

# Dark Sector with Light Mediators

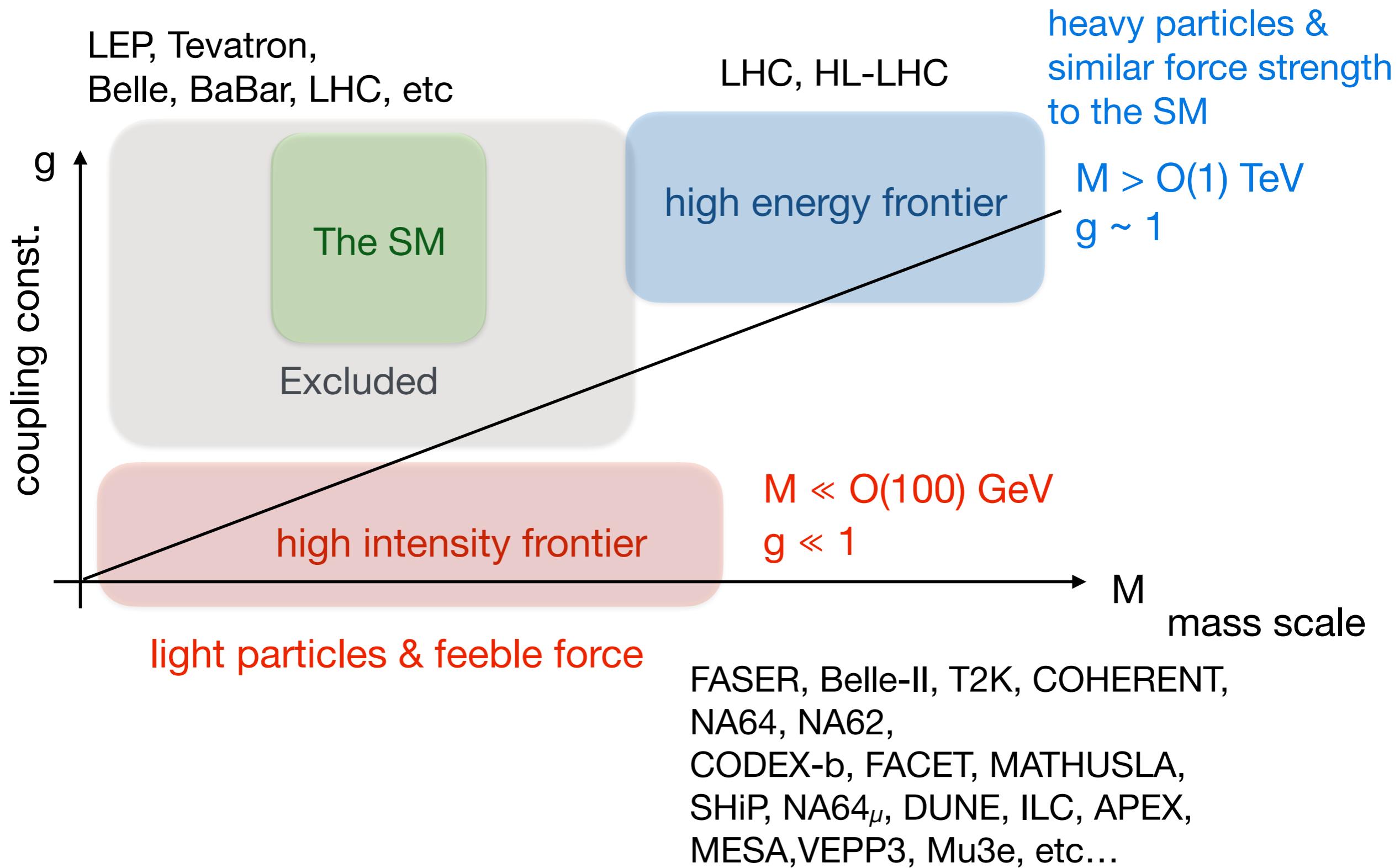
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- ▶ Interested in physics regarding *light and feebly interacting particles*
  - IceCube gap and muon g-2 in  $L_\mu - L_\tau$  model at Belle-II
  - Dark photon/B-L via dark higgs @ FASER and T2K
  - Lepton flavor violating decays @ FASER
  - Inelastic dark matter @ FASER
  - Atomki anomaly
- ▶ Other possible new physics and also possibilities at other experiments
  - Axion-Like-Particles (incl. LFV)
  - Dark mesons (e.g. dark chiral symmetry breaking)
  - On-going experiments : Belle-II, FASER, T2K
  - Future/Planned : ILC beam dump, FACET, SHiP, DUNE etc.
- ▶ Let's discuss together when you are interested in

Araki san's talk

# Light & feebly int.



# New Physics Scale

- Naively, new light particles suggest **low scale new physics**.  
It could be as low as and/or slightly above new particle masses.
- Such particles can be signatures of **high scale new physics**.  
e.g.
  - ▶ Gravity is very much weak (and graviton is massless), even though it is **the Planck scale physics**.
  - ▶ Neutrino masses are tiny, which could originate from **EW Dirac and super-heavy Majorana masses (seesaw)**.
  - ▶ Axion mass and coupling are  $O(1)$  meV and  $O(10^{-12})$  /GeV for **the breaking scale of PQ symmetry,  $f_A \sim 10^9$  GeV**.

e.g. dark photon

- ▶ Suppose a new gauge boson of  $U(1)_D$ , with **mass  $O(100)$  MeV and the coupling  $O(10^{-4})$** .

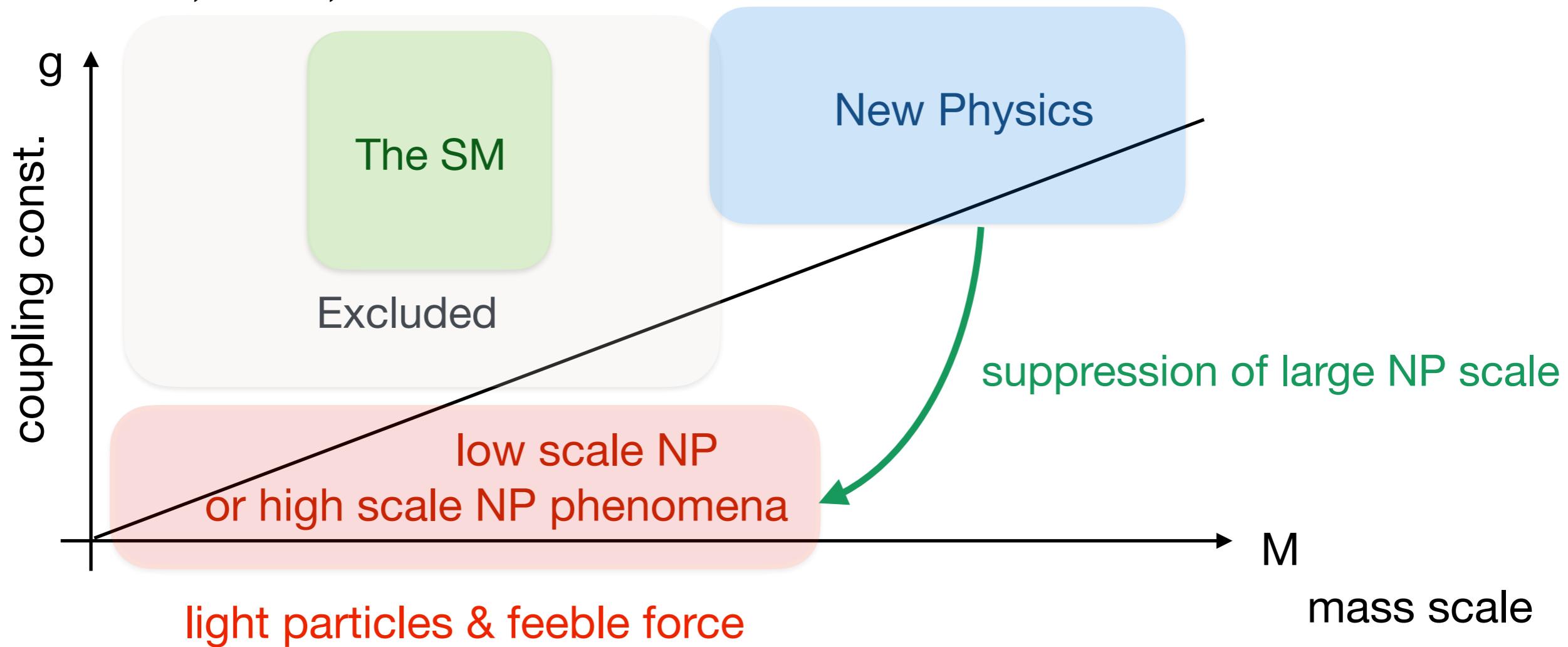
The breaking scale of  $U(1)_D$  is estimated as

$$v_\phi = \frac{M}{g'} = \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ TeV}$$

# New Physics Scale

LEP, Tevatron,  
Belle, BaBar, etc

heavy particles &  
similar force strength  
to the SM



high intensity frontier covers

Both low scale and high scale new physics

# LLP search experiments

Experiments to search for light and feebly interacting particles

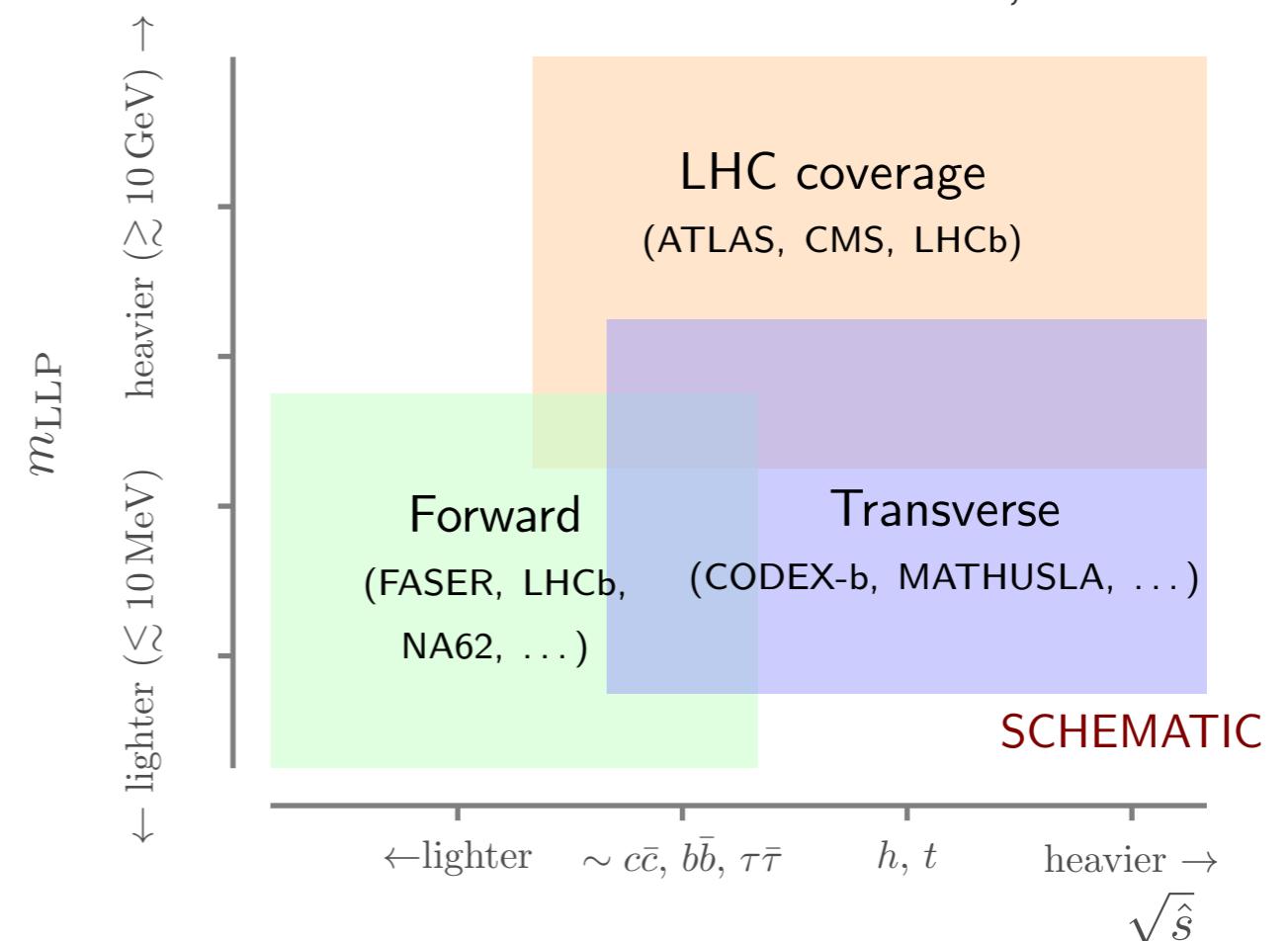
## LHC

- FASER (dark photon/higgs, etc)
- CODEX-b
- MATHUSLA
- FACET

Codex-b, 2203.07316

## Collider

- Belle-II (dark photon)
- NA62 (heavy neutral lepton)
- NA64 (dark photon)
- SHiP (hidden particles)
- DUNE (heavy neutral lepton, trident)



Good time to consider light and feebly int. physics

# Main Motivation

## Dark Matter

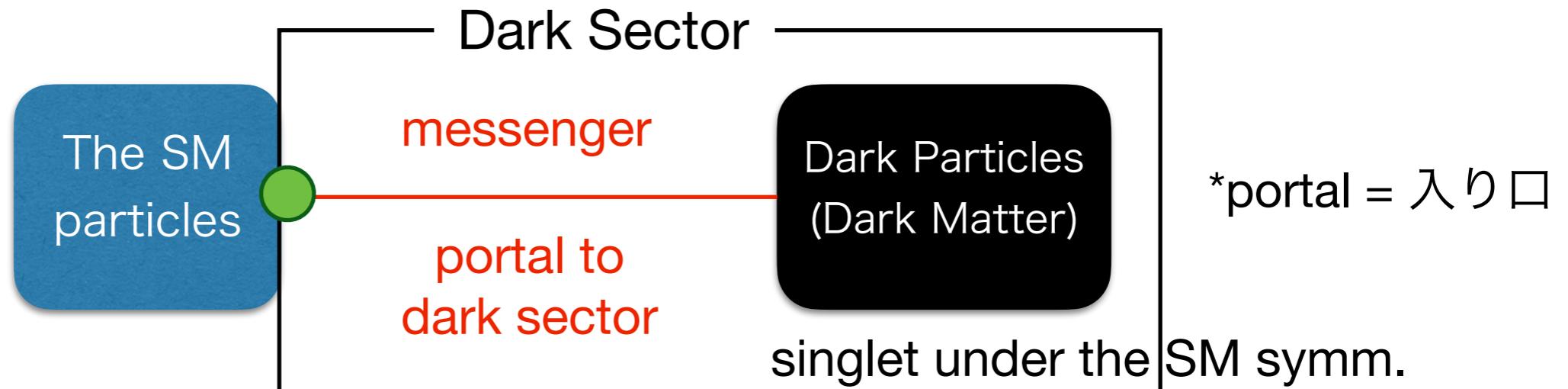
- ▶ One of the major open questions in particle physics and cosmology



- ▶ No candidates in the Standard Model (SM) particle content
- ▶ New neutral massive particle weakly coupled to the matter

# Dark Sector

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



- ▶ No direct interactions exist between the SM and dark particles.
- ▶ Messenger particle (portal) connects two sectors.

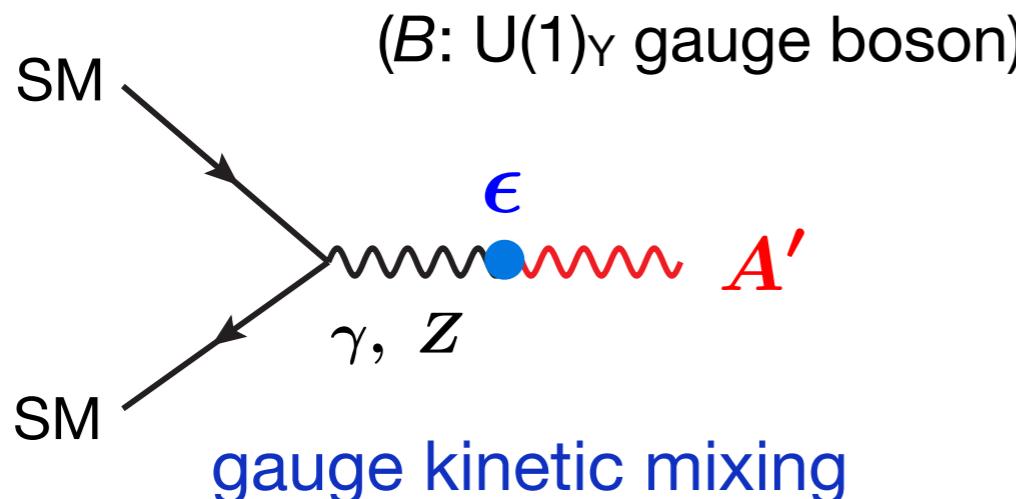
## Dark Sector

- ▶ “Dark Particles” are model(problem)-dependent.
- ▶ “Portal-SM Interactions” are rather model-independent.

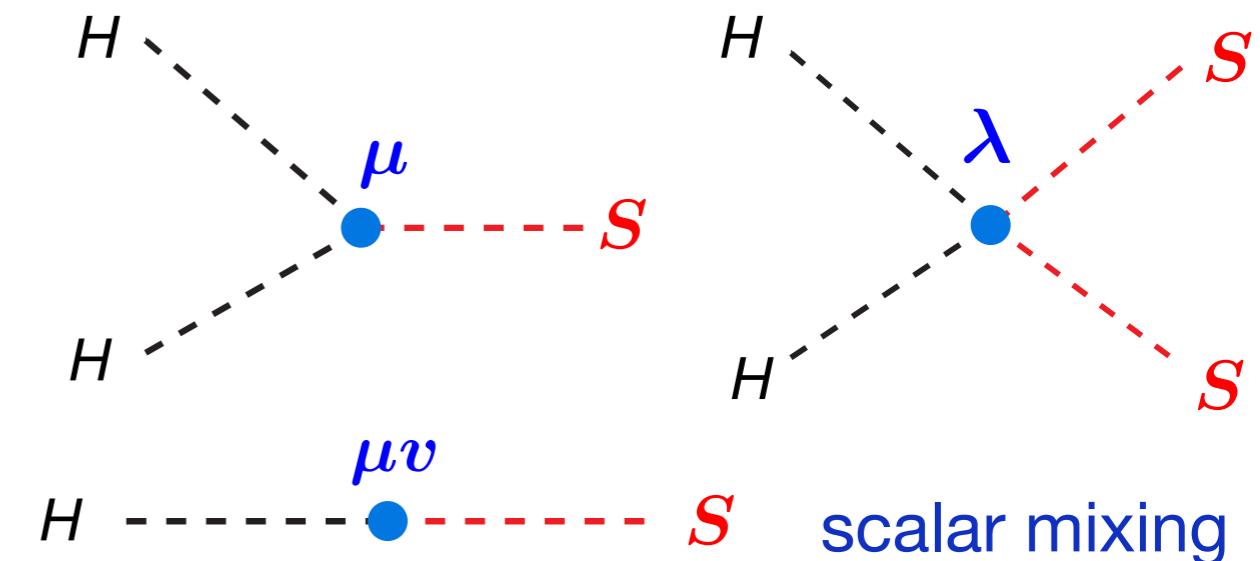
# Portals

There are **4 possible portals** invariant under the SM symmetries,

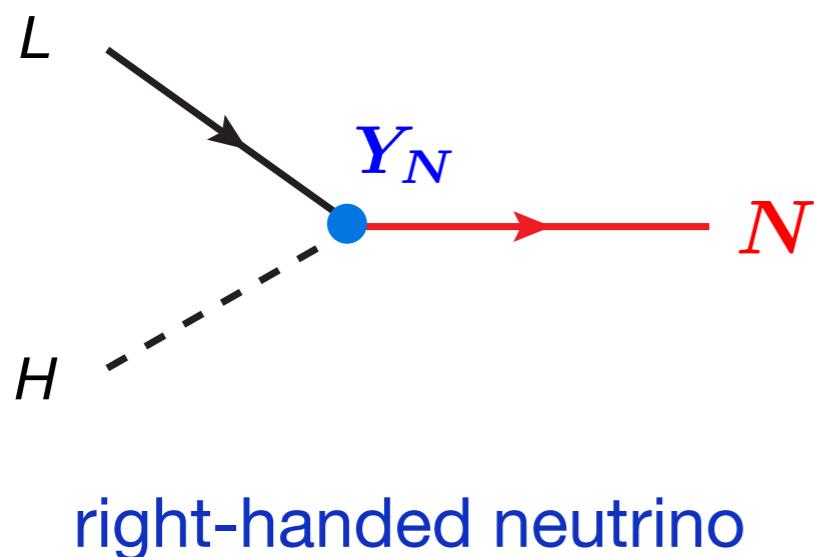
- Vector Portal :  $\epsilon B_{\mu\nu} A'^{\mu\nu}$



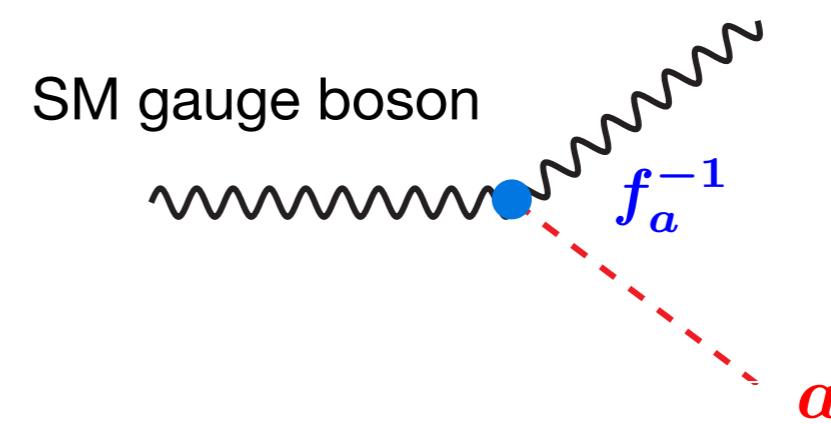
- Scalar Portal :  $(\mu S + \lambda' S^2)|H|^2$



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



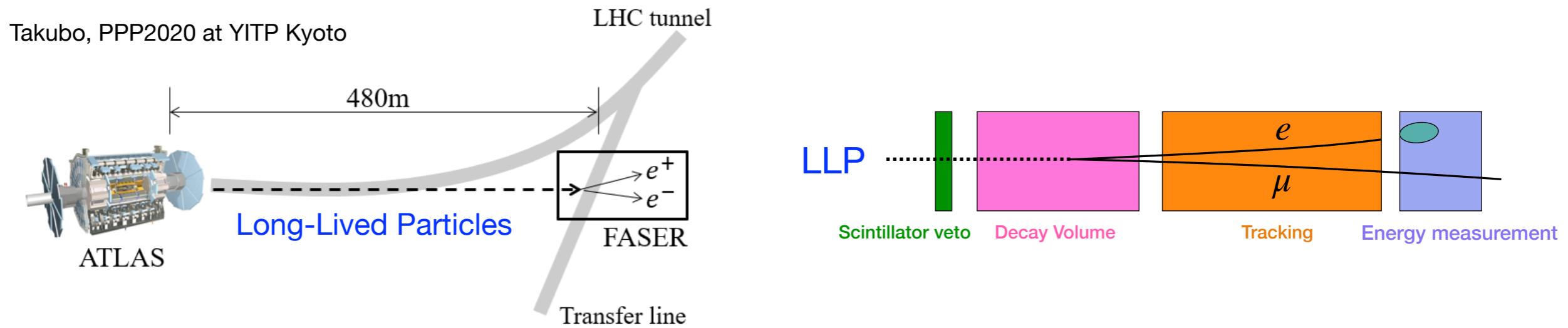
- Axion Portal :  $\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$



# FASER experiment

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

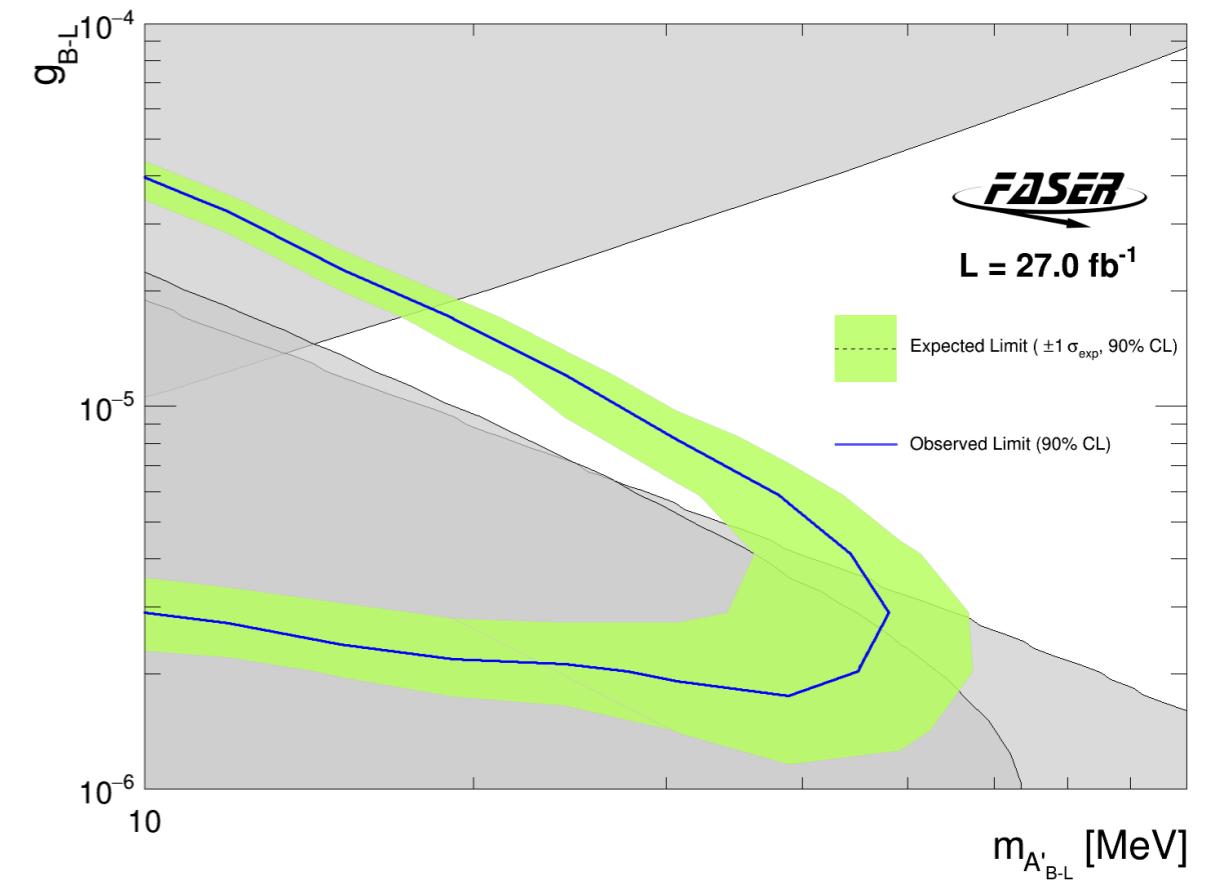
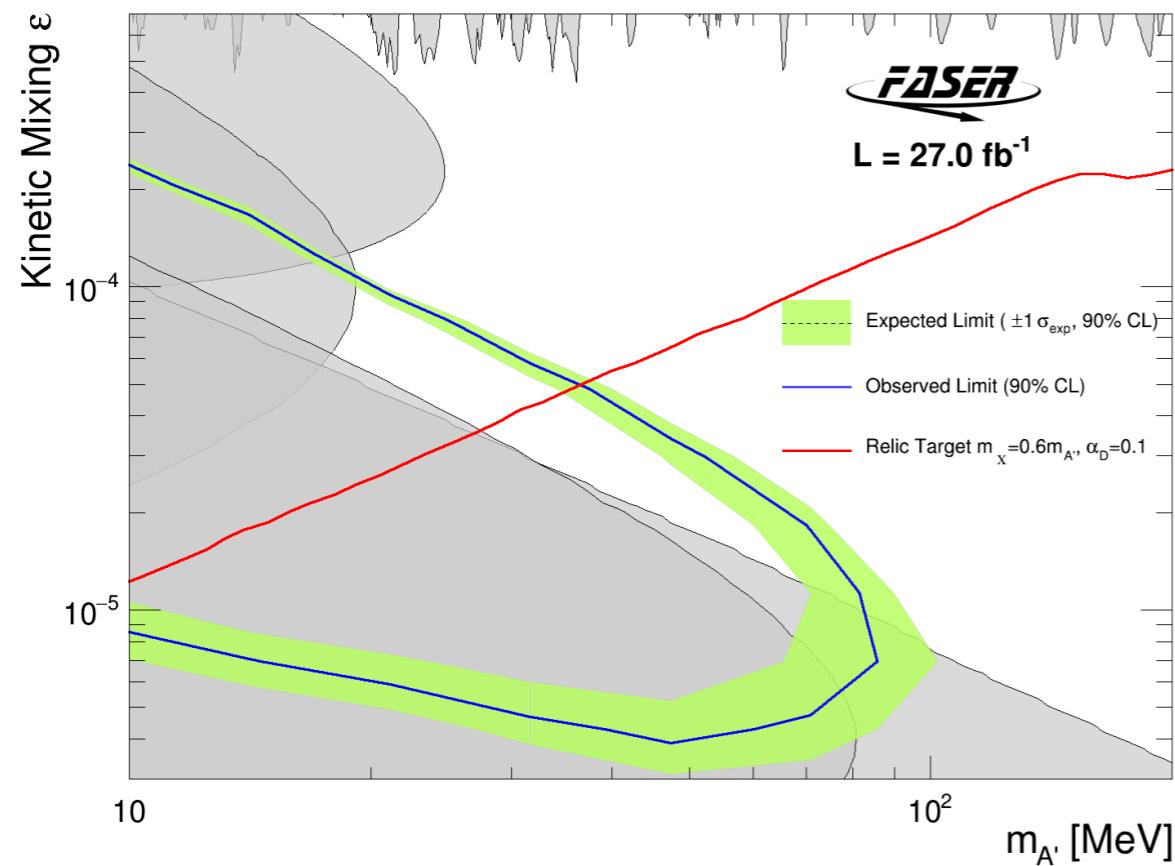
- ▶ ForwArd Search ExpeRiment (FASER) at LHC, starting from 2022.
- ▶ Detector is placed **480m** downstream from the ATLAS interaction point.
- ▶ Search for long lived particles such as dark photon, dark Higgs, Axion-like particle, etc.



- ▶ Decays of LLP will be identified.
  - separation of  $e$  and  $\mu$  with opposite charges.
  - two tracks with the same momentum, originated from the same vertex.
  - half of energy deposit compared to the total energy of two tracks.

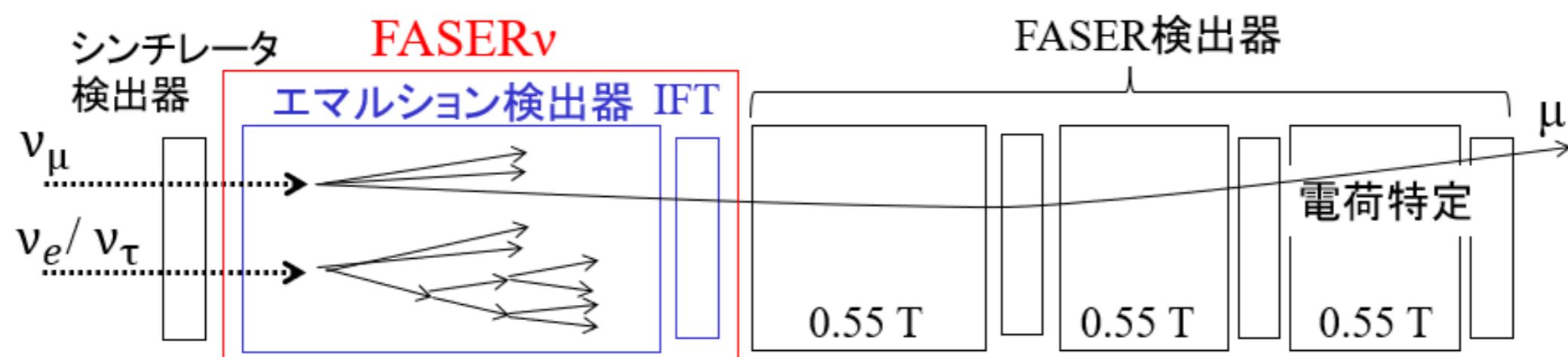
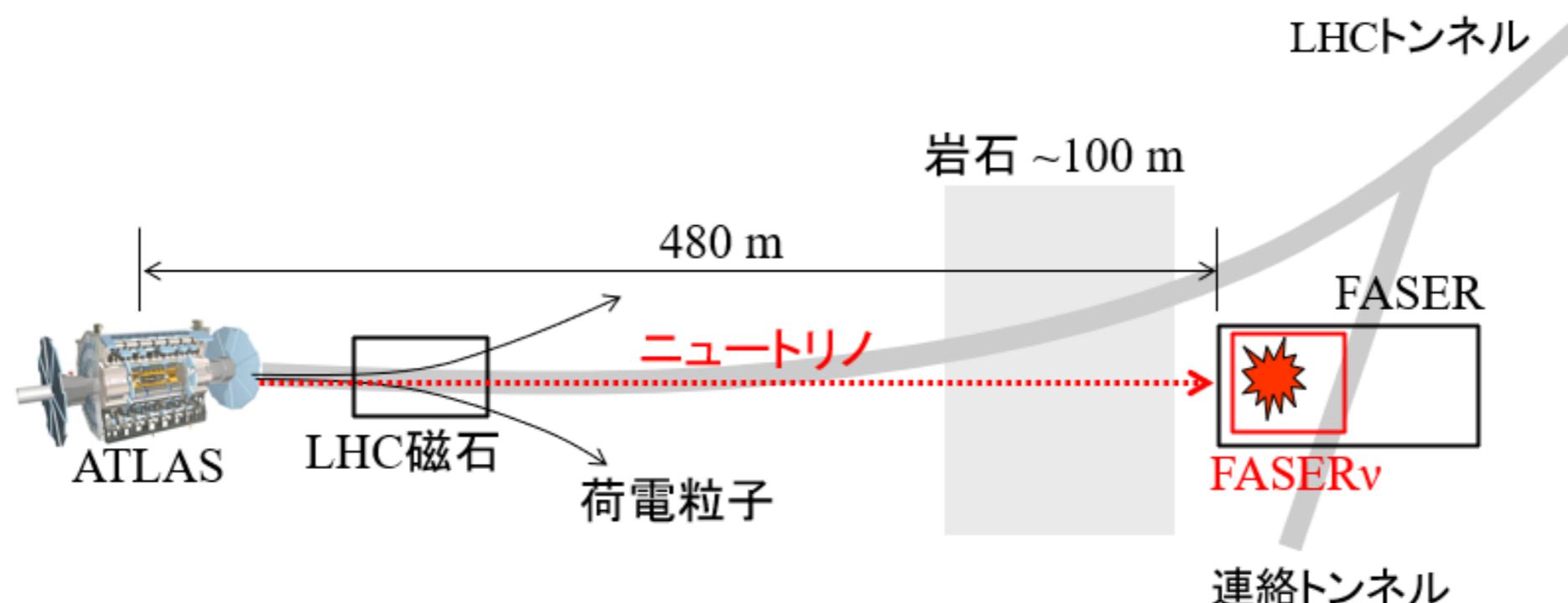
# Dark Photon @FASER

First results on dark photon and B-L gauge boson



# FASERv experiment

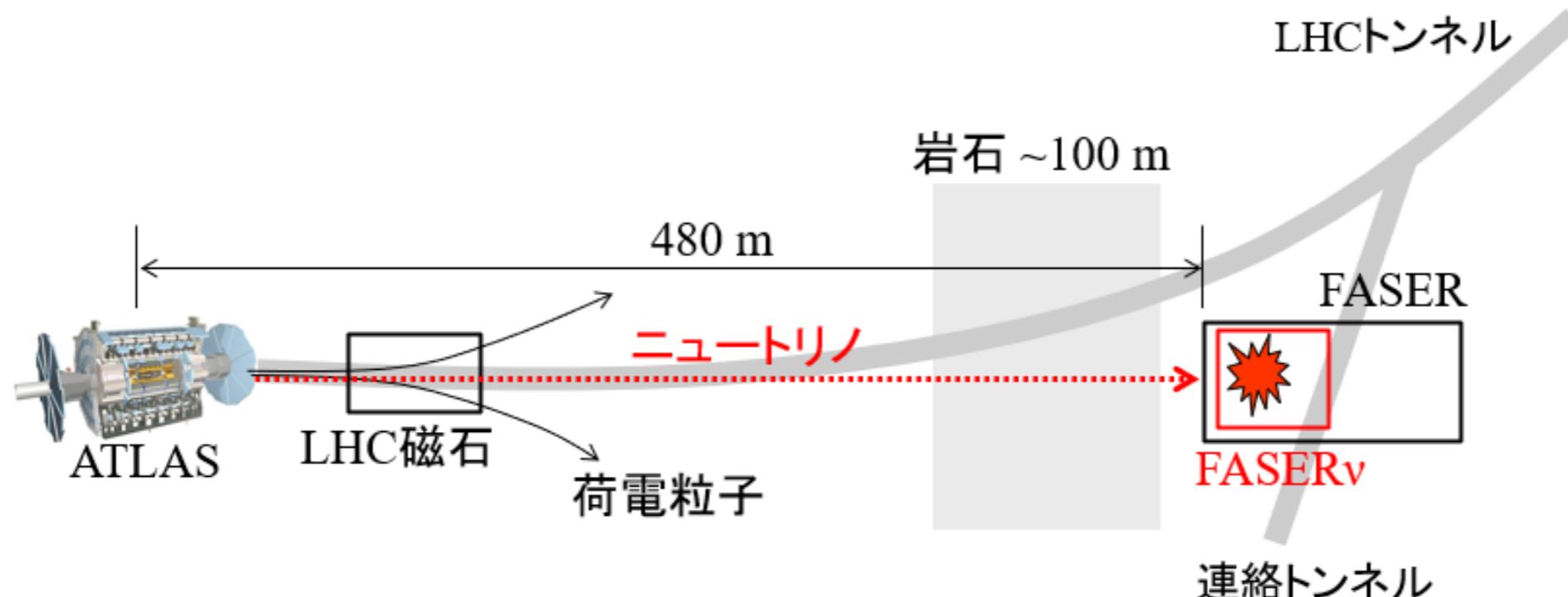
FASER JAPAN HP



LHC加速器におけるFASERv検出器の配置(上)とニュートリノの検出原理(下)。  
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# FASERv experiment

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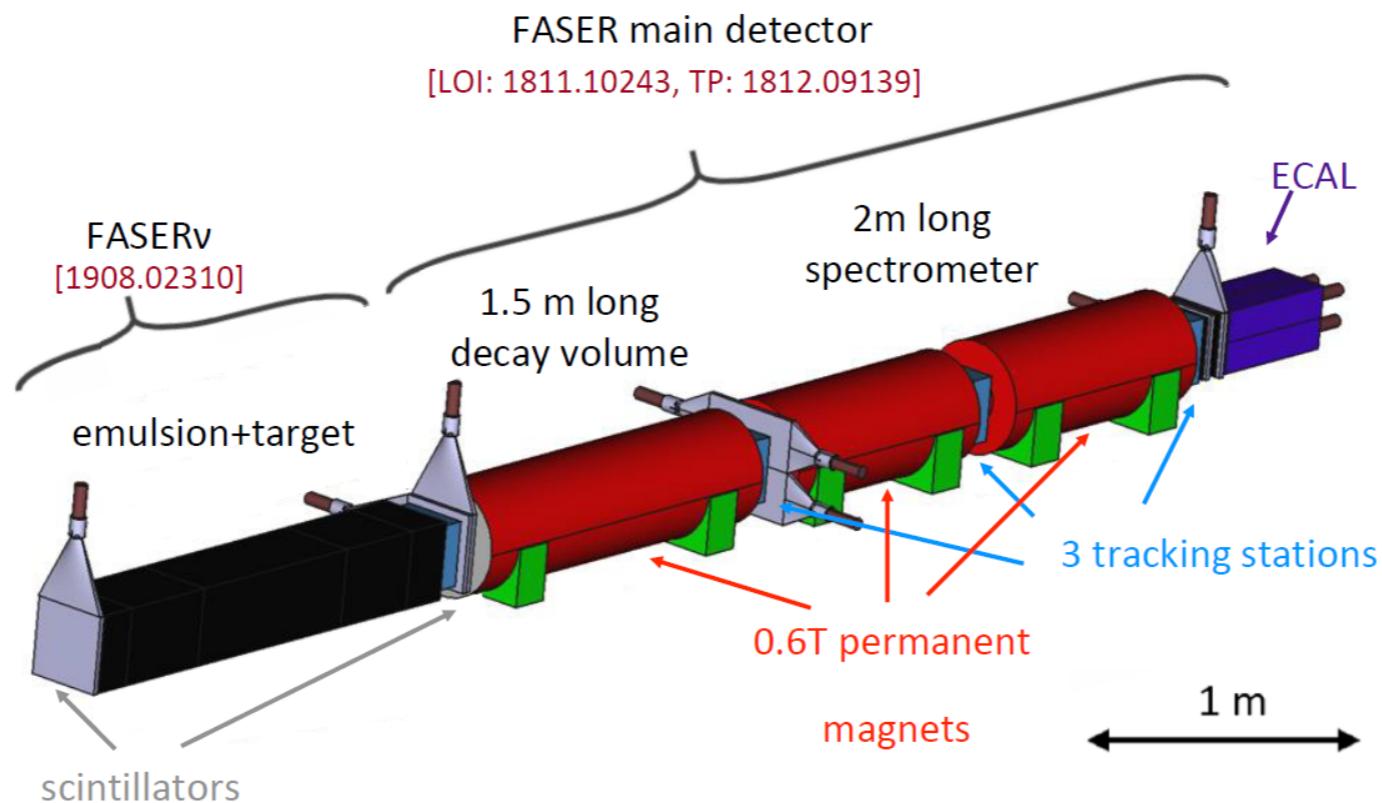
First observation of collider neutrino event  
@  $\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$  ( $E_\nu > 200 \text{ GeV}$ )

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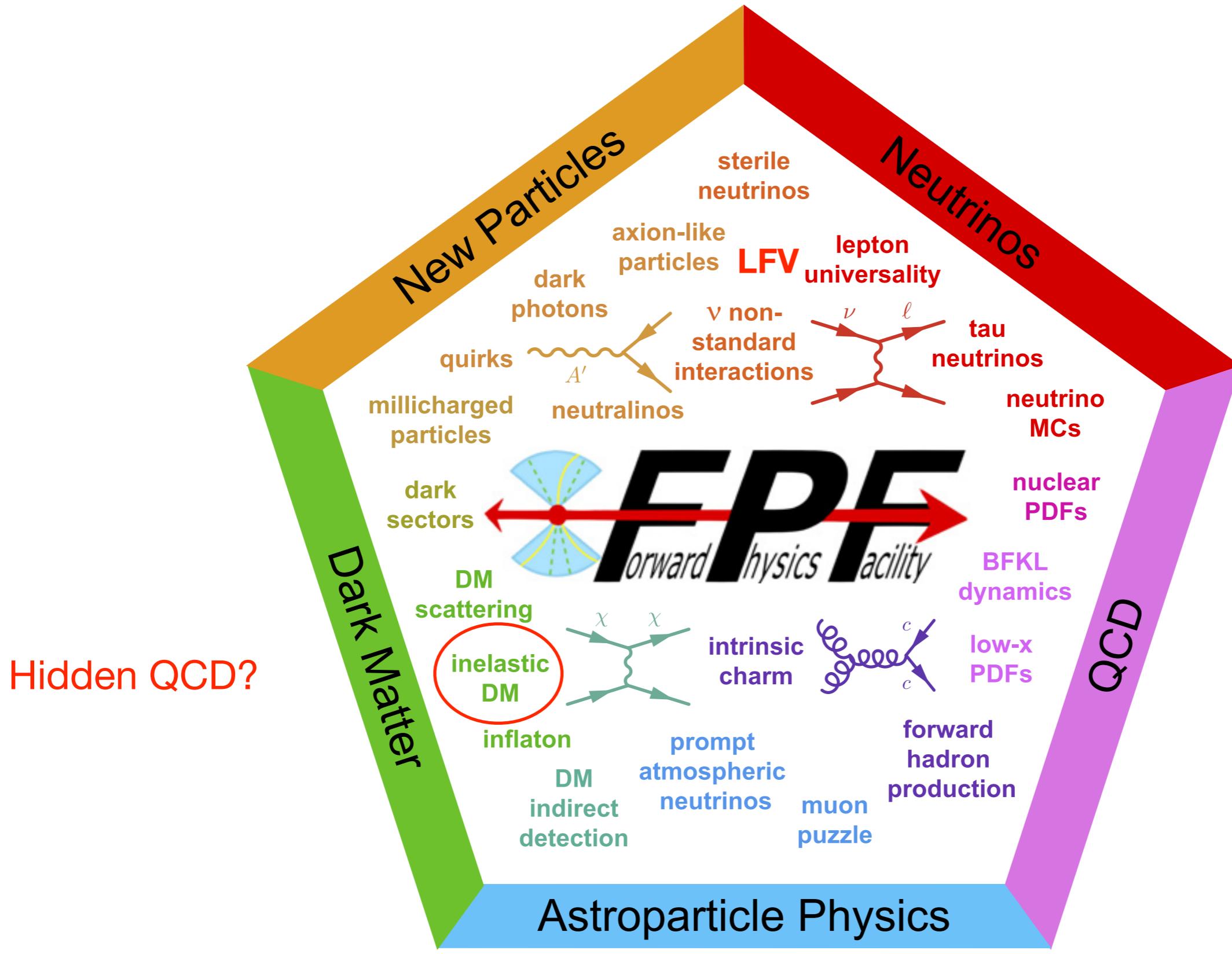
## FASER2 detector

- ▶ Upgrade of the FASER detector is also planned at High-Luminosity LHC.
- ▶ The detector will be enlarged to increase statistics hundred times larger than FASER.

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

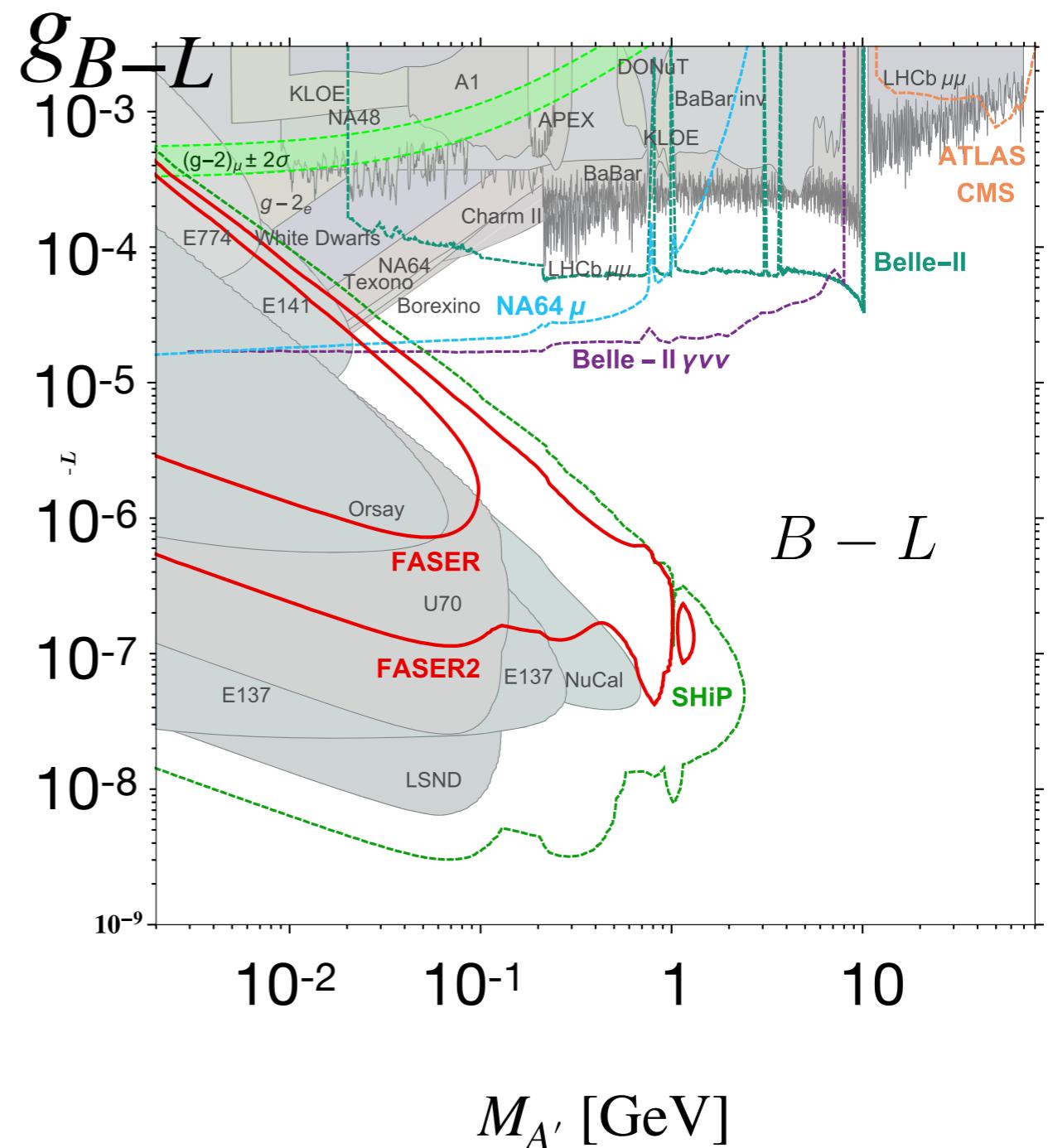
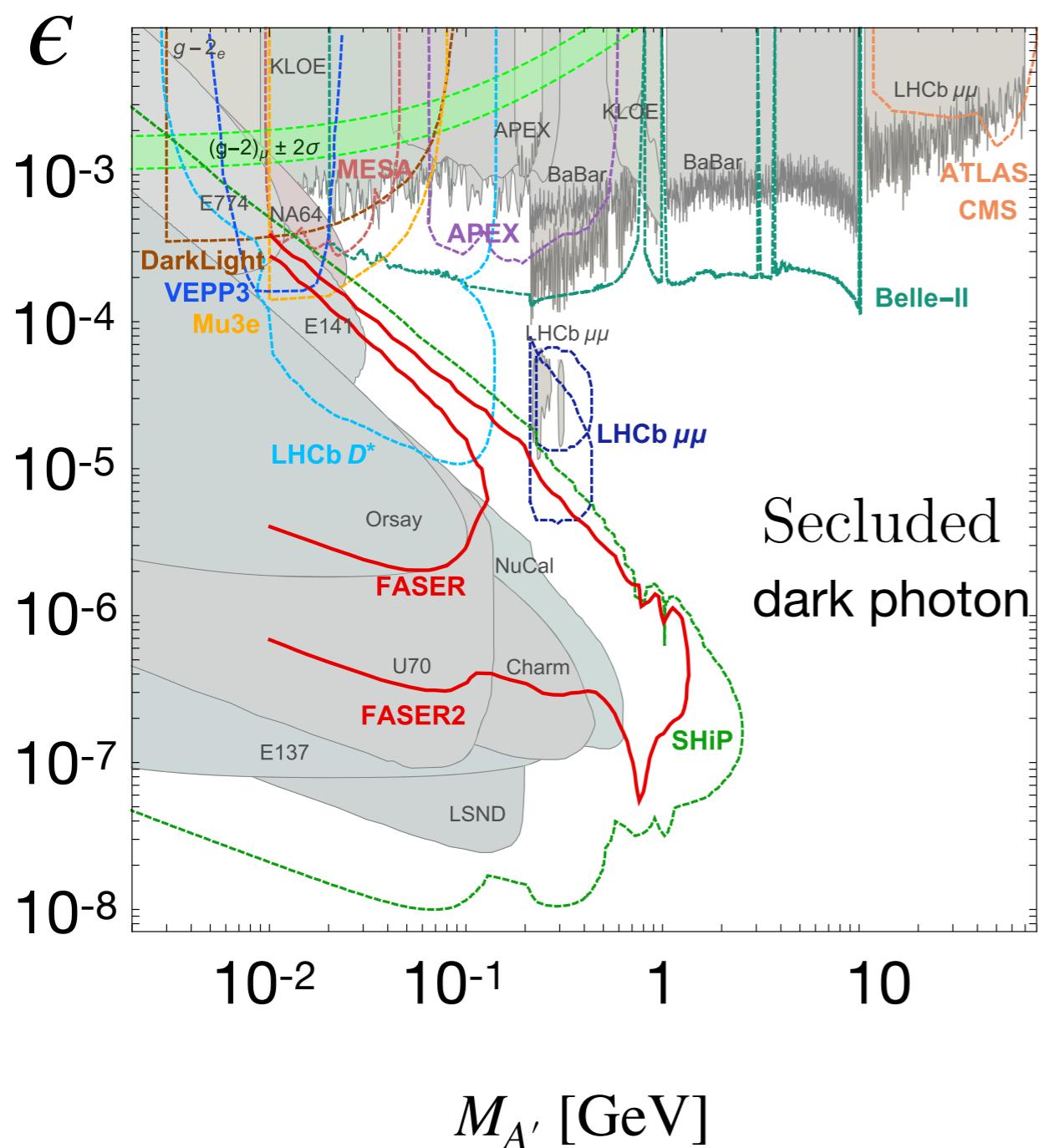


# Forward Physics Facilities



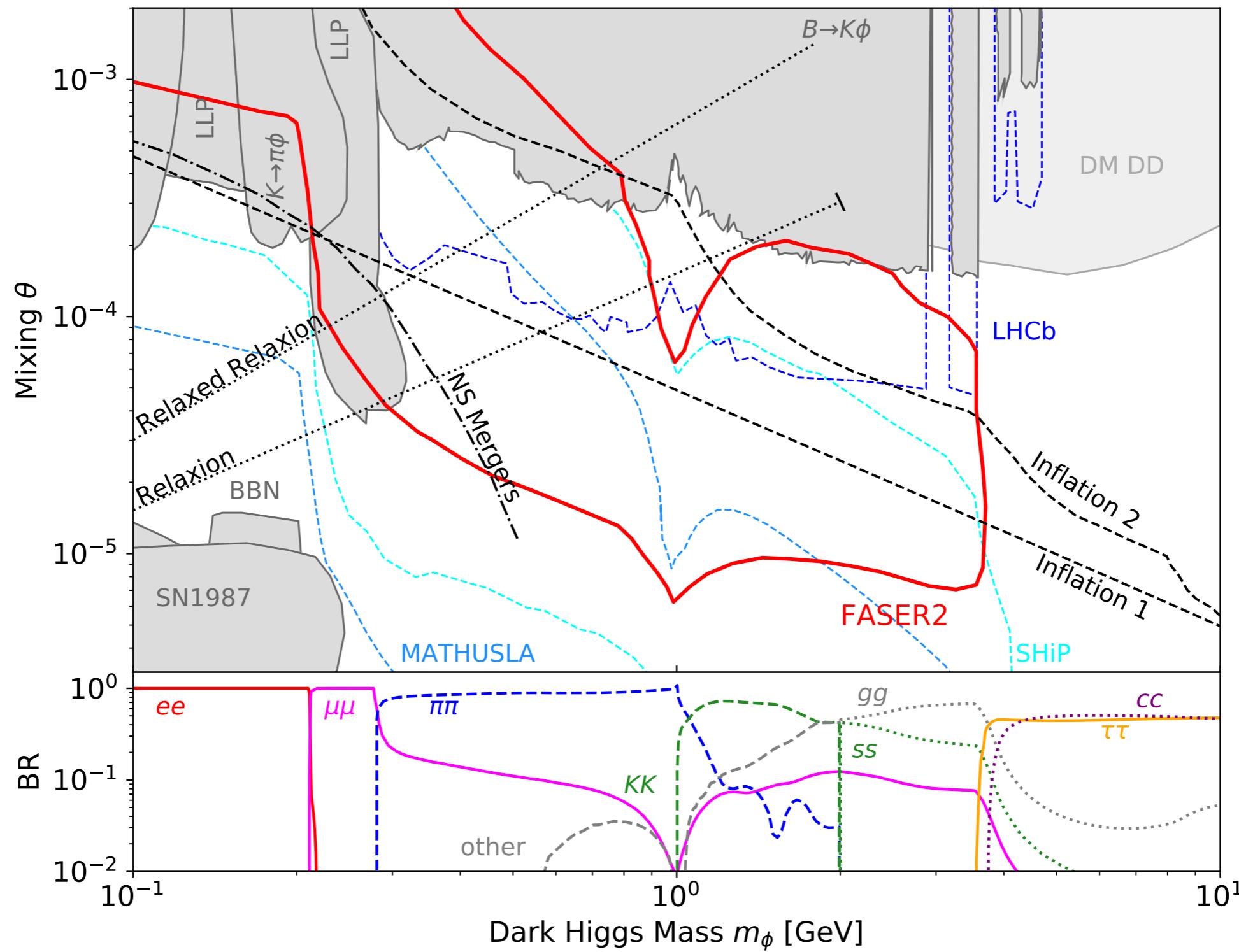
# Vector Boson

Produced via  $\pi, \eta, \eta' \rightarrow \gamma A'$  and  $p \rightarrow p + A'$



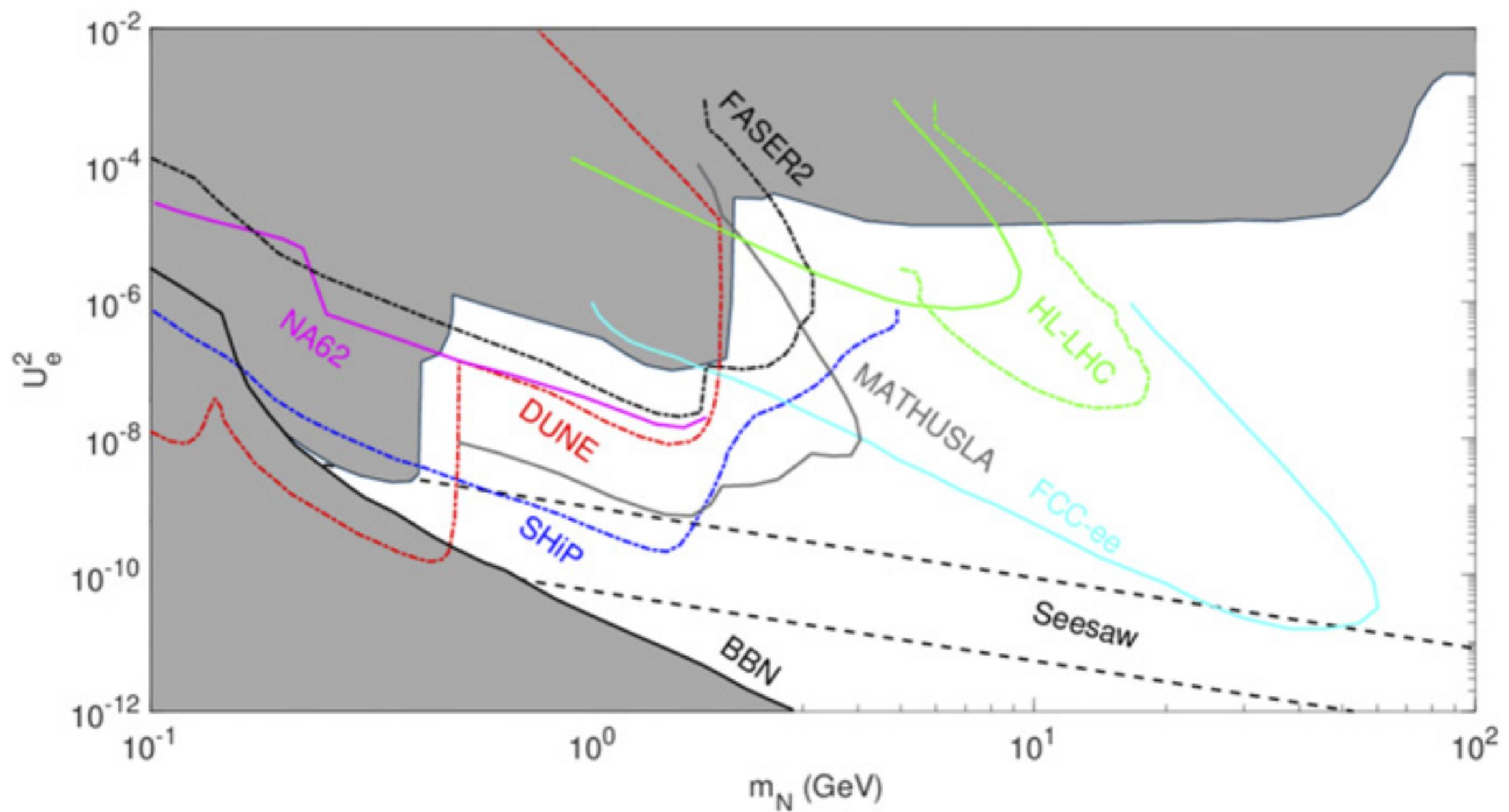
# Scalar Boson

Produced via  $K \rightarrow \pi + \phi, B \rightarrow K + \phi$

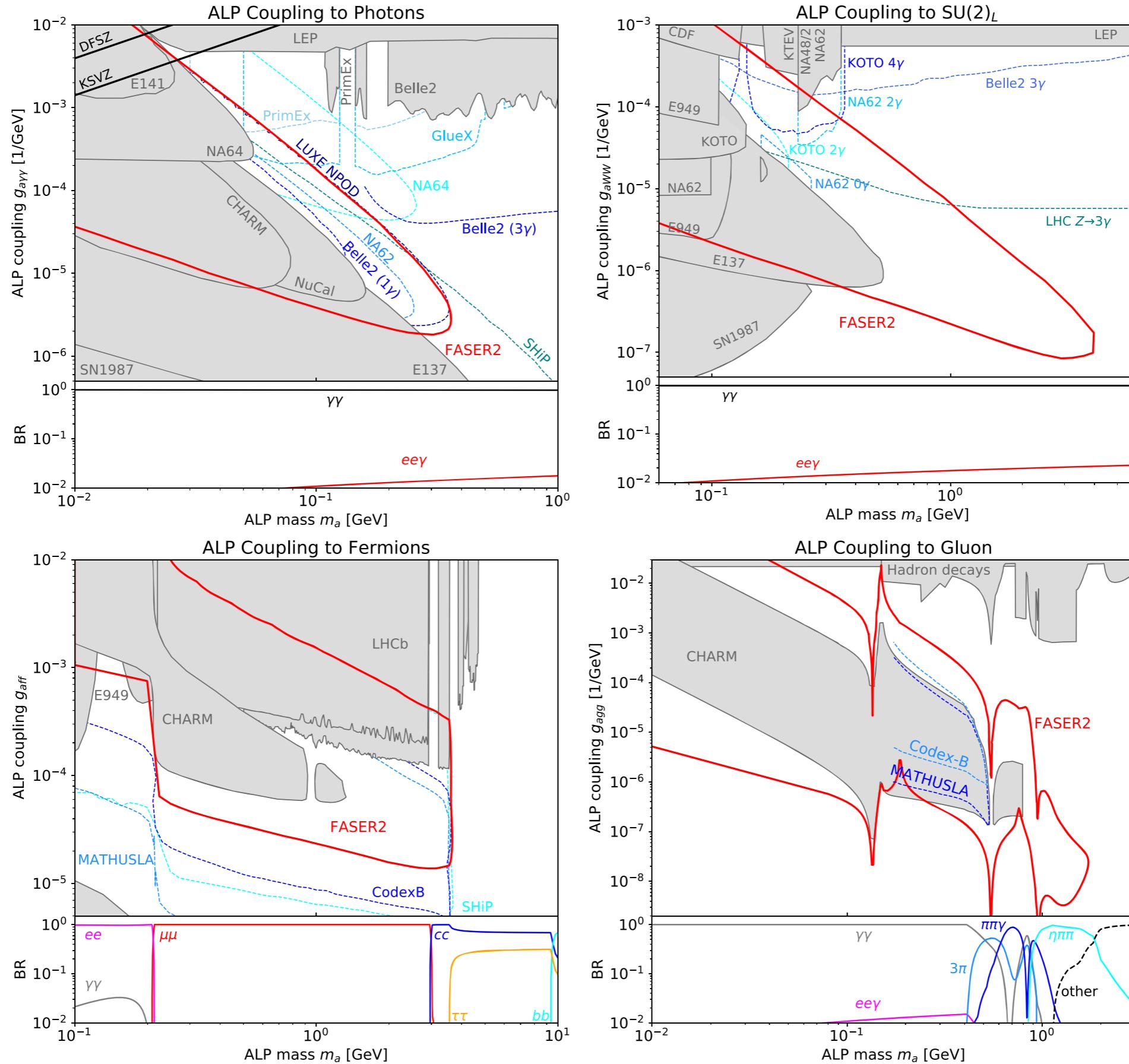


# Heavy Neutral Lepton

Produced via meson decays



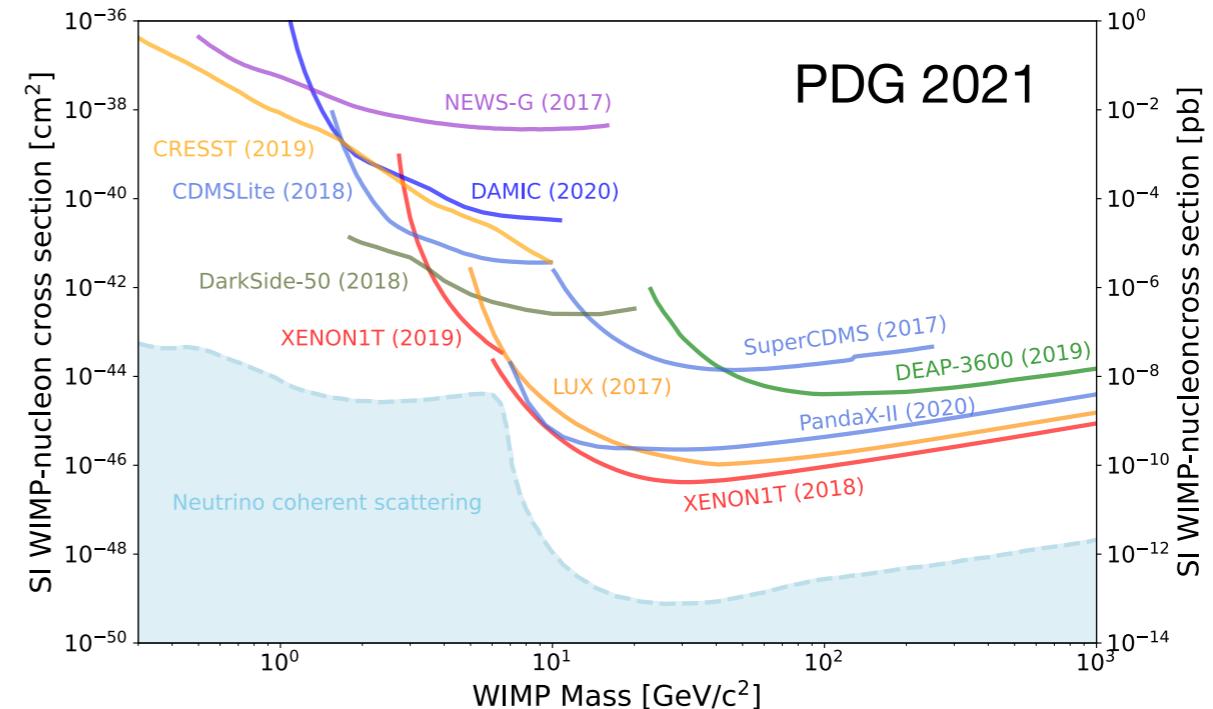
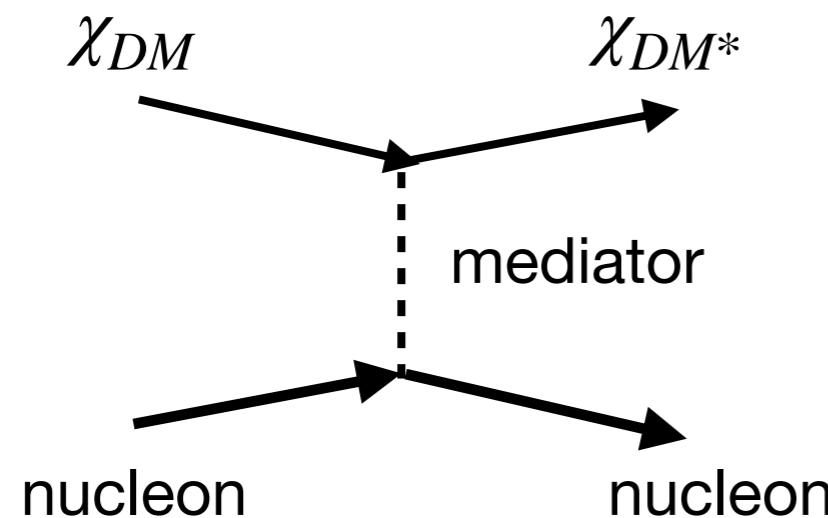
# ALPs



## Inelastic DM

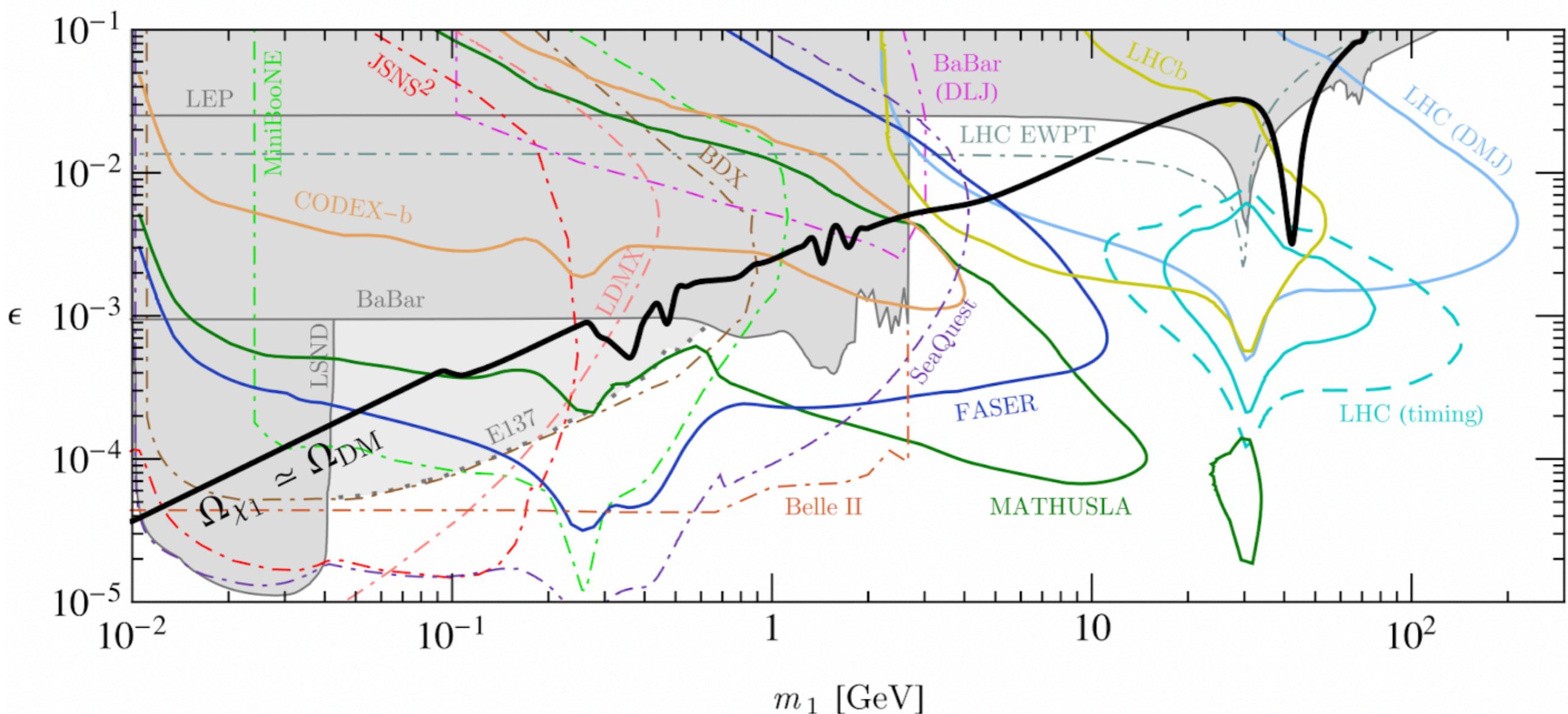
- ▶ Inelastic Dark Matter (iDM) is a compelling candidate for sub-GeV thermal DM.

Smith & Weiner, PRD64 (2001), PRD72 (2005)



- DM inelastically scatters off nucleon to a heavier state  $\text{DM}^*$ .
  - avoid the direct detection and CMB constraints
- DM and mediator can be lighter beyond the Lee-Weinberg bound.

Fermionic iDM,  $m_{A'} = 3m_1$ ,  $\Delta=0.1$ ,  $\alpha_D=0.1$



# Inelastic DM

## Dark Photon with Dark Higgs Model

	$Q$	$u_R$	$d_R$	$L$	$e_R$	$H$	$\varphi$	$\chi$	$\underline{S}$
$SU(3)$	3	3	3	1	1	1			
$SU(2)_L$	2	1	1	2	1	2			
$B_\mu$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$			
$A'_\mu$	$U(1)_X$						1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\underline{\frac{1}{2}}$

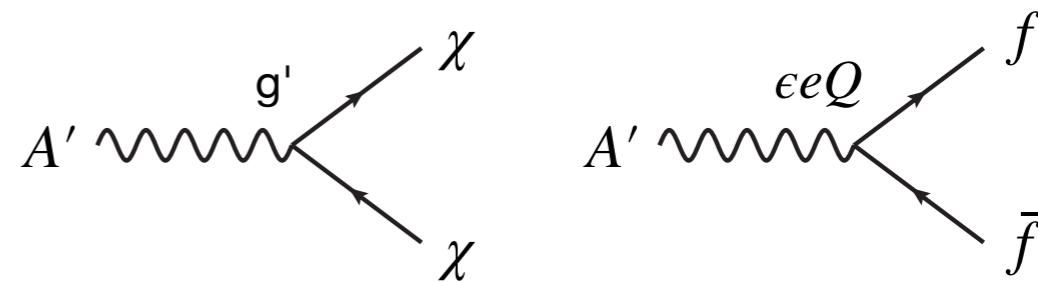
Dark Sector

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{DM}^{\chi(S)} - \frac{1}{4} A'^{\mu\nu} A'_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} B_{\mu\nu} A'^{\mu\nu} + \underline{(D^\mu \varphi)^*(D_\mu \varphi) - V},$$

### ► Mediator: $A'$ , $\varphi$

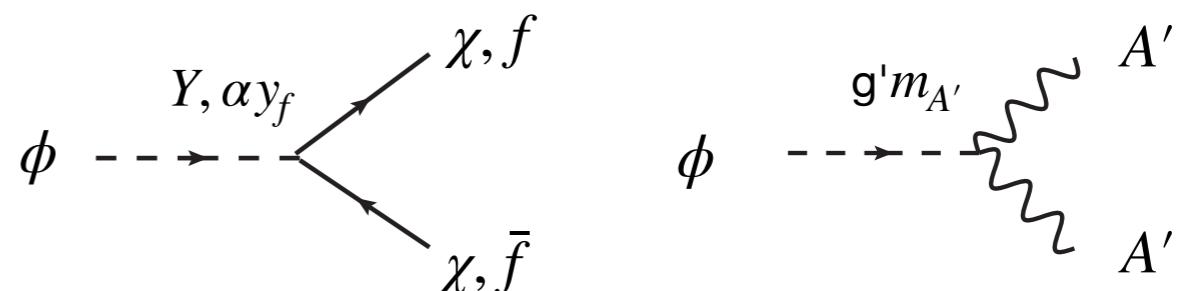
- Dark Photon (vector portal)

Interact with the SM particles  
via kinetic mixing



- Dark Higgs (scalar portal)

Interact with the SM particles  
via scalar mixing



# Fermion iDM

## ► Mass term

$$\mathcal{L}_{M_\chi} = M_\chi (\bar{\chi}_L \chi_R + \bar{\chi}_R \chi_L) + \underbrace{(y_L \overline{\chi}_L^c \chi_L \varphi + y_R \overline{\chi}_R^c \chi_R \varphi + h.c.)}_{\text{mass splitting after SSB}} \quad \langle \varphi \rangle = \frac{v_\varphi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

## • Mass eigenvalues/states

$$m_{\chi_1, \chi_2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(m_L - m_R)^2 + 4M_\chi^2} \pm \frac{m_L + m_R}{2}, \quad (m_{L(R)} \equiv \sqrt{2} y_{L(R)} v_\varphi)$$

For  $M_\chi \gg m_L \simeq m_R$  ( $\theta_\chi \simeq \pi/4$ ), small mass diff. is obtained

Mass eigenstates :  $\chi_1, \chi_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_\chi & -\sin \theta_\chi \\ \sin \theta_\chi & \cos \theta_\chi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ \chi_R^c \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tan 2\theta_\chi = \frac{2M_\chi}{m_L - m_R}$$

## ► Inelastic int. in mass eigenstates

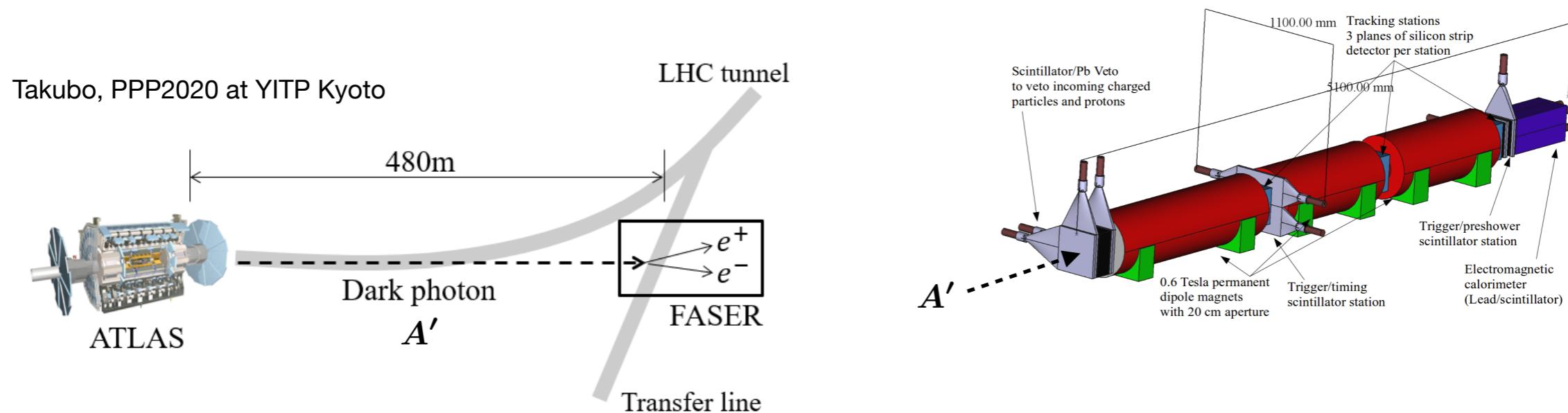
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{A'\text{int}} &= g' A'_\mu [\tilde{c}_\chi (\bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_1 - \bar{\chi}_2 \gamma^\mu \chi_2) + \tilde{s}_\chi (\bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2 + \bar{\chi}_2 \gamma^\mu \chi_1)], \\ \mathcal{L}_{\phi\text{int}} &\supset \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (y_L - y_R) c_\alpha s_\chi c_\chi \phi (\overline{\chi}_1^c \chi_2 + \overline{\chi}_1 \chi_2^c) + h.c., \end{aligned} \quad (\tilde{s}_\chi = \sin 2\theta_\chi, \tilde{c}_\chi = \cos 2\theta_\chi)$$

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# FASER experiment

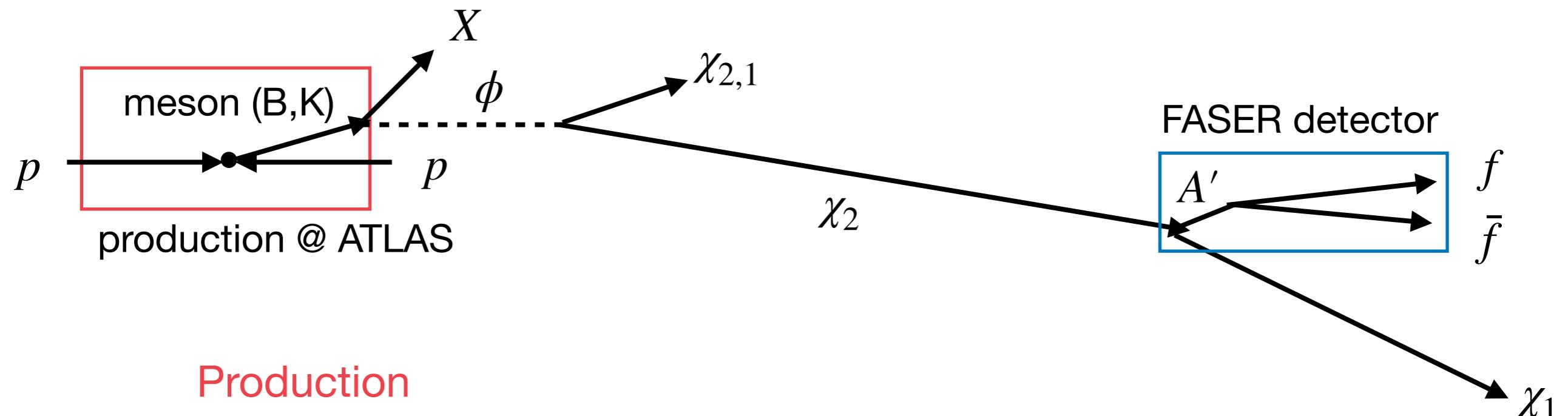
Feng, Galon, Kling, Trojanowski, PRD97 (2018)  
FASER collaboration, arXiv:1708.09389

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## Signal at FASER



### Production

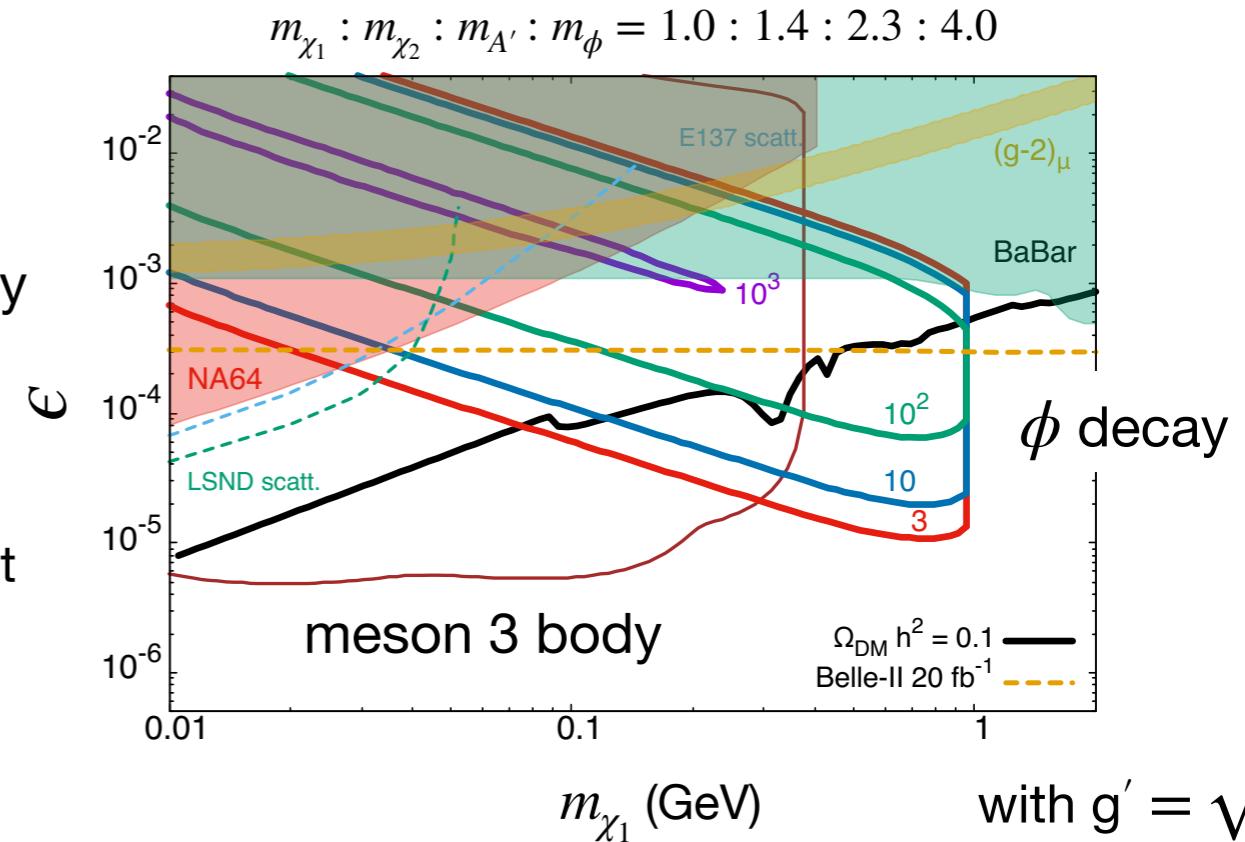
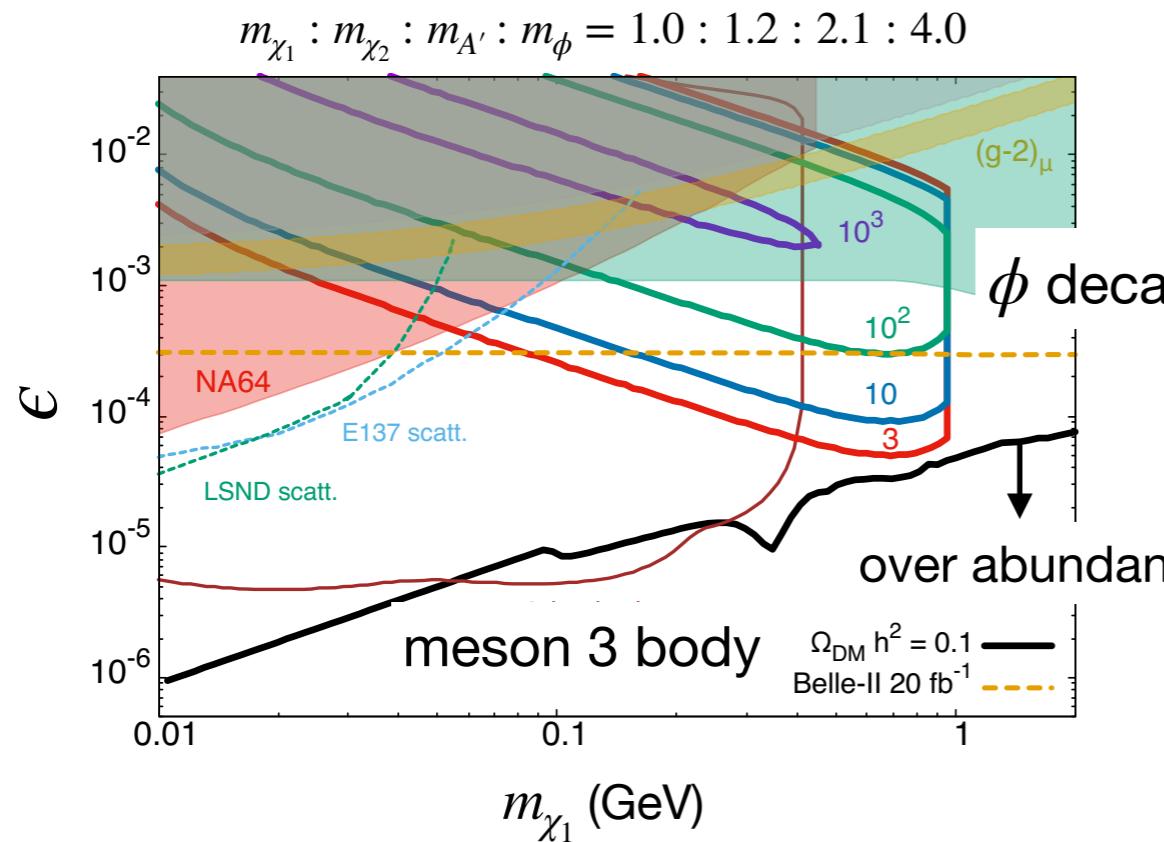
- $\phi$  produced from meson decays :  $B, K \rightarrow \phi + X$
- $\chi_2$  produced from  $\phi$  decay :  $\phi \rightarrow \chi_{2,1} + \chi_2$
- $\chi_2$  produced from pseudo-scalar meson 3-body decays:  
 $\pi^0, \eta, \eta' \rightarrow \gamma + A'^* \rightarrow \gamma + \chi_{1,2} + \chi_2$

### Signal

- $\chi_2$  decays into charged particles :  $\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 + A'^* \rightarrow \chi_1 + f + \bar{f}$

# Sensitivity Plots for Fermion iDM (1)

Case 1: Decays of  $A' \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_2$  and  $\phi \rightarrow A' A'$  are forbidden



$$\text{with } g' = \sqrt{4\pi}, \\ \theta_\chi \simeq \pi/4 \\ \alpha = 10^{-4}$$

- ▶ production from  $\phi$  decay (red, blue, green, purple)

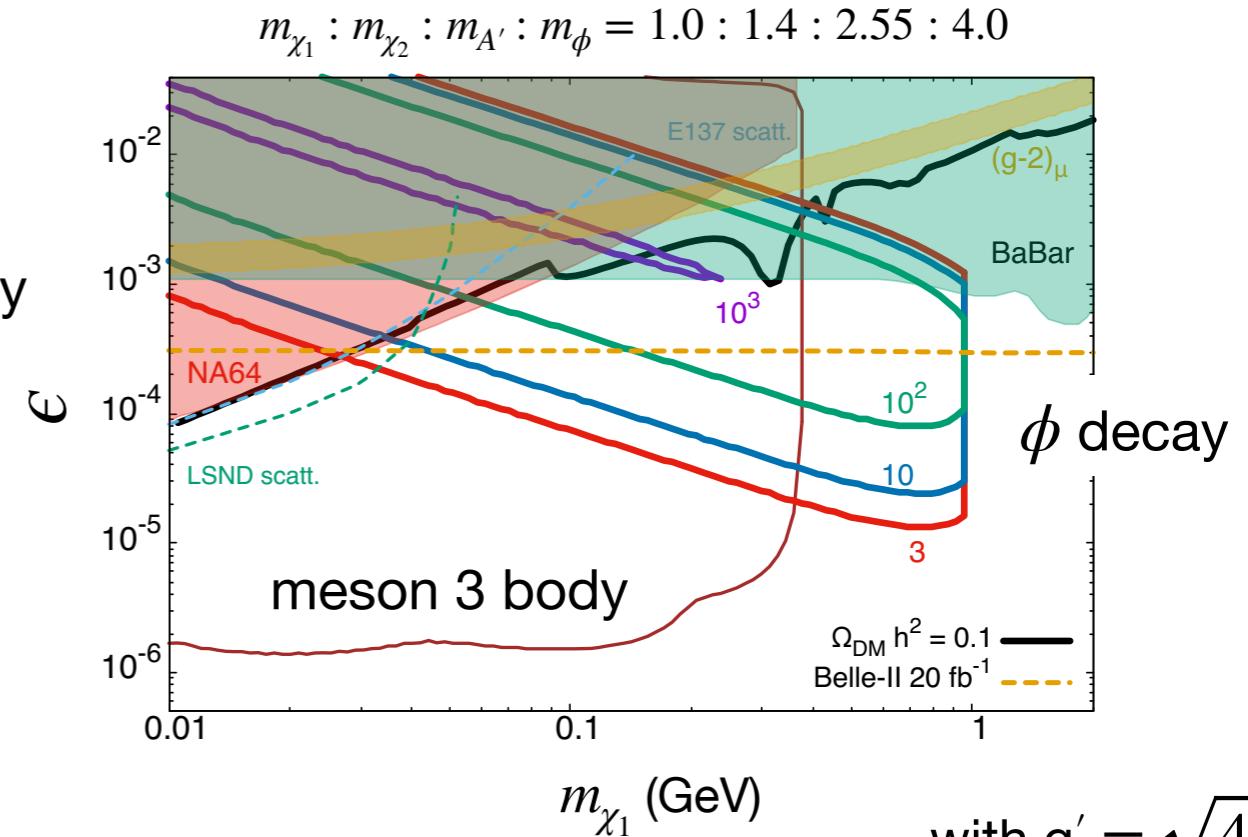
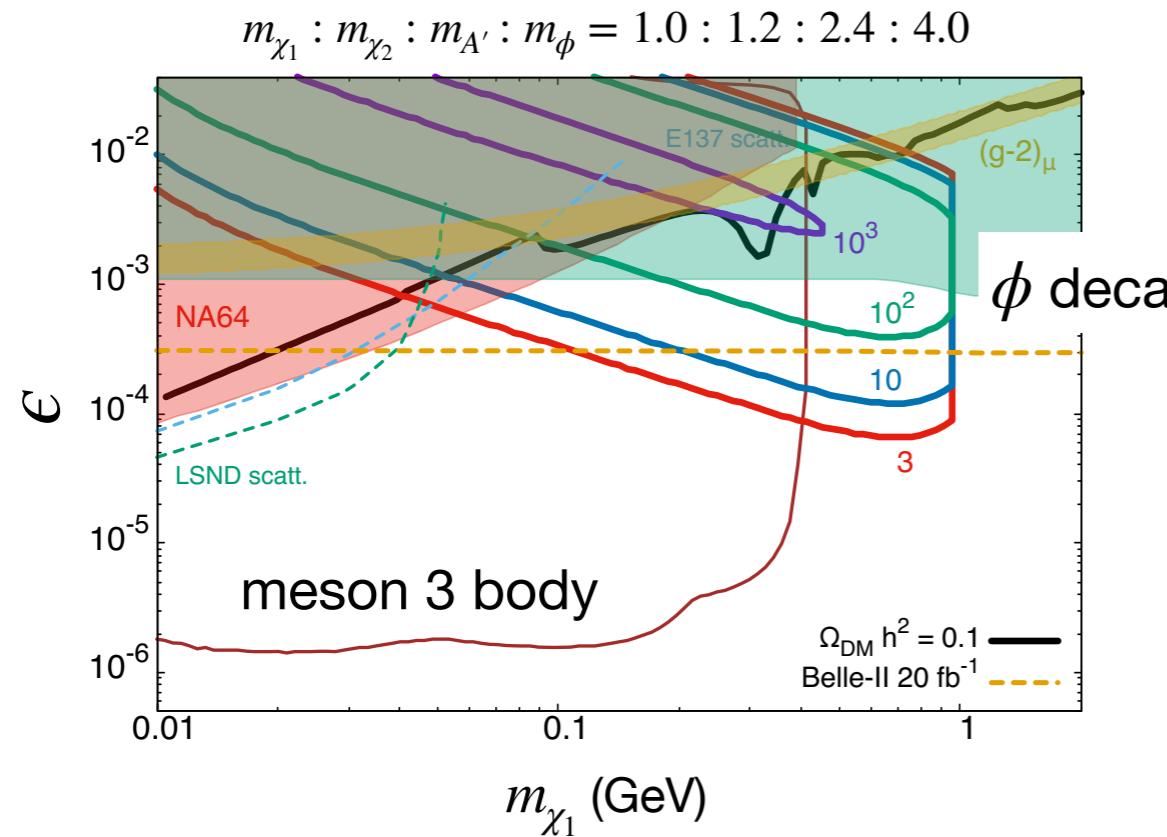
$$\rightarrow m_{\chi_1} \leq 1.0 \text{ GeV} \& \epsilon \geq 10^{-5}$$

- ▶ production from meson 3-body decay (brown)

$$\rightarrow m_{\chi_1} \leq 0.4 \text{ GeV} \& \epsilon \geq 10^{-6}$$

## Sensitivity Plots for Fermion iDM (2)

Case 2: Only decay of  $A' \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_2$  is allowed



- ▶ Dark matter abundance requires large  $\epsilon$
- already excluded

$$\text{with } g' = \sqrt{4\pi}, \quad \theta_\chi \simeq \pi/4, \quad \alpha = 10^{-4}$$