

Fixed target experiments using electron and positron beams

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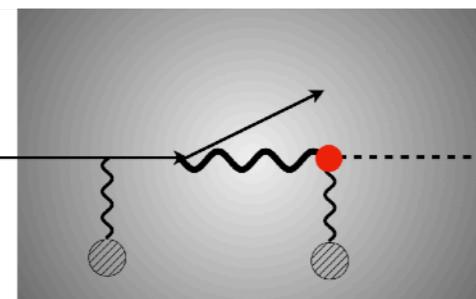
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Non-collider experiments (for particle physics)

This talk

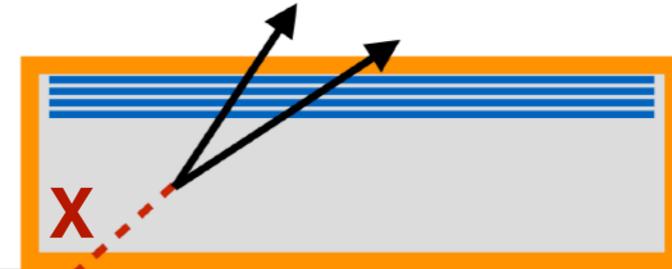
Fixed-target / Beam dump

e^\pm



proton proton

Off-axis detector

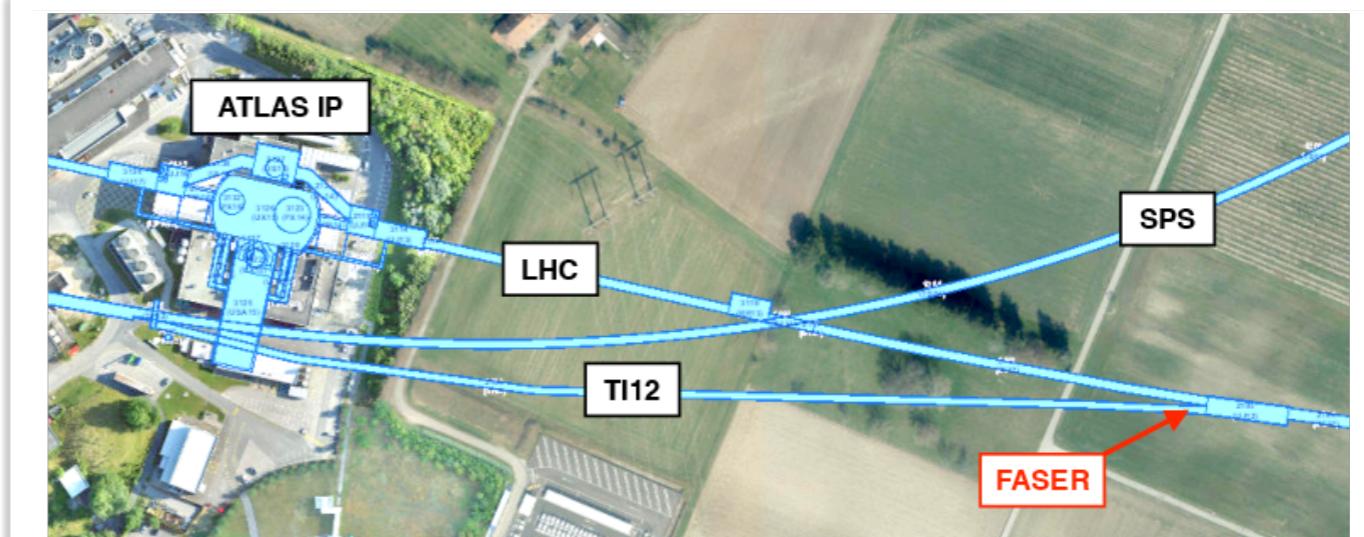


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[Pic. from David's slide](#)

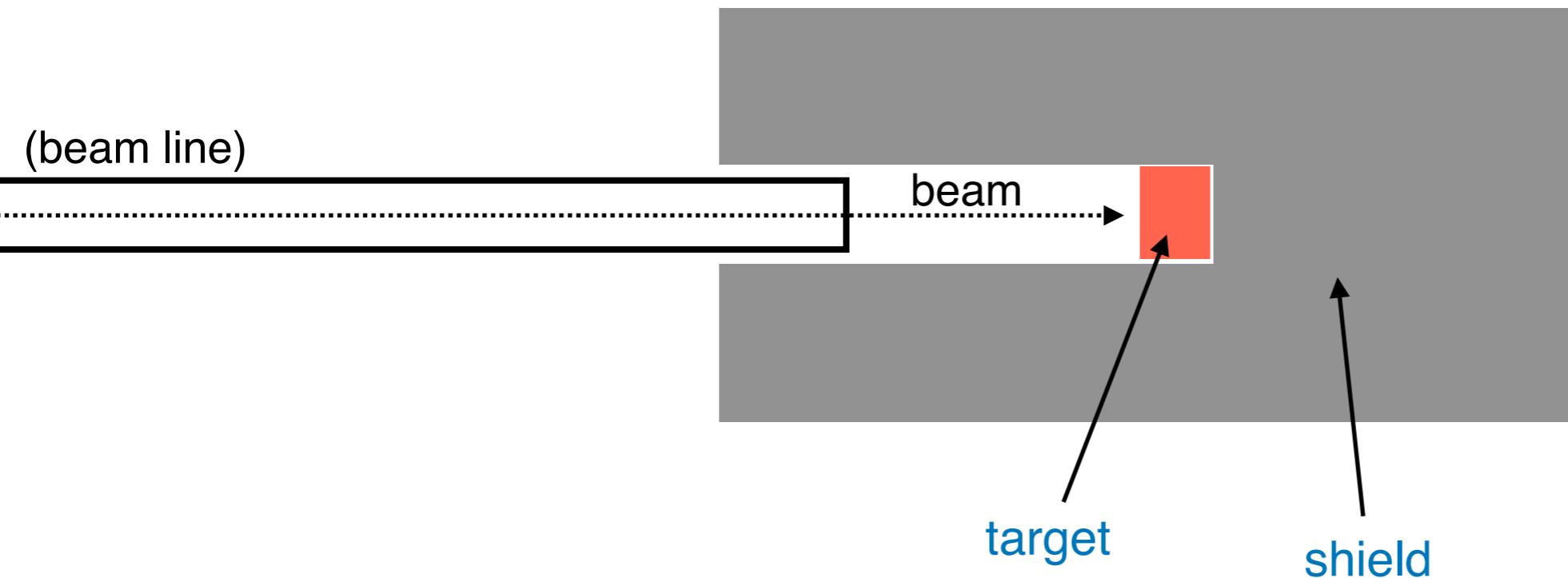
etc...

Forward detector



[Pic. from arXiv:1901.04468](#)

(one page for very basic terms…)



Made of C ($Z=6$), Cu ($Z=29$), Pb ($Z=82$), H_2O , Concrete, ...

If this kind of system is used for discarding beams, this is called [beam dump](#).

Contents

(1) Basics of fixed target experiments using e+/e- beam

- This will help you calculate the sensitivity of your favorite model from the beginning by yourself without any input.

(2) Introducing some fixed target experiments and their features

- This will help you consider an experimental setup by yourself.

(3) What can we do at ILC and KEK?

Fixed target vs Collider

- Center of mass

$$(\text{High}) \quad \sqrt{s} \text{ (Collider)} = 2E_{\text{beam}}$$

$$(\text{Low}) \quad \sqrt{s} \text{ (Fixed-target)} = \sqrt{m_{\text{beam}}^2 + m_{\text{target}}^2 + 2E_{\text{beam}}m_{\text{target}}}$$

- Luminosity

$$\mathcal{L}(\text{LHC}) = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\text{Fixed-target}) \sim \frac{N_{\text{beam}}}{10^{13}} \frac{1}{Z^2} \frac{(\text{thickness of target})}{X_0} \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

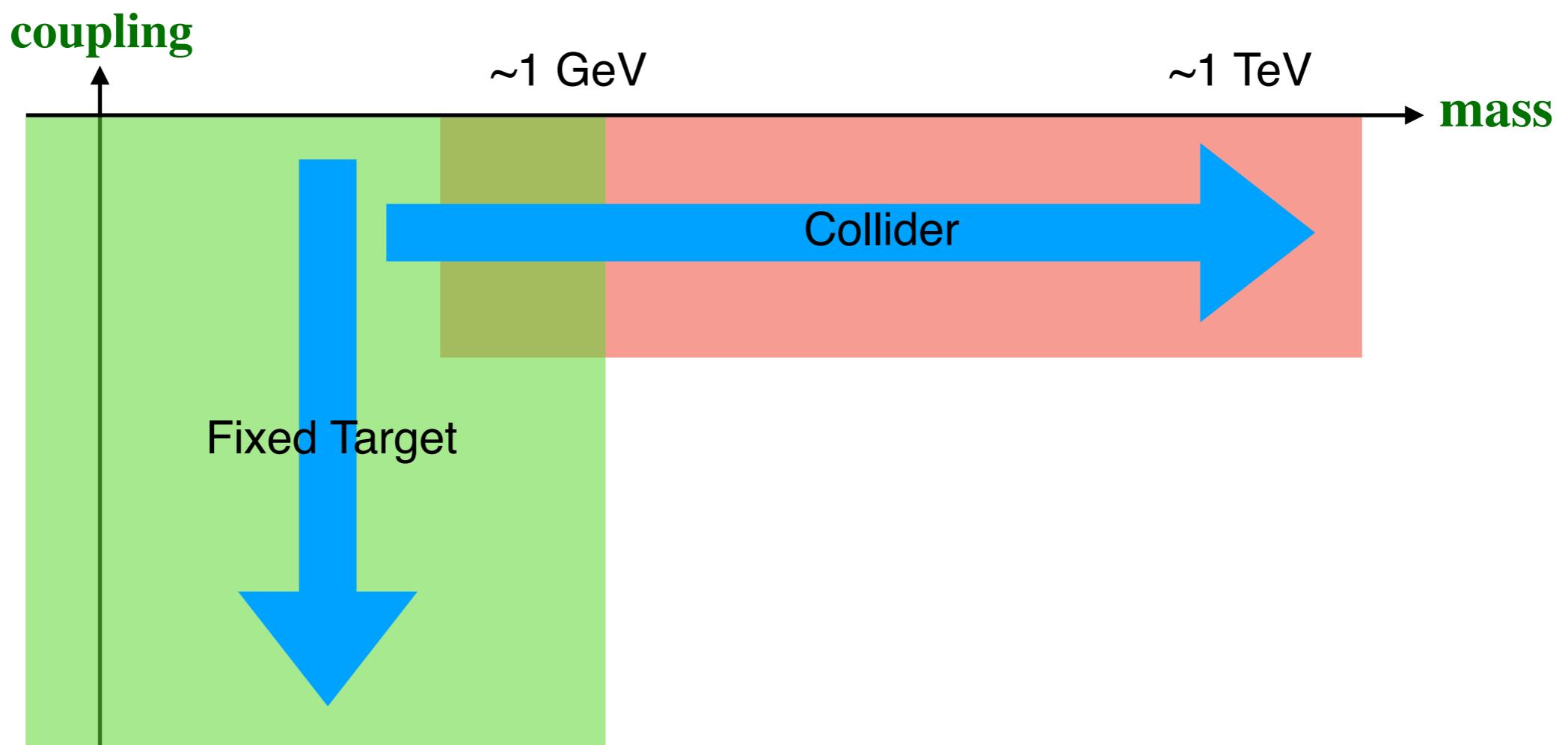
(X_0 is radiation length of target (later pages))

($N_{\text{beam}} \sim 10^{21}$ / year @ ILC)

Fixed target experiment is **Luminosity frontier**

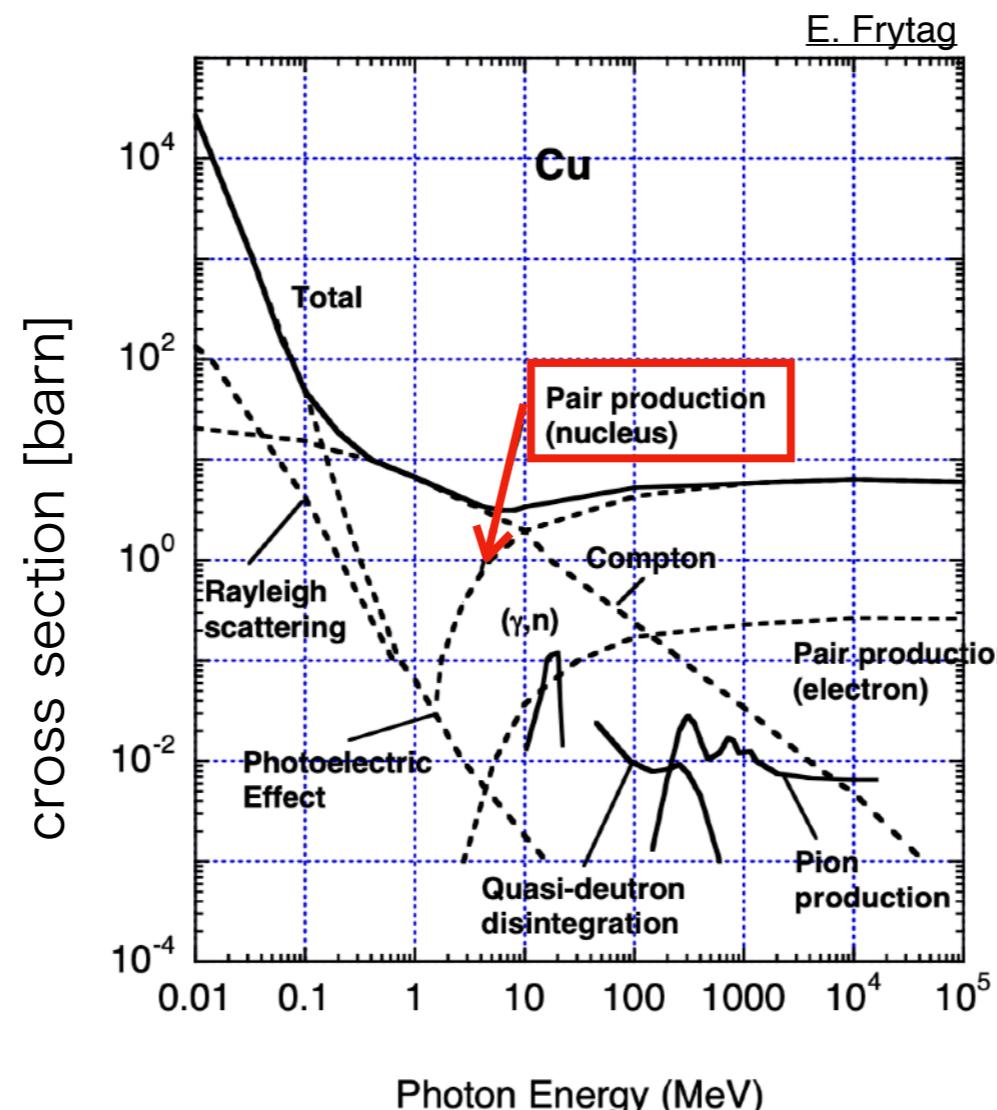
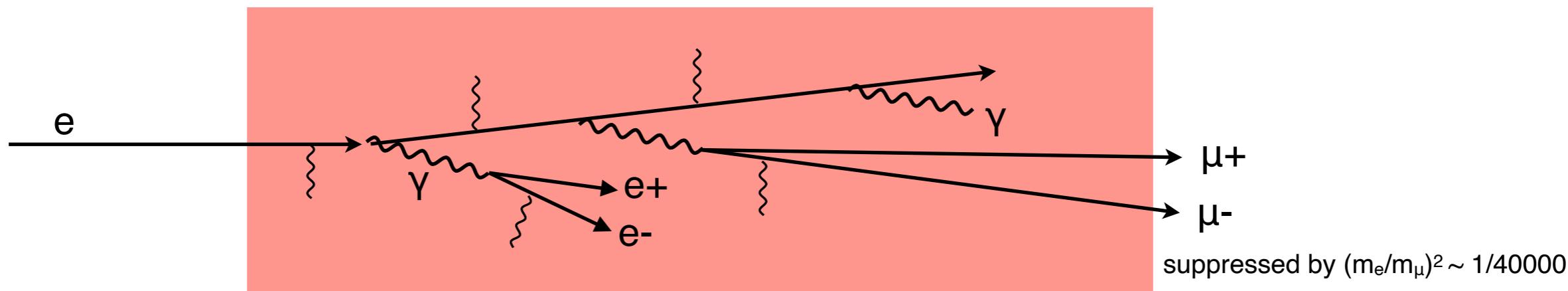
Fixed target vs Collider

- Complementary to Collider experiments
- It can coexist with a collider facility and is relatively low cost.



Physical processes

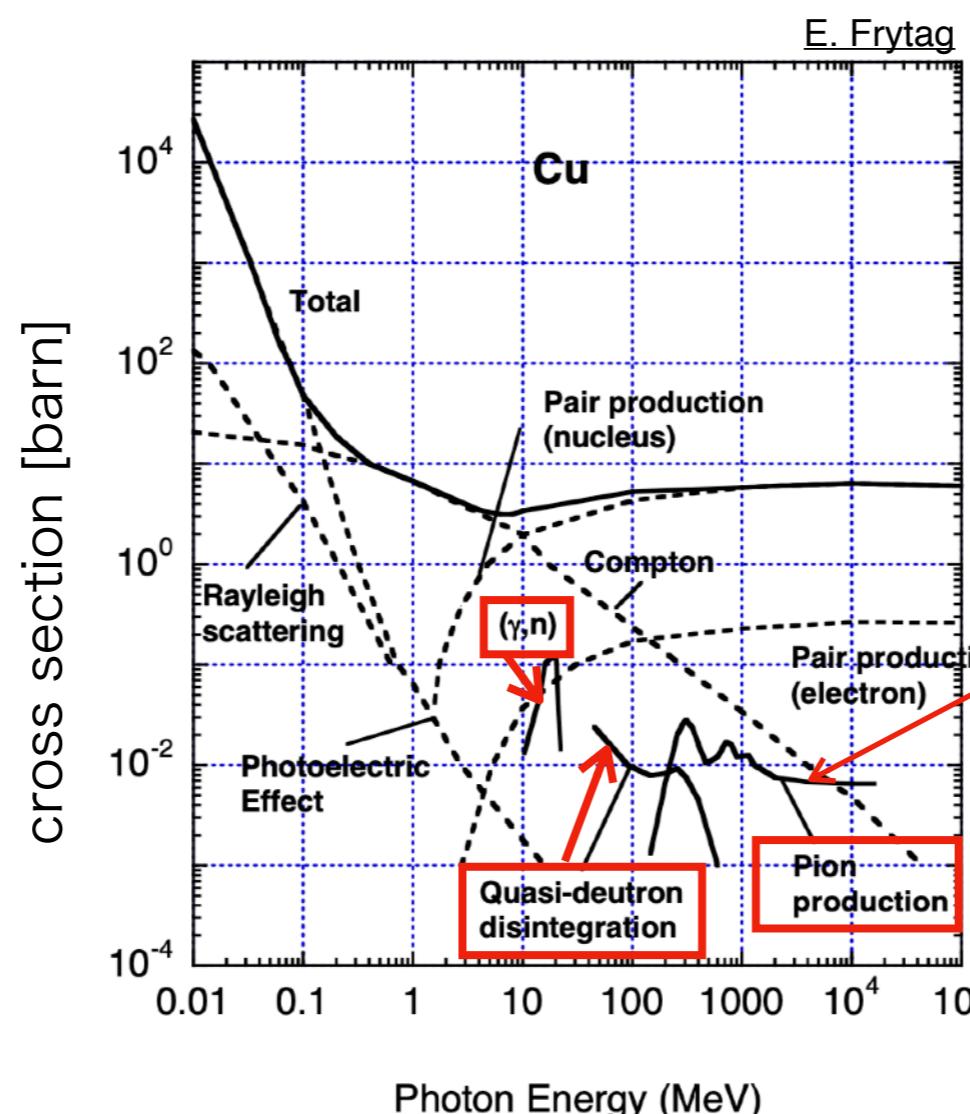
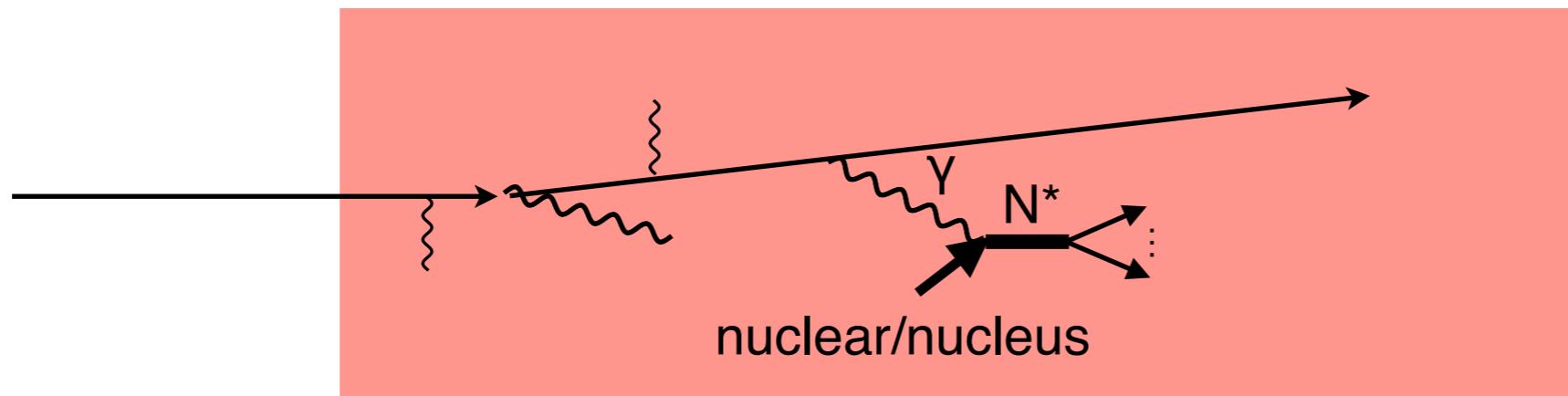
Electromagnetic shower: Leptons and photons are produced



Interactions via **real photon** is dominant. Those via **virtual photon** is important only for **very thin target**.

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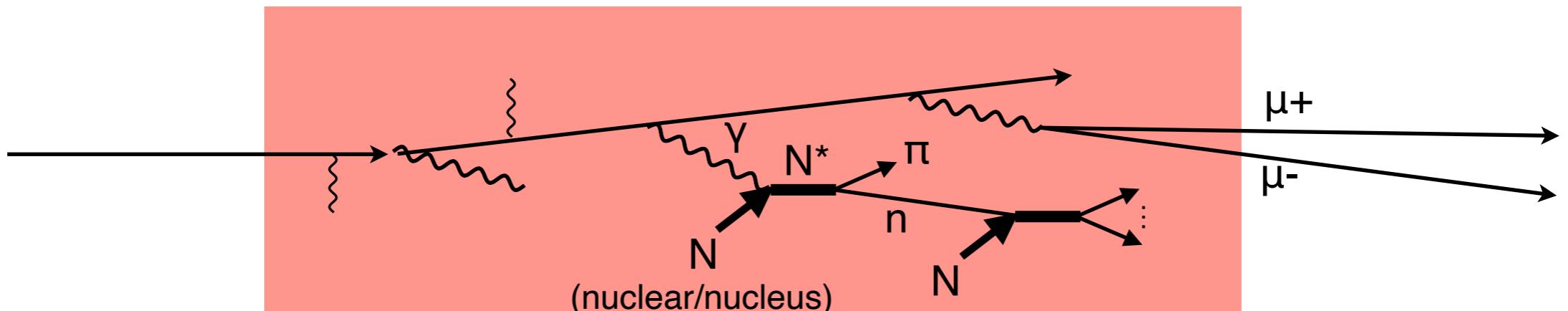
Photonuclear interaction: Mesons and baryons are produced



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- (N=p,n)
- $\gamma N \rightarrow \pi p (+X)$
 - $\gamma N \rightarrow \pi n (+X)$
 - $\gamma N \rightarrow K \Lambda (+X)$
 - $\gamma N \rightarrow K \Sigma (+X)$
 - $\gamma N \rightarrow \rho \phi p (+X)$
 - ...

Physical processes



(e.g., $n n \rightarrow n n \pi^0$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

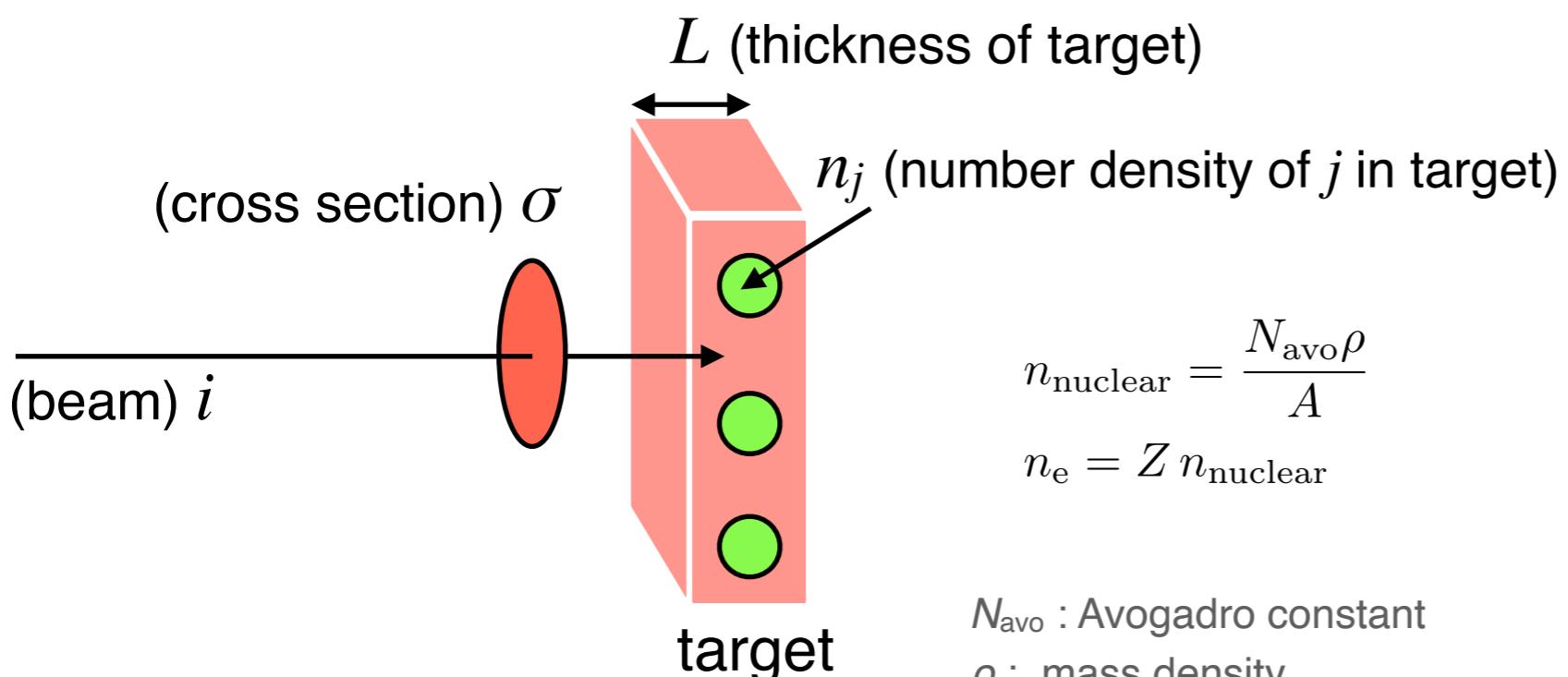
Secondary hadron interaction / decay / capture

Secondary lepton ...

Number of interaction

Beam i interacts with j in target

$$N(\text{interaction}) = N(\text{beam}) \ n_j \ L \ \sigma(E)$$



$$n_{\text{nuclear}} = \frac{N_{\text{avo}} \rho}{A}$$

$$n_e = Z n_{\text{nuclear}}$$

N_{avo} : Avogadro constant

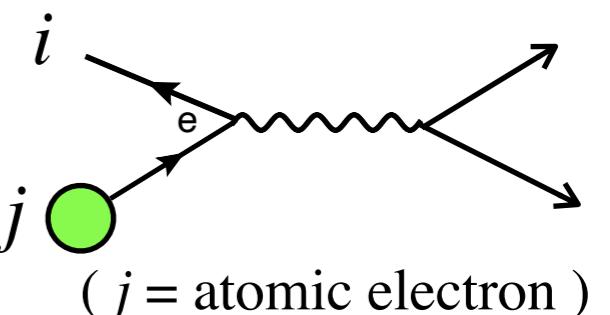
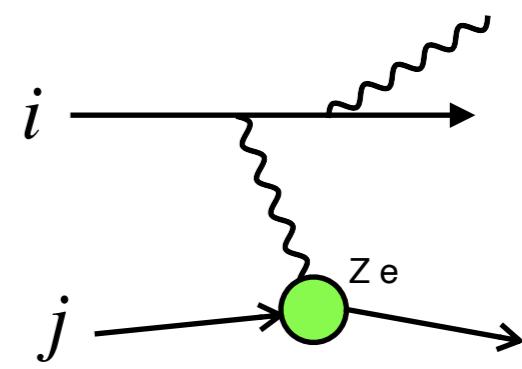
ρ : mass density

Z : atomic number

A : mass number

(Aluminium: $\rho=2.7\text{g/cm}^3$, $Z=13$, $A=27$)

j depends on process



Luminosity

Thin target $L < \mathcal{O}(0.1)X_0$

$$N(\text{interaction}) = \frac{N(\text{beam}) n_j L}{\text{Luminosity}} \sigma(E)$$

$$\text{Luminosity} \sim \frac{N(\text{beam})}{10^{13}} \frac{1}{Z^2} \frac{L}{X_0} \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

(This is for j=nuclear. Z^2 is replaced to Z for j=atomic electron.)

ex) $N(\text{beam}) \sim 4 \times 10^{21} / \text{year}$ @ ILC

X_0 : radiation length (You will see this in any literature)

$$X_0 \simeq \frac{m_e^2 A}{4 \alpha^3 Z^2 N_{\text{avo}} \ln(183 Z^{-1/3})}$$

- Characteristic length of EM shower
- The length that the electron energy becomes $E_{\text{beam}}/e \sim 0.36 E_{\text{beam}}$.
- $(9/7)^* X_0$ = Photon's mean free path
- $X_0 (\text{Cu}) = 1.4 \text{ cm}, \dots$

Luminosity

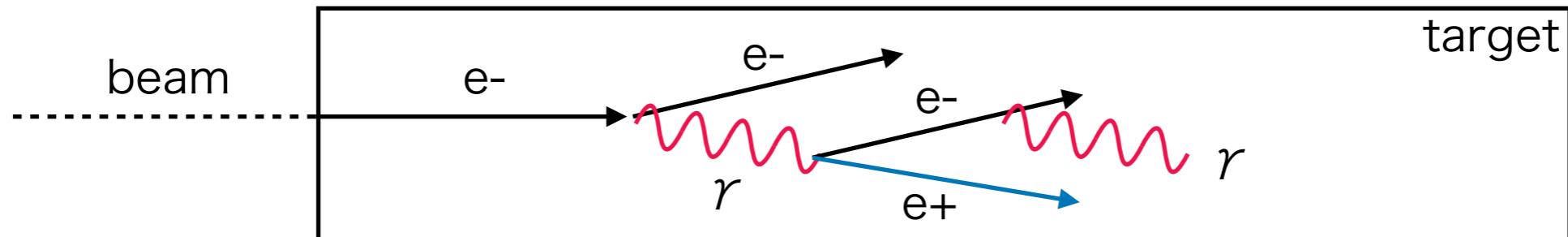
Thick target

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Luminosity

$\frac{dL_{i'}}{dE_{i'}}$: Track length = (Averaged total flight length of i' in target with energy range $[E, E+dE]$)



$$L_{\text{electron}} = \longrightarrow + \longrightarrow + \longrightarrow$$

$$L_{\text{positron}} = \longrightarrow$$

$$L_\gamma = \gamma + \gamma$$

Luminosity

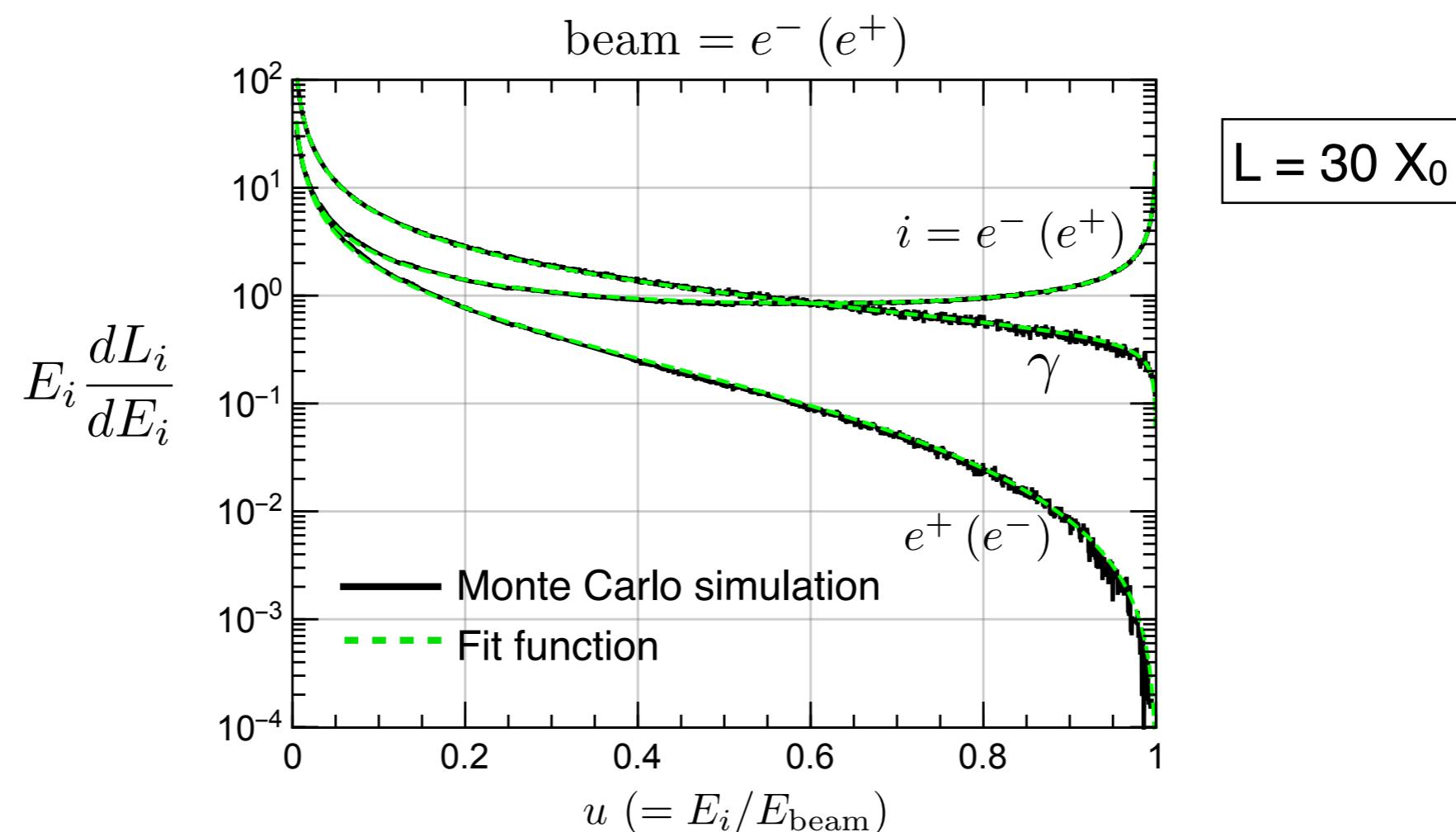
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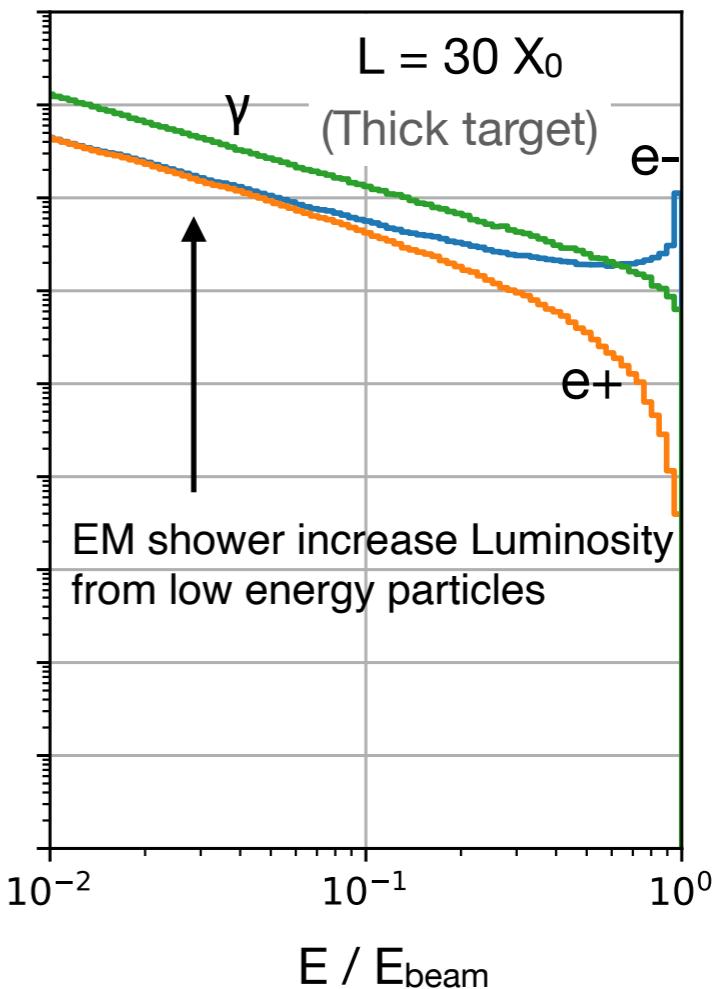
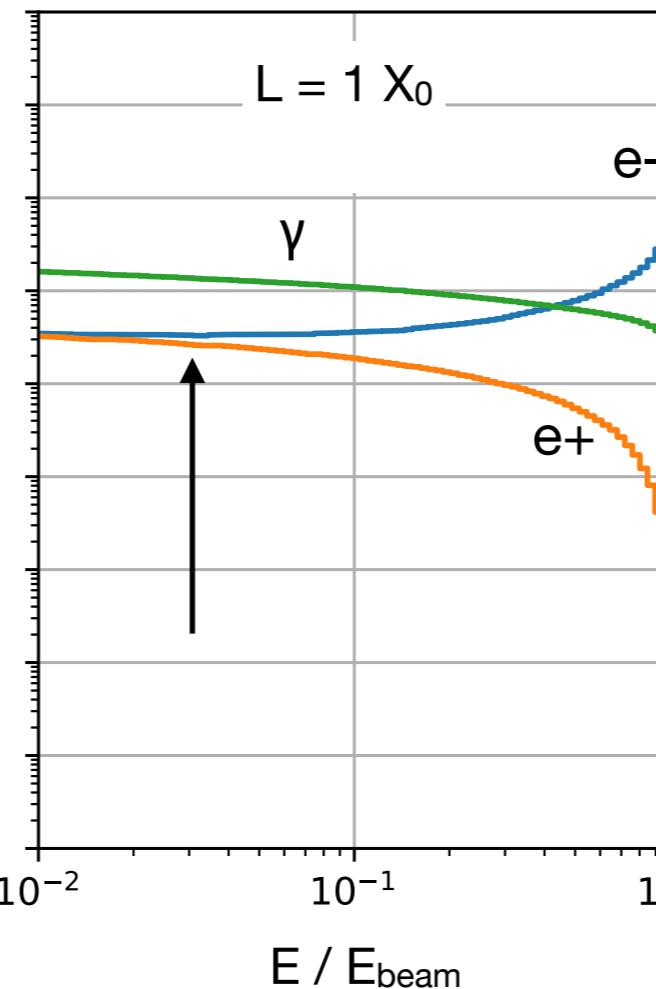
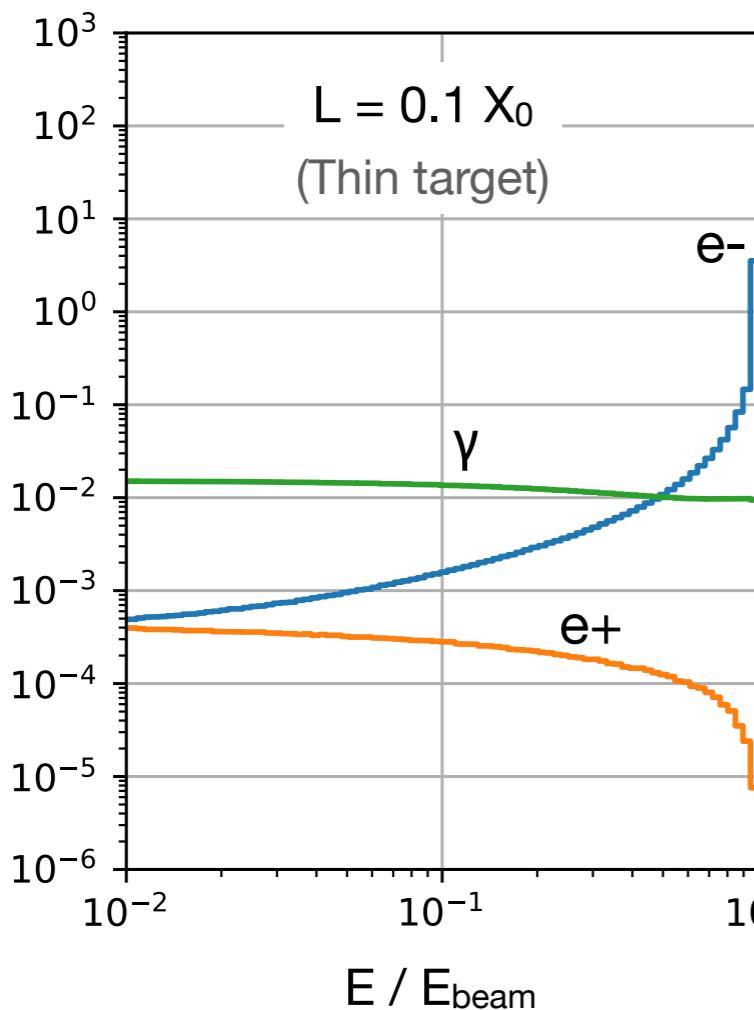
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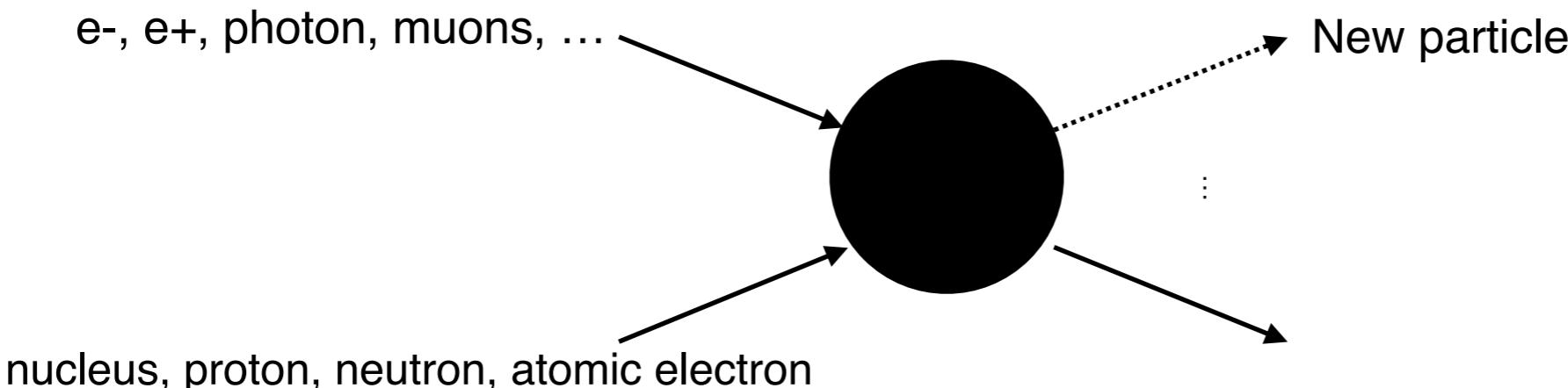
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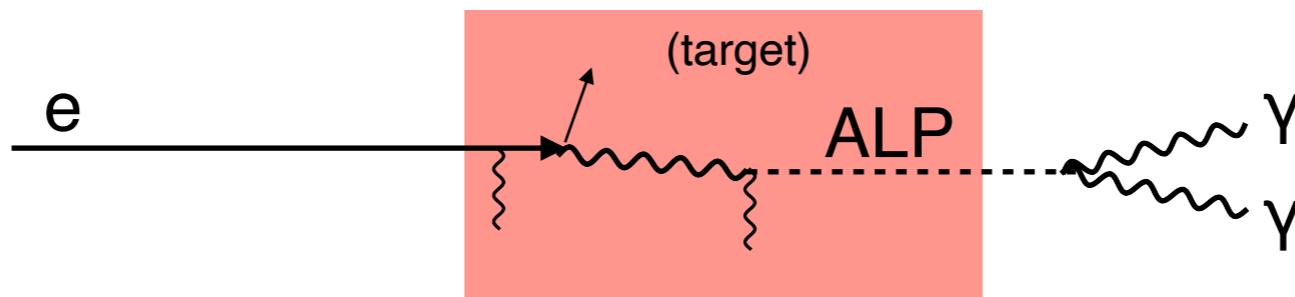
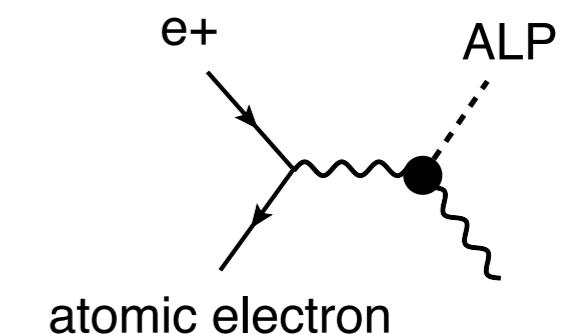
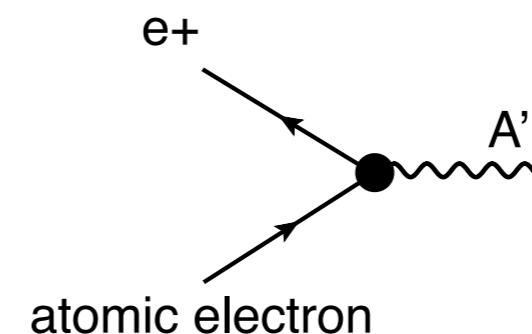
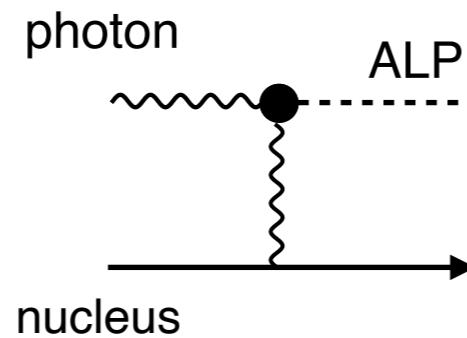
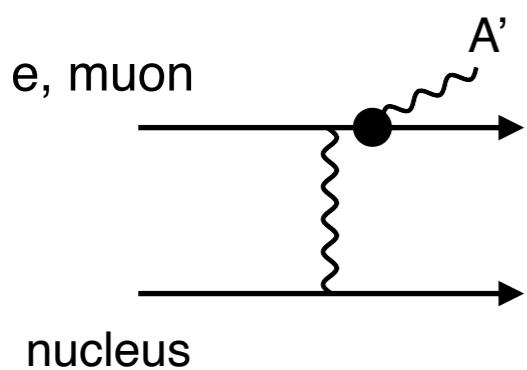
$$\frac{d(\text{Luminosity})}{d \log_{10}(E/E_{\text{beam}})} \times Z^2 \times \text{fb}^{-1}/\text{s} \quad N(\text{beam}) = 10^{13} / \text{s}$$



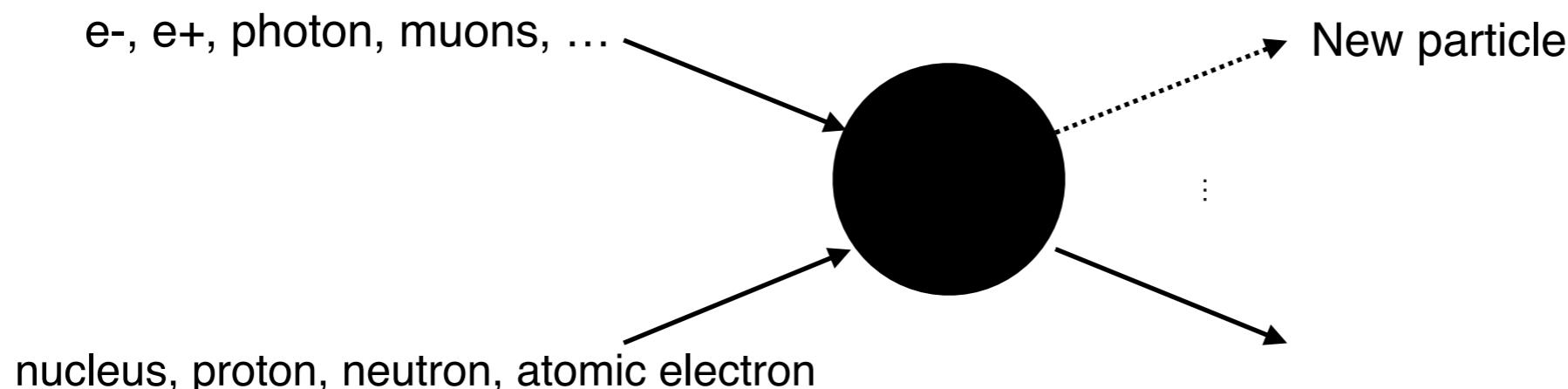
New particle production



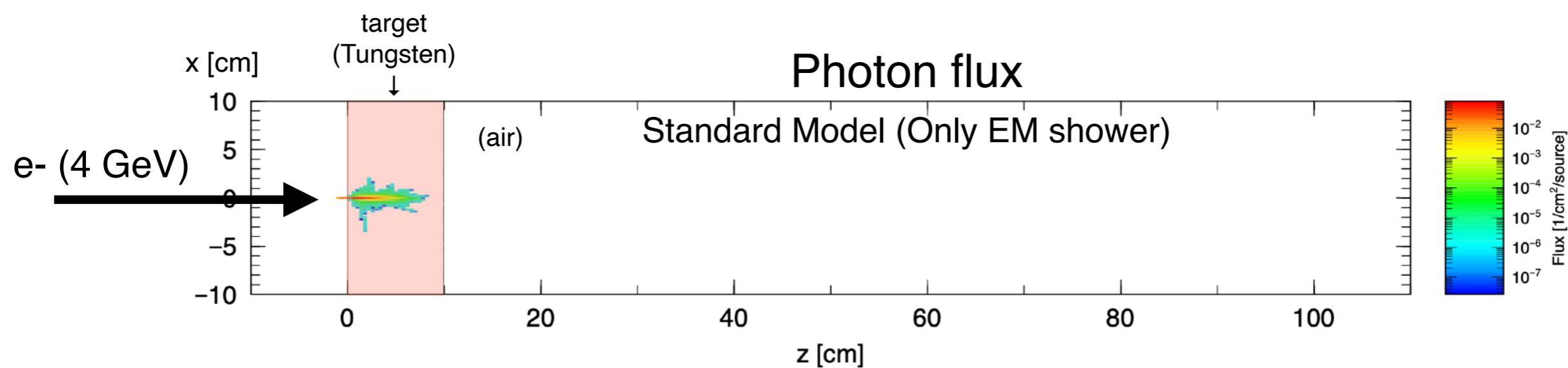
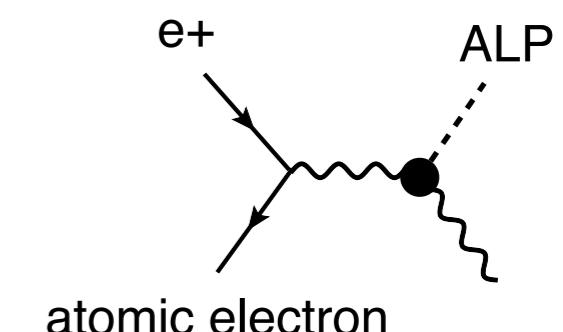
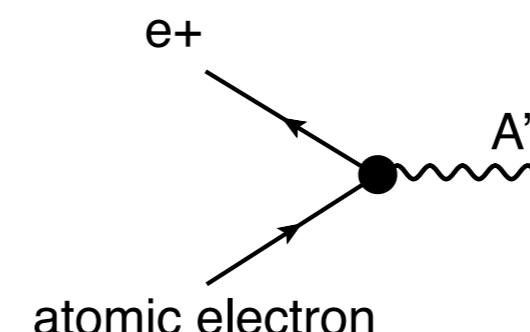
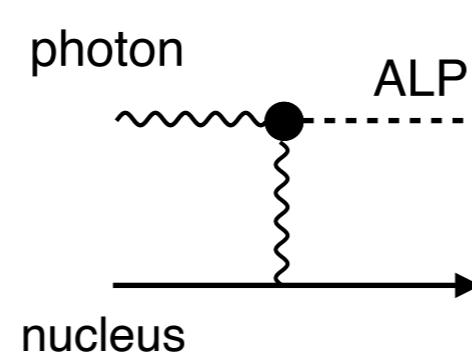
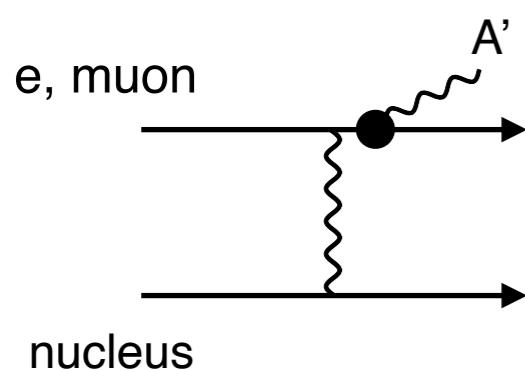
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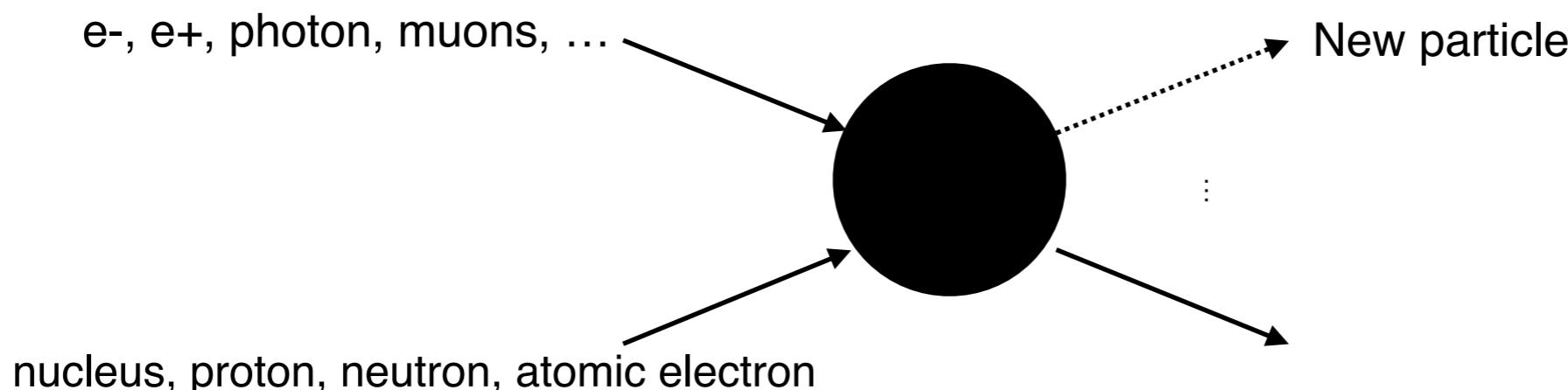
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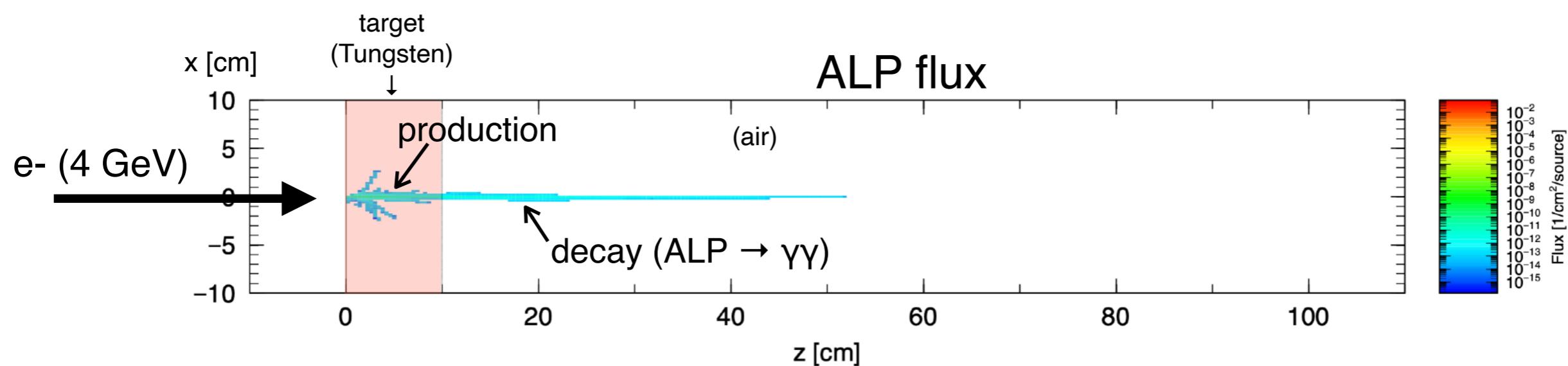
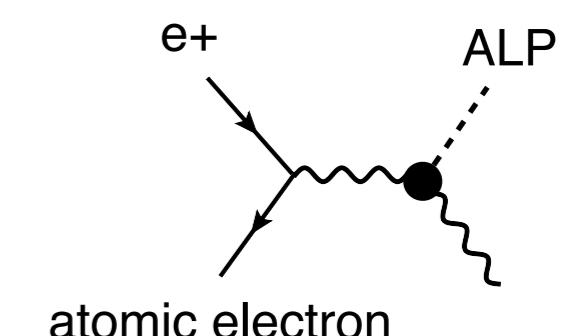
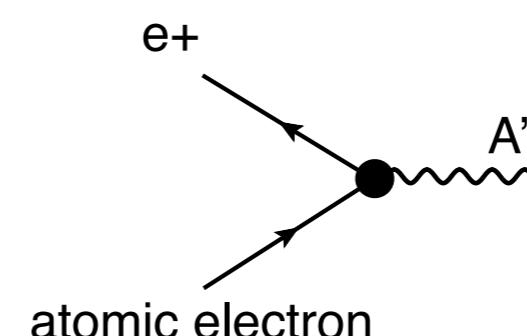
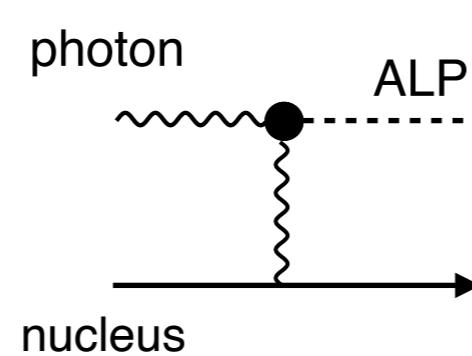
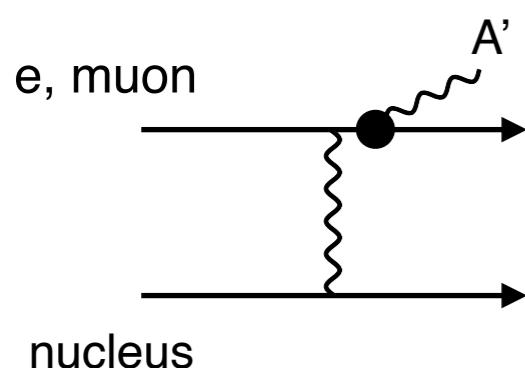
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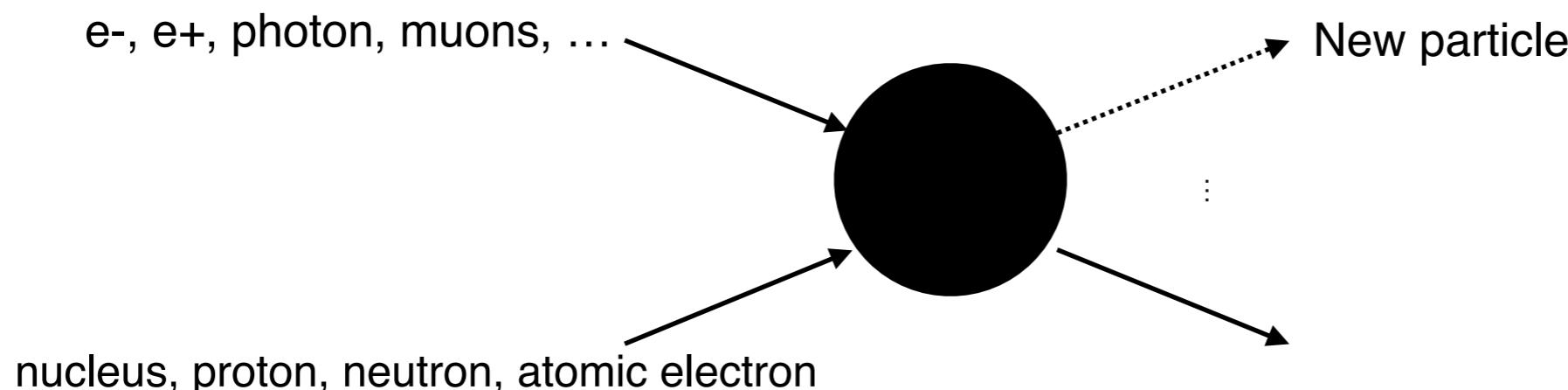
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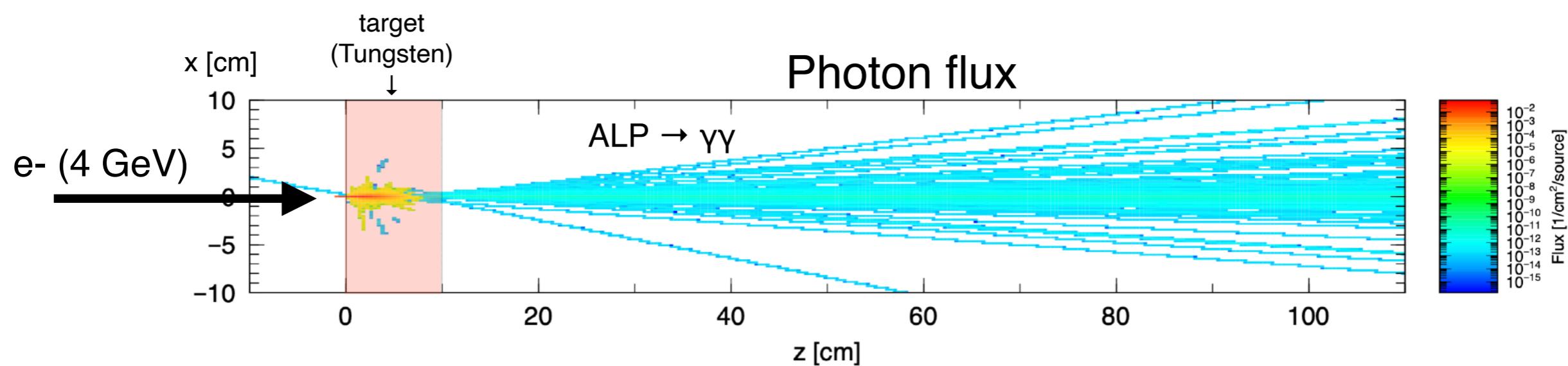
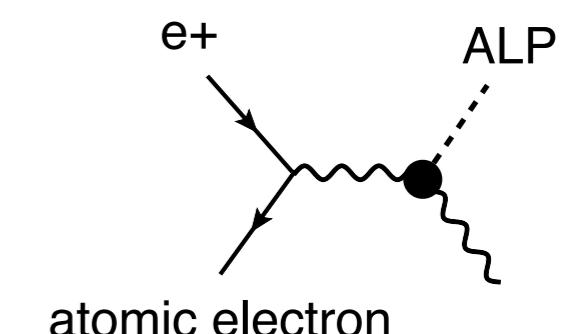
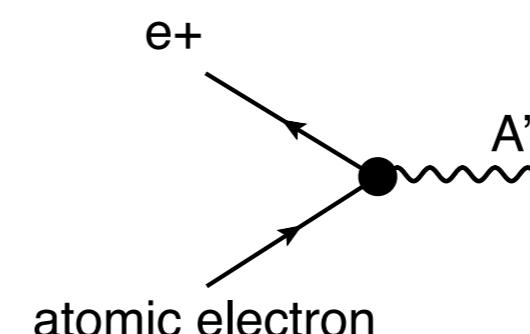
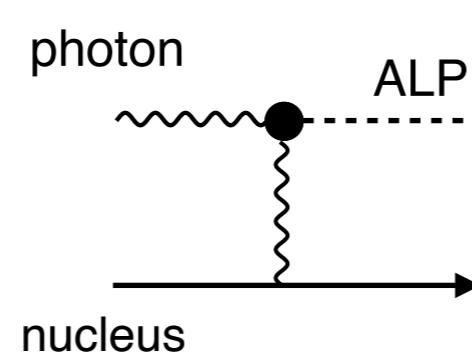
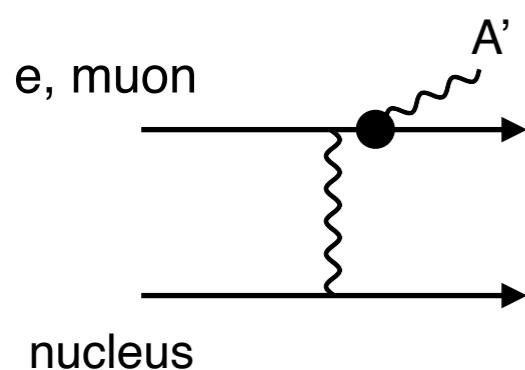
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How to calculate the number of signals

(Thin target) $N(\text{total}) = N(\text{beam}) n_j L \sigma_{\text{NP}}(E_{\text{beam}})$

(Thick target) $N(\text{total}) = \int_0^{E_{\text{beam}}} dE_i N(\text{beam}) n_j \frac{dL_i}{dE_i} \sigma_{\text{NP}}(E_i)$

Formulae of track length

Thick-Target Bremsstrahlung and Target Considerations for Secondary-Particle Production by Electrons
Yung-Su Tsai, Van Whitis
Phys.Rev. 149 (1966) 1248-1257

(1) Analytic

or

$$I_{\gamma}^{(n)}(t, k) = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^t e^{-(7/9)(t-t')} dt' \int_k^{E_0} I_e^{(n)}(t', E) \times \left[\frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{k}{E} \right) + \left(\frac{k}{E} \right)^2 \right] dE$$
$$I_e^{(n+1)}(t, k) = \int_0^t dt' \int_E^{E_0} dE' G(t-t', E, E') \int_{E'}^{E_0} 2I_{\gamma}^{(n)}(t', k) \times \left[\frac{4}{3} \left(1 - \frac{k}{E'} \right) + \left(\frac{k}{E'} \right)^2 \right] \frac{E'^2}{k^3} dk, \quad (12)$$

(2) Fitting

(for thick target)

See appendix for arbitrary beam energy and target material:
[arxiv: 2105.13768](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.13768)

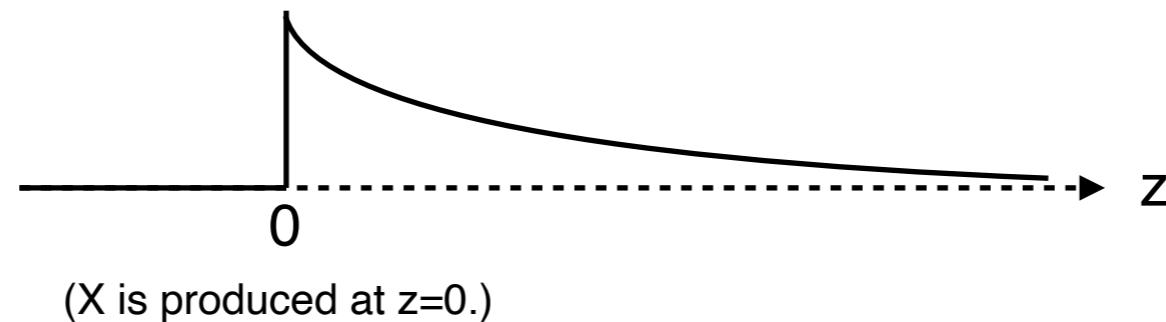
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(3) Monte Carlo simulation

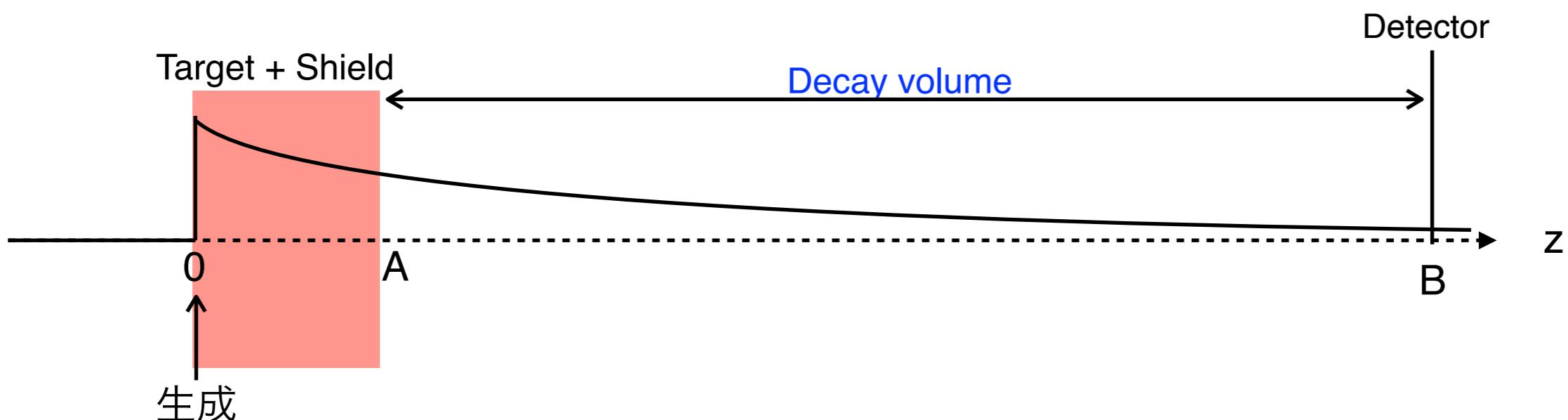
(Possible to calculate for arbitrary experimental geometry.)

Decay probability

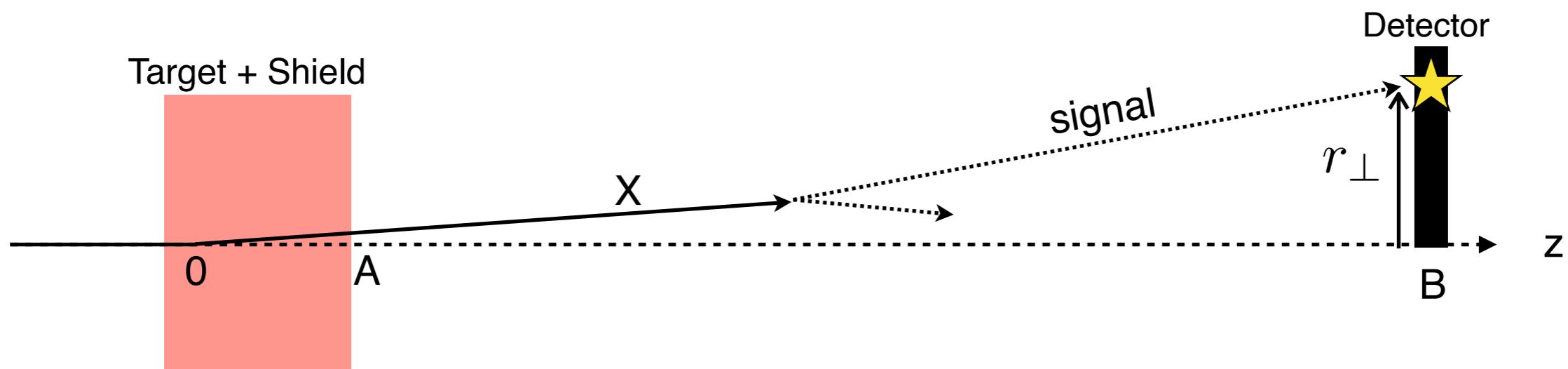
$$\frac{dN}{dz}(X \text{ decays at } z) = N(\text{total}) \times \frac{1}{l} e^{-z/l}, \quad l = \frac{p_X}{m_X} \frac{1}{\Gamma_X}$$



$$N(X \text{ decays on decay volume}) = N(\text{total}) \times e^{-A/l} \times (1 - e^{-(B-A)/l})$$



Angular acceptance



Check if decay particles enter the detector

X induced by e^+ , e^- , photon

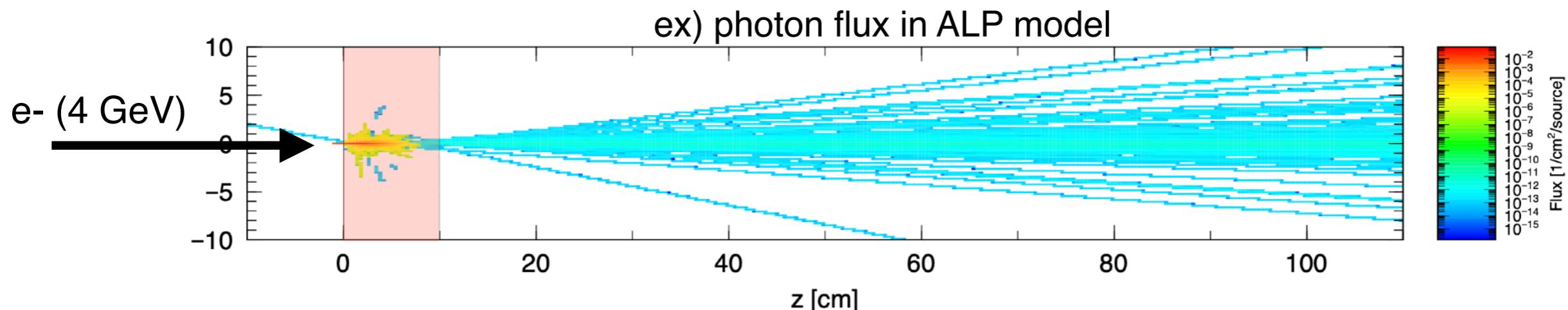
- (1) EM shower's angle
- (2) X production angle
- (3) X decay angle

X induced by muons

- (1) EM shower's angle
- (2) Muon pair production angle
- (3) Multiple coulomb scattering angle
- (4) X production angle
- (5) X decay angle

[See details: YS, D.Ueda, arXiv:2009.13790](#)

Simulation tool



- MC simulations give more precise results.
- If you often use MC tools in your study, you will choose Geant4 which is a de-fact standard code in HEP. But, the learning cost is high.
- **PHITS** is very easy to use and has comparable accuracy of particle transportation compared to Geant4.
<https://phits.jaea.go.jp/indexj.html>
<https://phits.jaea.go.jp/> (English)
- **PHITS for BSM** is under construction, in which we can easily implement BSM and non-BSM processes. (Please contact me if you want now.)

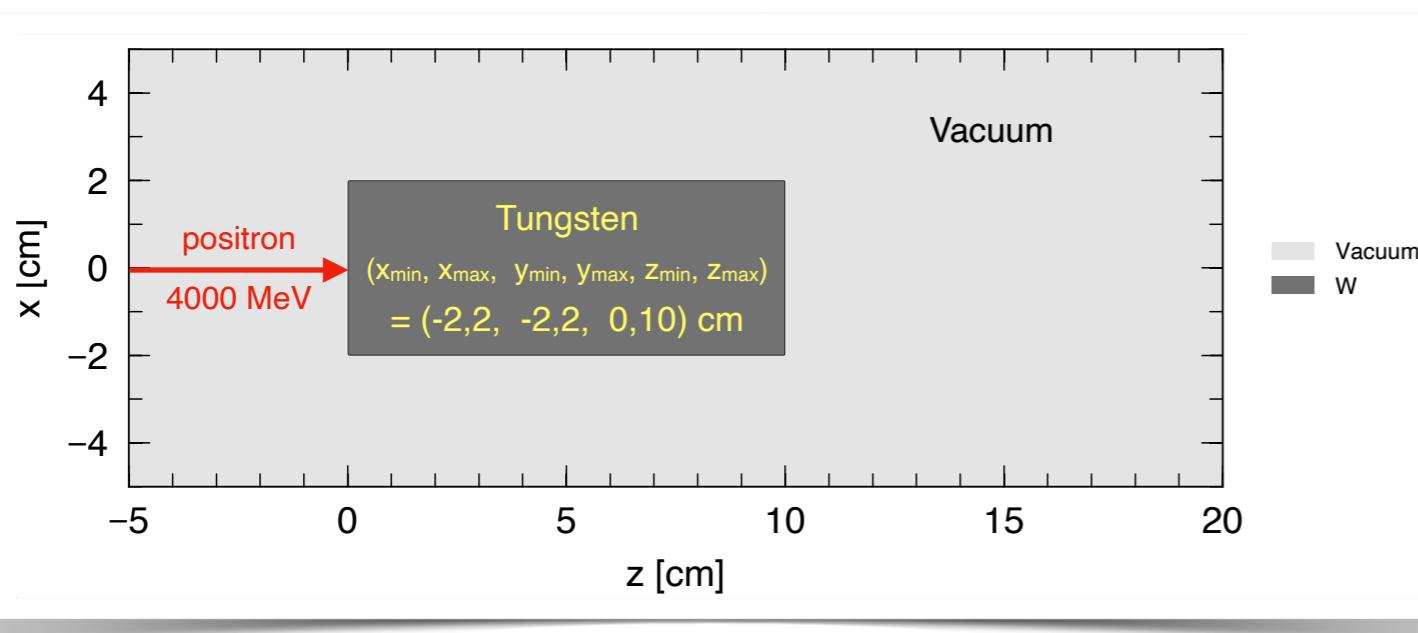
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test.txt

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(Similar to Herwig, Madgraph,...)



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Beam particle →
Beam energy [MeV] →
Beam position [cm] →

Target shape →
($x_{\min}, x_{\max}, y_{\min}, y_{\max}, z_{\min}, z_{\max}$)

Target Material (Tungsten) →

Define cell →
(Fill the material in the surface
with a density [g/cm^3])

User Defined Parameters →
ALP Mass [GeV] →
ALP-photon coupling[1/GeV] →

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[ parameters ]
maxcas = 10000

[ source ]
proj = positron
e0 = 4000
z0 = -5

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[ material ]
mat[1] W 1

[ cell ]
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102 0 -99 #101

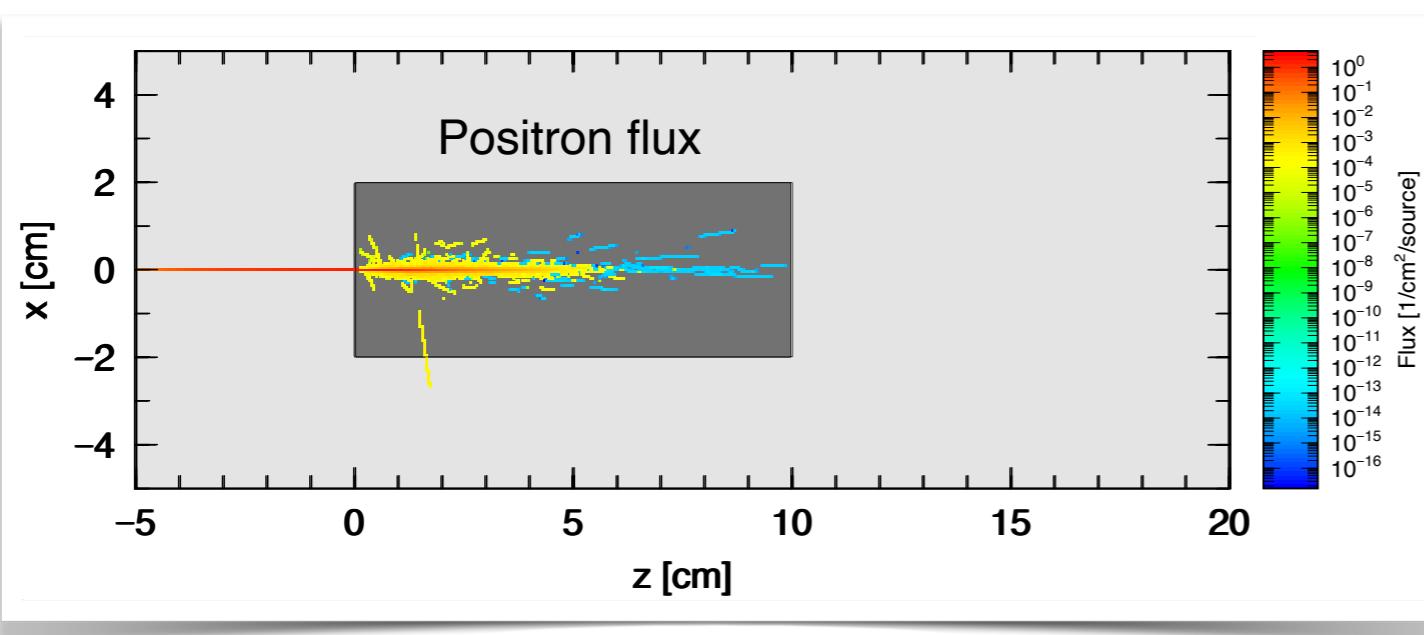
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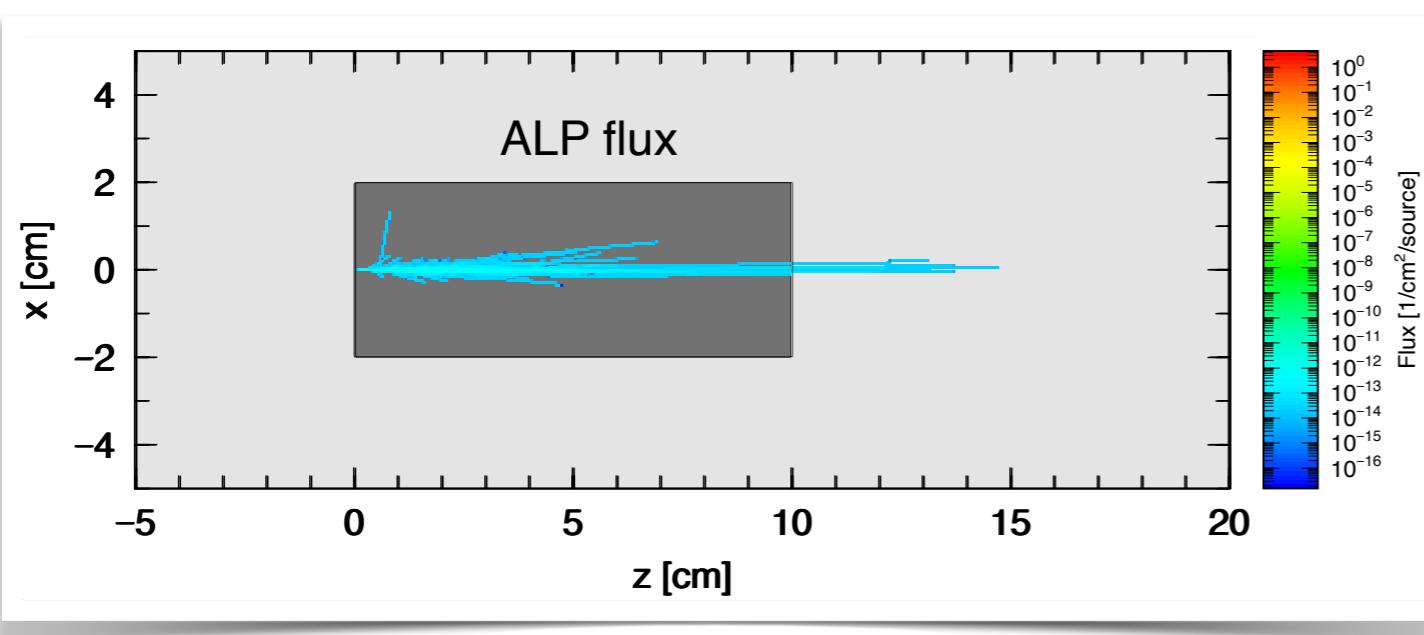
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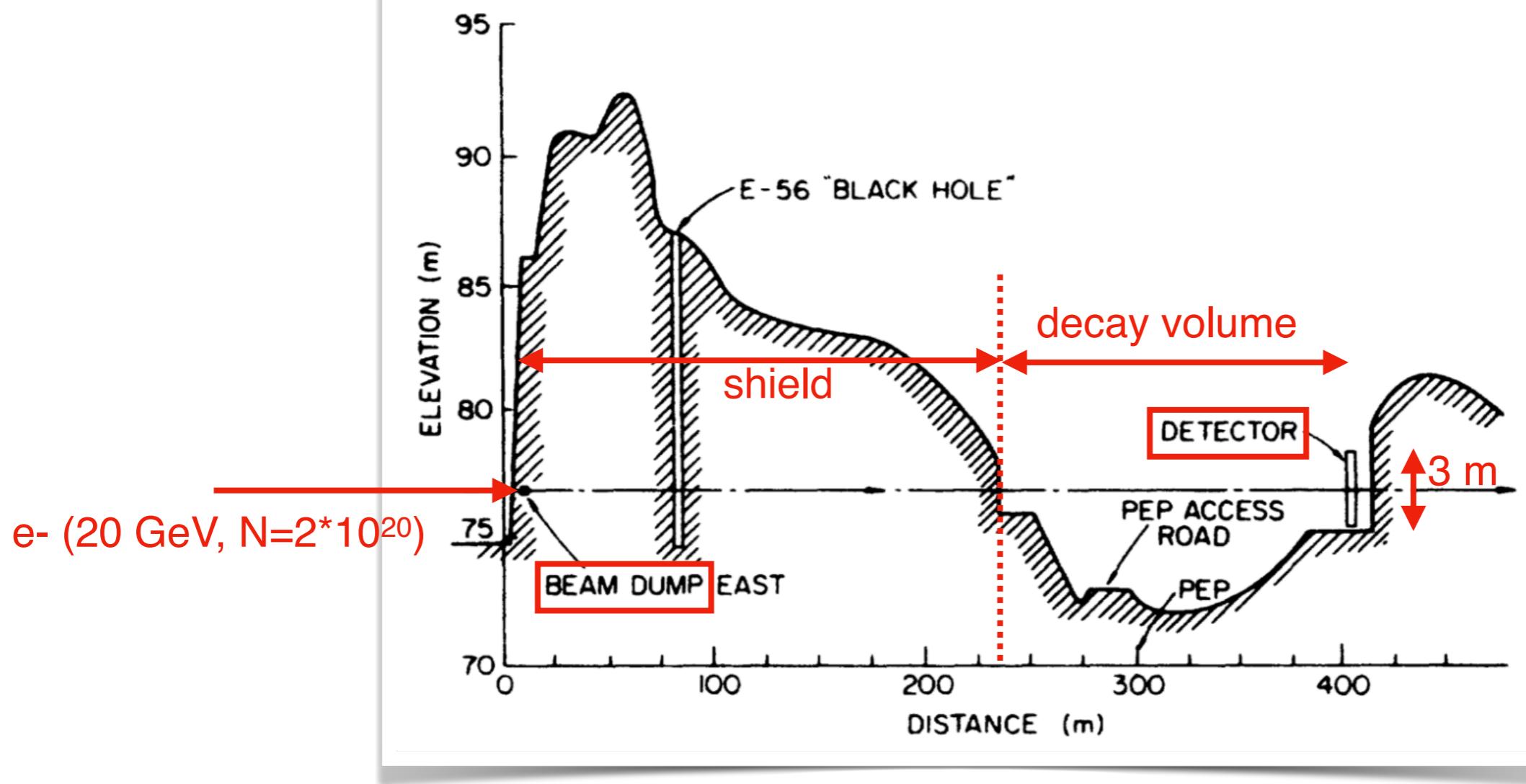
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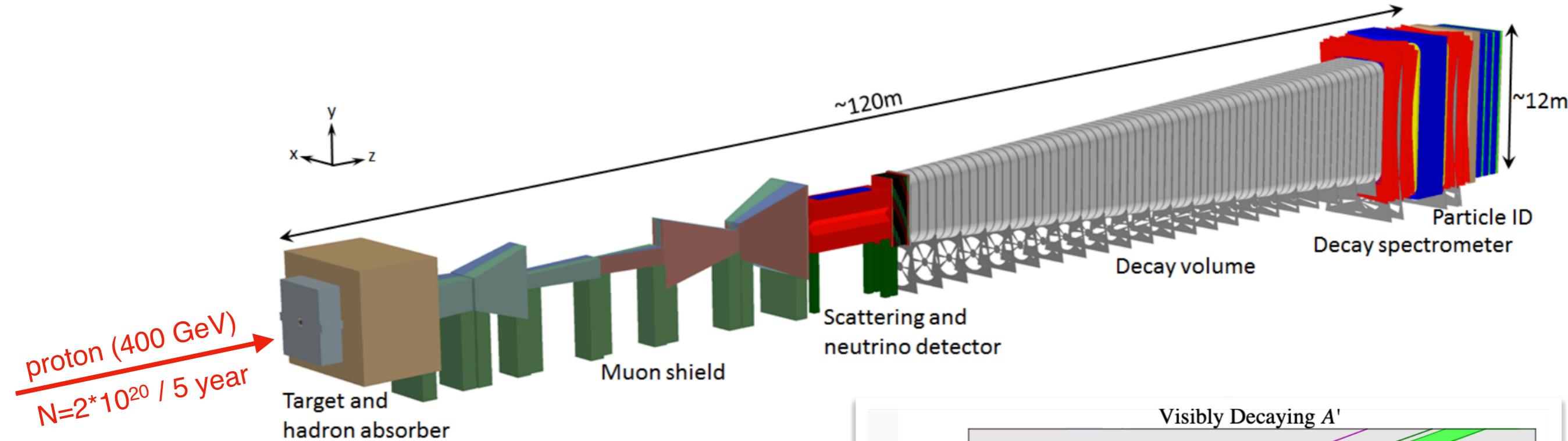
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E137 experiment

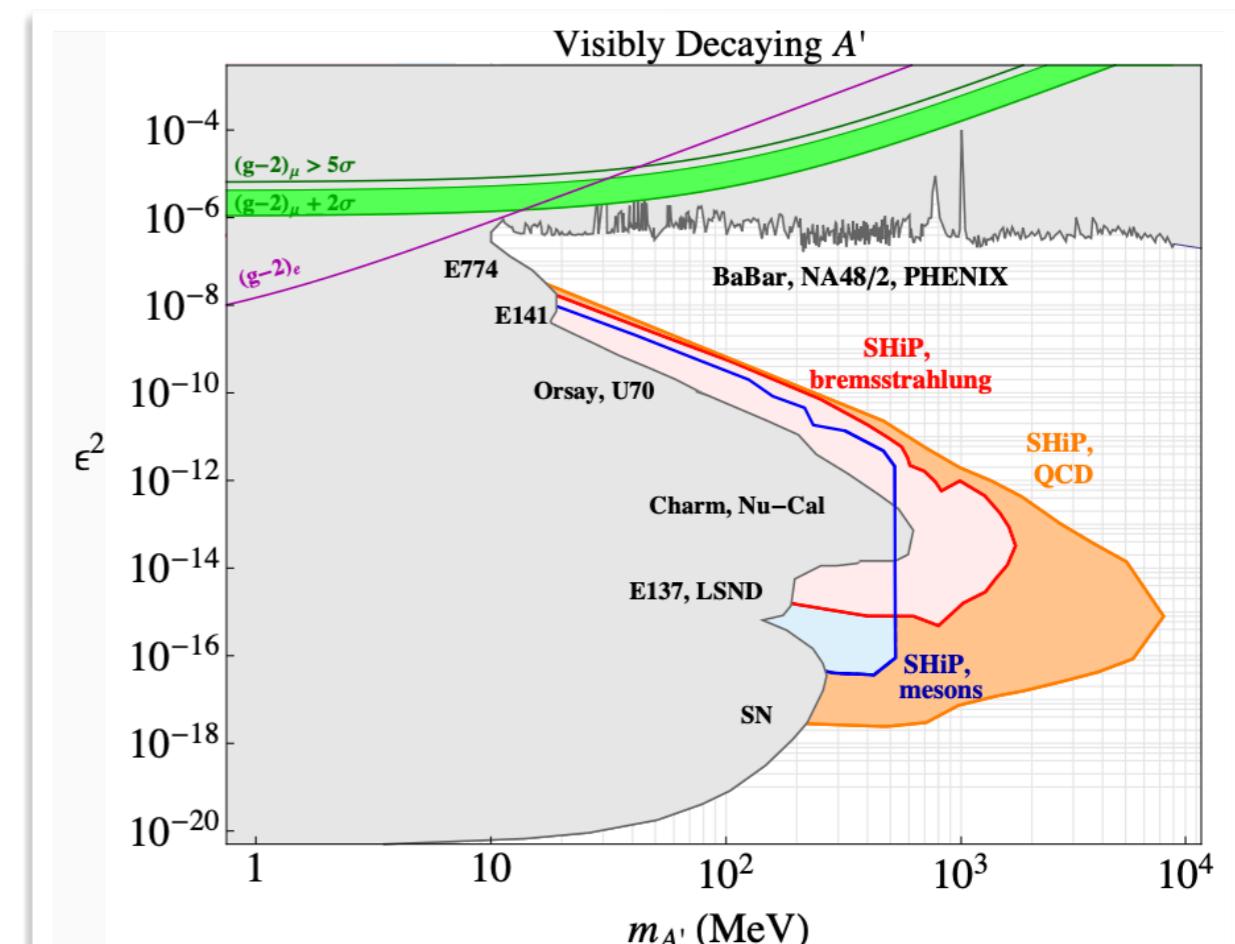
J.D. Bjorken, S. Ecklund, W.R. Nelson, A. Abashian, C. Church
[Phys.Rev.D 38 \(1988\) 3375](#)



- ✓ SLAC
- ✓ Electron beam dump experiment
- ✓ Zero background setup (Shield is long)
- ✓ (Mainly) Visible decay search
- ✓ Integrated injection power ($E_{beam} * N$) is very high and decay volume is long.
 - High sensitivity to small coupling region (Long life time region)
 - Weak to short lifetime region (relatively large couple region)

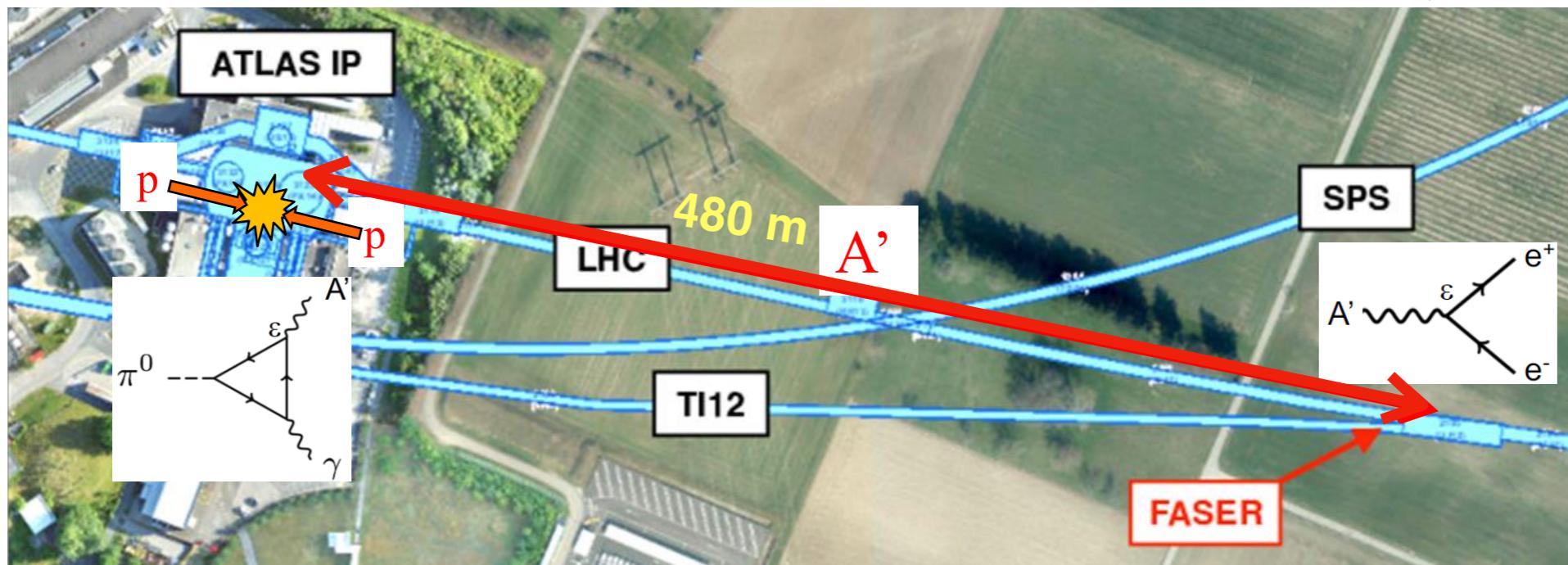


- ✓ SPS@CERN
- ✓ Proton fixed target experiment
- ✓ (Mainly) Visible decay search
- ✓ High injection power (E^*N)
- ✓ Zero background experiment
 - Muon active shield
 - Surrounding Veto detectors
- ✓ Difficult to build due to higher cost

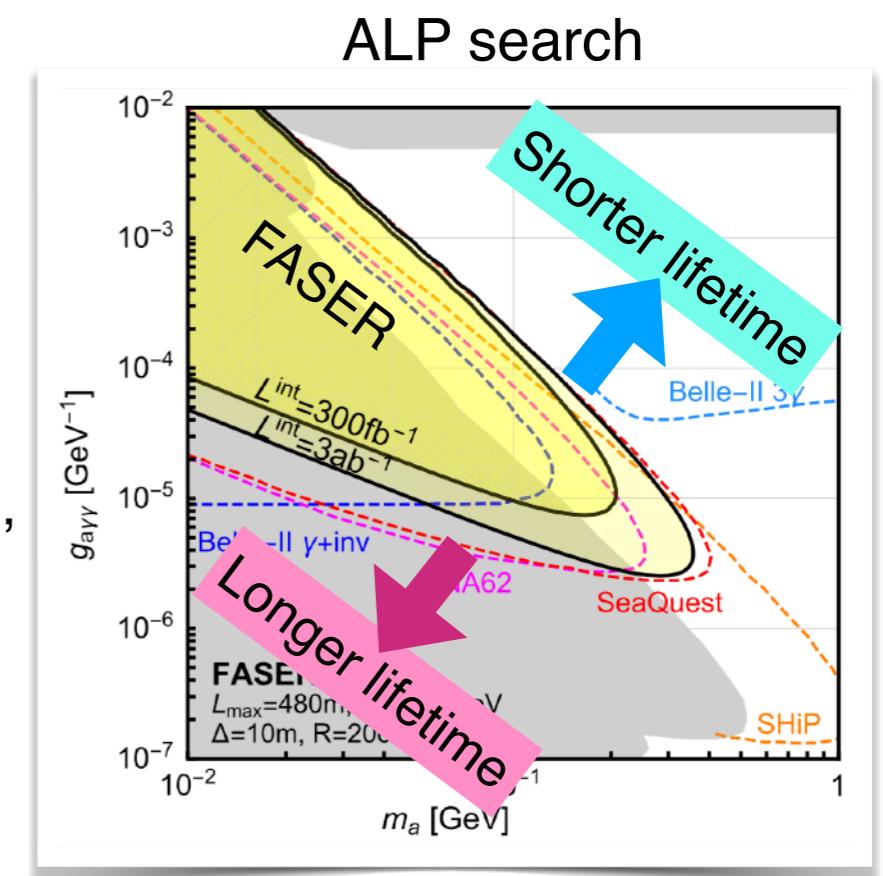


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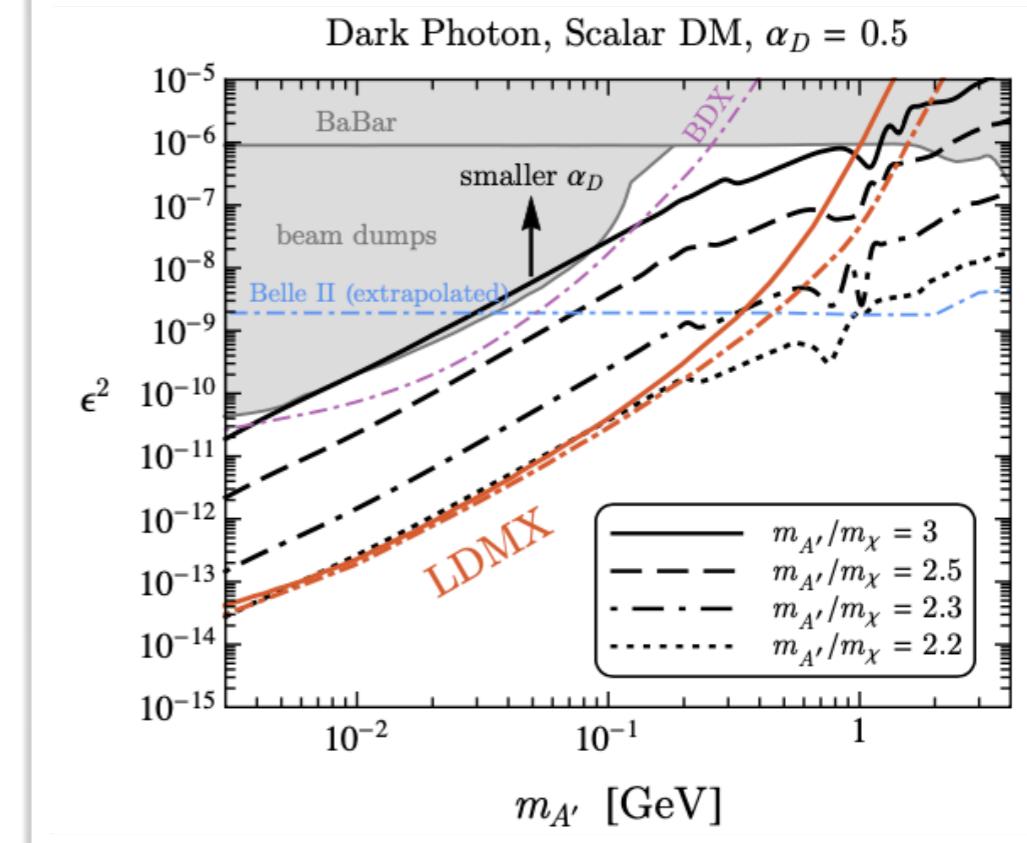
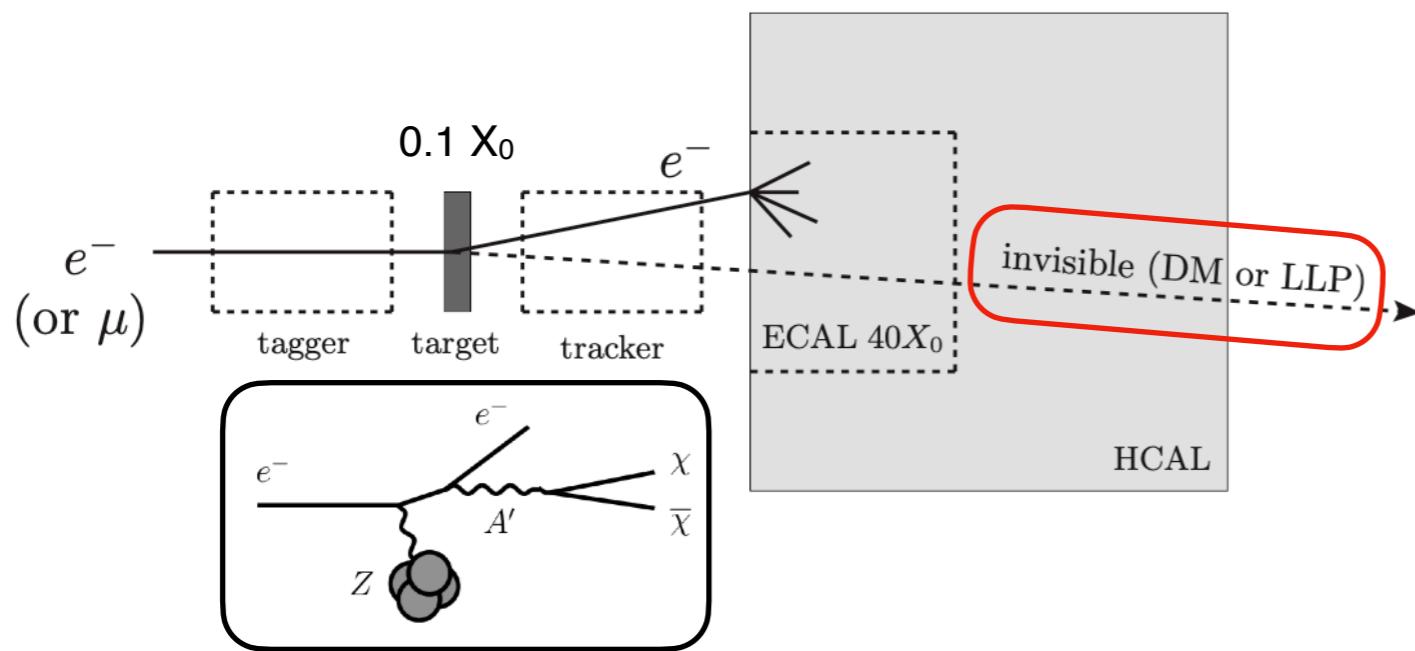
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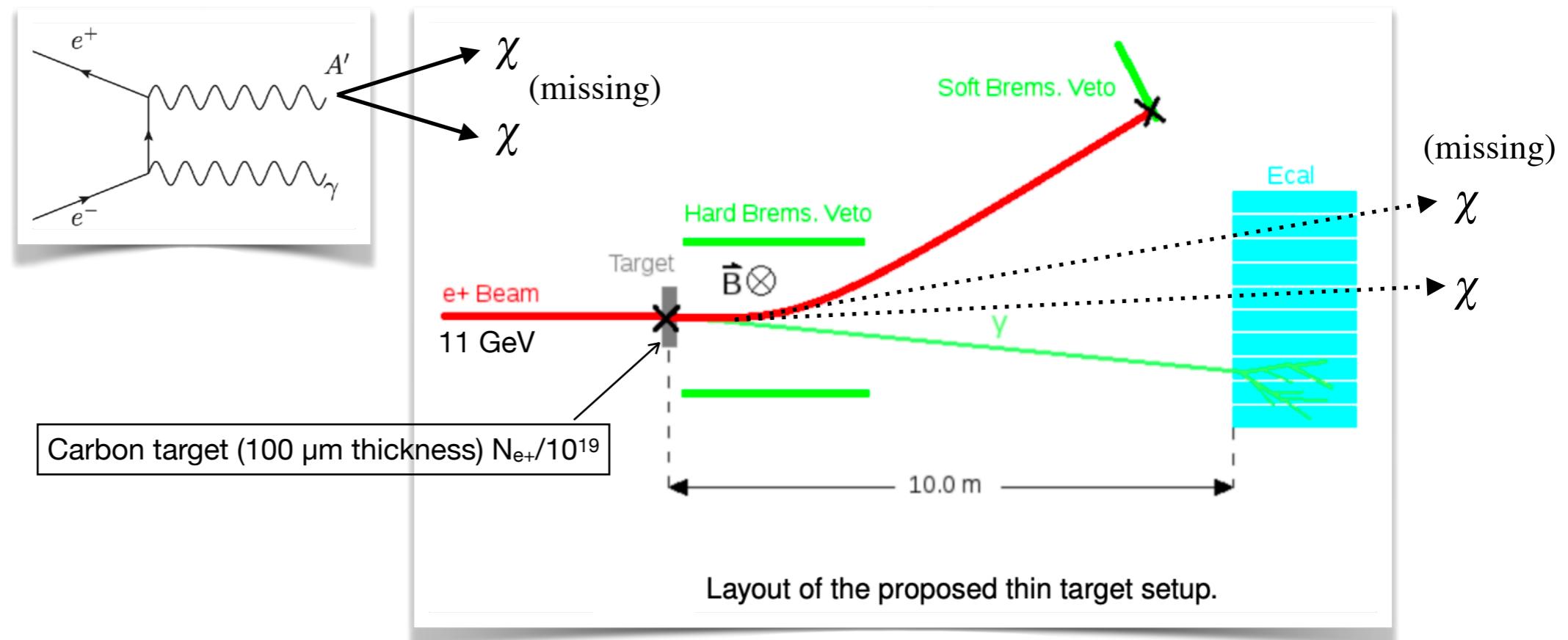
- ✓ LHC@CERN
- ✓ Proton forward experiment (Approved)
- ✓ (Mainly) Visible decay search
- ✓ $N_\pi = 2 * 10^{17} / 150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (less sensitivity to small coupling)
- ✓ Due to large small-t cross section of high energy proton collision, **very boosted particles** along to beam direction are produced.
- ✓ **High sensitivity to short lifetime region.**
- ✓ Non-zero BG
- ✓ Decay particles of very-high energy must be resolved.
Challenging for neutral particles (e.g., $\text{ALP} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)



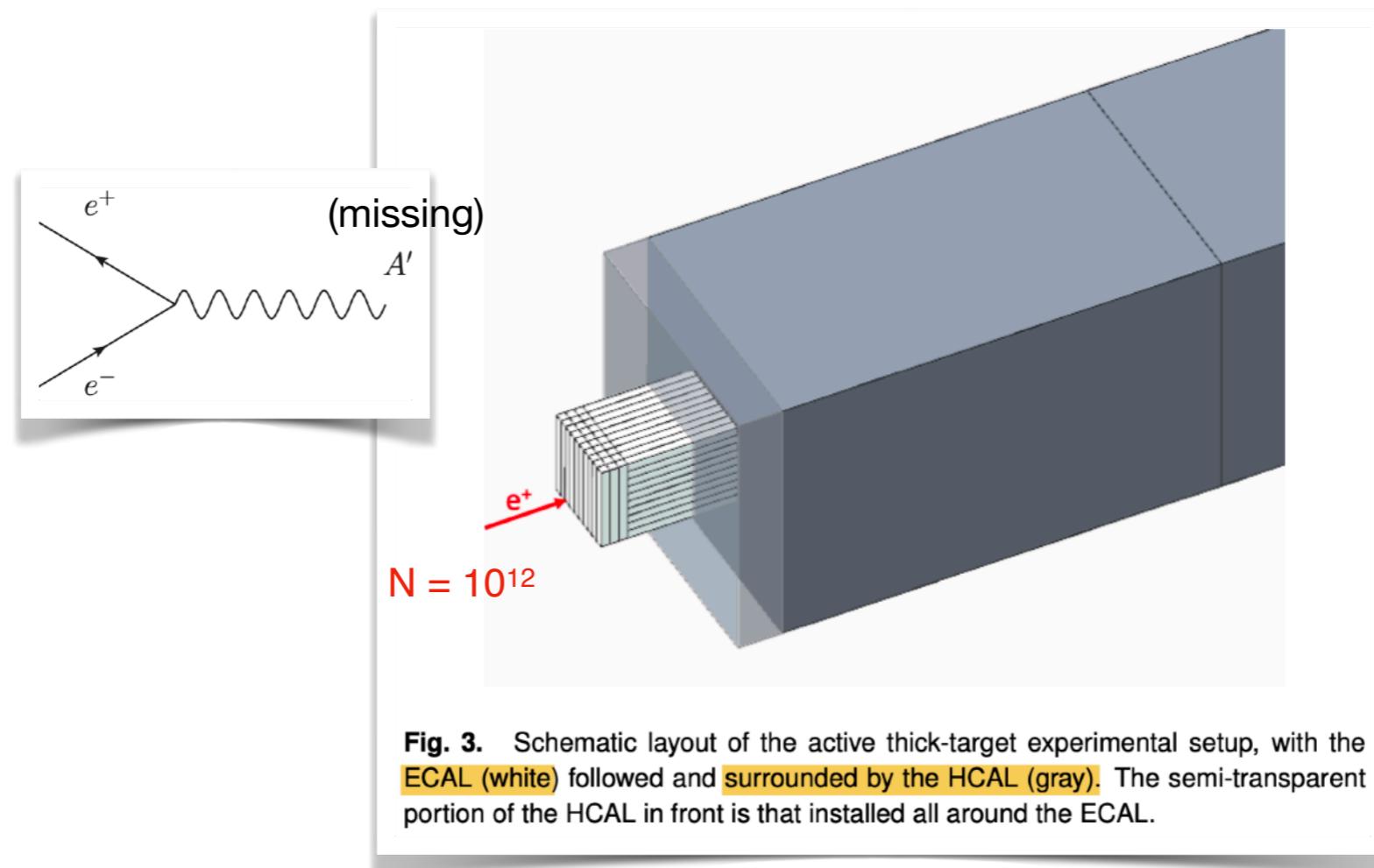
J. L. Feng, I. Galon, F. Kling, S. Trojanowski, arXiv:1806.02348



- ✓ LCLS-II beam line @SLAC ?
- ✓ (Mainly) Invisible decay search (Missing momentum measurement)
- ✓ High sensitivity to dark sector
(ILC: $\sim 10^{10}$ e/bunch)
- ✓ Low-bunch density (1-10 e/bunch), High repetition rate (>46 MHz)
is key technologies (CW mode of Superconducting cavities)
- ✓ Each electrons are tagged
- ✓ $N=4 \times 10^{14}$ (phase-1), $\sim 10^{16}$ (phase-2)
- ✓ Background
 - $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi n$, (backward pion and missing forward neutron)
 - ...



- ✓ CEBAF @JLab
- ✓ Experiment using positron
- ✓ Invisible decay search
- ✓ Missing mass search: $M_{\text{miss}}^2 = (p_{\text{beam}} + p_{\text{target}} - p_\gamma)^2$
- ✓ High quality positron beam and high resolution measurement of recoiled photon is required
- ✓ Very thin target (eliminate BG from EM shower)
- ✓ Background: $e+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $e+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$



- ✓ Using thick active detector
- ✓ Experiment using positron
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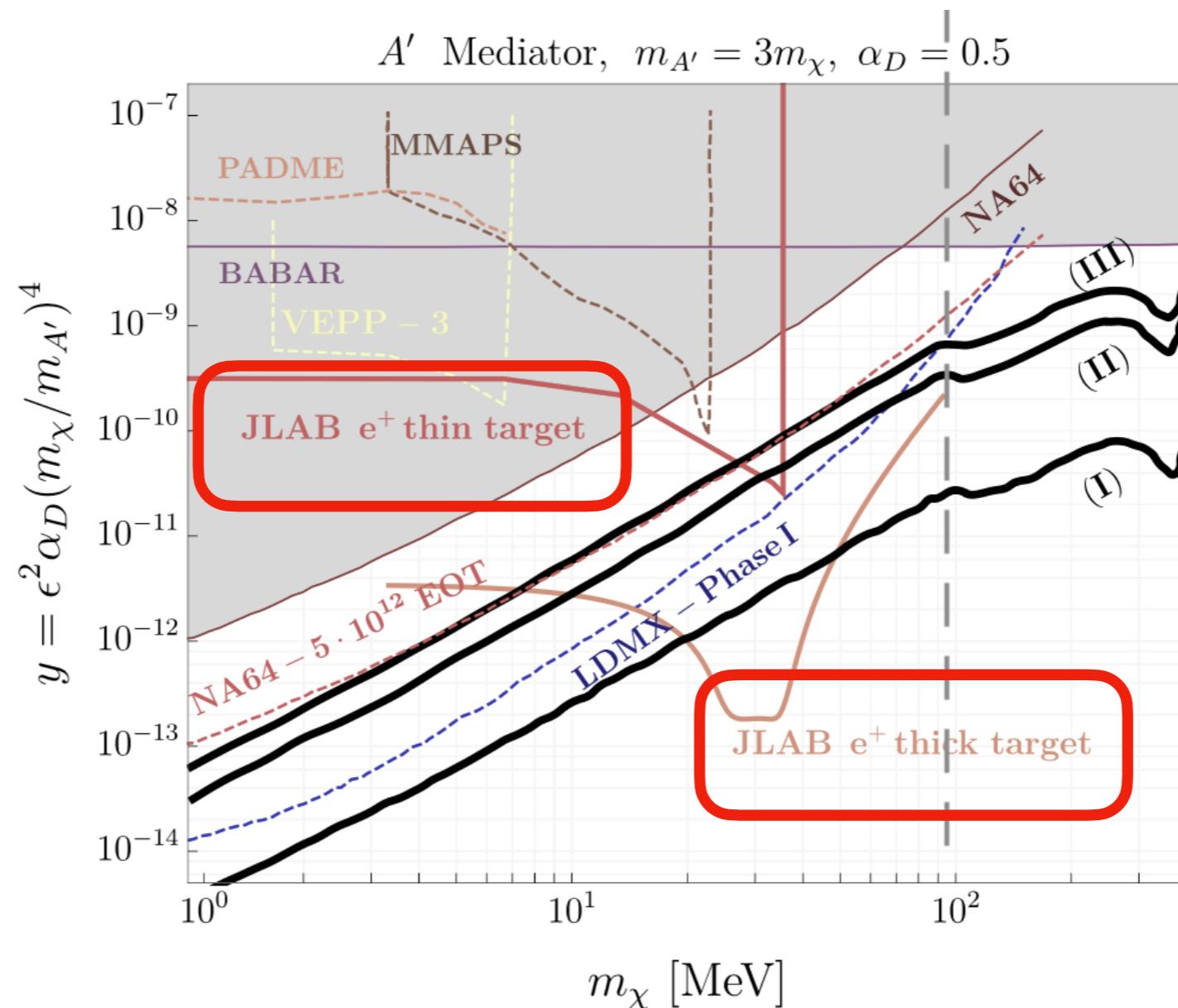
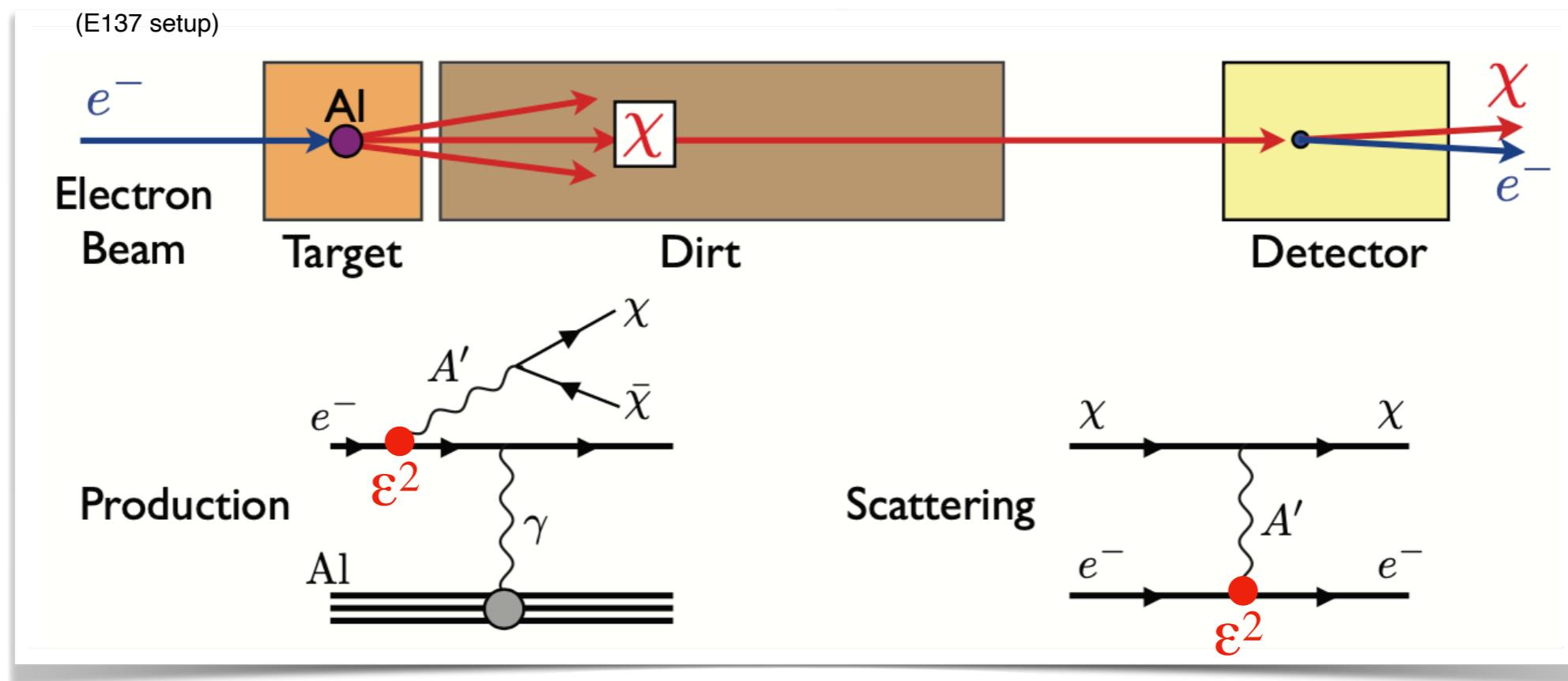


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Invisible particle search using visible search setup

B. Batell, R. Essig, Z. Surujon, arXiv:1406.2698



- ✓ Visible search can do invisible search like
- ✓ However, it has large suppression ($N_{\text{signal}} \propto \varepsilon^4$) compared to invisible search ($N_{\text{signal}} \propto \varepsilon^2$)
- ✓ A half-invisible case like $\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 A'$, $A' \rightarrow ee$ is searchable in visible setup

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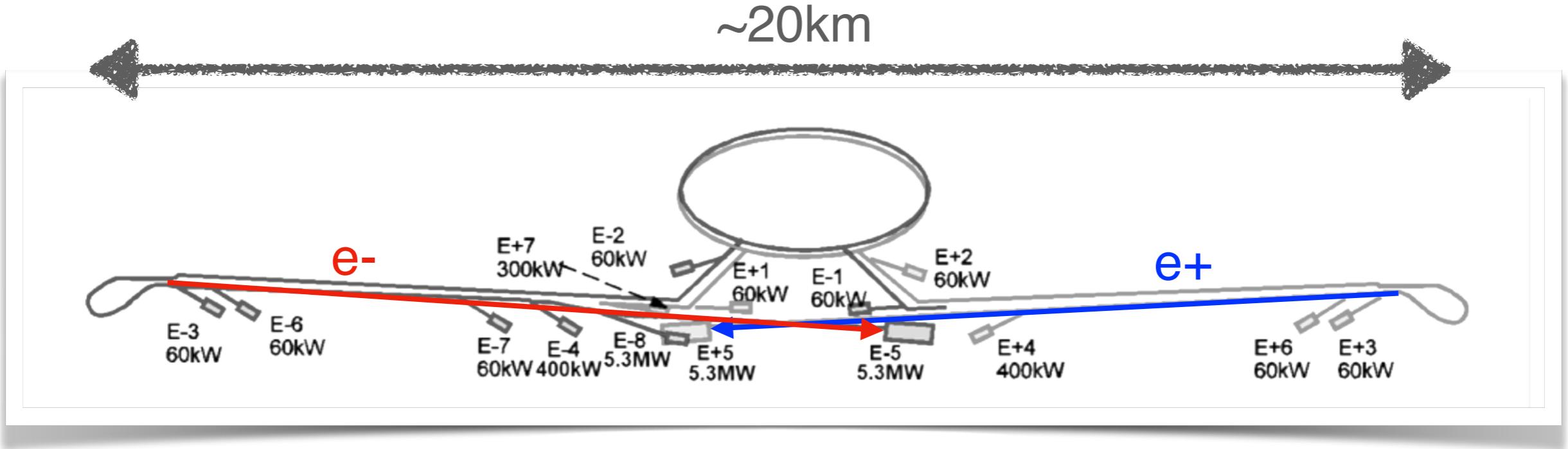
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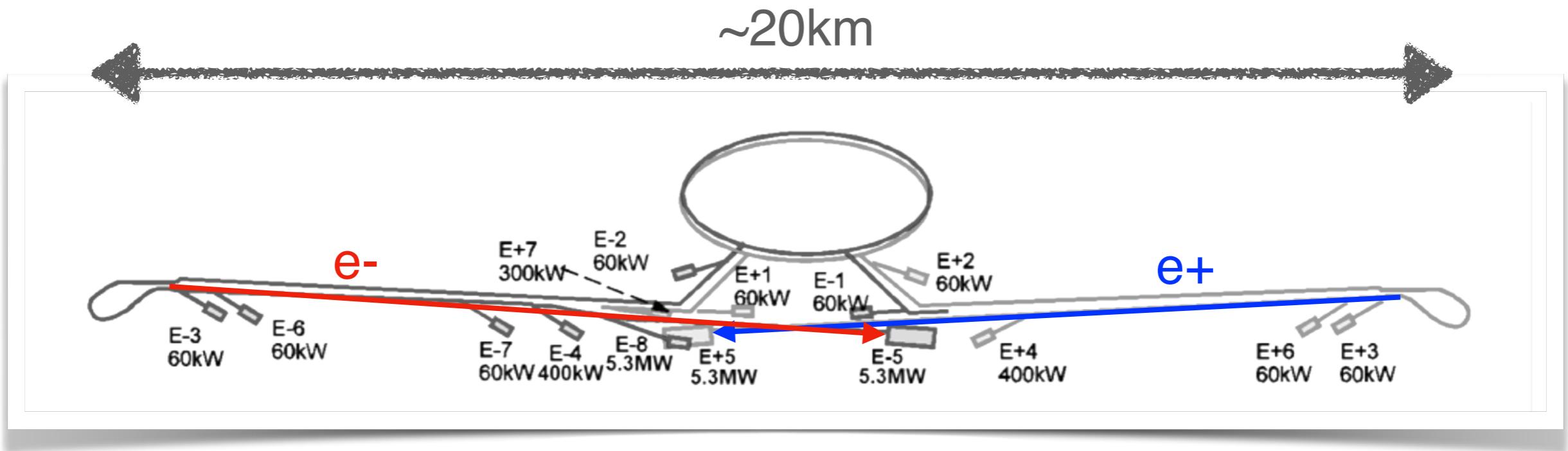
ILC



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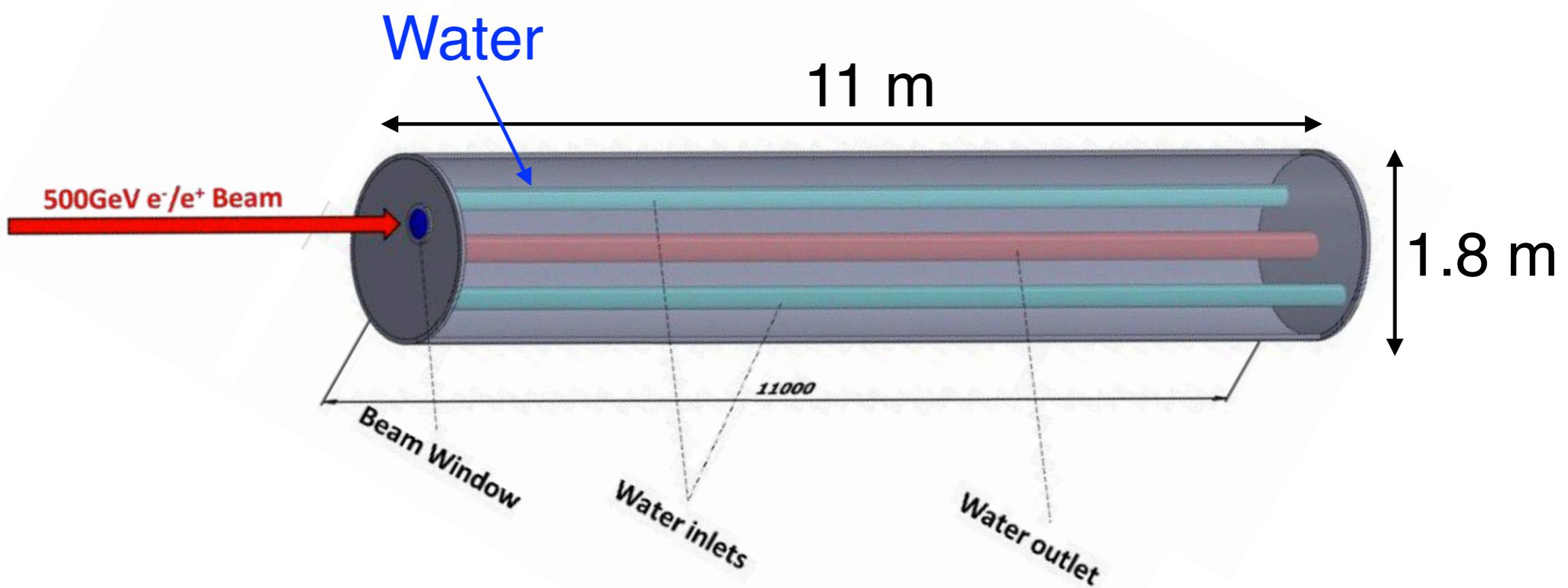
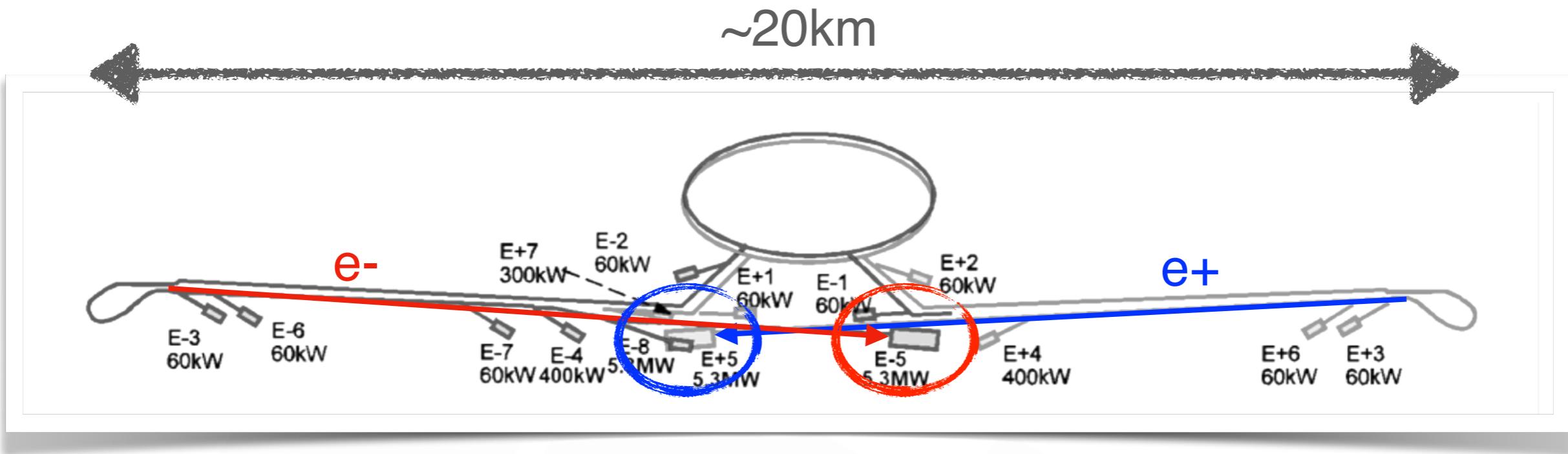
Here, let's consider some possibilities of fixed target experiment at ILC.

(1) Main beam dumps for e+ and e-



- Almost all e+ and e- do **not collide** at the center.
- These are just discarded in **main beam dumps (E+5 and E-5)**.
- Main beam dump experiment can be performed **in parallel with** the collider experiment.
- Statistics are not limited by the collider experiment.

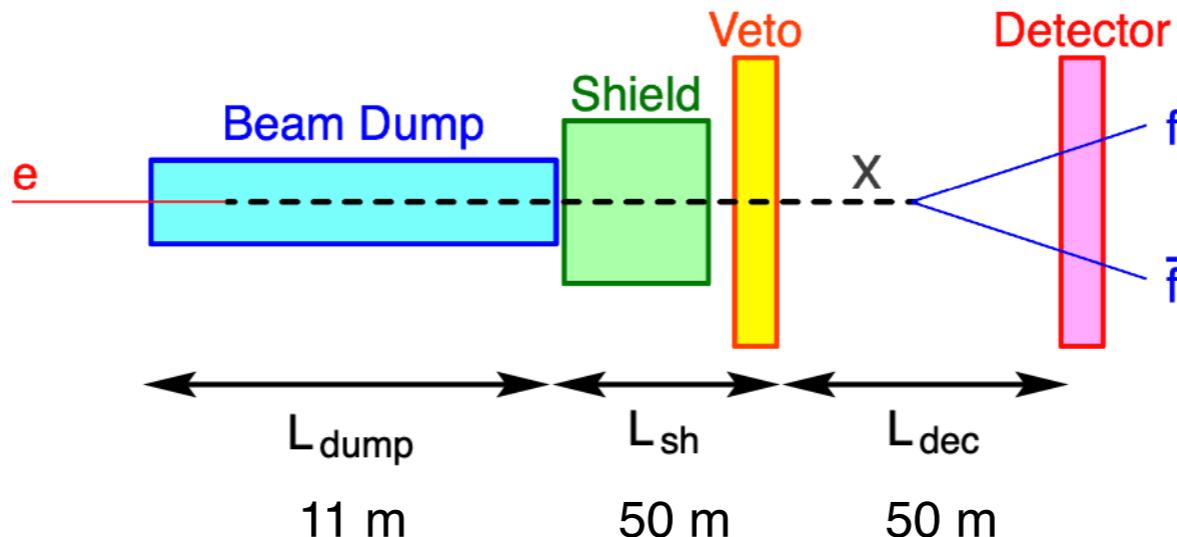
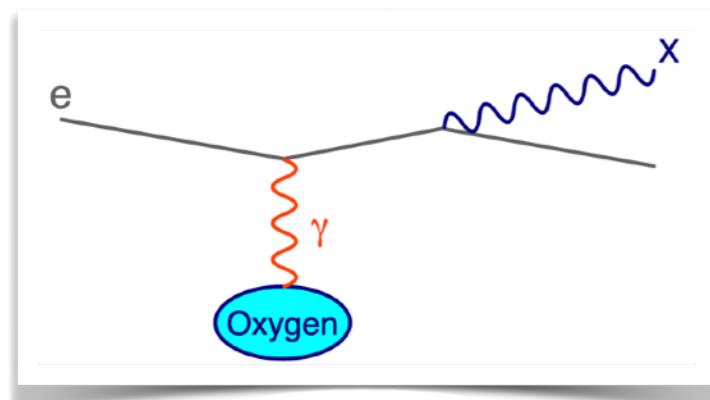
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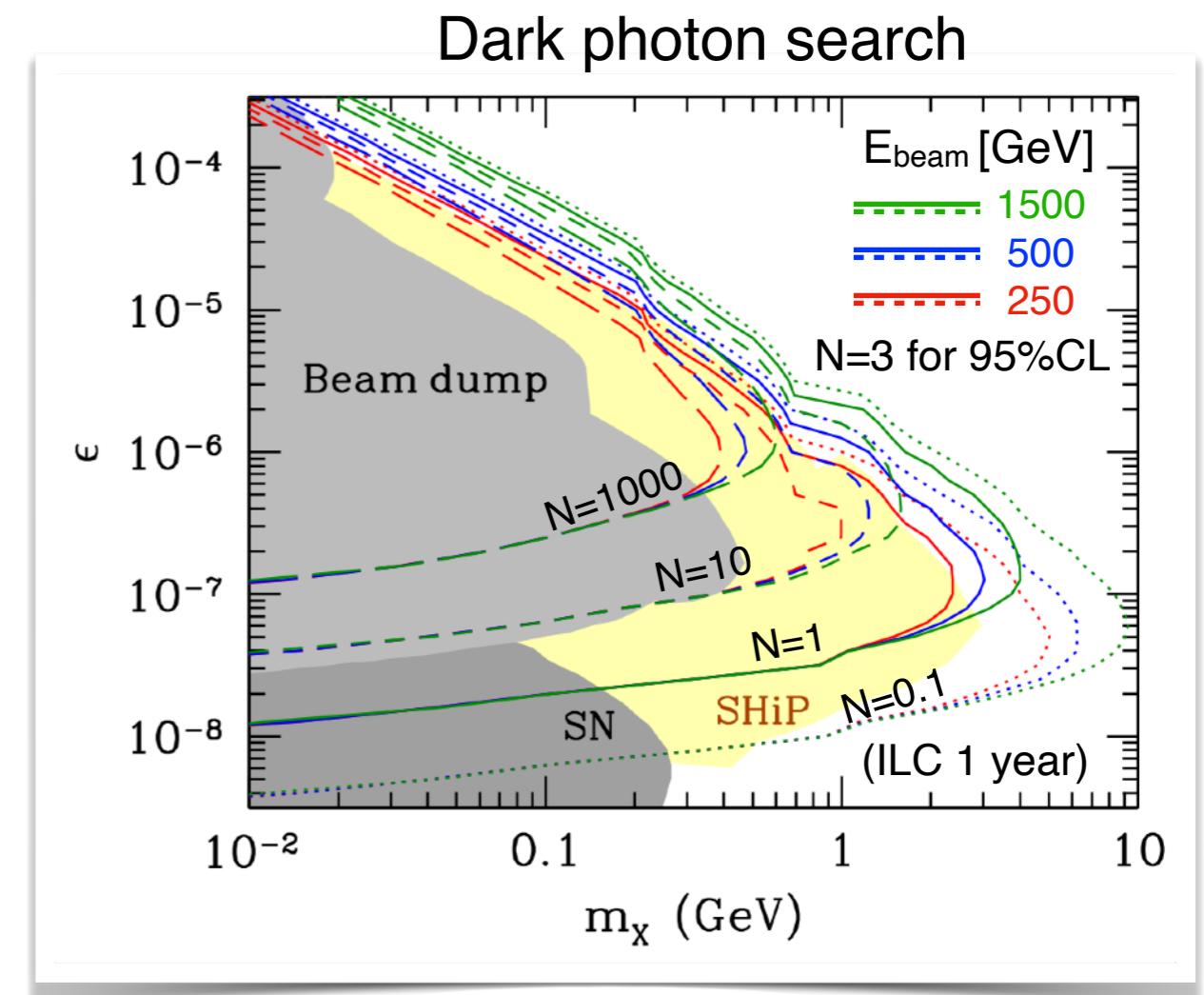
(Base design) P. Satyamurthy, et.al., NIM A 679 (2012)

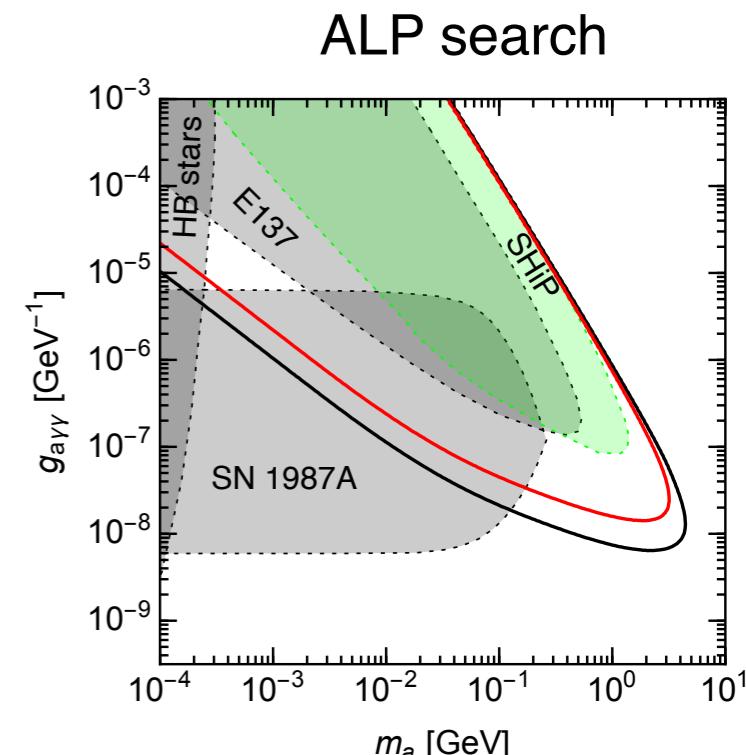
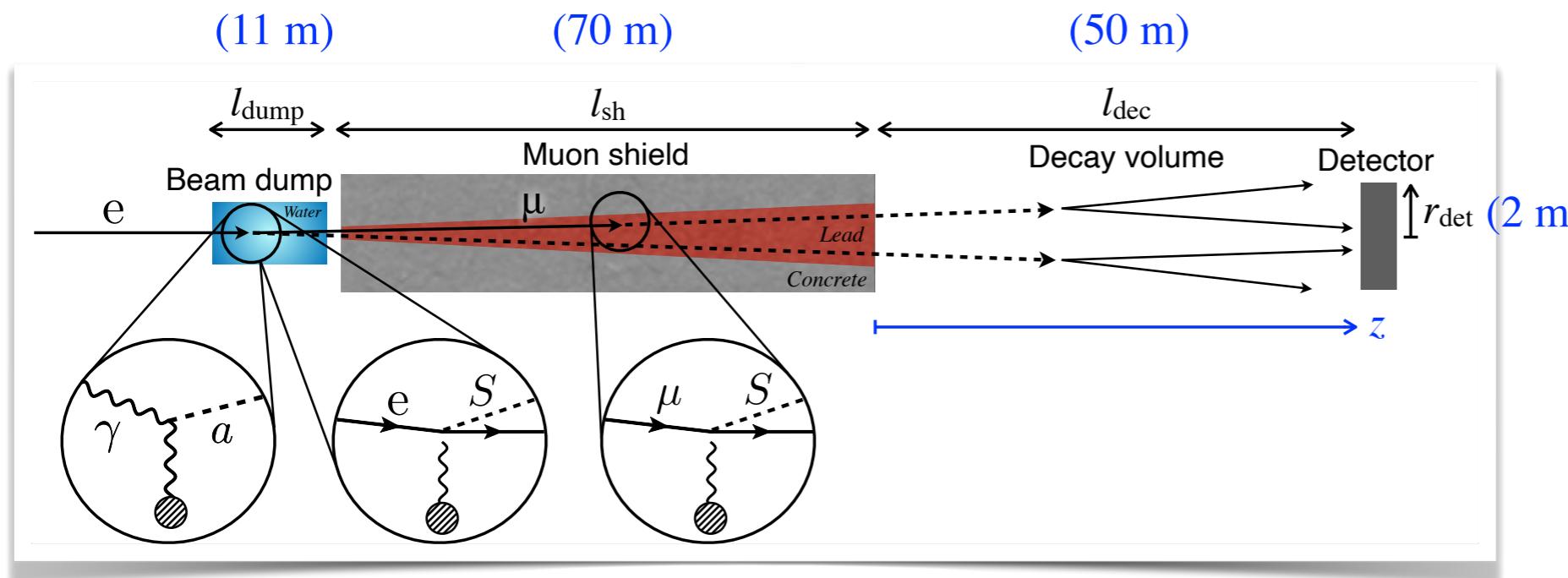
ILC / Future Linear Collider

S.Kanemura, T.Moroi, T.Tanabe. arXiv:1507.02809

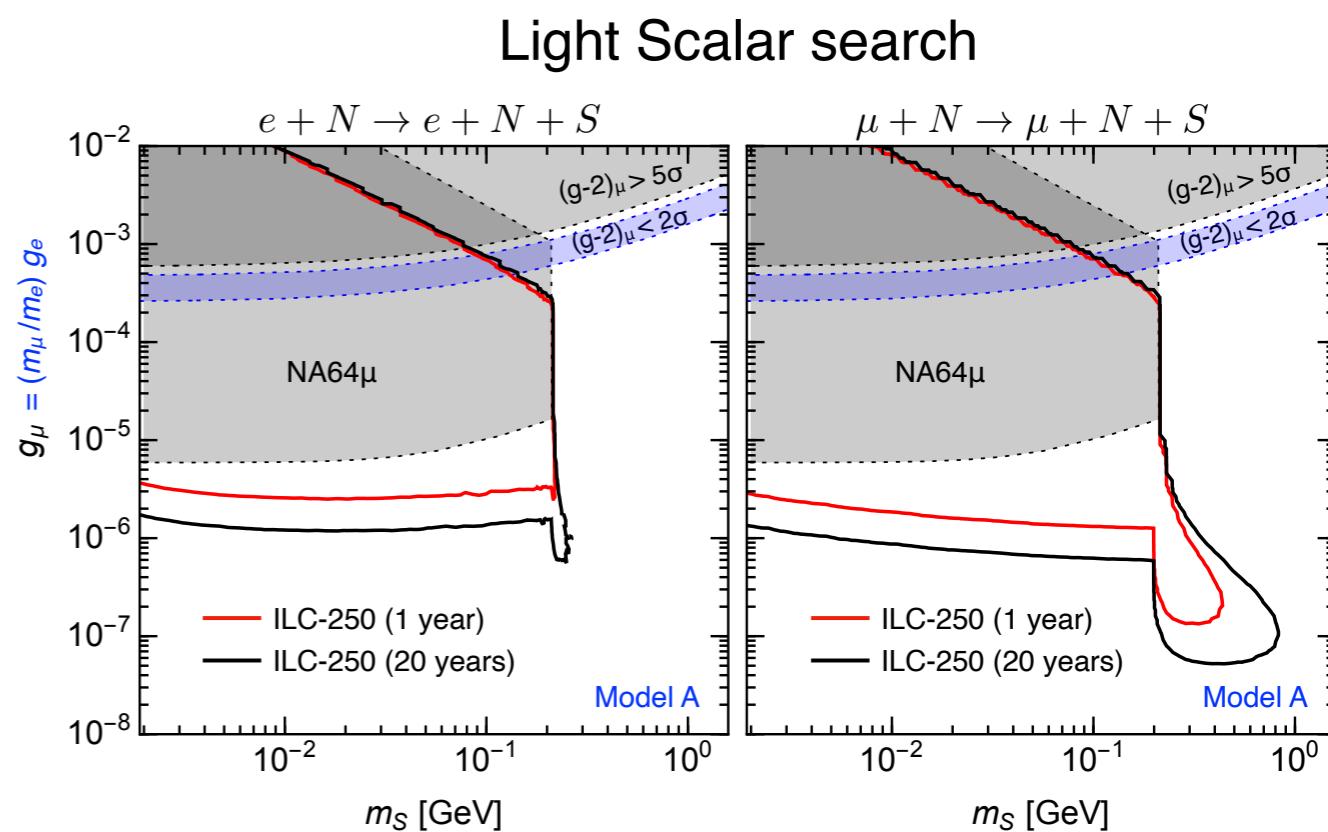


- ✓ Zero background experiment
 - SHiP-like magnetic muon shield is assumed
- ✓ ILC can search on the large unexplored region.
- ✓ ILC beam dump experiment is attractive since the SHiP would be difficult to build.

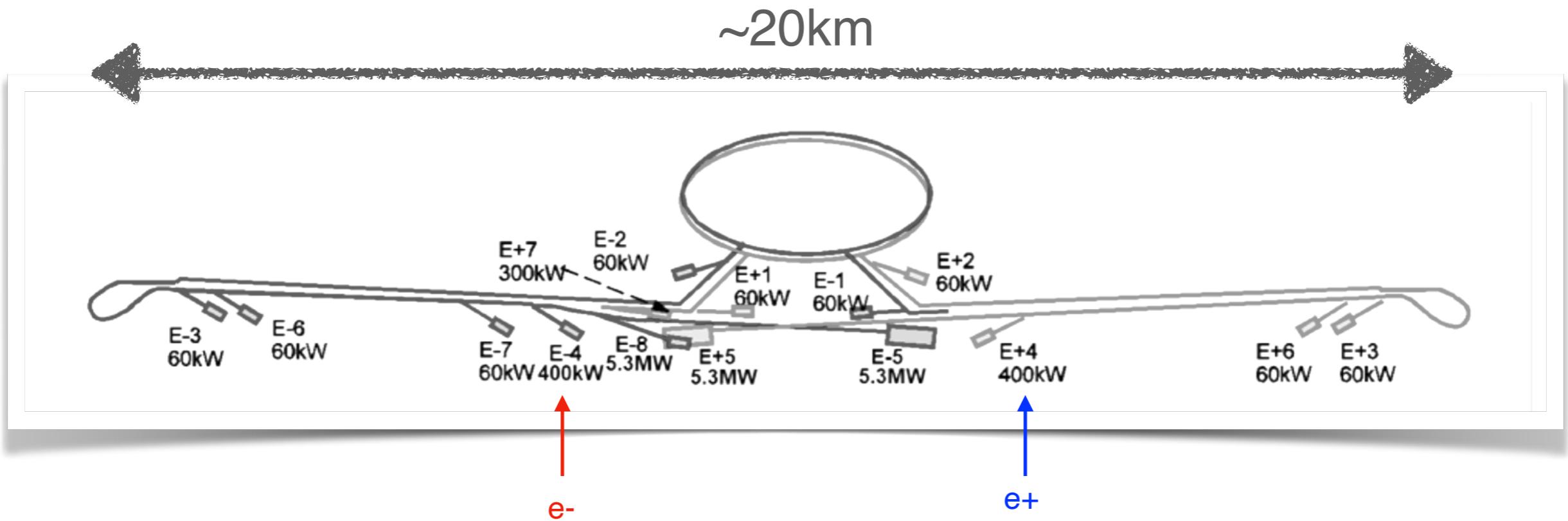




- ✓ Zero background experiment
 - Cheap passive (Lead) muon shield
- ✓ e, γ and μ are useful to search several BSM
- ✓ ILC can search on the large unexplored region.

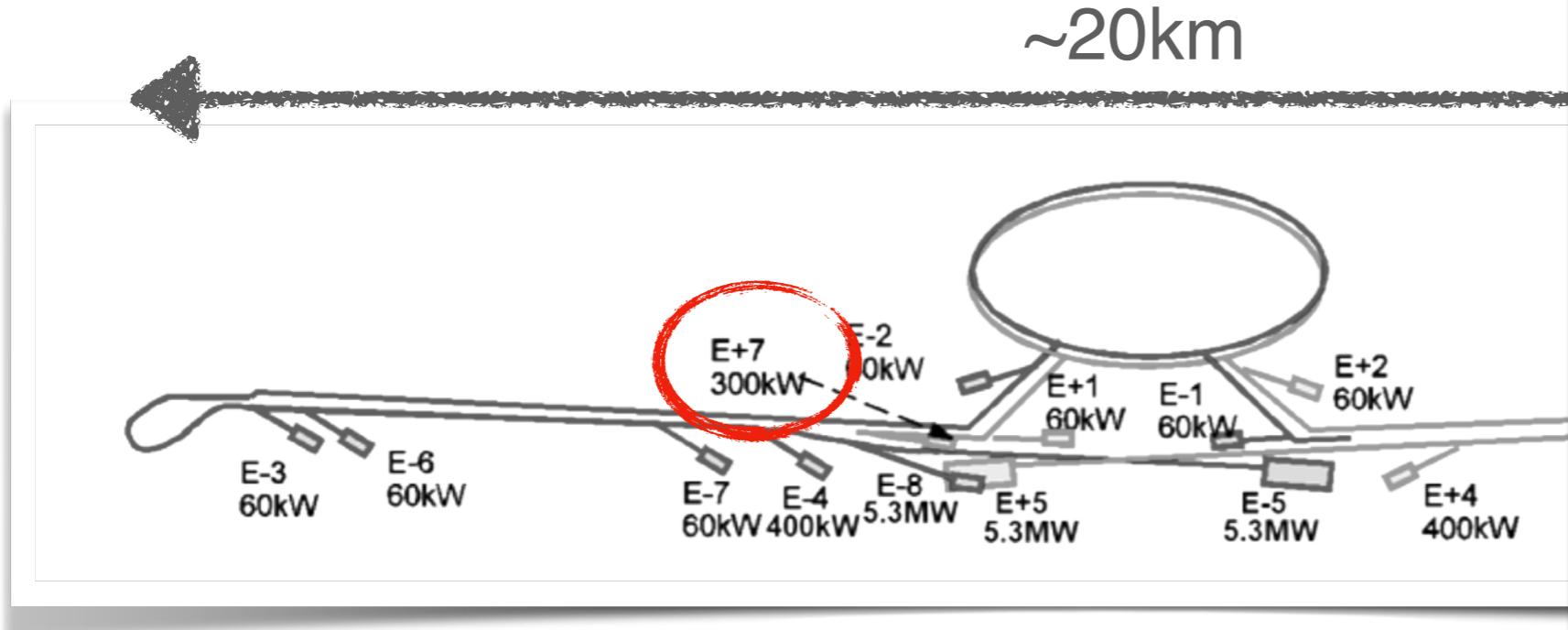


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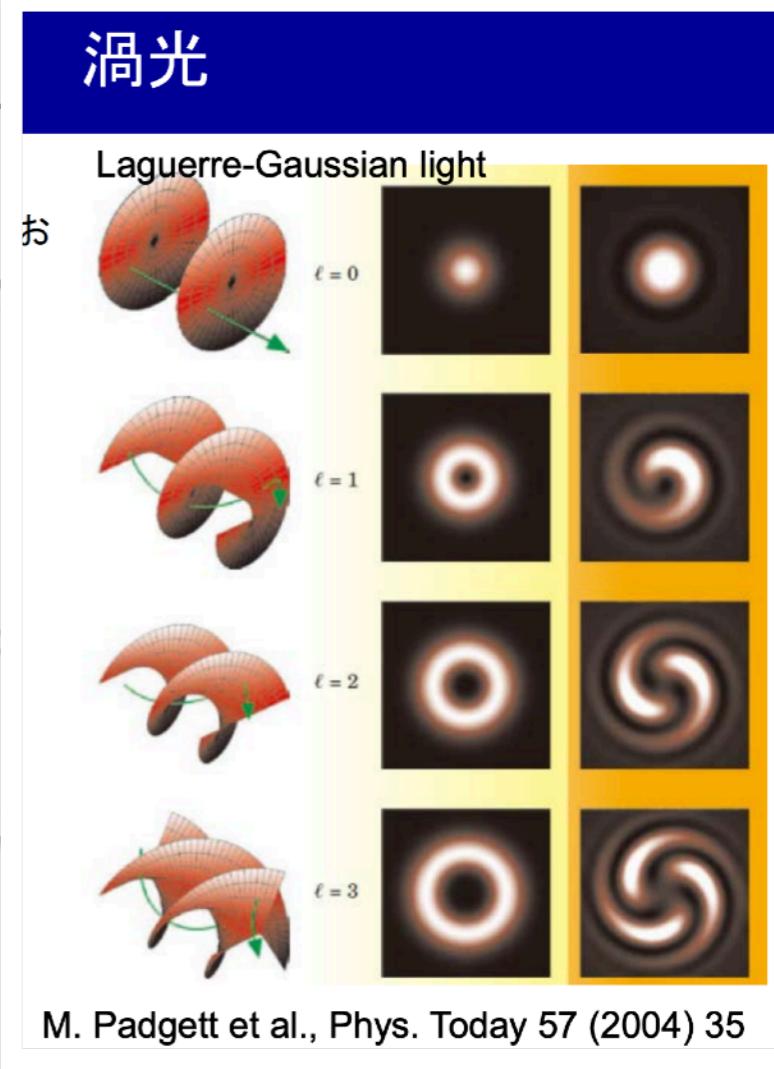


- メインビームダンプ以外でもビームは利用ができる
- 設計が固まる前に使いみちを考えたほうがいい
- 北上山地の ILC 部は花崗岩（すごく硬い）が主なので、後から追加でトンネルを掘るのはかなり大変かも

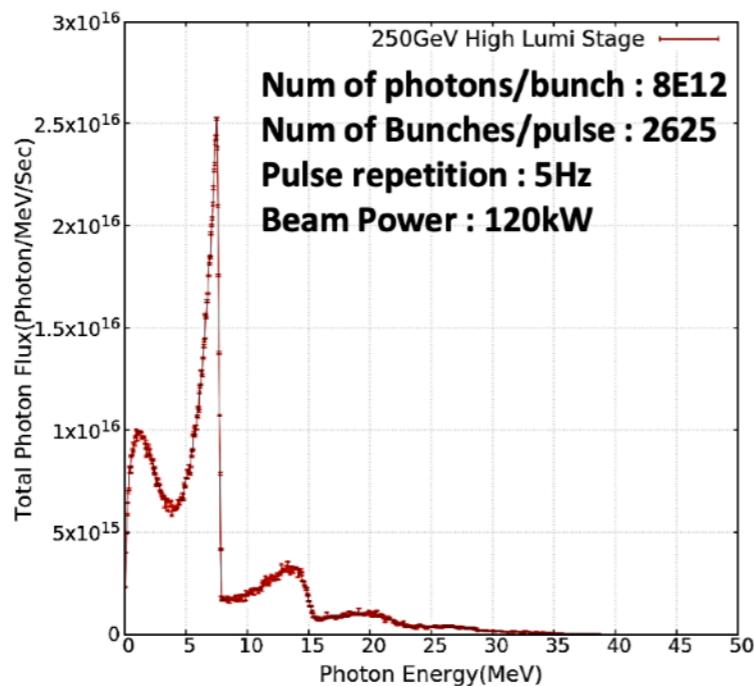
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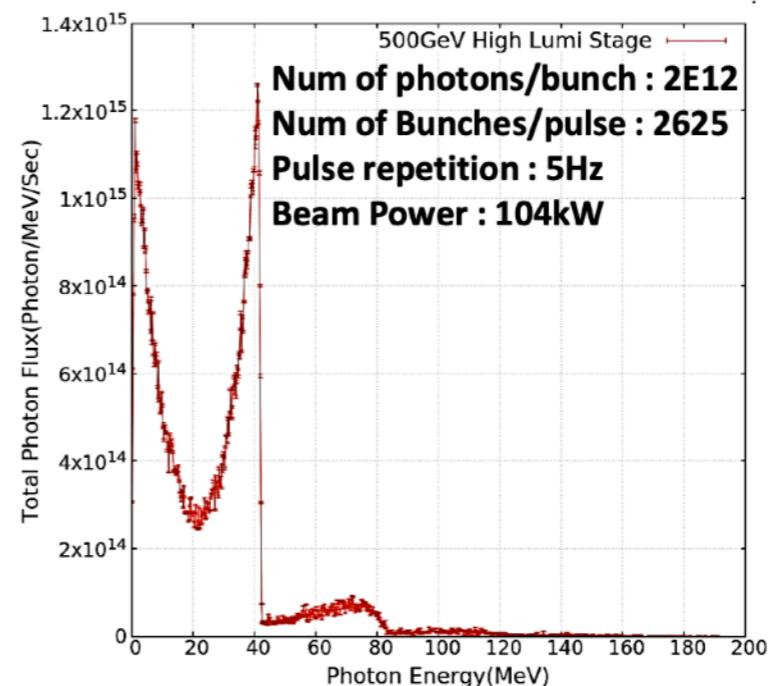
High intensity (undulator) photon source



Photon Energy Spectrum@250GeV stage

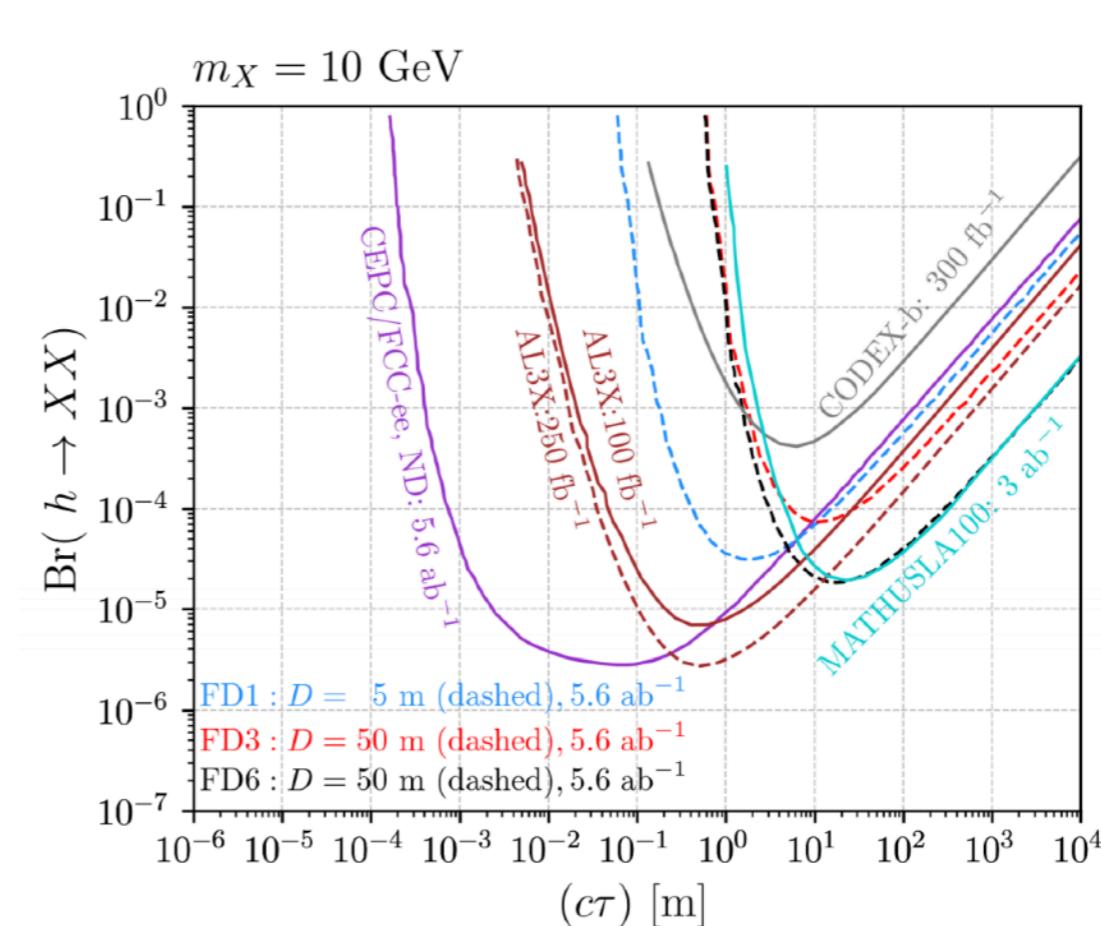
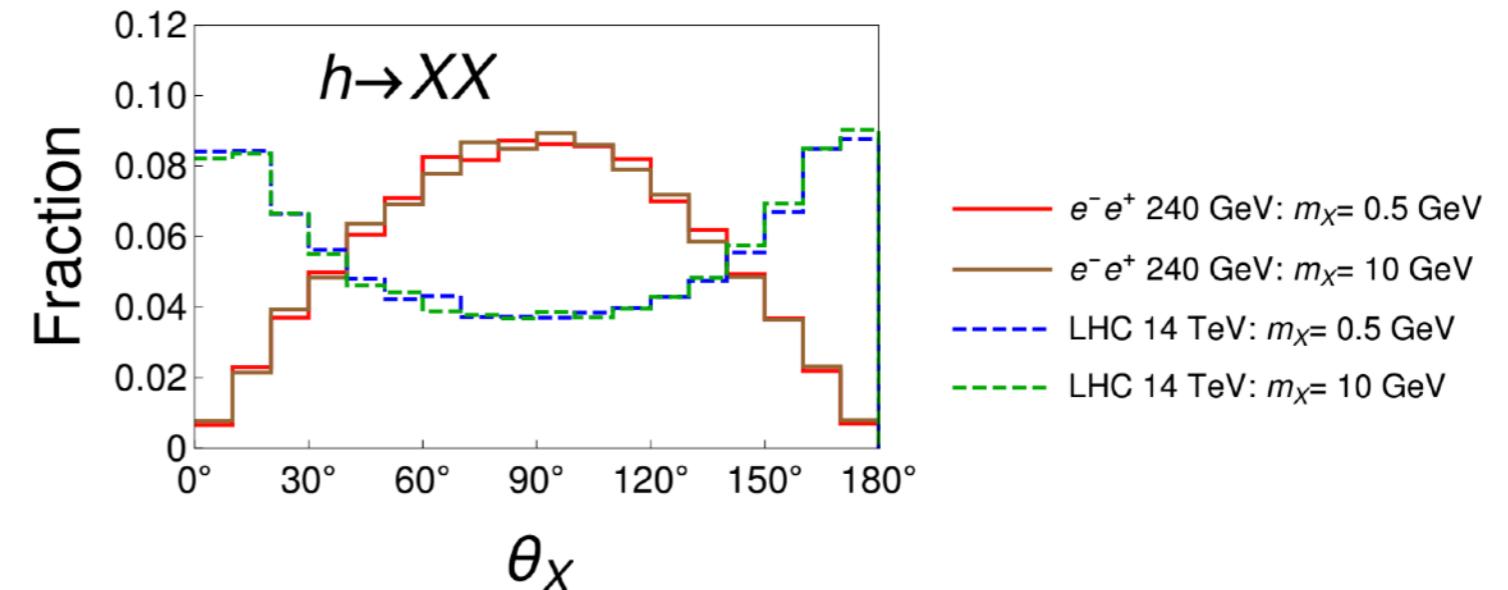
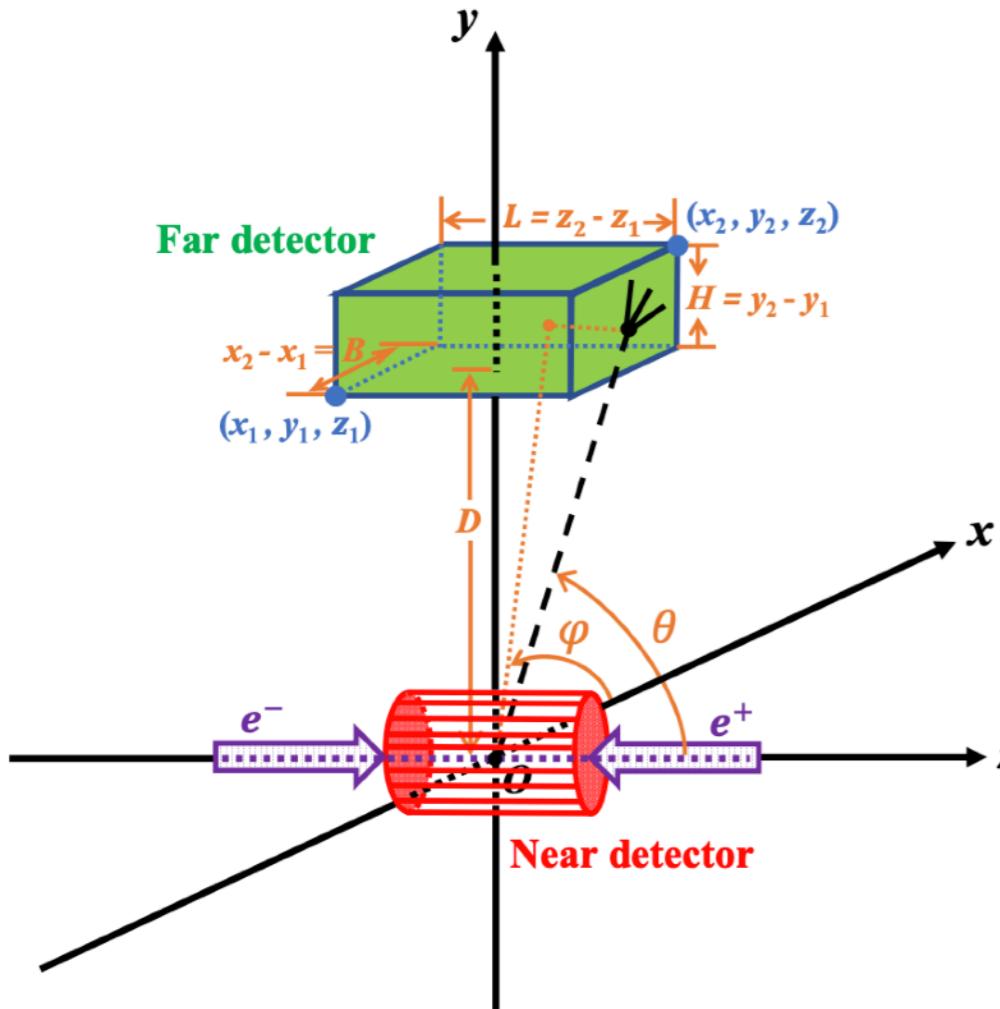


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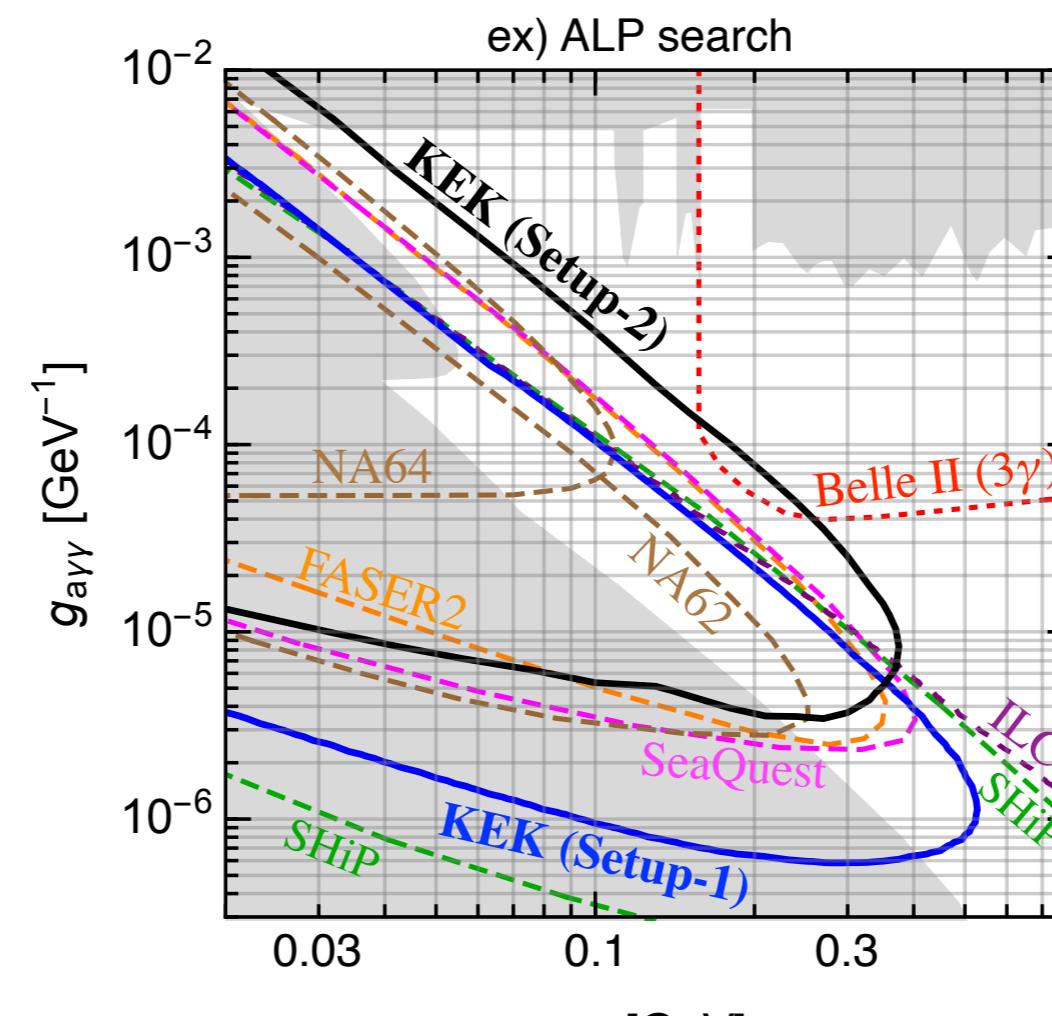
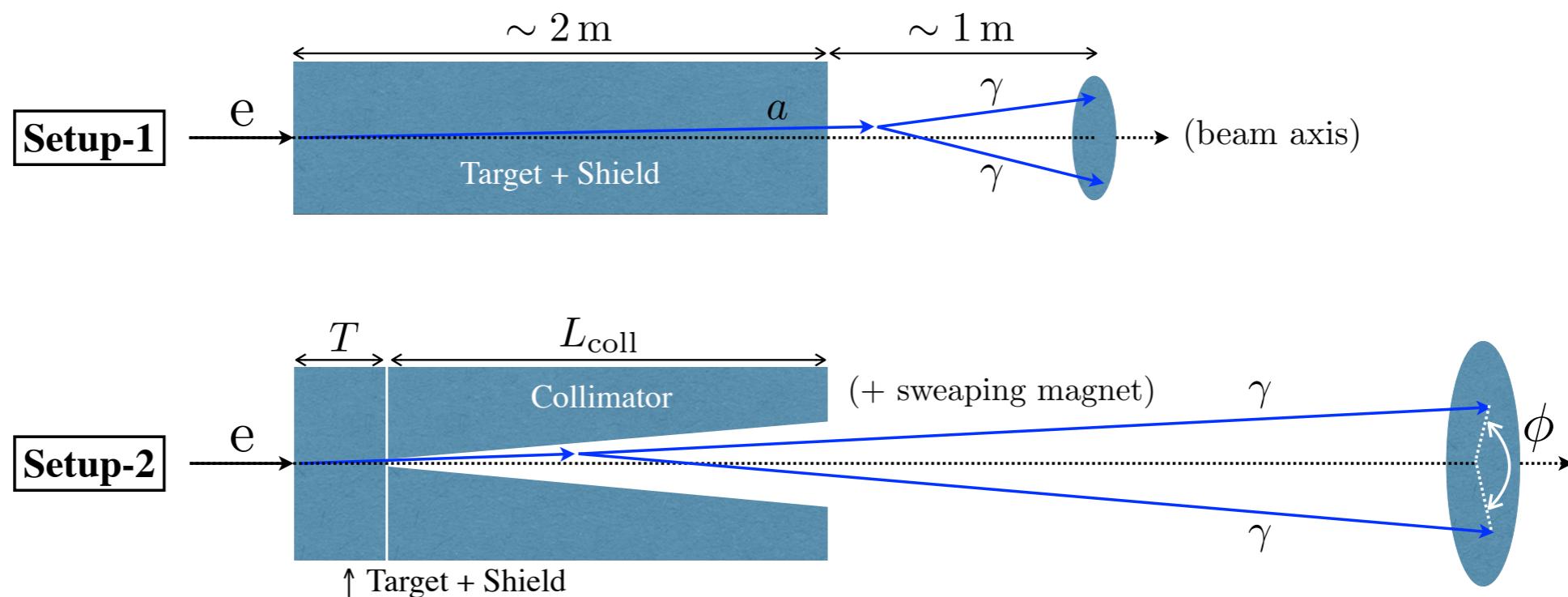


(3) Off-axis detector (Far detector) @e+e- collider

Z.S.Wang, K.Wang, arxiv:1911.06576



KEK Fixed-target experiment

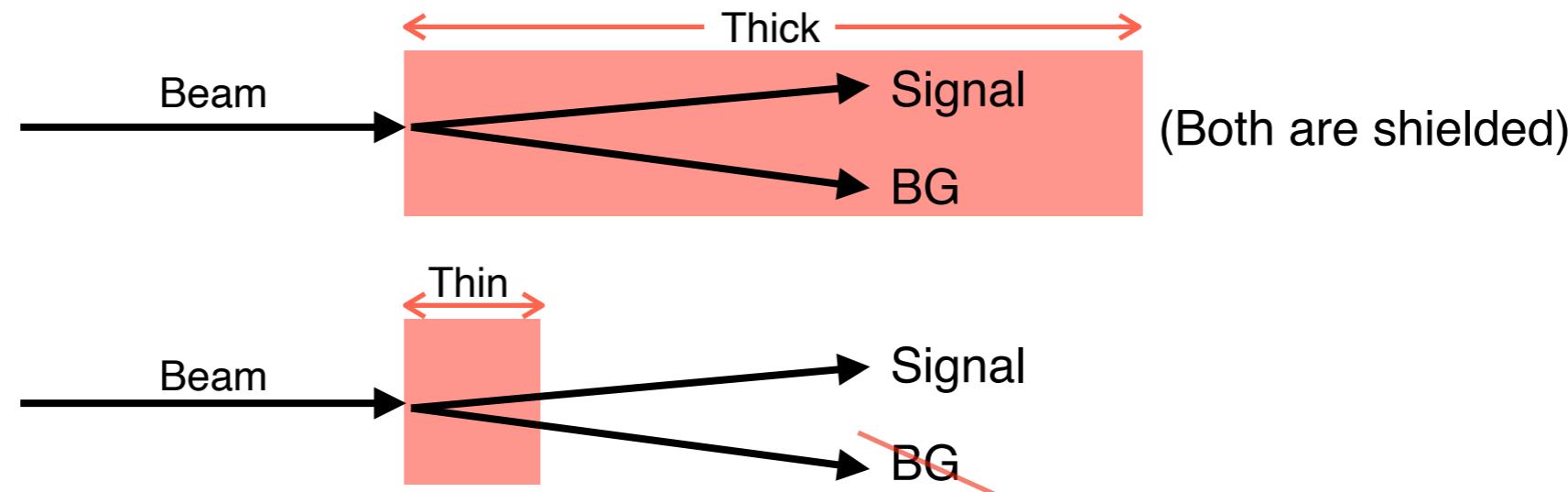


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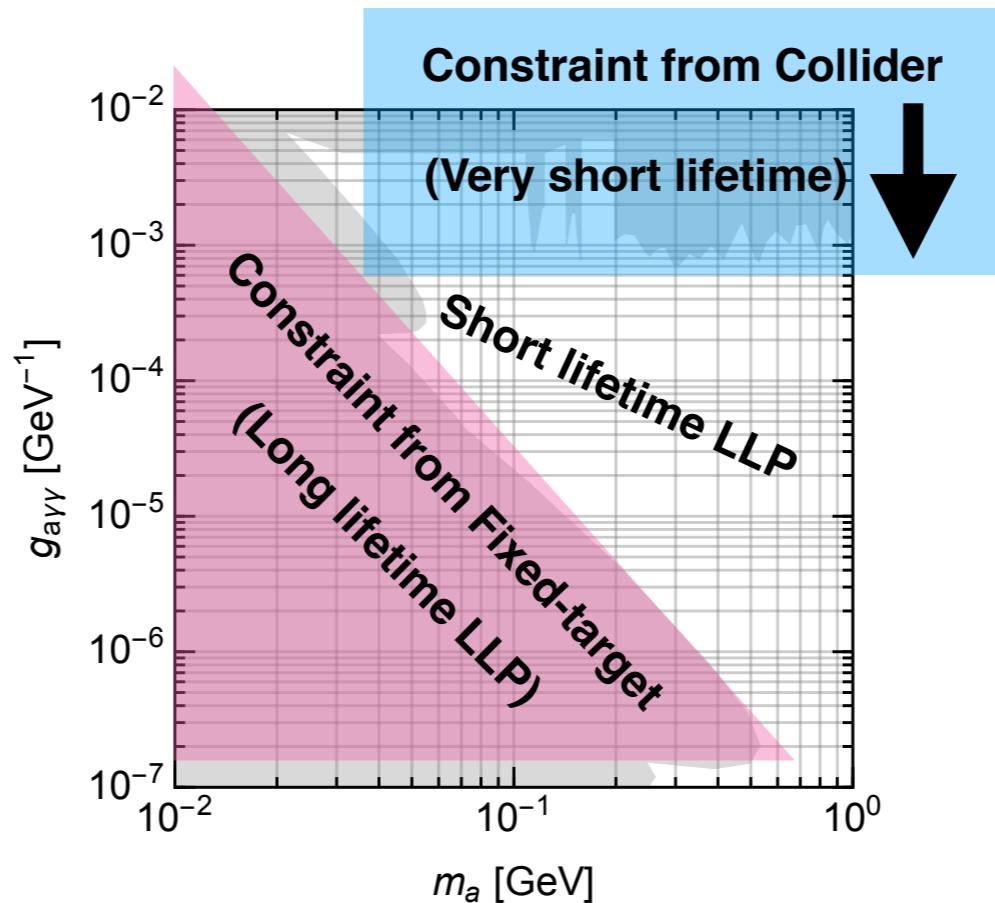
- Fixed target experiment is suitable to LLP searches due to the **high Luminosity** and forward directivity.
- It plays a **complementary role with collider** experiments, and can perform in parallel with a collider experiment.
- We learned and discussed:
 - **how to calculate** the number of signal at fixed target experiments using e+/e- beams.
 - **several fixed target experiments**, and their features.
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Extra

(2) Non-zero BG setup ? (Thin target / shield)

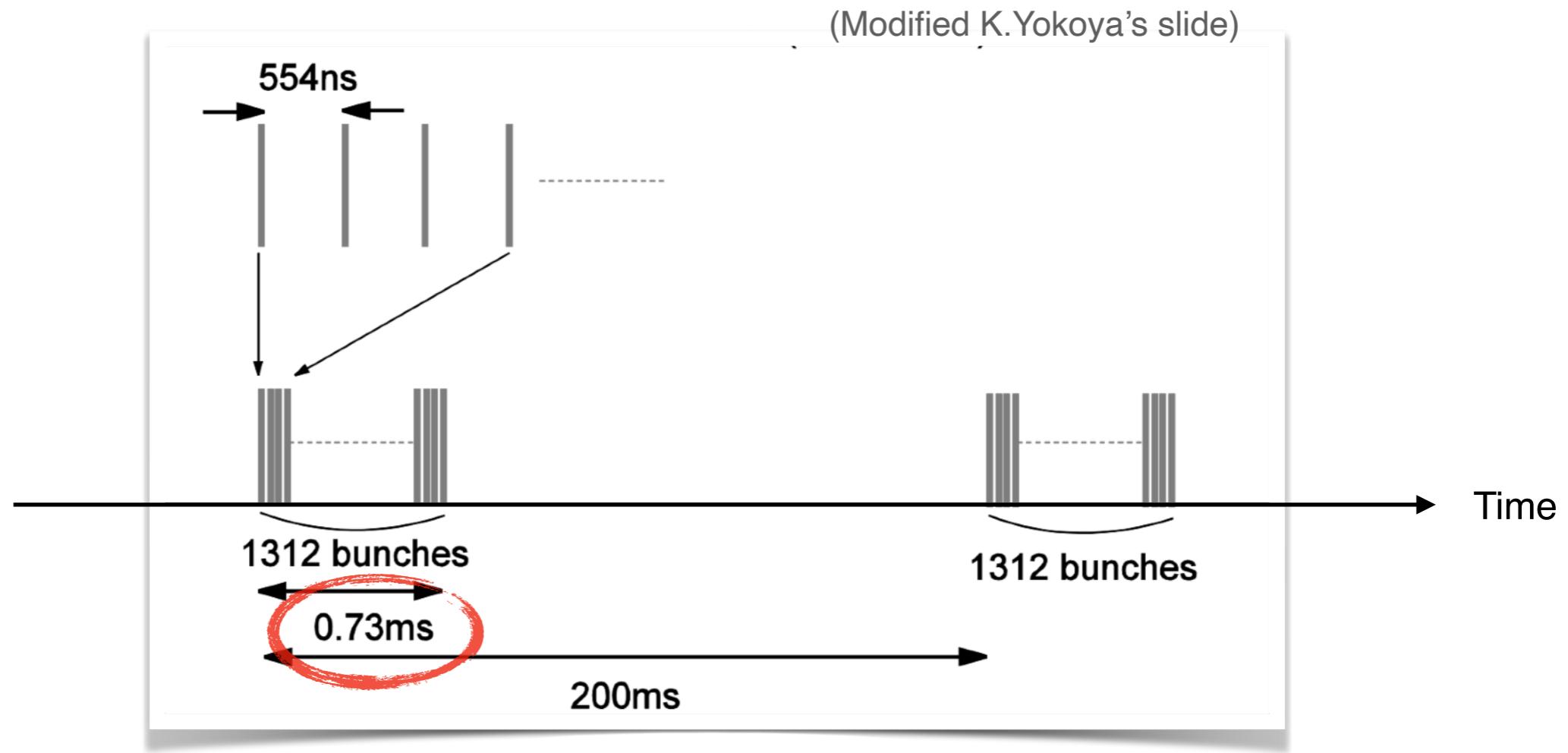


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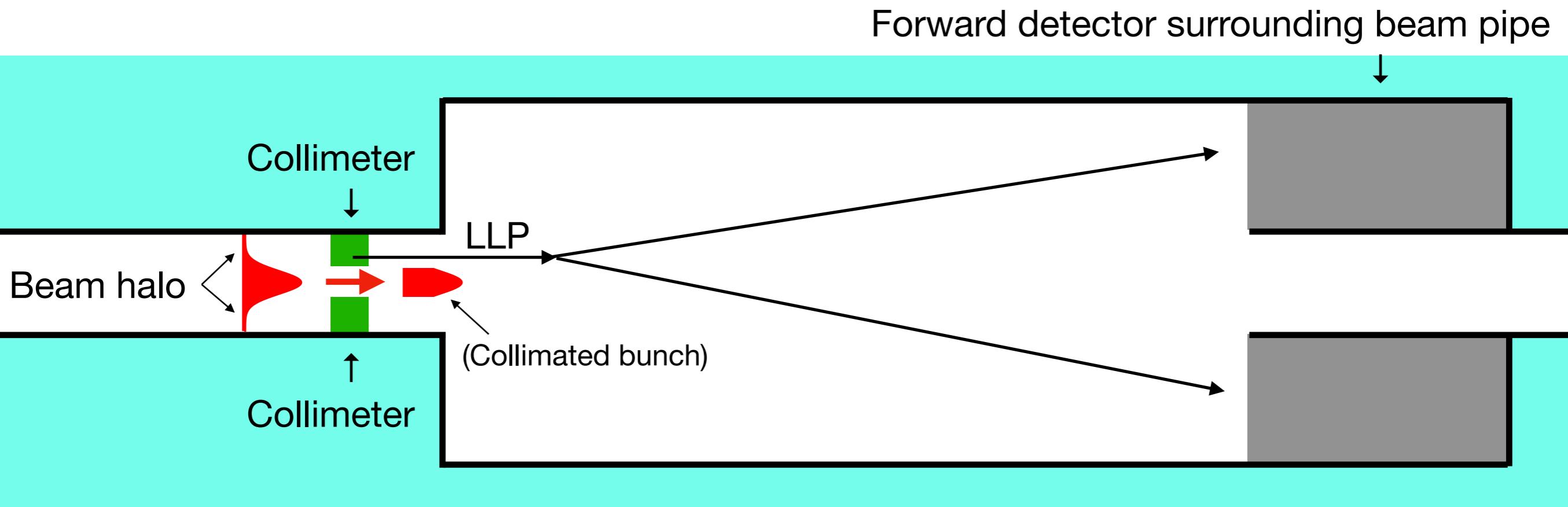
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(3) Missing momentum/mass search @ILC Fixed Target Exp



- Low bunch density and High repetition rate are required for missing measurement.
- The ILC default beam condition is not suitable to missing measurement due to its high bunch density and low repetition rate.
- However, it is principally possible to transport low-density-bunch during 0.73 ms at 1.3 GHz Radio-frequency (Therefore repetition rate is $5 \text{ Hz} * 0.73 \text{ ms} * 1.3 \text{ GHz} \sim 5 \text{ MHz}$).
- LDMX@SLAC (8 GeV,> 46 MHz) vs LDMX@ILC (125 GeV, 5 MHz (Max))

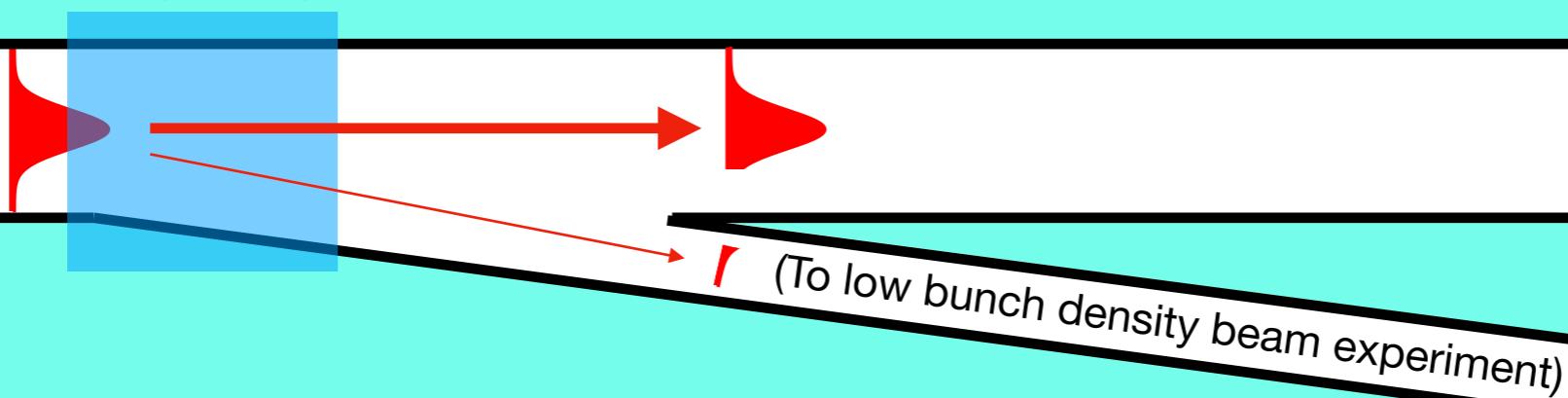
(4) Collimator as Fixed target ?



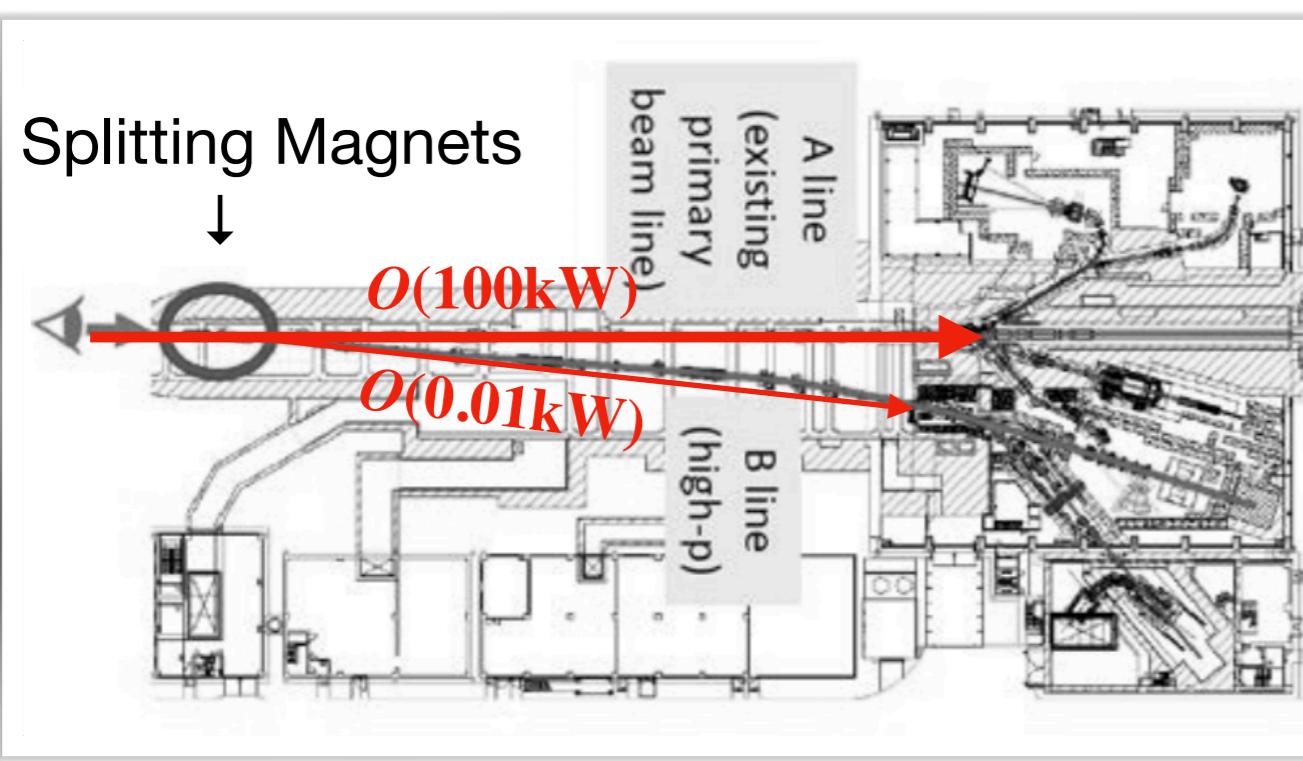
- Particles on beam halo hit collimators, in which LLP could be produced.
- Good points of collimator experiment:
 - It can be performed in parallel with a collider experiment. (Applicable to not only ILC)
 - **small number of particles** hit collimator, so pileup may be avoidable to some extent.
- This kind of setup might improve the sensitivity to **short lifetime region**.

(5) Low bunch density beam with splitting magnets?

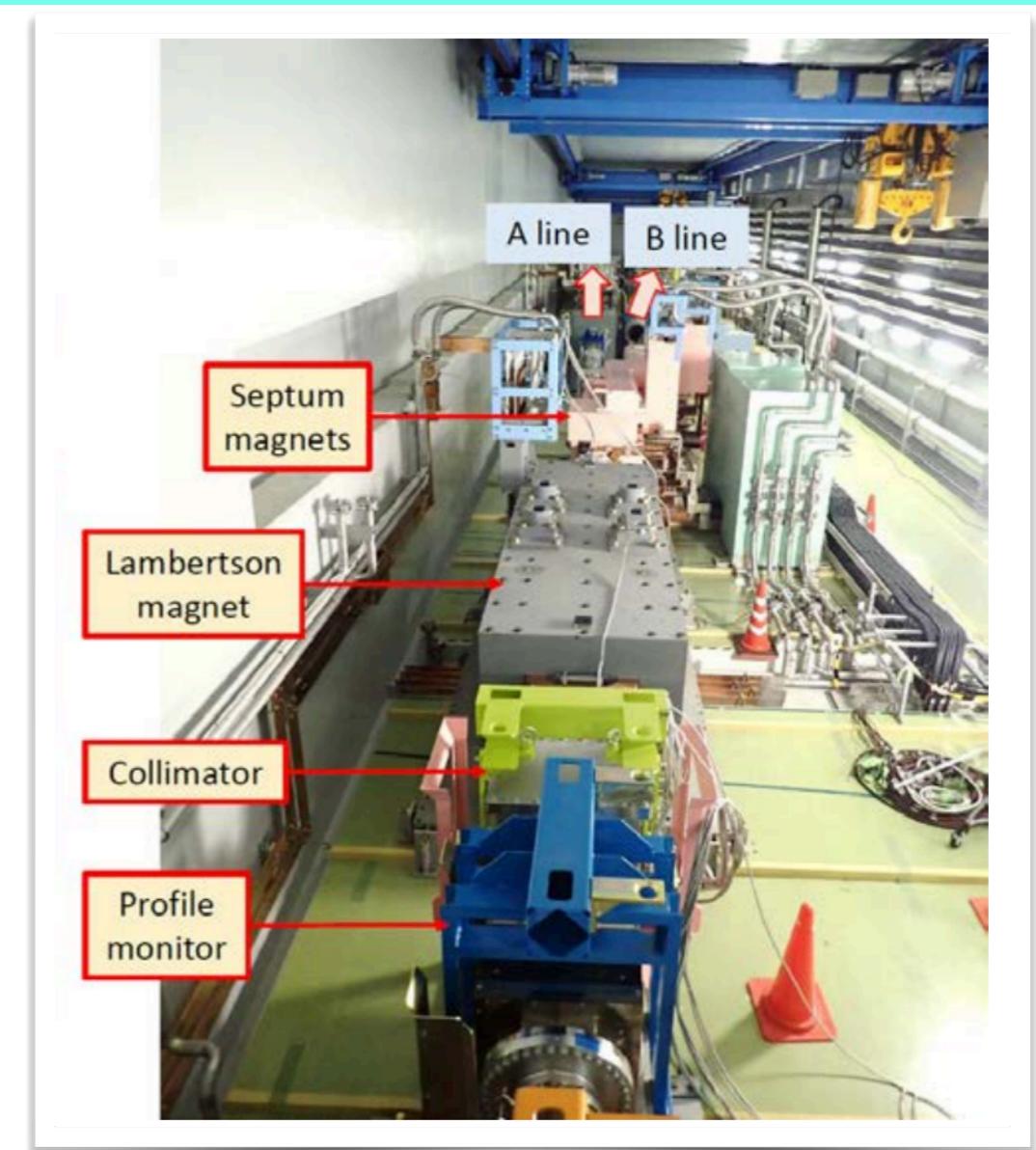
Splitting Magnets



- Is it possible to take out and use **a part of beam** like the high-p beam line at J-PARC?

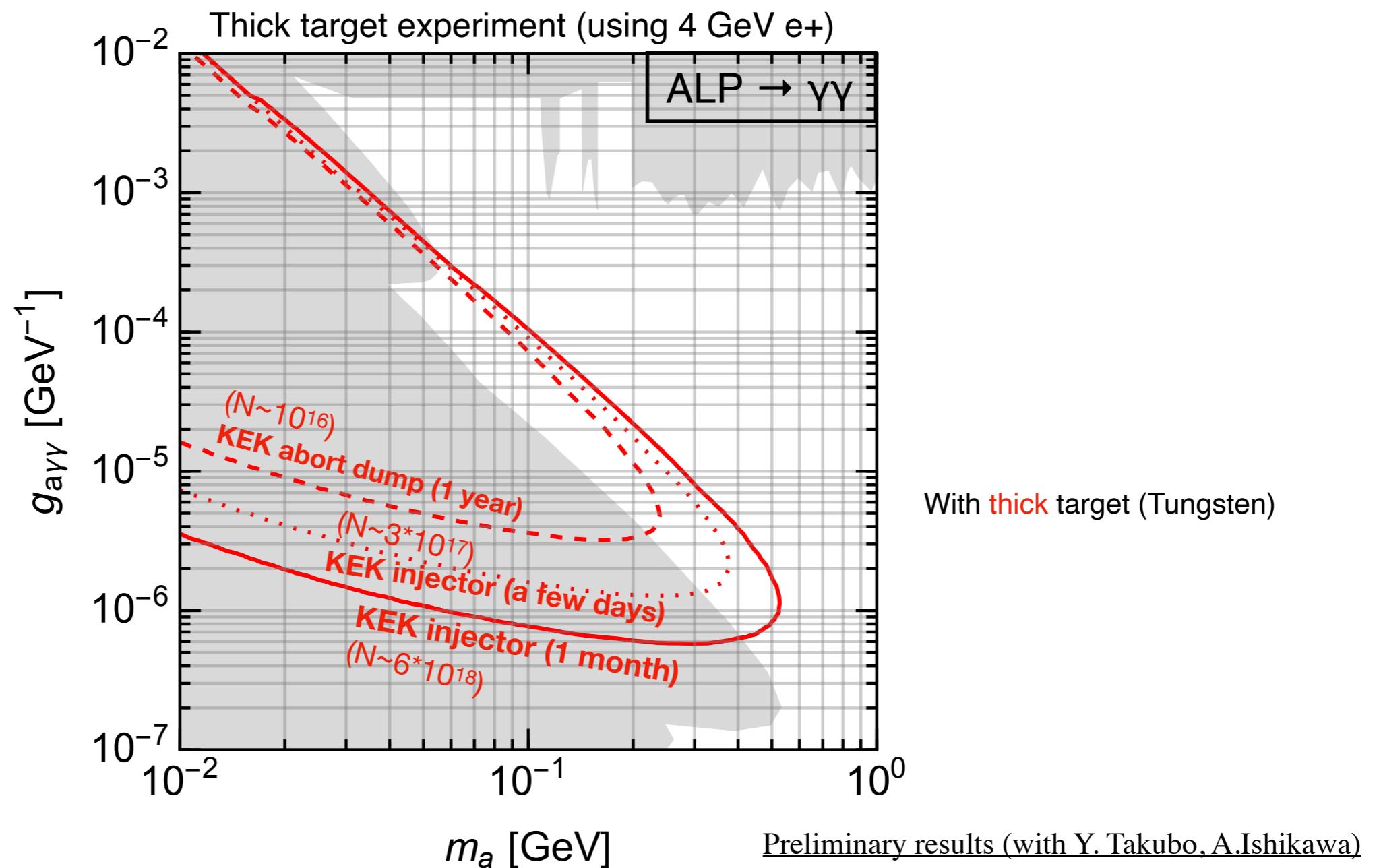


high-p @J-PARC



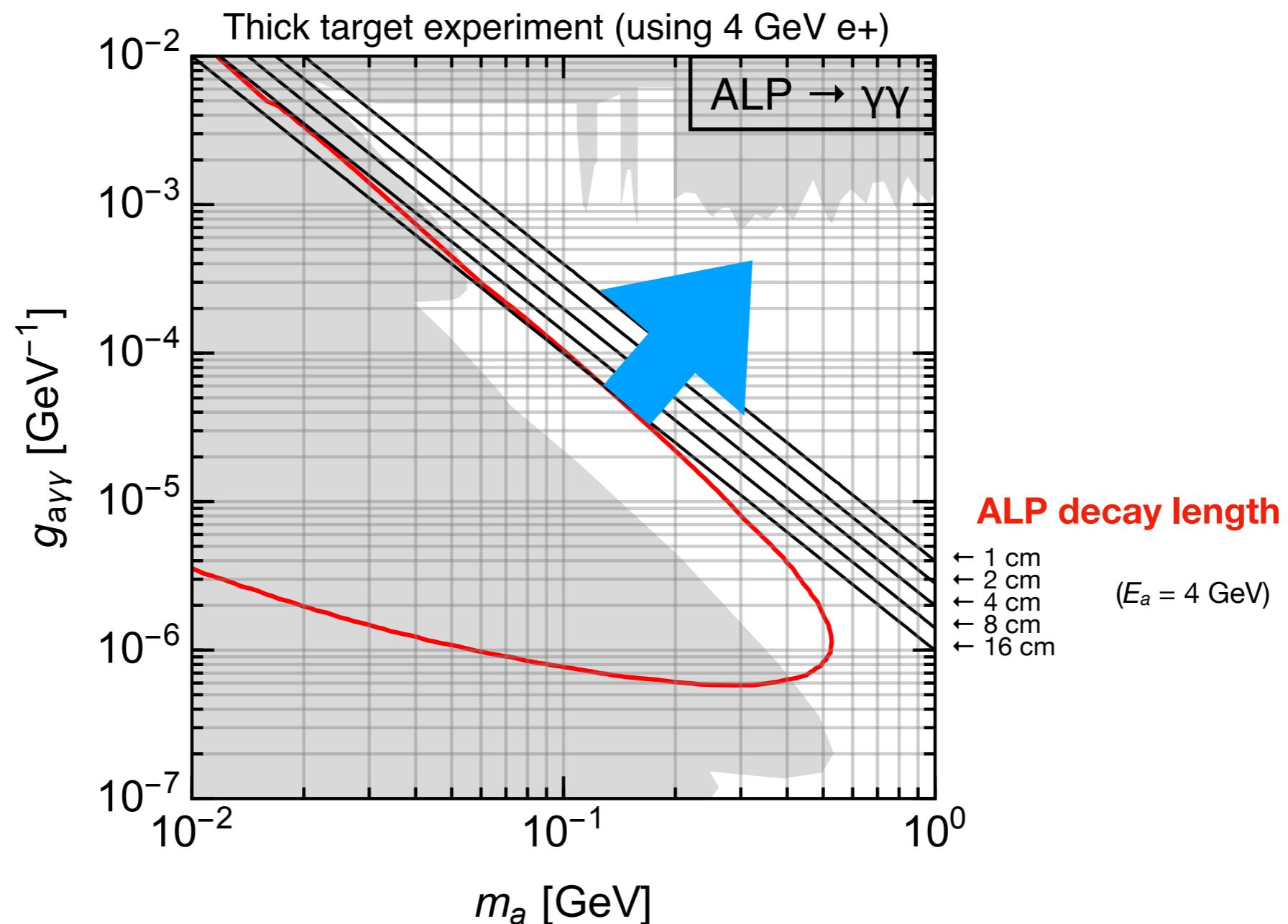
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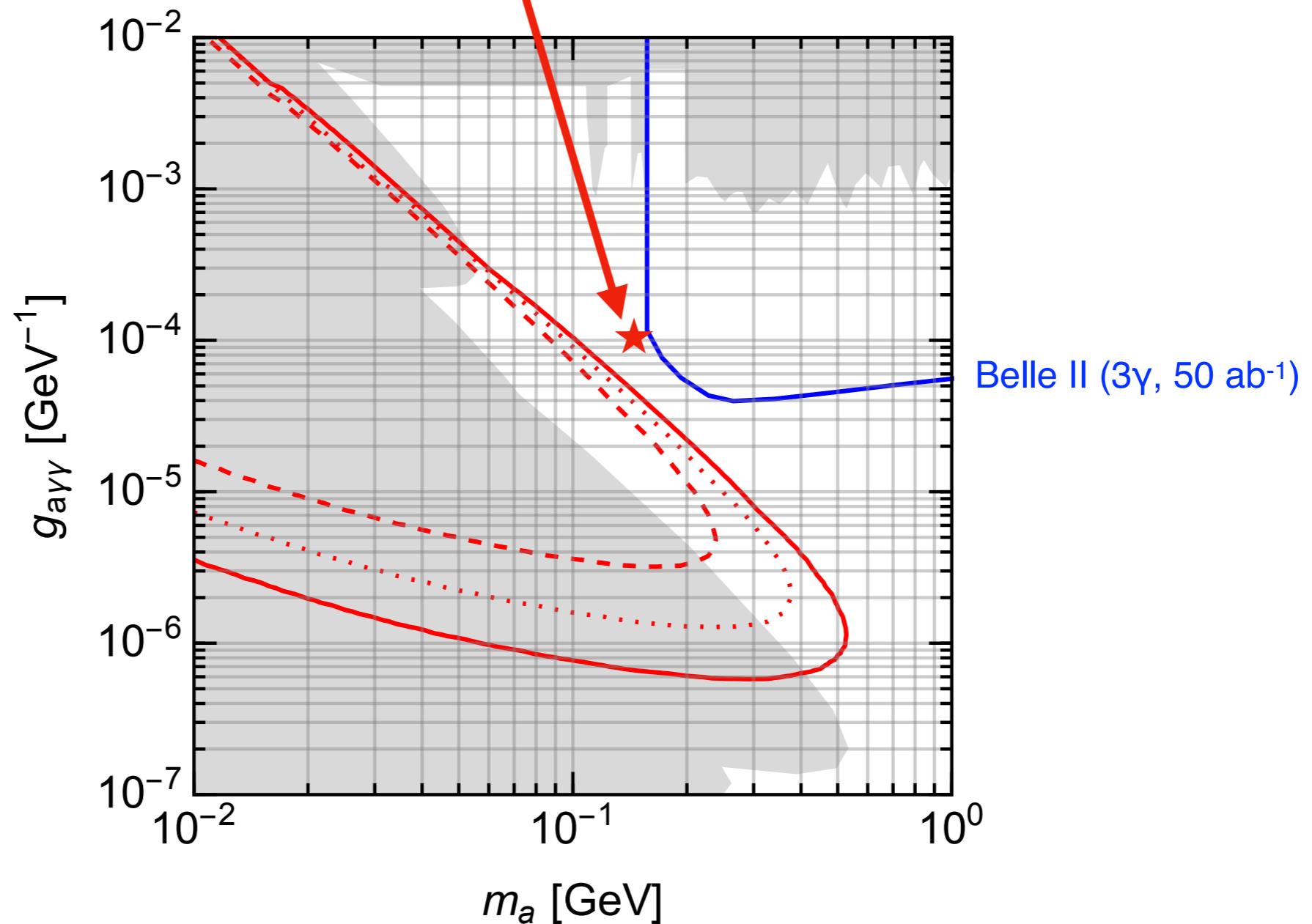
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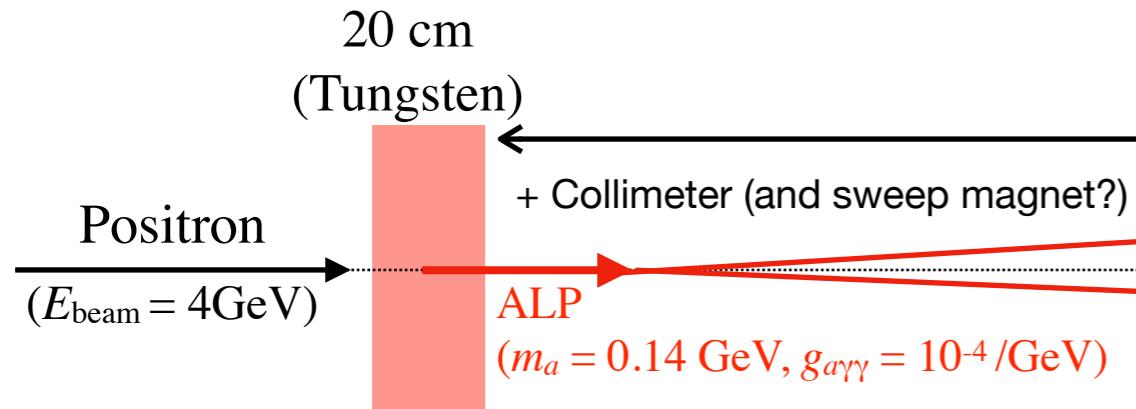
[Benchmark]

$N_{\text{signal}} = O(10^{-16})$ with thick target setup ($N_e = 6.5 \times 10^{18}$)

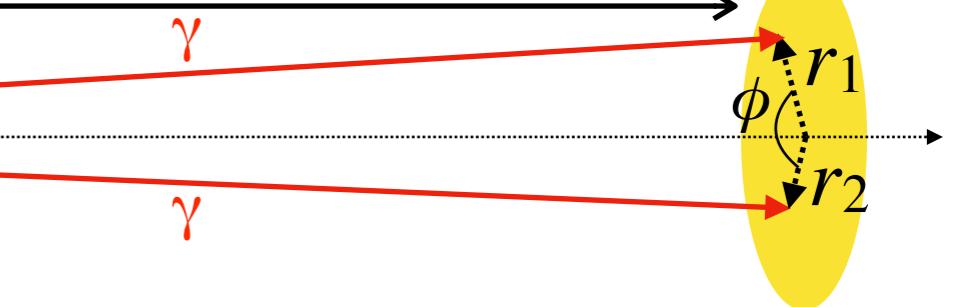
Impossible to search with thick shield setup (Zero-BG setup)

Thin shield setup could search gap between Collider and Thick-experiment



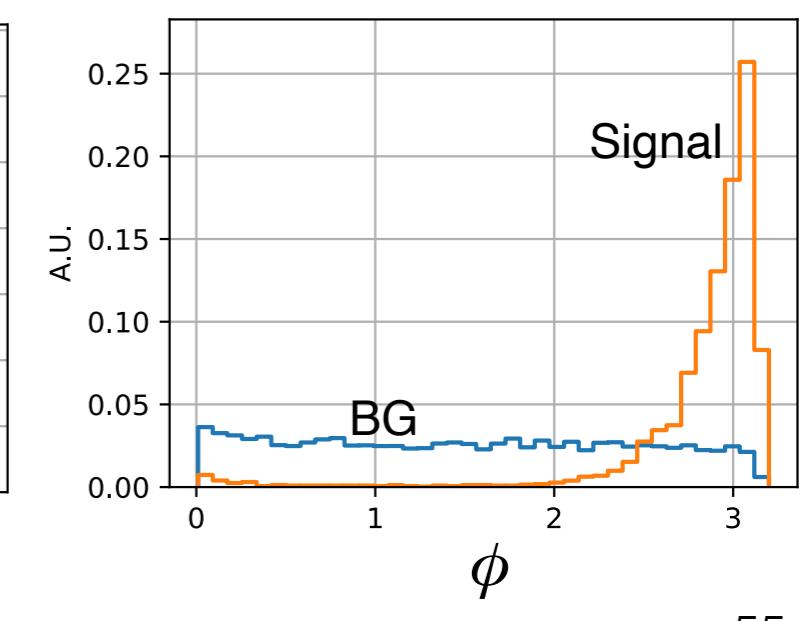
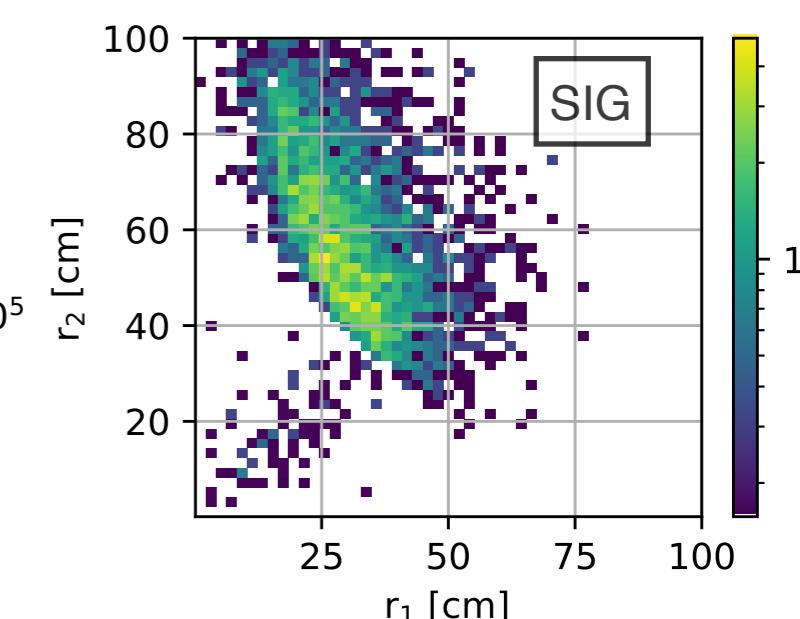
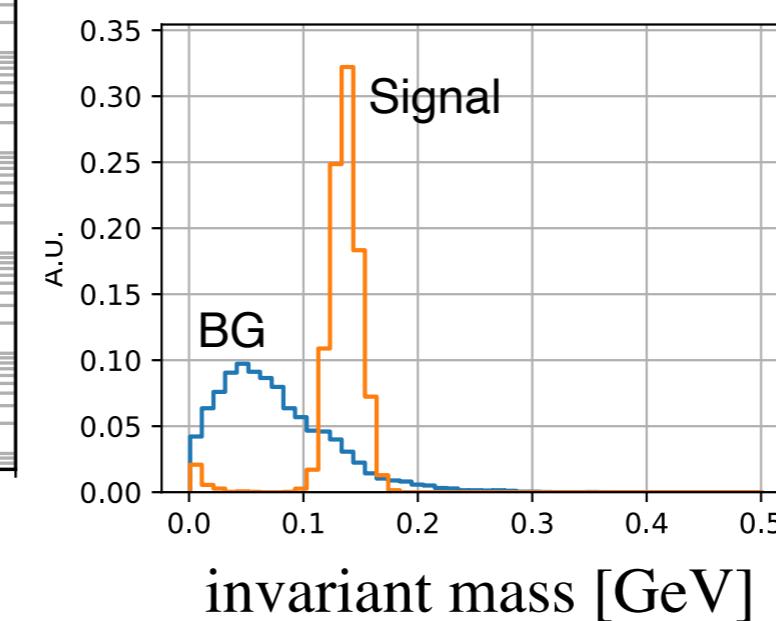
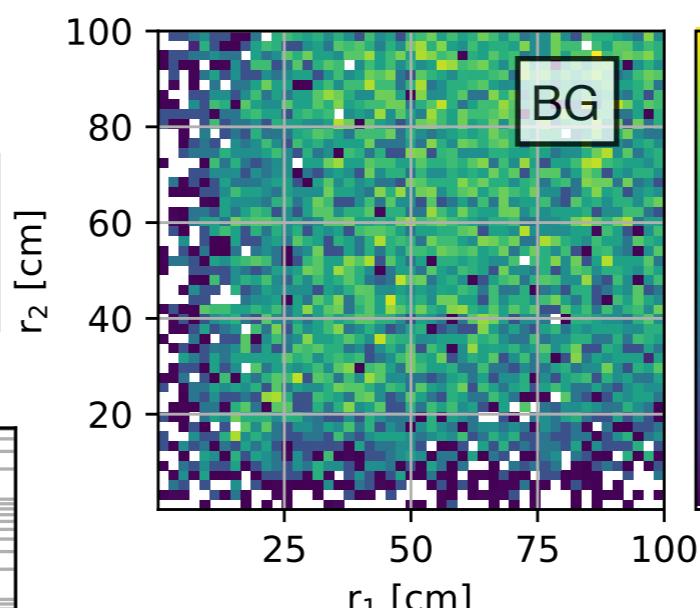
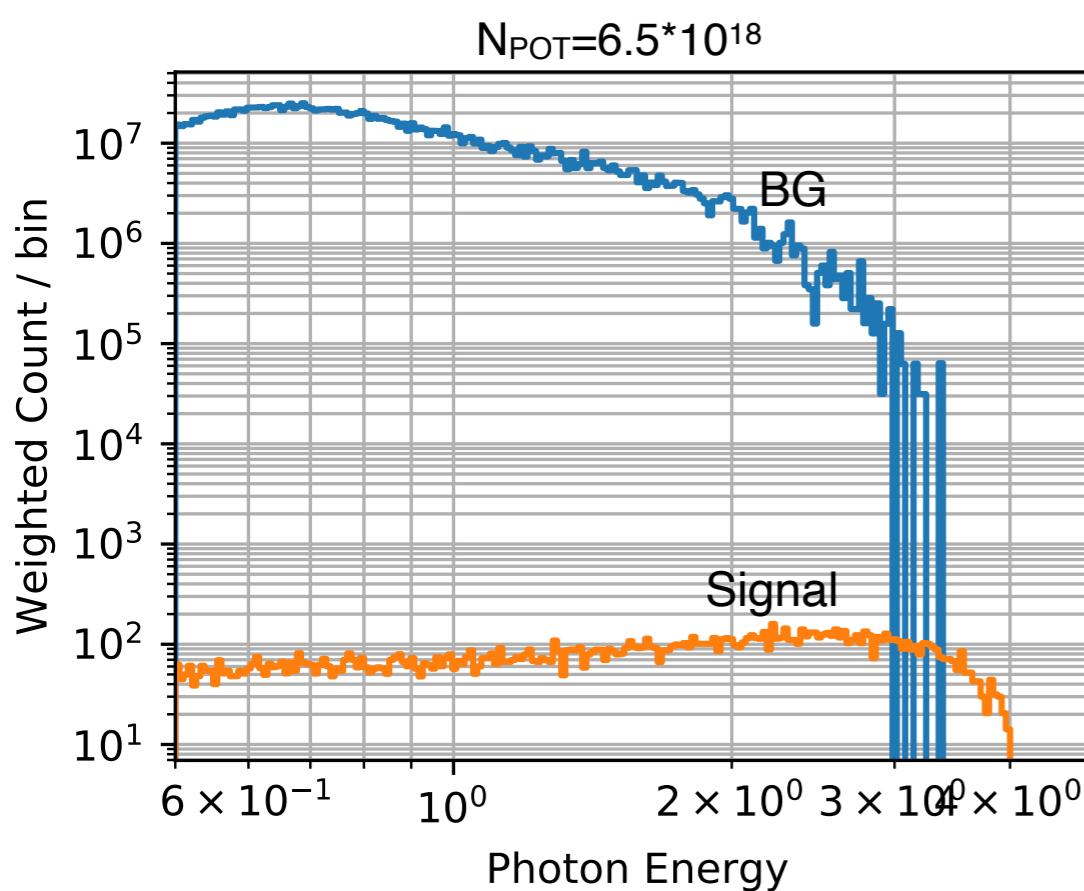


10 m


 $a_{\text{smear}} = 15\%$, $\delta_{\text{detector}} \sim 3 \text{ cm}$

BG:

 $\gamma N \rightarrow n + \dots$, $nn \rightarrow nn\pi^0$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 $\gamma N \rightarrow K^0 \Sigma(\Lambda)$, $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
...

Different shape between Signal and BG.
We could catch signal at high energy tail.


Good place to experiment ?

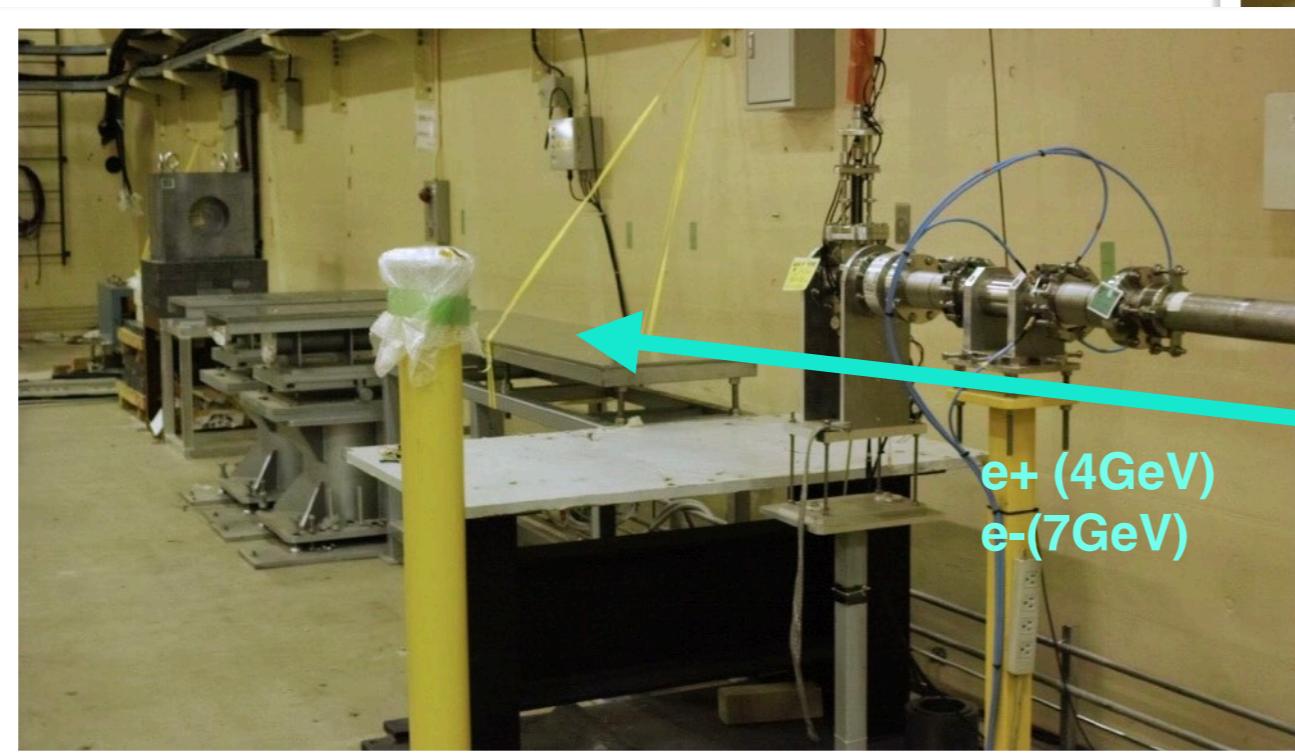
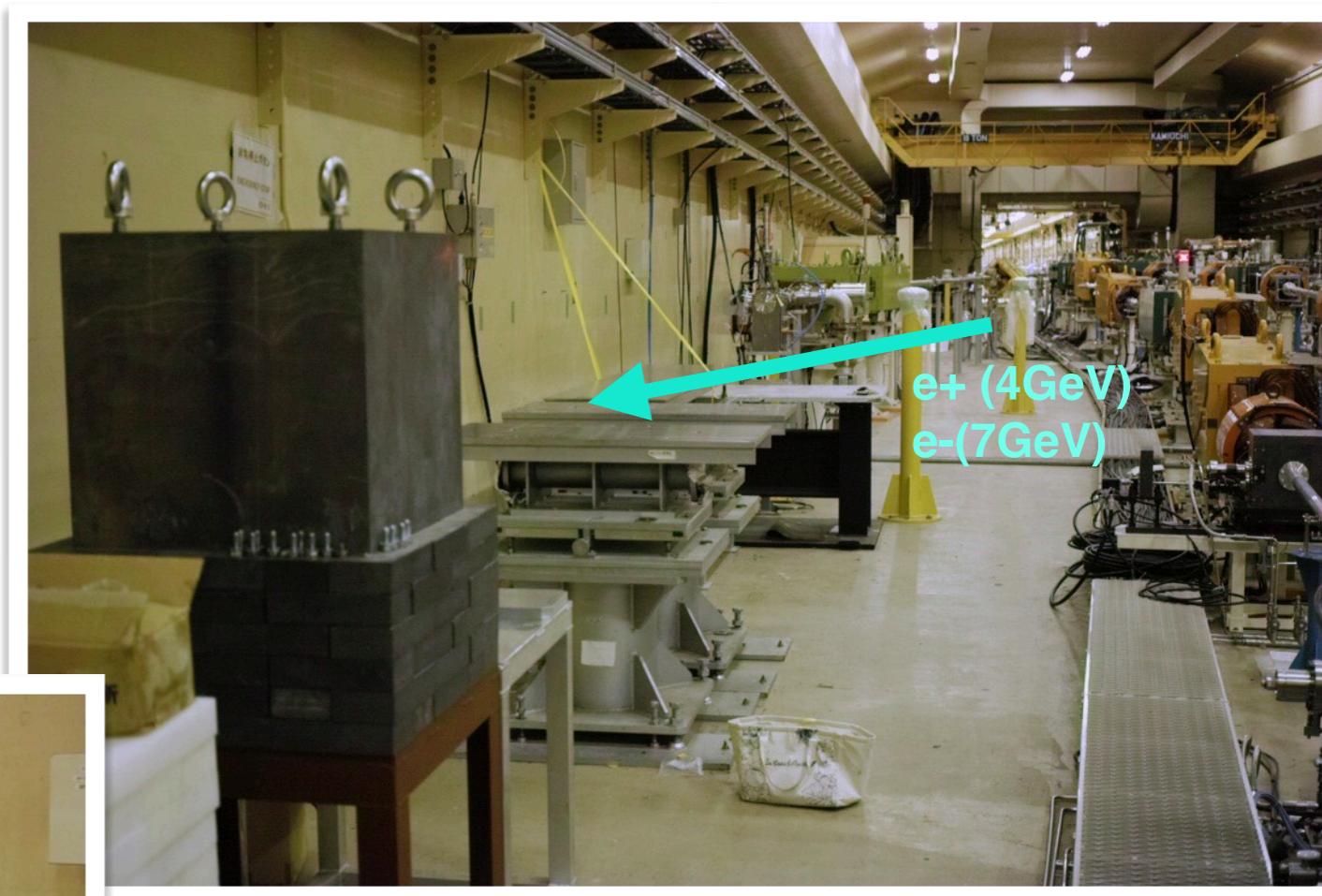
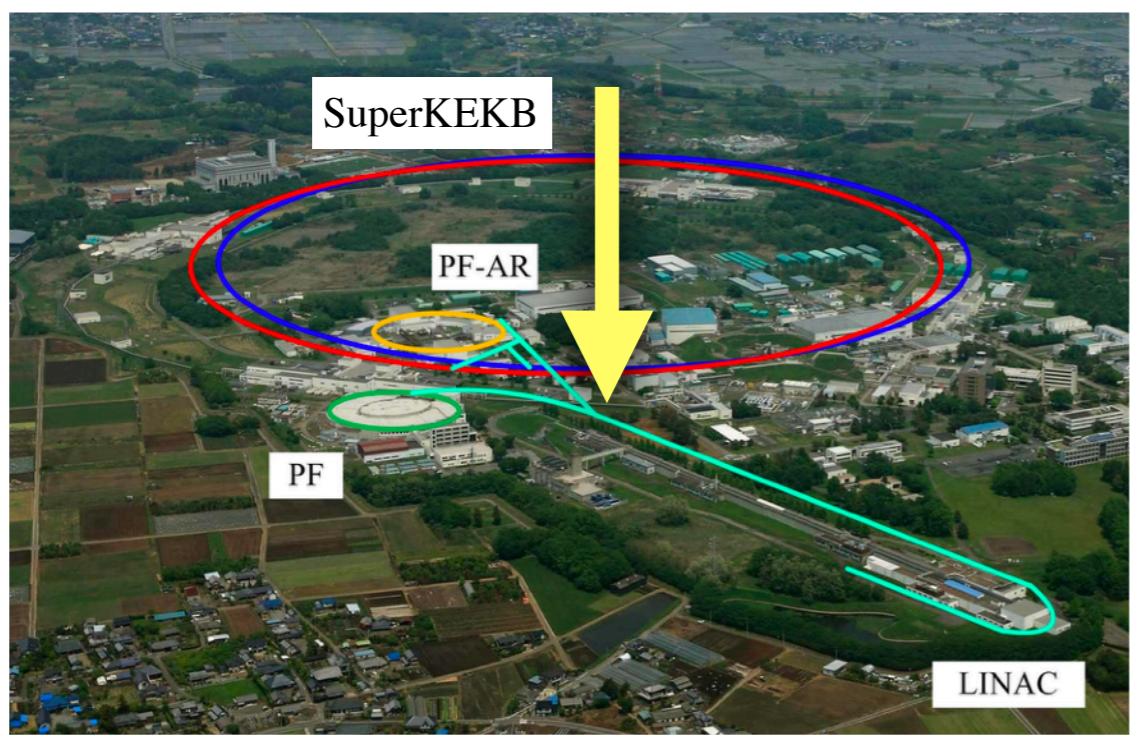


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