

Beam-dump Experiments and New Physics Searches

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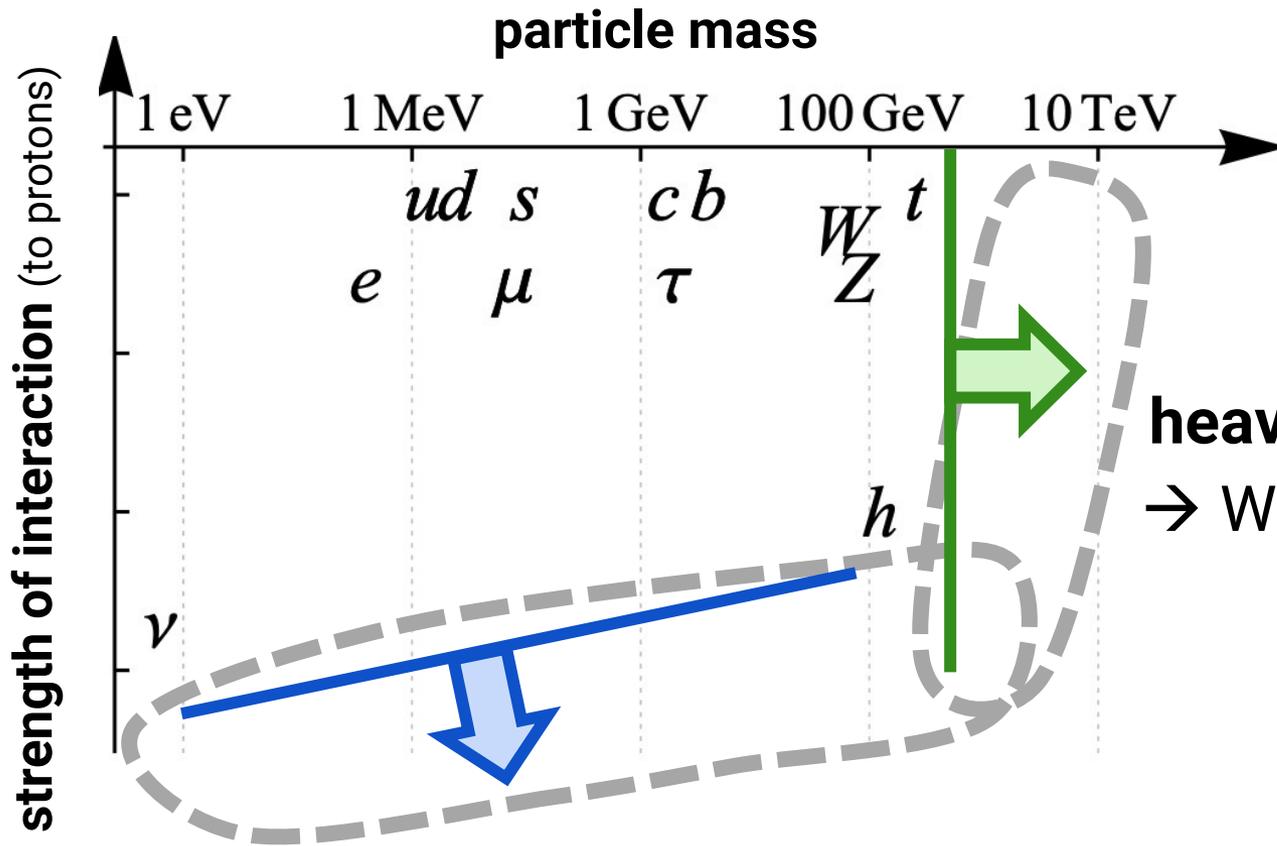
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Based on

- Asai, Iwamoto, Sakaki, Ueda [[2105.13768](#)]
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New Physics Searches? → Searches for unknown particles.



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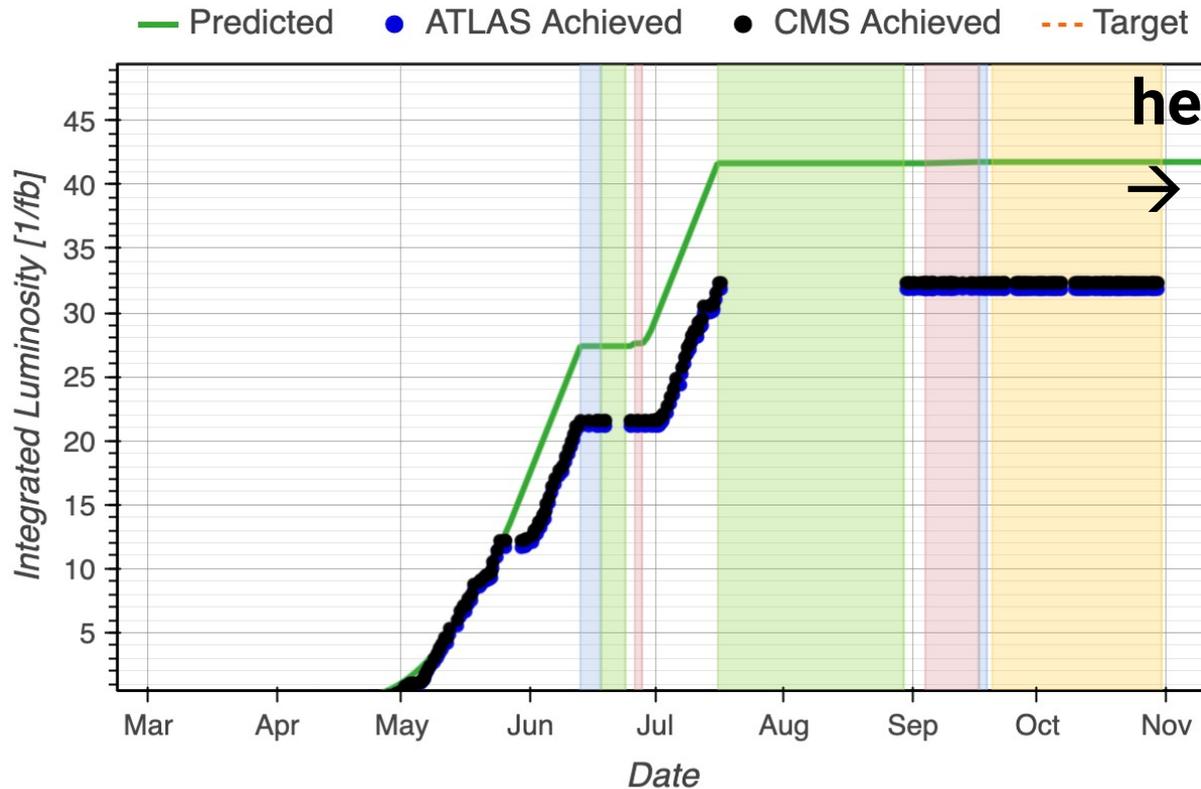
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(Also:

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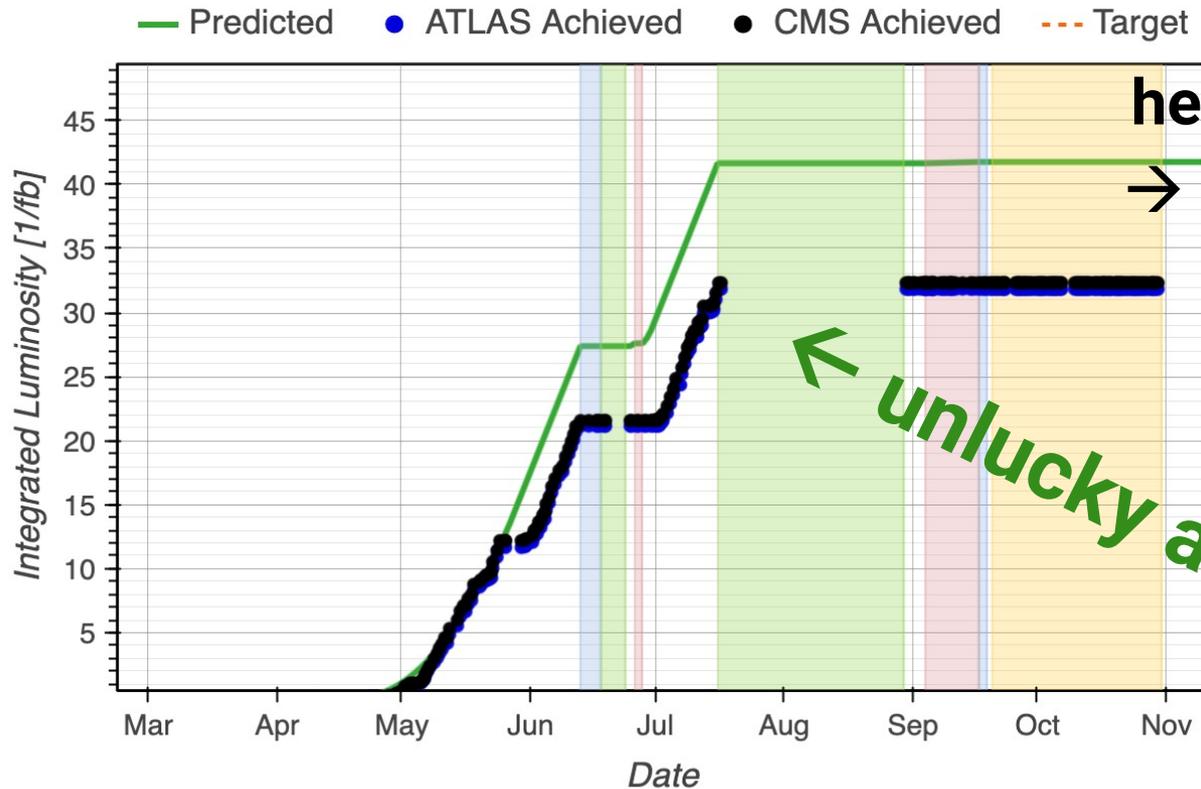
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← unlucky accident

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A tree fallen down on power cables (Swiss side, 55km from CERN) → ... → ... → helium leak



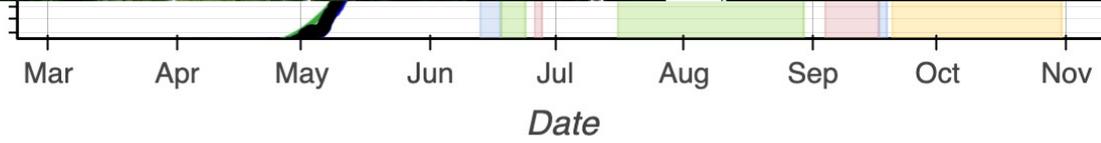
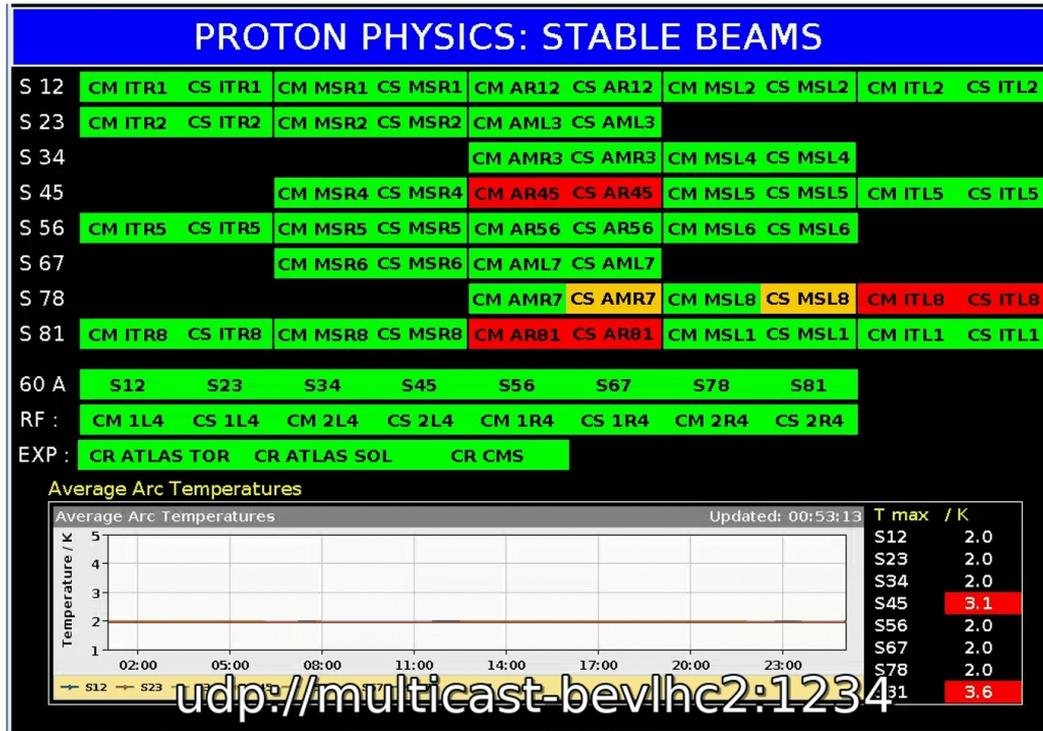
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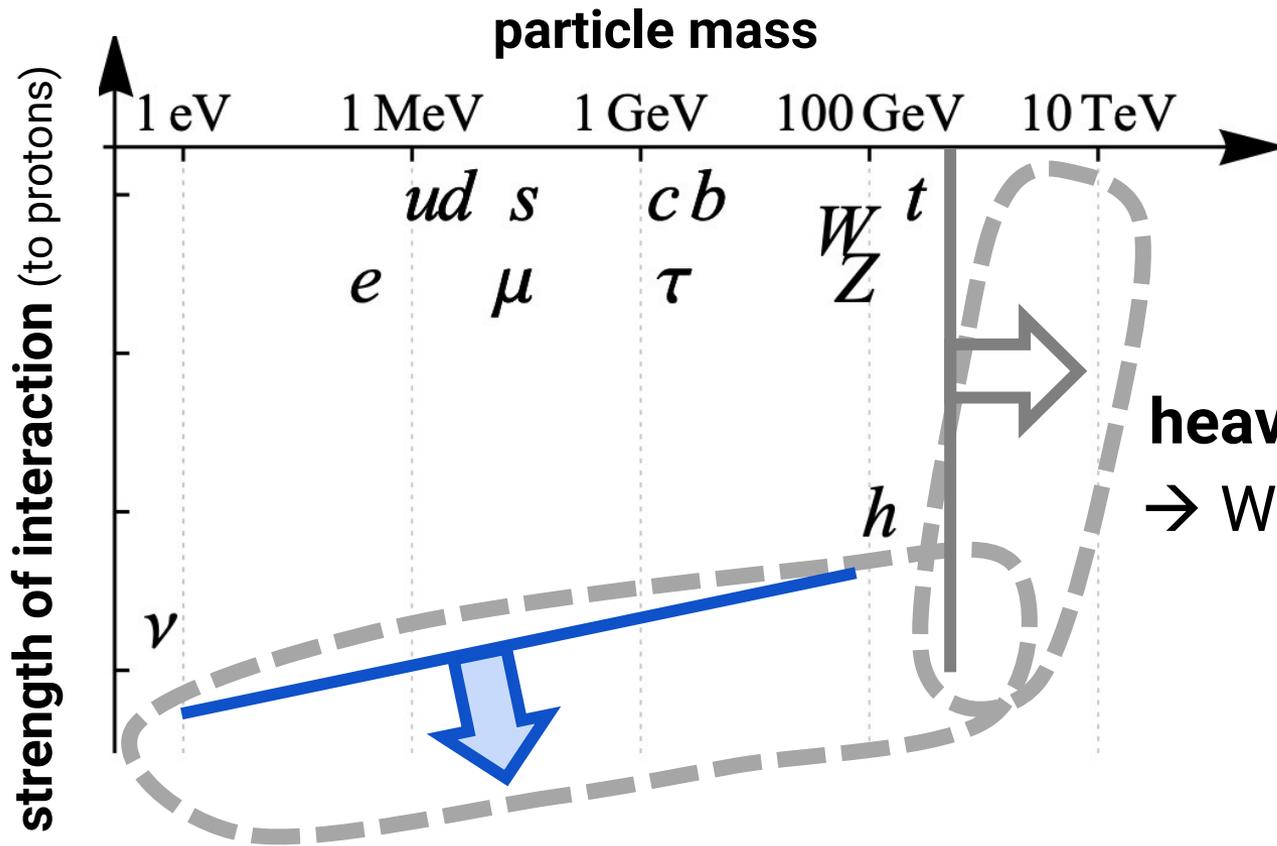
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No beam until further notice (weeks)

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Today's focus: A proposal for intensity frontier



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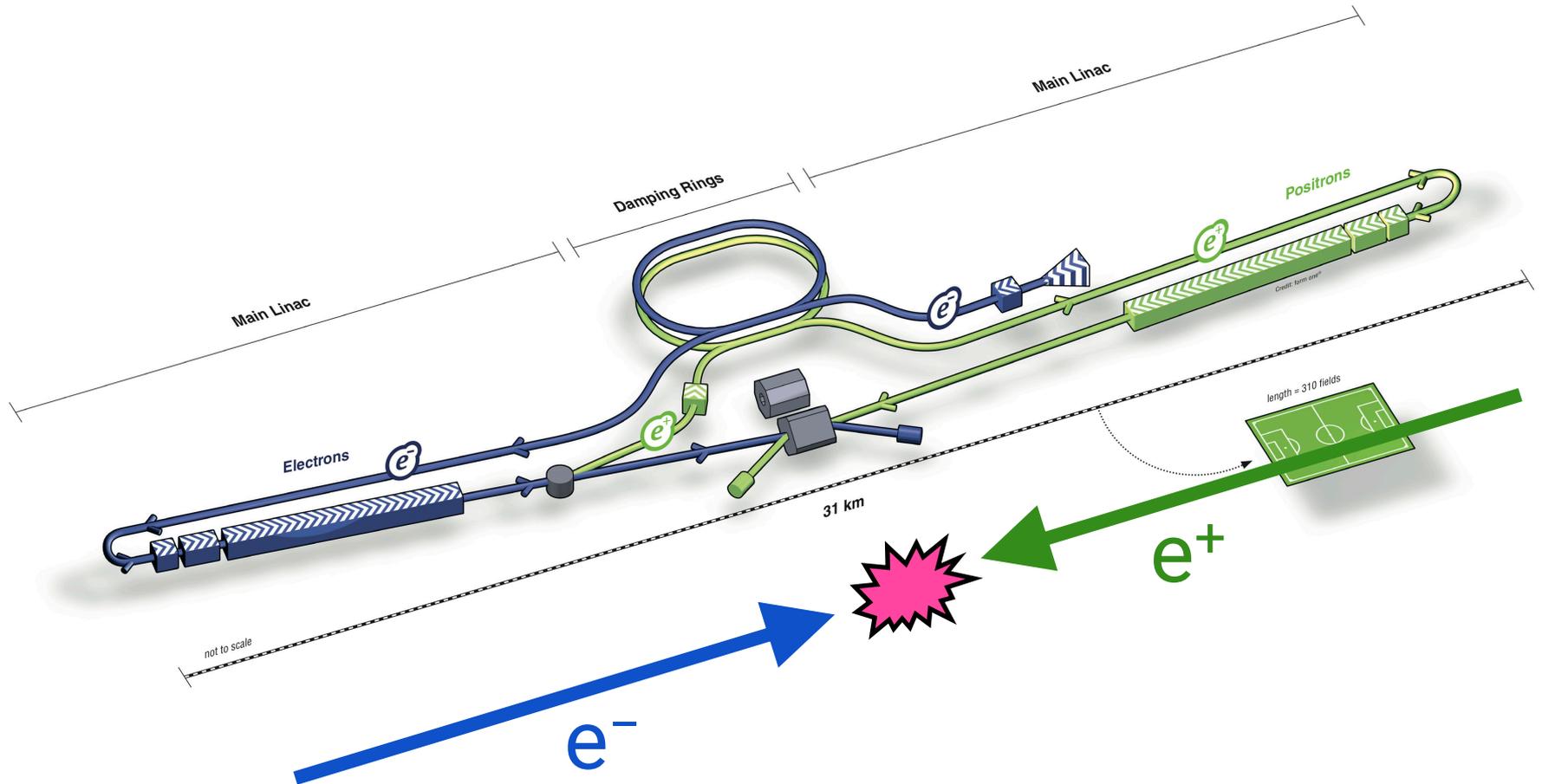
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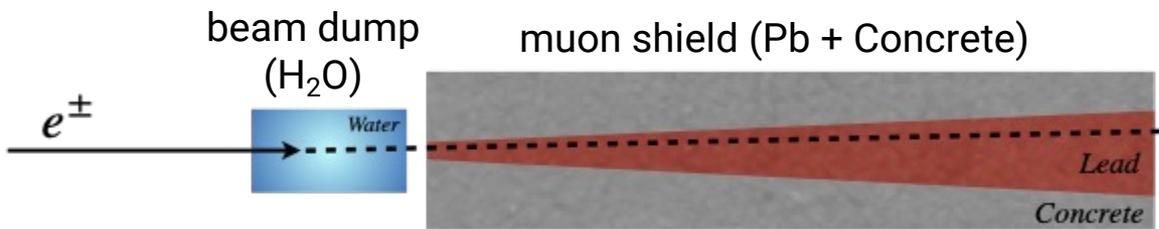
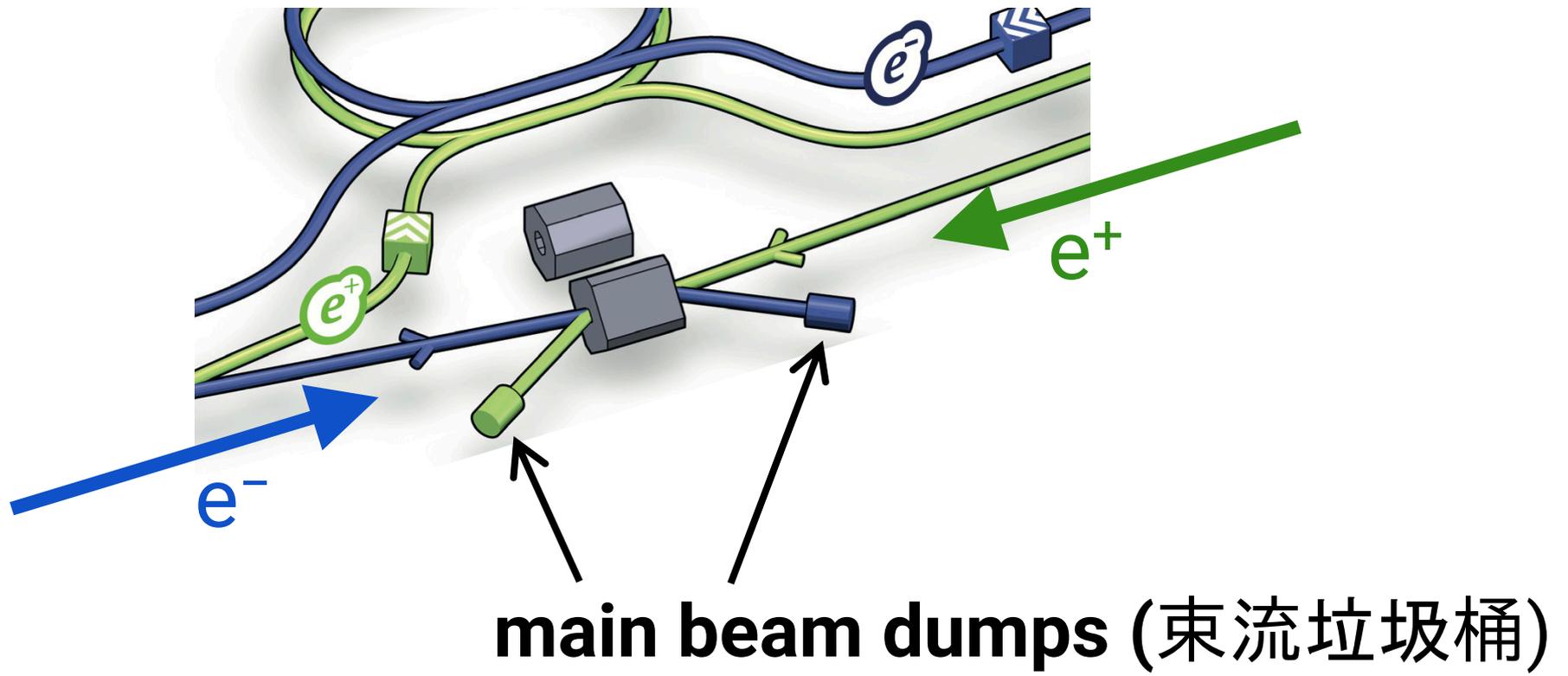
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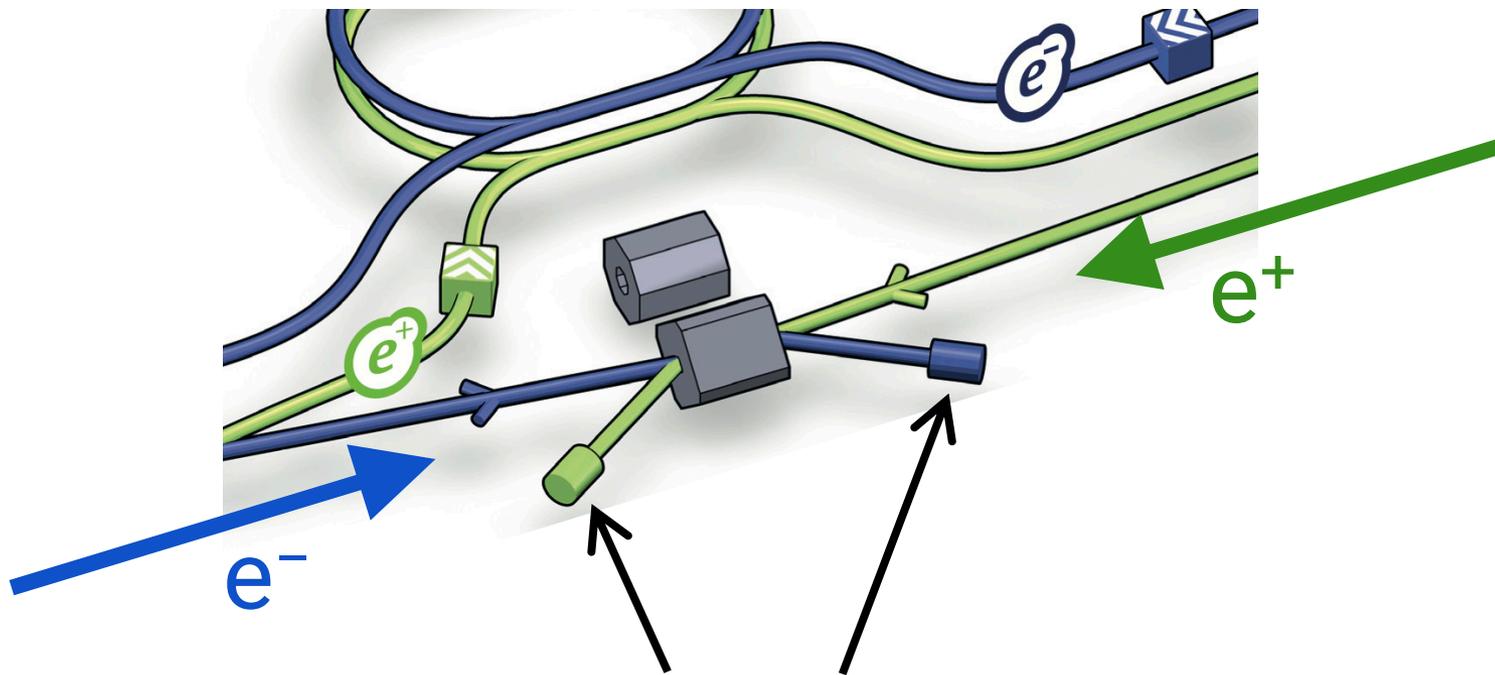
(planned in Japan)

→ for Higgs precision etc.

$$E_{\text{beam}} = 125 \text{ GeV} \quad (\rightarrow 250 \text{ GeV?} \rightarrow 500 \text{ GeV?})$$

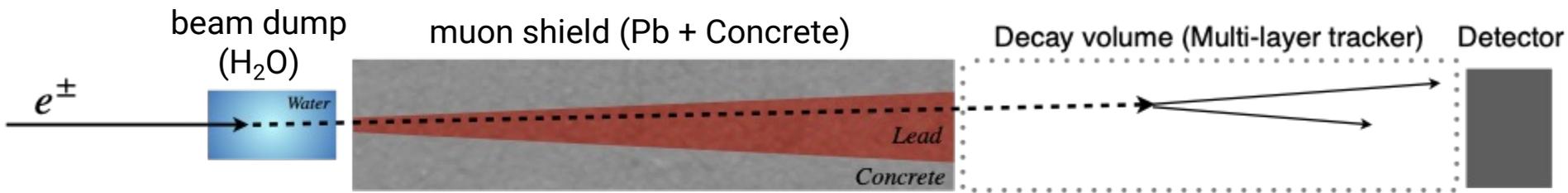


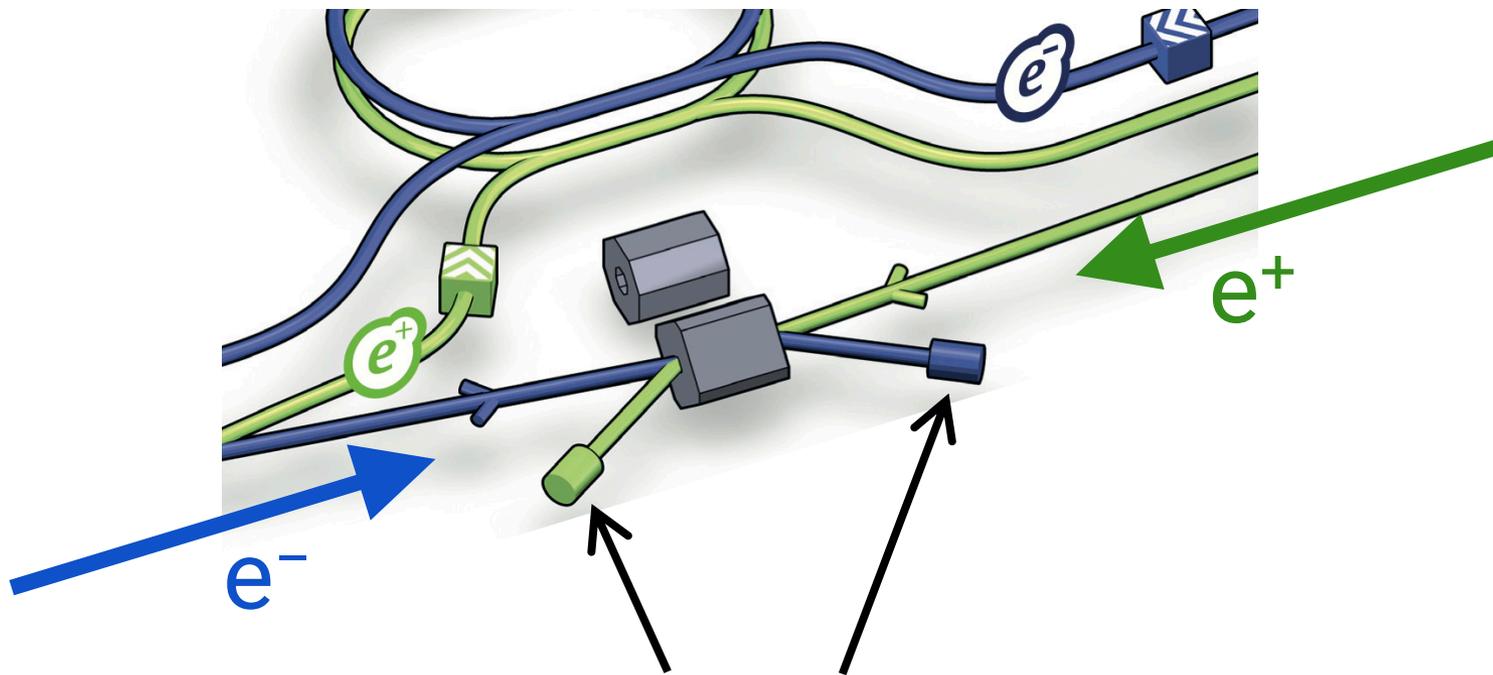




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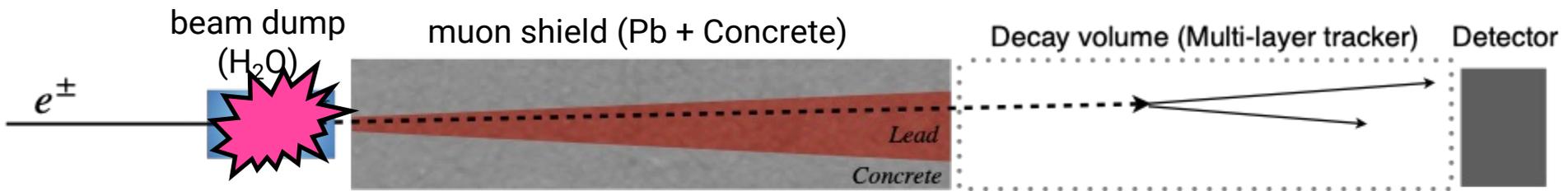
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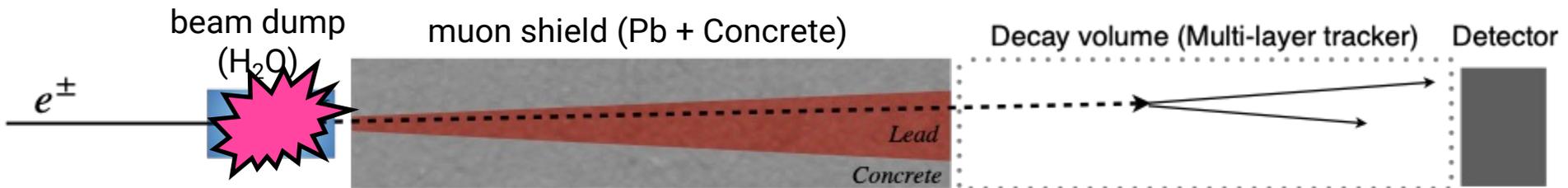
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- Less cost. (\$\$\$ for detectors; **recycling** the beams.)
- 125 GeV positron beam. $\rightarrow e^+ e^-$ collision.
- Higher intensity. ... **"linear" collider** = always dumps.
(\leftrightarrow circular collider)
- Fixed-target: Lower E_{CM} .

$$E_{CM} = \sqrt{2mE_{\text{beam}}} = \begin{cases} 15 \text{ GeV} & (e^\pm N) \\ 0.36 \text{ GeV} & (e^\pm e^-) \end{cases}$$

(\leftrightarrow collider: $E = 2(E_1 E_2)^{1/2}$)

\rightarrow Searches for sub-GeV tiny-interaction particles



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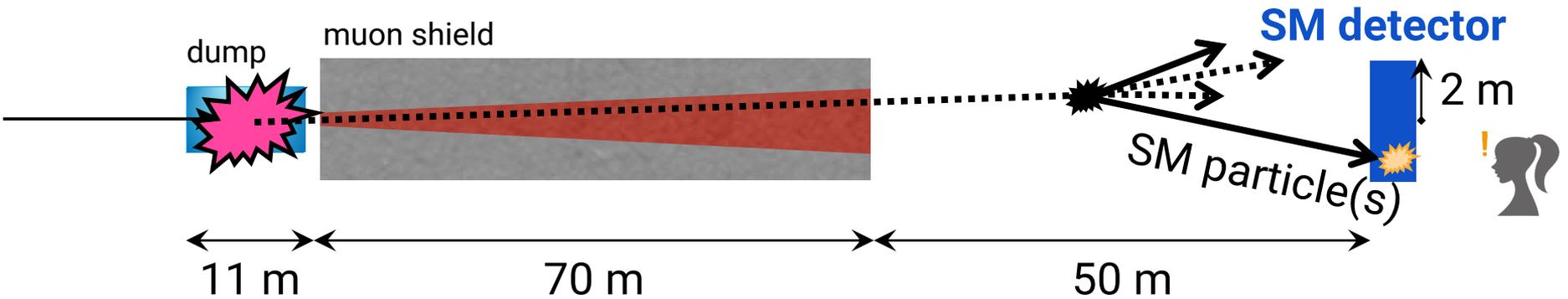
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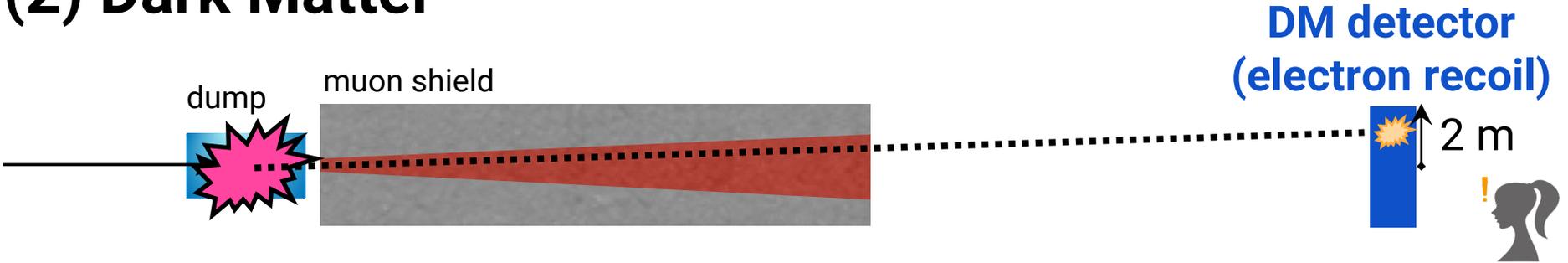
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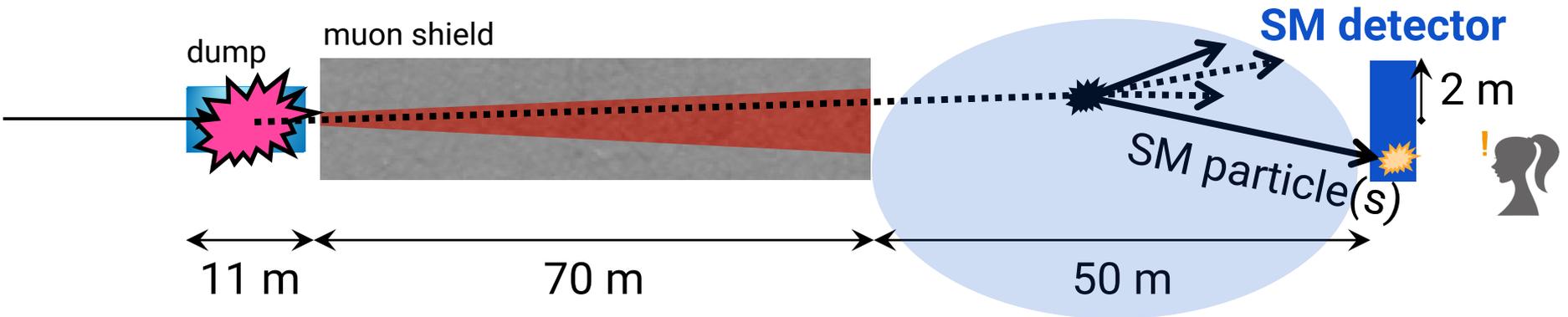
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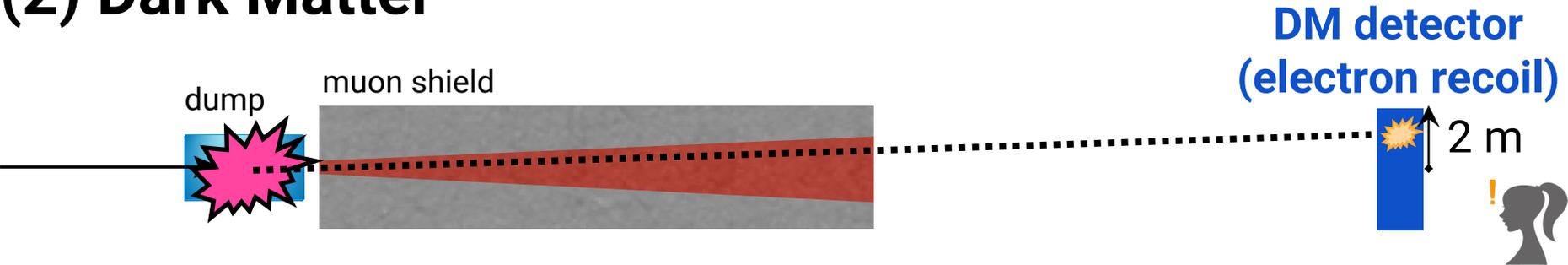
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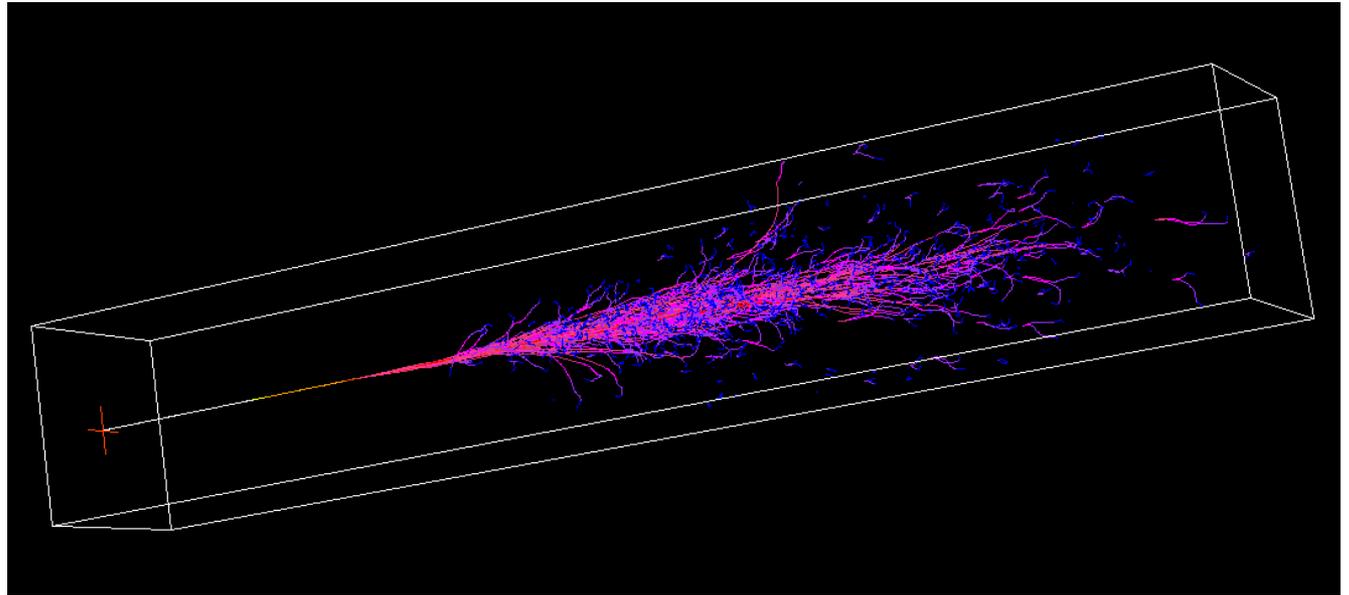
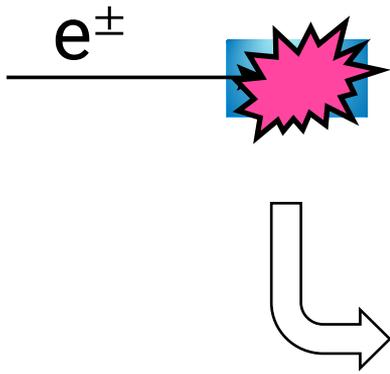
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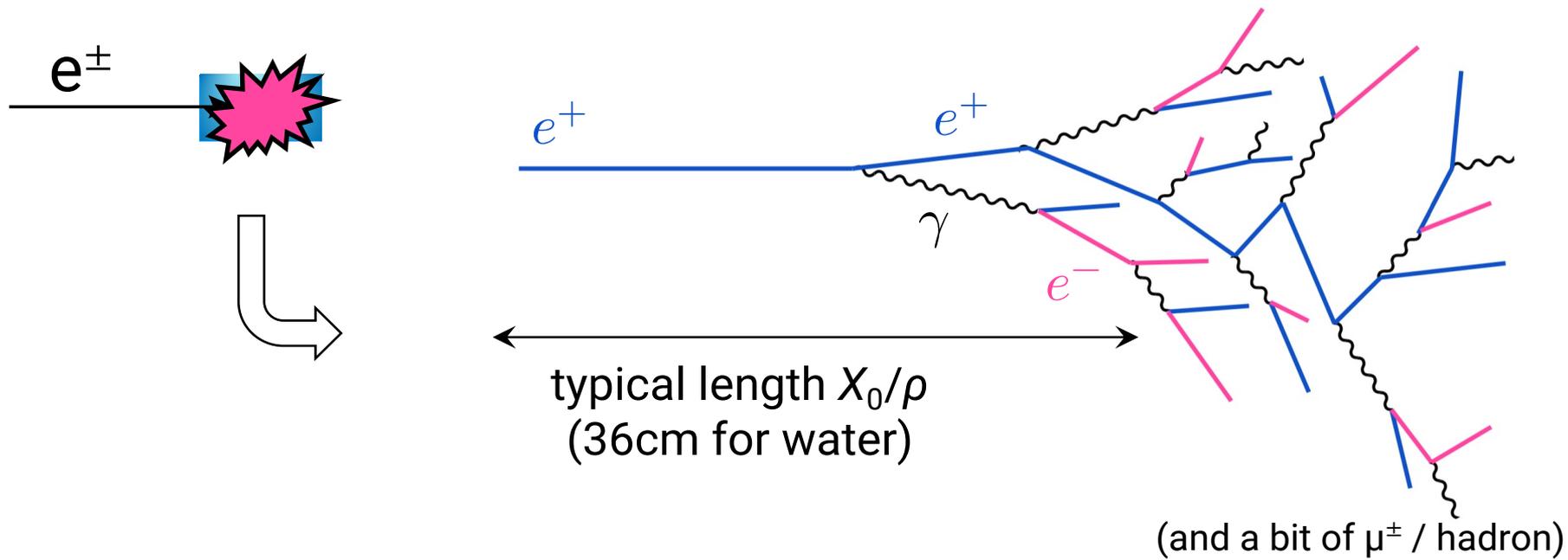
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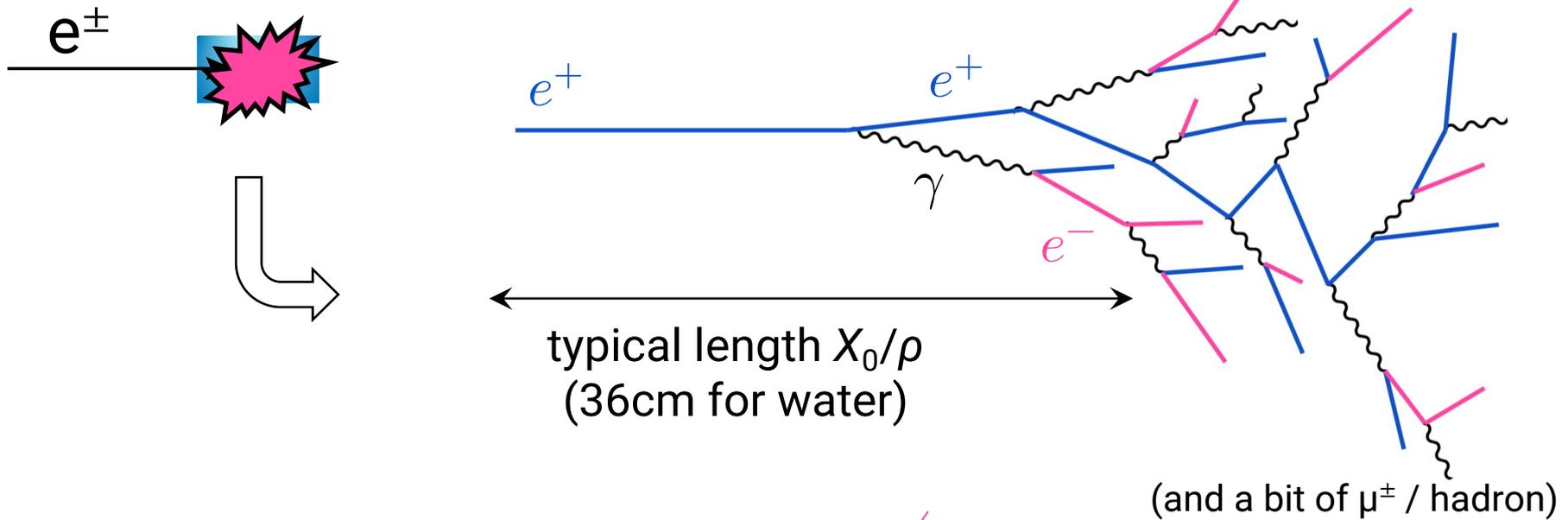
24 GeV e^- on iron, from [the Electromagnetic Shower Simulator](#) by Sven Menke.

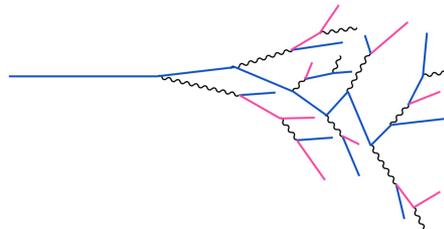
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X_0 : radiation length, ρ : density (of target material)

Elementary process at the beam dump = fixed-target scattering thicker than X_0/ρ



beam \otimes target =  $\otimes (N, e^-)$
 from water

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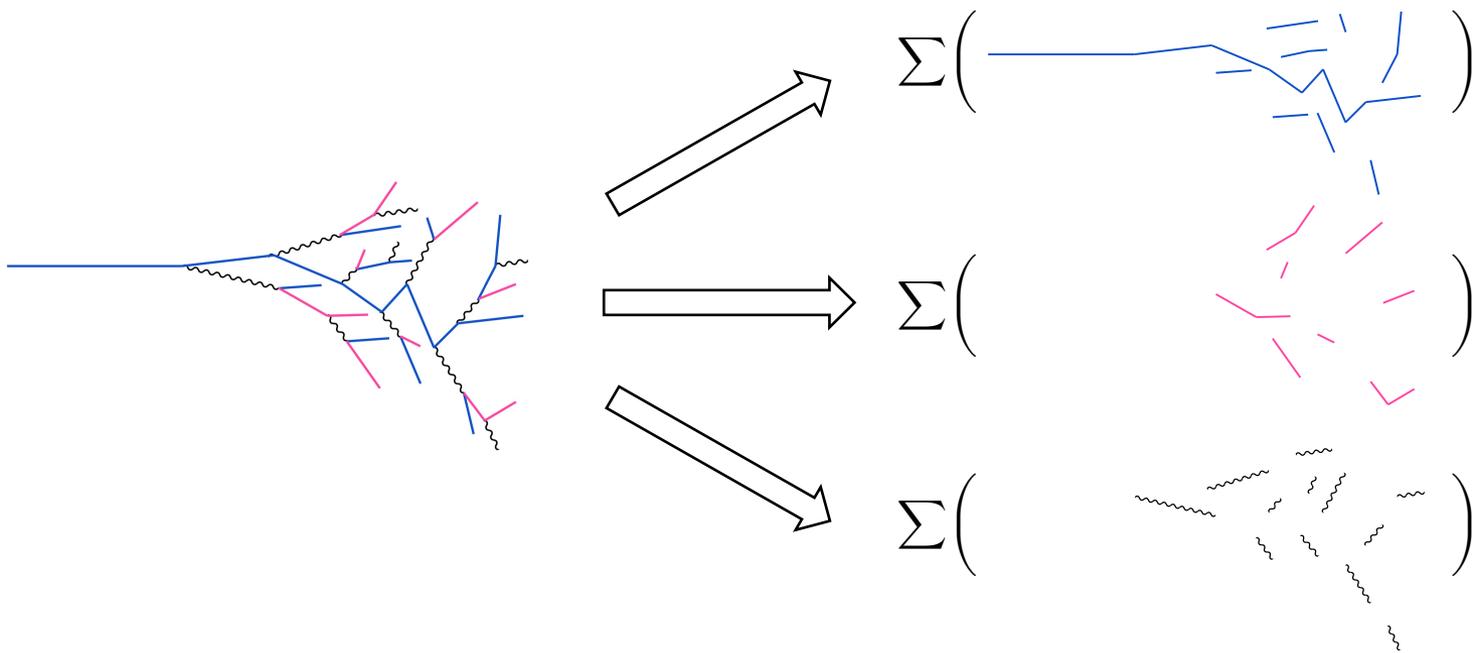
$e^+ N,$	$e^+ e^-$
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 scatterings

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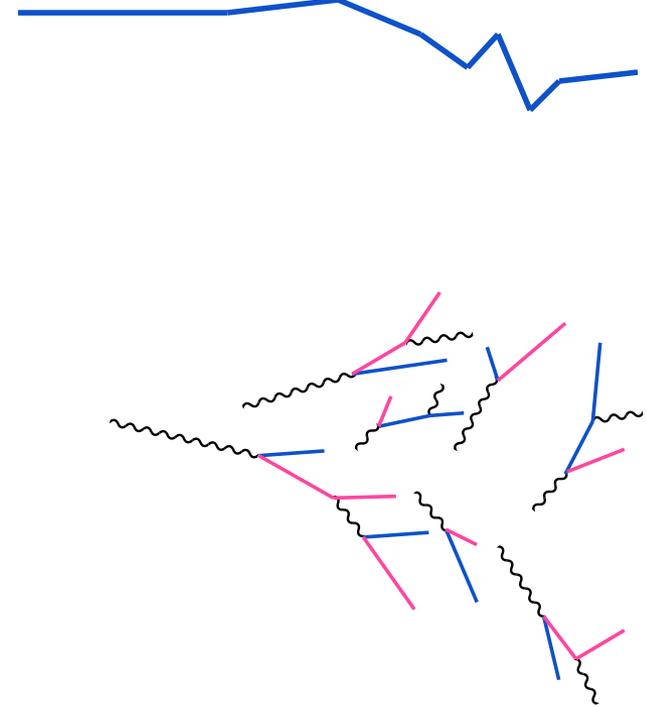
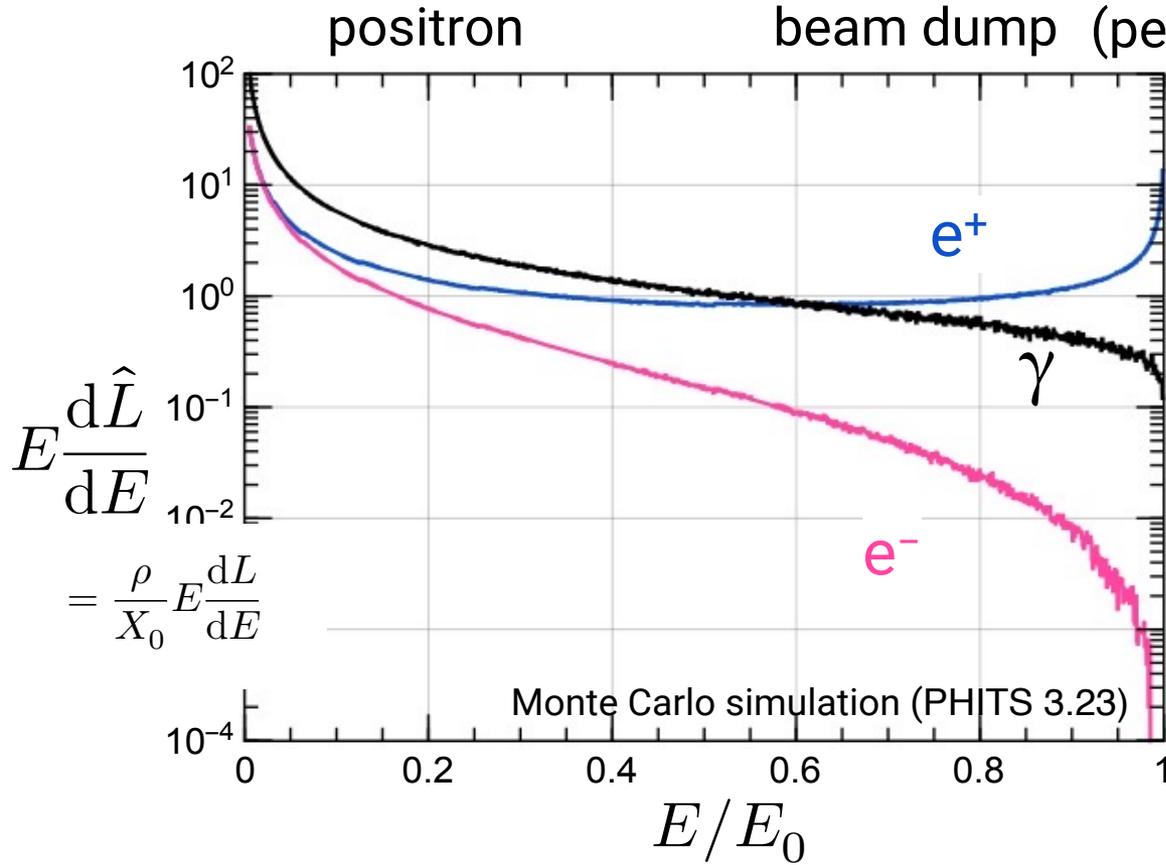
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$$N_{\text{production}}(\text{e+ dump}) =$$

$$N_{\text{inject}} \times \sum_{\Phi=\{e^+, e^-, \gamma\}} \left[n_{e^-} \frac{dL_{\Phi}^{\text{e+ beam}}}{dE} \sigma(\Phi e^- \rightarrow \text{new physics}; E) + n_N \frac{dL_{\Phi}^{\text{e+ beam}}}{dE} \sigma(\Phi N \rightarrow \text{new physics}; E) \right]$$

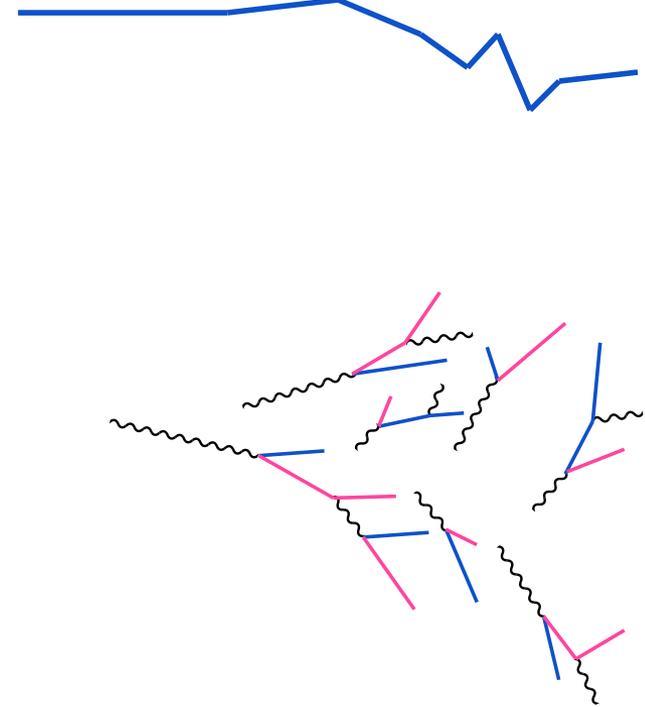
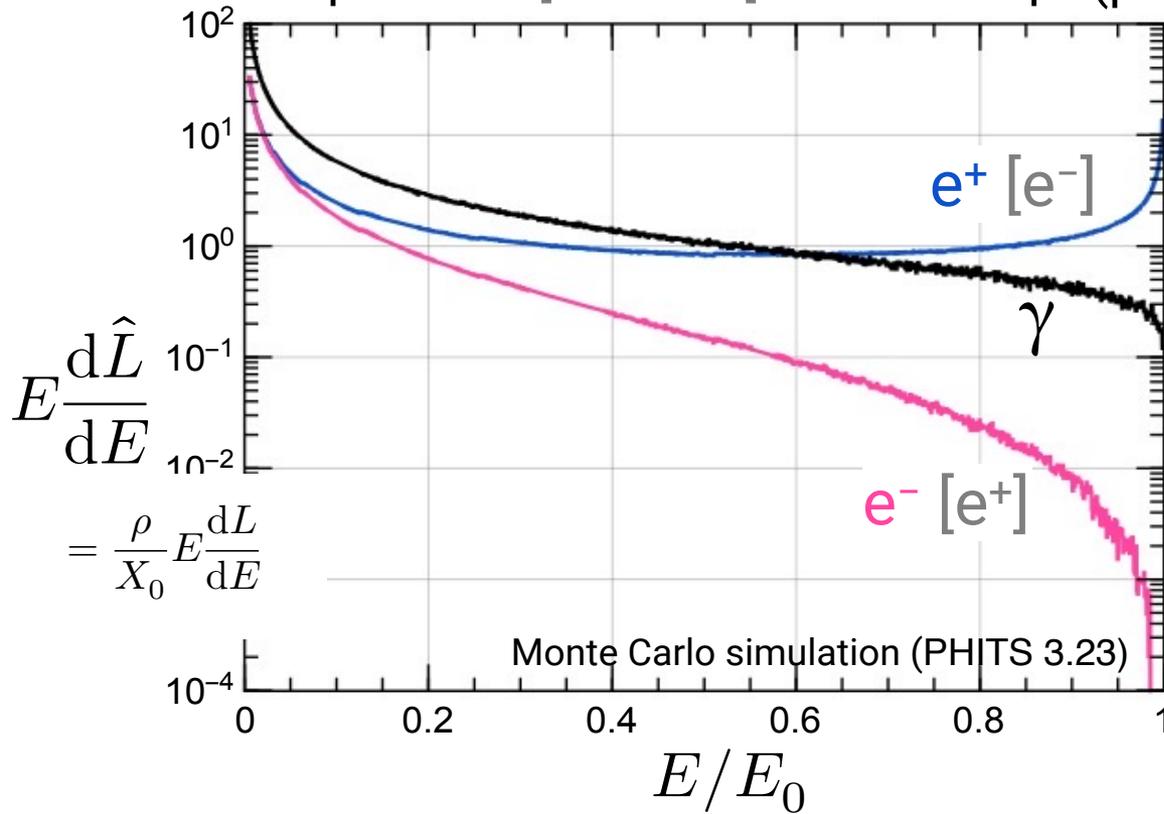
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positron [electron] beam dump (per beam particle)



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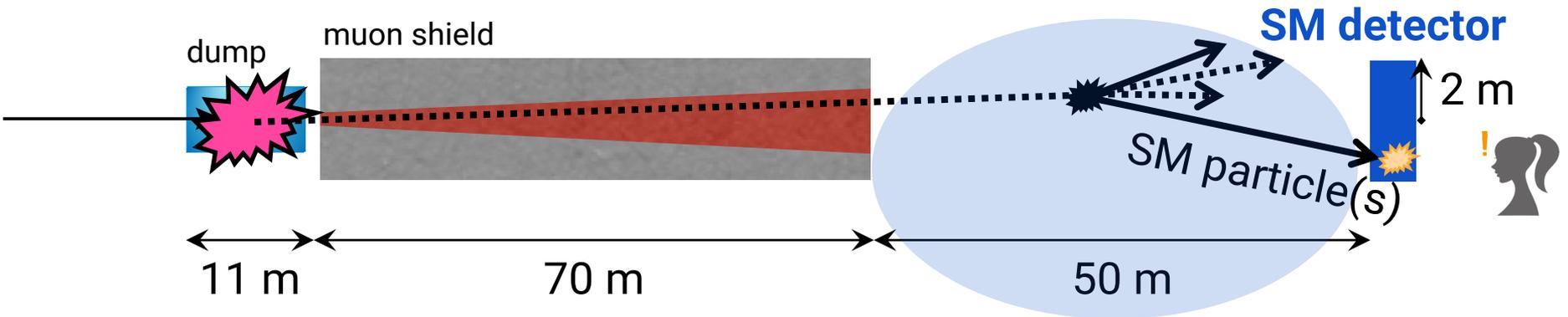
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■ Dark photon

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}F'^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{A'}^2}{2}A'^{\mu}A'_{\mu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2}F^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \simeq -\epsilon|e|A'_{\mu}j_{\text{em}}^{\mu}$$

induce

■ Axion-like particles (ALPs)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\mu}a\partial^{\mu}a - \frac{1}{2}m_a^2a^2 + \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} \frac{1}{2} \frac{c_{\text{all}}}{\Lambda} \partial_{\mu}a \bar{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \ell - \frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma\gamma}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

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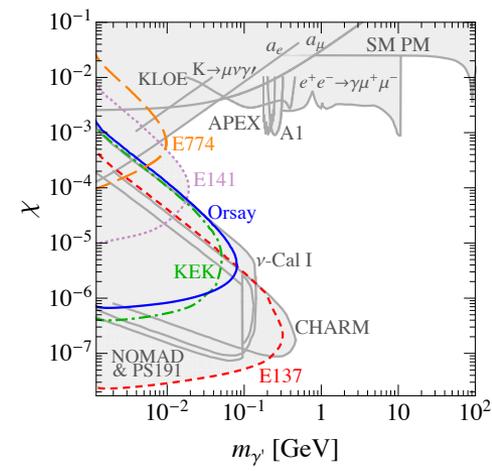
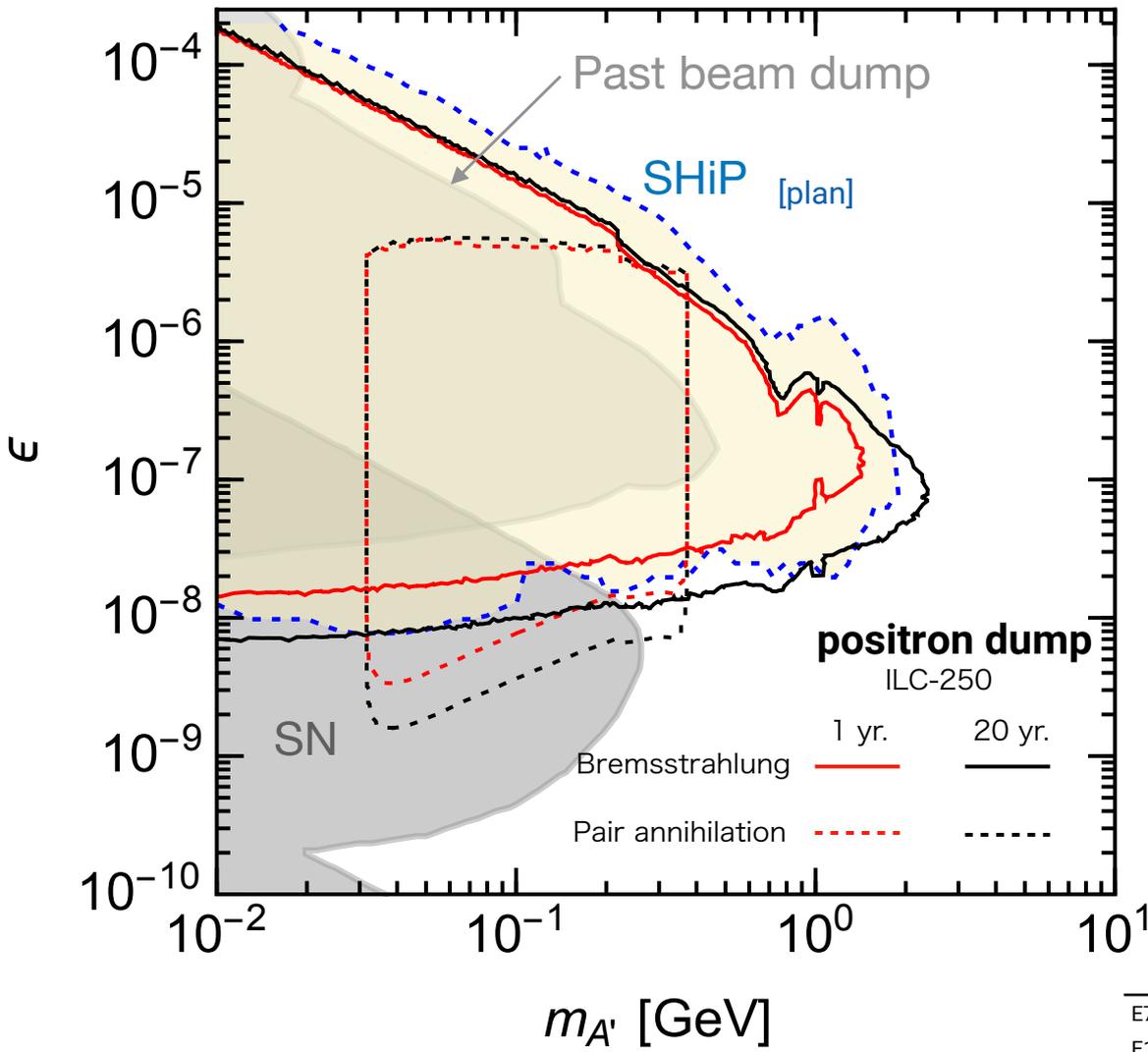
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■ Extra scalar boson

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}S)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_S^2S^2 - \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} g_{\ell}S\bar{\ell}\ell - \frac{1}{4}g_{S\gamma\gamma}SF_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

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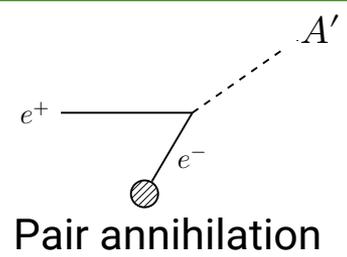
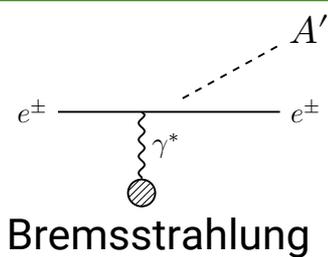
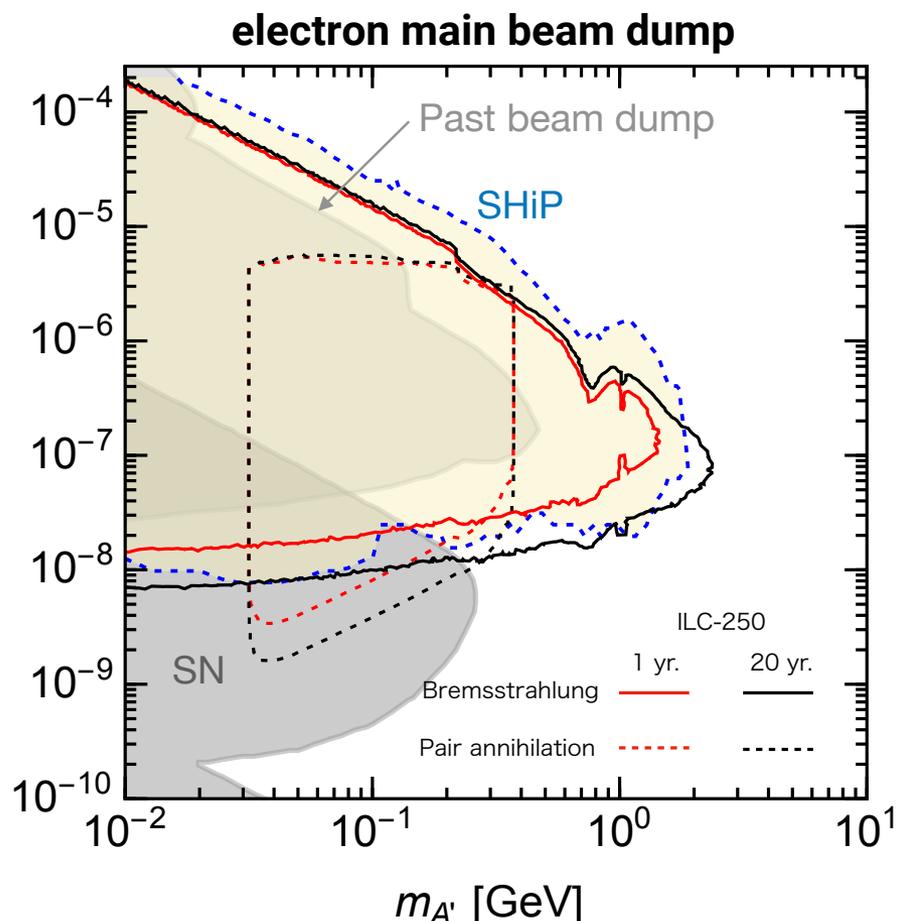
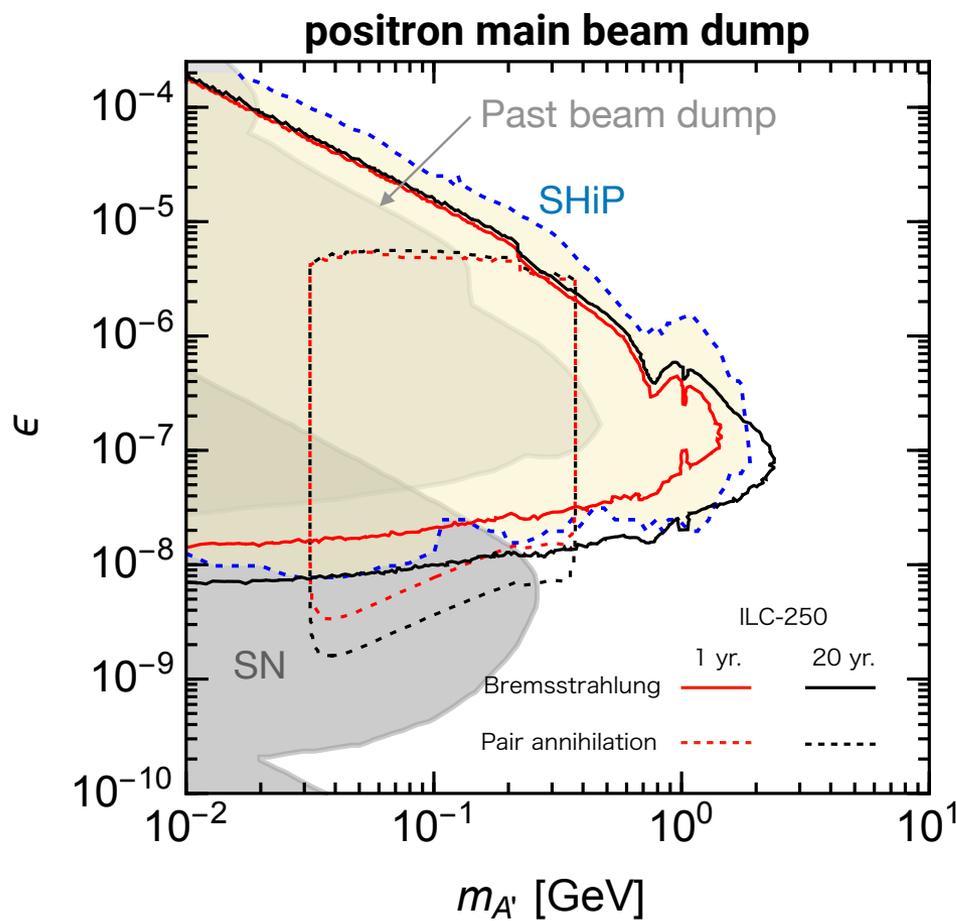
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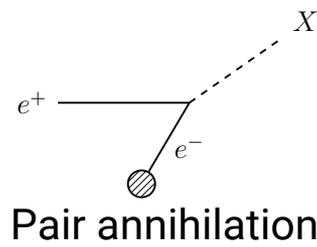
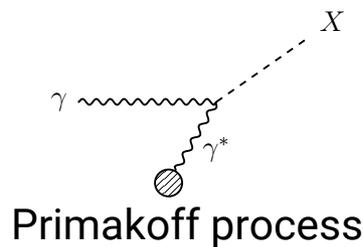
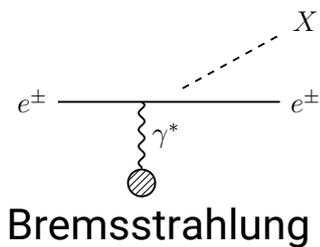
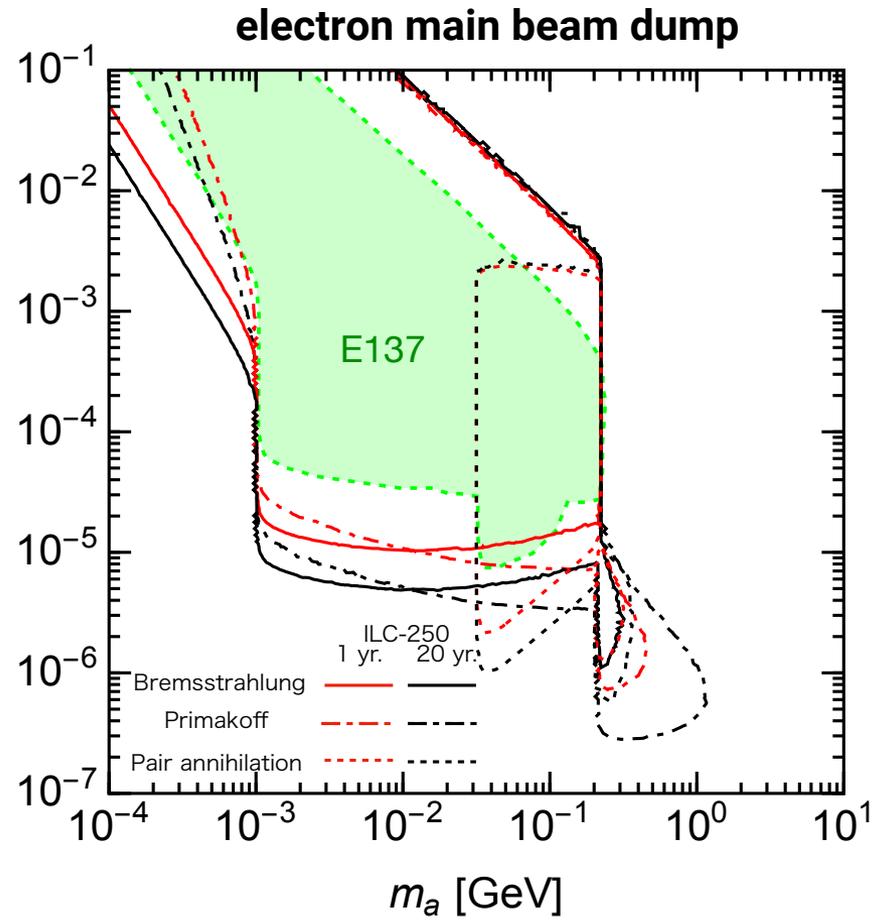
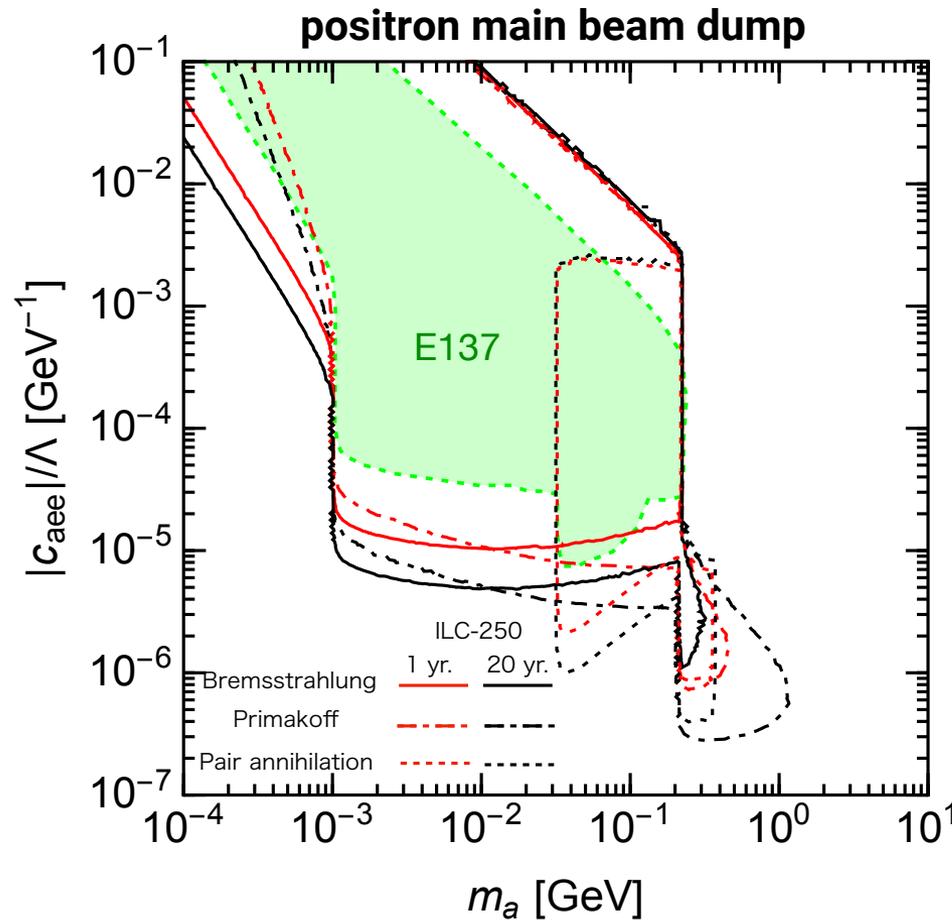
E774	1991, FNAL	e ⁻	275 GeV,	10 ¹⁰ 個,	2 m
E141	1987, SLAC	e ⁻	9 GeV,	10 ¹⁵ 個,	40 m
Orsay	1989, Orsay	e ⁻	1.6 GeV,	10 ¹⁶ 個,	3 m
KEK LBDX	1986, KEK	e ⁻	2.5 GeV,	10 ¹⁷ 個,	5 m
CHARM II	1991, CERN	p,	450 GeV,	10 ¹⁹ 個,	870 m
E137	1988, SLAC	e ⁻ ,	20 GeV,	10 ²⁰ 個,	400 m
ILC beam dump	????, Iwate	e ⁻ / e ⁺ ,	125 GeV,	10 ²¹ 個/年,	120 m
SHiP	LHC Run 4, CERN	p,	400 GeV,	10 ¹⁹ 個/年,	120 m

Past beam dump: cf. Andreas, Niebuhr, Ringwald [1209.6083]

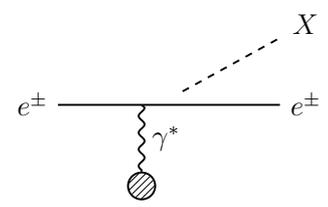
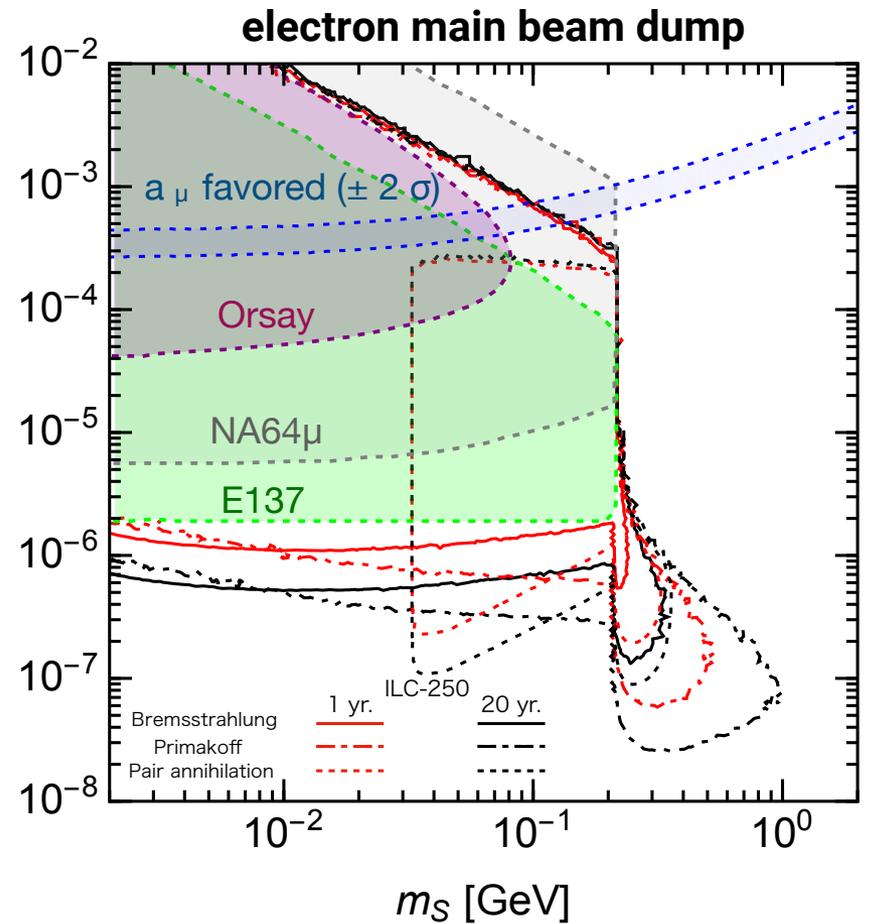
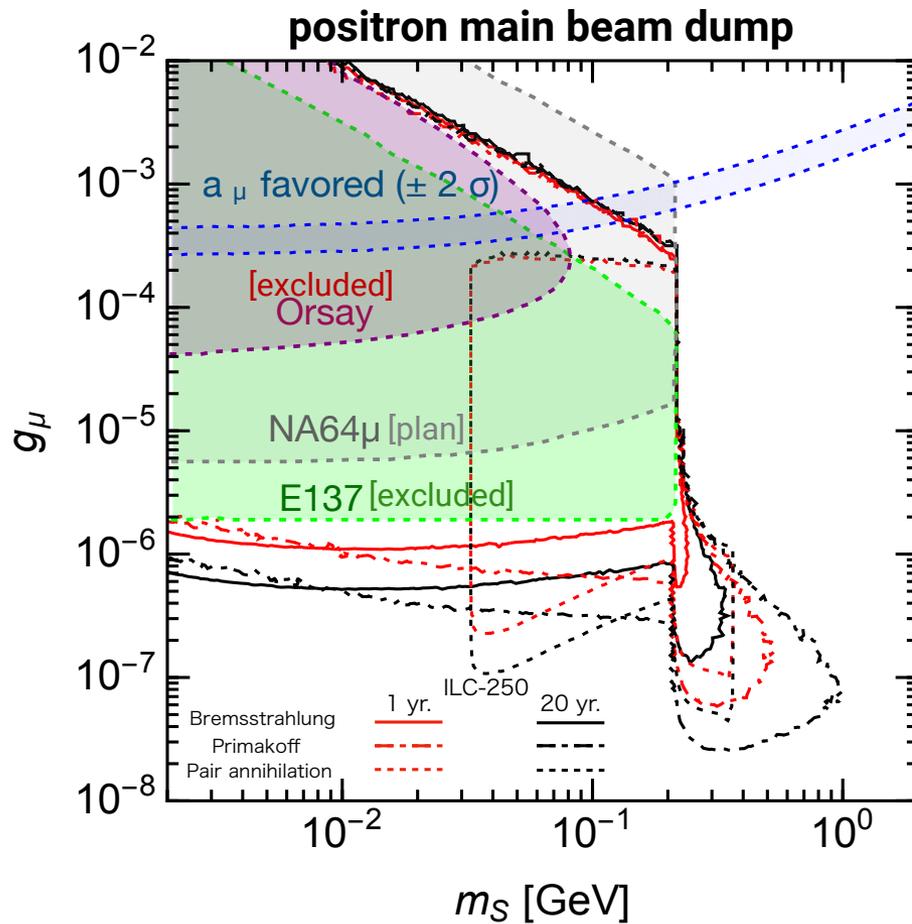
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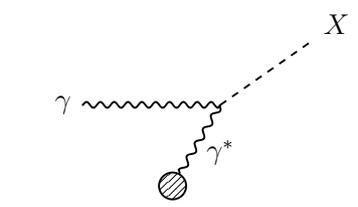
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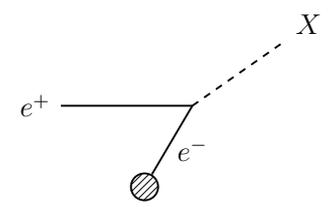
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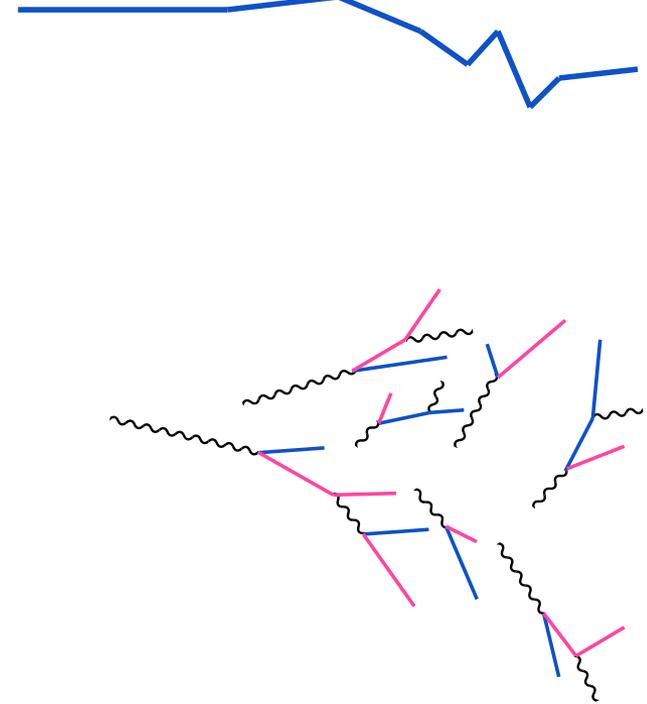
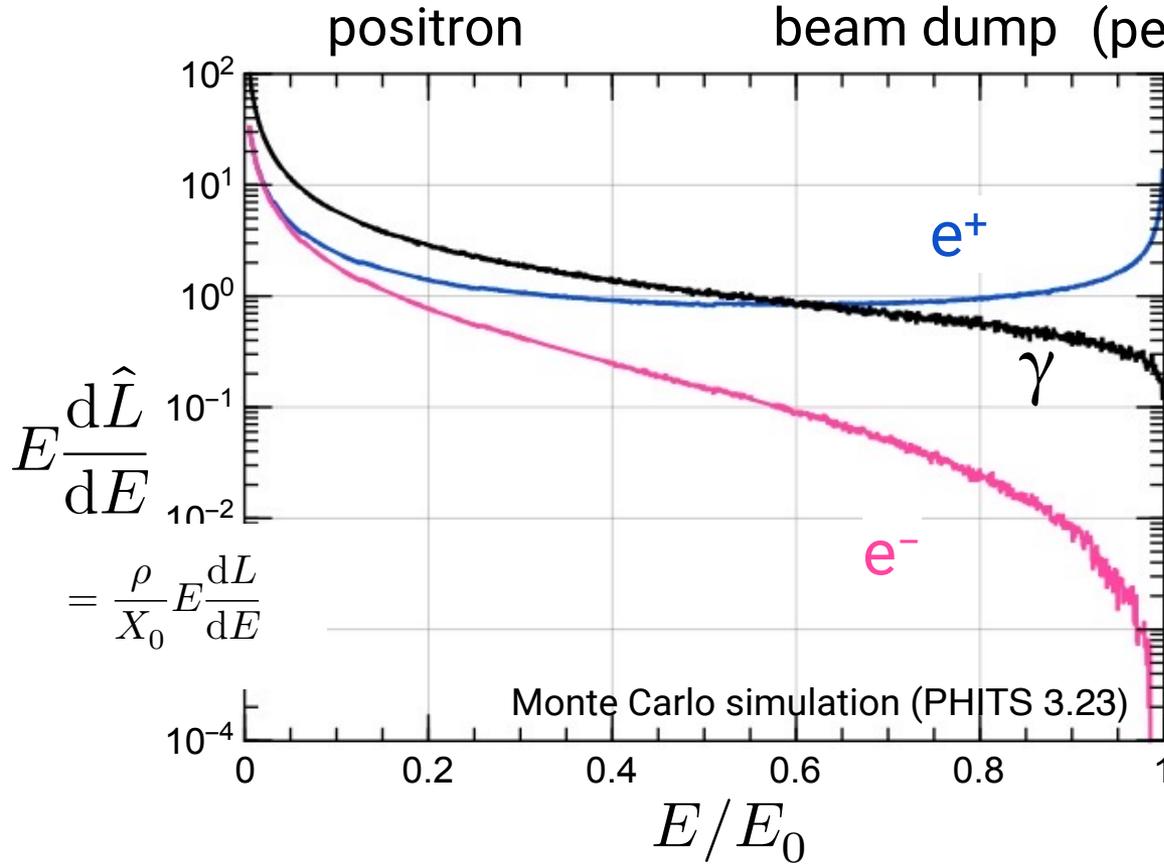
Bremsstrahlung



Primakoff process



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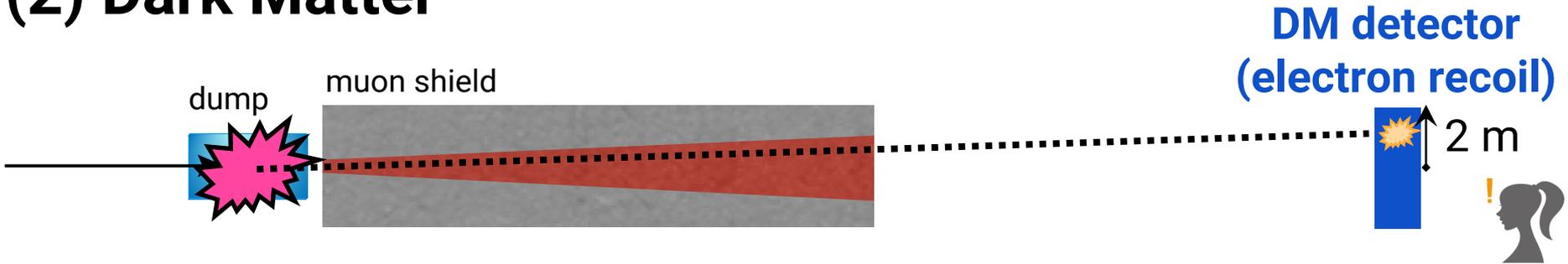
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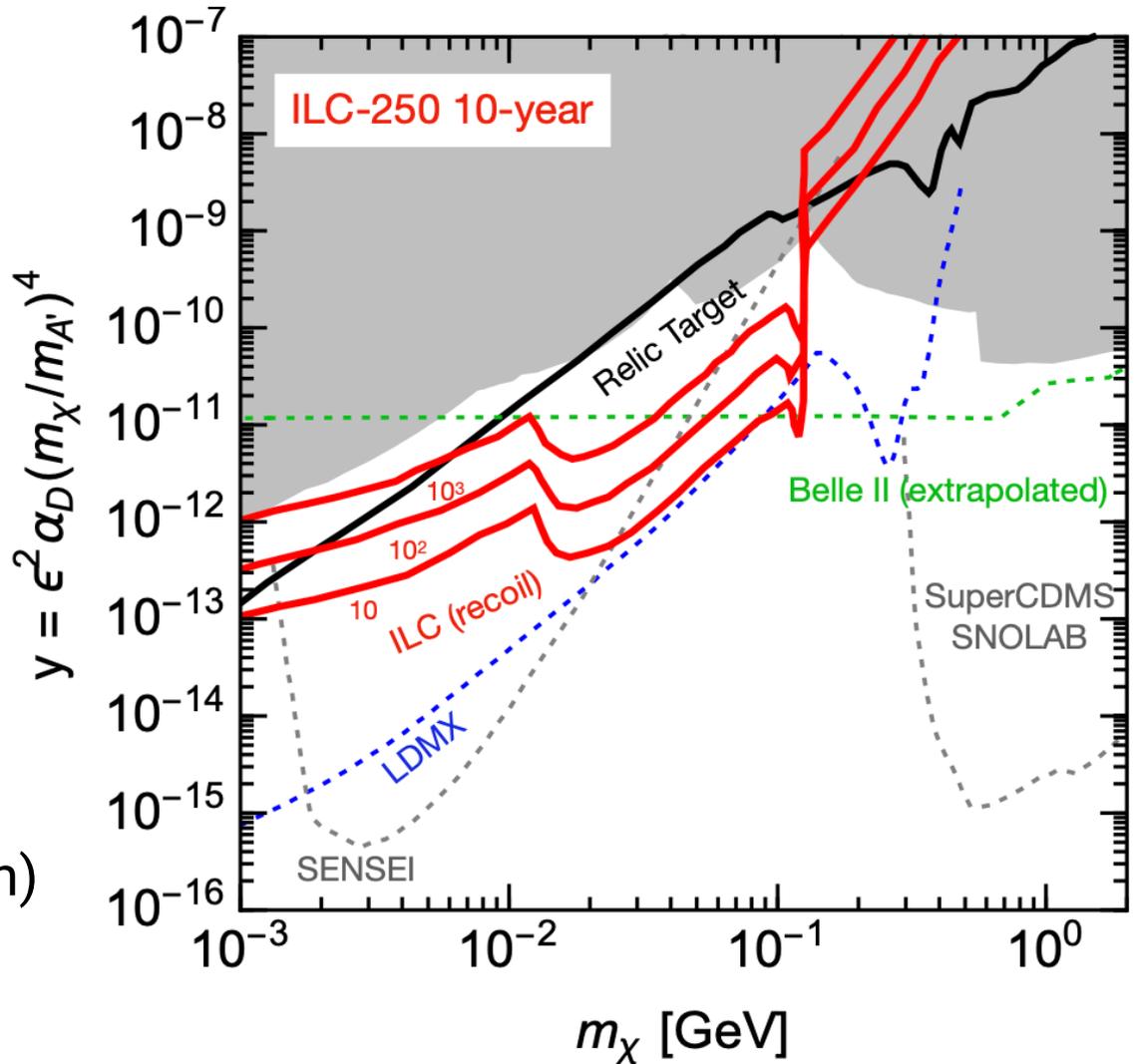
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -ig_D A'_\mu (\chi^* \partial^\mu \chi - \chi \partial^\mu \chi^*)$$

$$\alpha_D = 0.5,$$

$$m_{A'} = 3m_{\text{DM}}$$

#(signal) = 1000 
100 
10 

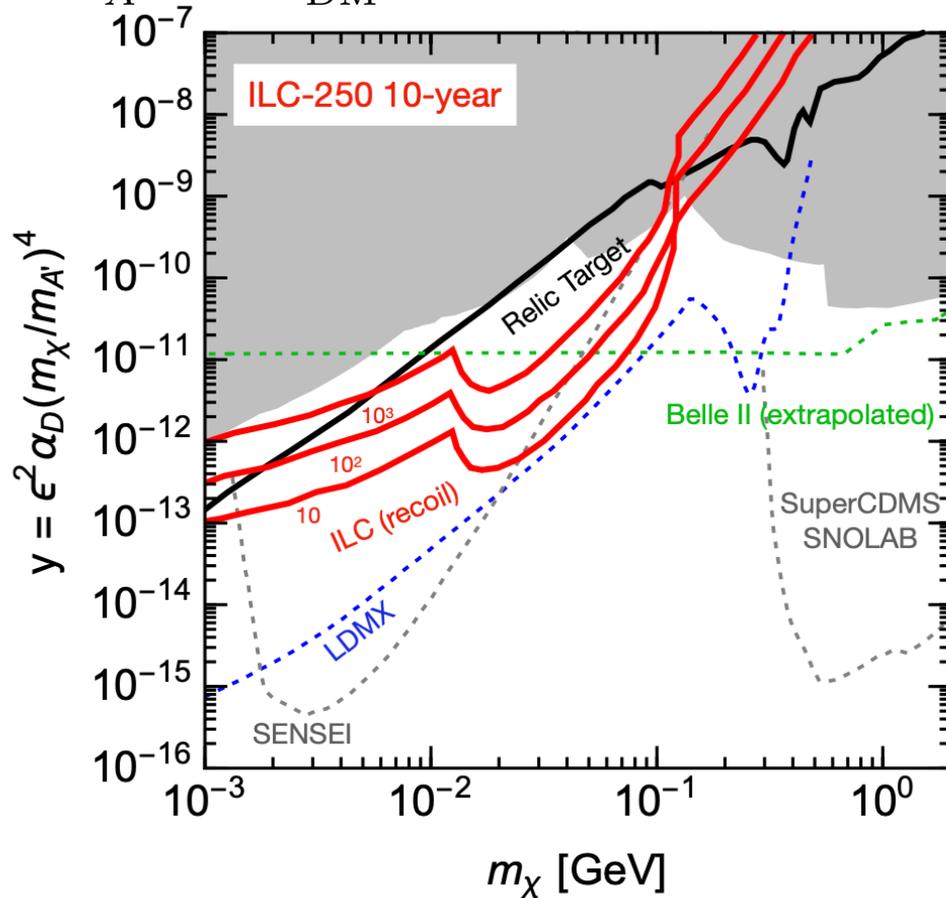
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 (our crude estimation)



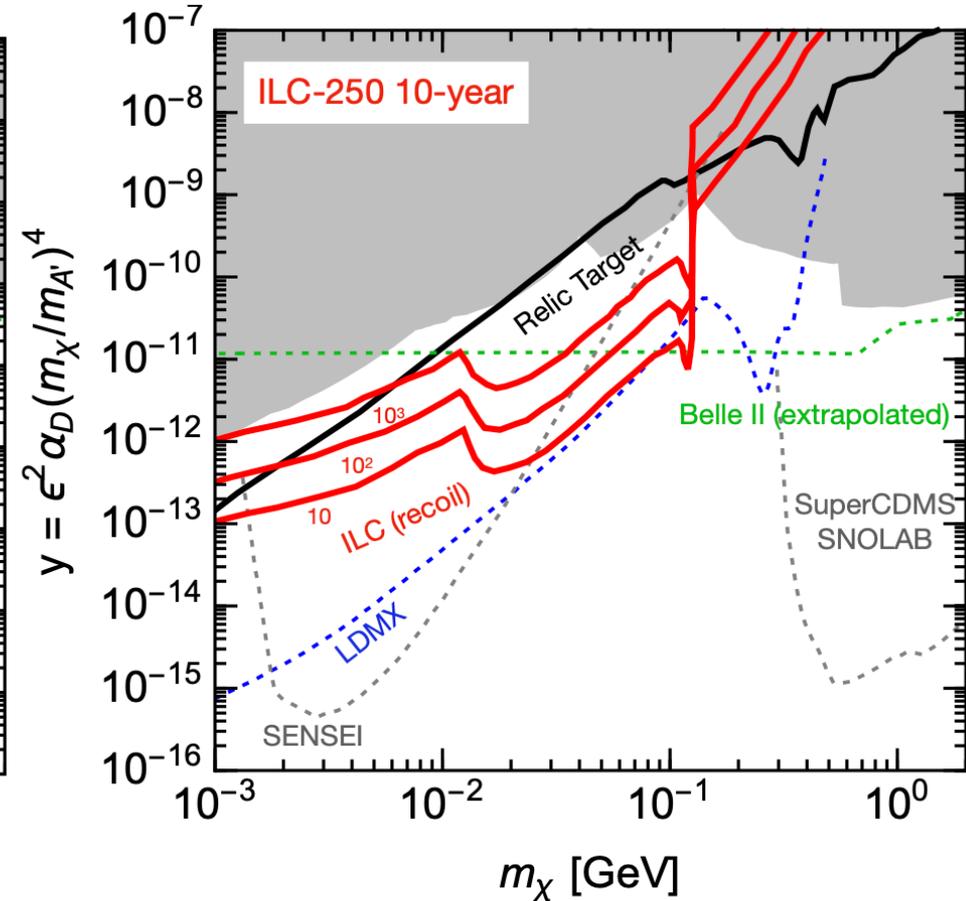
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electron recoil by neutrinos

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Nuclear recoil by neutrinos : mis-ID

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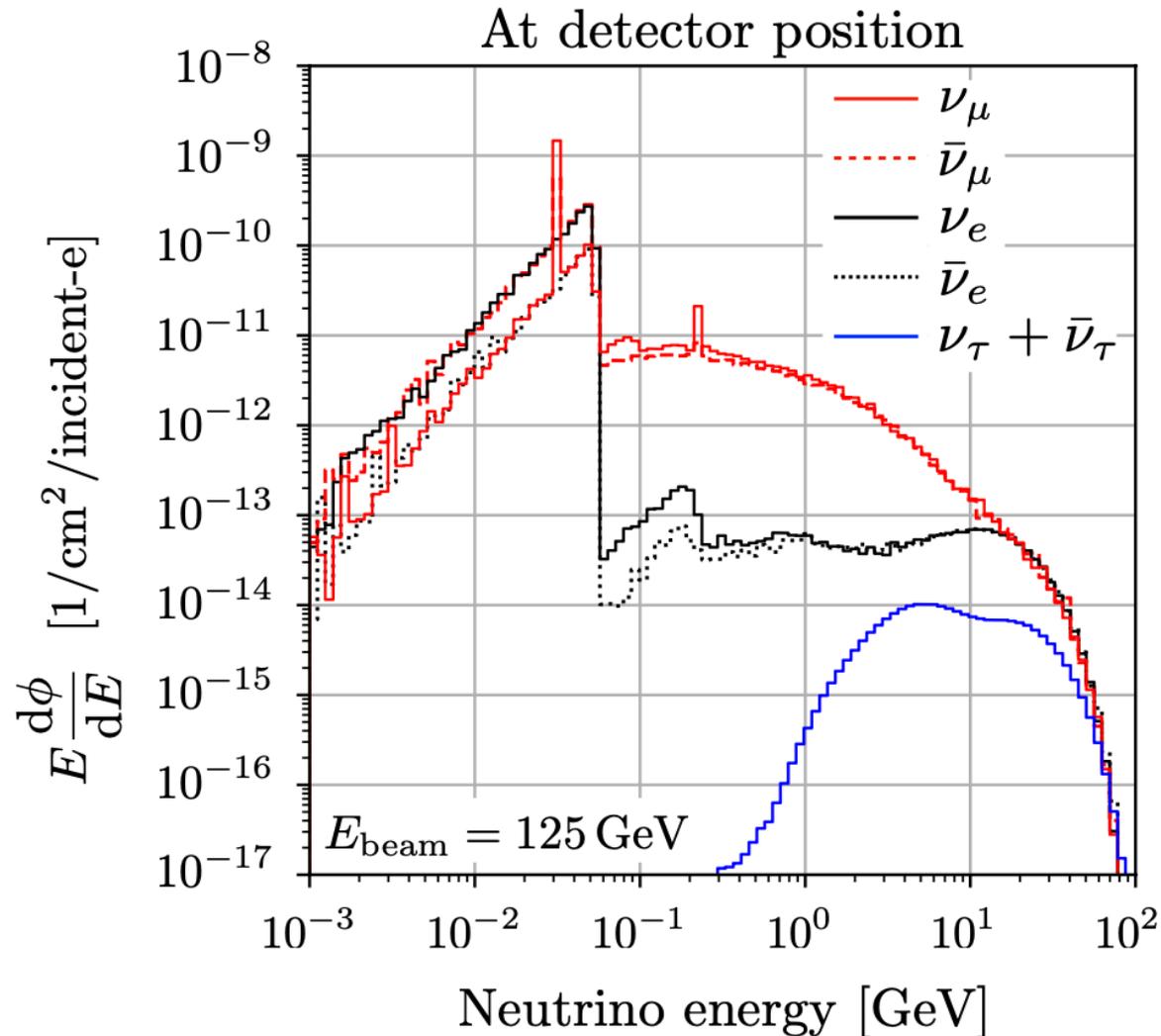
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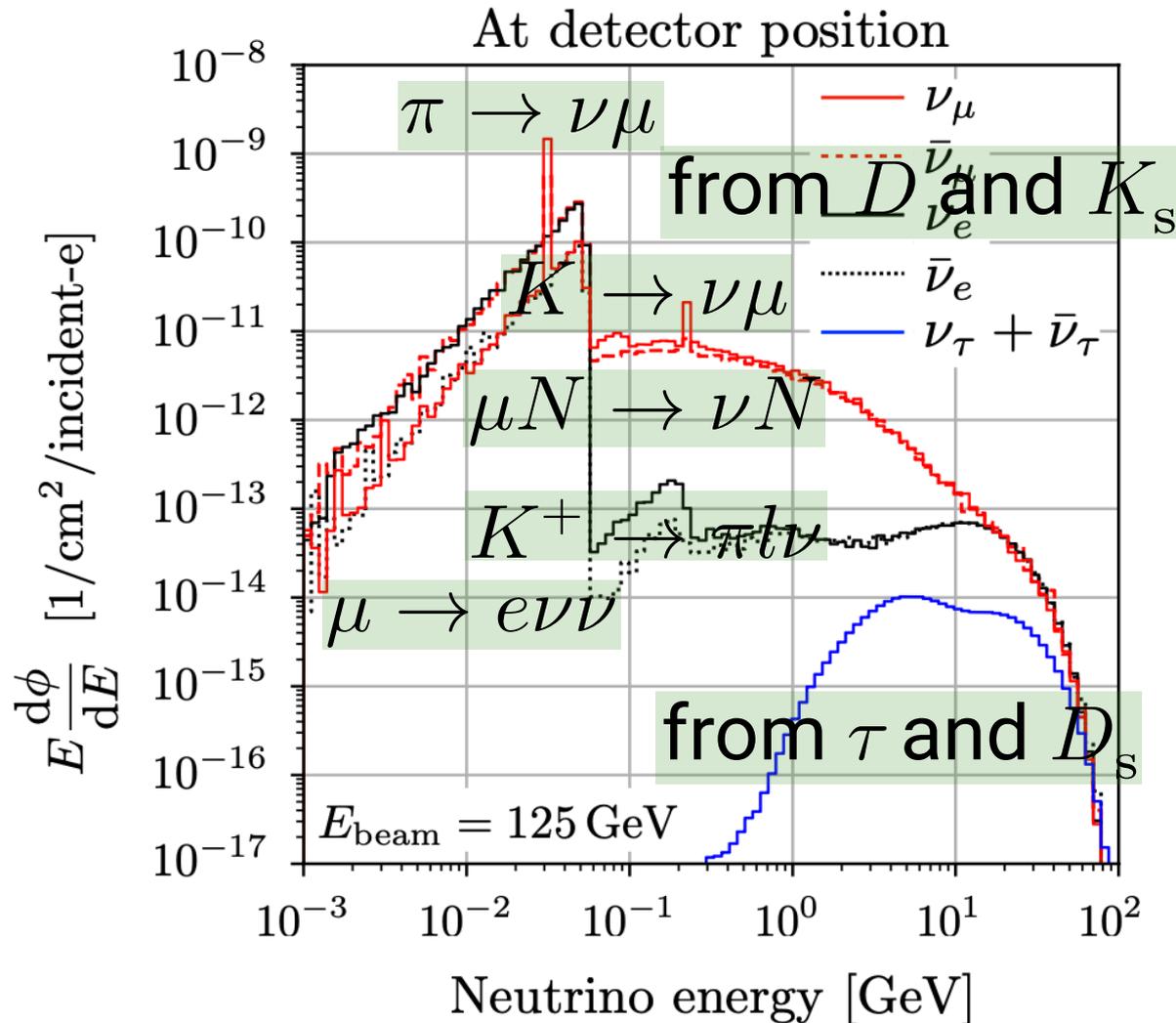
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➤ **Neutrinos from dumped beam**

- electron recoil ~ 10 / 10 years
- nuclear recoil $\sim 20000 \times \text{mis-ID rate}$ / 10 years

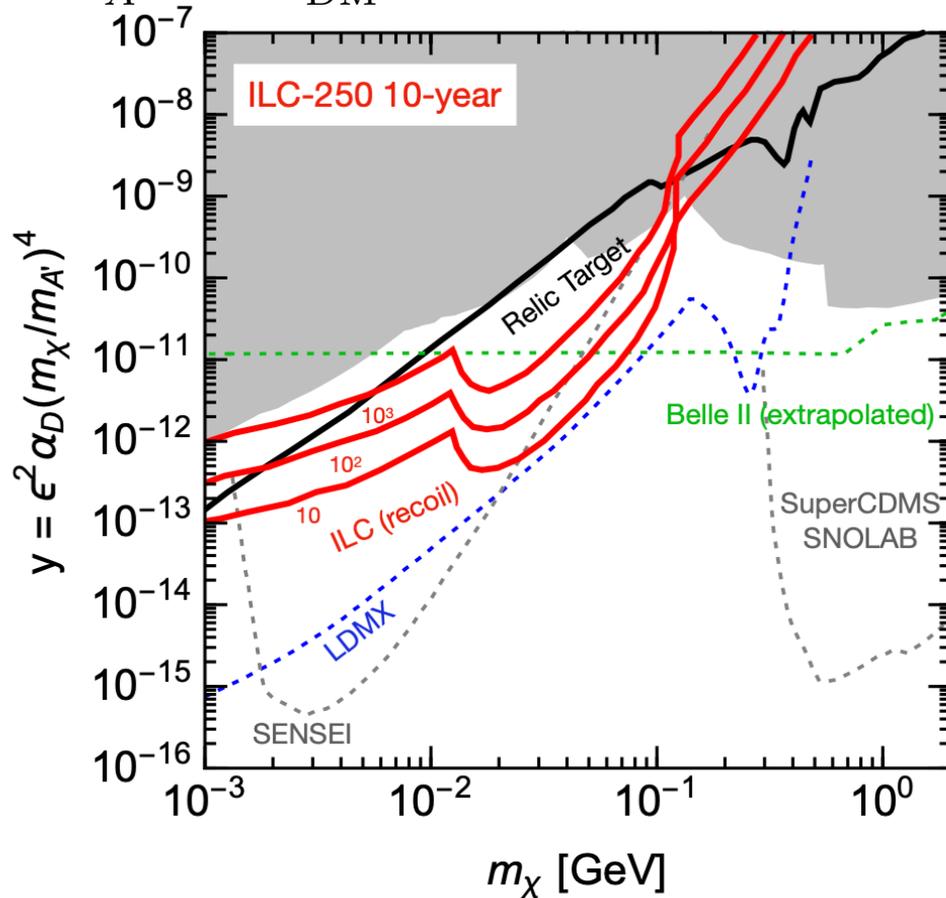
➤ **Neutrinos from cosmic rays** $\sim O(10)$ / 10 years

➤ **Noise** $\sim ??$

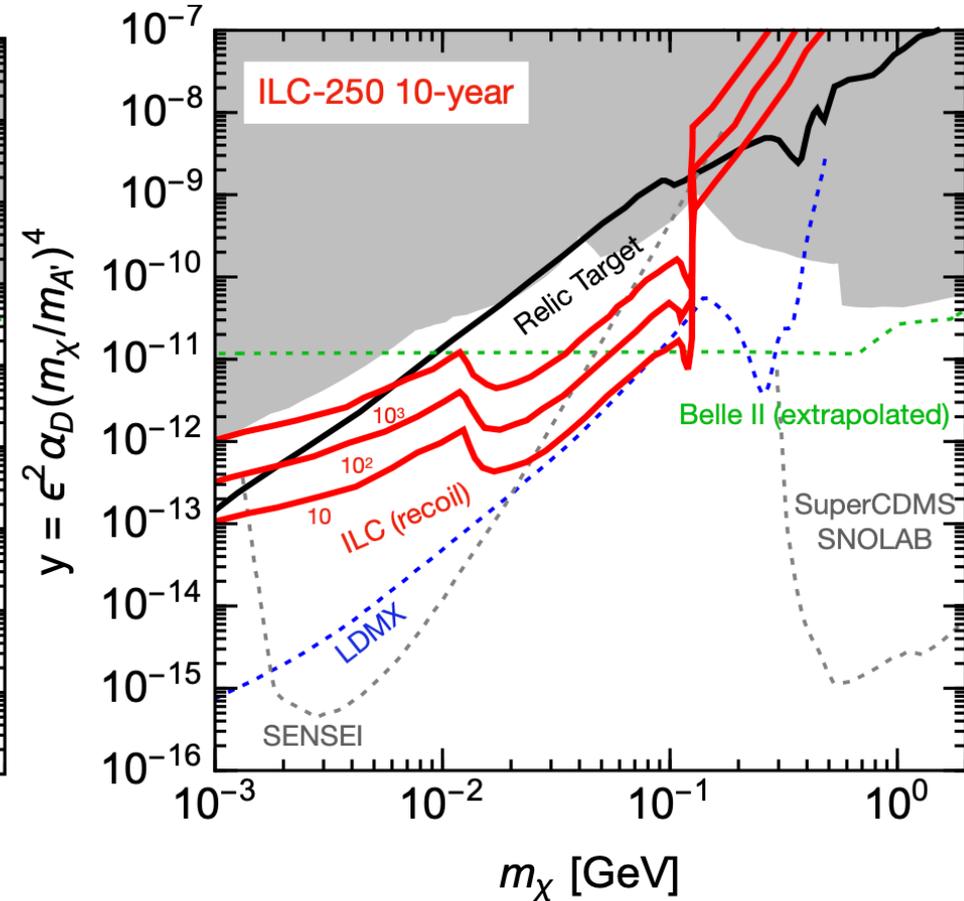
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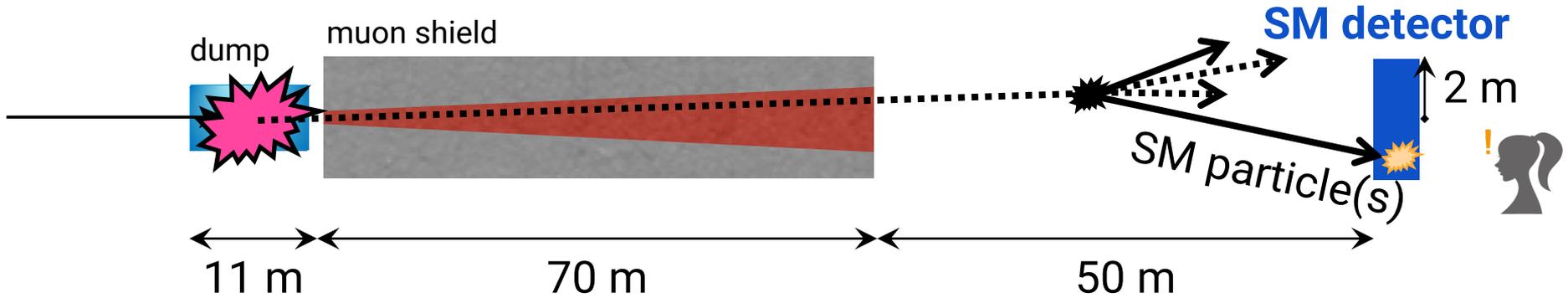
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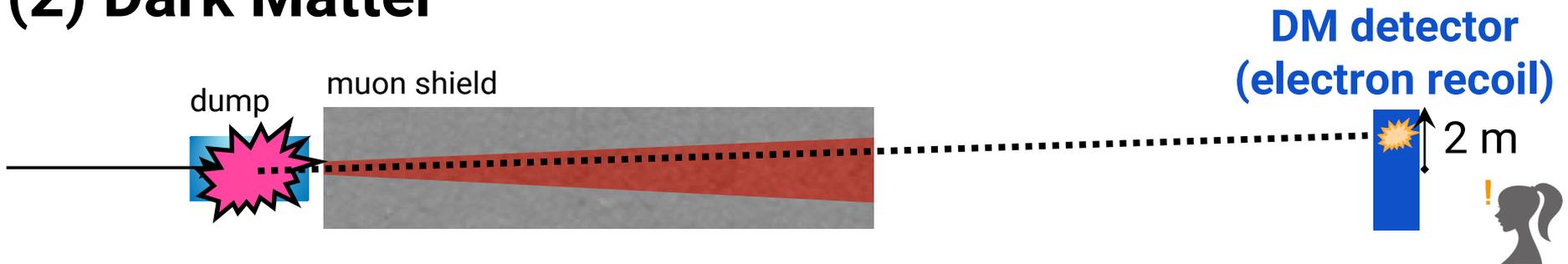
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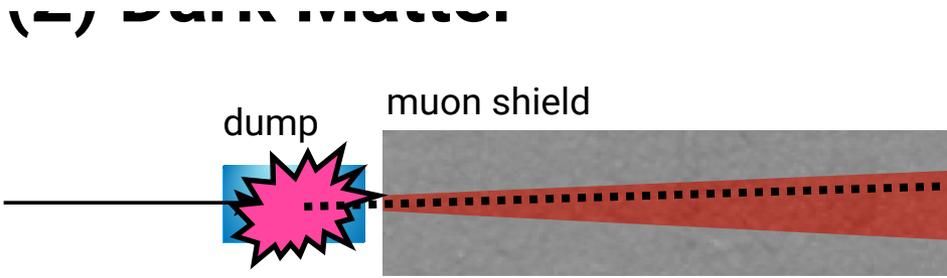
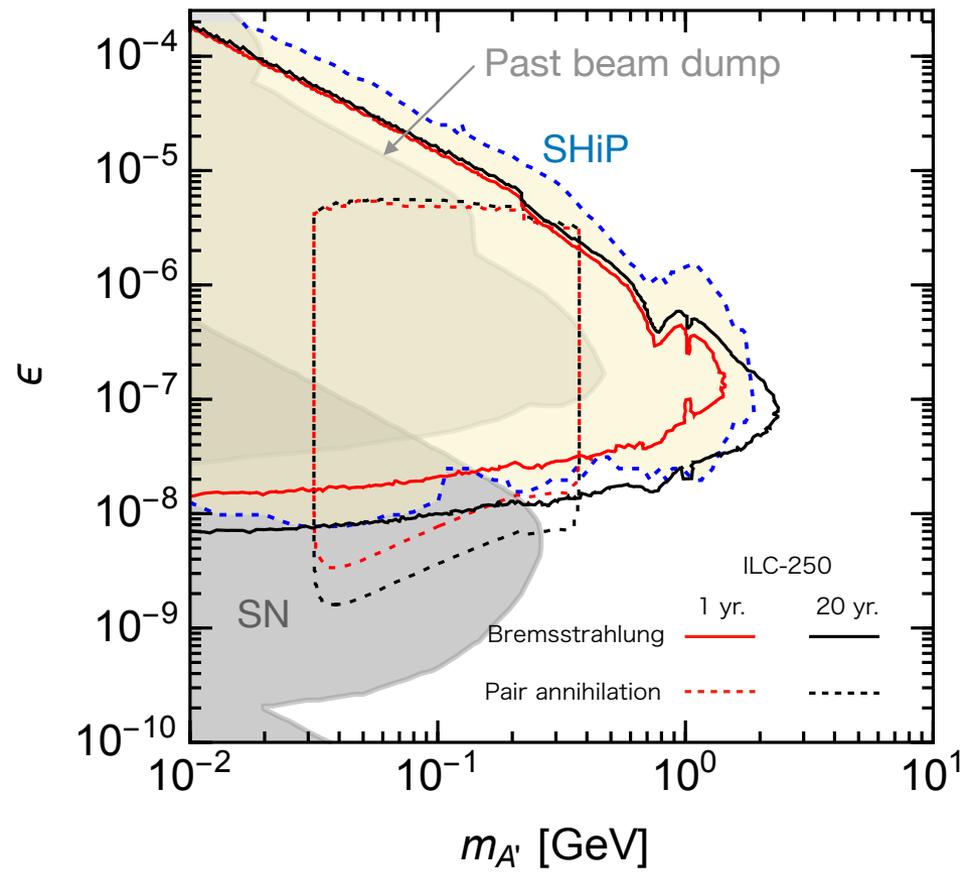
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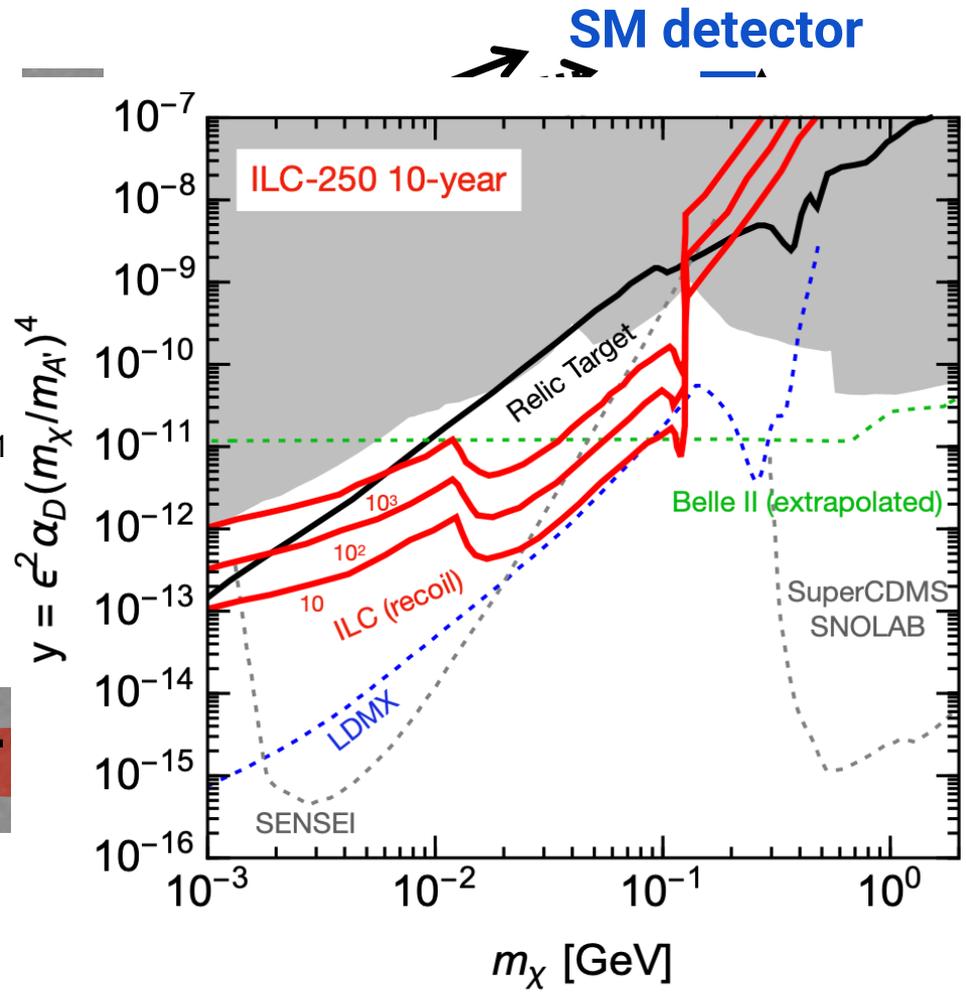
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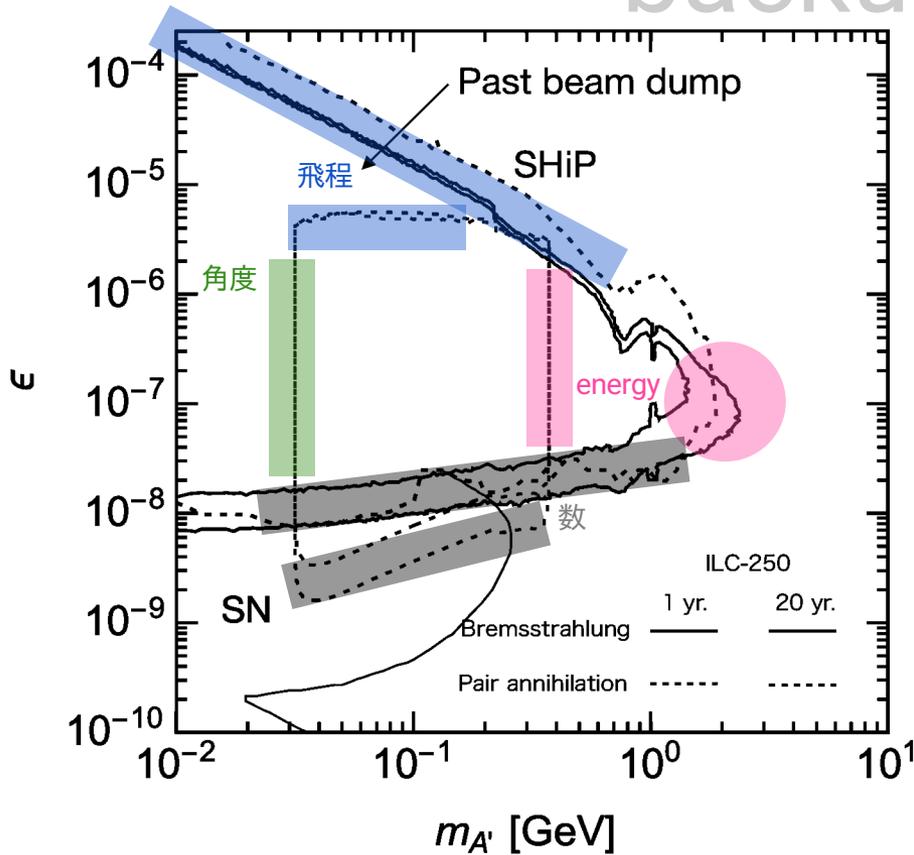


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to **SM** (and other) particles





➤ Energy の限界

$$\sqrt{s} \sim m_{A'} < \sqrt{2mE_{\text{beam}}} \approx (360 \text{ MeV}, 15 \text{ GeV})$$

➤ 飛程の下限

$$\text{flight} = \frac{p_{A'}}{m_{A'}\Gamma} \gtrsim 70 \text{ m}; \quad \Gamma \approx \frac{\alpha\epsilon^2 m_{A'}}{3}$$

• Pair-annihilation の場合

$$p_{A'} \sim E_{e^+}^{\text{shower}} \sim \frac{m_{A'}^2}{2m_e} \longrightarrow \epsilon \lesssim 10^{-6}$$

• Bremsstrahlung の場合

$$p_{A'} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{GeV}) \longrightarrow \epsilon m_{A'} \lesssim 10^{-7} \text{ GeV}$$

➤ 低 energy の shower 粒子は散らばりがち → 角度条件に引っかかる

(角度条件が実質的に low-energy threshold になっている)

• $r_{\text{perp}} < r_{\text{det}} \iff \theta \lesssim (2 \text{ m}) / (120 \text{ m}) = 1/60$

• our approx. $\theta^{-1} \approx (E_{e^\pm} / \text{GeV}) / 0.008 \implies E_{e^\pm} \gtrsim 0.5 \text{ GeV} \implies \sqrt{2m_e E_{e^\pm}} \approx 23 \text{ MeV}$

➤ Injection 強度 (と decay volume の長さ)