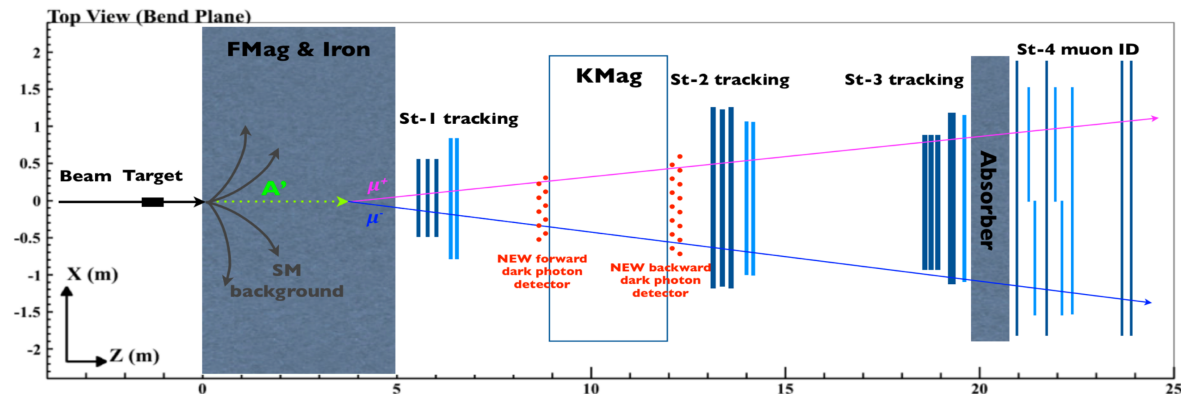
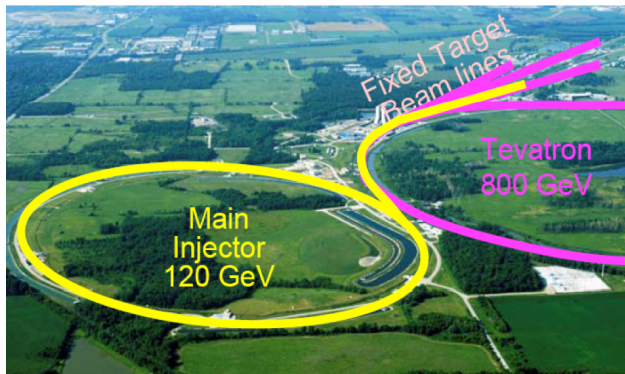


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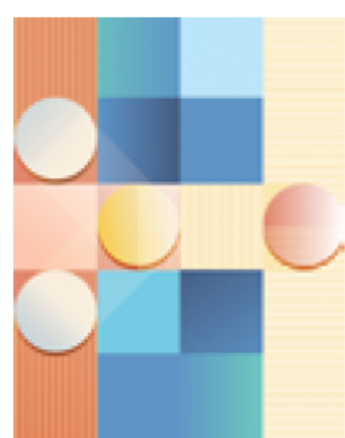
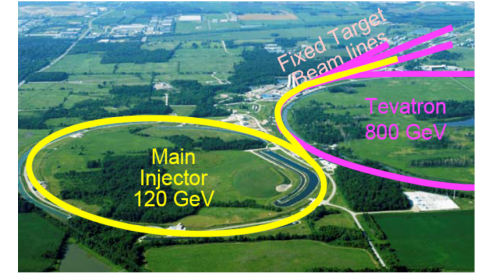
P-1067 Collaboration



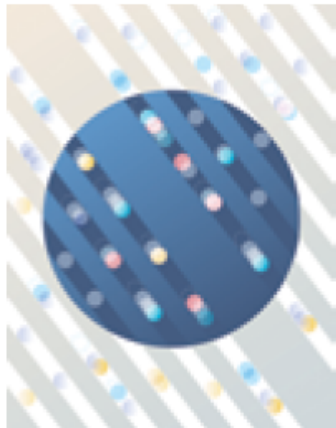
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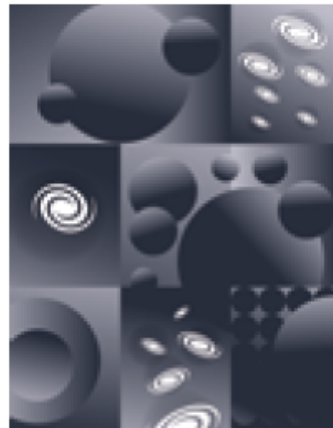
- Use the Higgs boson as a new tool for discovery 😊
- Pursue the physics associated with neutrino mass
- Identify the new physics of dark matter 😊
- Understand cosmic acceleration: dark energy and inflation
- Explore the unknown: new particles, interactions, and physical principles 😊



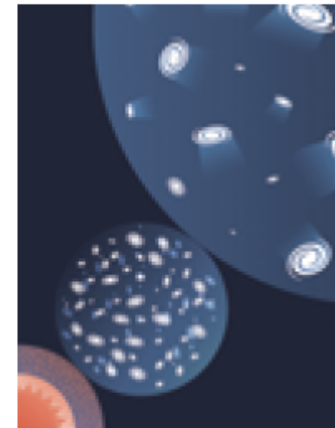
Higgs boson



Neutrino mass



Dark matter



Cosmic acceleration



Explore the unknown

Great Opportunities at the Fermilab Intensity Frontier!!!

Letter of Intent for a Direct Search for Dark Photon and Dark Higgs Particles with the SeaQuest Spectrometer in Beam Dump Mode

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on May 20, 2015

A joint experimental and theoretical collaboration
(most E906/E1039 + new members)

Phase-I: (focus of this presentation)

1. Addition of a new displaced dimuon trigger to tag long-lived downstream decayed dark photons (dark Higgs).
2. Parasitic data taking with E1039 in 2017-2019;
 - A short dedicated run (up to ~1 month) if needed.
3. POT 1.44×10^{18}

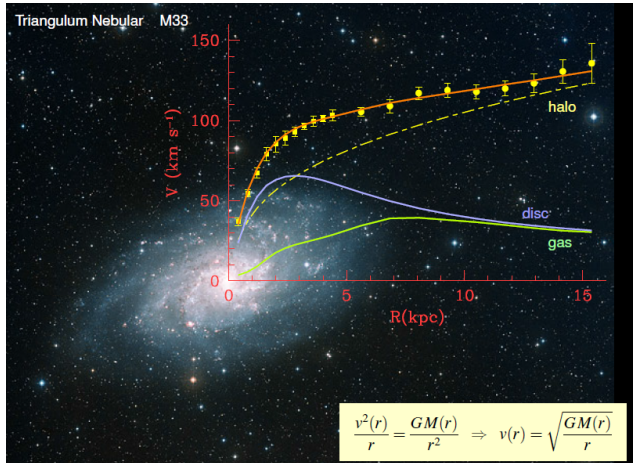
Phase-II:

1. Dedicated runs later with EMC/HCAL upgrades, $e^{+/-}$ and $h^{+/-}$ capabilities.
2. Cover the full parameter phase space allowed by beam energy and luminosity
3. POT: $>> 1.4 \times 10^{18}$

Phase-II request will be presented to PAC at a later time.

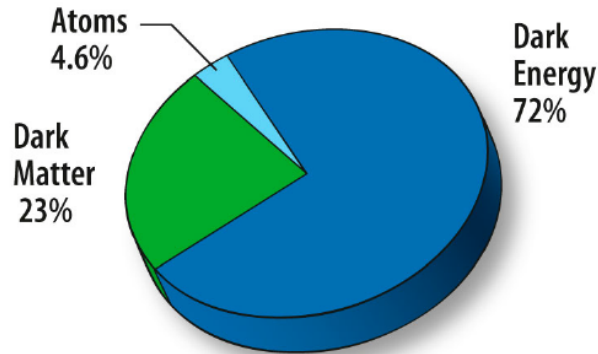
Dark Matter?

Galaxies' rotation curve

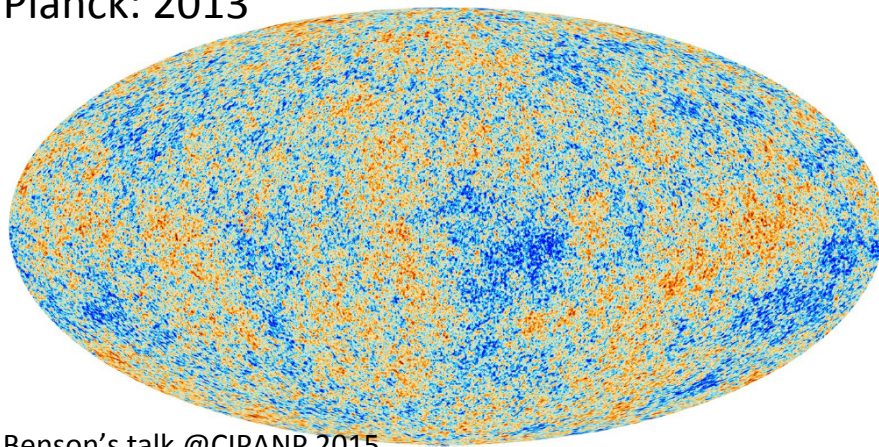


F. Zwicky, ApJ 86 (1937) 217, V. Rubin et al, ApJ 238 (1980) 471

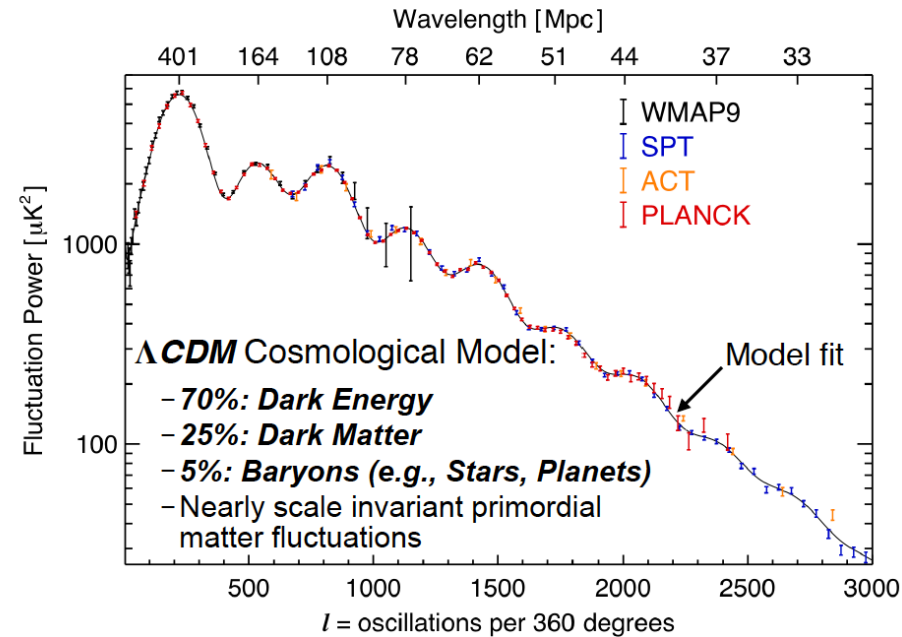
Gravitational lensing (Hubble 2007)



30 μ K RMS fluctuations on 3 K background
Planck: 2013



Benson's talk @CIPANP 2015



What Are the Dark Particles?

- WIMP being excluded?
- Recent anomalies observed by satellite and terrestrial experiments have motivated dark matter models introducing a new dark sector

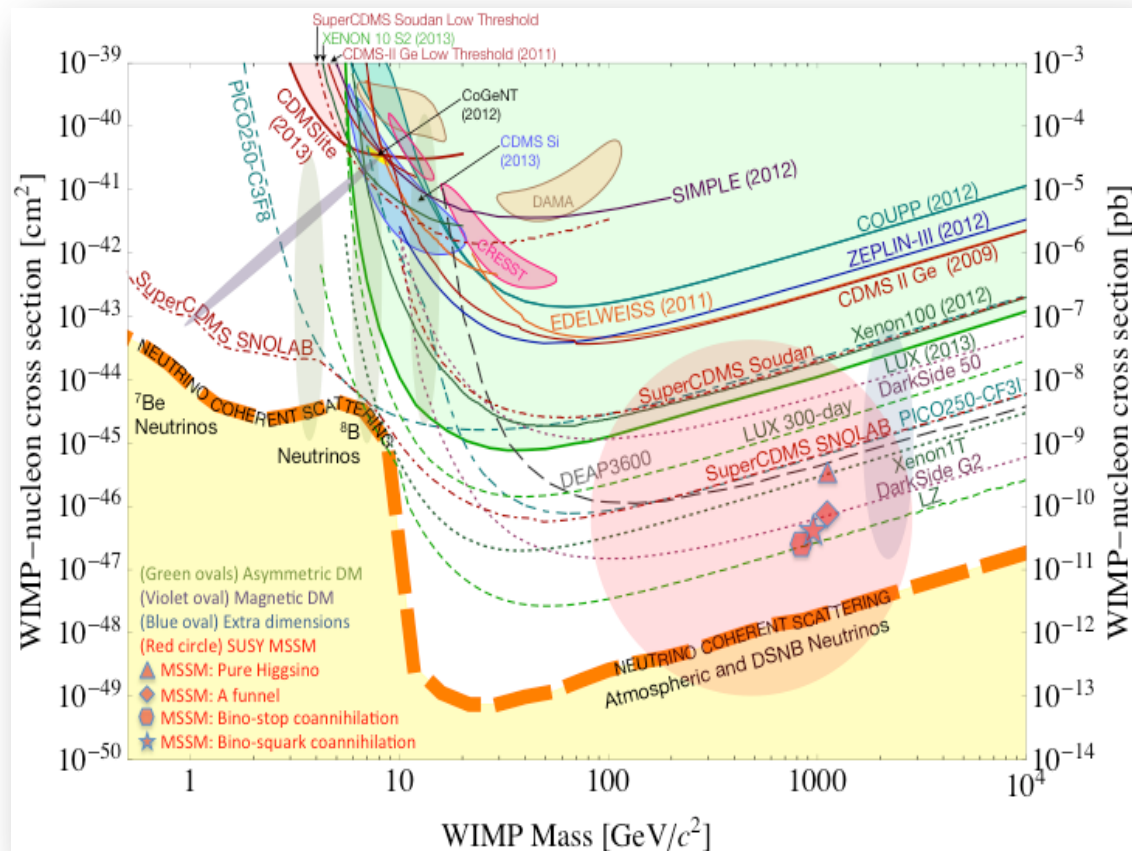
Montgomery's talk at CIPANP2015
"a vision of nuclear and particle physics"

- Imaginable space for these experiments is rapidly disappearing
- the "natural" theory space is also disappearing.
- I like to think that Dark Matter is on solid ground, maybe not!!!

"Sub-GeV" low mass weakly-interacting dark particles become very interesting!

Mass: $O(\text{MeV} \sim \text{GeV})$

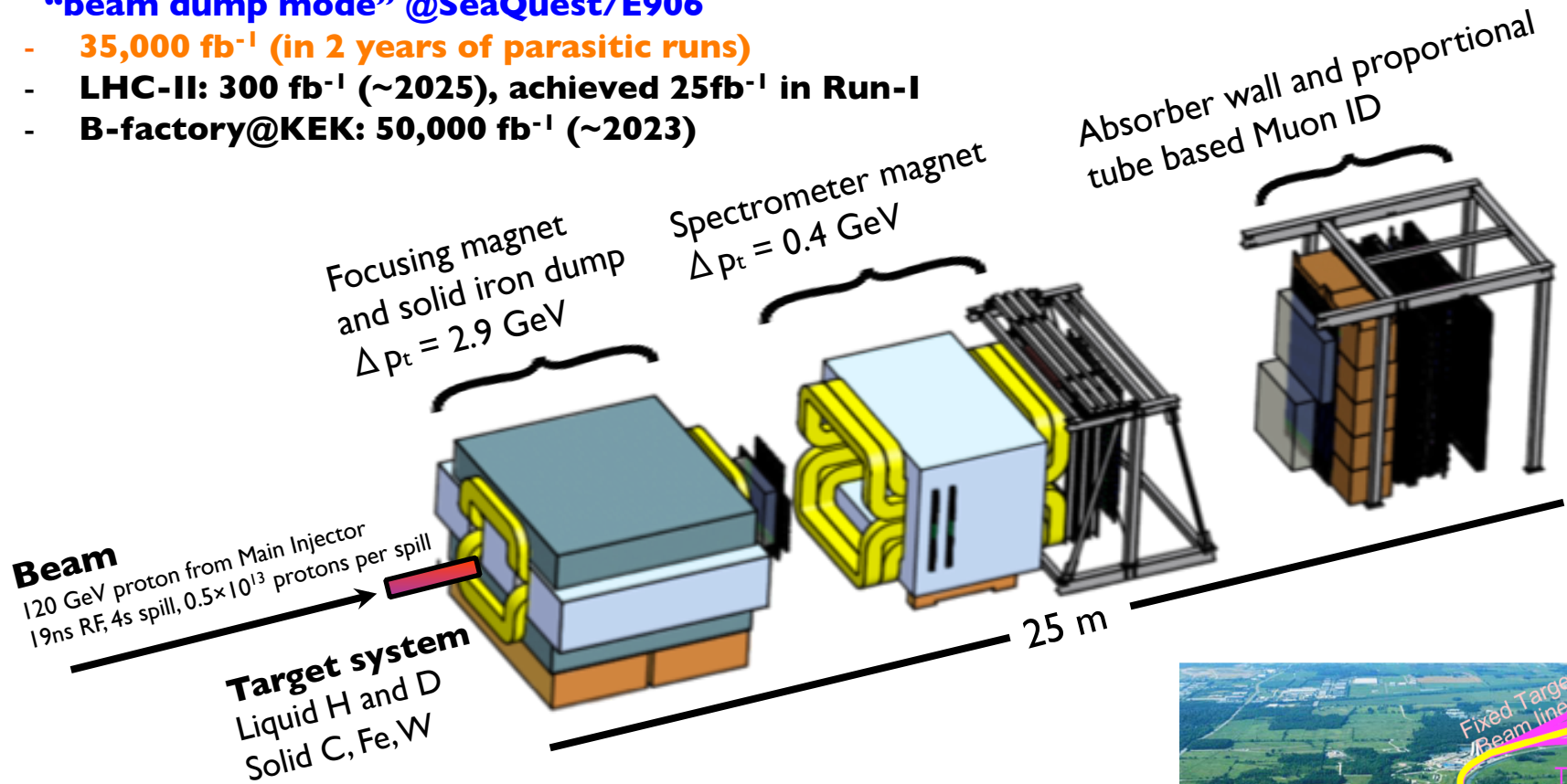
- In particular, high-intensity colliders (B-factories) and fixed target experiments (Fermilab, JLab, LHC) offer an ideal environment to probe these new ideas.



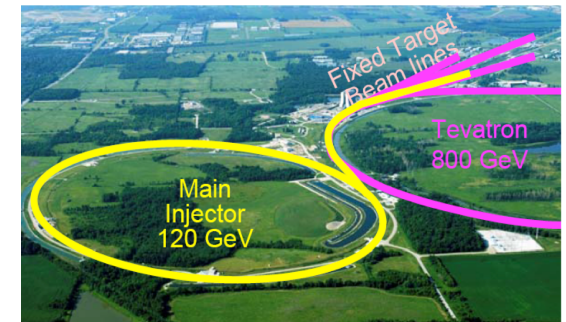
Intensity Frontier at Fermilab: 120 GeV Beam

**World's highest intensity high energy proton beam:
“beam dump mode” @SeaQuest/E906**

- **35,000 fb⁻¹** (in 2 years of parasitic runs)
- **LHC-II: 300 fb⁻¹** (~2025), achieved 25fb⁻¹ in Run-I
- **B-factory@KEK: 50,000 fb⁻¹** (~2023)

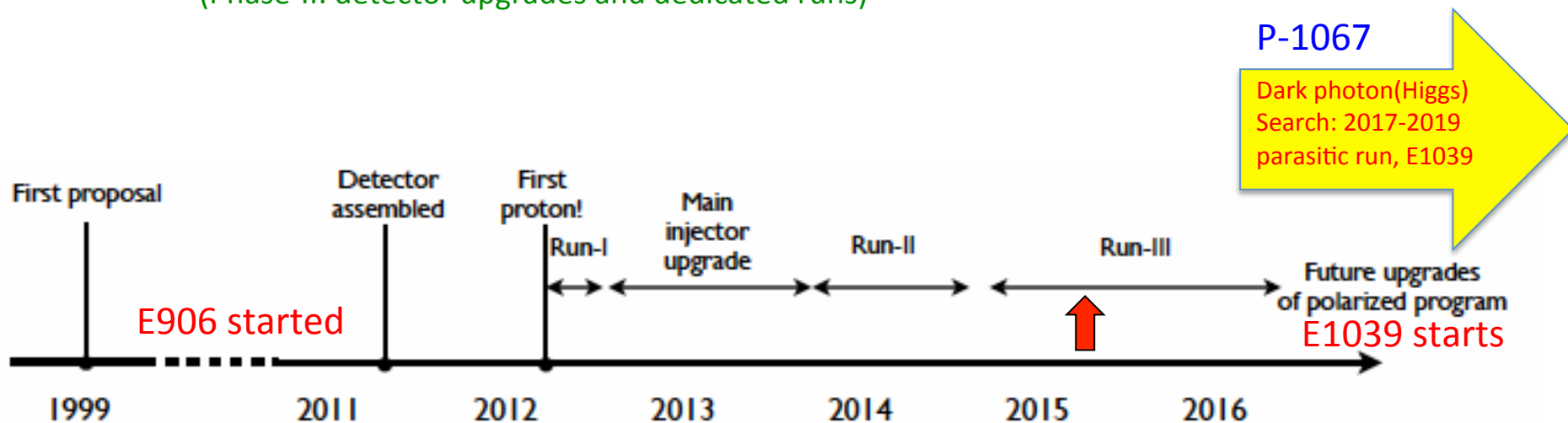


- Capture most beam in beam dump mode: p+Fe collisions!
- Parasitic run mode possible with other experiments, E1039/E1027



Schedule of SeaQuest Experiments

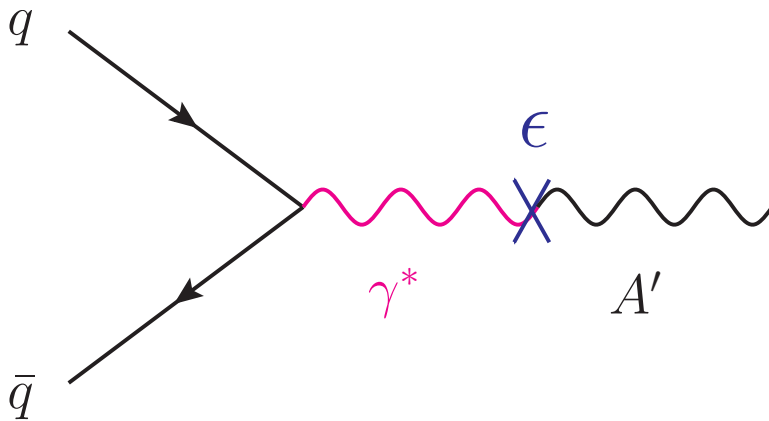
- E906 complete data taking in summer 2016
 - E906 targets are located $\sim 1.3\text{m}$ upstream of the beam-dump
- E1039 will replace current E906 targets with a polarized NH_3 target.
 - No change to E906 spectrometer setup
 - New target located about 3.5m upstream of the beam-dump
- E1039 Timeline
 - Target/trigger installation: 2016 - 2017
 - Data taking: 2017 – 2019
- P1067 Timeline
 - Phase-I (Parasitic run) with E1039: 2017-2019
 - (Phase-II: detector upgrades and dedicated runs)



Direct Productions of Dark Photons and Dark Higgs in p+Fe at Fermilab

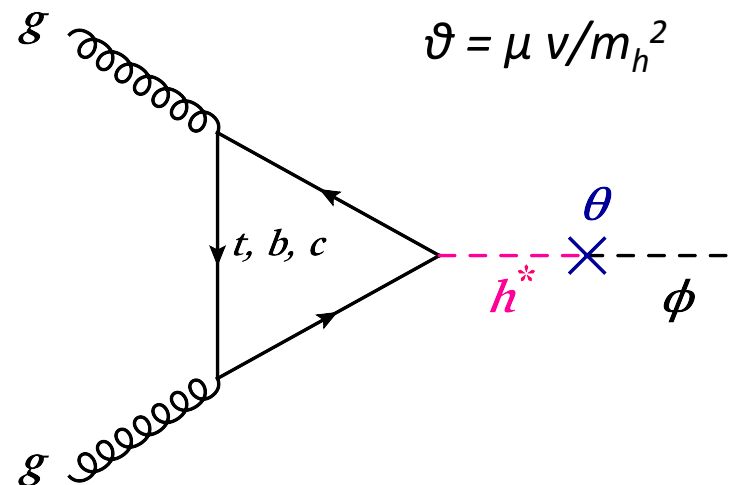
Photon portal: “vector”

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^{\text{QED}} F^{\mu\nu}_{\text{Dark}}$$



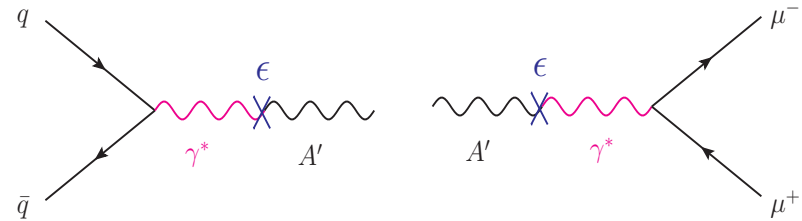
Higgs portal: “scalar”

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = \mu\phi|H^\dagger H|$$

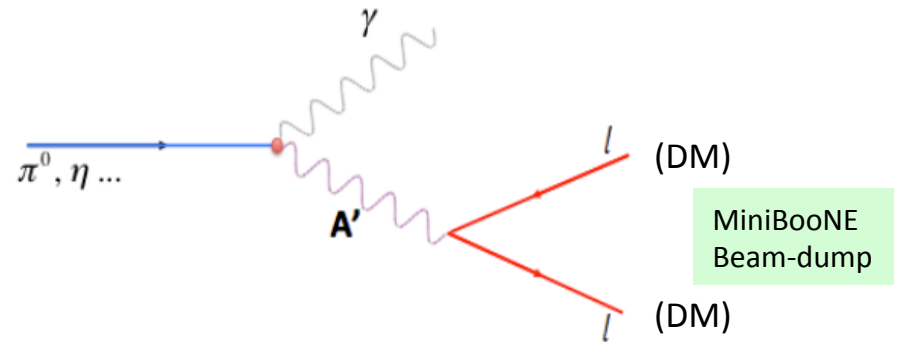


Dark Photon Search in Dimuon Channel at SeaQuest in Beam Dump Mode (p+Fe)

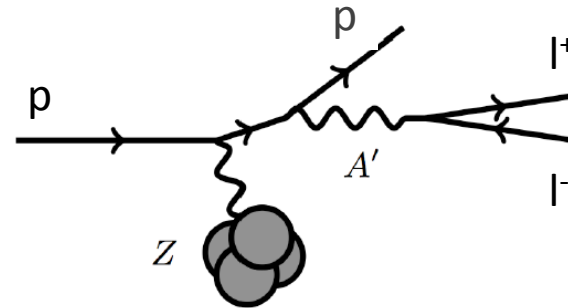
1. Drell-Yan like



2. $\pi^0, \eta, \dots$ decay



3. Bremsstrahlung



Dark Photon Decay Modes

“Minimal” Decay:

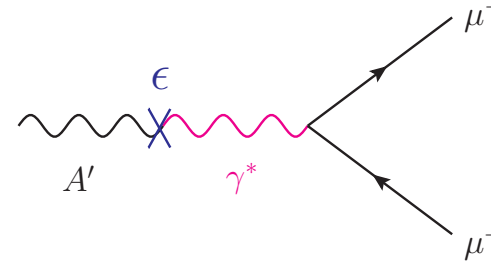
- Dark photon is the lightest in the dark sector;
 - SM final state particles only

Long proper decay length: $L_0 \sim O(1m)$

$$L_0 \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 \times m_{A'}}$$

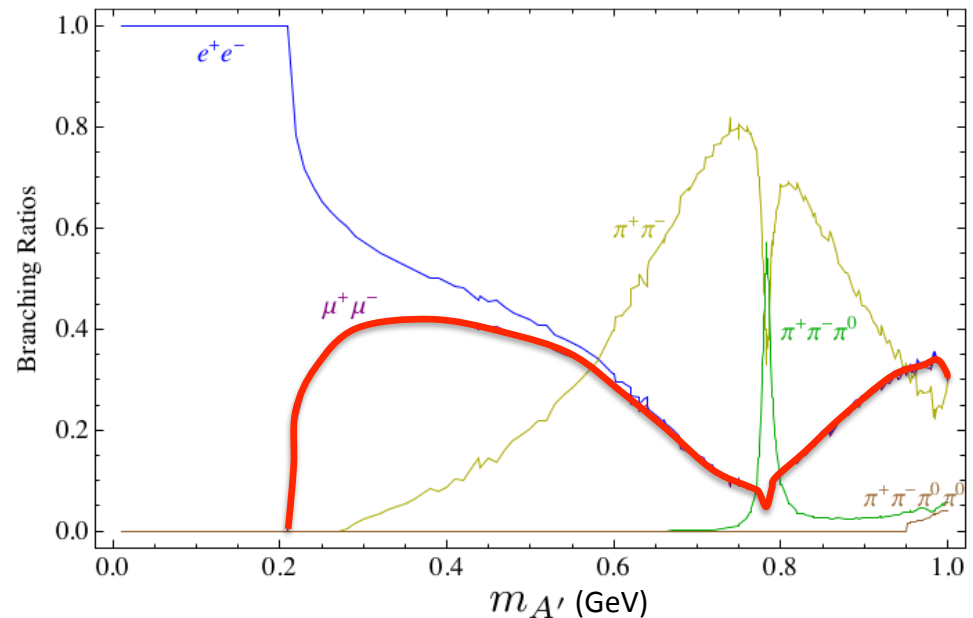
“General” Decay:

- Decay into other dark particles, dominant channel if allowed
 - Dark $\rightarrow$ Dark
 - Dark $\rightarrow$ SM particles



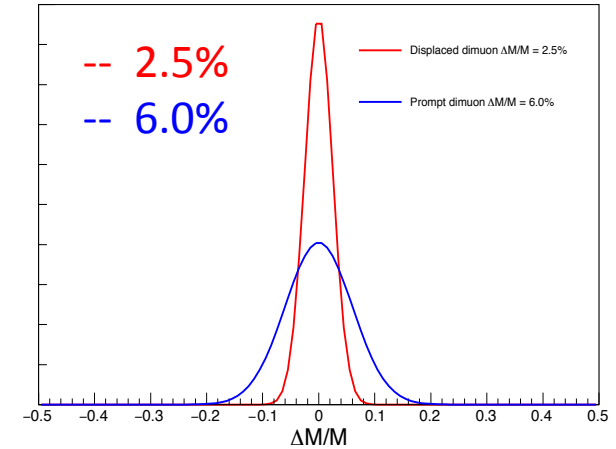
$$\Gamma(A' \rightarrow f + \bar{f}) = C \frac{\epsilon^2 m_{A'}}{3} e_f^2 \alpha_{\text{em}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_f^2}{m_{A'}^2} \right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_{A'}^2}},$$

D. Curtin, et al, arXiv: 1312.4992

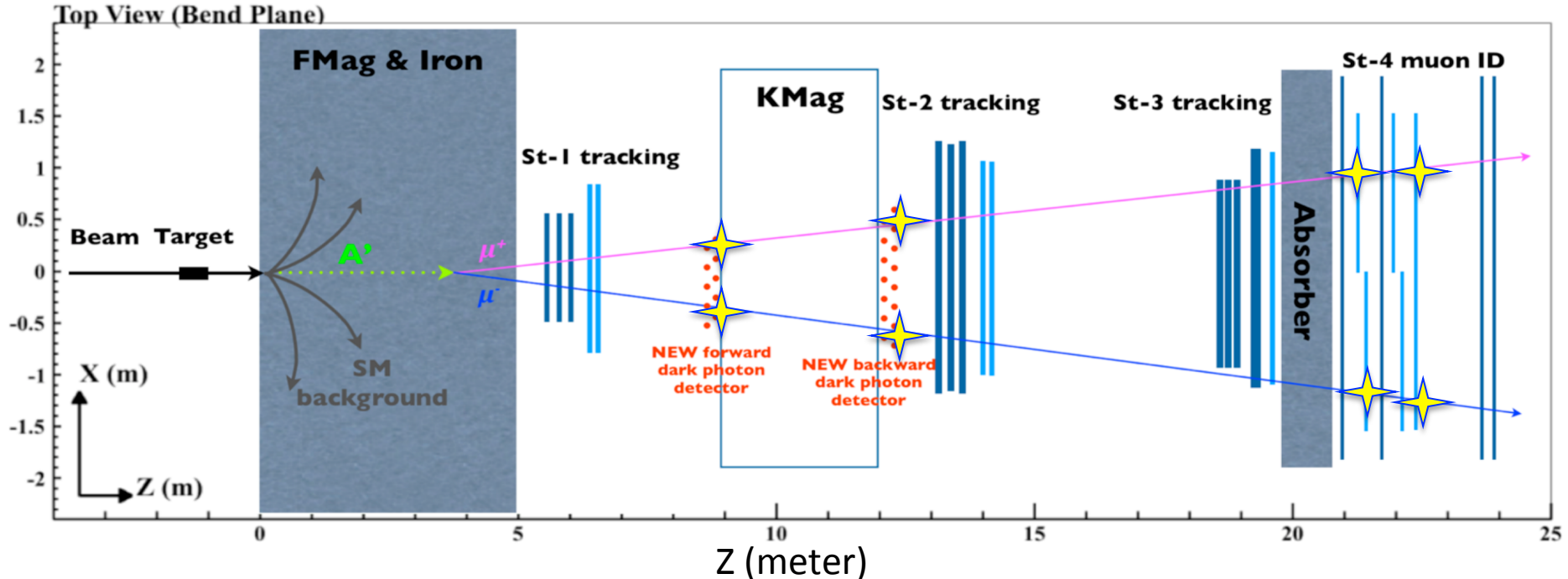


Proposed Experimental Measurements

- **Dark photon trigger upgrade**
 1. Add a fine-granularity scintillating strip based trigger/tracking to tag dimuons from the same decay Z-vertex
 2. A new trigger for events with displaced down-stream dimuons
- **Unique signals**
 1. Displaced dimuon decay vertex for long-lived particles
 2. Invariant mass peak in dimuon mass spectrum
- **Beam time**
 1. Run parasitically with E1039 (2017-2019)
 2. Possible dedicated runs later with upgraded ($e^{+/-}$, $h^{+/-}$)



Dimuon mass resolution



A New High-Granularity Displayed Dimuon Vertex Trigger

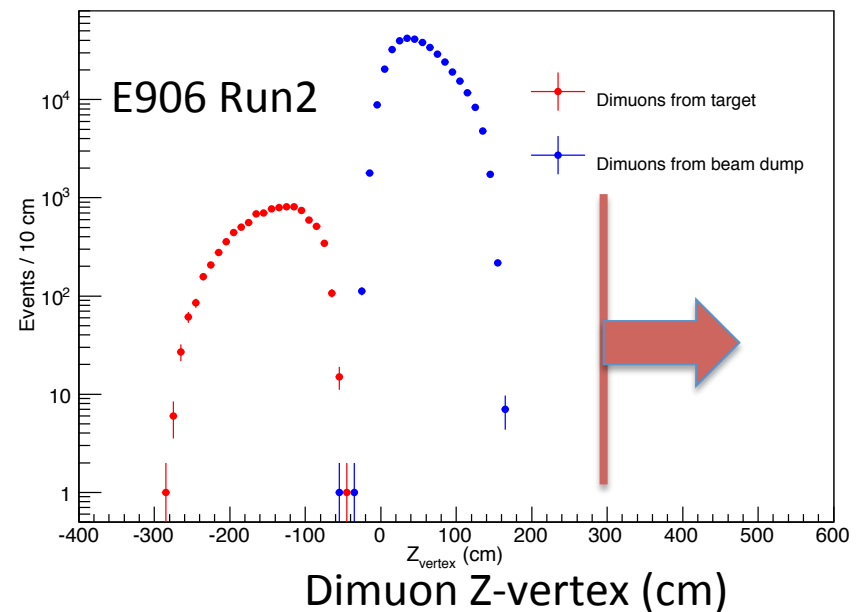
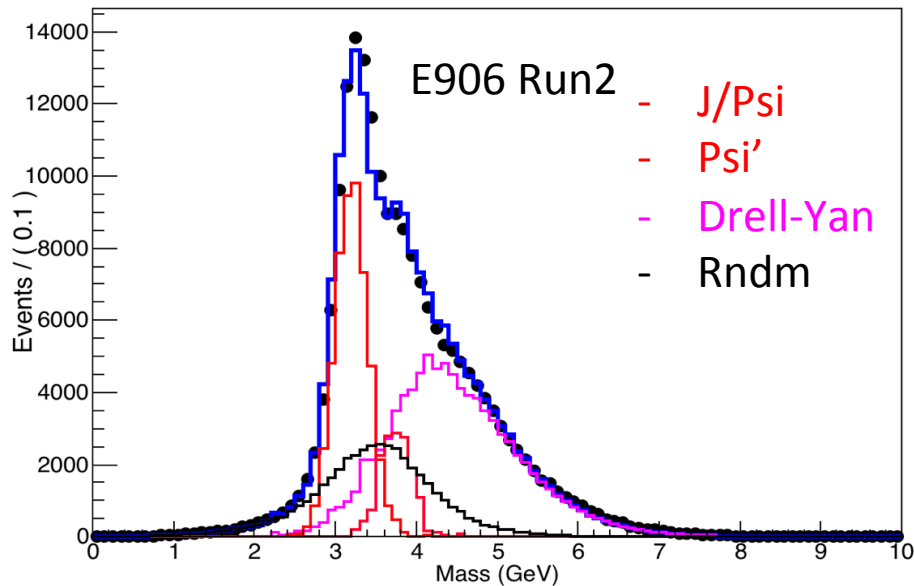
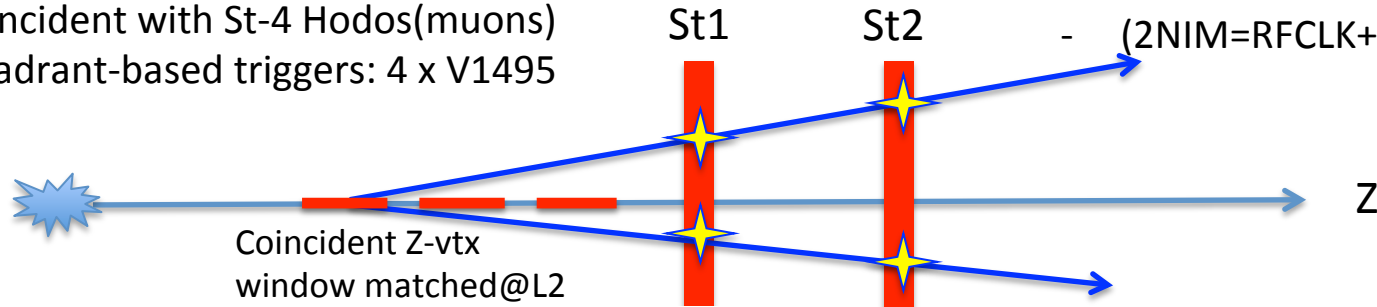
High rejection power, very low rate, $\ll 1$ kHz (E906 DAQ limit)

Y-Plane Trigger:

- A quadrant panel: 40×40 cm², 1cm thick
 - $40 \times 1\text{cm} \times 40$ cm scintillating strips, SiPM readout
- Straight line projection, 30cm Z-vertex resolution
- Displaced z-vertex, mostly low mass $< 3\text{GeV}$
- Coincident with St-4 Hodos(muons)
- Quadrant-based triggers: 4 x V1495

Y-channels per quadrant:

- 1x V1495
- $40(\text{St1}) + 40(\text{St2}) + 8 \times 2 (\text{St4-Y1,2}) = 96$
- $96 + 64 = 160$ possible
 - $72 + 72 + 16 = 160$ (possible)
 - $(2\text{NIM} = \text{RFCLK} + \text{ComSTOP})$



Search Mode (1): Long-lived Dark Photons

Reconstructed dimuons with downstream Z-vertex:

$$3m < Z\text{-vertex} < 6m$$

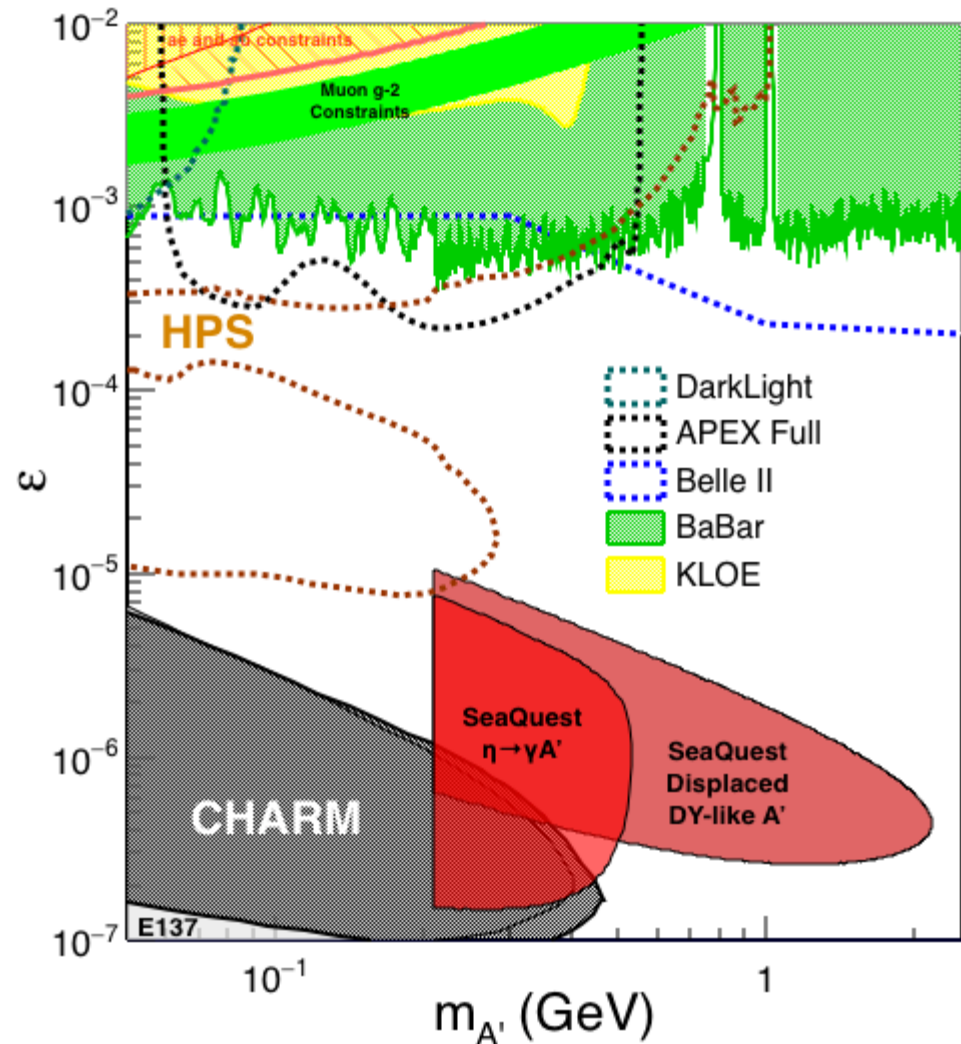
- Very low trigger rate, $\ll 1\text{kHz}$
- SM background free
- Dimuon mass peak

- 5×10^{12} ppp (current E906)
- 200 days

1.4×10^{18} POT (recorded)

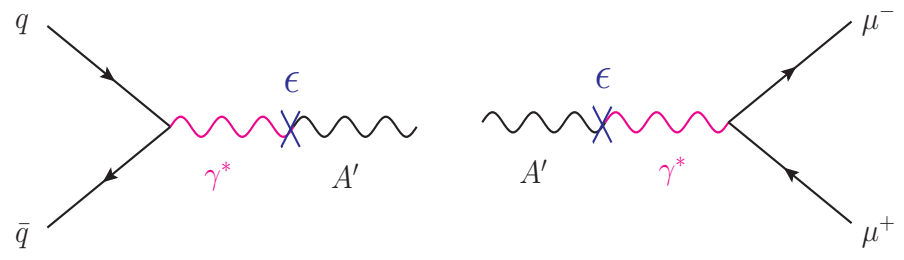
- 4 events contours (2-sigma)
- 2-sigma (95%) exclusion plots

Excellent coverage of
uncharted region!



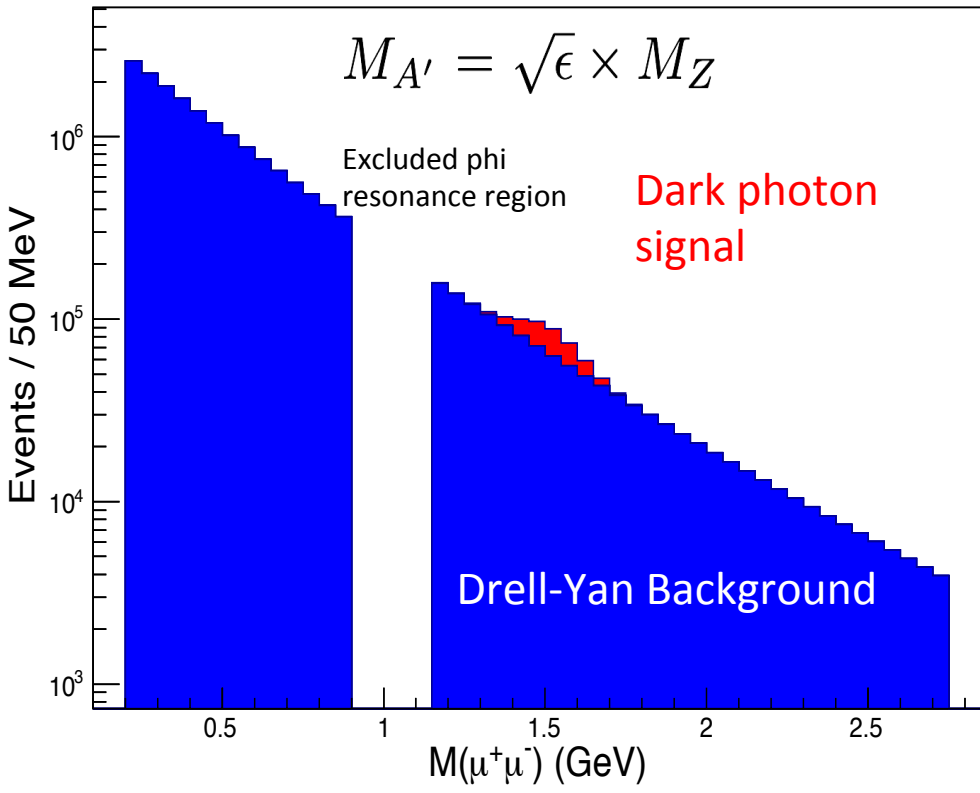
Search Mode (2): “Prompt” Dark Photons vs Drell-Yan

Z-vertx < 3m



Expected Drell-Yan like signal and backgrounds:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}(p + p \rightarrow A' + X) = \sigma_0^{A'} \sum_q e_q^2 q(x_1) \bar{q}(x_2) \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_1 + x_2}$$



$$\sigma_0^{A'} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_{em} \epsilon^2}{N_c m_{A'}^2}, \quad x_1 = \frac{x_F + \sqrt{x_F^2 + 4m_{A'}^2/s}}{2}, \quad x_2 = \frac{-x_F + \sqrt{x_F^2 + 4m_{A'}^2/s}}{2}$$

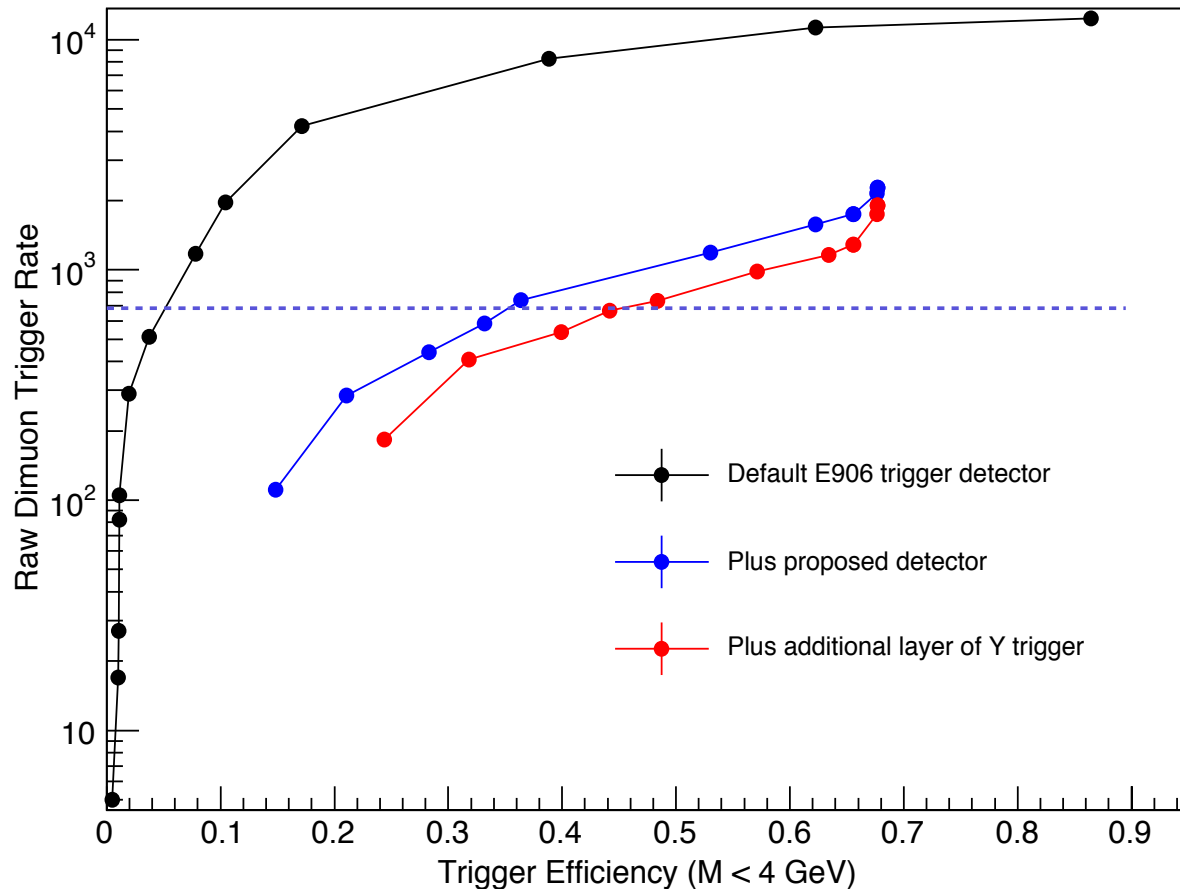
$$sig = S / \sqrt{(S + B)}$$

$$sig \sim \epsilon^2 \times \sqrt{N_{DY} \times M / \sigma_M^{Det.}}$$

Work in progress
Further optimization possible

Low Mass Prompt Dimuon Trigger Rate Study

- Current E906 setup
- Proposed 2-layer trigger upgrade (10x improvement)
- Additional Y-trigger after ST-3 absorber, and also using existing E906 X-Plane trigger (additional ~2x improvement)
- Current E906 DAQ 1kHz, can be improved to 10kHz with small cost
- 200kHz possible in the future (reprogramming trigger firmware etc.)



Parasitic mode: use up to ~10% DAQ bandwidth

(Prompt)Low mass dimuon trigger efficiency

Dark Photon Sensitivity: Summary

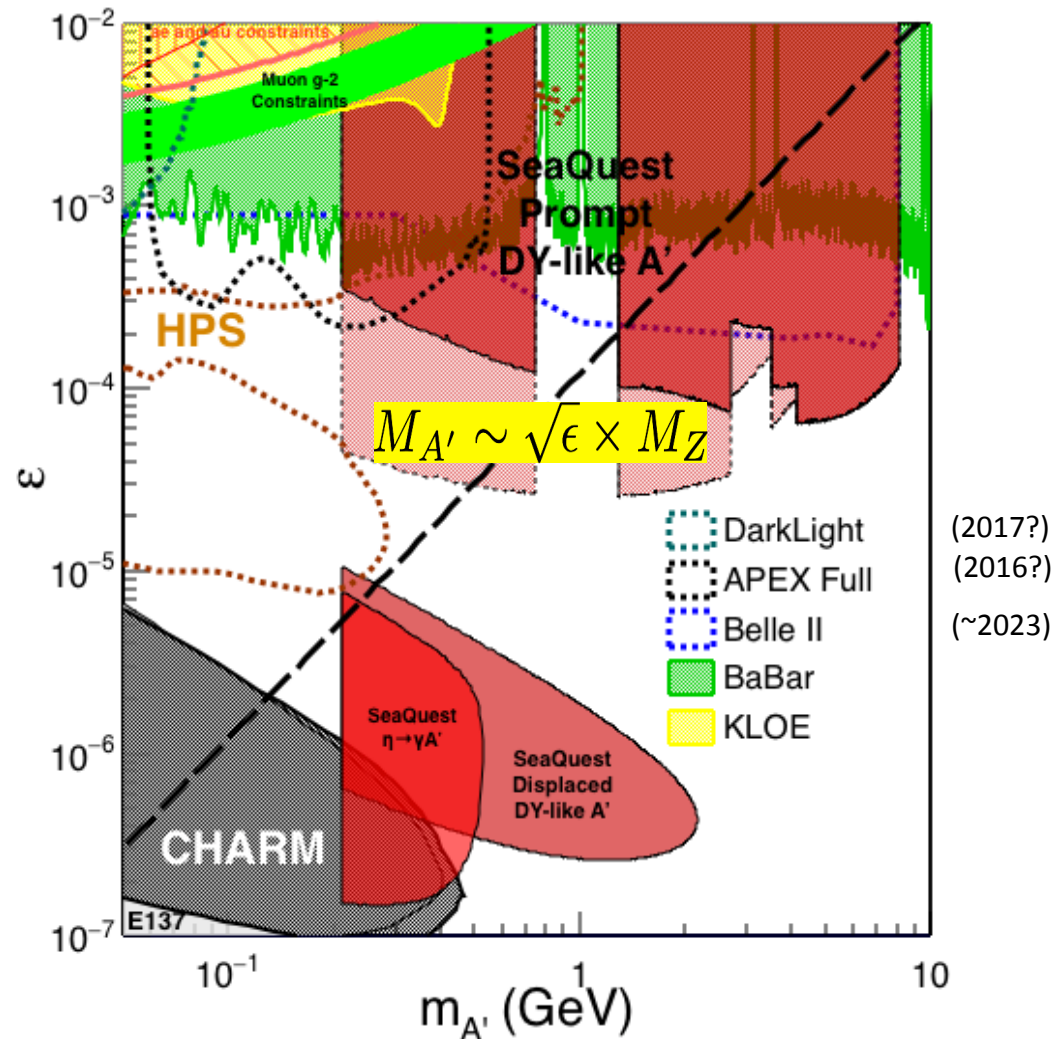
POT: 1.4×10^{18} (parasitic w/ E1039)

Signals considered:

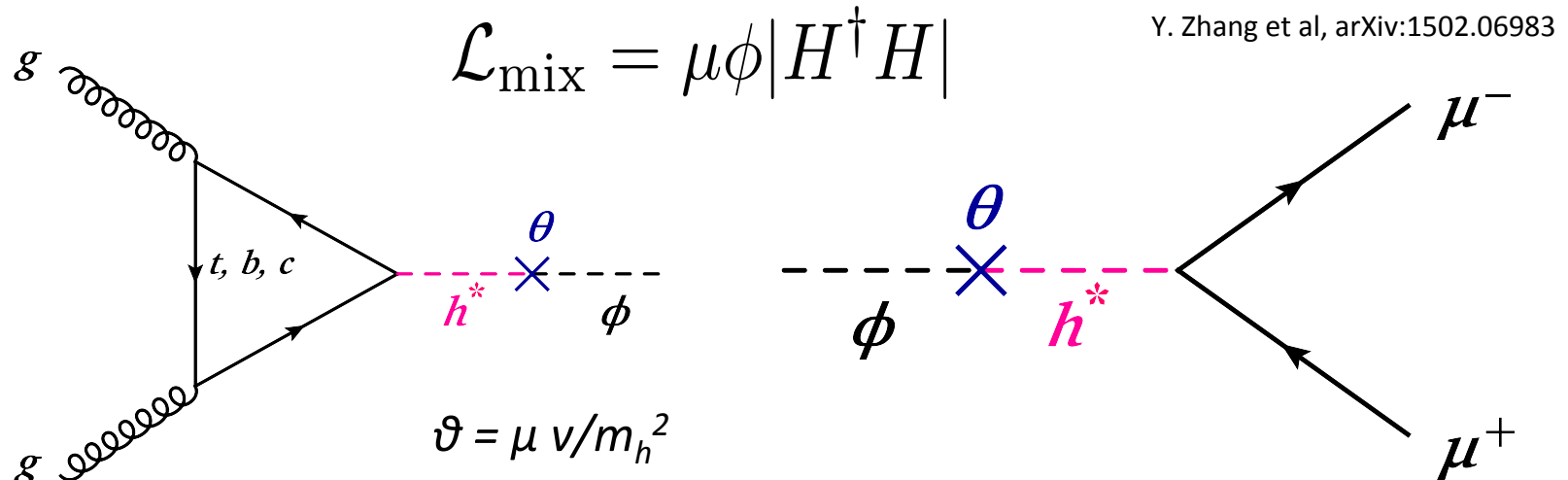
- Drell-Yan like
- Eta decays
- Bremsstrahlung

Covers a wide range of unexplored parameter phase space

- Displaced dimuons
 - Minimal SM background
- Prompt dimuons
 - Excellent coverage over BELLE-II projection
 - Possible dedicated runs later to fully restore mass $< 3\text{GeV}$ (Phase-II)
- **Phase-II with upgrades**
 - Access below 200MeV with di-electrons (add EMCal)



Dark Higgs Search at SeaQuest



$$\sigma(p + p \rightarrow \phi + X) = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} g(x) g\left(\frac{m_\phi^2}{xs}\right) \frac{\alpha_s^2 G_F m_\phi^2}{288 \sqrt{2} \pi s}$$

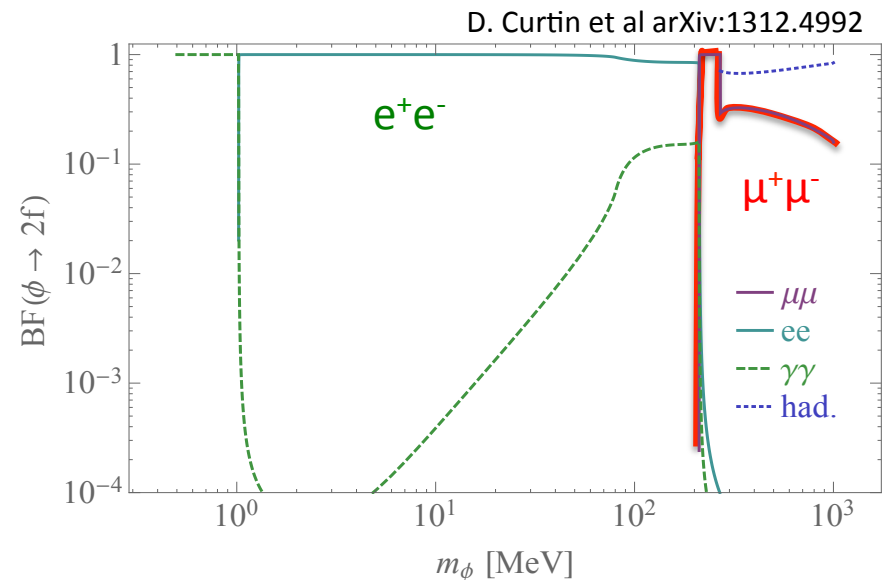
Phase-I:

High-mass: $\mu^+\mu^-$ and hadrons

Advantage of using hadron beams
with muon probes over electrons

Phase-II:

Low-mass: e^+e^- , <200MeV possible

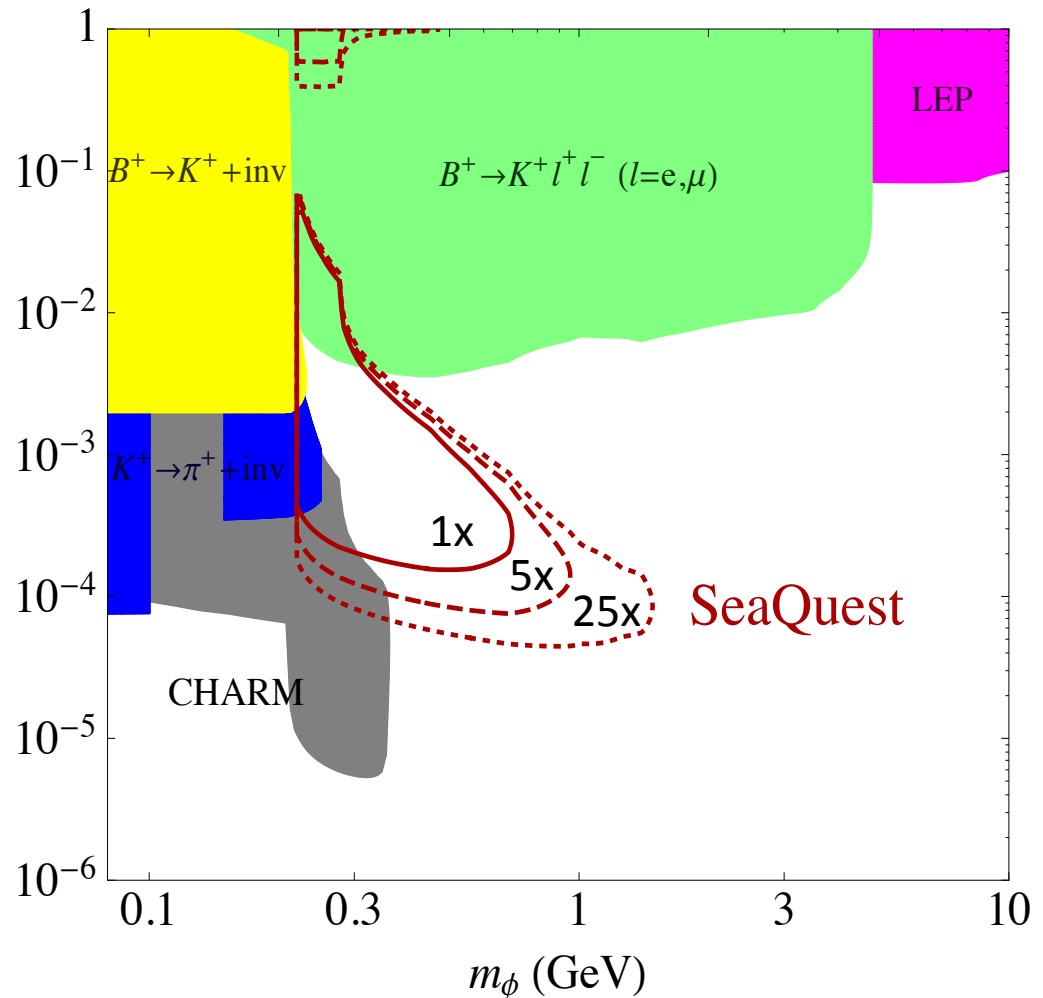


SeaQuest Dark Higgs Sensitivity

POT: 1.4×10^{18} (Phase-I)

Y. Zhang (2015)

- Dimuons with downstream displaced decay vertices
- Limited sensitivity to “prompt” large mixing case due to small cross-section
- Dark Higgs or dark photons? ϕ
 - Dimuon kinematic and angular distributions
- Phase-II
 - Dedicated high luminosity runs optimized for low mass acceptance, $\text{mass} < 3\text{GeV}$

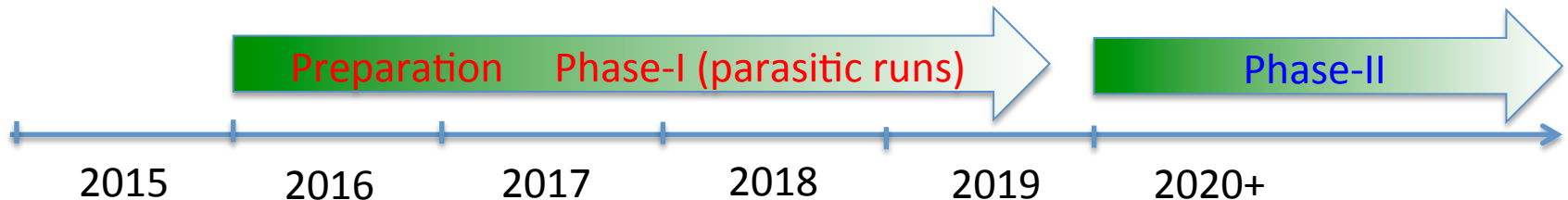
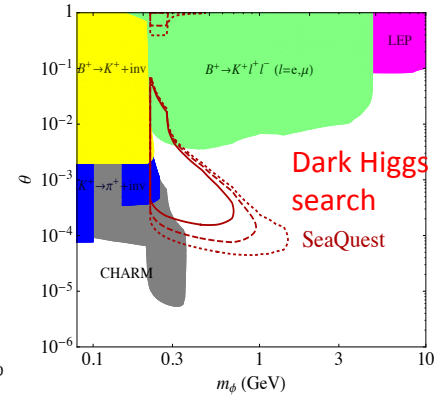
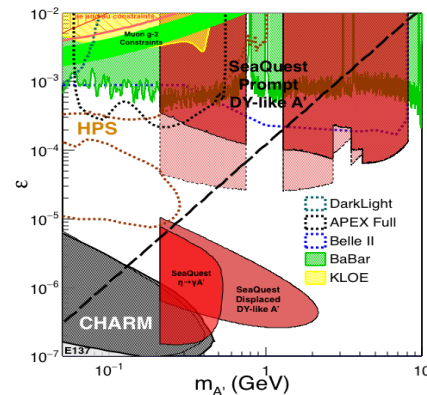
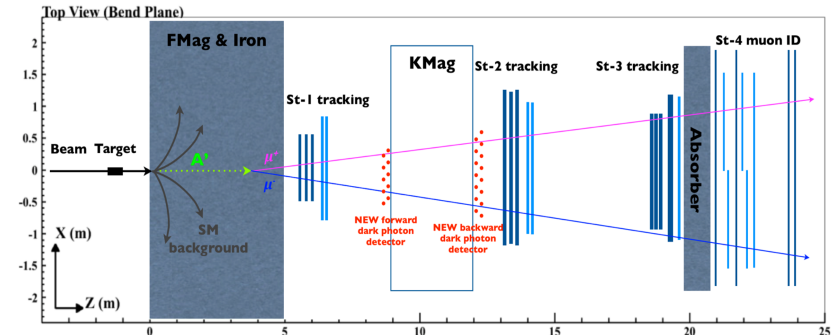


Scope and Compatibility

- Preparation work: 2016 – 2017
 - Displaced vertex dimuon trigger upgrade (LANL LDRD? \$100K)
 - Add a new trigger bit
 - No change to existing trigger matrix
 - Possible upgrade of DAQ bandwidth under consideration (external \$\$)
 - 1kHz (E906) -> 10+ kHz
 - Commissioning with cosmic rays
- Parasitic runs w/ E1039: 2017 – 2019
 - Displaced vertex dimuon trigger upgrade
 - Use up to ~10% DAQ bandwidth
 - Achieve 1.44×10^{18} POT
- Possible parasitic runs w/ E1027 and/or dedicated runs later with upgrades: 2019+
 - High luminosity goals:
 - $\text{POT} \gg 1.4 \times 10^{18}$
 - DAQ
 - 10 – 100 kHz capability
 - EMCAL/HCAL/PID
 - Electrons
 - charged hadrons
 - Fully cover the accessible phase space
 - Low mass “prompt photon” region, $M < 3 \text{ GeV}$
 - Possible parasitic runs with other proposals

Summary and Outlook

- **Phase-I (this LOI)**
 - Great discovery potential!
 - Add a new displayed vertex trigger
 - Early parasitic data taking 2017-2019+
 - A short dedicated run up to ~1 month if needed
 - POT 1.4×10^{18}
- **Phase-II (future request)**
 - Possible detector upgrade later, add electrons and hadrons
 - A new dedicated dark matter program at Intensity Frontier!



Backup slides

Work in Progress Sensitivity Study

2-year parasitic run and more

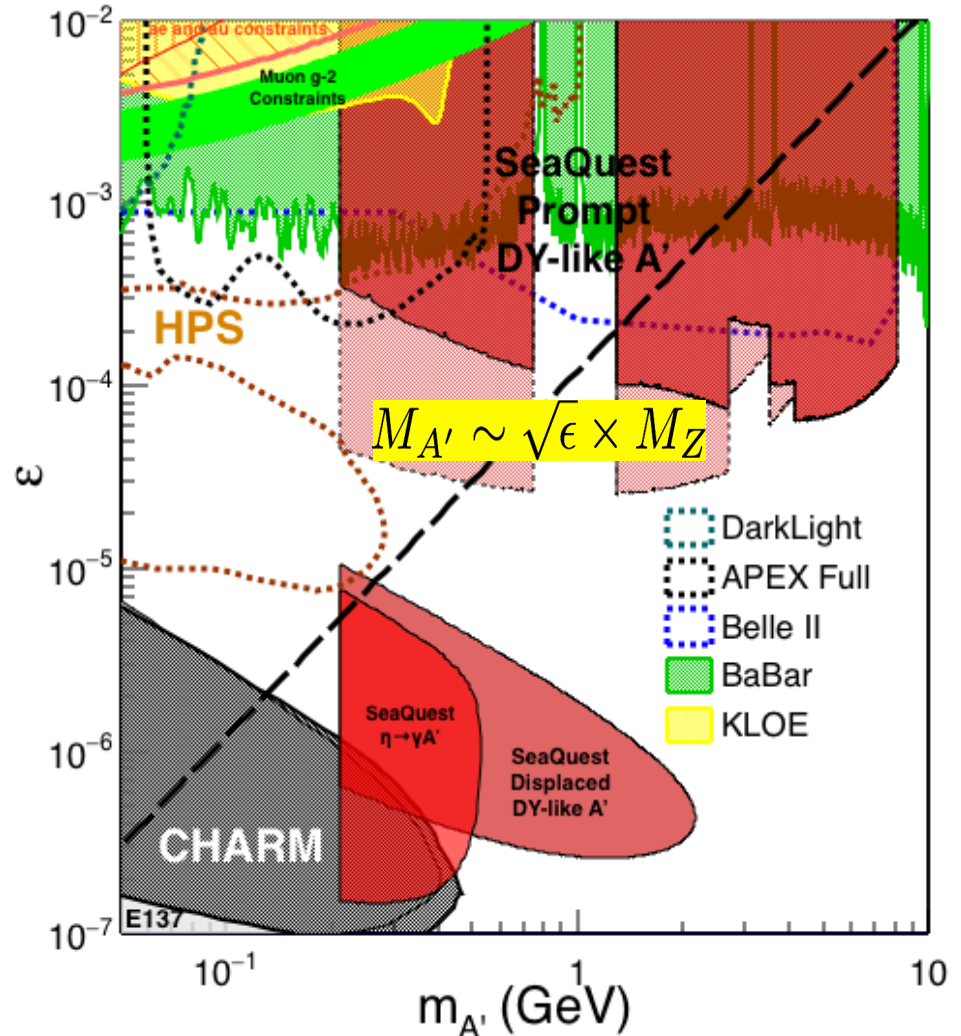
With 10kHz DAQ bandwidth, the accepted low mass “prompt” dimuons, $M < 3\text{GeV}$, are statistically limited by DAQ throughput and detector acceptance (assuming only uses 10% DAQ).

100kHz DAQ bandwidth is needed to fully cover the phase space (assuming 10% usage of DAQ bandwidth) and dedicated dark photon run.

In the first two-year parasitic runs with E1039, our focus is on 1) the displaced dimuons for low mass; 2) prompt high mass dimuons $M > 3\text{GeV}$.

We can still cover more phase space than what BELLE-II can achieve in ~2023.

Full coverage of low mass ($M < 3\text{GeV}$) can be achieved later through dedicated runs with much improved DAQ bandwidth after E1039.

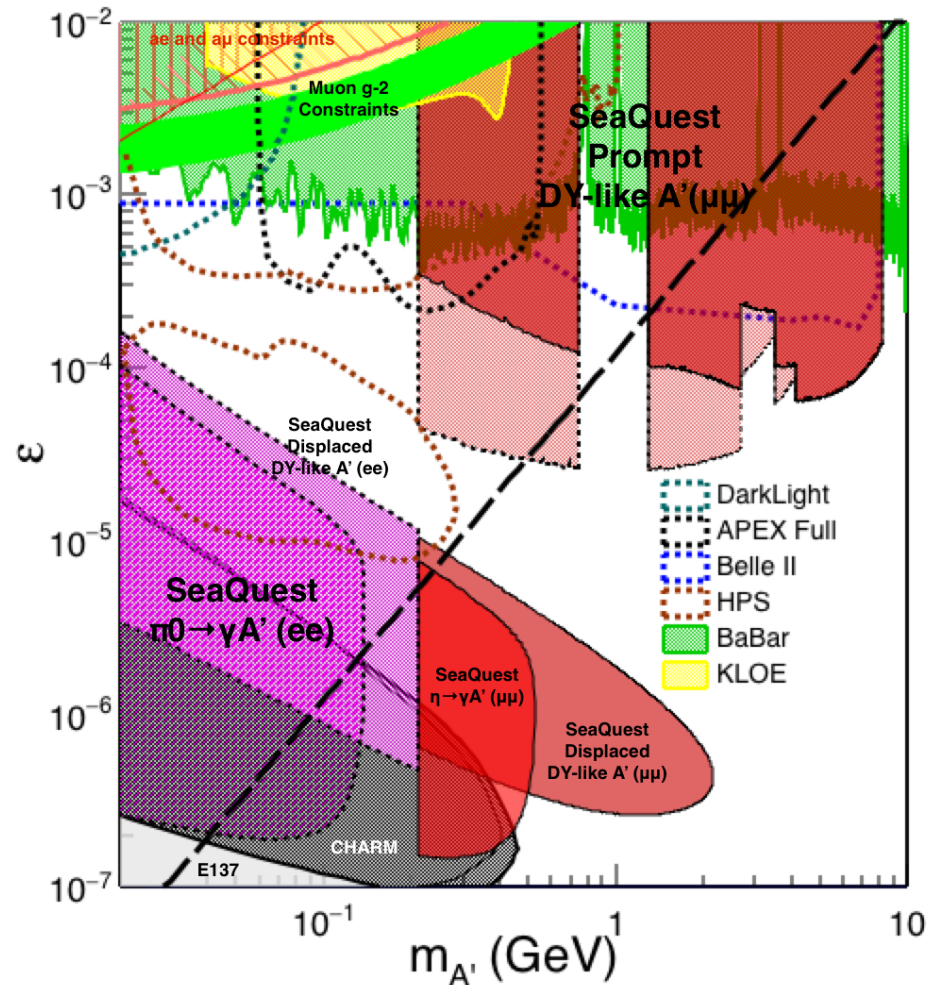


Phase-II: Full Coverage

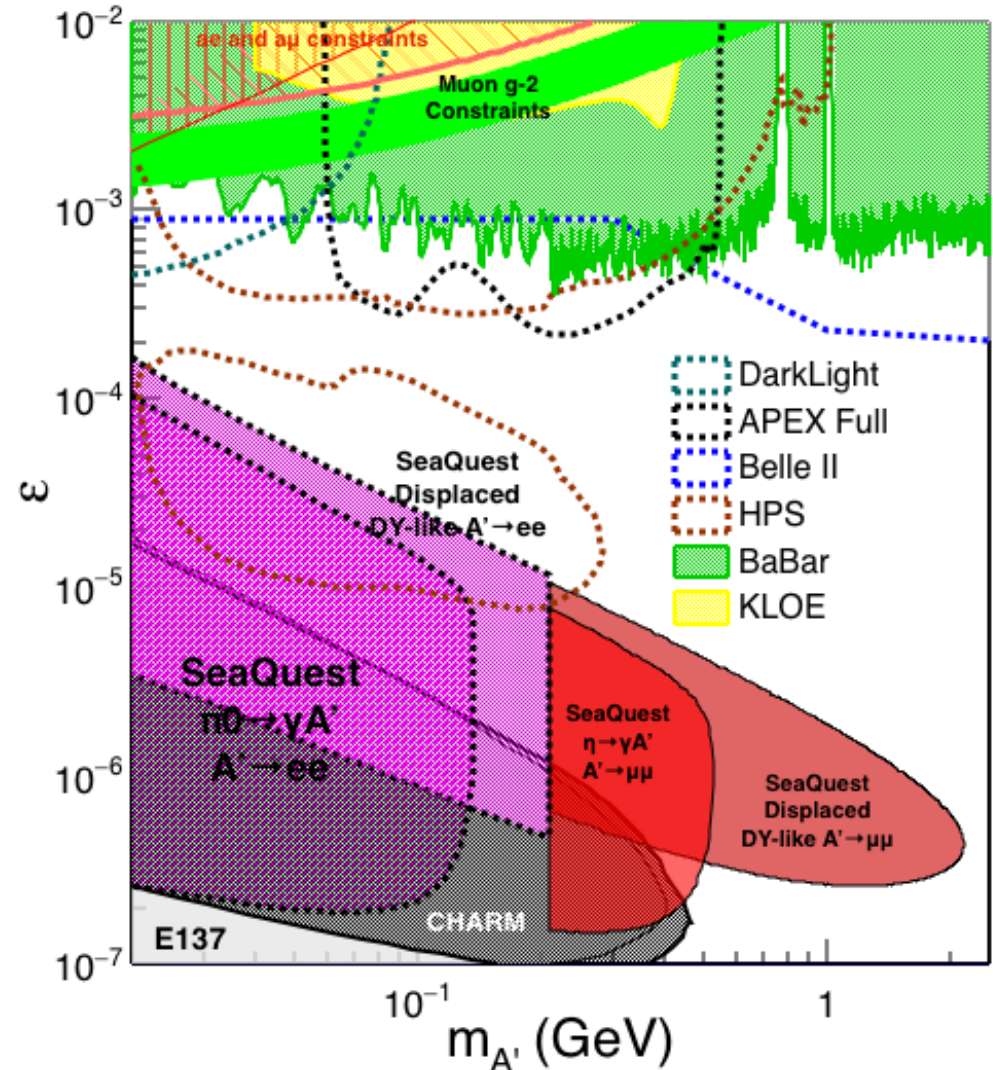
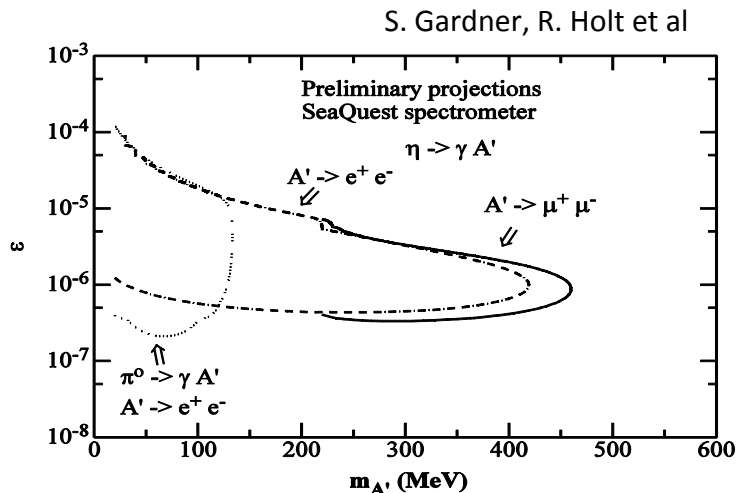
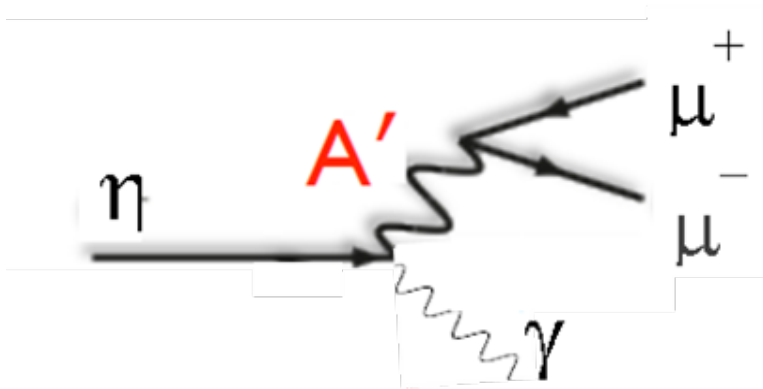
with future detector “EMCal/HCal” upgrades

Projection: POT 1.4 x 10¹⁸

- Detector upgrades
 - EMCal: $e^{+/-}$
 - HCal: $\pi^{+/-}$
 - Recycle from other experiments, RHIC/JLab etc.
- DAQ upgrade
 - 100 kHz
- Timeline of dedicated runs
 - 2019+
- Detector configuration
 - Access low mass region with optimized Fmag setting



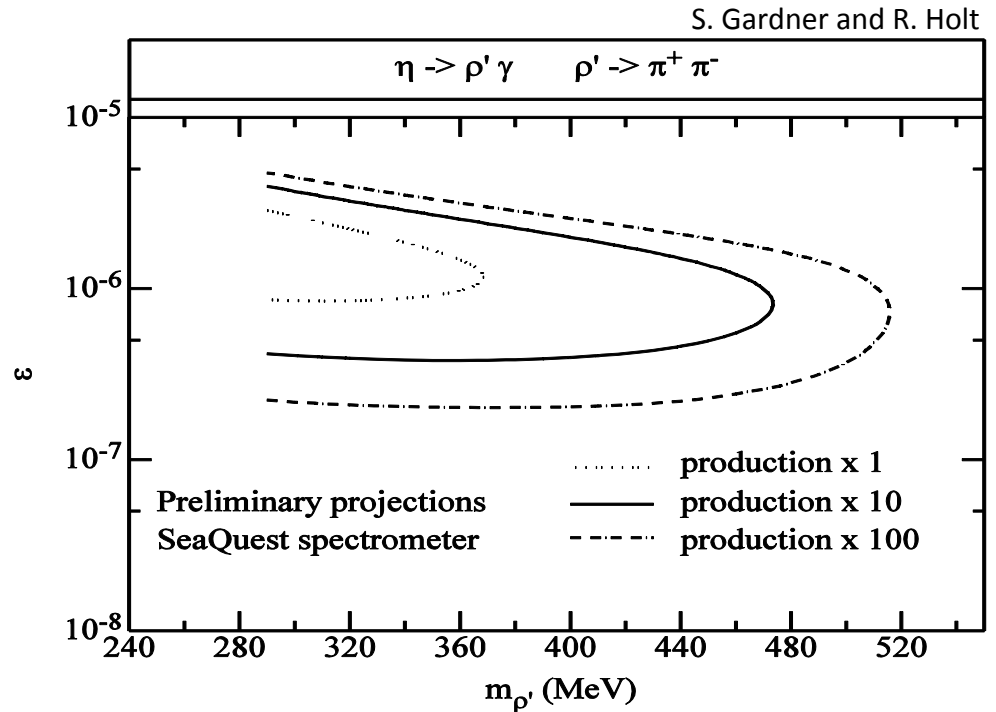
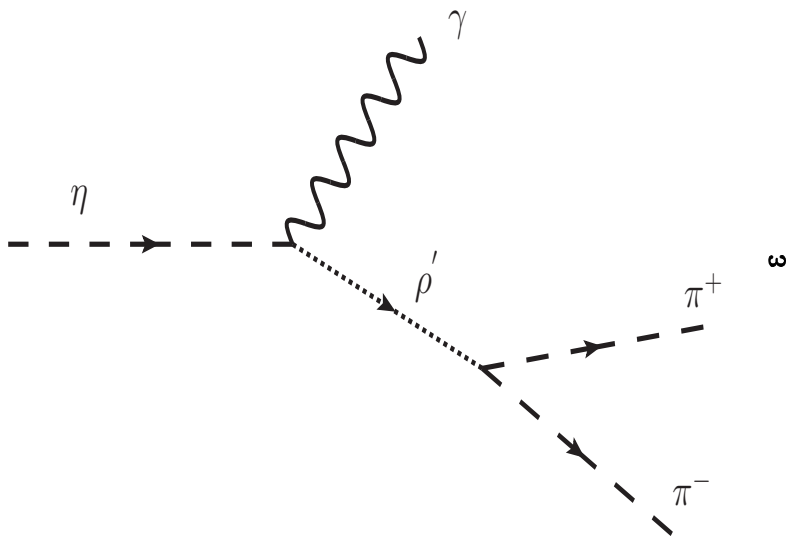
Phase-II: Access Low Mass Region with e^+e^- with future detector “EMCal” upgrades



Non Abelian Dark Sector

with future detector “HCal” upgrades

non-Abelian dark sector process



[Note: Batell, Pospelov, and Ritz, PRD 80 (2009) 095024 for a review re fixed target expts.]

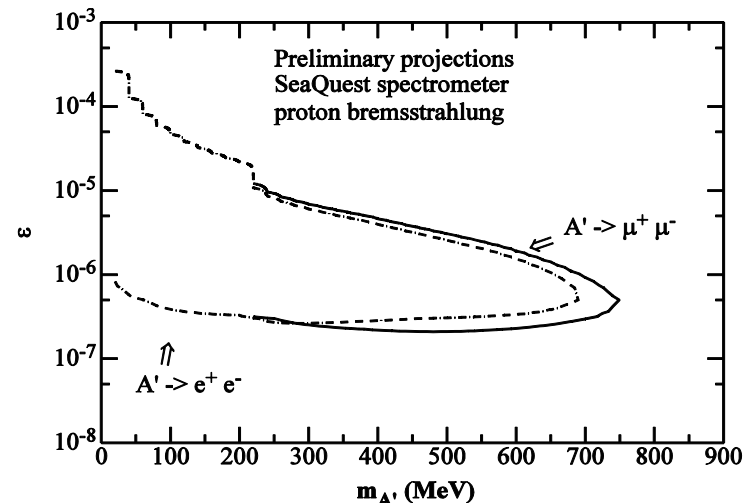
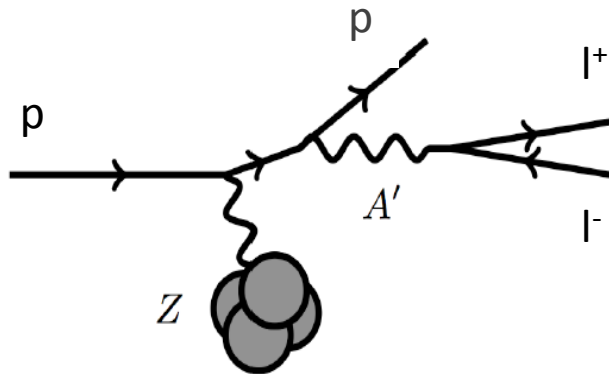
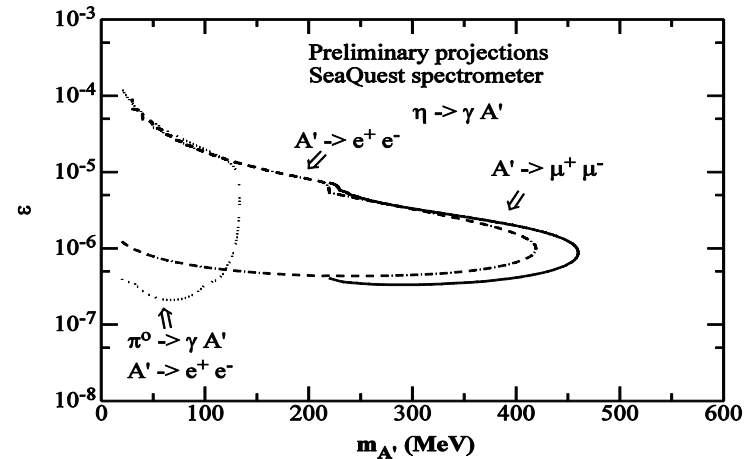
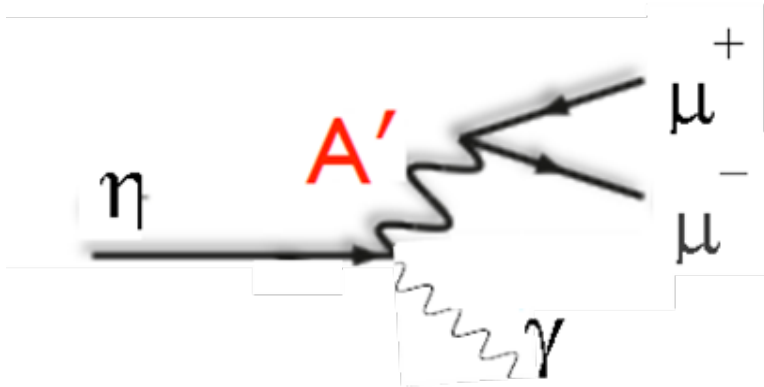
Here we consider a non-Abelian (gluon) portal

[Baumgart et al., JHEP 0904, 014 (2009); Gardner and He, PRD 87 (2013) 116012]

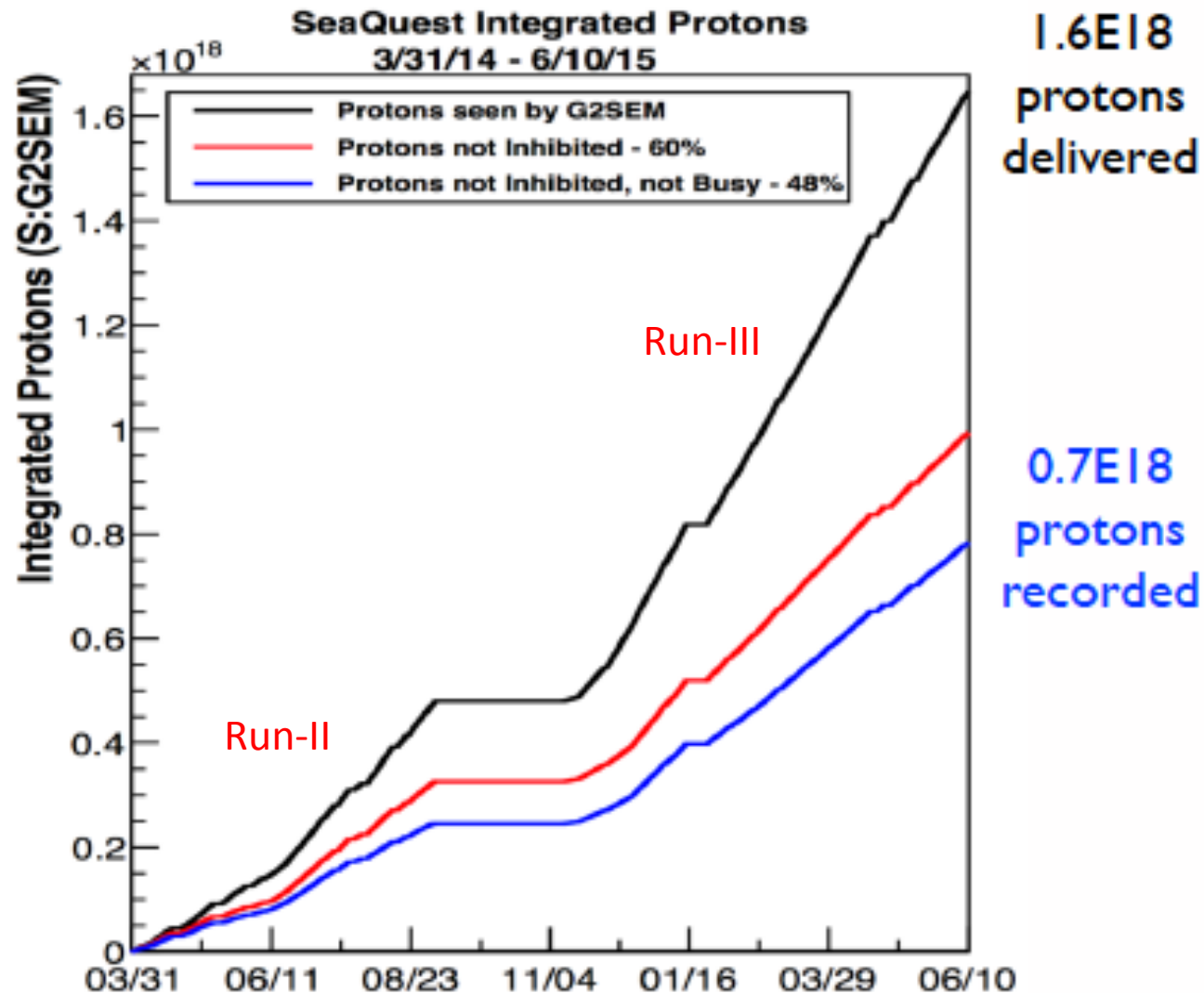
The “shining through walls” design – unique to Seaquest – makes this possible ,
to yield, e.g., via a “minimal” decay....

Phase-II: Access Low Mass Region with e^+e^- with future detector upgrades

S. Gardner, R. Holt et al

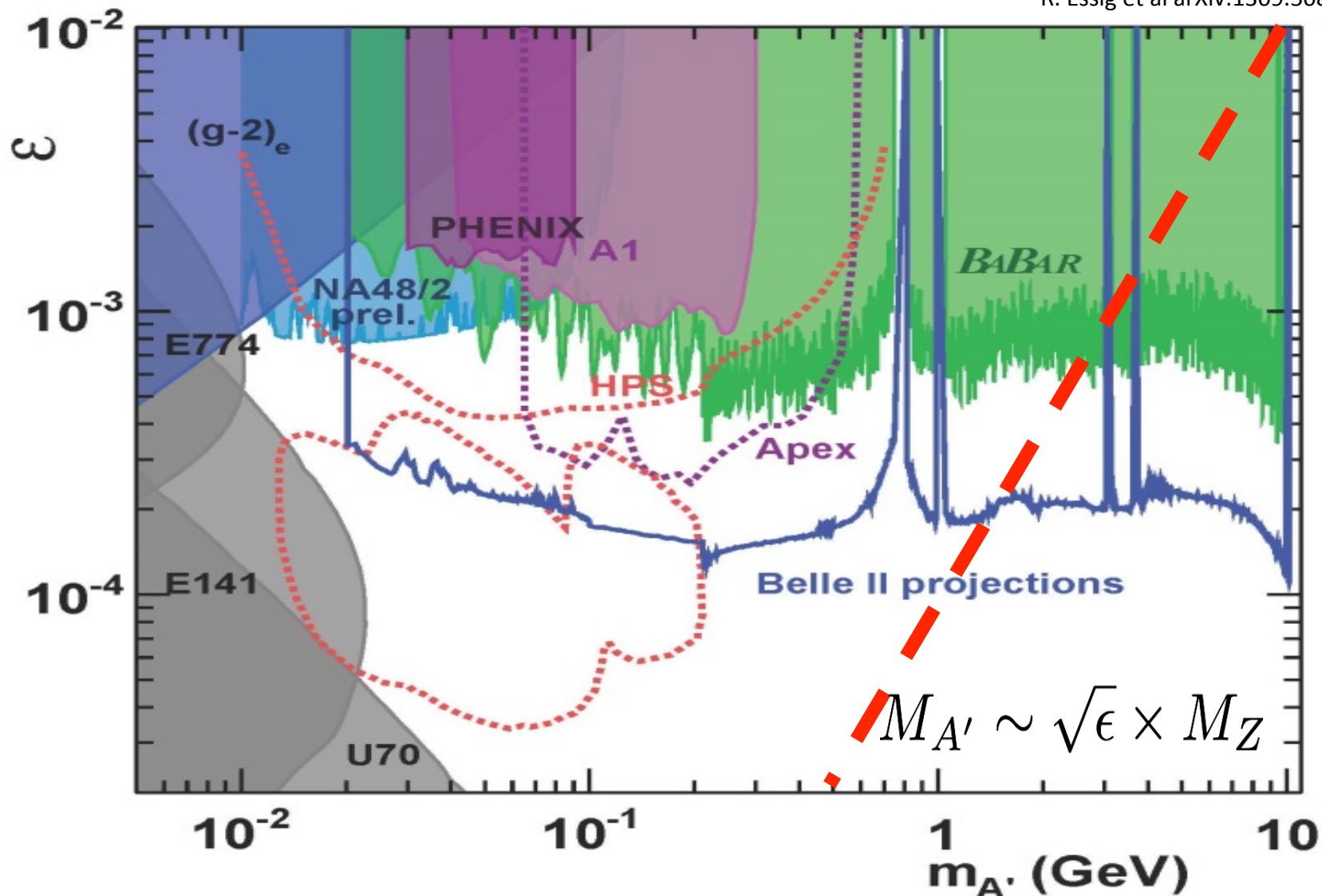


E906 Run-II and III Performance



Current Limits on Dark Photon Search

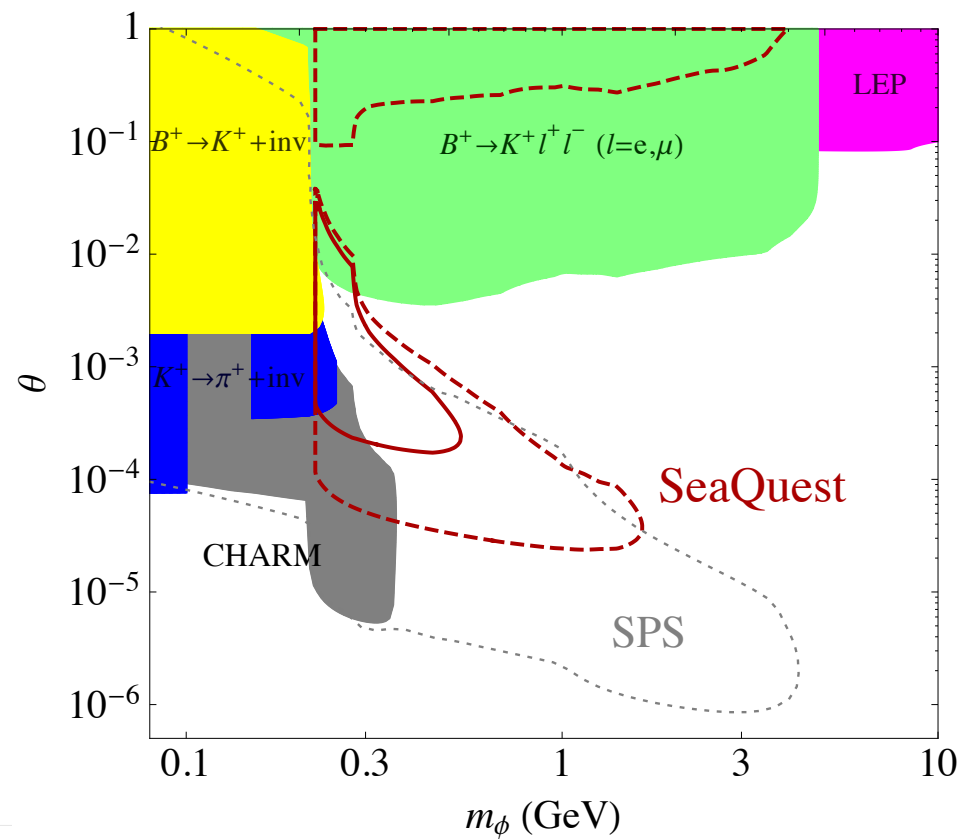
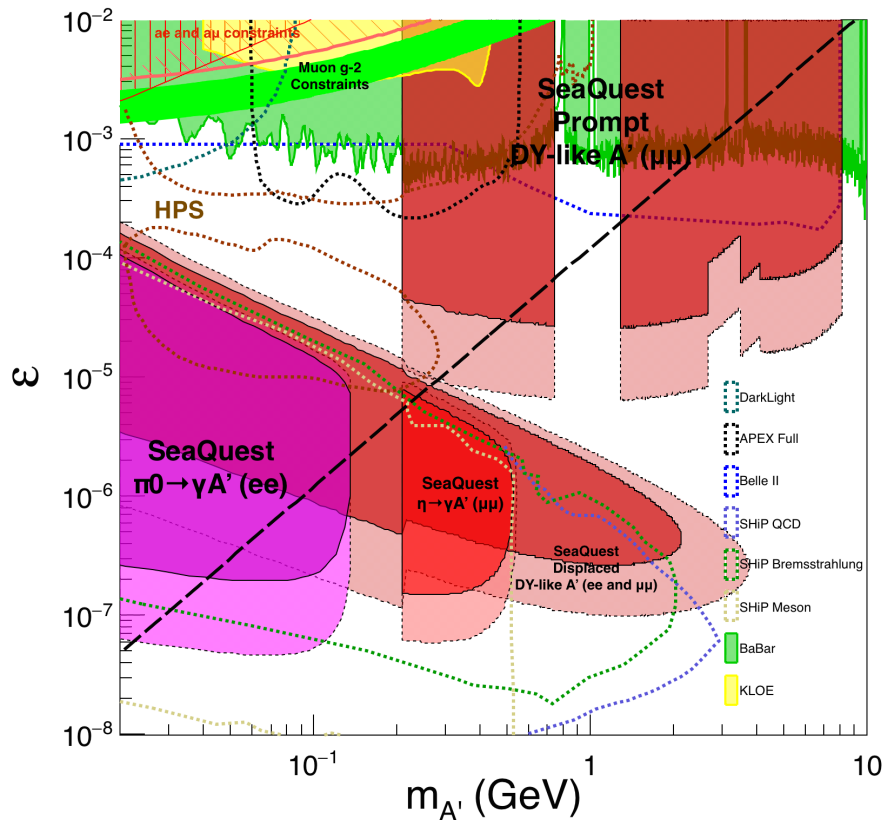
R. Essig et al arXiv:1309.5084



Comparison with SHiP Proposal

120 GeV@FNAL: 2017 -2019
 1.4×10^{18} POT, future dedicated runs

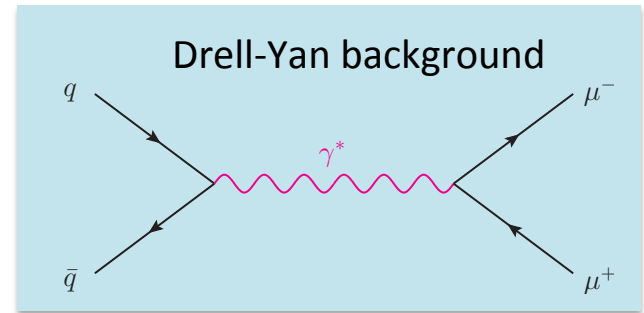
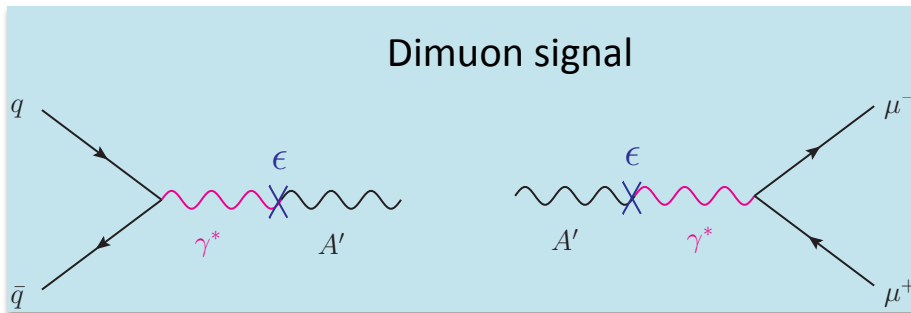
400 GeV@SPS: 2025 -2030
 4×10^{20} POT



Integrated theory efforts

Signal: detailed calculation for dark photon (dark Higgs) cross section

- To provide expected dimuon signal from dark photon decay as function of decay length L and model parameters $(\epsilon, m_{A'})$, theory team will
 - Compute Dark photon production cross section at both LO and NLO
 - Derive the branching ratio of dark photon to dimuon
 - Theory team: expertise in perturbative QCD and effective field theory for resummation



Background: detailed calculation for Drell-Yan cross section

- Main background is DY dimuon production: reliable computation of the cross section is essential to calculate our experimental sensitivity to $(\epsilon, m_{A'})$, and understand implication of dark photon search
 - We have a NLO DY code that works well in the required energy range
 - Calculations will be performed in the necessary energy and kinematic regions

How important are dark photons in current models of new physics ?



- 2014 US High-Energy Physics Report (P5)
 - Top 5 science drivers:
“Identify the New Physics of Dark Matter”
 - Dark photons
“one of the key search area for physics beyond the SM”
One of the two most important portals to “dark sector”:
 - Vector coupling, kinetic mixing
 - (scalar coupling, dark Higgs)
- On-going and/or proposed experimental programs in all major accelerator facilities in the world!
 - World wide competitions!

Ongoing A' Searches

- KLOE-2@DAΦNE ($\phi \rightarrow \phi A'$ followed by $A' \rightarrow e+e-$)
- HADES@GSI ($p+p$, $p+^{93}\text{Nb}$, $p+^{40}\text{Ar}$, $^{84}\text{K}+^{35}\text{Cl}$ production: π^0, η, Δ decay followed by $A' \rightarrow e+e-$)
- BaBar@SLAC ($e+e- \rightarrow \Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma A'$ with $A' \rightarrow \mu\mu$)
- WASA@COSY (π^0 decay)
- PHENIX@RHIC (π^0 decay)
- A1@MAMI (e on ^{181}Ta)
- ATLAS and CMS @LHC
- SeaQuest @ FNAL
- milliQ@SLAC: invisible search
- APEX@JLab (e on ^{181}Ta)
- HPS@JLab (e on ^{184}W)
- DarkLight @ JLab ERL (e-p elastic scattering below π threshold)

Courtesy: R. Milner(MIT) at the Fundamental Interactions Town Meeting, Chicago, Sept. 28-29, 2014

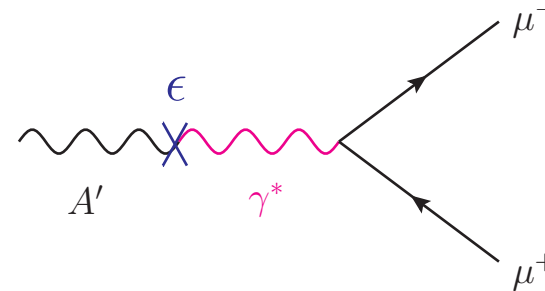
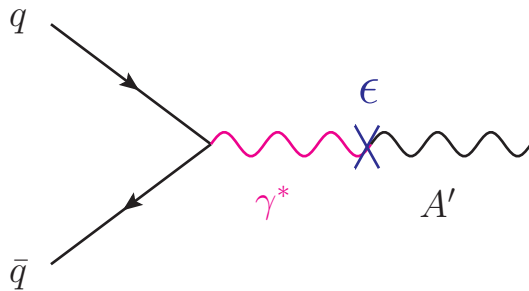
The P5 report recommends a prioritized and time-ordered list of experiments to address the five science Drivers optimally.

These opportunities are at the small, medium, and large investment scales that, together, produce a continuous flow of major scientific results throughout a twenty-year timeframe.

- Large projects, in time order, include the Muon g-2 and Muon-to-electron Conversion (Mu2e) experiments at Fermilab, strong collaboration in the high-luminosity upgrades to the Large Hadron Collider (HL-LHC), and a U.S.-hosted Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) that receives the world's highest intensity neutrino beam from an improved accelerator complex (PIP-II) at Fermilab.
- U.S. involvement in a Japanese-hosted International Linear Collider (ILC), should it proceed, with stronger participation in more favorable budget scenarios.
- Areas with clear U.S. leadership in which investments in medium- and small-scale experiments have great promise for near-term discovery include dark matter direct detection, the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST), the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI), cosmic microwave background (CMB) experiments, short-baseline neutrino experiments, and a portfolio of small projects.
- Specific investments in particle accelerator, instrumentation, and computing research and development are required to support the program and to ensure the long-term productivity of the field.

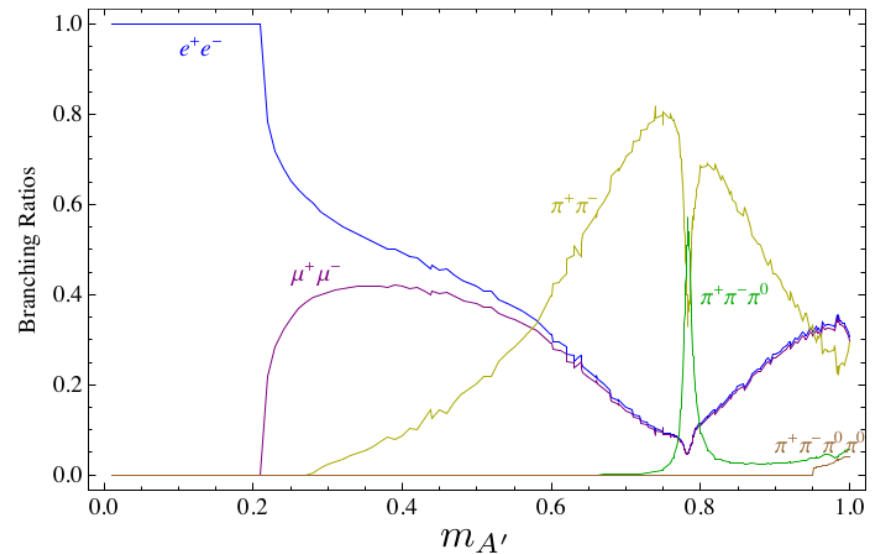
Probe-1: Drell-Yan Like

sensitive to both prompt and long-lived decay



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}(p + p \rightarrow A' + X) = \sigma_0^{A'} \sum_q e_q^2 q(x_1) \bar{q}(x_2) \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_1 + x_2}$$

$$\sigma_0^{A'} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_{\text{em}} \epsilon^2}{N_c m_{A'}^2}, \quad x_1 = \frac{x_F + \sqrt{x_F^2 + 4m_{A'}^2/s}}{2}, \quad x_2 = \frac{-x_F + \sqrt{x_F^2 + 4m_{A'}^2/s}}{2},$$

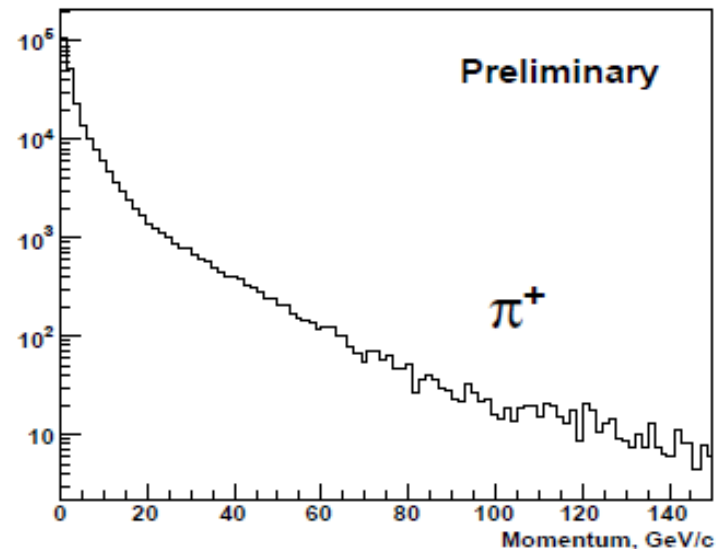
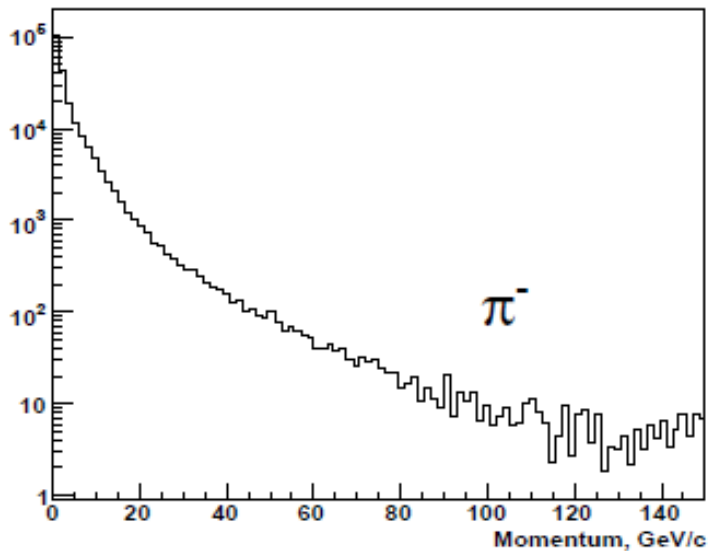
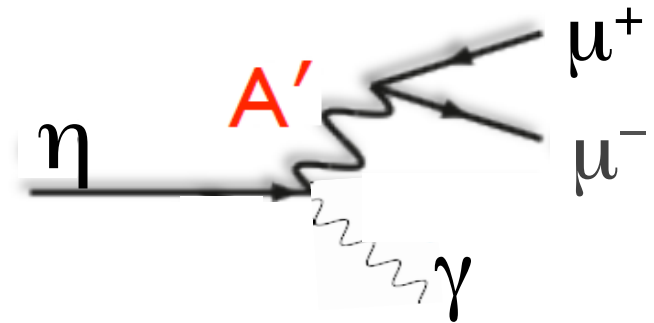


Probe-2: η Meson Production at 120 GeV

$\sigma = 2.2 \text{ b}$ for all charged particle production
Assume that π 's represent 90% of charged particles,

$$\sigma_{\pi^0} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{\pi^+} + \sigma_{\pi^-})$$

and η production is $\sim 1/10$ of this value.



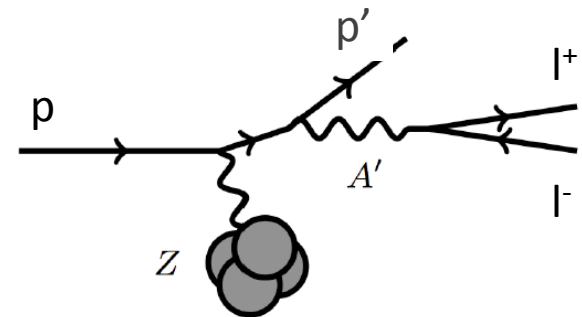
S. Mahajan, R. Raja, arXiv:1311.2258; FNAL E907, MIPP

Probe-3: Proton Bremsstrahlung

Generalized Fermi-Williams-Weizsacker approximation

J. Blumlein, J. Brunner, PLB **731** (2014) 320

$$\gamma + p \rightarrow A' + p'$$

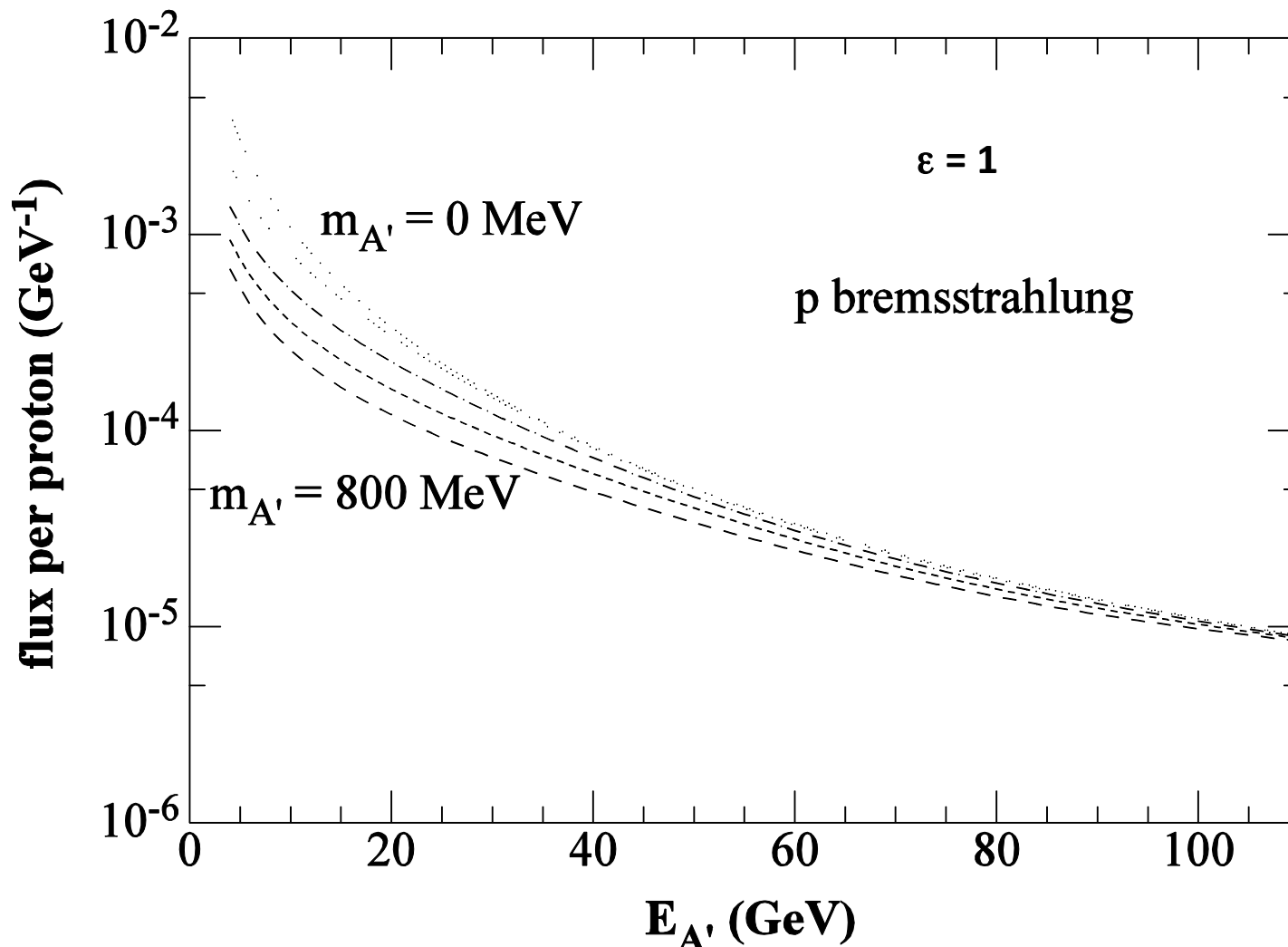


$$w_{ba}(z, p_{\perp}^2) dz dp_{\perp}^2 = \frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z} - 2z(1-z) \left[\frac{2M^2 + m_{\gamma'}^2}{H} - z^2 \frac{2M^4}{H^2} \right] \right. \\ \left. + 2z(1-z)[1 + (1-z)^2] \frac{M^2 m_{\gamma'}^2}{H^2} + 2z(1-z)^2 \frac{m_{\gamma'}^4}{H^2} \right\} \frac{dz dp_{\perp}^2}{H}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dE_{\gamma'}} = \frac{1}{E_p} \frac{\sigma_{pA}(s')}{\sigma_{pA}(s)} \int_0^{p_{\perp, \max}^2} w_{ba}(z, p_{\perp}^2) dp_{\perp}^2,$$

$$z = (E_p - E_{p'})/E_p; \quad s = 2ME_p; \quad s' = 2M(E_p - E_{A'})$$

Proton Bremsstrahlung Flux

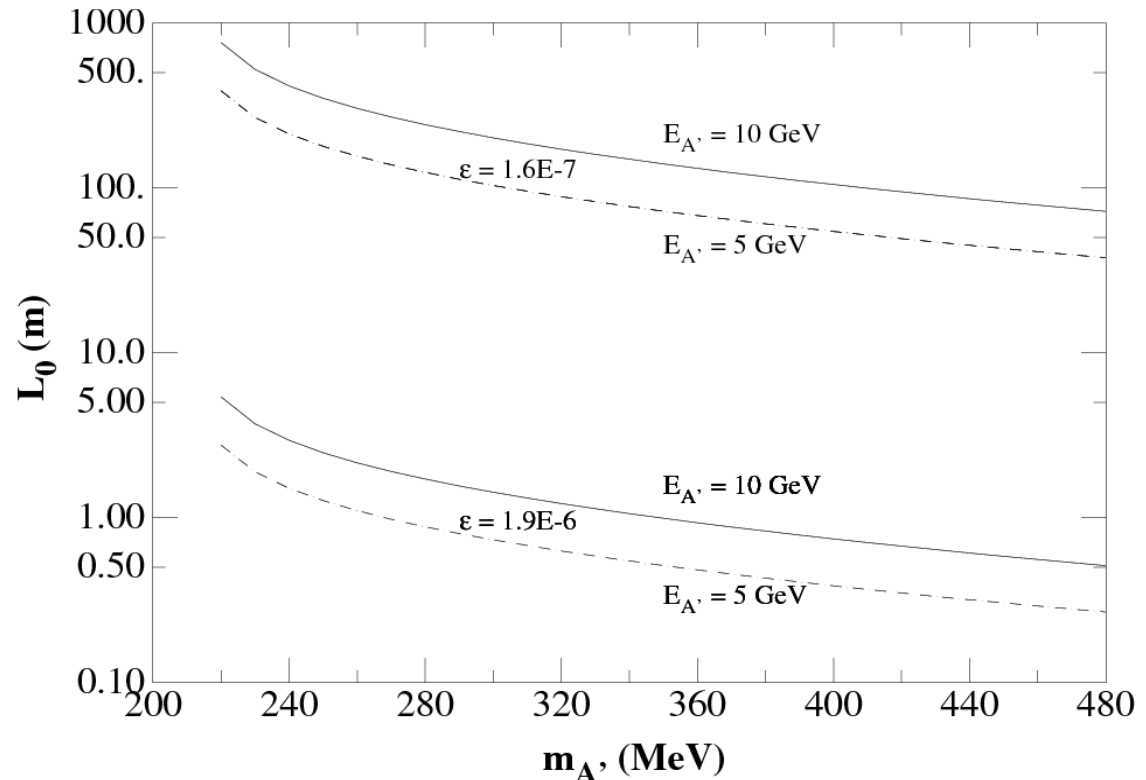
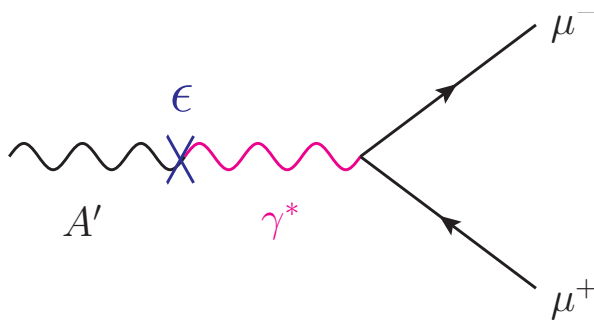


Dark Photon Decay Modes

“Minimal” Decay:

- Dark photon is the lightest in the dark sector;
- SM final state particles only
- Same mixing parameter
 - Long proper decay length, $\sim O(1\text{m})$

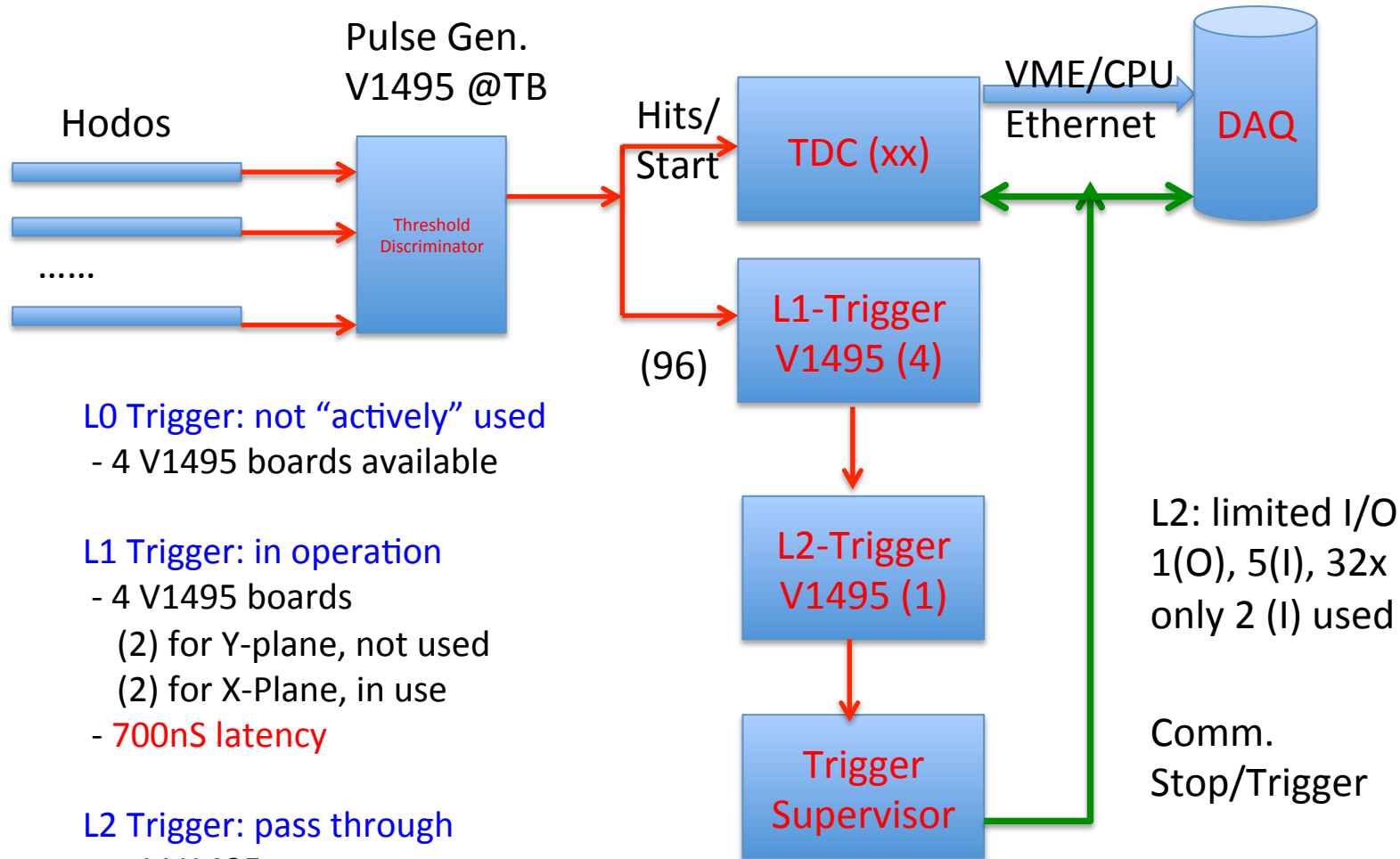
$$L_0 \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 \times m_{A'}}$$



Toward Improving E906 DAQ Bandwidth

- Working with E906 DAQ group to improve DAQ bandwidth from 1kHz to 10kHz(or more)
 - TDC board FPGA reprogramming
 - Taiwan group
 - Fermilab engineer
 - Two options considered:
 1. Directly readout each TDC with Ethernet instead of reading serially through VME backplane
 - ~10kHz possible
 2. Store all raw data in onboard RAM chips (already built in on Taiwan TDC boards, but not used yet!) during the 4-sec spill and read them out during the remaining 56-sec.
 - ~200kHz possible

E906 Trigger & DAQ System



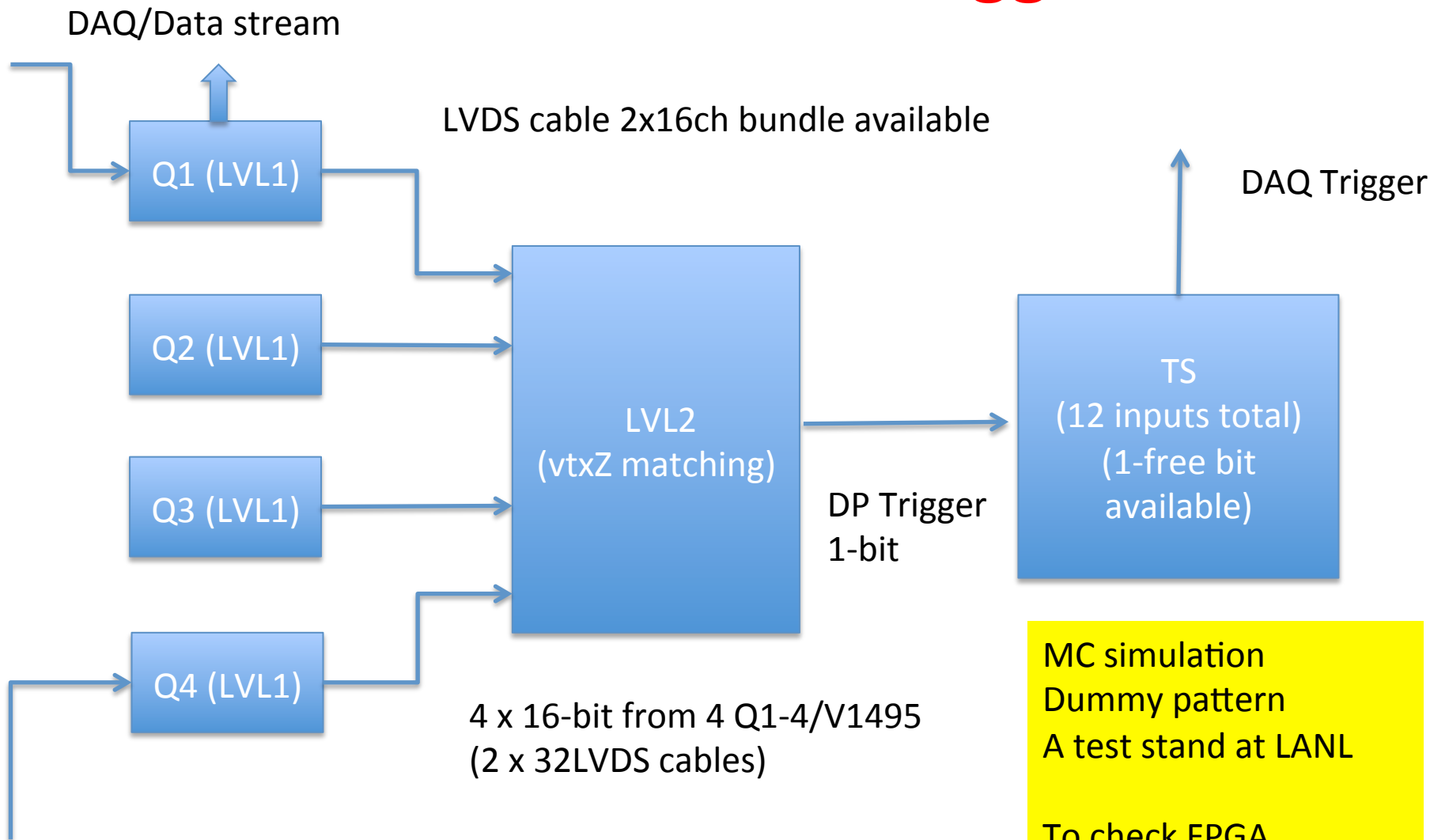
L0 Trigger: not “actively” used
- 4 V1495 boards available

L1 Trigger: in operation
- 4 V1495 boards
 (2) for Y-plane, not used
 (2) for X-Plane, in use
- 700nS latency

L2 Trigger: pass through
- 1 V1495
- Could do simple look-up

TS: Trigger Supervisor

Dark Photon Q-Trigger

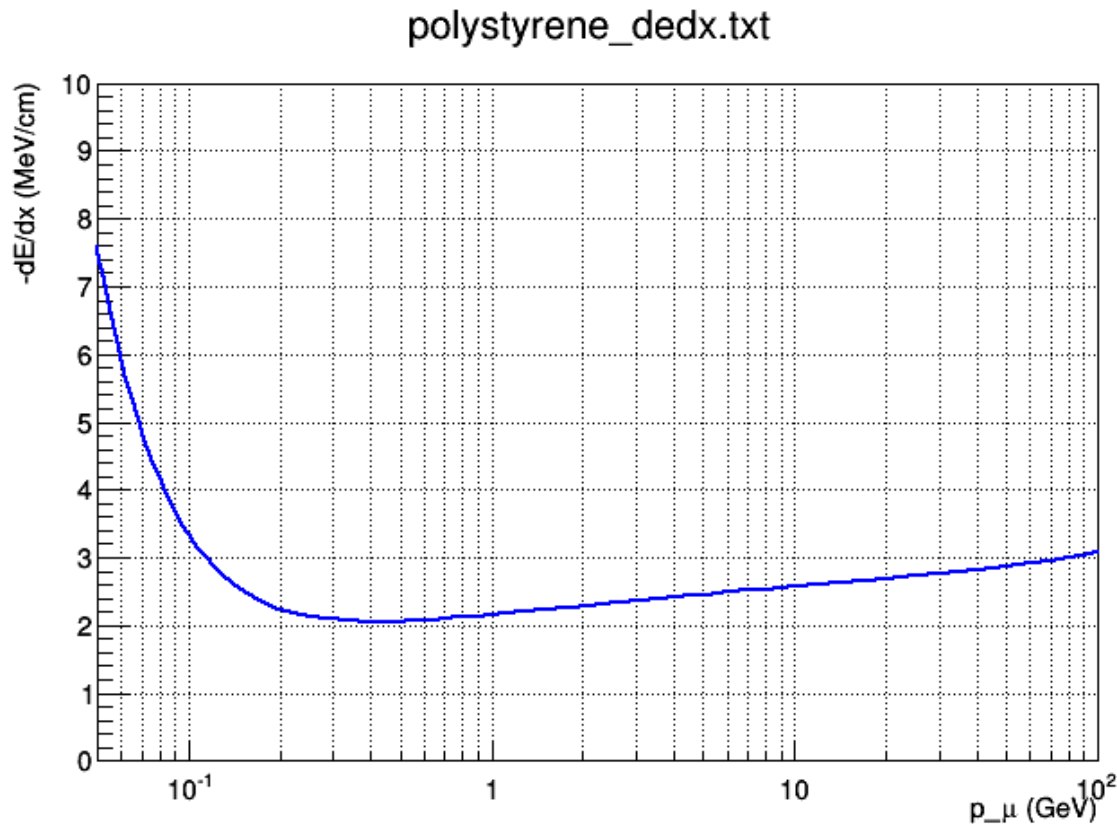


4 x 16-bit from 4 Q1-4/V1495
(2 x 32LVDS cables)

Q1: $40(ST1') + 40(ST2') + 2 \times 8(ST4 - Y1/2) = 96$, FANOUT ST4
 Upto $72(ST1) + 72(ST2) + 2 \times 8(ST4 - Y1/2) = 160$

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Plastic Scintillator dE/dx and Particle Identification



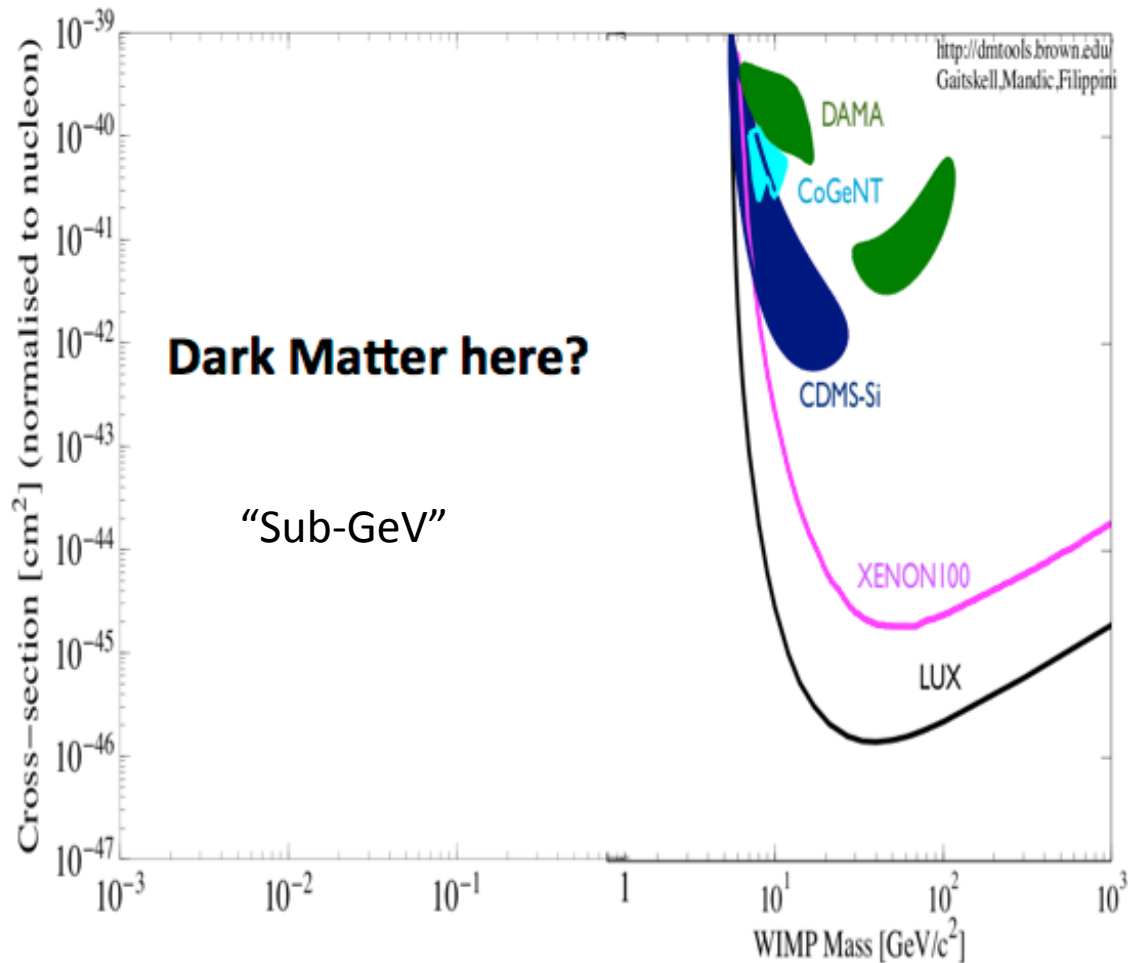
- Using polystyrene as example (same as FNAL scintillator factory)
- Muon $dE/dx = 2.41$ MeV/cm @ 4 GeV, and 2.69 MeV/cm @ 20 GeV
 - 11.5% difference
- For 4 GeV Kaon vs 20 GeV muon it's an even bigger difference, 26.5%

Minimal Thickness for Light Yields

- For thickness = 1.0cm, $P > 5\text{GeV}$
 - $dE/dx = 2.5\text{MeV/cm}$
 - Light yield = $2.5\text{MeV} / 100\text{eV} \sim 25\text{K}$ photons
 - SiPM Eff = 20%
 - Scintillating strip light collection Eff = 10%
 - Total “light yield” = $25\text{K} \times 20\% \times 10\% = 500 \gg 1$
- Required light output
 - Photon detecting eff $> 99\%$

MiniBooNE Dark Matter Search

- Invisible decay mode, search for “sub-GeV” particles



Benchmark Theory

- Extension of dark photon theory
- Dark mediator (V) and a dark matter particle (χ)
- 4 free parameters: m_V , m_χ , κ , α'

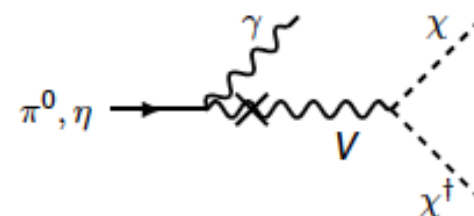
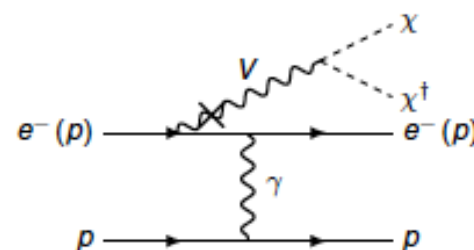


- Not constrained to Lee-Weinberg Bound
- Decay Modes

Visible: Condition: $m_V < 2m_\chi$
 Mode: $V \rightarrow \ell^- \ell^+ (\gamma\gamma)$

Invisible: Condition: $m_V > 2m_\chi$
 Mode: $V \rightarrow \chi\chi^\dagger$

Production mechanisms

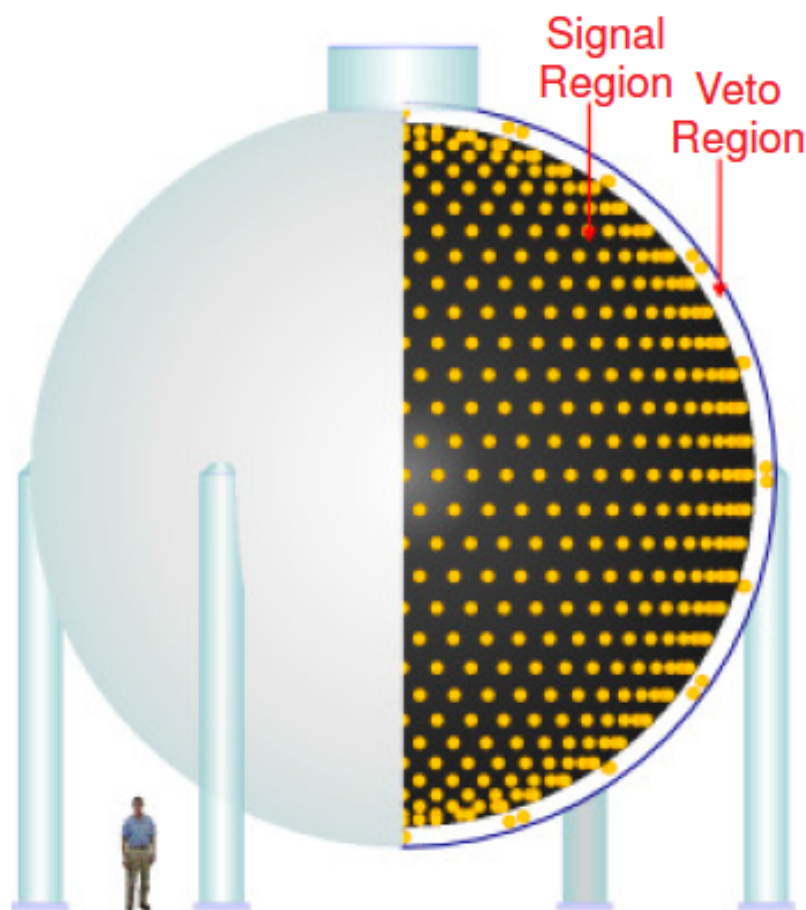


Beam Dump/Fixed Target Experiments

Experiment	Location	approx. Date	Amount of Beam	Beam Energy (GeV)	Target Mat.	Ref.
Electron Beams			(10^{20} EOT)			
E137	SLAC	1980-1982	1.87	20	Al	[1–3]
E141	SLAC	1986	2×10^{-5}	9	W	[2, 4]
KEK-PF	KEK	1986	1.67×10^{-3}	2.5	Fe,PB,Plastic	[5]
LAL 86/25	Orsay	1986	$\sim 9.6 \times 10^{-5}$	1.5	W	[6]
E774	Fermilab	1991	0.52×10^{-10}	275	W	[2, 7]
A1	MAMI	2011	$90 \mu\text{A} * \text{t}$	0.855	Ta	[8]
APEX	JLAB	2011	$150 \mu\text{A} * \text{t}$	2.260	Ta	[9]
Proton Beams			(10^{20} POT)			
CHARM	CERN	1983	0.024	400	Cu	[10]
PS191	CERN	1984	0.086	19.2	Be	[11, 12]
E605	Fermilab	1986	4×10^{-7}	800	Cu	[13]
SINDRUM	SIN,PSI					
ν -Cal I	IHEP Serpukhov	1989	0.0171	70	Fe	[14–16]
LSND	LANSCE	1994-1995	813		H ₂ O, Cu	
		1996-1998	882	0.798	W,Cu	[17]
NOMAD	CERN	1996-1998	0.41	450	Be	[12, 18]
WASA	COSY	2010		0.550	LH2	[19]
HADES	GSI	2011	$0.32 \text{ pA} * \text{t}$	3.5	LH2, No, Ar+KCl	[20]
		2003-2008	6.27		Be	[21]
MiniBooNE	Fermilab	2005-2012	11.3	8.9	Be	[22]
		2013-2014	1.86		Steel	[23]

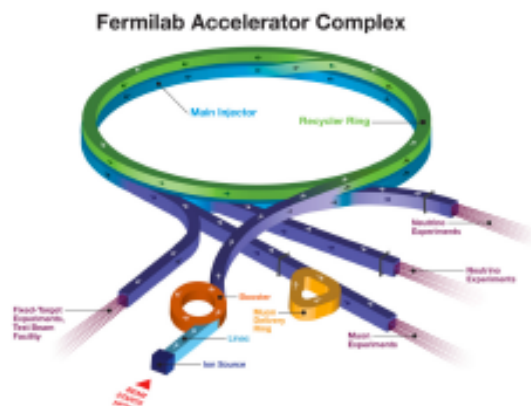
- DarkLight and Heavy Photon Search have been approved to run at JLab.

MiniBooNE Detector

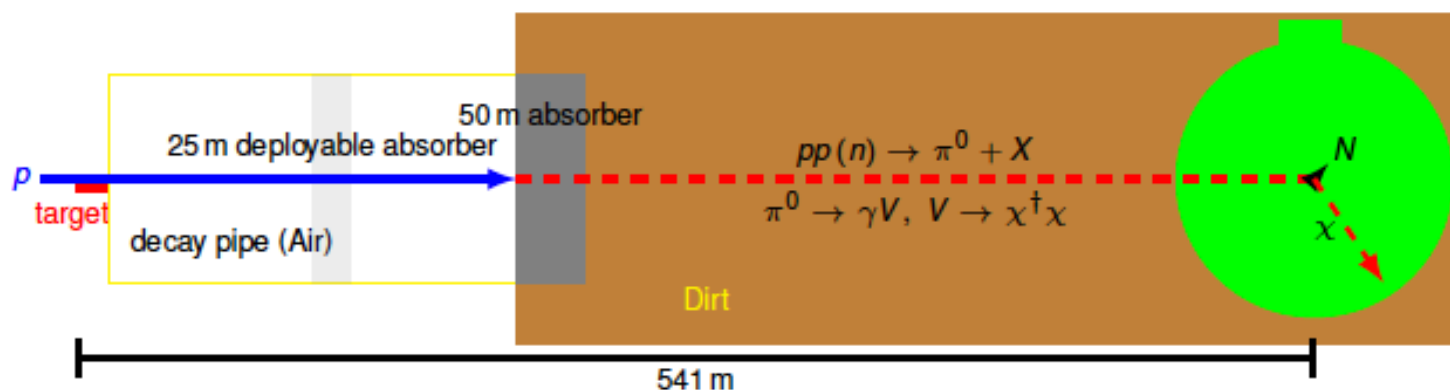


- ▶ 800 tons of mineral oil acting as a Cherenkov/scintillator detector.
- ▶ 1280 inner and 240 veto PMTs.
- ▶ Running for 10 years
 - ▶ ν mode: 6.5×10^{20} POT
 - ▶ $\bar{\nu}$ mode: 11.3×10^{20} POT
- ▶ ***The detector is well understood***
- ▶ Ran 10 months 2013-2014
 - ▶ off-target mode: 1.86×10^{20} POT

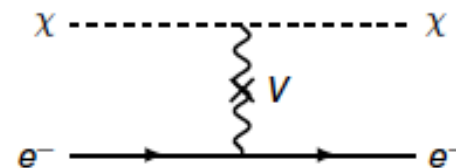
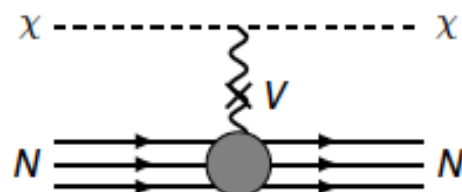
Beam Dump Mode



8 GeV protons hit steel
beamstop 50 m
downstream



Interactions in detector



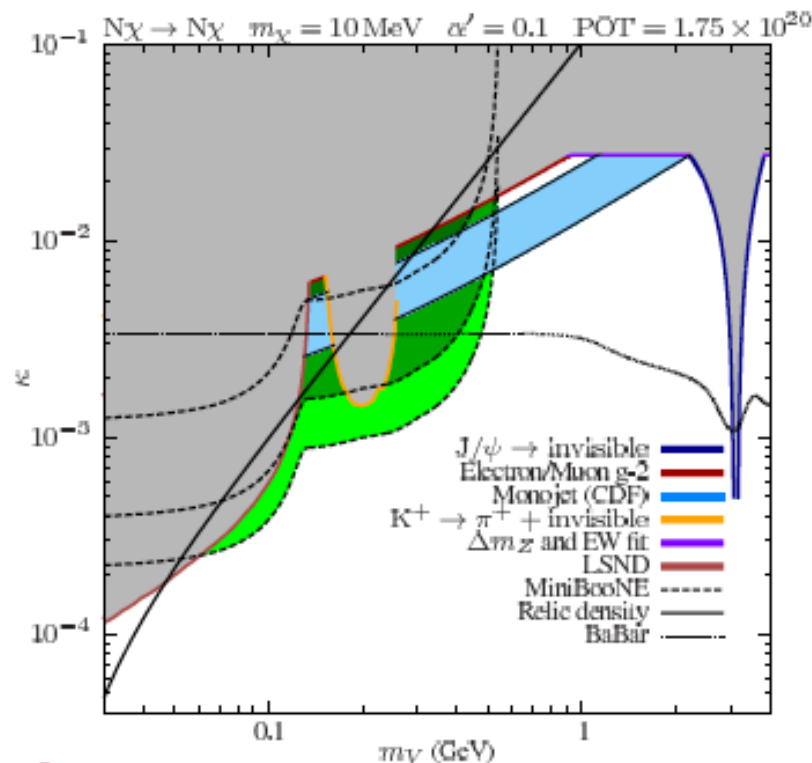
- Similar to ν neutral current elastic scattering (NCel)

Theoretical Predictions for MiniBooNE

κ VS. m_V

- ▶ Theory group from U. Victoria is working on C++ dark matter generator
- ▶ Dashed lines predict CL for 1, 10 and 1000 signal events

N-DM Interaction



e-DM Interaction

