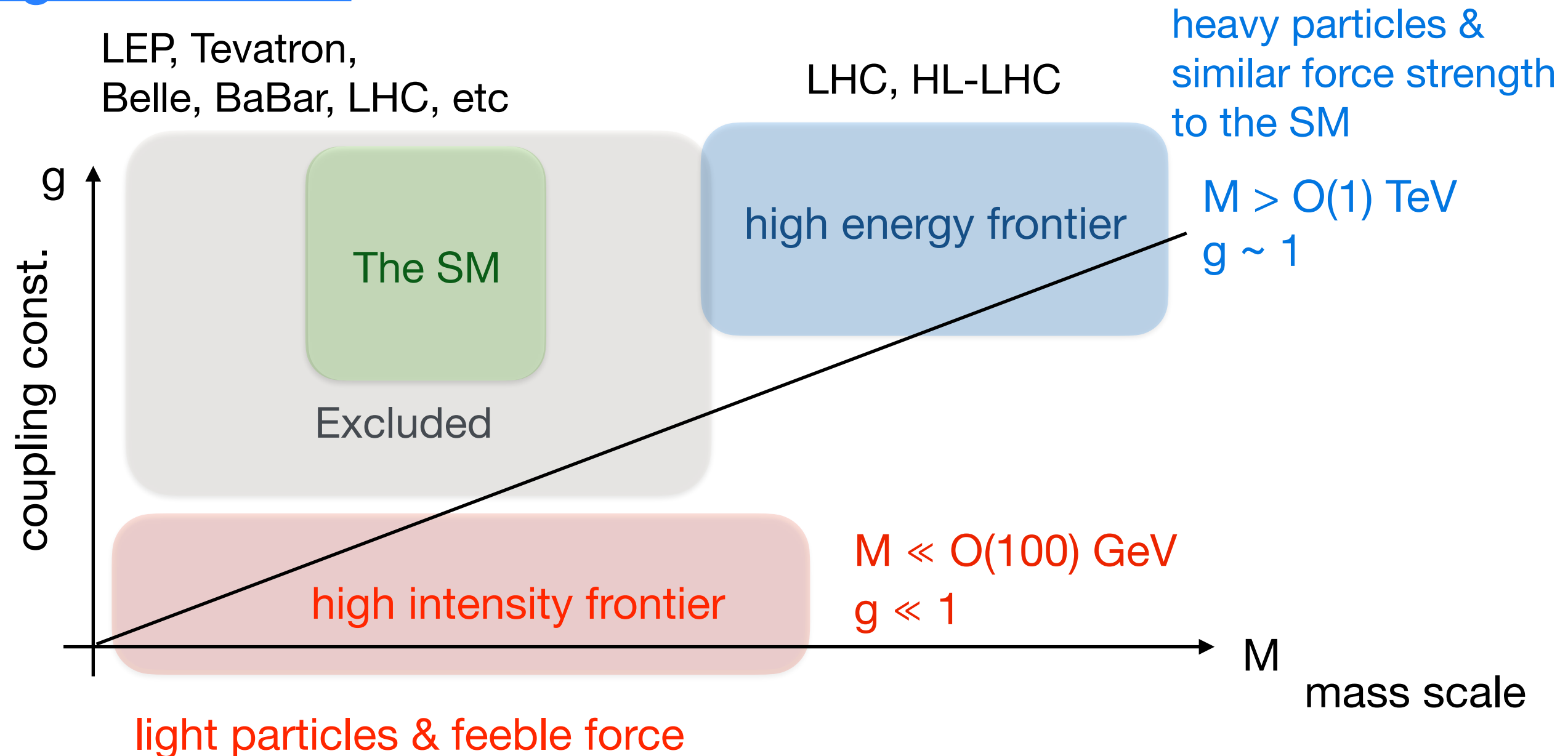
- Introducing **a new light force mediator**, the DM can annihilate efficiently. **Then, the DM can be lighter than 2 GeV.**

Boem and Fayet,
Pospelov, et al

Light Mediator



Light Mediator



FASER, Belle-II, SHiP, COHERENT,
NA64_μ, ILC, DUNE, APEX,
MESA, VEPP3, Mu3e, **T2K**, etc...

Dark Sector

- ▶ Non-observation of DM leads to the idea of “**dark sector**”, which **almost decouples from the SM sector**



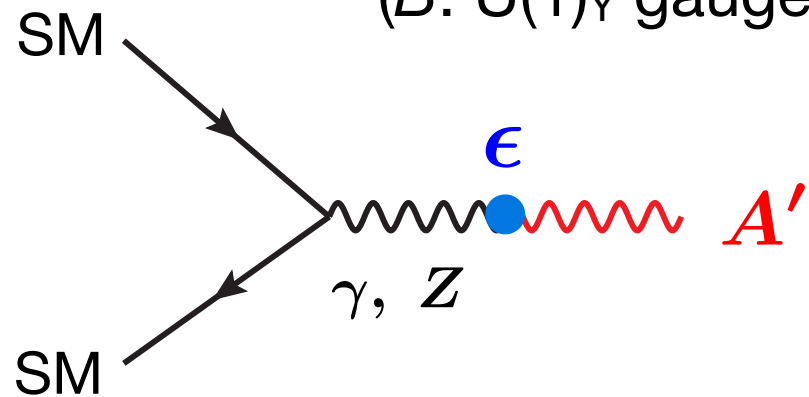
- No direct interactions exist between the SM and dark particles.
- Portal particle connects two sectors.

Dark Sector

- ▶ “Dark Particles” are model(problem)-dependent.
- ▶ “Portal-SM Interactions” are rather model-independent.
(constrained by symmetry & spin)

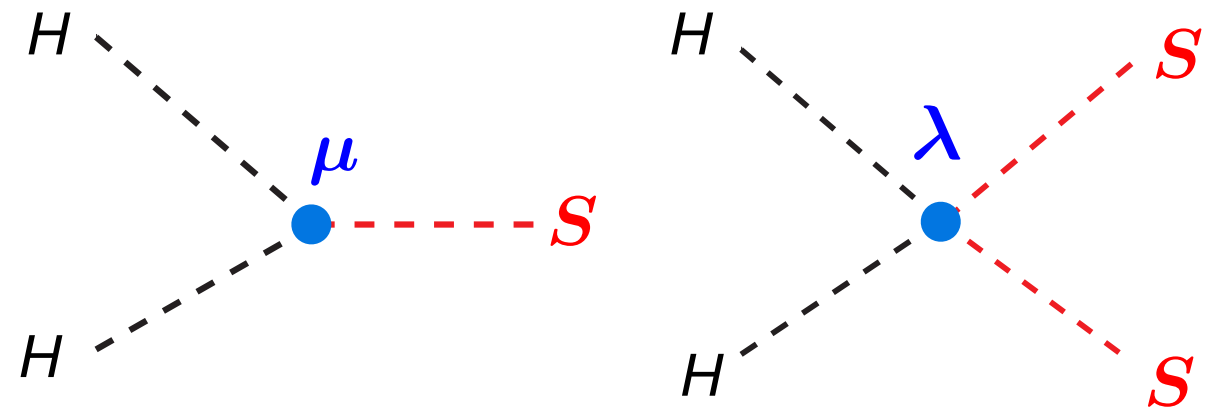
Portals

- Vector Portal : $\epsilon B_{\mu\nu} A'^{\mu\nu}$
(B : $U(1)_Y$ gauge boson)



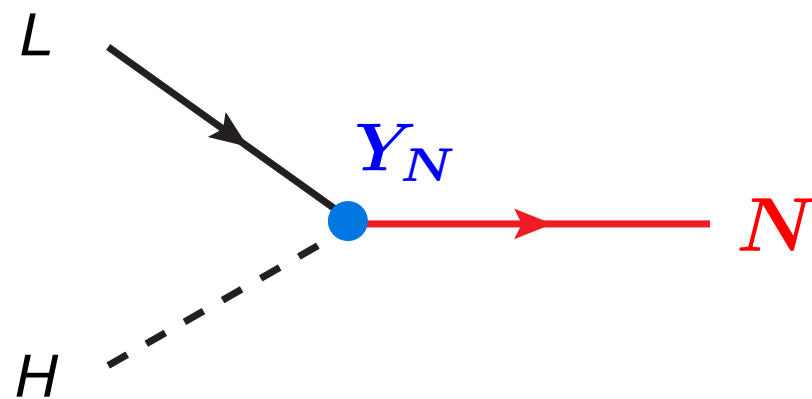
Dark photon/extra Z'

- Scalar Portal : $(\mu S + \lambda' S^2) |H|^2$



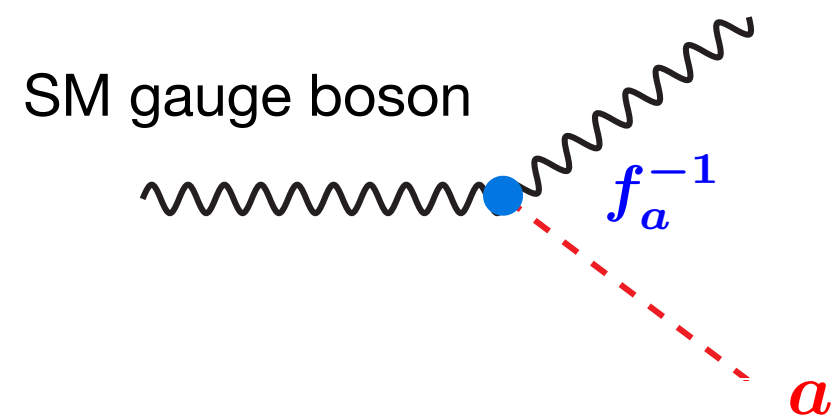
Dark Higgs

- Fermion Portal : $Y_N \bar{L} H N$



right-handed neutrino

- Axion Portal : $\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$



Pseudoscalar/ALPs

Dark photon & Dark Higgs

- ▶ Dark photon and dark Higgs are benchmark models of the portals.
- ▶ Both portals have been studied separately.
 - Dark photon is the gauge boson of dark symmetry.
 - mixes with the EM photon
 - Dark Higgs breaks dark symmetry spontaneously.
 - mixes with the SM Higgs
- ▶ Mechanism of dark photon mass generation
 - Mass of dark photon is given by hand in minimal model (some literatures)
 - Some mechanism is required for realistic model
 - Stuckelberg mechanism (connection to string theory?)
 - Spontaneous symmetry breaking (Higgs mechanism)
 - Dark photon model with dark Higgs

Dark sector search

- ▶ Dark sector could accommodate new physics such as
 - Dark matter
 - Neutrino mass/mixing
 - Baryon asymmetry of the Universe
 - Strong CP problem

For review, Feng et al. J.Phys.G 50 (2023)

- ▶ Experiments are running now, and planned for near future.
 - **FASER, FASER2**
 - Belle-II, NA64
 - **T2K**, DUNE
 - FACET, Codex-b, MATHULSA, etc

We are in good era to study dark sector physics

Purpose

In this talk, I will discuss the following two studies

- ▶ Dark photon model with dark Higgs
 - Dark Higgs contribution to dark photon production
 - Sensitivity to dark photon search at the FASER experiment

“Dark Photon from light scalar boson decay at FASER”, JHEP03 (2021) 072

- ▶ Sensitivity to dark photon search at T2K experiment
 - First study of dark photon sensitivity at T2K
 - Constraint from present results
 - Future sensitivity at upgraded T2K

“New Constraint on Dark Photon at T2K off-axis near detector”, JHEP11 (2023) 056

2. Dark Photon with Dark Higgs

Dark photon model

- Introduce a dark symmetry $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$ to the SM
 - The SM particles are singlet under $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$.
 - Dark photon A' can have kinetic mixing term.
 - Dark Higgs Φ is introduced to break $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$.

	Q	u	d	L	e_R	H	Φ
$SU(3)_C$	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
$SU(2)_L$	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
$U(1)_Y$	1/6	2/3	-1/3	-1/2	-1	1/2	0
$U(1)_{\text{dark}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} A'_{\mu\nu} A'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} A'^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{DH}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{DH} = |D_\mu \Phi|^2 - V_{DH}, \quad (D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig' A'_\mu)$$

$$V_{DH} = -\mu_D^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \frac{\lambda_D}{4} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + \frac{\lambda'}{2} (H^\dagger H) (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$$

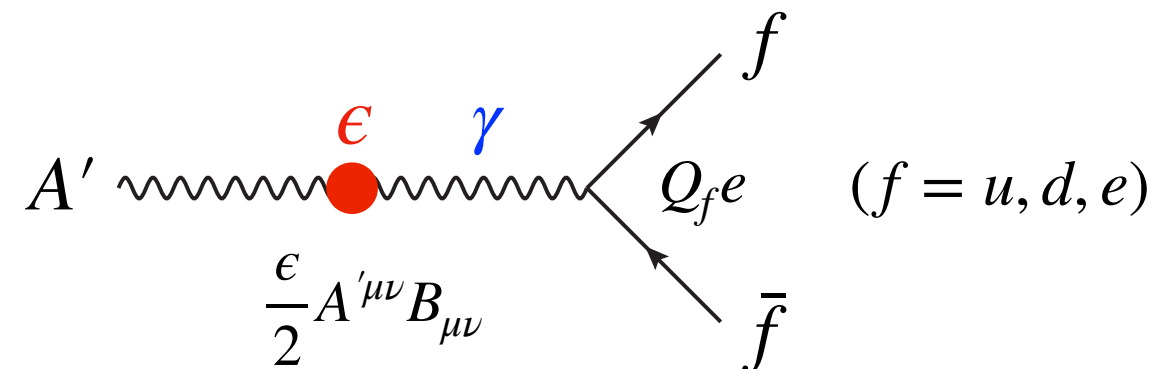
where ϵ : kinetic mixing parameter

B : $U(1)$ hypercharge gauge boson ($\supset$ EM photon)

Dark photon interaction

- ▶ Due to the kinetic mixing, A' can mix with the EM photon
- ▶ A' interacts with charged particles **through the EM current**

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \epsilon e J_{EM}^\mu A'_\mu$$



- ▶ Dark photon can decay into charged leptons & hadrons.

Decay width

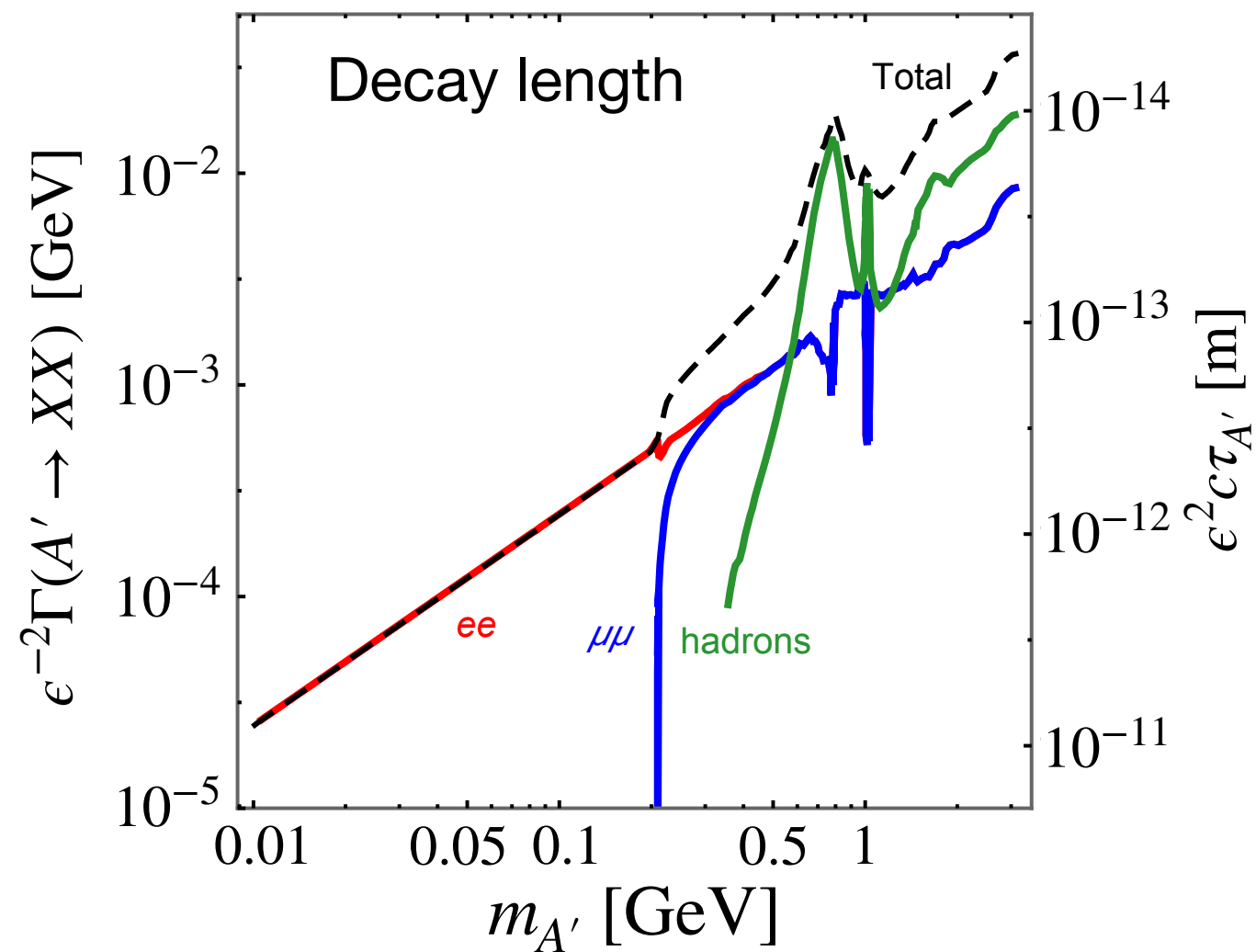
$$\Gamma(A' \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell}) = \frac{\epsilon^2 e^2 m_{A'}}{12\pi} \left(1 + \frac{2m_\ell^2}{m_{A'}^2} \right) \beta_{A'}(l) \quad (\beta_{A'}(l) = \sqrt{1 - 4m_l^2/m_{A'}^2})$$

$$\Gamma(A' \rightarrow \text{had.}) = \Gamma(A' \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}) R(m_{A'}^2)$$

$$\text{where } R(s) = \sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) / \sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$$

Dark photon decay length

minimal model (w/o dark higgs)



For $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$

$$c\tau_{A'} = 100 \text{ m} @ m_{A'} = 0.1 \text{ GeV}$$

cf: muon

$$c\tau_{\mu} = 220 \text{ m}$$

Dark photon mass

Mass generation mechanism

- ▶ Spontaneous symmetry breaking is one of the natural mechanisms.
 - ▶ **Dark Higgs boson Φ** must be introduced as the origin of A' mass
 - ▶ $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$ is broken by dark Higgs vev.

Dark Higgs kinetic term

$$|D_\mu \Phi|^2 \supset g'^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi A'_\mu A'^\mu \xrightarrow[\Phi = (v_\phi + \phi)/\sqrt{2}]{U(1)_{\text{dark}} \text{ br.}} \frac{1}{2} m_{A'}^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu + \textcolor{red}{g' m_{A'} \phi A'_\mu A'^\mu} + \dots$$

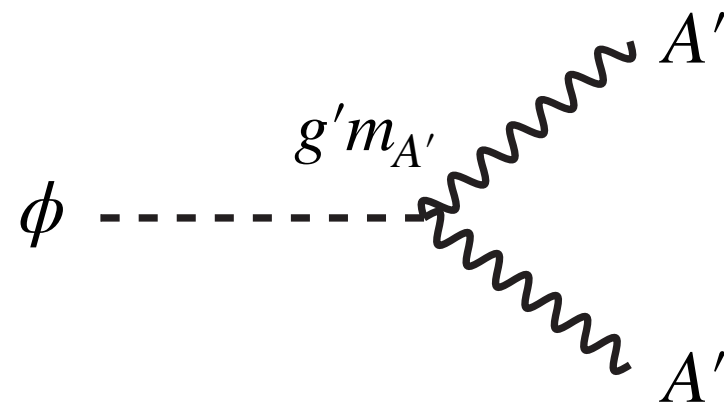
$(m_{A'} = g' v_\phi)$

The $\phi A' A'$ interaction is

Direct consequence of the mass generation.

Dark Higgs decay into $A'A'$

- ▶ Dark higgs can decay into two dark photons



Decay width of $\phi \rightarrow A'A'$

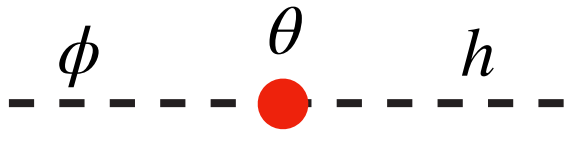
- ▶ Controlled by g'
- ▶ Enhanced when $m_{A'} \ll m_\phi$ due to longitudinal component

$$\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow A'A') = \frac{g'^2}{8\pi} \frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_\phi} \beta_\phi(A') \left[2 + \frac{m_\phi^4}{4m_{A'}^4} \left(1 - 2\frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_\phi^2} \right) \right]$$

$$\simeq \frac{g'^2}{32\pi} \frac{m_\phi^2}{m_{A'}^2} m_\phi \quad \text{where } \beta_\phi(A') = \sqrt{1 - 4m_{A'}^2/m_\phi^2}$$

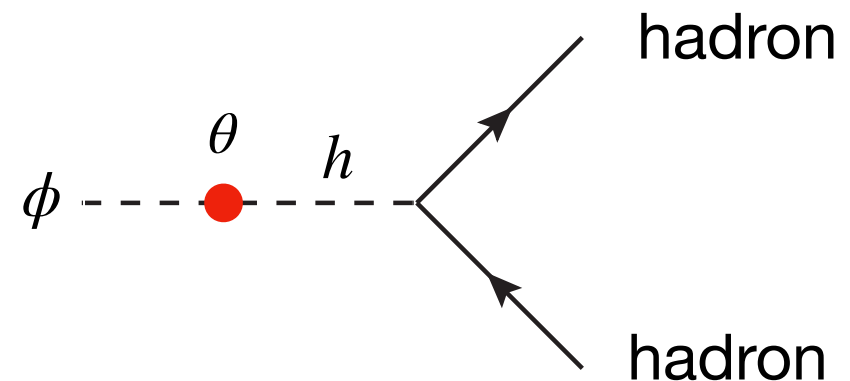
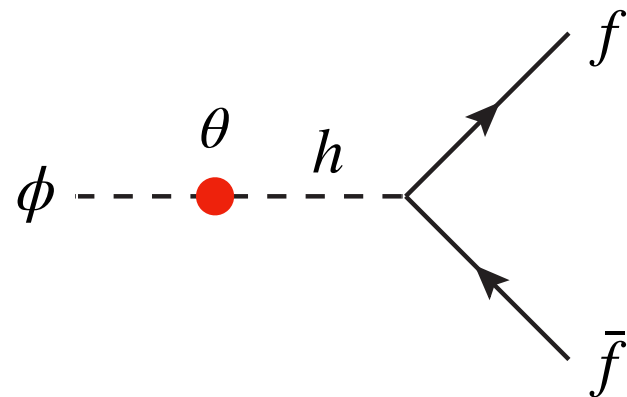
Dark higgs interaction

- ▶ Dark higgs can mix with the SM higgs after the symmetry breaking

$$V_{\text{DH}} \supset \frac{\lambda'}{2}(H^\dagger H)(\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \longrightarrow \left(\frac{\lambda'}{4} v v_\phi \right) h \phi$$


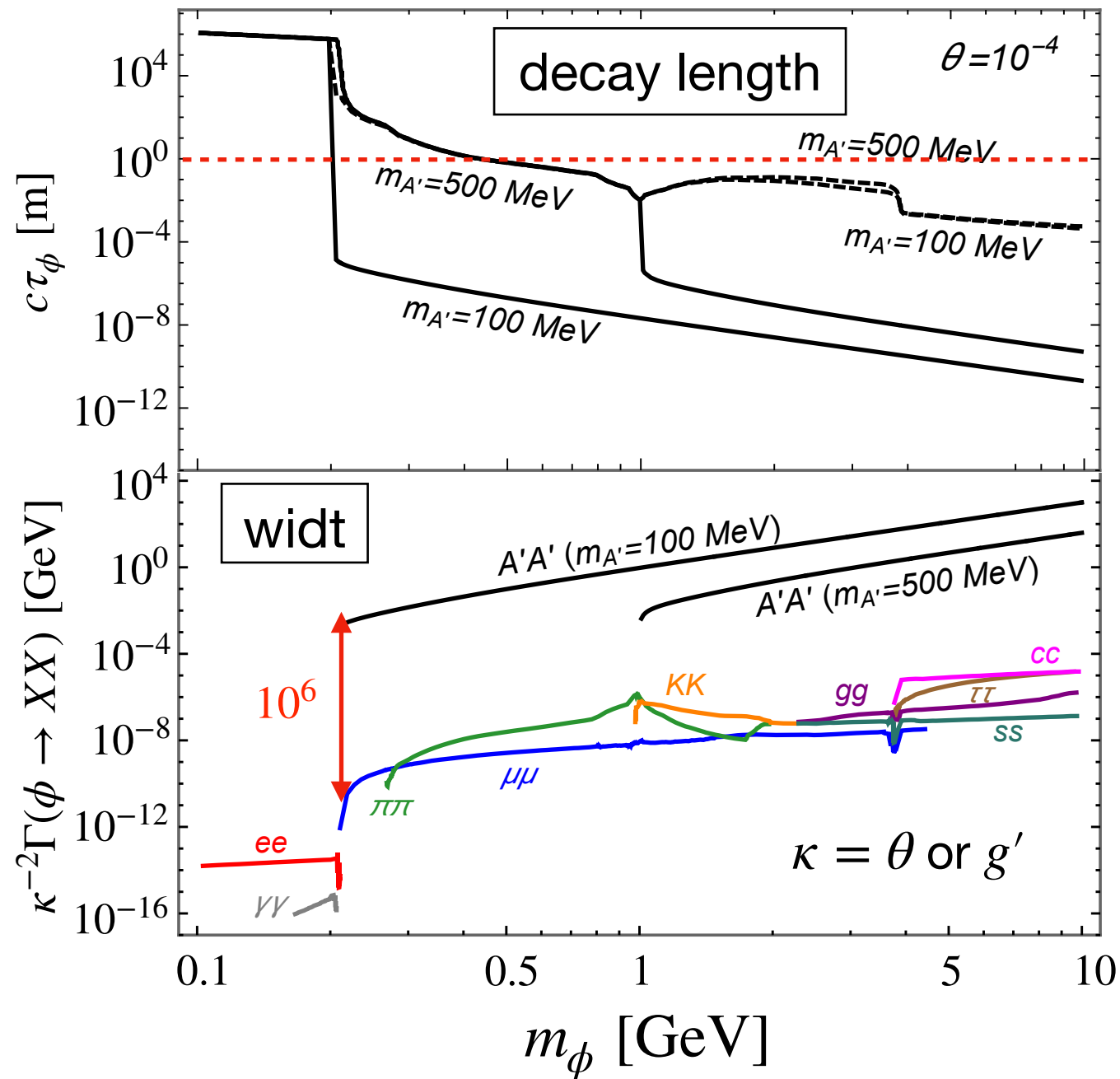
$$\theta \simeq \frac{v m_{A'}}{4 m_h^2} \frac{\lambda'}{g'}$$

- ▶ Dark higgs can decay into the SM particles through the mixing



Decay width : $\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \text{SM}) = \theta^2 \Gamma(h \rightarrow \text{SM})(m_\phi) \propto \theta^2 m_\phi$

ϕ decay with



Solid for $g' = 10^{-4}$

Dashed for $g' = 10^{-8}$

- ϕ dominantly decays into $A'A'$

- Long-lived for small g'

→ possible new source
and carrier of A'

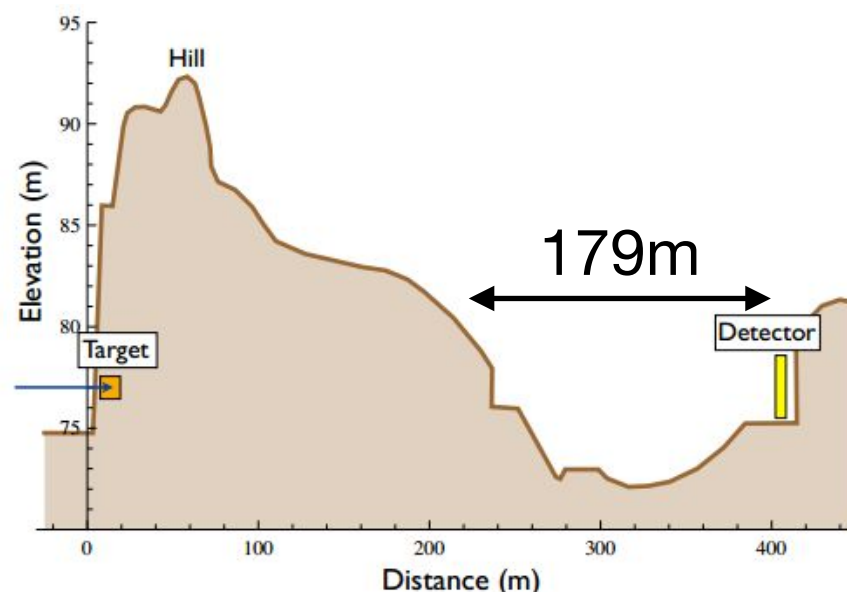
Production of dark photon

► Dark photon production :

- Proton/electron bremsstrahlung ($p \rightarrow p + A'$, $e \rightarrow e + A'$)
- Rare meson decays ($\pi \rightarrow \gamma A'$, $\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$, $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma A'$)
- Drell-Yang, QCD processes ($q\bar{q} \rightarrow A'$)

► Dark photon search experiments :

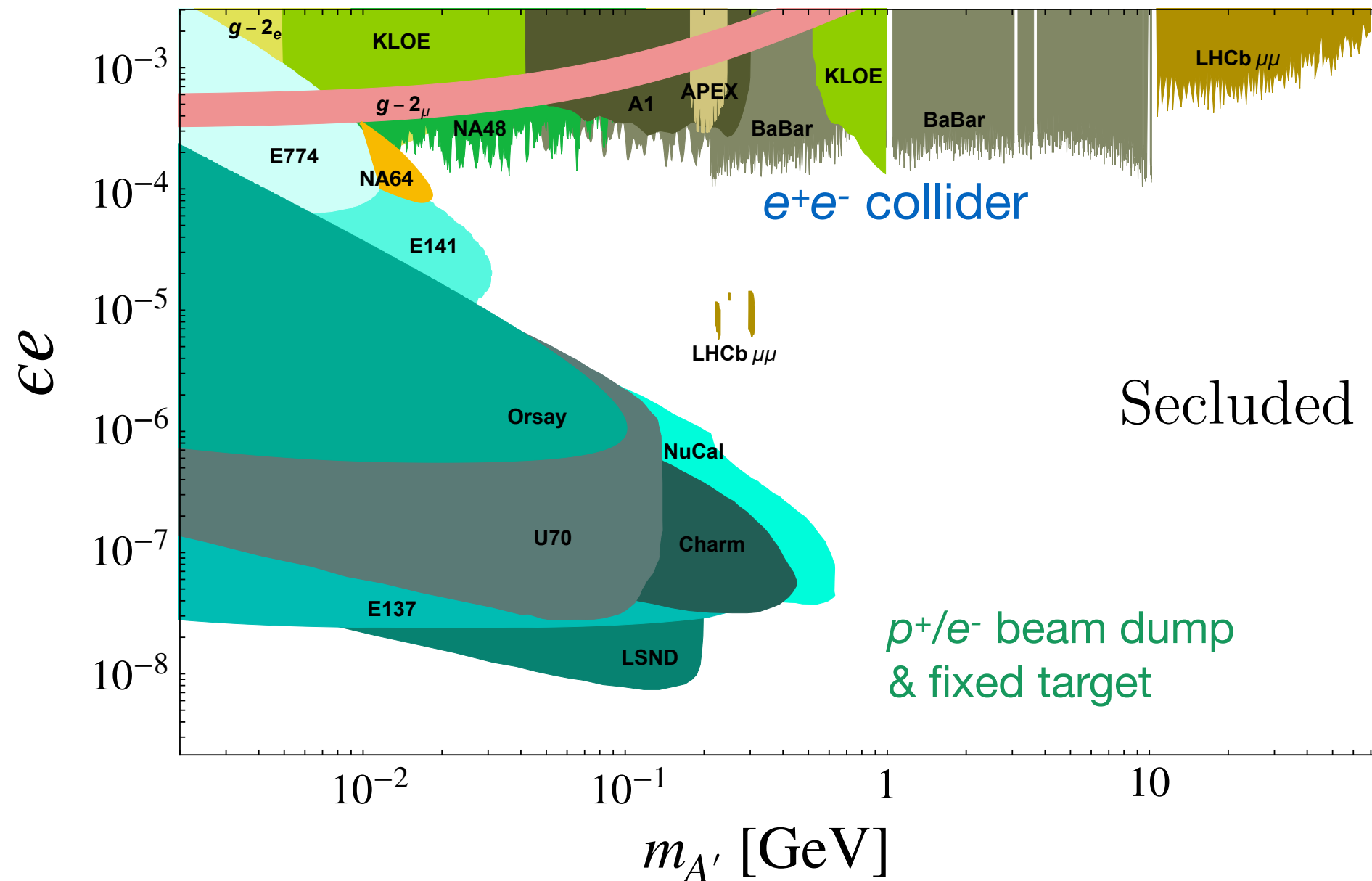
- Fixed target/beam dump experiment (CHARM, NuCal, E141, NA64)
- Electron-Positron collider (BaBar, Belle, KLOE)
- Hadron collider (LHC)



ex) E137 experiment at SLAC

- Electron beam dump
- 179m to the detector
- 25m long decay volume

Present status of dark photon



cf:

- Strong int.
 $g_3 = 1$
- Weak int.
 $g_2 = 0.6$
 $g_2 = 0.3$
- EM int.
 $e = 0.3$

“Hunting all the hidden photon”
Bauer, et al, JHEP07 (2018)

Production of dark higgs

► Dark higgs production :

- ~~Proton/Electron bremsstrahlung~~ Negligible due to tiny Yukawa
- Rare meson decays ($B \rightarrow K\phi, K \rightarrow \pi\phi$)
- Gluon fusion, Associated process ($gg \rightarrow \phi, e^+e^- \rightarrow Z\phi$)

► Dark higgs search experiments :

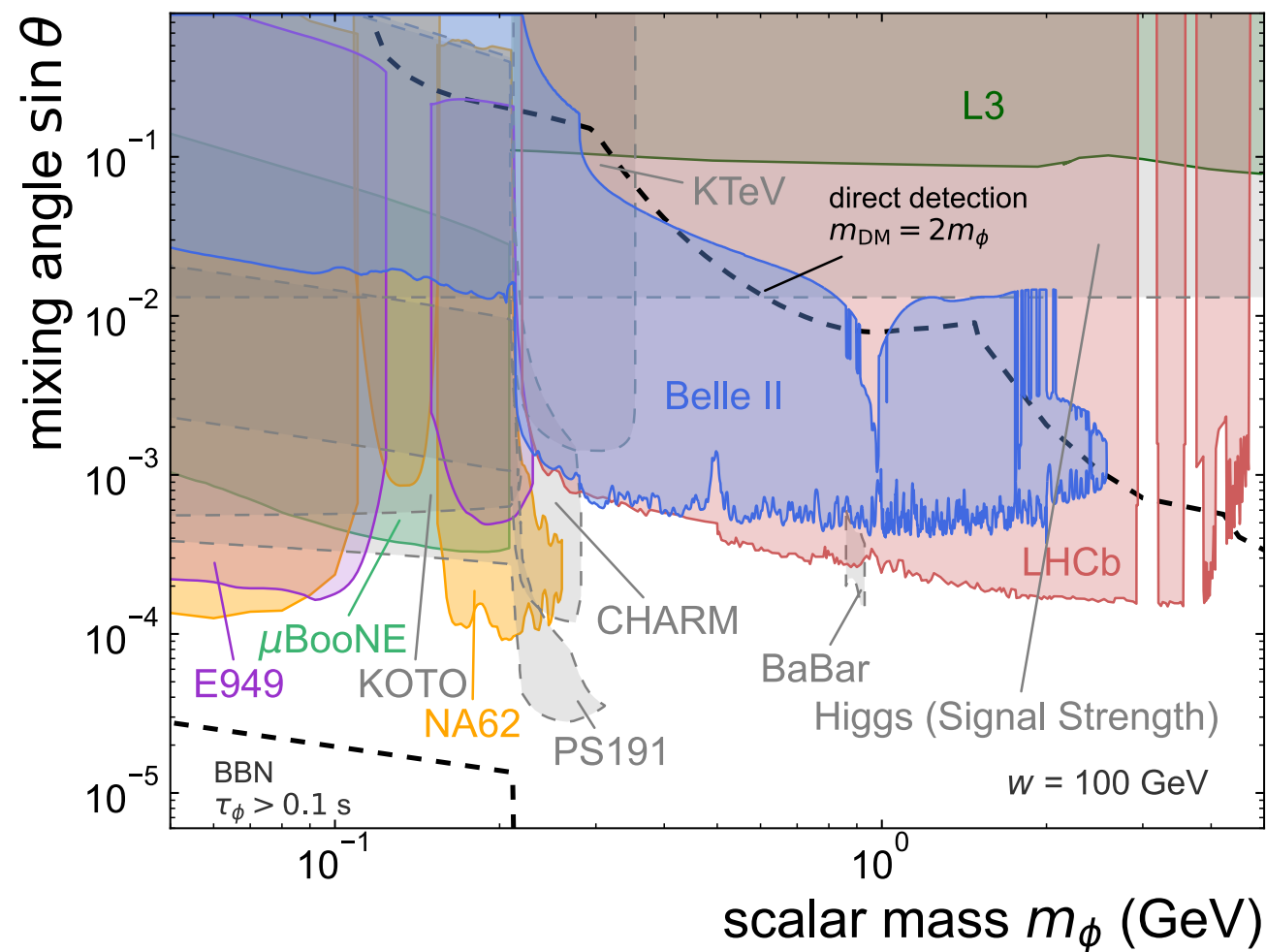
- Electron-Positron collider (Belle-II)
- Proton beam dump (CHARM, PS191, NA62)
- Hadron collider (LHCb)

Present status of dark higgs

“Dark higgs boson at Forward Search experiment”
Feng et al. PRD(2018)

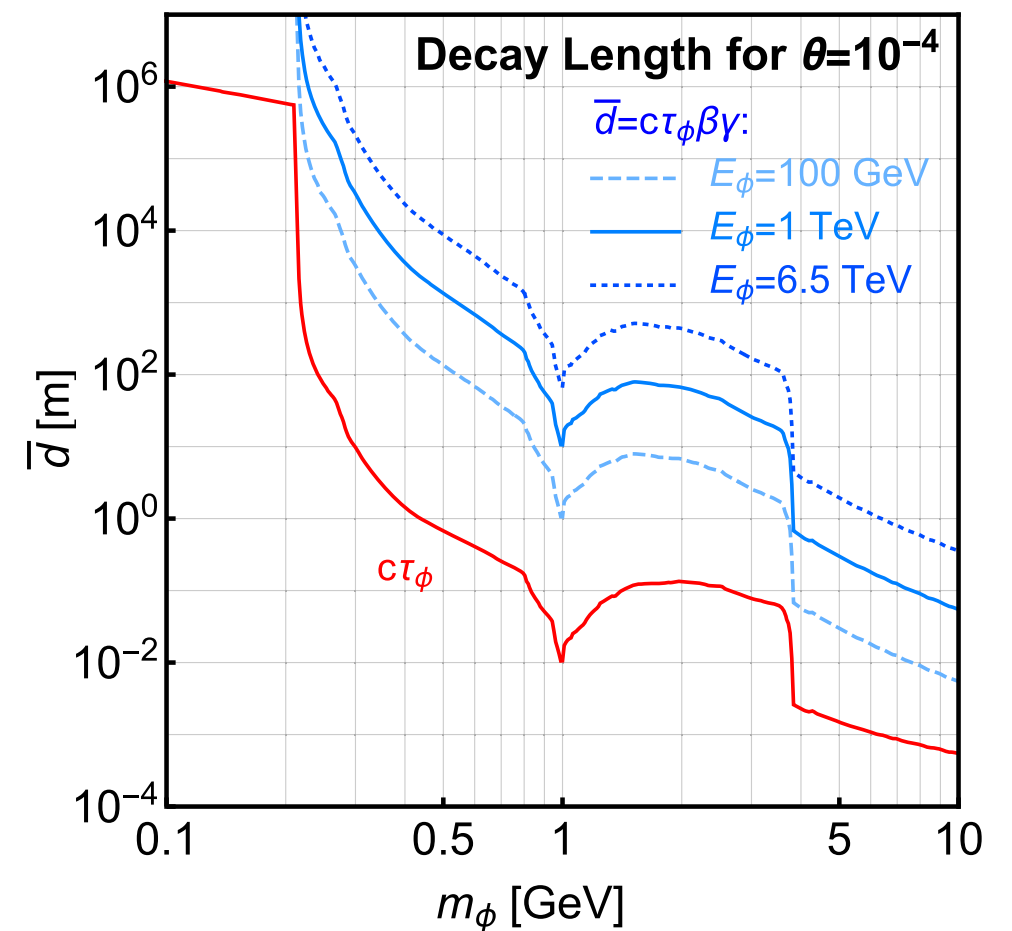
Dark Higgs

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \theta \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{f} \phi f$$



“Dark higgs boson at colliders”
Ferber et al. Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. (2024)

Decay length



For $\theta = 10^{-4}$

$$c\tau_\phi = 10^{-2} \text{ m @ } m_\phi = 1 \text{ GeV}$$

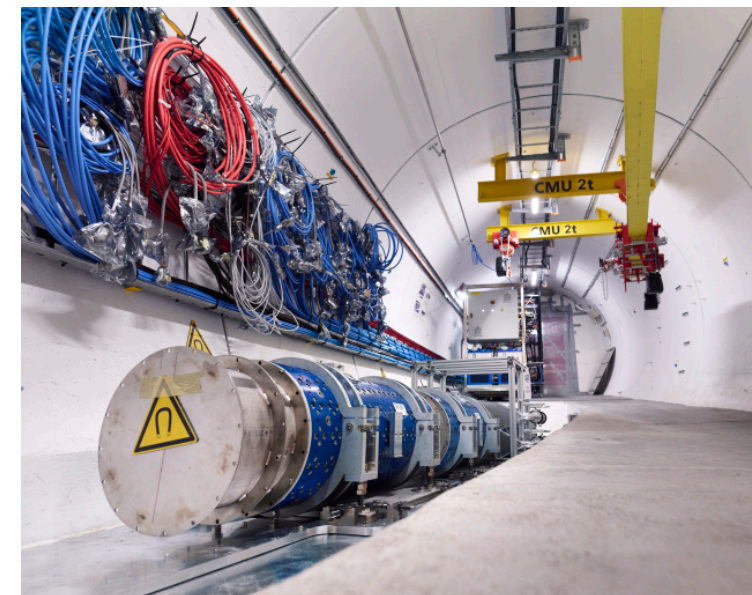
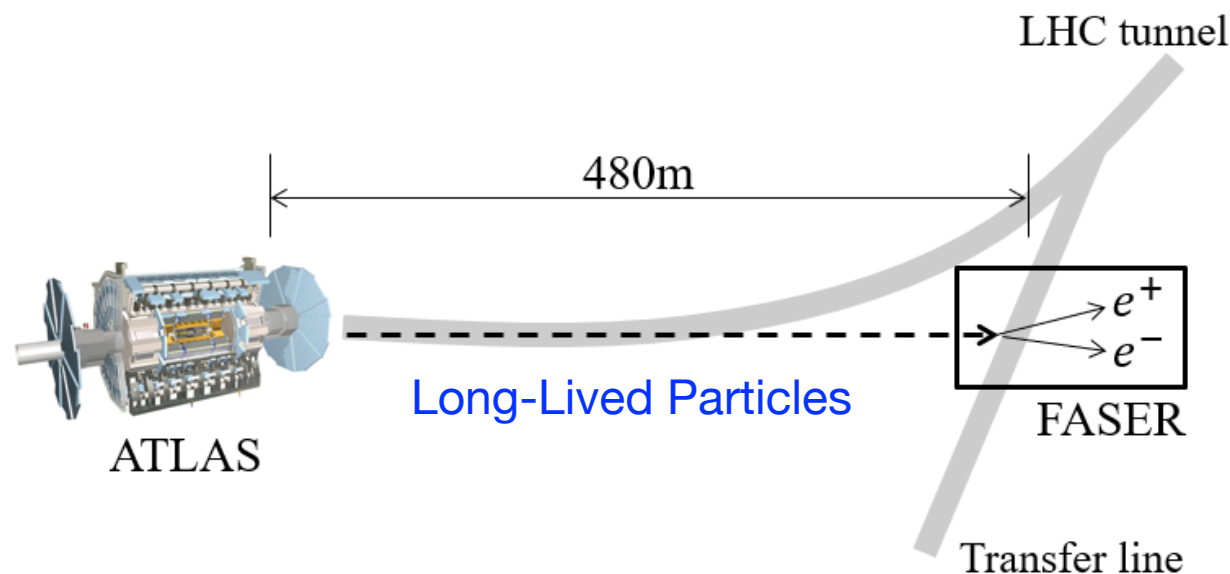
4. FASER and T2K sensitivity

FASER experiment



Feng, Galon, Kling, Trojanowski, PRD97 (2018)
“The FPF at HL-LHC”, arXiv:2203.05090

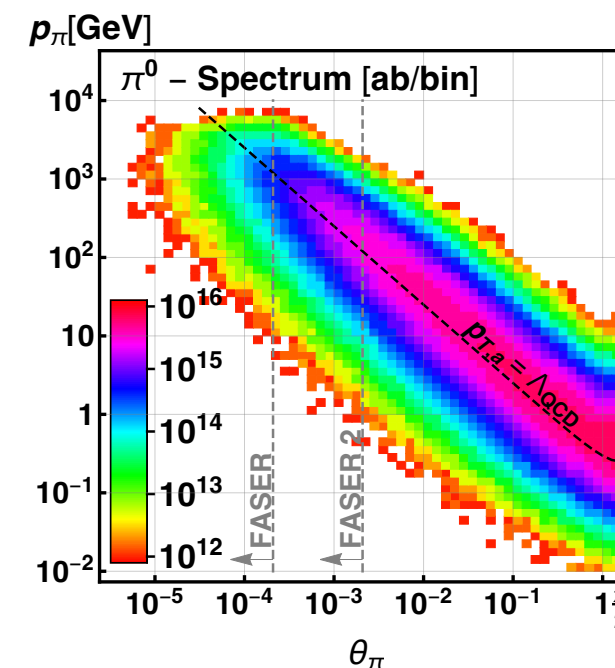
- ▶ ForwArd Search ExpeRiment (FASER) at LHC, **from 2022 to 2025**
- ▶ Search for long-lived new particles produced at ATLAS interaction point.
- ▶ Detector placed 480m downstream from the interaction point.



- ▶ Inelastic pp scattering produces **collimated and energetic particles in forward direction**

$$10^{17} \pi^0, 10^{16} \eta, 10^{15} D, 10^{13} B$$

within 1mrad of beam (Run3)



Pion distribution

angle to beam direction

FASER Detector



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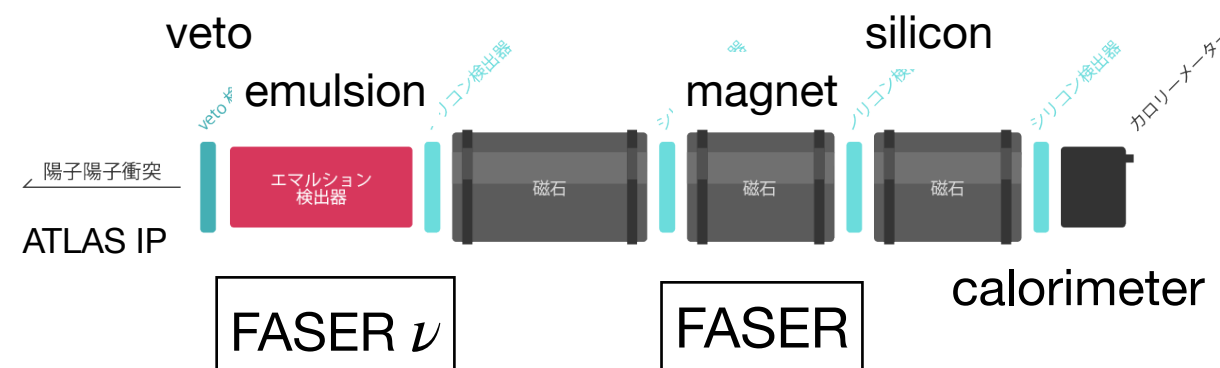
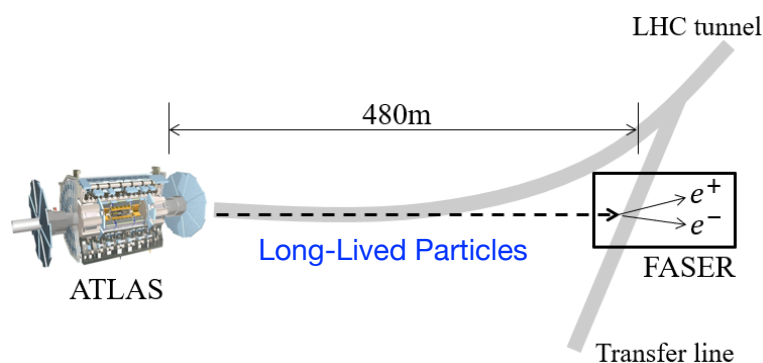
	length of decay volume		radius	integrated luminosity
	$L_{\min}$ (m)	$L_{\max}$ (m)	R (m)	$\mathcal{L}$ (ab^{-1})
FASER	478.5	480	0.1	0.15
FASER 2	475	480	1.0	3.0

FASER : LHC run3, **FASER2 : LH-LHC**

- Upgrade to FASER2 has been proposed

Very low background (**almost BG free**)

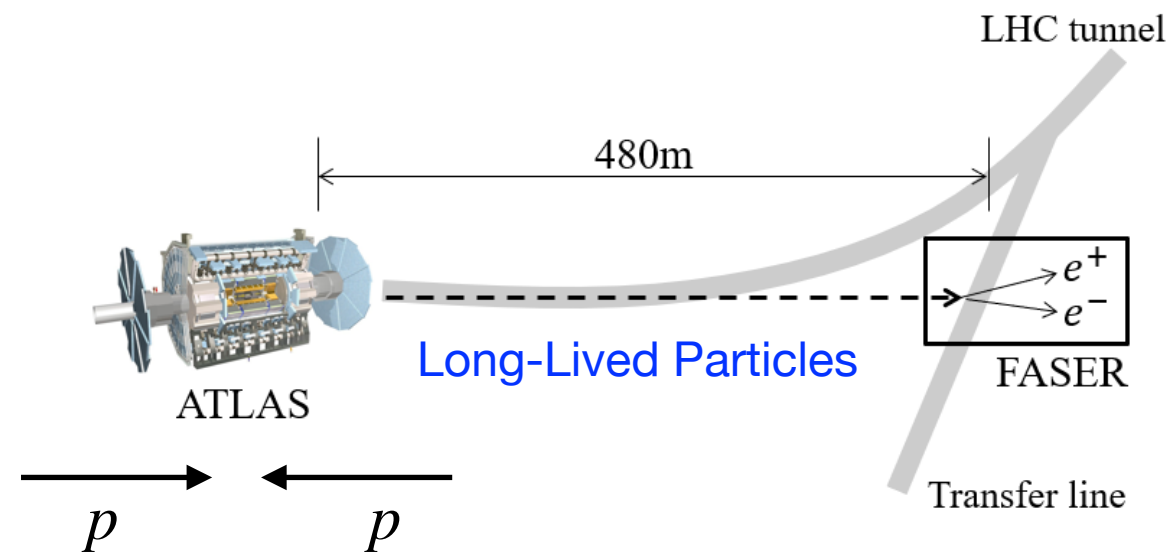
- 100m underground
- shielded by ~100m of rock and concrete
- Possible main BG is neutrino interaction
~ 0.0045 events for 0.15 ab^{-1}



- Three 0.57T dipole magnets
→ **e , μ , π separation**
(difficult for τ)
- Tracking spectrometer
→ **identify decay vertex** with
 $\mathcal{O}(10 - 100)\mu\text{m}$ resolution
- EM calorimeter
→ 100% energy deposit for e
small amount for μ

Production processes

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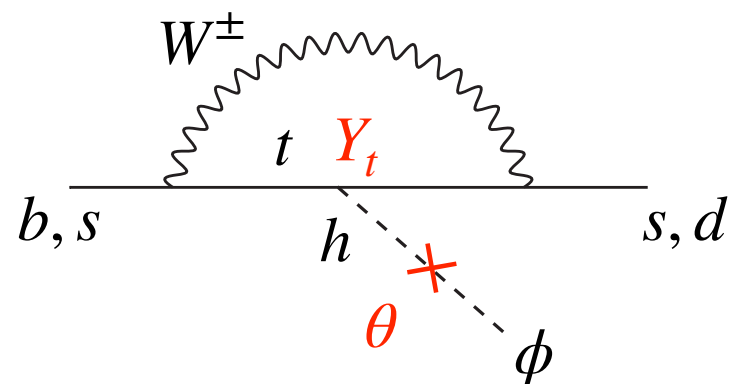
- ▶ Proton-Proton collision with $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV.
- ▶ Production of dark photon and dark Higgs
 - Proton bremsstrahlung, $p \rightarrow p + A'$
 - Meson decays $(B, K, D, \eta') \rightarrow \phi$, $(\eta, \pi) \rightarrow A'$
 - Drell-Yang, QCD processes
 - Dark Higgs decays, dominantly $\phi \rightarrow A' + A'$

Meson decay into ϕ

► FCNC decays of meson

- ex) $B \rightarrow K_s \phi$, $K \rightarrow \pi \phi$

Top loop gives large contribution



$$\mathcal{L}_{bs\phi} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}G_F m_b m_t^2 V_{ts}^* V_{tb}}{16\pi^2 v} \theta^2 \bar{s}_L b_R \phi + h.c.$$

► Branching ratio

$$\text{Br}(B \rightarrow X_s \phi) \simeq 5.7 \left(1 - \frac{m_\phi^2}{m_b^2} \right) \theta^2,$$

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \phi) = 7.0 \times 10^{-3} x_{K,\phi} \theta^2$$

$$\text{Br}(K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \phi) = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} x_{K,\phi} \theta^2$$

meson mass (GeV) ($x_{i,\phi}$, $f_{i,\phi}$: kinematical factor)



5.3

1.0

0.5

0.14

$$\text{Br}(\eta' \rightarrow \eta \phi) = 7.2 \times 10^{-5} x_{\eta,\phi} \theta^2$$

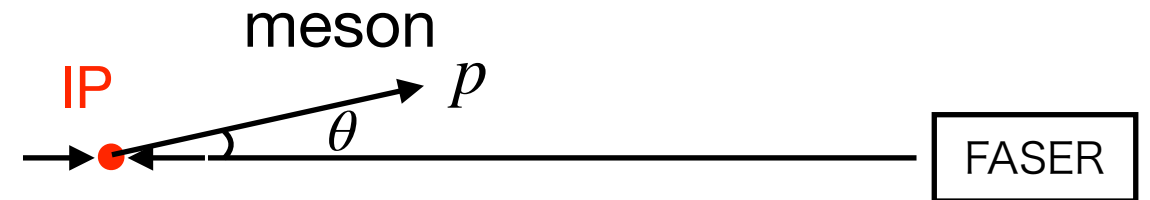
$$\text{Br}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \phi) = 1.9 \times 10^{-6} x_{\eta,\phi} \theta^2$$

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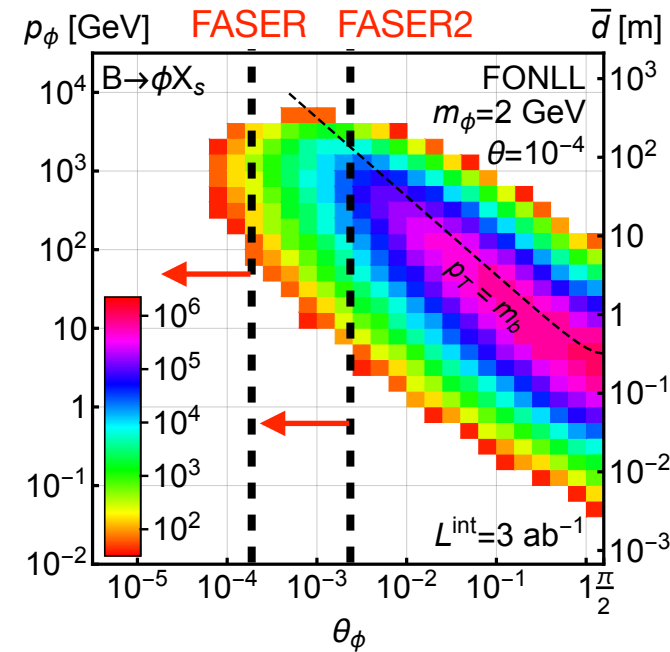
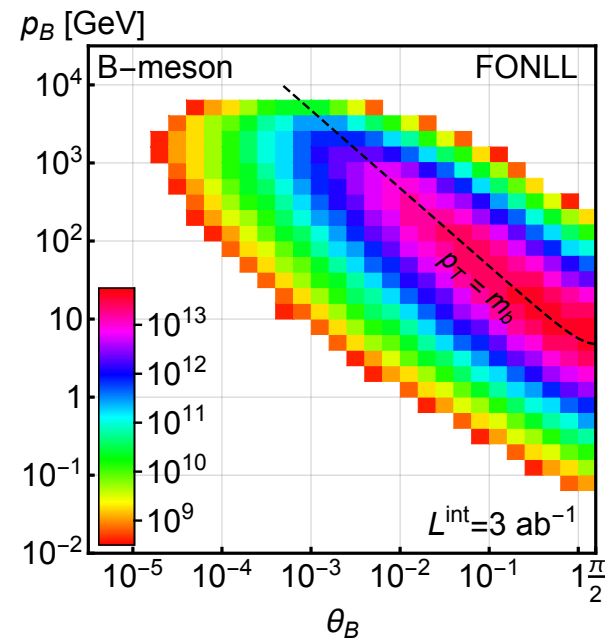
$$\text{Br}(\pi^\pm \rightarrow e \nu \phi) = 1.9 \times 10^{-9} f_{\pi,\phi} \theta^2$$

Dark Higgs from meson decay

- Mesons produced at LHC



B meson



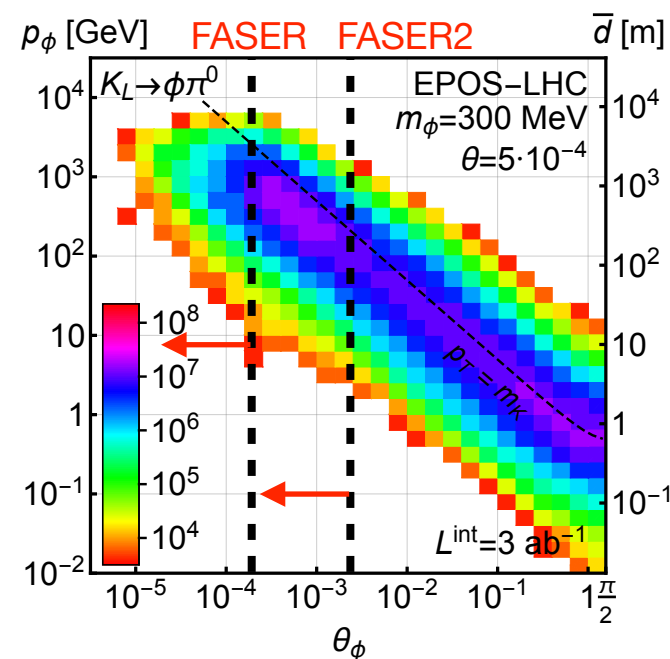
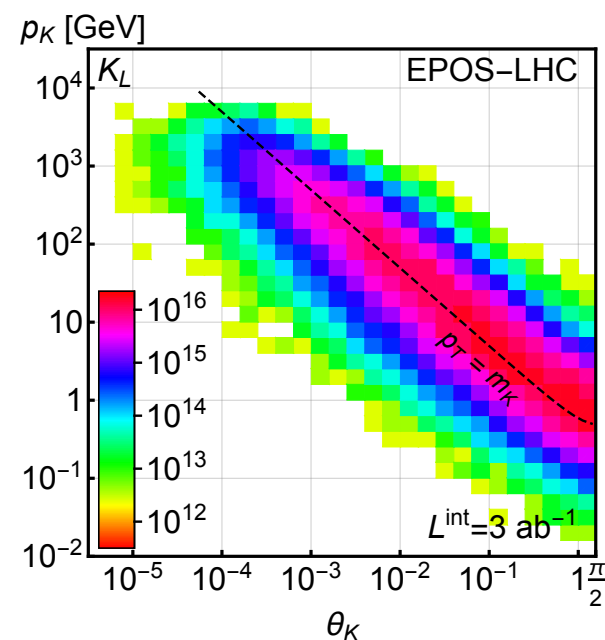
Number of ϕ

From B decay

$$N_\phi \simeq 10^6 - 10^7$$

Dominant process

K_L meson

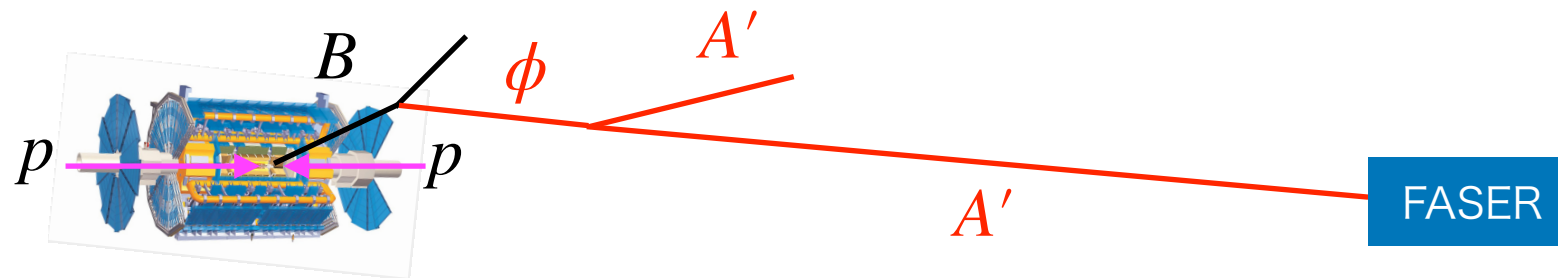


From K decay

$$N_\phi \simeq 10^6 - 10^7$$

Not important due to the long life of K

Number of Events



- Expected number of events

$$N_{A'} = L \int dp_B d\theta_B \frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow B}}{dp_B d\theta_B} \text{Br}(B \rightarrow X_s \phi) \text{Br}(\phi \rightarrow A'_1 A'_2) \sum_{j=1,2} P_{A'_j}^{\text{det}}(\mathbf{p}_{A'}, \mathbf{p}_{\phi})$$

cross section
of B production

Decay of B
into ϕ

Decay of ϕ
into $A'A'$

Decay probability
inside the detector

L : Luminosity

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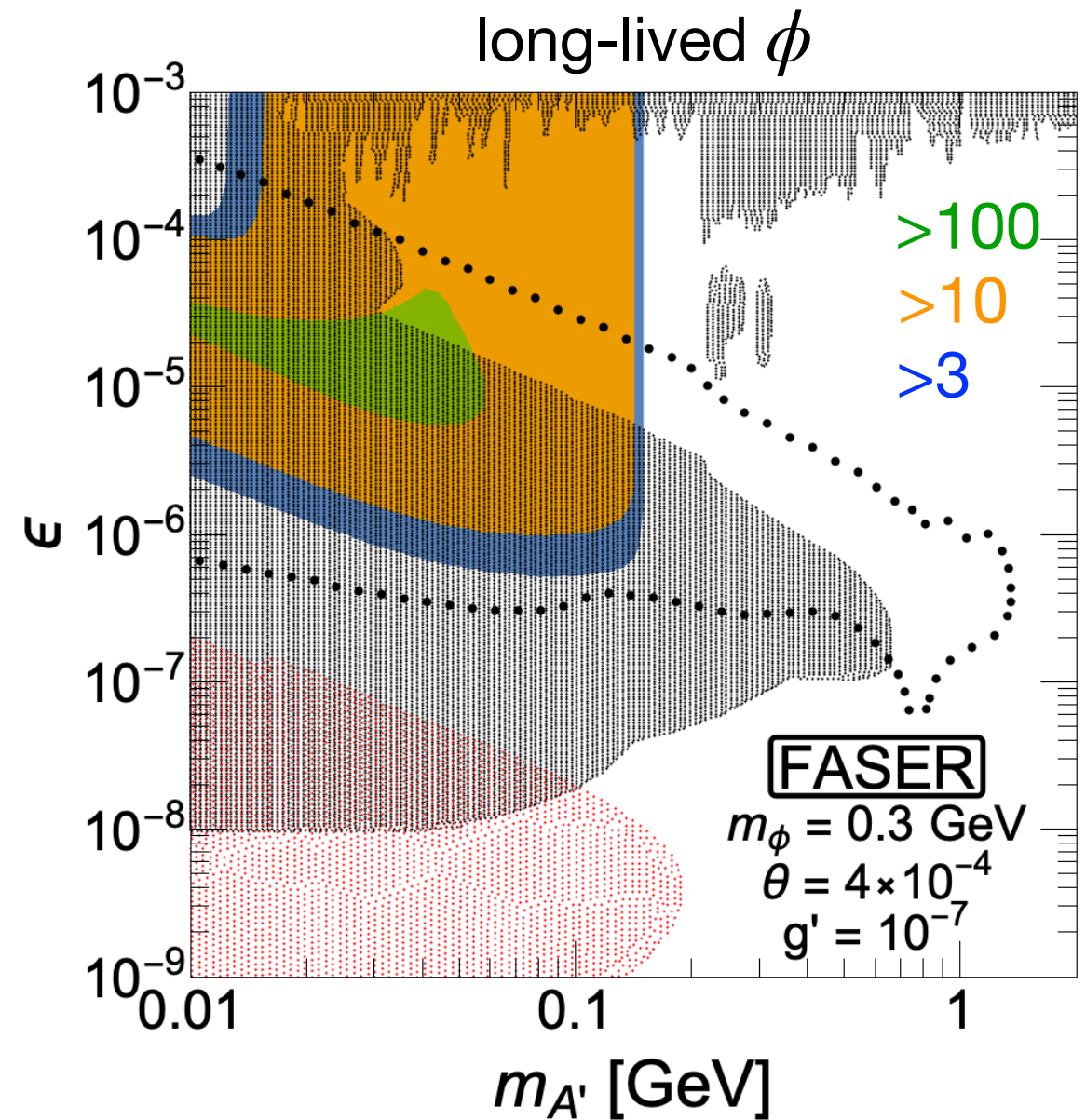
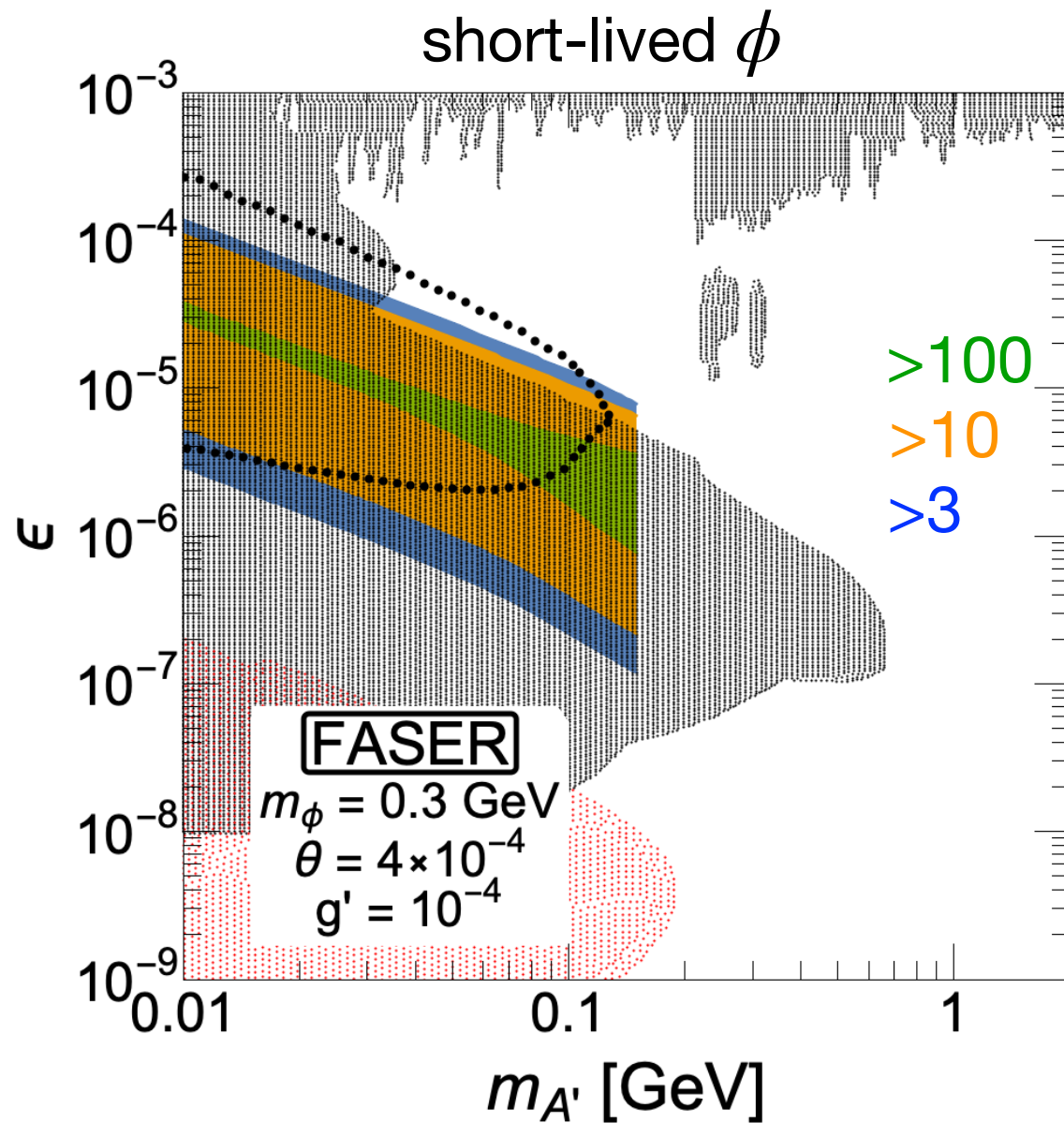
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FASER sensitivity

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Light dark Higgs

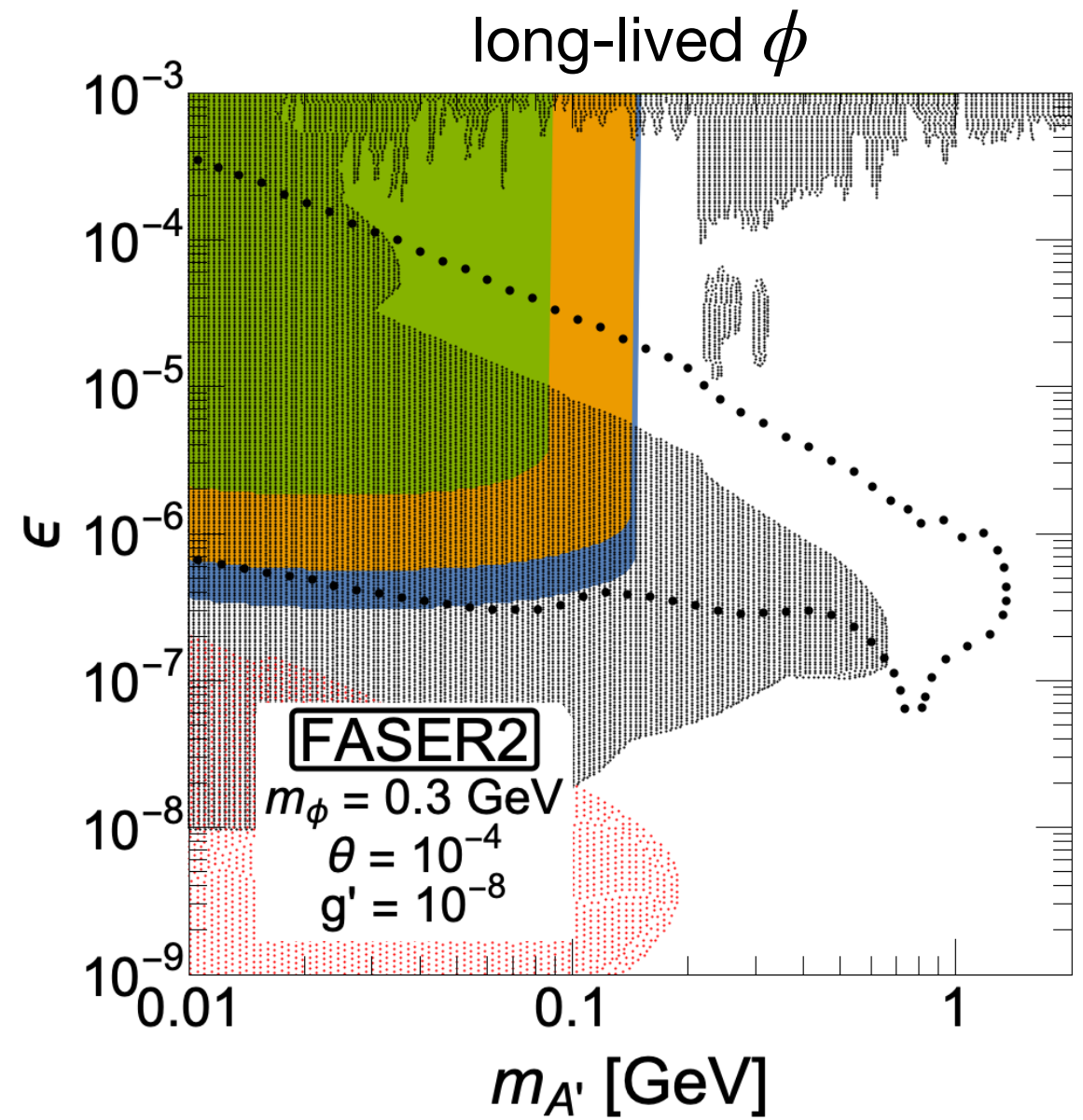
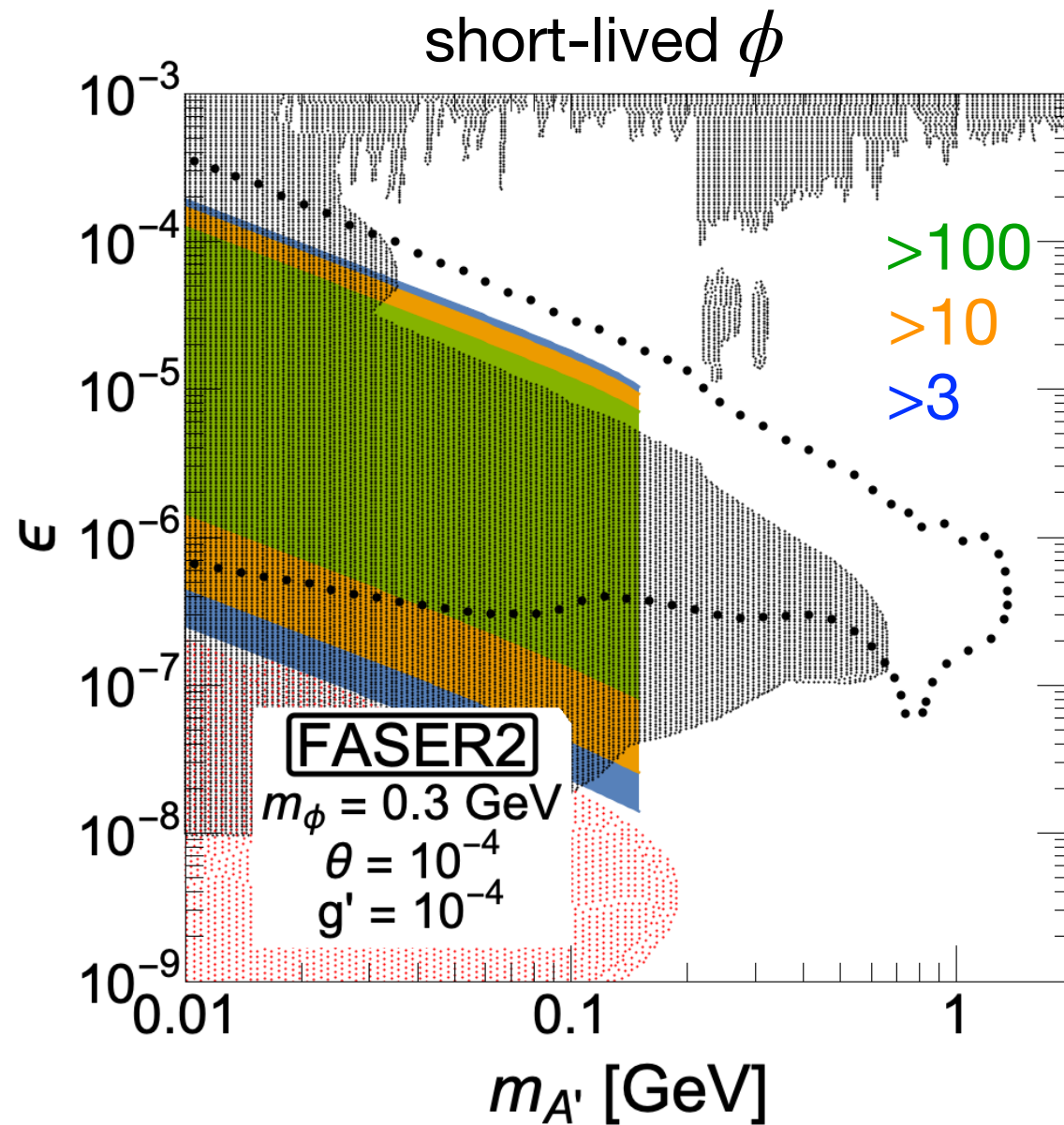


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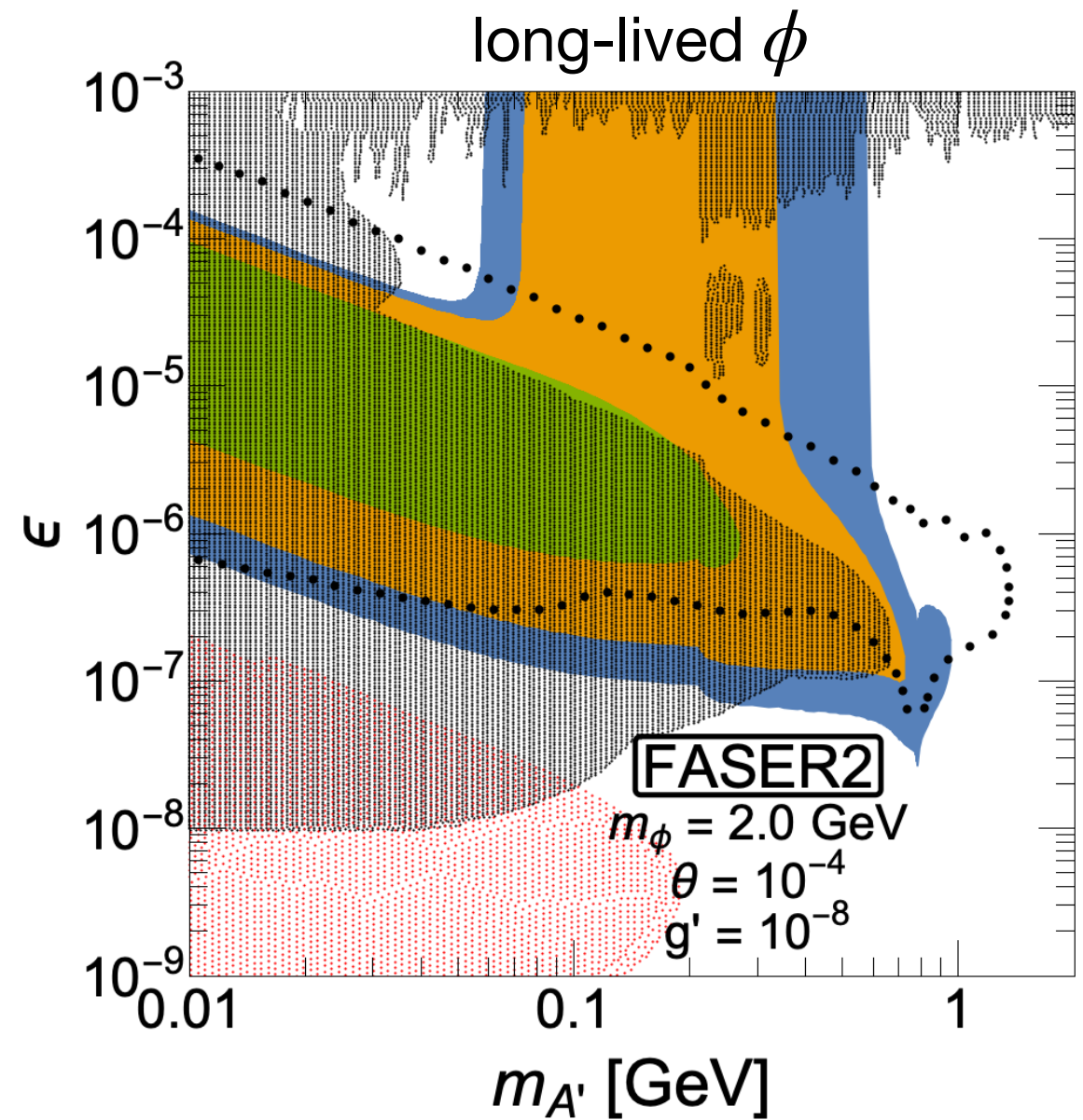
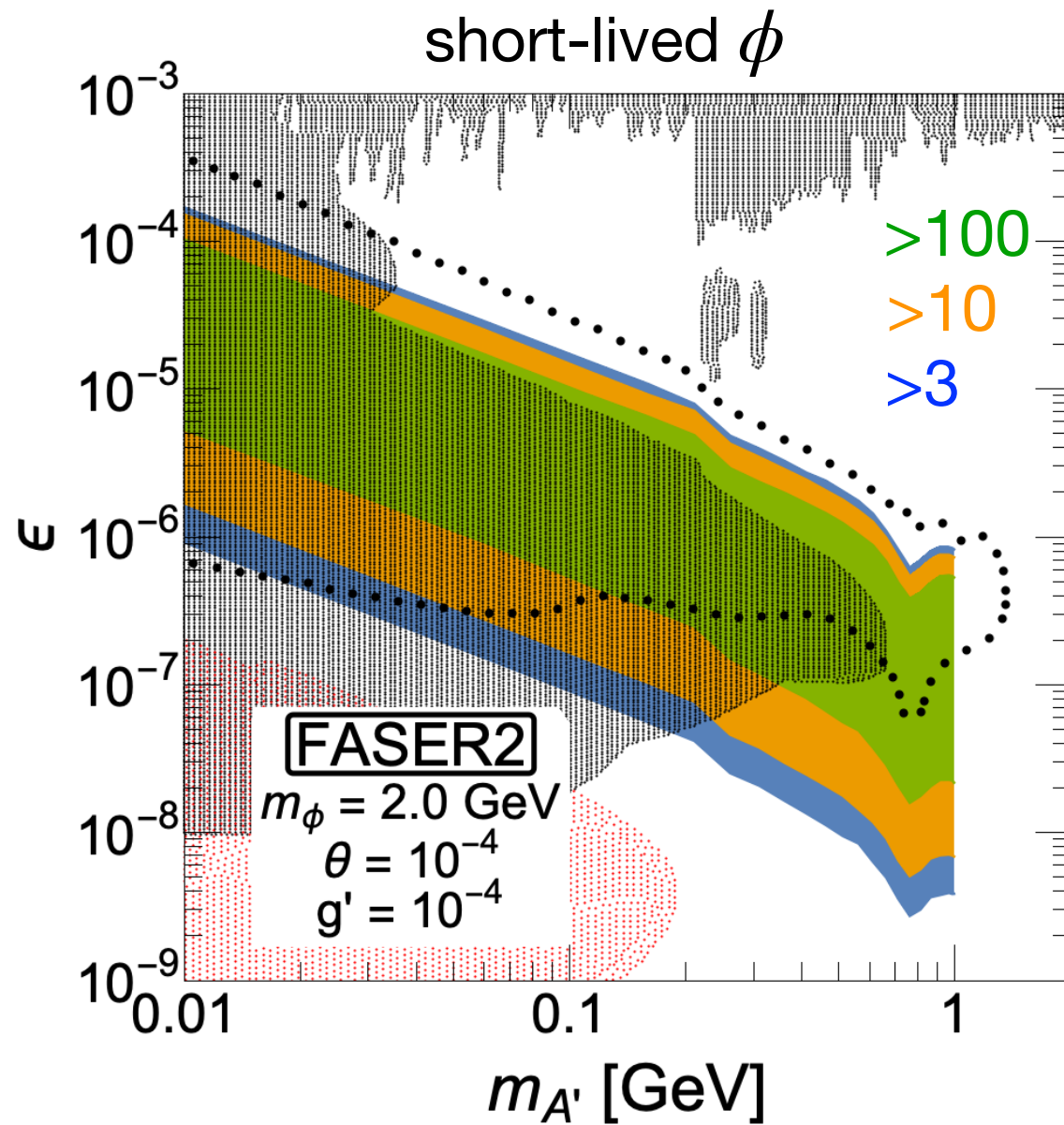


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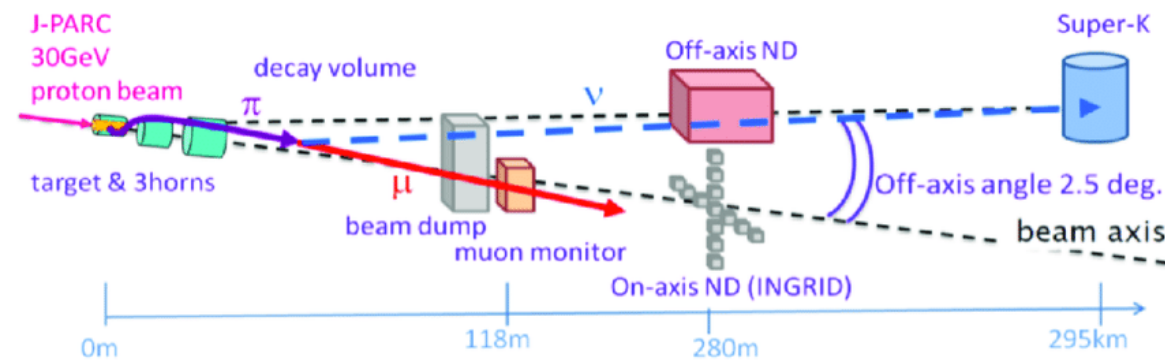
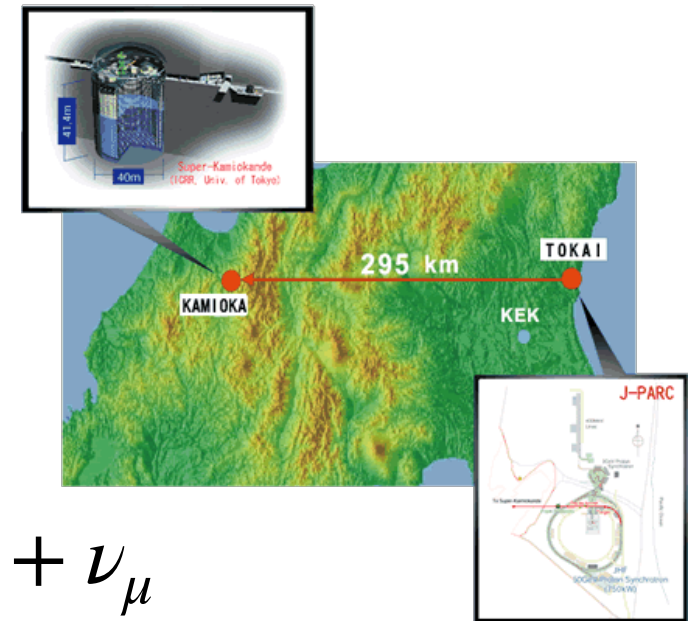
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Heavy dark Higgs



ND280 in T2K exp.

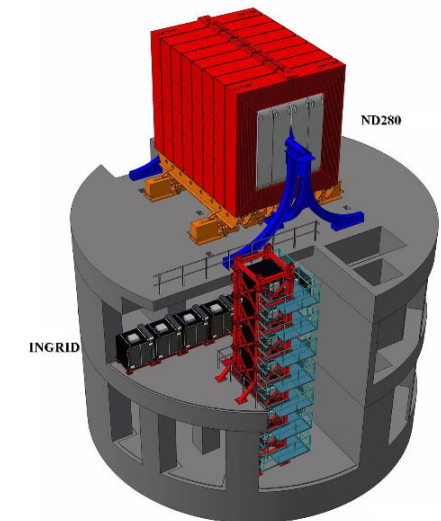
- ▶ Neutrino oscillation experiment, Tokai-To-Kamioka
- ▶ 30 GeV proton delivered to graphite target
- ▶ Neutrinos produced from charged pion decay $\pi \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu$



- ▶ Dear detector “**ND280**” at 280m from the target to measure the neutrino energy spectrum
 - 0.2T magnet is installed
 - (e, μ, π) can be measured
- ▶ Future upgrade to **T2K-II and T2HK**

width (m)	height (m)	depth (m)	θ_{ND} (deg)
2.4	2.4	5.8	2.0

proton on target : 3.8×10^{21} for T2K by 2021
 1.0×10^{22} for T2K – II from 2023
 3.7×10^{22} for T2HK after 2027



Production of A' at T2K

- ▶ Proton bremsstrahlung
 - Weizsacker-Williams approximation

$$dN_{\text{DP}}^{\text{brems}} = N_{\text{pot}} \underbrace{|F(m_{A'}^2)|^2}_{\text{mixing with vector mesons}} dz \, dp_{A',t}^2 \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_{pp}(s')}{\sigma_{pp}(s)}}_{\text{pp inelastic cross section}} \underbrace{w(z, p_{A',t}^2)}_{\text{splitting function}} \Theta(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 - q_{\text{min}}^2)$$

– Form factor

Take into account the mixing with mesons

$$F(p_{A'}^2) = \sum_V \frac{f_V m_V^2}{m_V^2 - p_{A'}^2 - im_V \Gamma_V} \quad (V = \rho, \rho', \rho'', \omega, \omega', \omega'')$$

where

$$m_\rho = m_\omega = 0.77 \text{ GeV}, \quad m'_\rho = m'_\omega = 1.25 \text{ GeV}, \quad m''_\rho = m''_\omega = 1.45 \text{ GeV}$$

Brems. production is enhanced at resonance

Production of A' at T2K

► Meson decay

- Dark Higgs contribution is negligible due to $\sqrt{s} = 7.75$ GeV
- Light mesons ($X = \pi, \eta, \eta'$) are produced enough

$$\text{BR}(X \rightarrow A'\gamma) = 2\varepsilon^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_X^2}\right)^3 \text{BR}(X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

$$\text{with } \text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.99, \text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.39, \text{BR}(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.023$$

$$\text{BR}(\eta' \rightarrow A'\rho) = \varepsilon^2 \frac{[(m_{A'}^2 - (m_{\eta'} + m_\rho)^2)(m_{A'}^2 - (m_{\eta'} - m_\rho)^2)]^{3/2}}{(m_{\eta'}^2 - m_\rho^2)^3} \text{BR}(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\rho)$$

$$\text{with } \text{BR}(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\rho) = 0.30$$

- For B-L model

$(\varepsilon e)^2$ is replaced by

$$g_{B-L}^2 \text{ for } \pi^0 \rightarrow A'\gamma$$

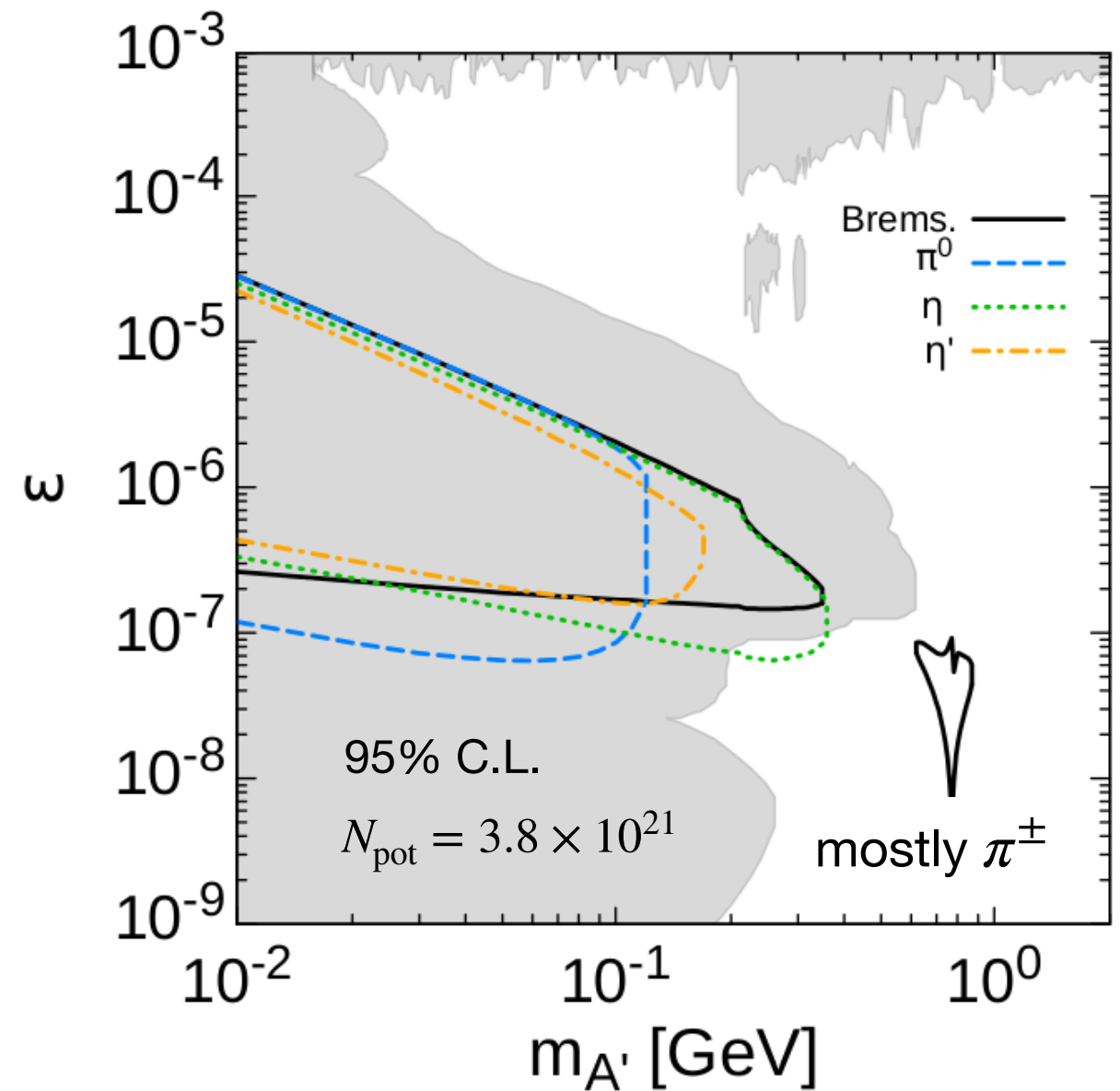
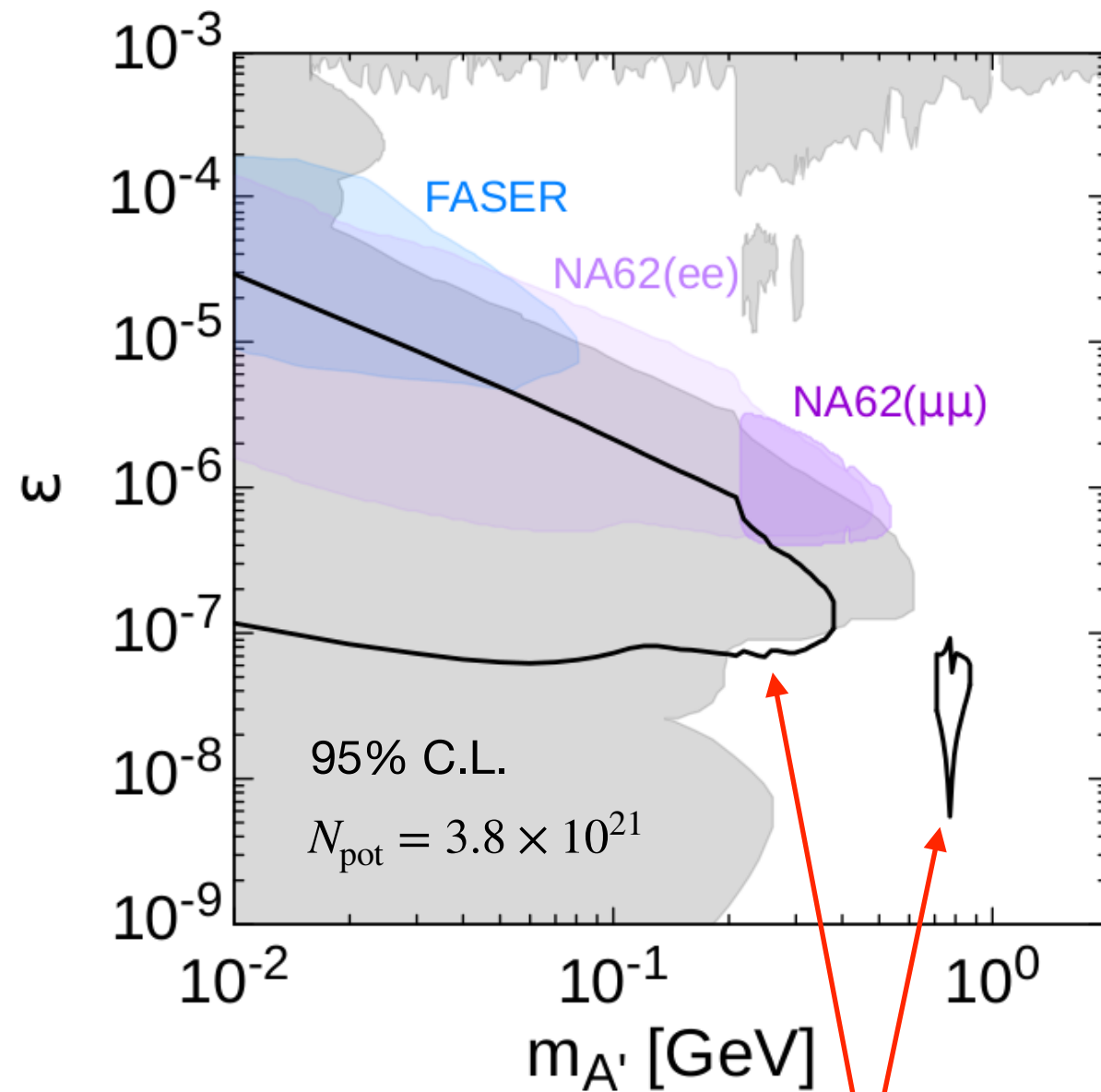
$$g_{B-L}^2/4 \text{ for } \eta \rightarrow A'\gamma$$

$$\eta' \rightarrow A'\gamma \text{ is negligibly small}$$

T2K exclusion region

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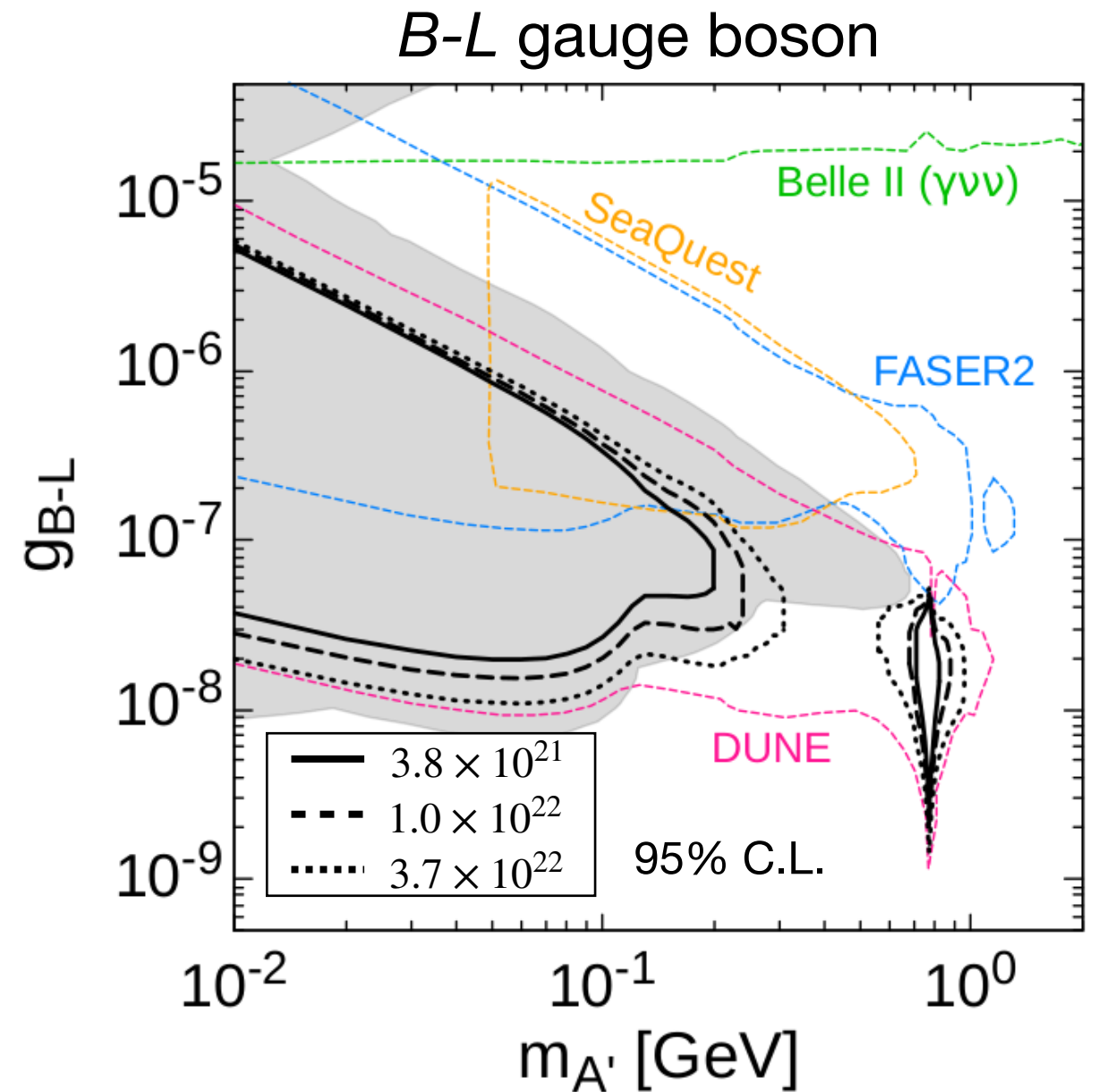
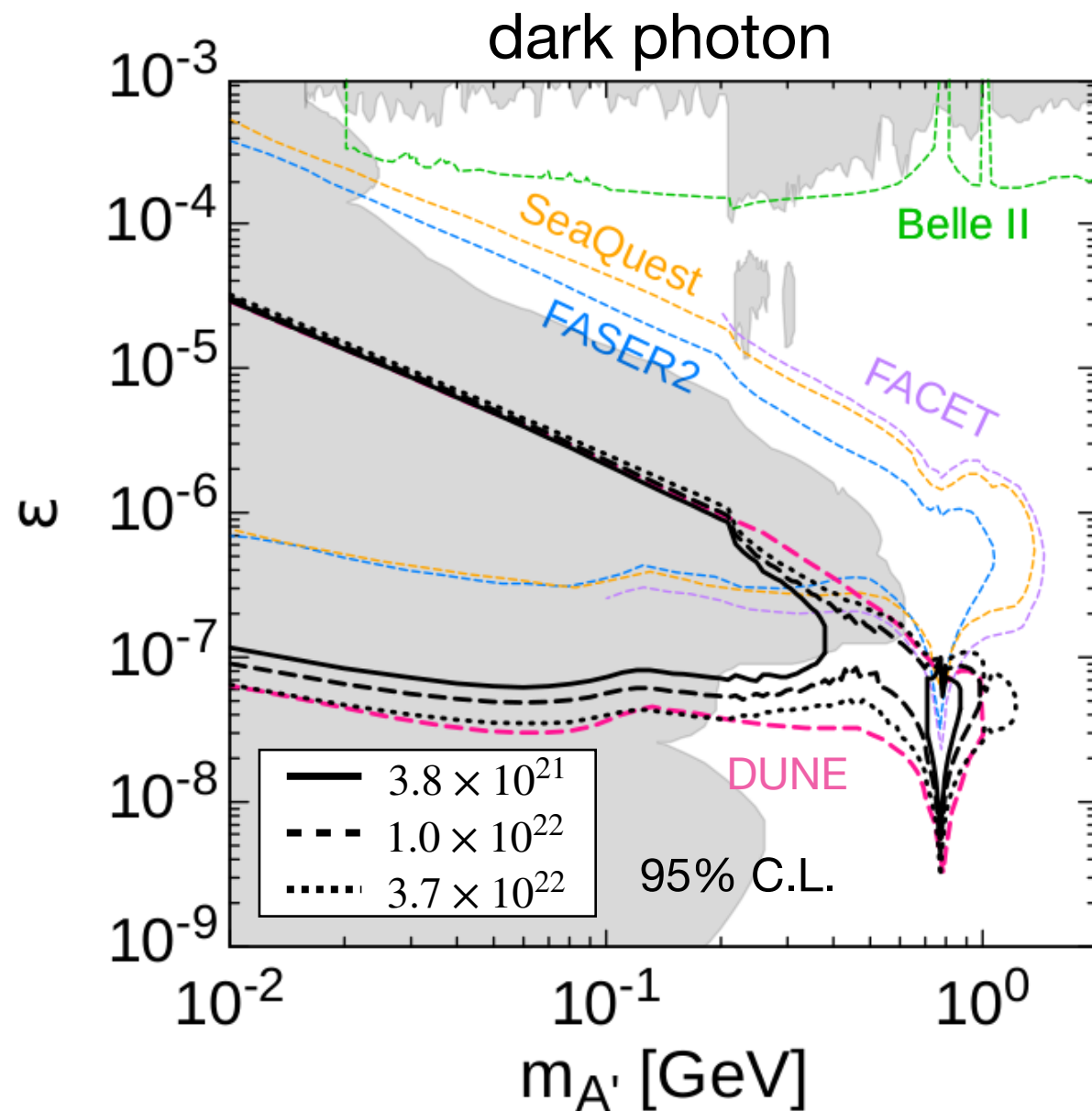


New excluded region by this work

Future T2K sensitivity

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5. Summary and Discussions

Summary

- ▶ We have studied the dark photon model with dark Higgs.
 - Dark Higgs can be a new source and carrier of dark photon
 - Dark photon from dark Higgs decay is significant at FASER
 - Search sensitivity is enlarged due to dark Higgs contribution
- ND280 at T2K can be used for dark photon search
- New constraints can be obtained by present data
- Future upgrades will explore new parameter region

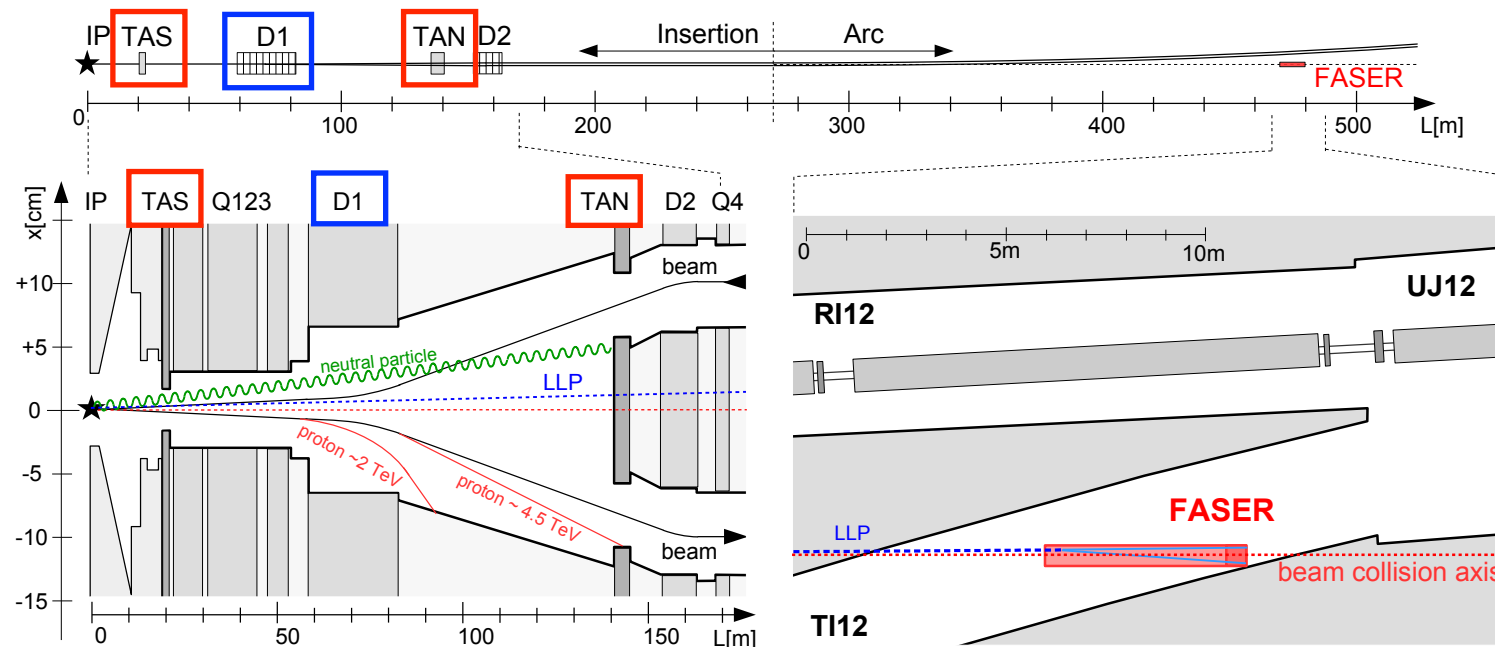
Discussion

- Why is the dark Higgs also light? Any reason?
- How results will change if DM candidate exists?
- How about ALPs search at T2K?

Backup Slides

K mesons

- Neutral particle absorbers to protect magnets in the LHC tunnel



- K_L and $K^\pm$ are absorbed and deflected
 - TAS and TAN absorber placed at 20m and 140m downstream
 - $c\tau_{K_L} = 15.3$ m and $\beta\gamma \sim 2000$ @ $p = 1$ TeV
 - D1 magnets placed at 60-80m
 - $c\tau_{K^\pm} = 3.7$ m and $\beta\gamma \sim 2000$ @ $p = 1$ TeV

K meson contributions are much decreased