

**DarkLight: Looking for a dark forces boson  
at the  
Jefferson Lab Free Electron Laser**

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What to keep in mind about dark matter:

All of the concrete information about dark matter comes from measurements of the potential wells of astrophysical objects.

Galaxies and galaxy clusters are the venues where dark matter is important. Dark energy dominates on cosmological scales, baryons on sub galactic scales.

The classical SUSY WIMP  $< 1$  TeV picture is being pushed to higher energies by the (so far) non-observation of new physics at the LHC.

My standard experimental particle physics dark matter talk:

Blah, blah, blah, Zwicky, blah, blah, Coma Cluster, blah, blah, Dark Matter!, blah, blah, rotation curve, blah, blah, blah, 23% of universe, blah, blah, NOT SM! blah, blah, GREAT MYSTERY! blah, blah, blah, two candidates: blah, blah, **axions**, blah, blah, blah, blah, **WIMPs**, blah, blah, supersymmetry, blah, blah, WIMP miracle, blah, blah, blah, my experiment, blah, blah, blah....

## WIMP “Miracle”:

The currently observed dark matter density in the universe is consistent with massive particle production in the Big Bang with WIMPs with 100's of GeV mass and weak interaction cross section ( $\sim 1$  pb).

# A Theory of Dark Matter

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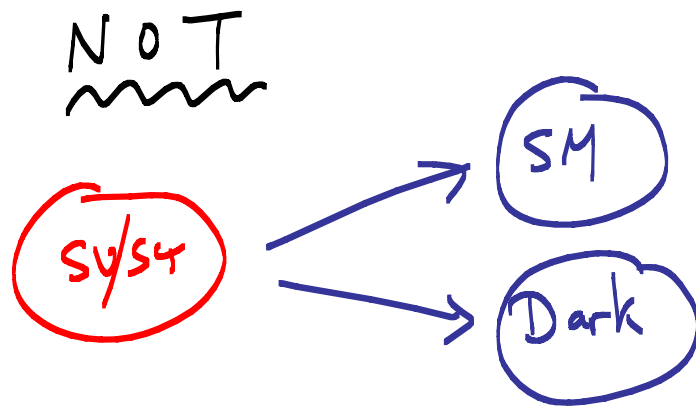
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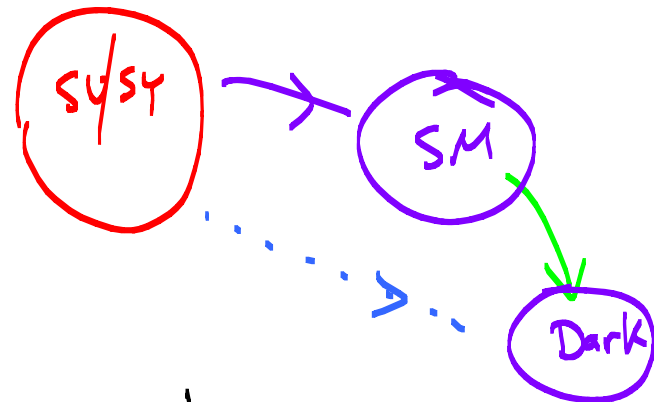
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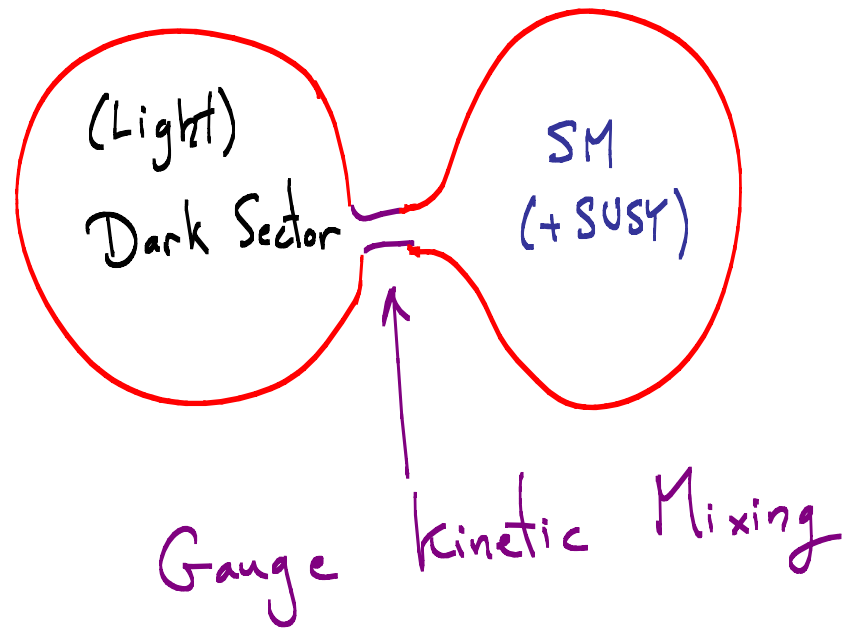
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Essentially anything  
else: e.g.



[Familiar from  
Gauge Mediated SU/S4]



Arkani-Hamed

Splitting  $\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{=====} \\ \text{=====} \\ \text{=====} \end{array} \right) M_{DM}$   
 $\propto 2M_W$   
 $\sim \text{few MeV}$

$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{=====} \\ \text{=====} \\ \text{=====} \end{array} \right) \phi$

$M_\phi \sim 2M_W$   
 $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

——  $M_T$   
- - -  $M_H ?$   
 $\text{=====}$   $M_W, M_Z$

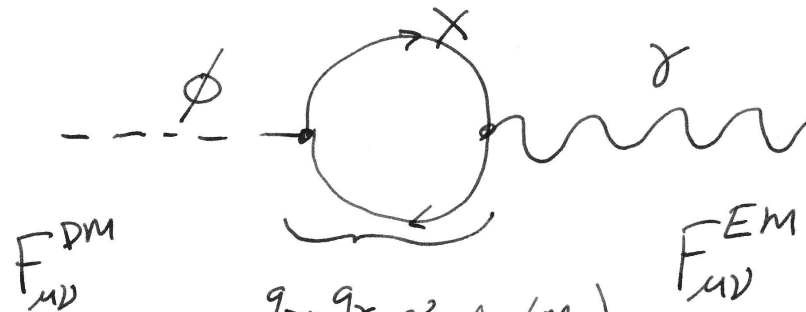
——  $M_b$

——  $M_c$

$\text{=====}$   $M_g$



# Kinetic Mixing



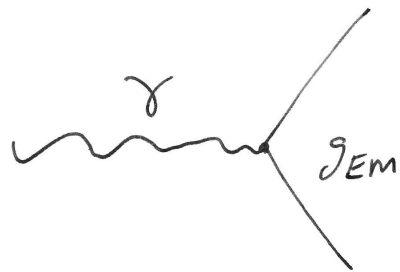
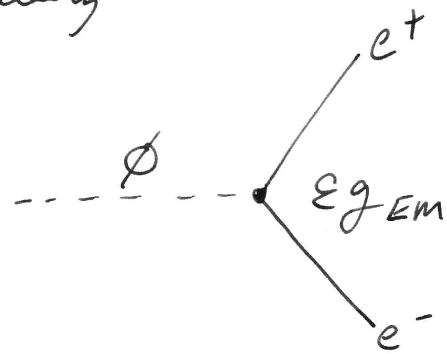
$$\frac{g_{DM} g_\gamma}{16\pi^2} \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{M}{M_X}\right)$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\epsilon = 10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$$

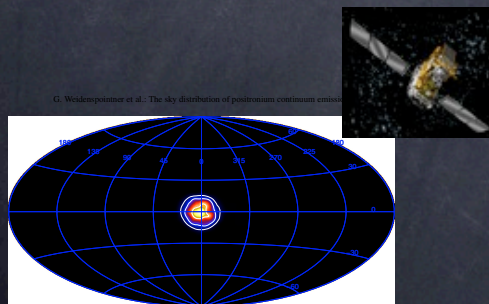
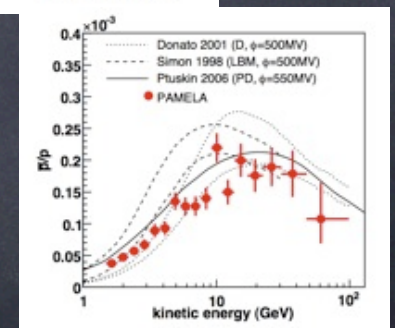
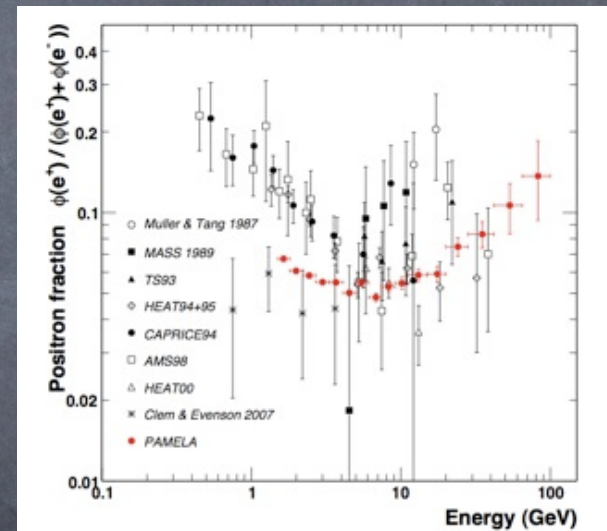
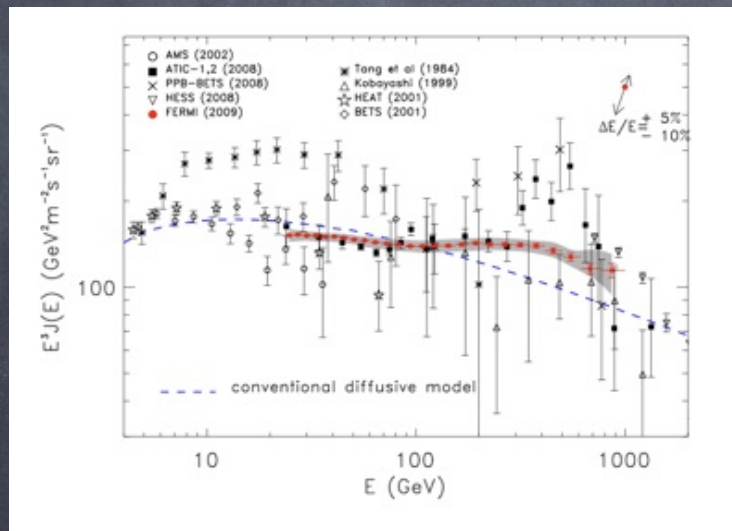
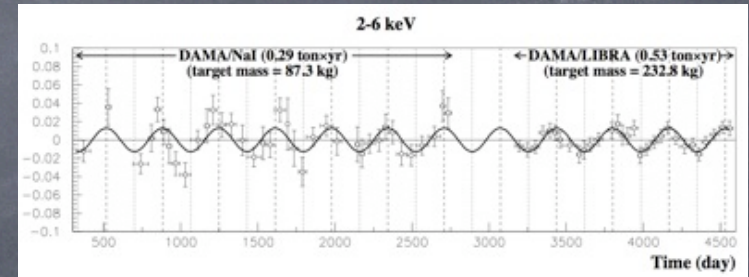
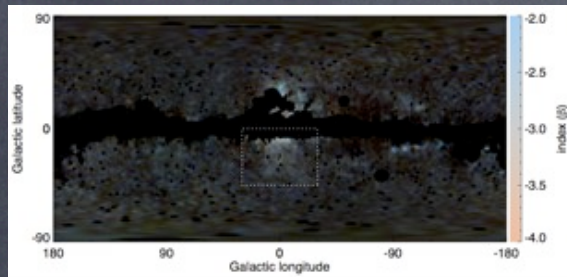
$$\mathcal{L} = \dots \epsilon F_{\mu\nu}^{DM} F_{EM}^{\mu\nu} \dots$$

Effectively



Why?

# Era of anomalies



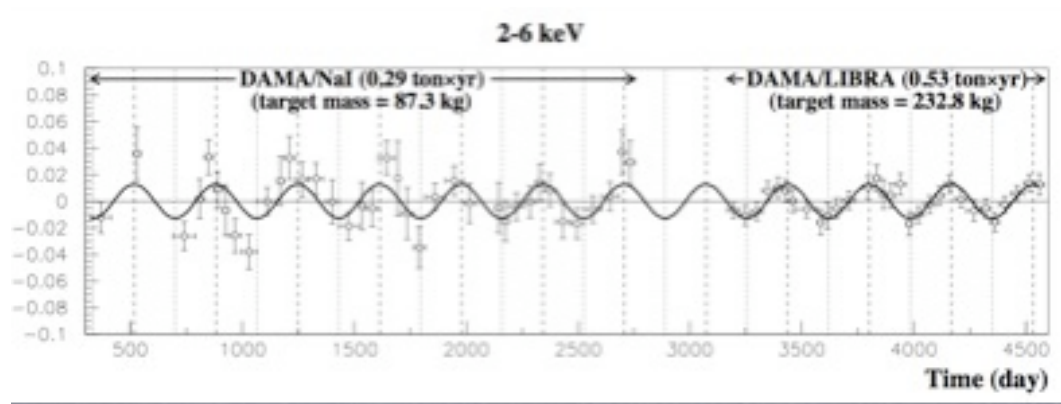
Neil Weiner

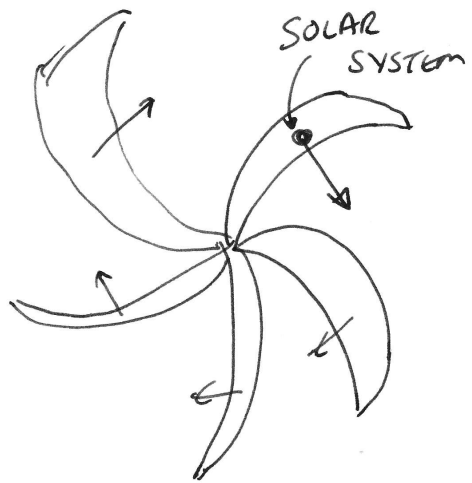
# The three ingredients to explain PAMELA/Fermi

- Hard lepton spectrum
- Few/no anti-protons
- Large cross section (much larger than thermal – for annihilation)
- All these can be explained by insisting that the dark matter has a new GeV scale force (Arkani-Hamed, Finkbeiner, Slatyer, NW, '08)
- **Wide range of models all share similar structure**  
(Pospelov and Ritz, '08; Fox and Poppitz '08; Nomura and Thaler '08; Nelson and Spitzer '08; Katz and Sundrum '08...)

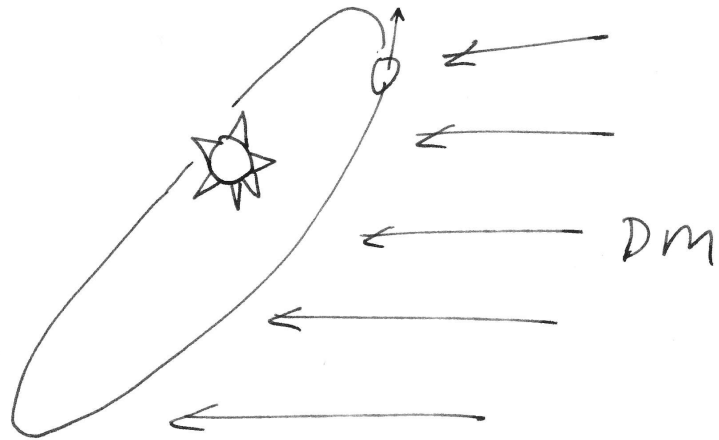
# DAMA/Libra

Observes modulation of count rate in the lowest bin over 11 years. Phase and period are within a few days of expected values. Implies a very large elastic scattering cross section, excluded by many experiments.

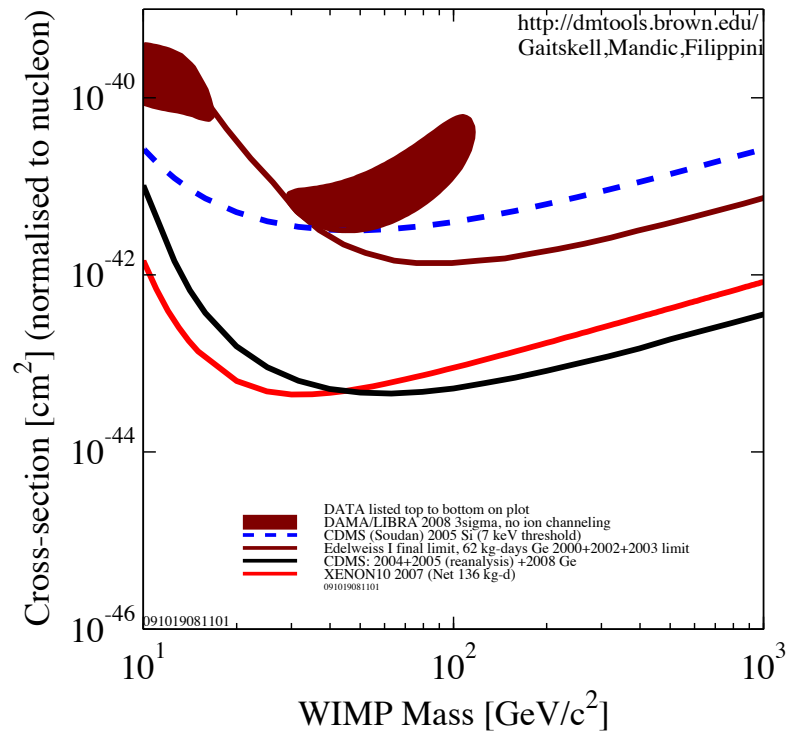




GALAXY



1-2% CHANGE IN  
EVENT RATE AT  
few keV THRESHOLD



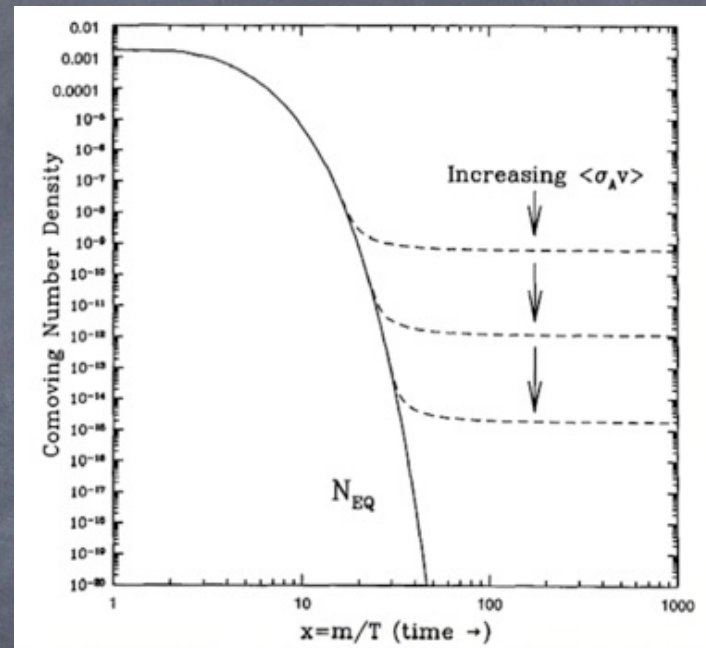


assume thermal  
equilibrium



When  $T \ll M_{\text{WIMP}}$ , number  
density falls as  $e^{-M/T}$

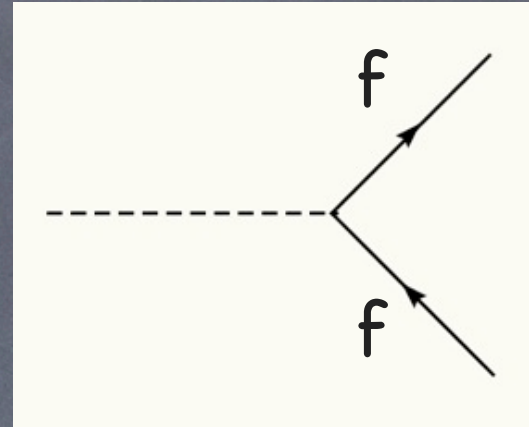
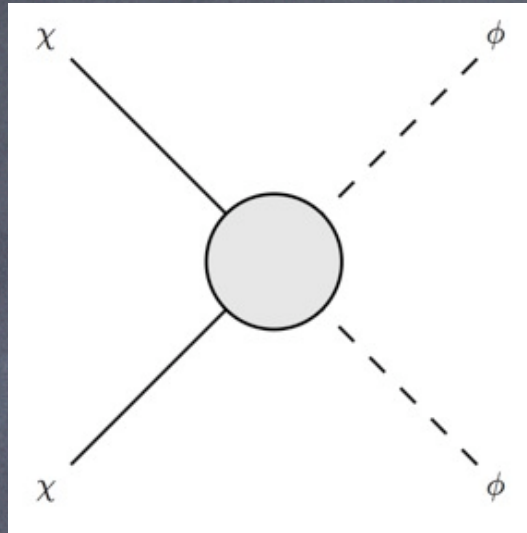
$$\Omega h^2 \approx 0.1 \times \left( \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \right)$$
$$\approx 0.1 \times \left( \frac{\alpha^2 / (100 \text{ GeV})^2}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \right)$$



- Any weak-scale particle naturally freezes out within a few orders of magnitude of the correct cross section

# New forces = new annihilation modes

Finkbeiner, NW PRD '07; Pospelov, Ritz, Voloshin PLB '08



- “WIMP Miracle” works as before ( $\sigma \sim 1/M^2$ )
- No antiprotons comes from kinematics
- Hard positrons come from highly boosted  $\phi$ 's

Arkani-Hamed, Finkbeiner, Slatyer, NW, '08

Already “discovered” in astrophysical phenomena  
so where else to look?

Hadron colliders (LHC, Tevatron)

$e^+e^-$  (B, t-charm)

Fixed target

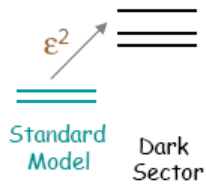
# Hadron Colliders

# Production Modes

## Dark Sector Production at High Energy Colliders

Direct Production

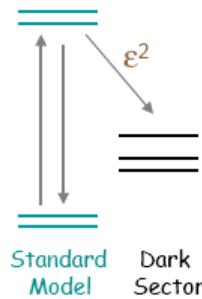
jet + lj



$$\sigma \gg O(\epsilon^2)$$

Indirect Production

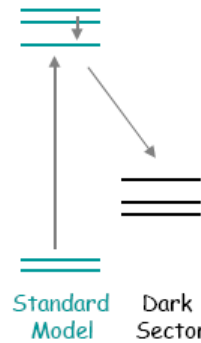
Z → lj lj



$$Br \gg O(\epsilon^2)$$

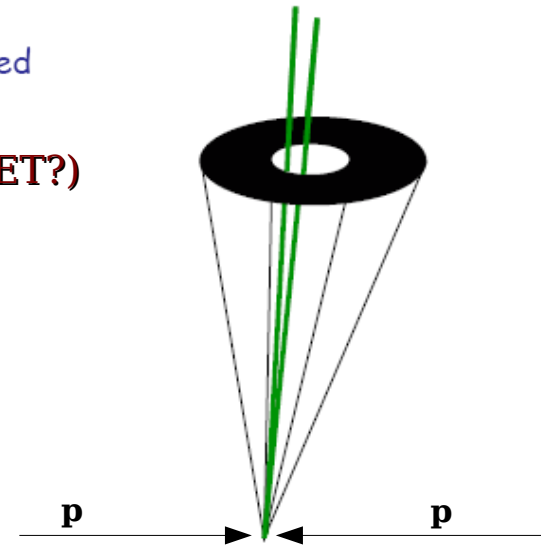
Indirect Production  
with Shared Conserved  
Quantum Number

SUSY → lj lj (+MET?)



$$\sigma \not\ll Br \gg O(\epsilon^0)$$

Portal  $\gg \epsilon$



Scott Thomas


Which Dark Sector States Populated -  
Depends on Production Portals

# Simulation

For realistic tests of models, we need accurate simulations

- Dark higgs and dark photon decays to SM understood

## Dark radiation

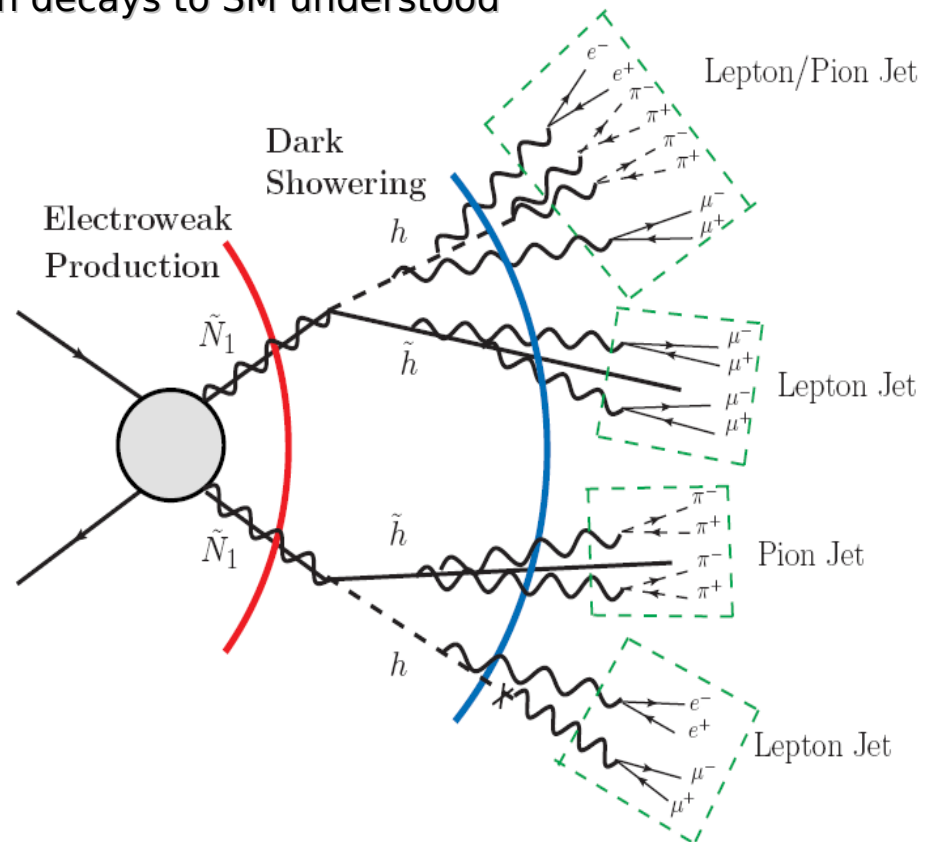


$$N_{\gamma_d} \sim \frac{\alpha_d}{2\pi} \log \left( \frac{M_{\text{decay}}^2}{M_{\text{dark}}^2} \right)^2$$

Itay Yavin, Josh Ruderman

## Showering in the dark

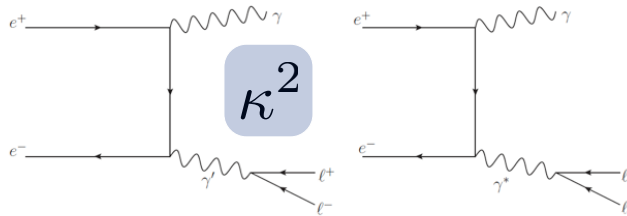
- **Abelian**
- **Non-abelian**



$e^+e^-$  machines

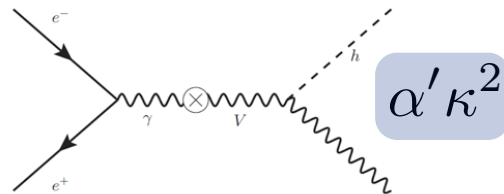
## Final States (direct production)

- “Generic”:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma l^+l^-$



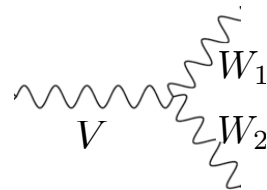
- BaBar [via  $\Upsilon$ -decay search, H. Kim] ✓?
- Belle [Y. Kwon, J. Rorie]
- BES-III [H. Li, Y. Zheng]
- KLOE [F. Bossi]

- “Generic + higgs”:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Vh' \rightarrow 6l$  (or  $2l + \cancel{E}$ )



- **not yet!**  
[interest from BaBar, Belle, BES-III, KLOE]

- “Nonabelian”:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow V^* \rightarrow 4l$



- BaBar [4l, M. Graham] ✓

Also: higher multiplicity (confining),  $4l + \cancel{E}_T, \dots$



# Rare meson decays

Various facilities have sensitivity ( $\sim \mathcal{L}/s$ ) through rare decays

$X \rightarrow YU$	$n_X$	$m_X - m_Y$ (MeV)	$\text{BR}(X \rightarrow Y + \gamma)$	$\text{BR}(X \rightarrow Y + \ell^+\ell^-)$	$\epsilon \leq$
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma U$	$n_\eta \sim 10^7$	547	$2 \times 39.8\%$	$6 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-3}$
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 U$	$n_\omega \sim 10^7$	648	8.9%	$7.7 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$
$\phi \rightarrow \eta U$	$n_\phi \sim 10^{10}$	472	1.3%	$1.15 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
$K_L^0 \rightarrow \gamma U$	$n_{K_L^0} \sim 10^{11}$	497	$2 \times (5.5 \times 10^{-4})$	$9.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$2 \times 10^{-3}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ U$	$n_{K^+} \sim 10^{10}$	354	-	$2.88 \times 10^{-7}$	$7 \times 10^{-3}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu U$	$n_{K^+} \sim 10^{10}$	392	$6.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$7 \times 10^{-8a}$	$2 \times 10^{-3}$
$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu U$	$n_{K^+} \sim 10^{10}$	496	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$7 \times 10^{-3}$

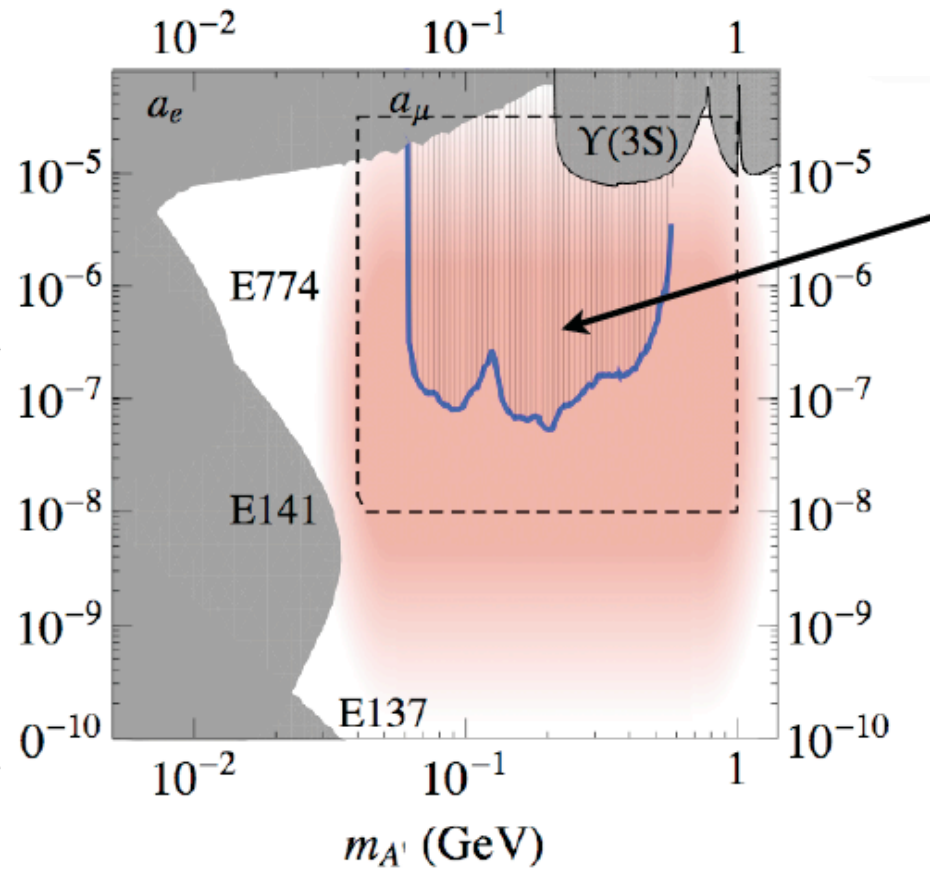
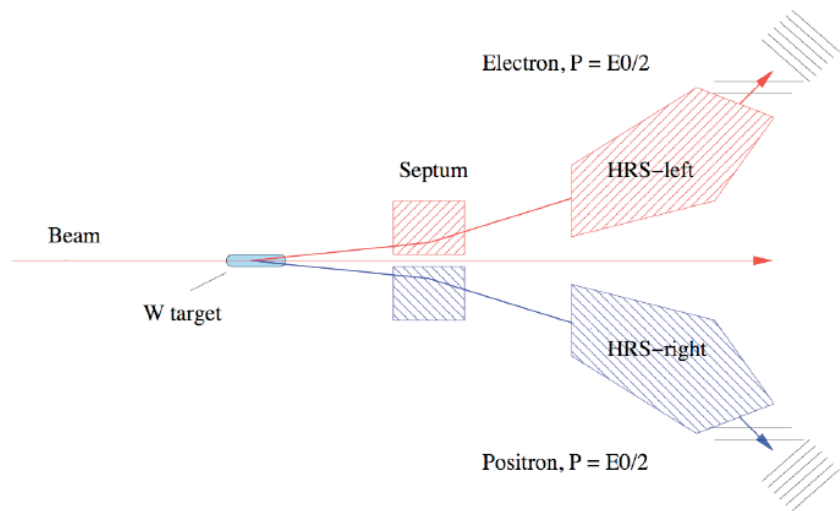
[Reece & Wang '09]

- More existing data -  $K \rightarrow e e \gamma$ ,  $\pi \rightarrow e e$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \dots$  (kTeV, BaBar/Belle, KLOE?)
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow 6l$  via higgs'strahlung  $\Rightarrow$  sensitivity to  $\kappa \sim 10^{-3}-10^{-4}$  given  $10^{10}$  at BES-III in 1yr!
  - Rare B-decays....

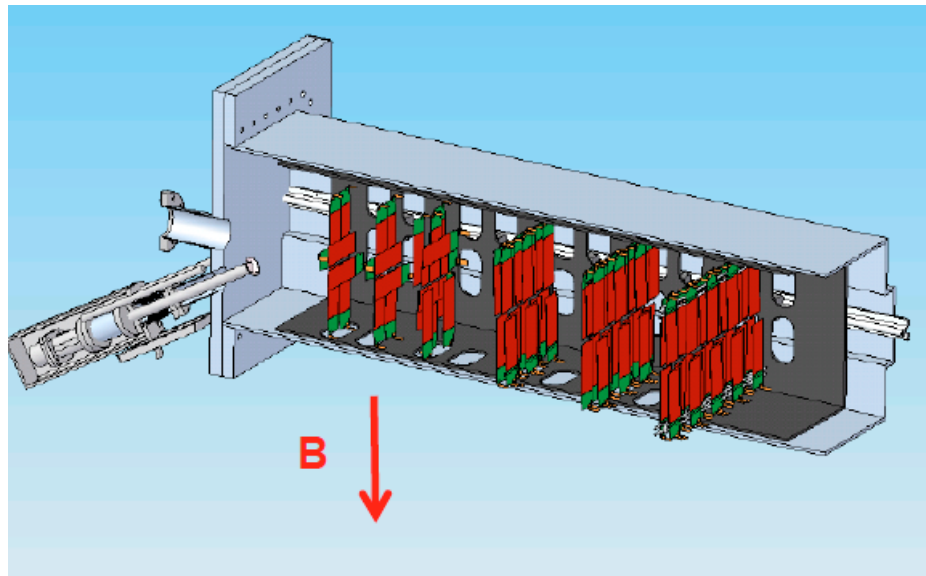
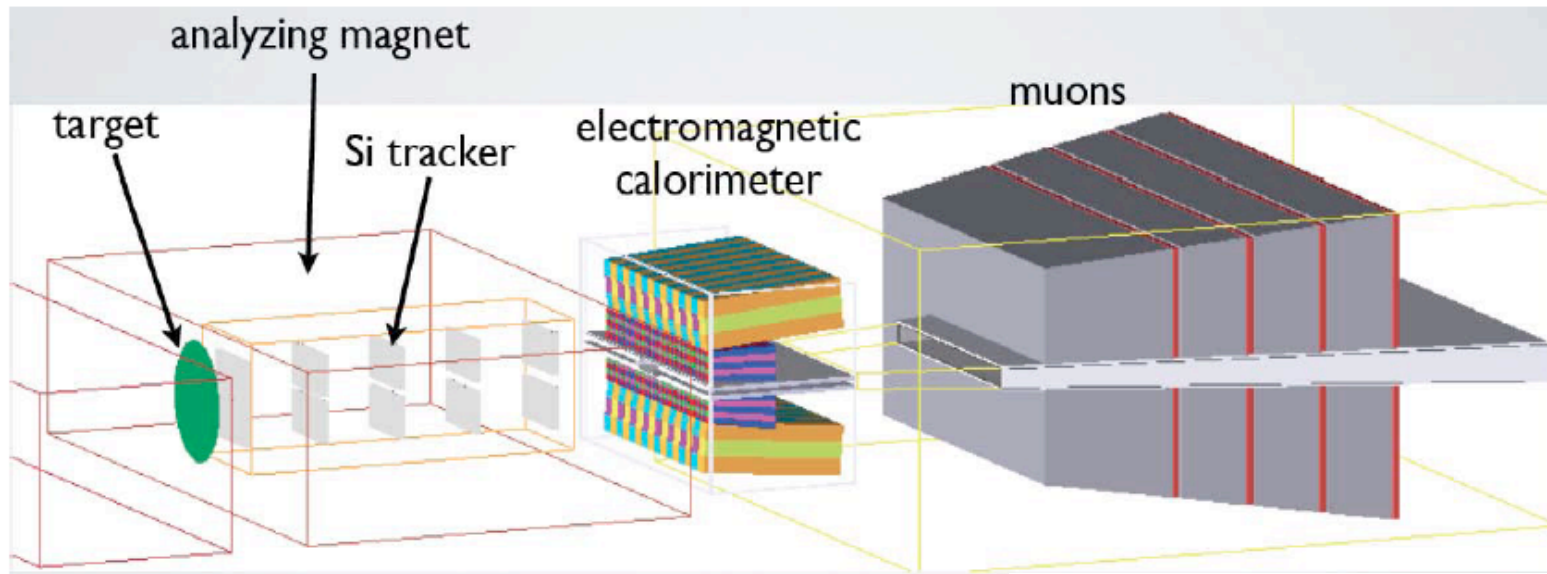
# Fixed target accelerators

# APEX - Hall A

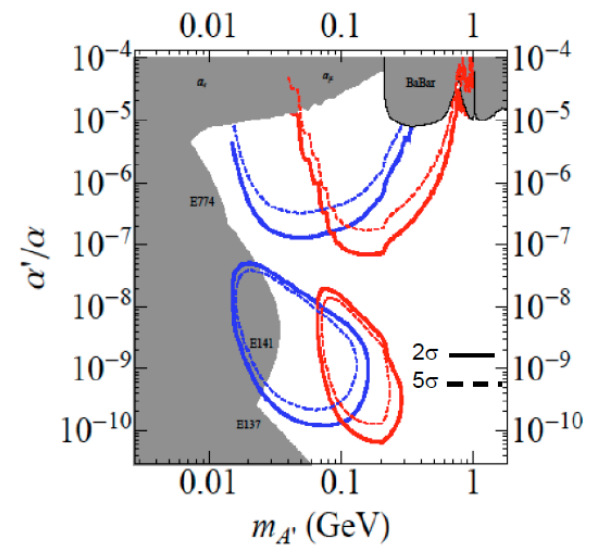
Covers region  
90-1,000 MeV



# Heavy Photon Search (HPS)

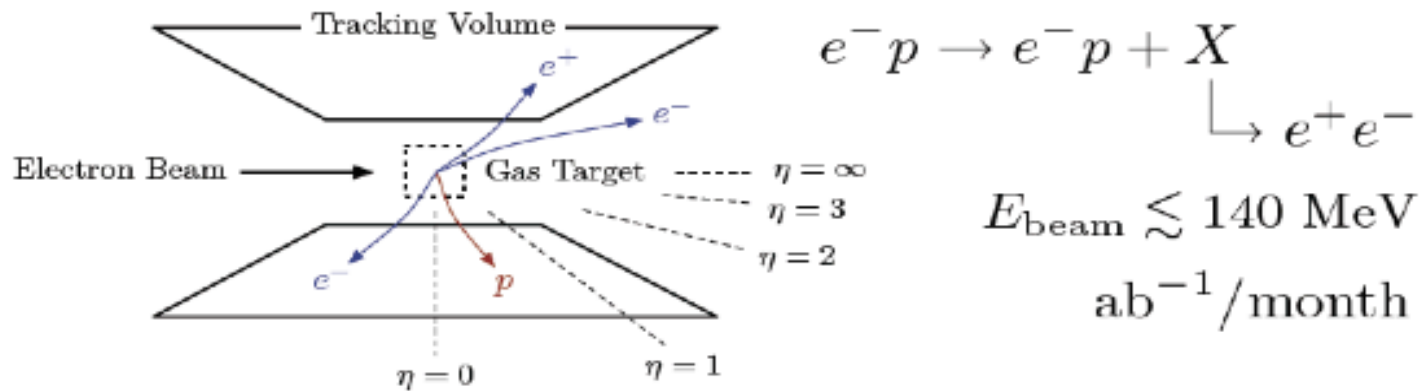


6.6 and 2.2 GeV Reach

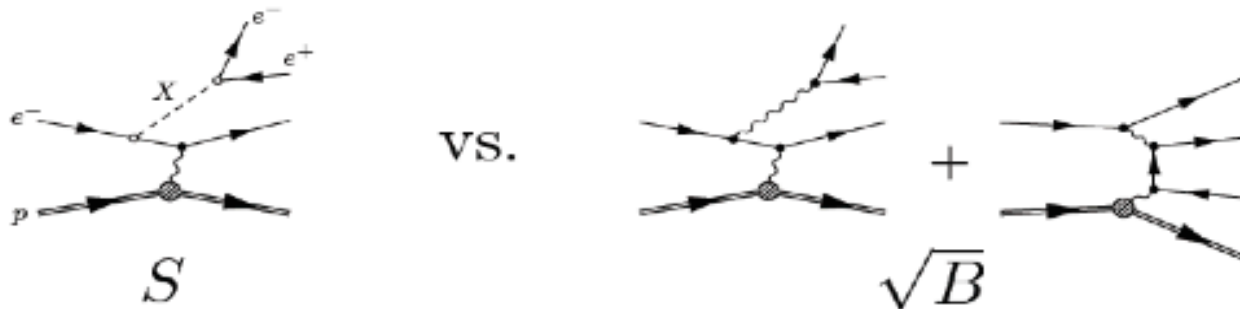


U Boson Search at JLab FEL J. Thaler and P. Fisher

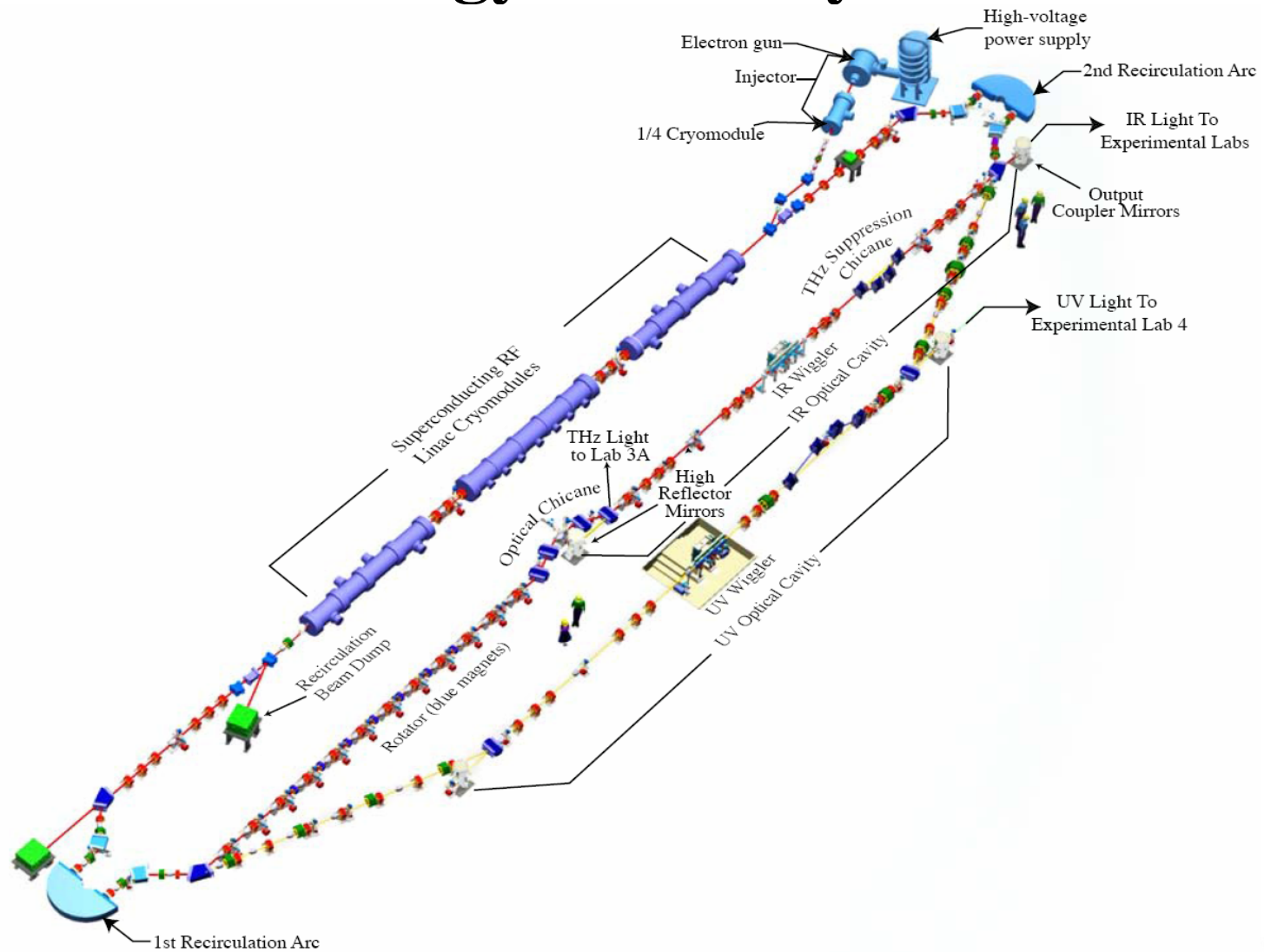
# Electron-Proton Collisions



## Narrow Resonance on Huge QED Background

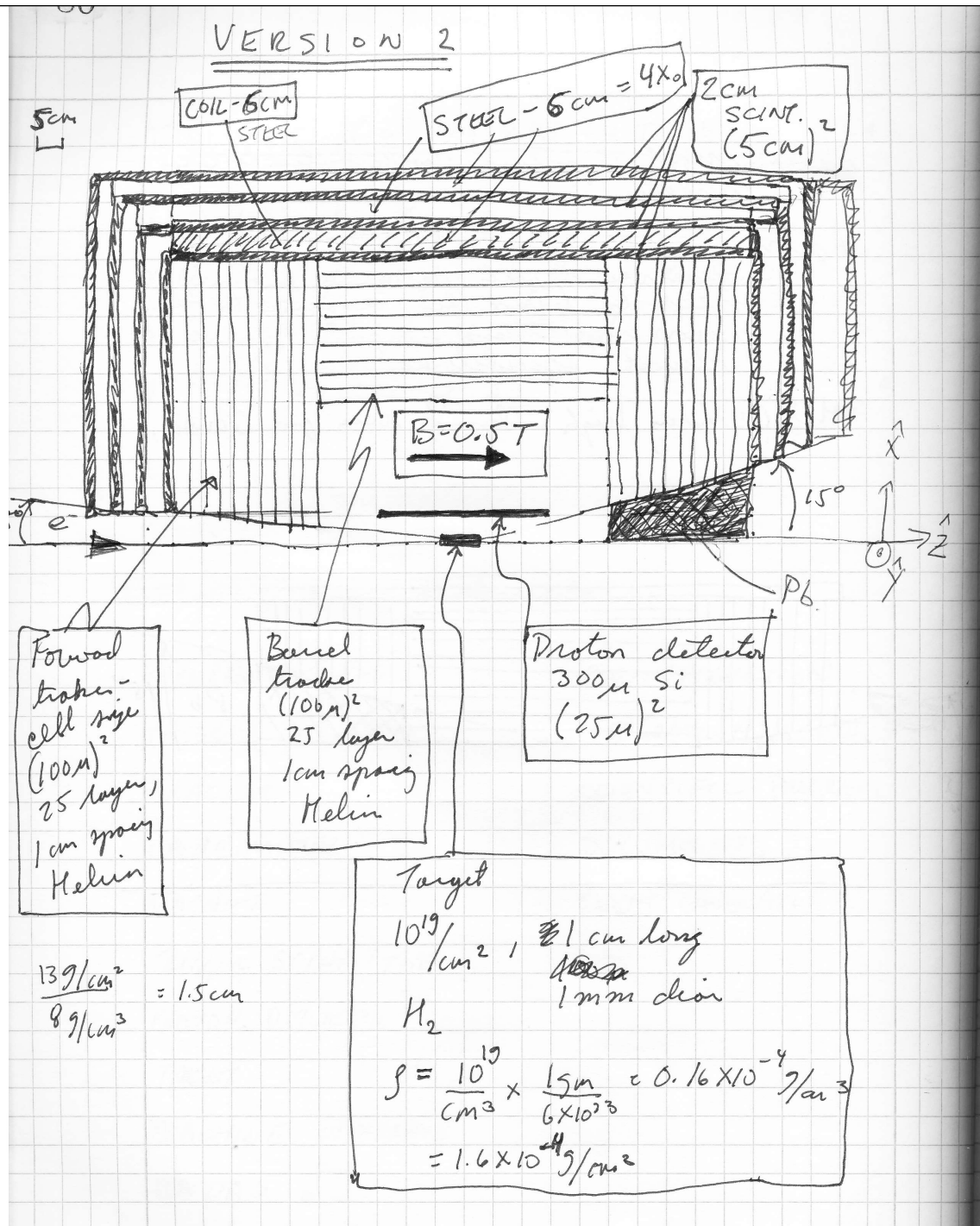


# JLab FEL Energy Recovery Linac



# Jefferson Lab FEL Specifications

Energy (MeV)	80-200	200	
Charge per bunch (pC)	135	135	<b>1 MW in beam!</b>
Average current (mA)	10	5	
Peak Current (A)	270	270	
Beam Power (kW)	2000	1000	
Energy Spread (%)	0.50%	0.13%	
Norm.emittance(mm-mrad)	<30	<11	





# Collaboration

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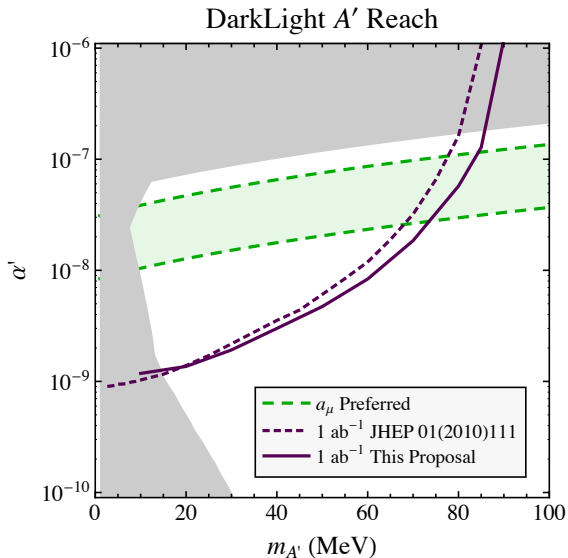
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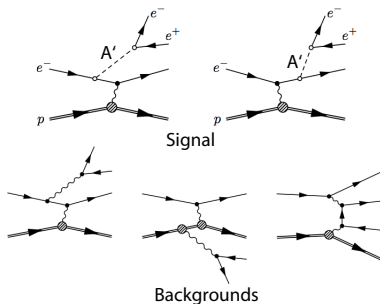
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# Sensitivity



# Signal and backgrounds

For  $\alpha' = 10^{-8}$ , the signal is  $10^{-4}$  of the QED background processes.



For  $5\sigma$  sensitivity to a peak with  $1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  width in the continuum  $e^+e^-$  spectrum across the 10-90 MeV mass range requires a luminosity of  $1/\text{ab}$ .

## Experimental Concept

We reduce backgrounds from other sources by requiring full reconstruction of  $e^- + p \rightarrow e^- + p + e^+ + e^-$

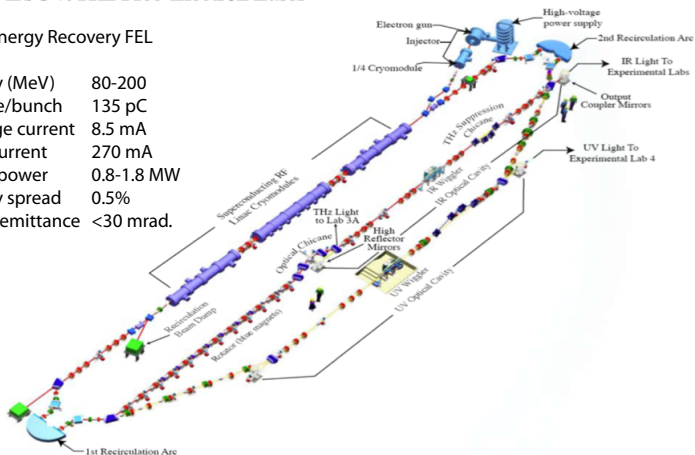
- ▶ 1 MW 100 MeV FEL electron beam gives 10 mA or  $1.6 \times 10^{17} e^-/s$
- ▶ Hydrogen gas target with areal density of  $10^{19}/\text{cm}^2$
- ▶ Lepton spectrometer with momentum resolution to reach  $\sigma_{m_{e^+e^-}} < 1\text{MeV}/c^2$
- ▶ Proton detector to identify  $\sim 2$  MeV recoil proton and measure its momentum with 20% precision.

The FEL can deliver 1/ab of beam in one month of continuous running.

## 10 kW IR/UV/THz Free-Electron Laser

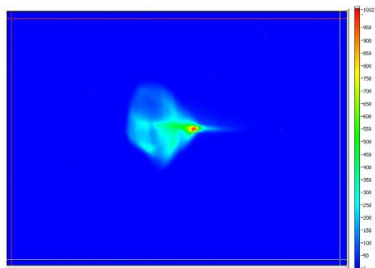
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Peak current	270 mA
Beam power	0.8-1.8 MW
Energy spread	0.5%
Norm. emittance	<30 mrad.



# Beam halo

The FEL beam profile has a lot of structure: the core is about  $50 \mu$  and the emittance is determined by taking the  $6\sigma$  spread of electrons. To date, understanding the halo has not been important for the FEL's mission. A key part of our program for the next year will be measurement and characterization of the beam halo.



# Target

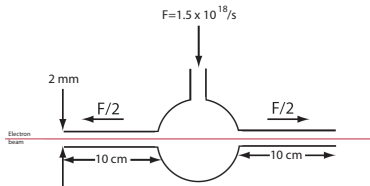
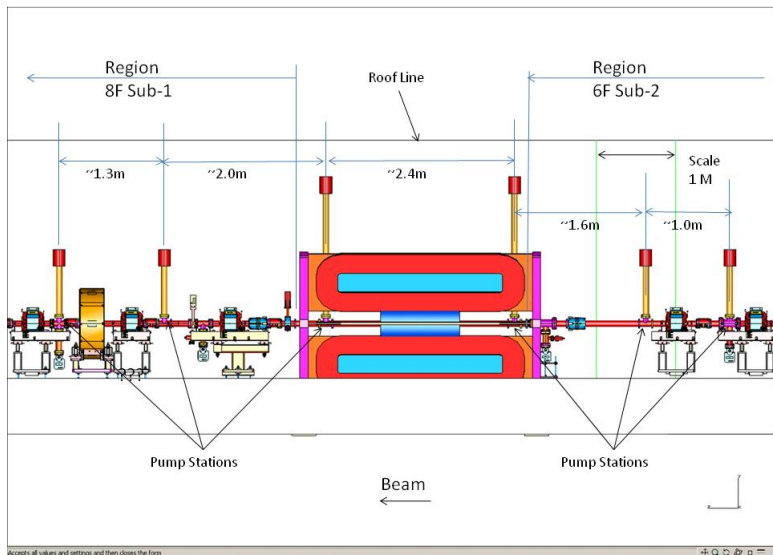


Figure: Target cell

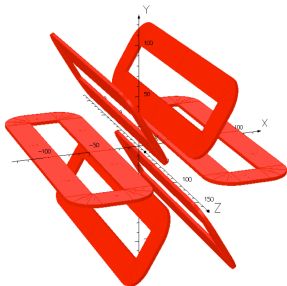
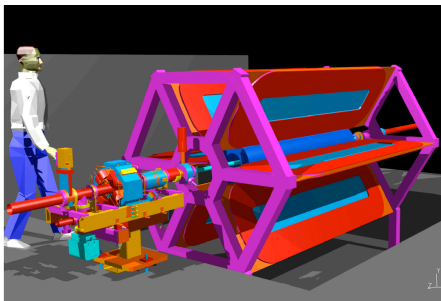
- ▶ Areal density of  $10^{19}$  protons/cm<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ 30  $\mu$  kapton evacuated from each end into the machine vacuum.
- ▶ Exhaust pumps are located outside of the detector.
- ▶ Energy loss and emittance increase small enough to accommodate recirculation of beam

# Target





# Toroidal magnet



Opera

**Figure:** Toroidal magnet located in the FEL wiggler pit on the UV line. The bending power is 0.05-0.32 T-m. There are several options: water or nitrogen cooled or superconducting. For the configuration shown the acceptance loss is about 13%.

# Proton detector

- ▶ BONUS design will detect protons and measure their momenta to about 20% precision.
- ▶ BONUS type RTPCs have successfully measured recoil proton momenta down to about 1 MeV in high rate environments.

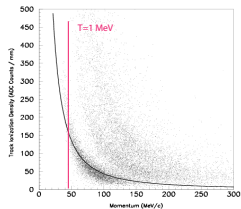
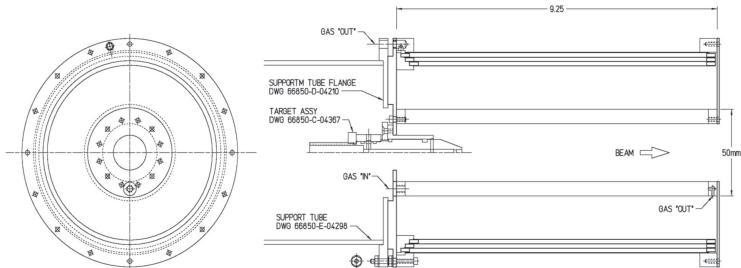


Figure:  $dE/dx$  measured by BONUS in the eg6 experiment.



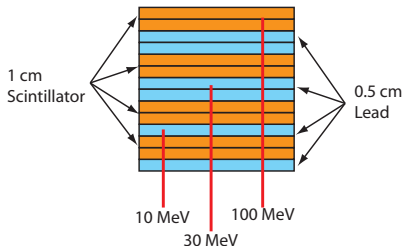
# Tracking system



Figure: A drift chamber octant of BLAST.

- ▶ 25 layers, 25-50 cm from target,  $15^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$
- ▶ Open cell geometry, 1 cm cell size
- ▶ Helium based gas, He:C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, 80:20,  $X_o = 800\text{m}$
- ▶ For  $\sigma \sim 100\mu$  and  $\int \vec{B}_\perp \cdot d\vec{l} = 0.05 - 0.32$  T-m, can tolerate 0.01  $X_o$  before MS dominates position resolution

# Trigger scintillator



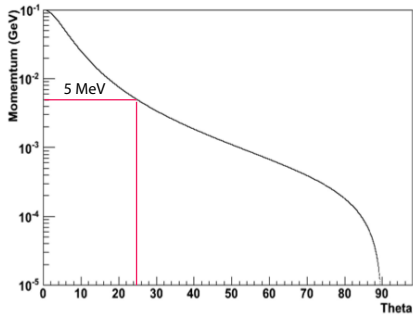
Scintillator covers  $25^\circ < \theta < 165^\circ$  and provides a fast trigger for three final state leptons.

- ▶ Requiring one lepton with  $\theta > 50^\circ$  gives a rate of 10 MHz from QED backgrounds
- ▶ Requiring two additional leptons in 10 ns window gives 1.2 MHz
- ▶ Requiring two negative and one positive lepton gives 0.9 kHz.

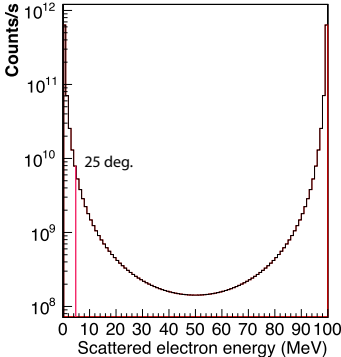
# Moller scattering

The Moller singles rate with  $\theta > 25^\circ$  is  $6 \times 10^{11}/s$ , all below 5 MeV. Occupancy drive the 25 cm closest tracking element. For 1  $\text{cm}^2$  cells, the rate is 500 MHz/cell, so we will need a 50 G solenoidal sweeper magnet inside the toroid.

Momentum vs. Angle

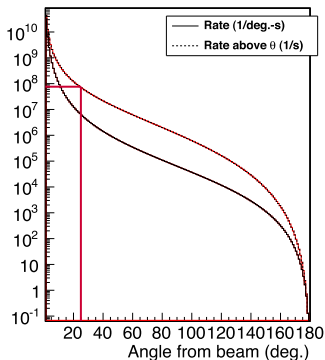


Moller scattering

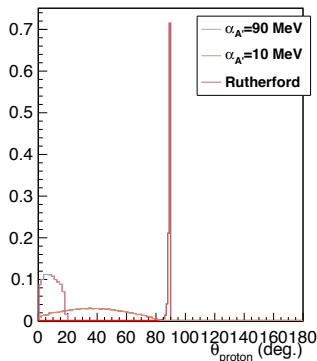


# Rutherford scattering

The integral rate above  $25^\circ$  is 70 MHz, for an occupancy of 500 KHz. The proton detector extends from  $5^\circ < \theta < 85^\circ$  to miss most of the recoil protons.



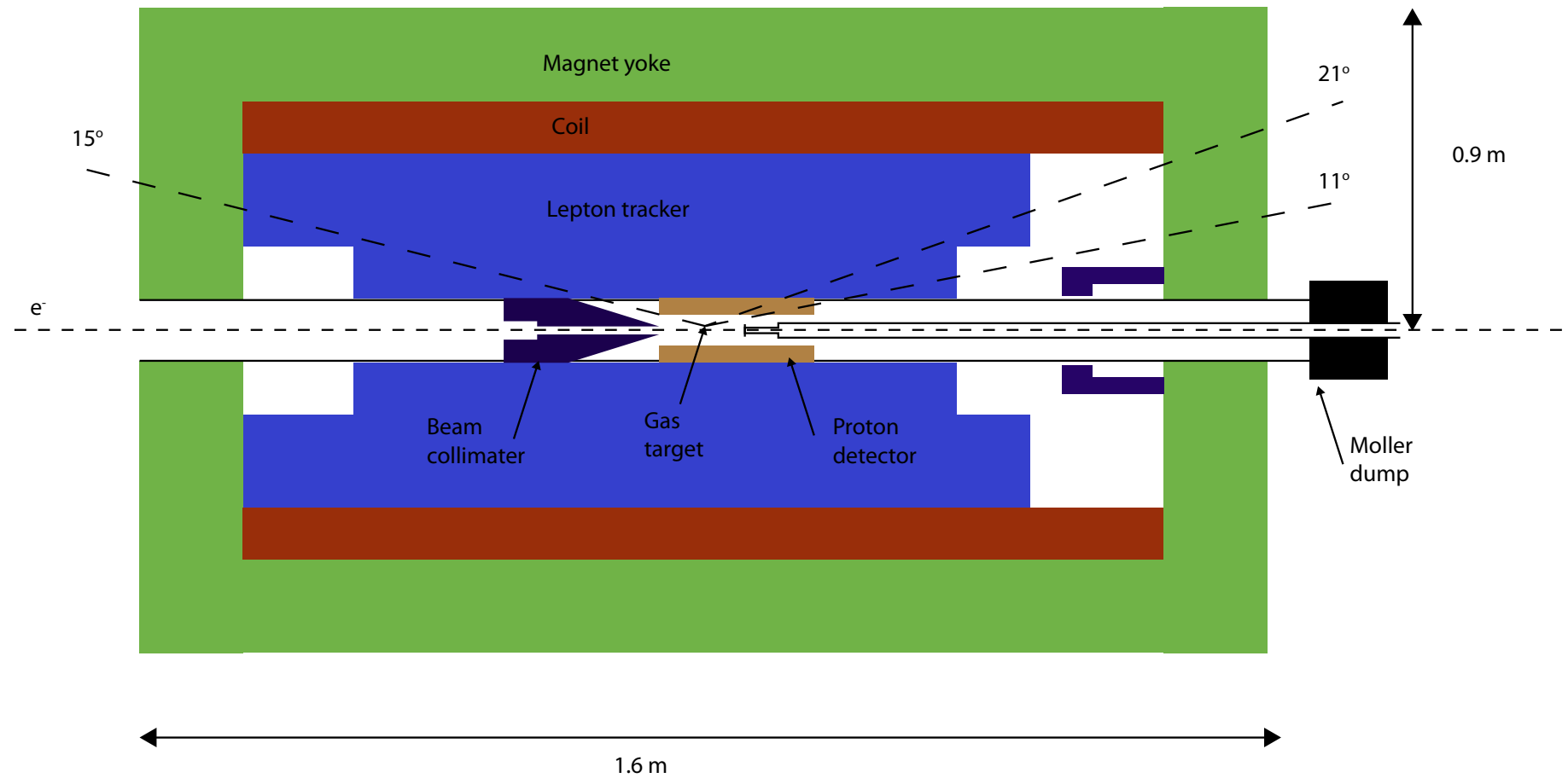
Rutherford scattering



# Working design

Integrated target and proton detector

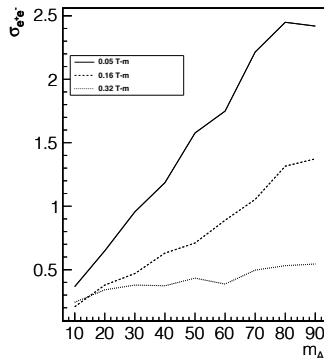
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# Invariant mass resolution

- ▶ Multiple scattering is the dominant contribution to the momentum resolution.
- ▶ 1 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> invariant mass resolution requires less than 1% of a radiation length of material along the lepton trajectory.
- ▶ With two 1 mm precision points from the RTPC, we can tolerate 5% of a radiation length.

We plan to investigate GEM trackers outside the RTPC to achieve to provide these points.



**Figure:** Pair mass resolution for different field settings. The resolution is calculated using a GEANT4 simulation of the track and a swim fit through the calculated magnetic field.



# Timeline

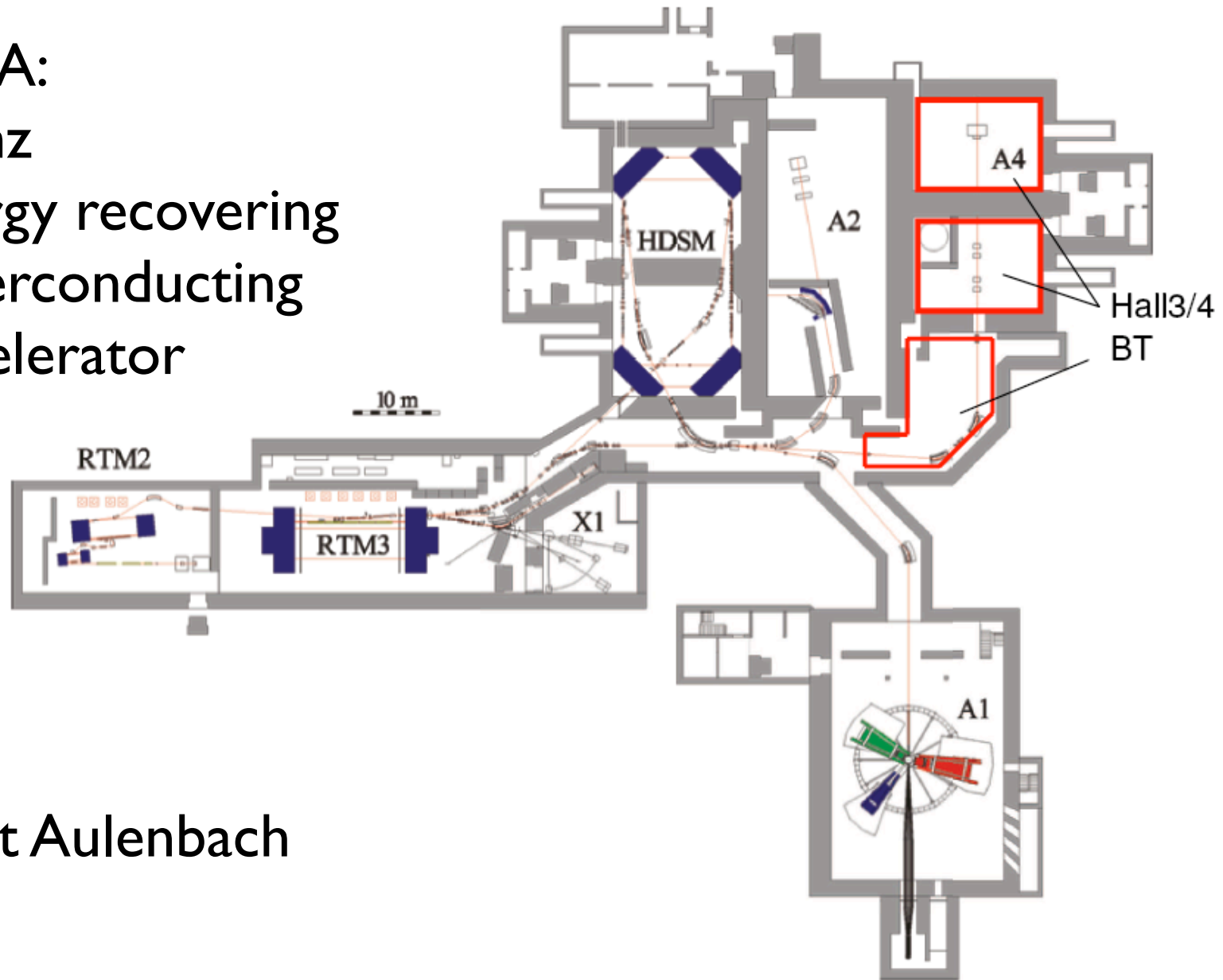
- ▶ PAC37 January 2011
- ▶ Beam development begins March 2011
- ▶ Resources for technical design become available Fall 2011
- ▶ Technical review Summer 2012
- ▶ DarkLight construction begins Fall 2012
- ▶ DarkLight data taking begins 2015

## Where? Available Facilities

J Lab	CEBAF	e-	1-6 GeV	10nA-100 $\mu$ a	CW (500 MHz)	NOW
	FEL	e-	100 MeV	5–10 mA	CW	NOW (internal)
	CEBAF upgrade	e-	12 GeV	10nA-50 $\mu$ a	CW (500 MHz)	2013
	FEL upgrade	e-	200 MeV	5–10 mA	CW	2010 (internal)
SLAC	FACET	e-	20 GeV	30Hz	10 <sup>11</sup> /pulse	2011
	ESTB	e-	14 GeV	5Hz	few x 10 <sup>9</sup> /pulse	2011??
	Damping Ring		1.2 GeV	Resonant Extraction?		???
BONN	ELSA	e-	.5-3.5 GeV	>=few nA?	CW (500 MHz)	NOW
MAINZ	MAMI	e-	.18-1.5 GeV	fA–100 $\mu$ A	CW (2.5 GHz)	NOW
	MESA	e-	100 MeV	10 mA	CW	2014 (internal)
	MESA	e-	137 MeV	0.15 mA	CW	2014 (external)
DESY	XFEL	e-	17.5 GeV	10Hz	10 <sup>10</sup> / bunch 3000/pulse	2015
	DORIS	e+	storage 5 GeV	???		NOW (internal)
CESR		e-	5 GeV	storage ring	resonant extraction?	

Other: protons (SNS, LSND... –see M. Pospelov talk), muons (COMPASS, MINOS, ...) , neutrinos (FNAL...) – not discussed.

MESA:  
Mainz  
Energy recovering  
Superconducting  
Accelerator



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Fig. 1. MAMI-C floor plan with experimental halls. The beamline tunnel ('BT') and Halls 3 and 4 will be available for the installation of MESA and its experiments.

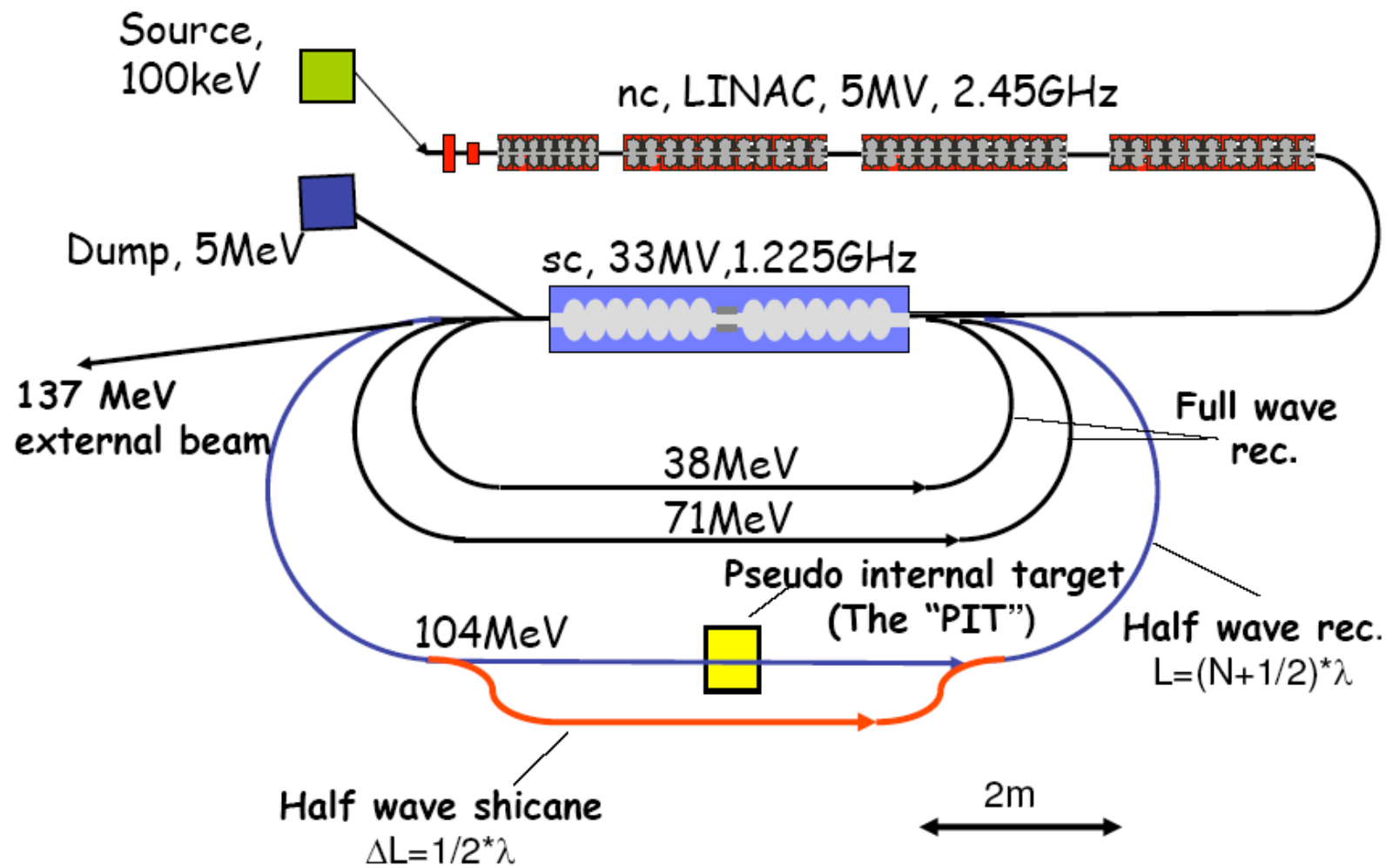


Fig. 2. MESA accelerator layout.

# How? Possible Experiments

## Data Mining:

- J Lab Existing Data  $eA \rightarrow A' \rightarrow e+e-X$  (6GeV)  $.2 < m < 2$  GeV  $\epsilon > 10^{-3}$
- BLAST?
- Proton experiments? Miniboone, Microboone analyzing...
- Muons (COMPASS, MINOS)

## J Lab Future Proposals with Existing Apparatus

- 50 MeV up,  $\epsilon > 10^{-4}$ ? Ticking clock (2 mo. to propose)
- Hall C: muon wall behind Qweak?

## New J Lab Experiments

FEL – MIT/Berkeley (LOI this fall, also Mainz)  $10 < m < 80$  MeV,  $\epsilon > 10^{-3.5}$

Hall B – JLab/SLAC  $100 < m < 600$  MeV,  $\epsilon > 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  (gap  $\sim 10^{-4}$ )

New beam dump experiments:  $m < 100$  MeV,  $\epsilon \sim 10^{-5}$   $\sigma \rho 10^{-8} - 10^{-7}$

## Positron Experiments

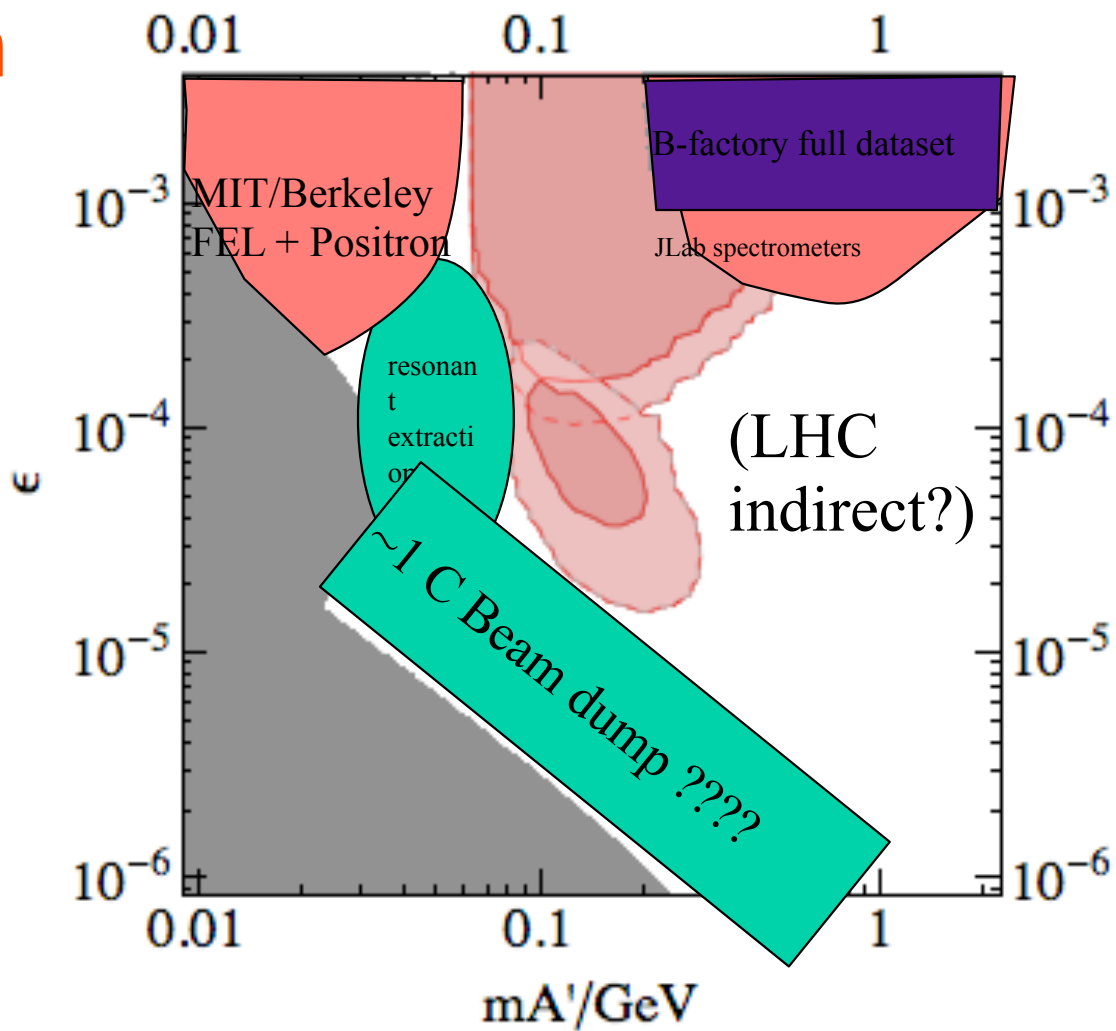
$e^+$  on H:  $5 < m < 30$  MeV,  $\epsilon > 10^{-4}$  (indep. of decay mode)

OLYMPUS internal target  $ep$  elastic (data taking 2012)

## Resonant Extraction from Damping ring experiments:

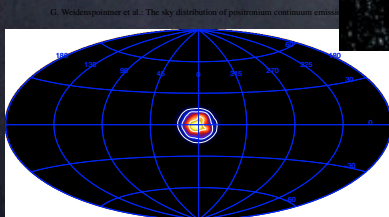
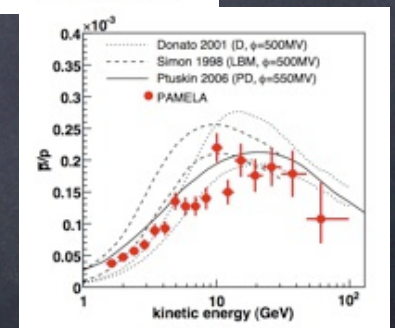
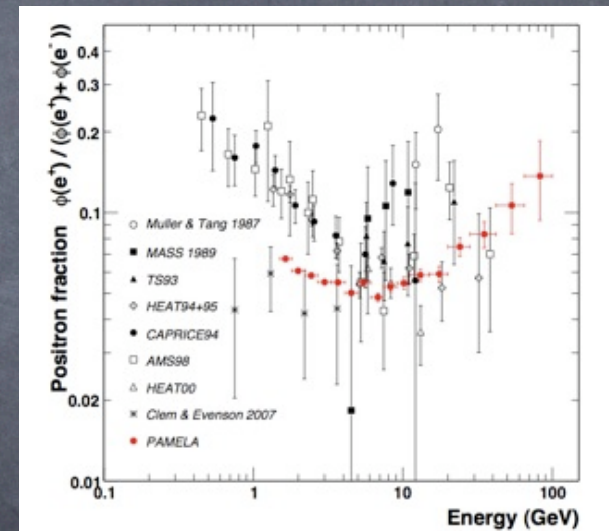
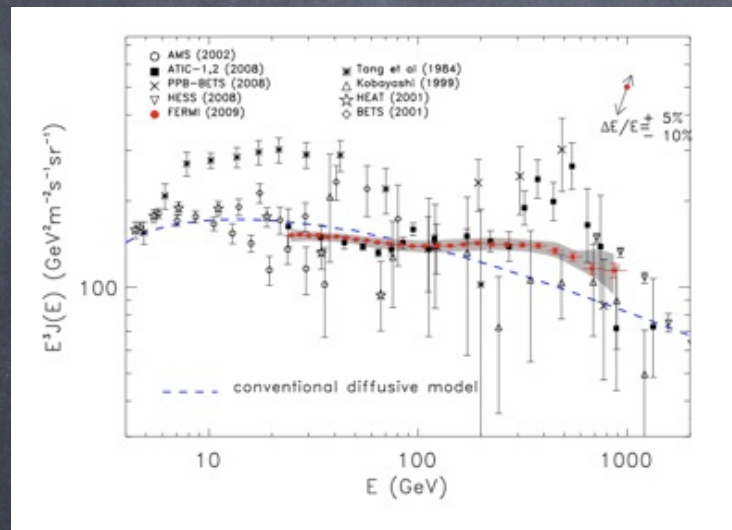
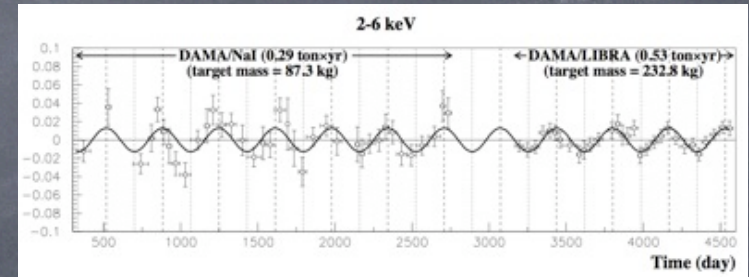
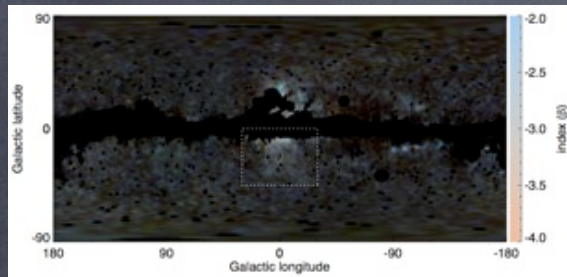
- Possible opportunities at SLAC, CESR, Bonn, MAMI (cw)

# Reach



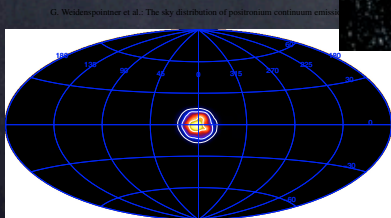
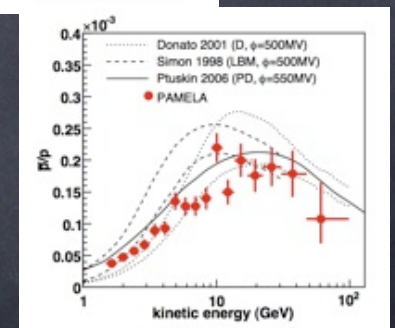
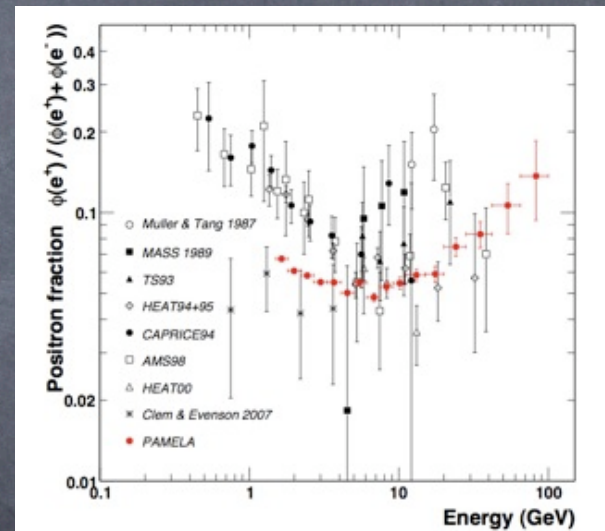
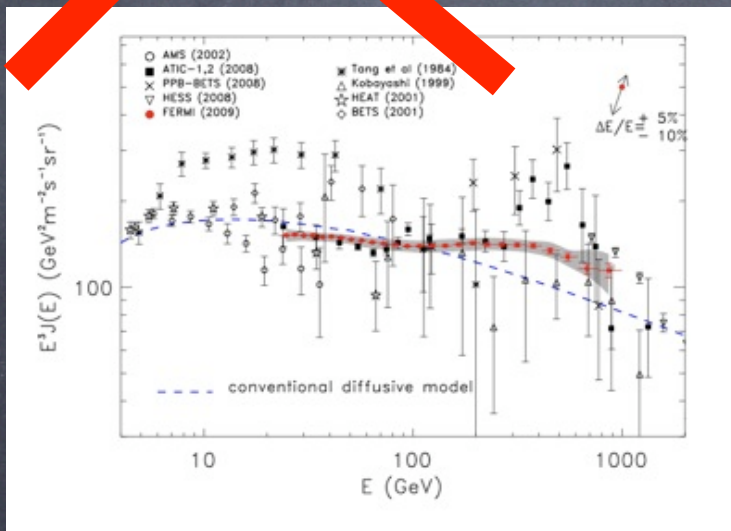
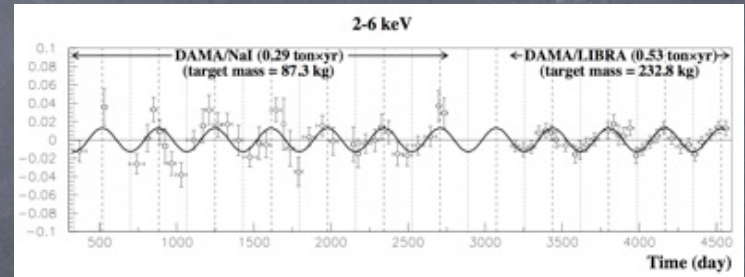
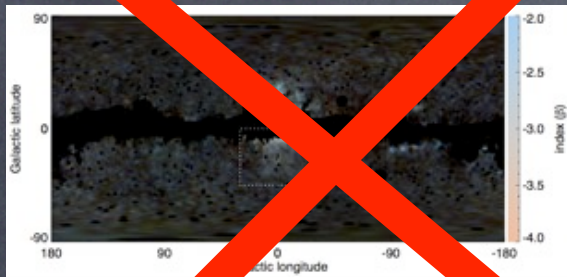
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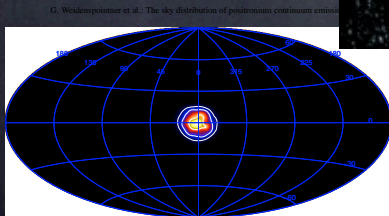
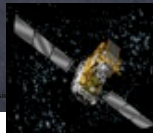
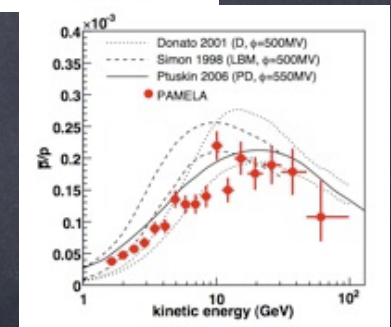
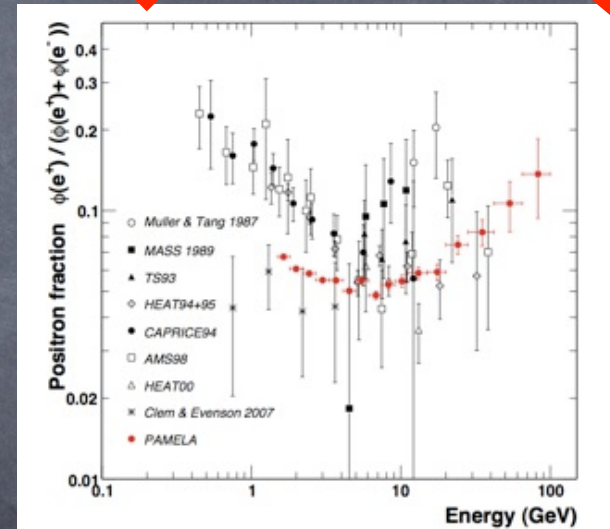
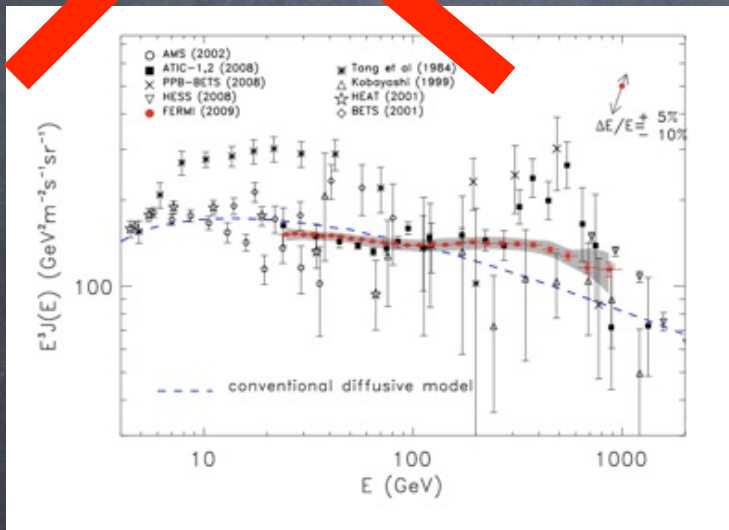
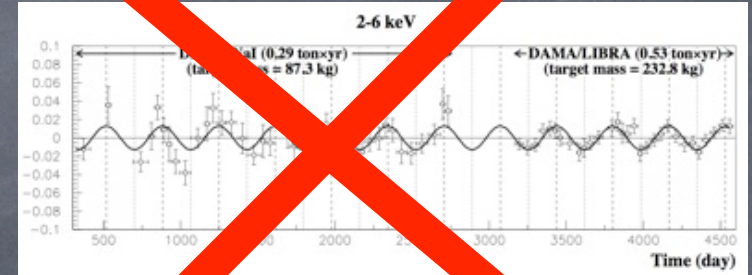
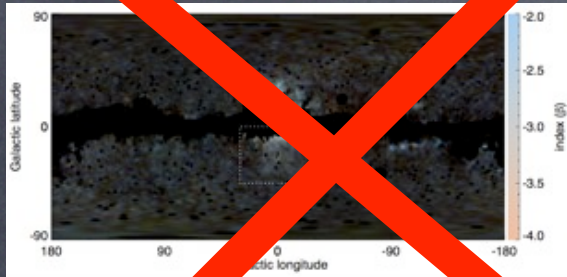


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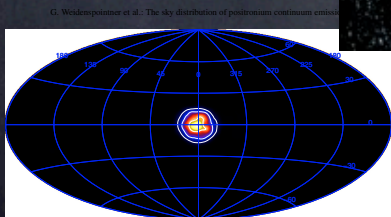
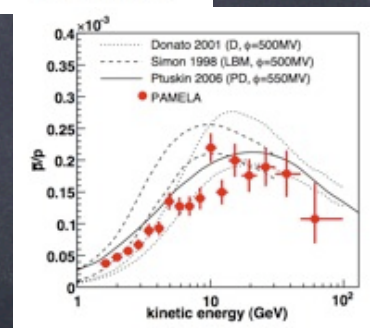
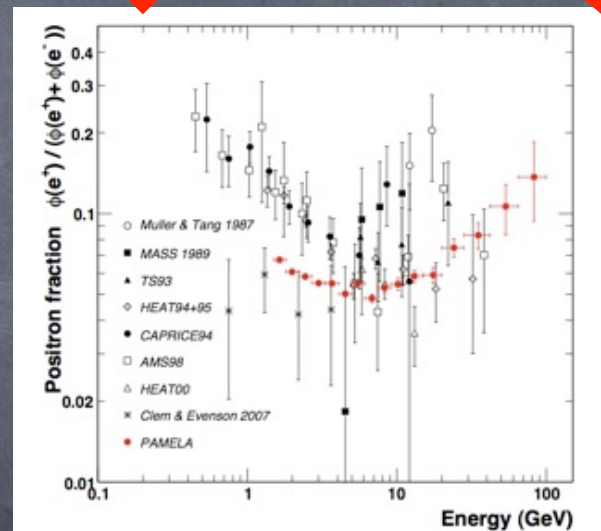
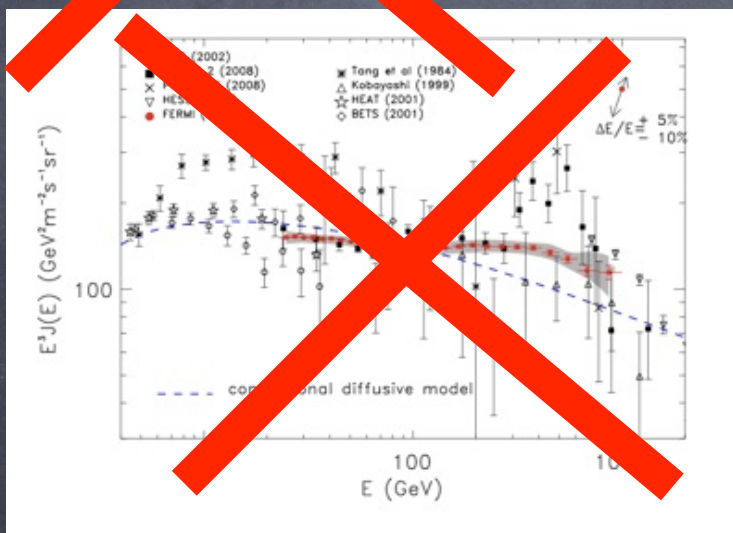
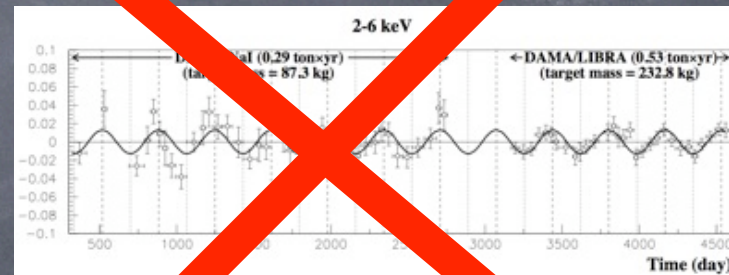
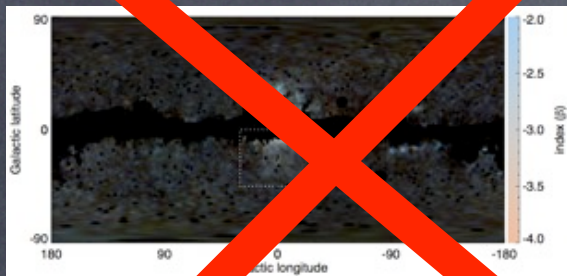


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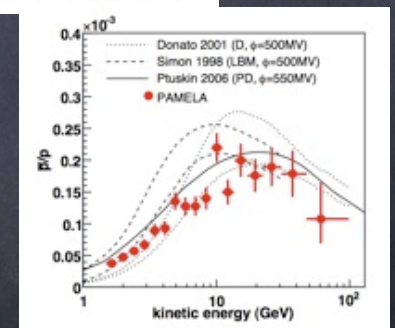
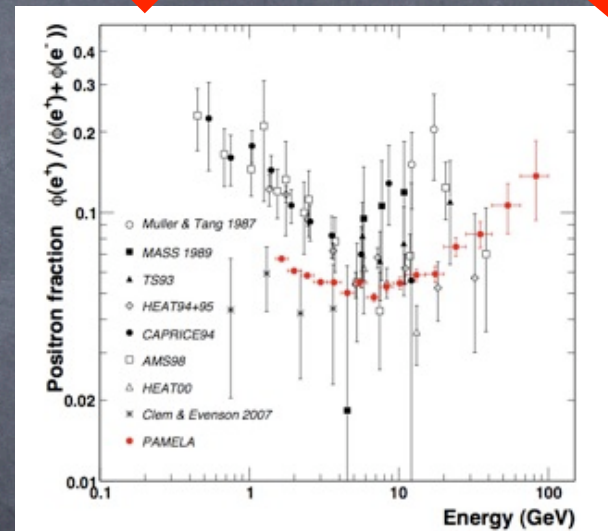
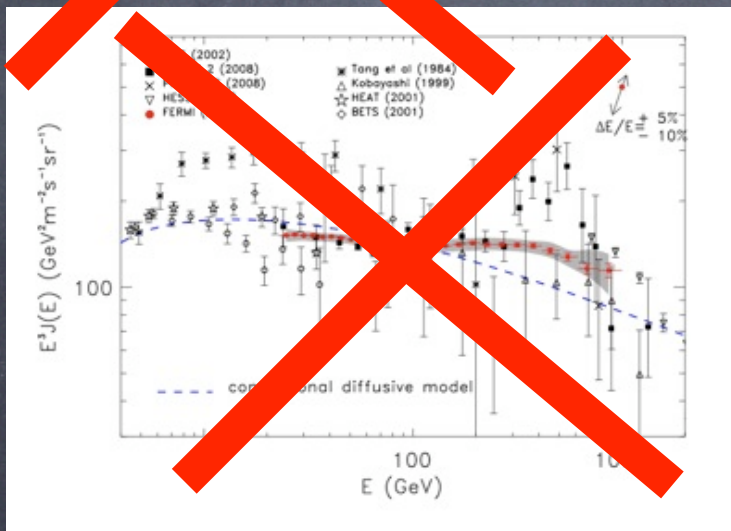
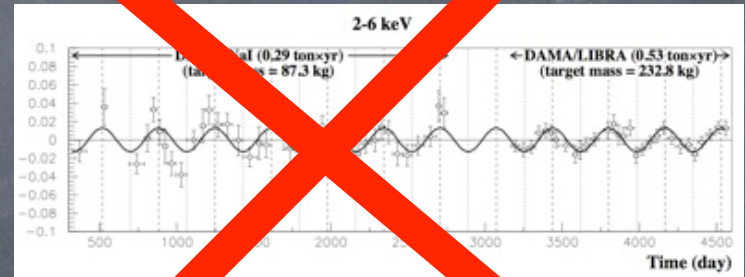
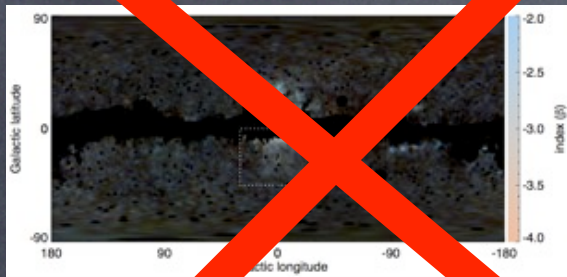
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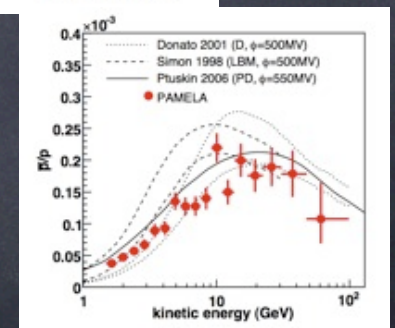
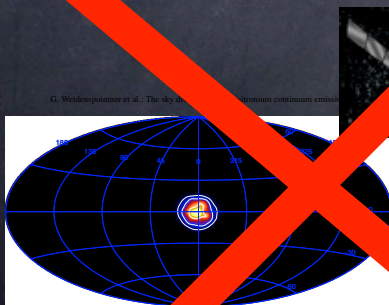
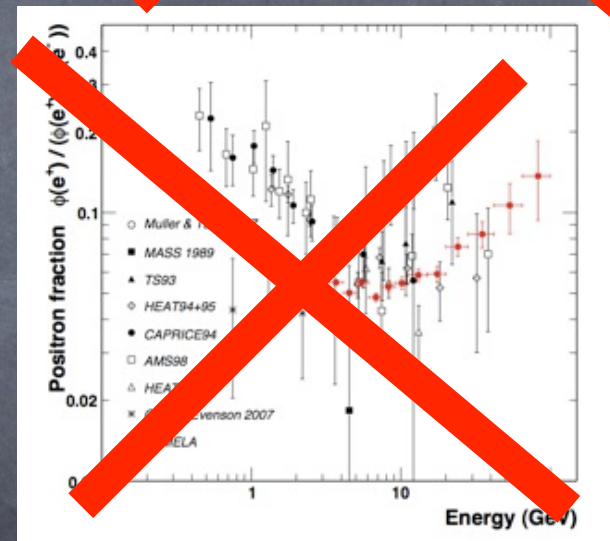
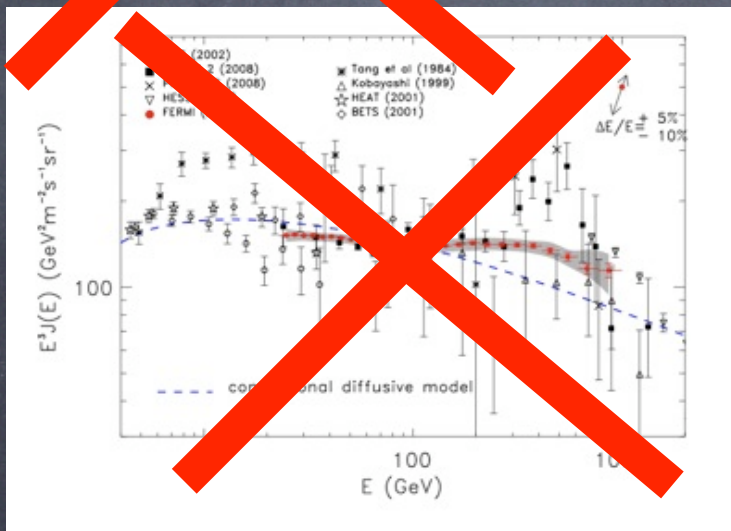
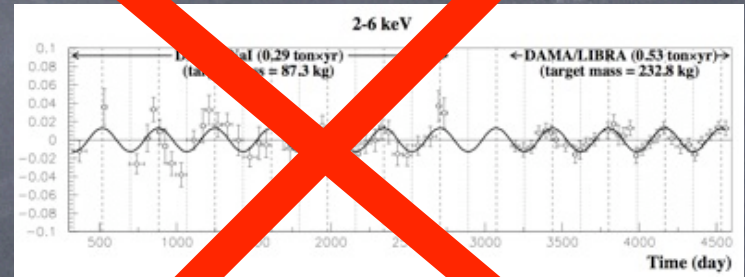
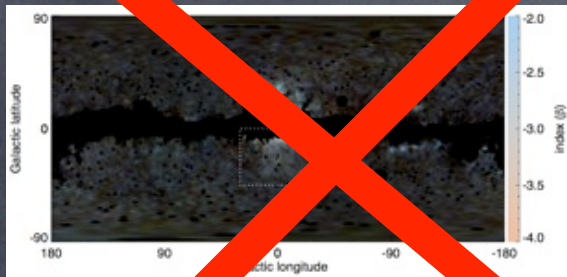
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New experimental particle physics dark matter talk:

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