



NA64 SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN SECTORS AT THE CERN SPS

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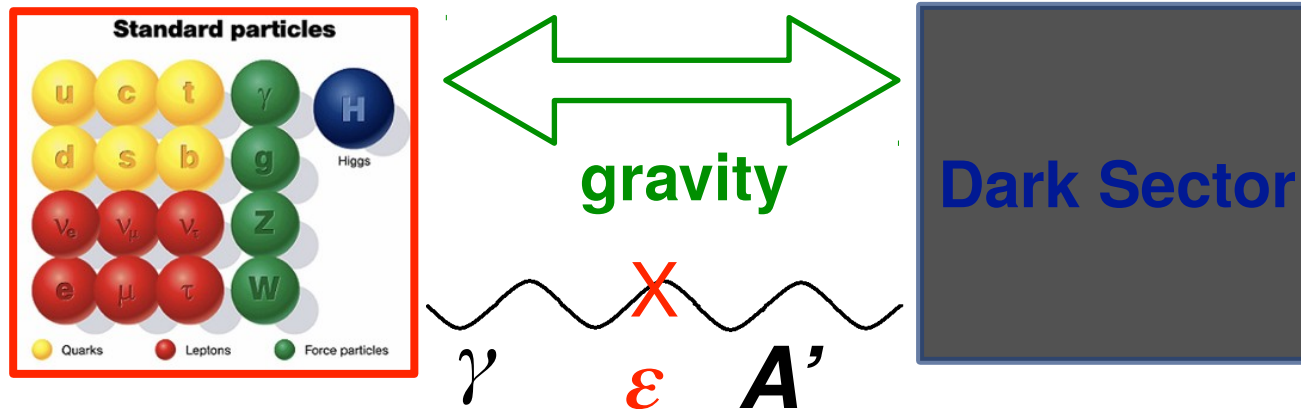


Sergei Gninenko
NA64 spokesperson

- Proposed (P348) in 2014, first test beam in 2015 (2 weeks),
- Approved by CERN SPSC in March 2016 → NA64.
- 2016: 5 weeks, 2017: 5 weeks, 2018: 6 weeks (starting in May).

Dark Sectors

In several models (e.g. string theory, super-gravity, ...) **Dark Sectors** of particles arise naturally → interesting candidate for Dark Matter.



For a recent review of DS activities see e.g. M. Battaglieri et al., arXiv:1707.04591.

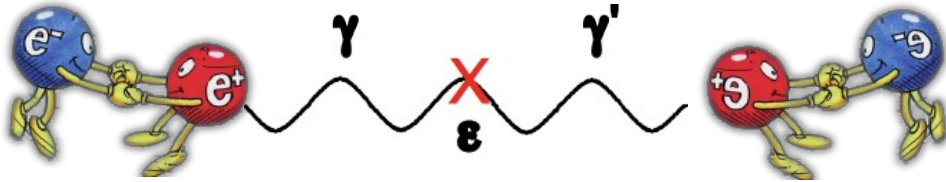
Kinetic mixing? If YES → New massive boson A' (so called Dark Photon)

A' decay modes:

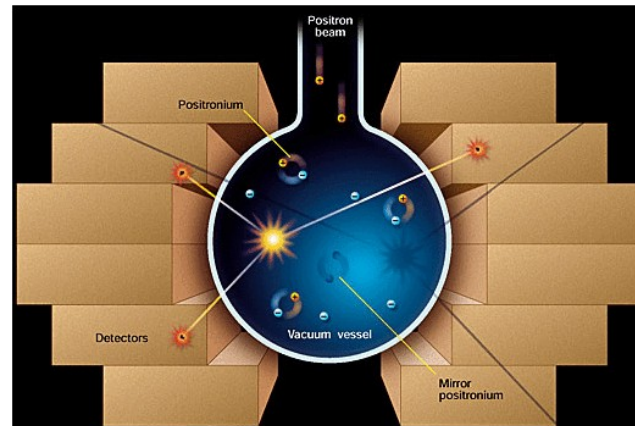
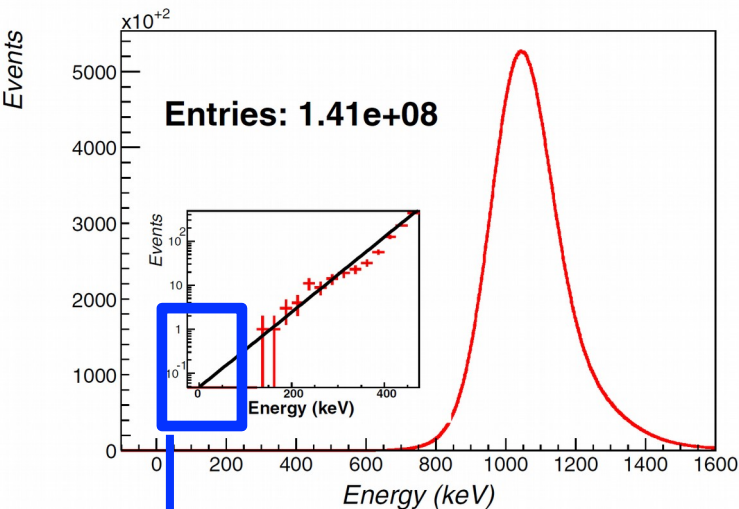
- 1) Invisible: $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$
- 2) Visible: $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$

From positronium (search for massless dark photon) → NA64

Presented at Patras conference 2011:
<https://bib-pubdb1.desy.de/record/295124>



S. L. Glashow, Phys. Lett. B167, 35 (1986)



Signature: disappearance of 1 MeV energy

A. Badertscher, P. Crivelli et al., Phys. Rev. D. 75, 032004 (2007)

NEW results C. Vigo, L. Gerchow, L. Liskay, A. Rubbia, P. Crivelli, PRD 97, 092008 (2018)

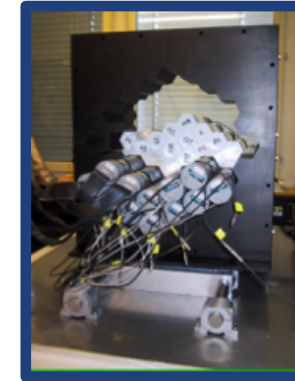


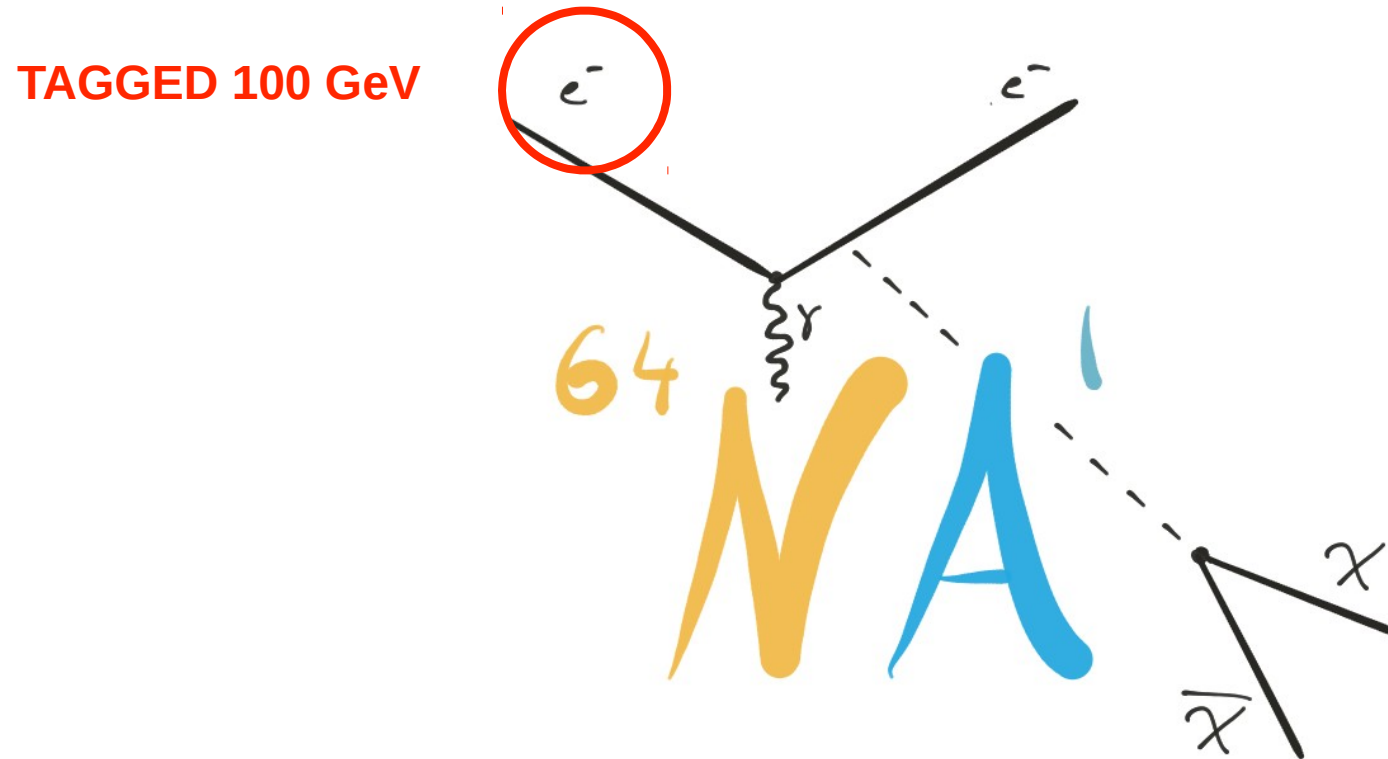
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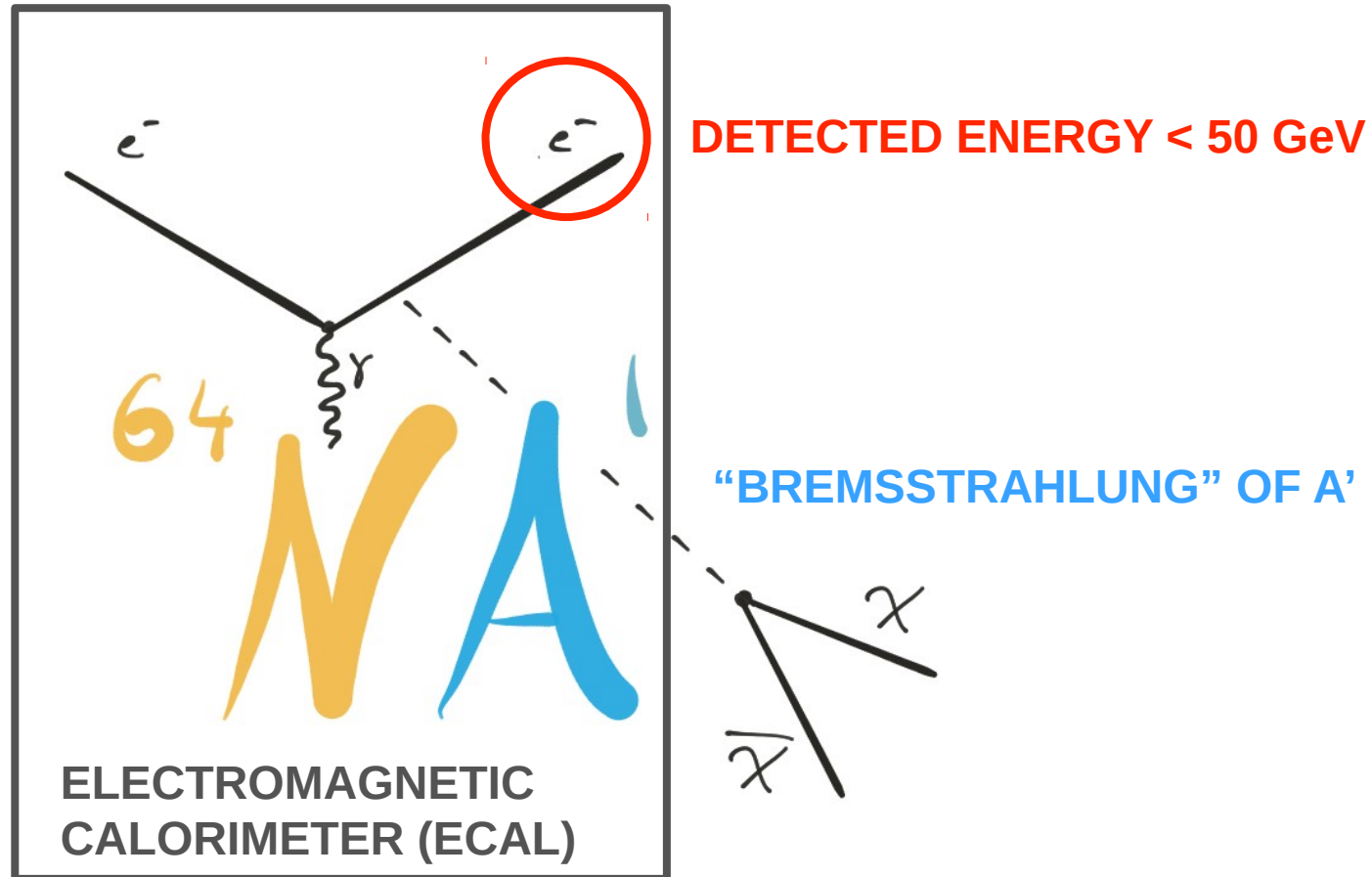
At rest → 100 GeV



The NA64 working principle to search for $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$

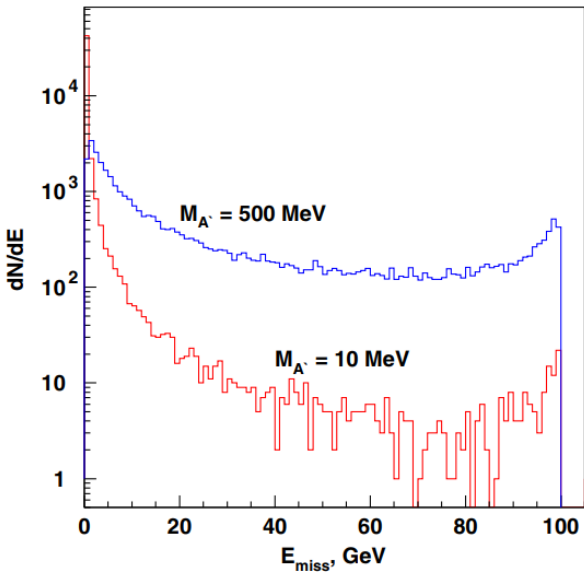


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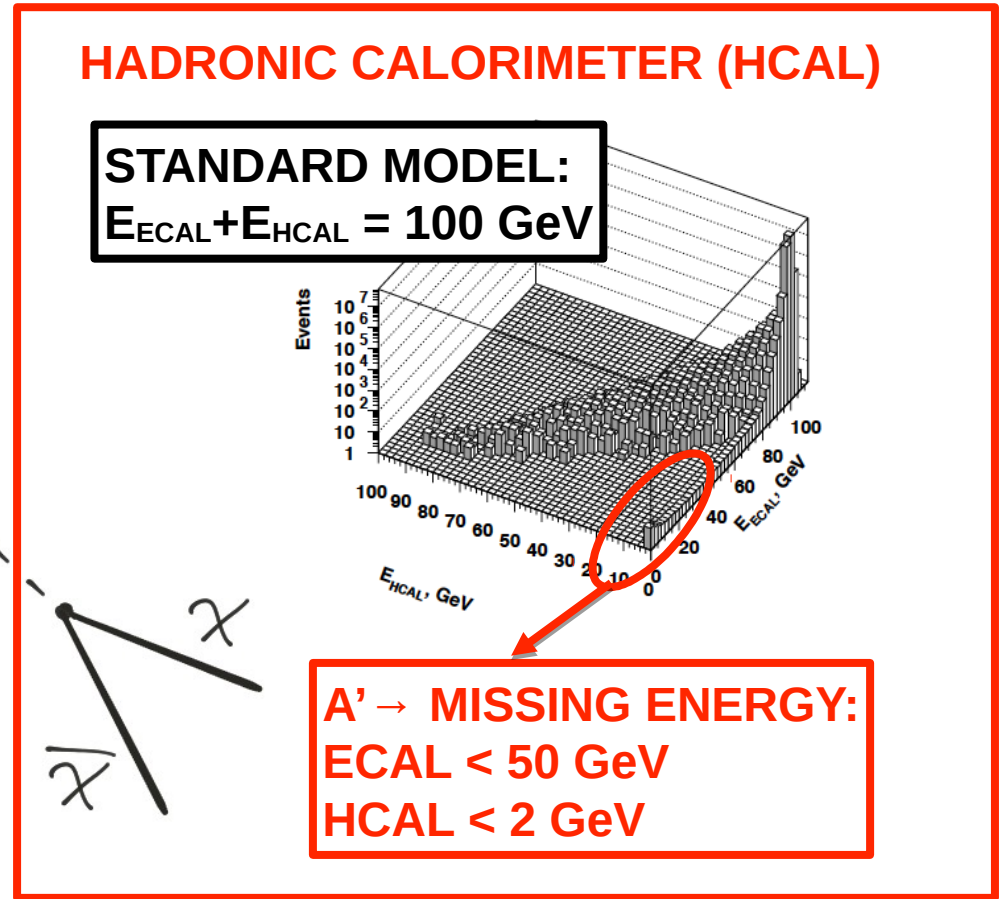
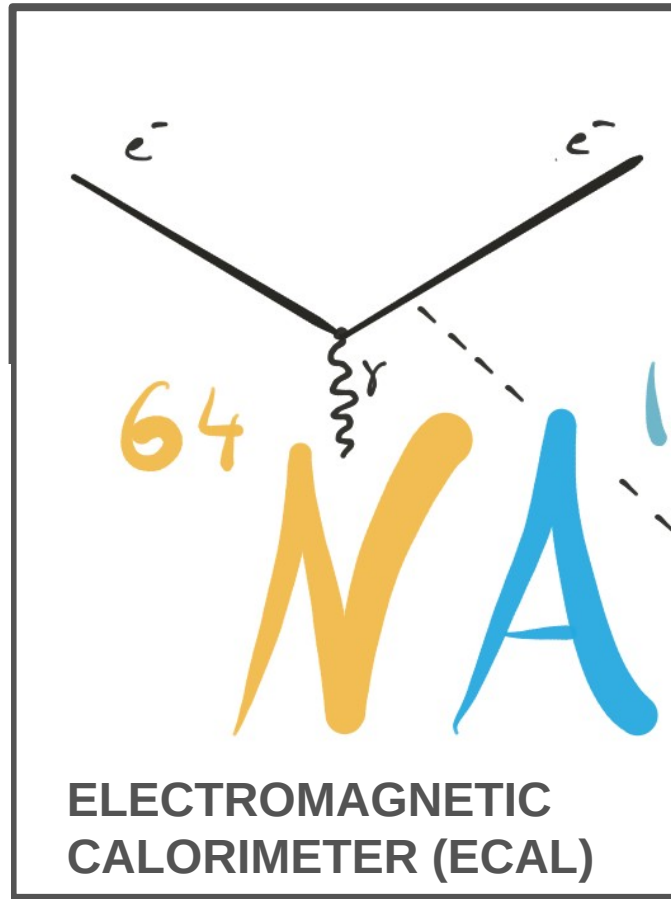


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Simulated A' emission spectrum

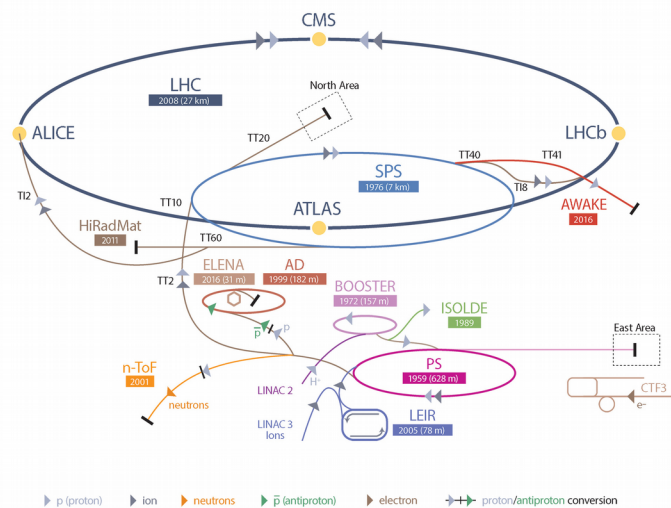


S. Gninenko et al., Phys. Rev. D 94, 095025 (2016)



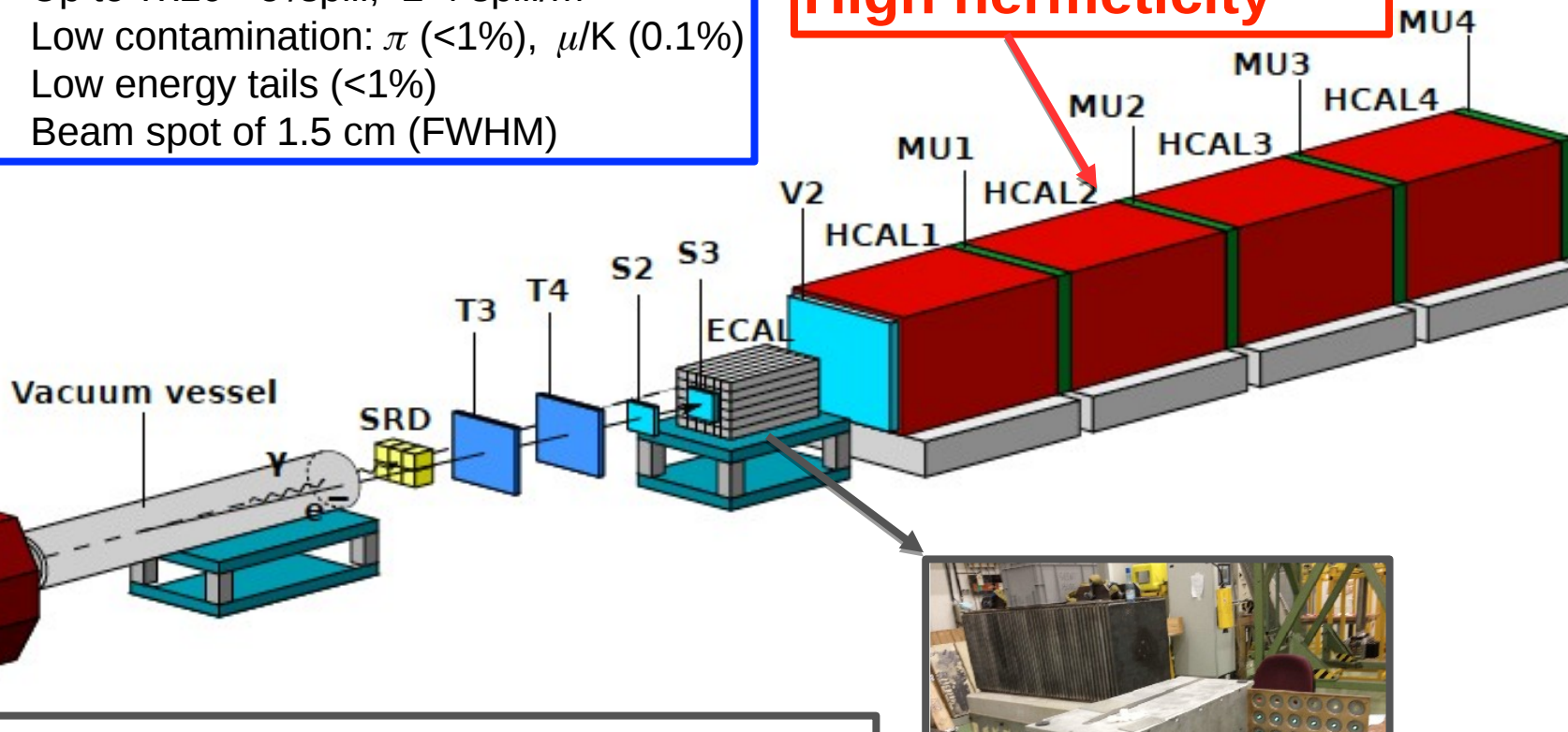
The CERN SPS H4 electron beam dumped over active target

CERN's Accelerator Complex



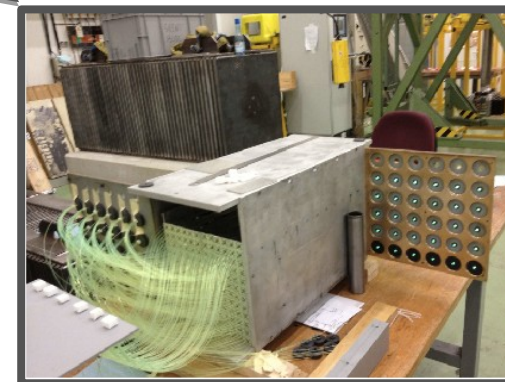
- Up to 7×10^6 e⁻/spill, 2-4 spill/m
- Low contamination: π (<1%), μ/K (0.1%)
- Low energy tails (<1%)
- Beam spot of 1.5 cm (FWHM)

High hermeticity

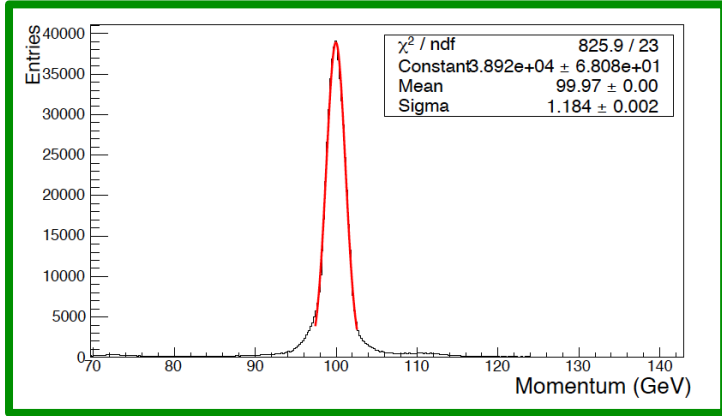


e⁻, 100 GeV

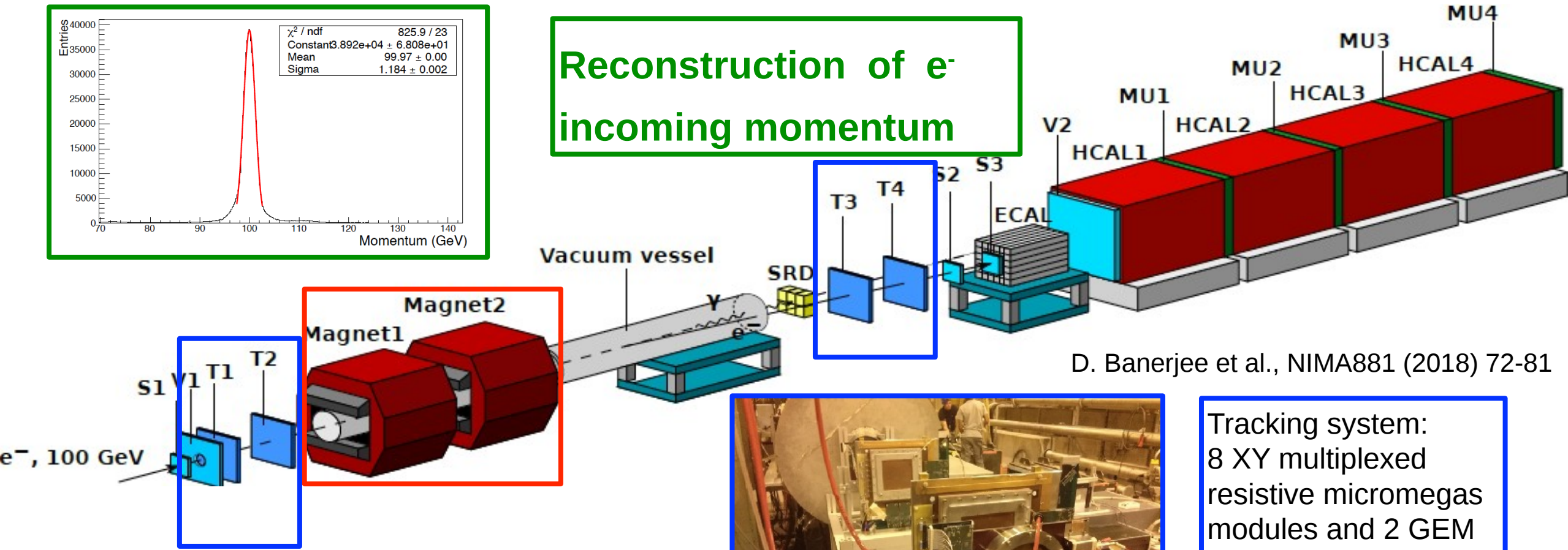
- High hermeticity ($\sim 40 X_0$)
- PbSc sandwich, 6x6 matrix, cells 38x38x490 mm³
- WLS fibers in spiral \rightarrow suppress energy leaks
- Energy resolution $\sim 9\%/\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}$
- Longitudinal (Pre-shower) and lateral segmentation \rightarrow shower profiles (hadron rejection)



The magnetic spectrometer

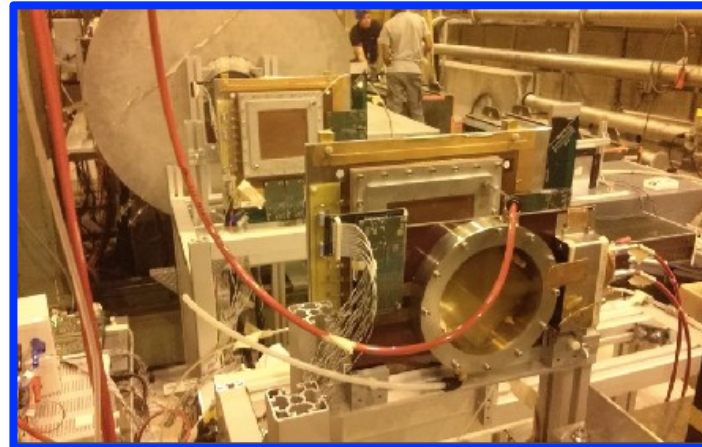


Reconstruction of e^- incoming momentum



D. Banerjee et al., NIMA881 (2018) 72-81

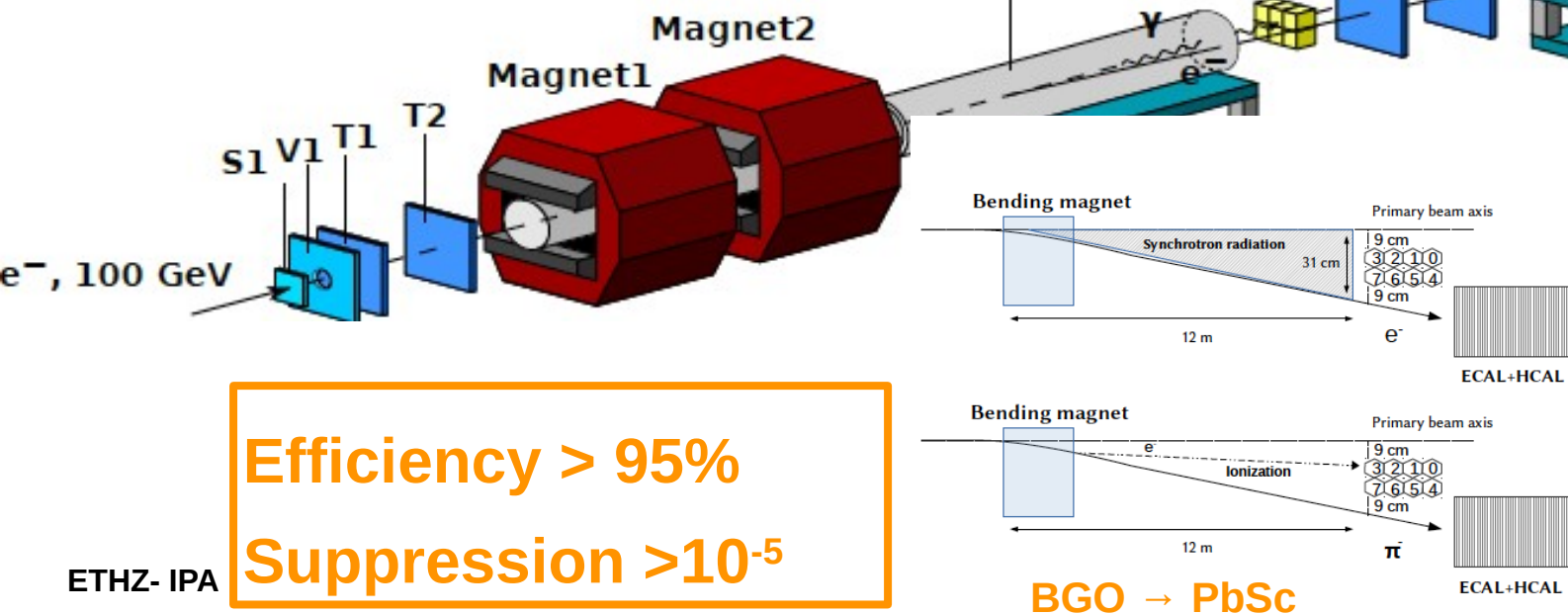
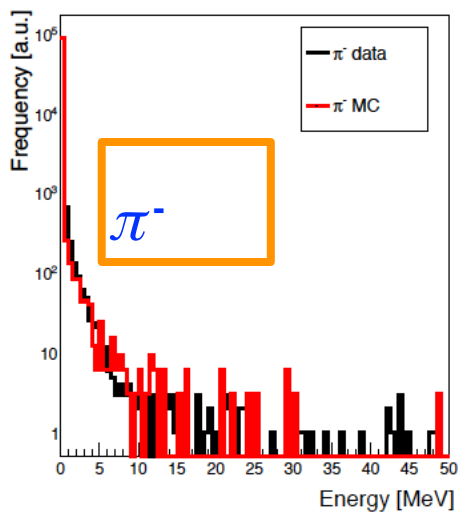
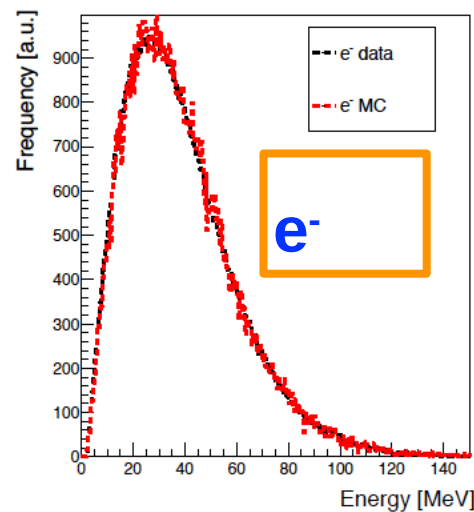
Two bending magnets in series \rightarrow 7 T.m field



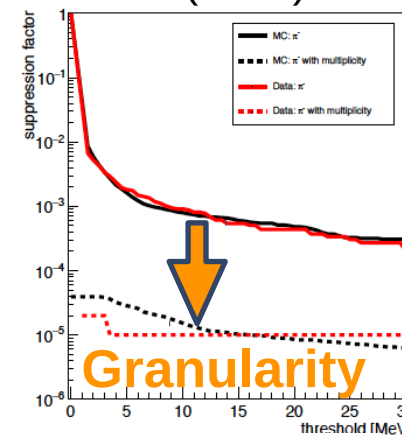
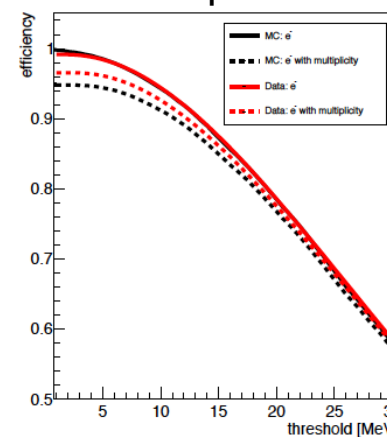
Tracking system:
8 XY multiplexed resistive micromegas modules and 2 GEM detectors

The Synchrotron radiation detector

Particle identification
 SR emission $\sim 1/m^4$



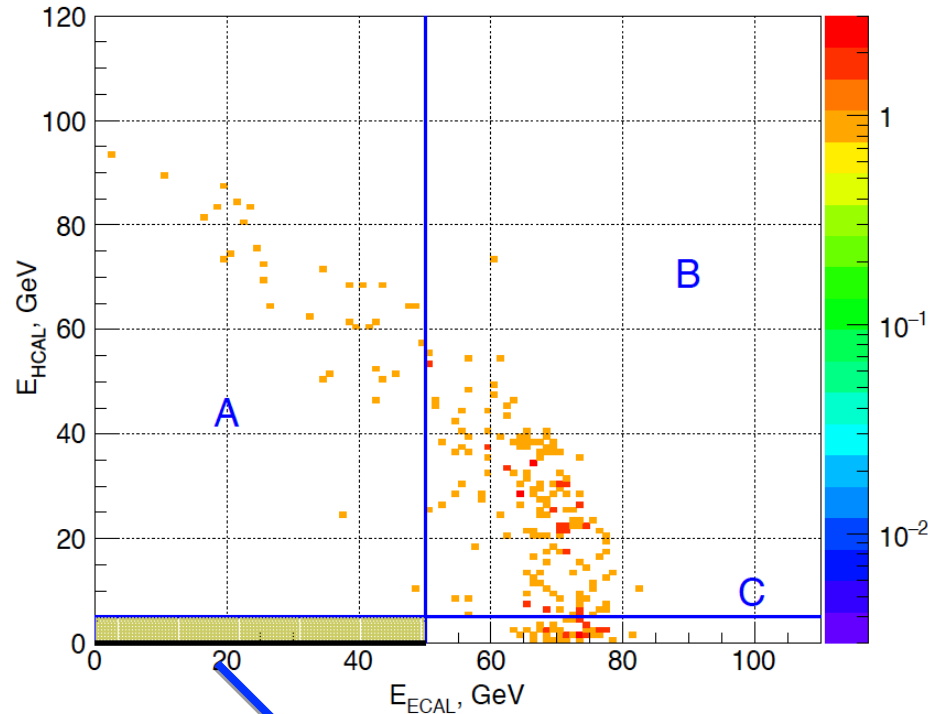
E. Depero et al., NIMA 866 (2017) 196-201.



Efficiency > 95%
 Suppression > 10⁻⁵

BGO → PbSc

The NA64 search for $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$ - results (July 2016, 2 weeks)



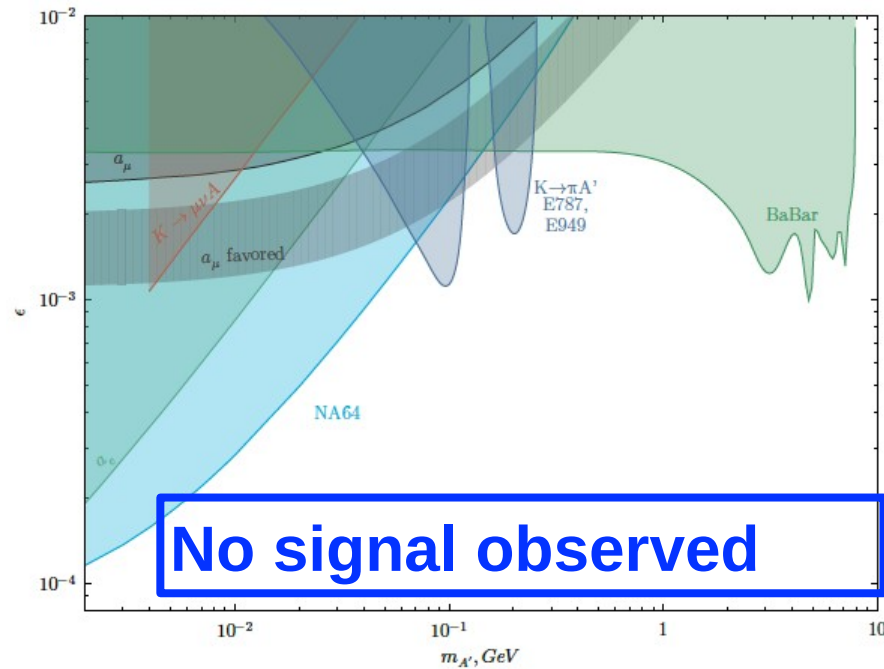
Event Selection Criteria:

- Timing information → Pile up suppression.
- Clean incoming track: angle + single hit in all trackers, correct momentum.
- Synchrotron radiation → Hadron suppression
- Shower profile compatible with e^-
- No activity in Veto.

All selection cuts applied → no event in signal region

The NA64 search for $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$ - results (July 2016, 2 weeks)

2.75 x 10⁹ electrons on target



→ exclusion of most of g-2 muon favored region

M. Pospelov, A. Ritz and M. B. Voloshin, Phys. Lett. B 662, 53 (2008)

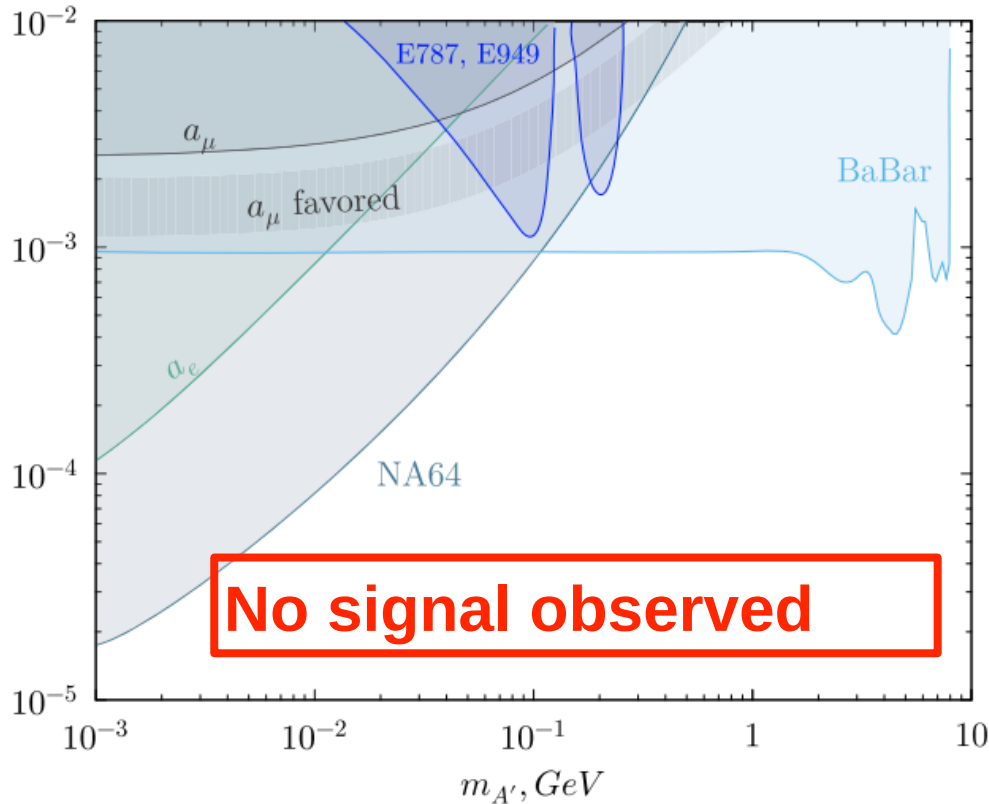
g-2 closed completely by BABAR results

BABAR collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 131804 (2017)

NA64 collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 011802 (2017)

The NA64 search for $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$ - results (October 2016, 3 weeks)

4×10^{10} electrons on target



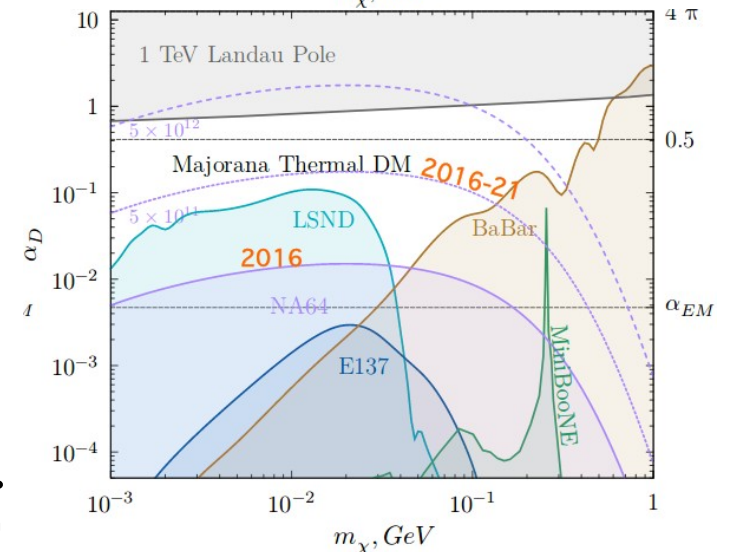
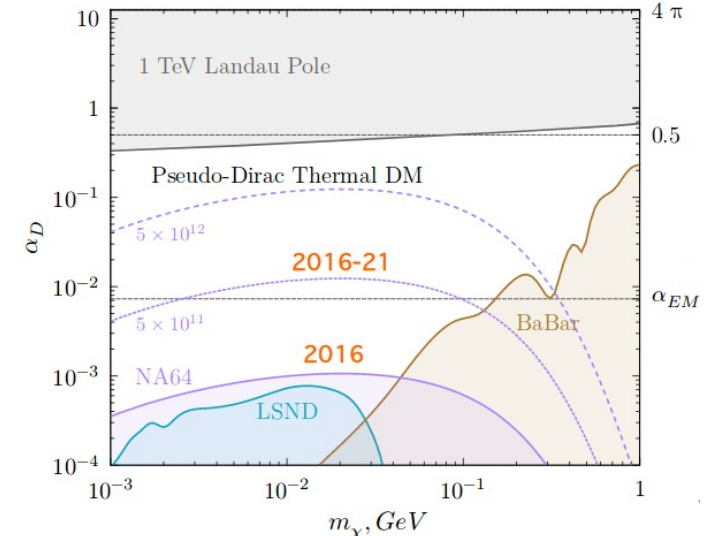
NOTE: NA64 limits obtained with exact tree level cross section calculation, S. Gninenko et al. arXiv 1712.05076

Constraints on sub-GeV thermal DM



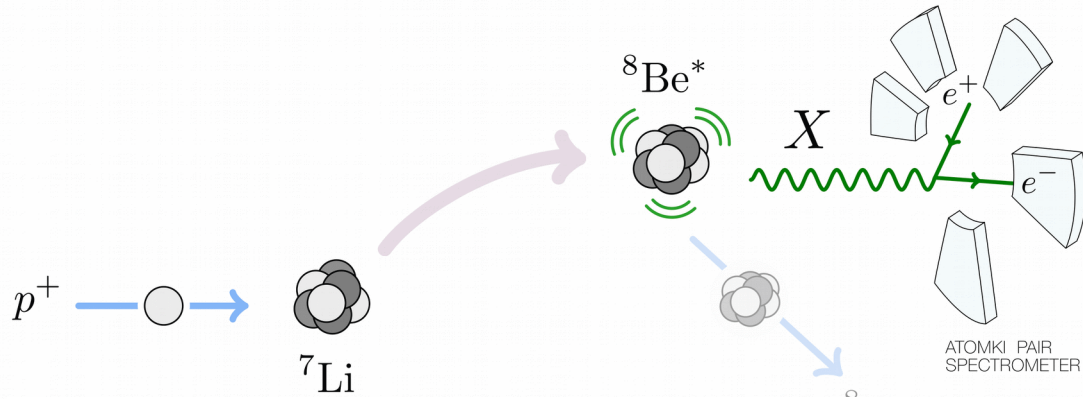
Good scaling for small couplings

($\sim \epsilon^2$ Instead of $\sim \epsilon^4 \alpha_D$)

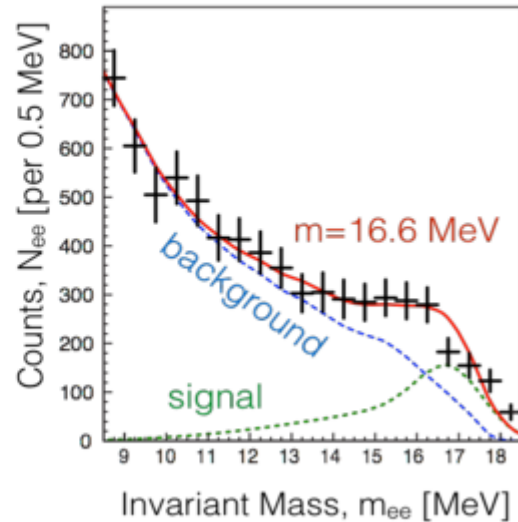
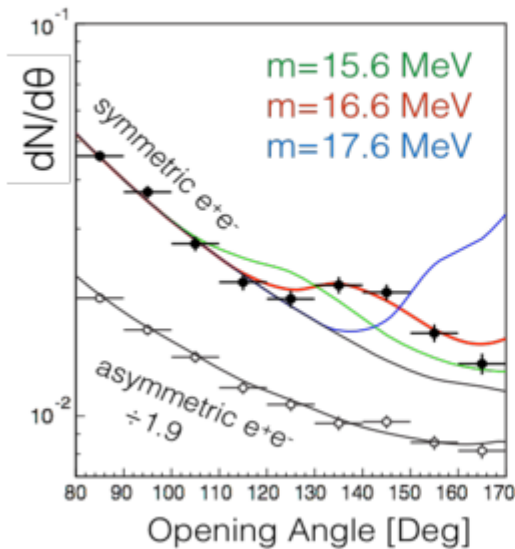


NA64 collaboration,
Phys. Rev. D 97, 072002 (2018)

^8Be anomaly and X boson



ATOMKI Experiment

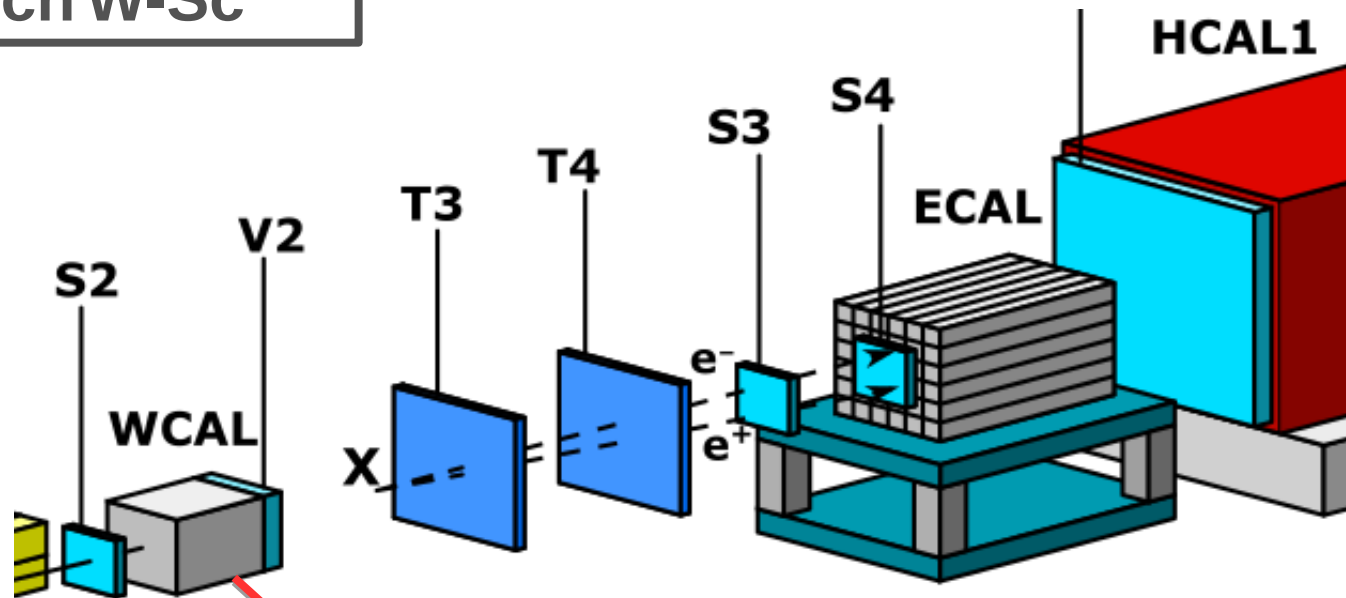


Could be explained by new 'protophobic' gauge boson X with mass around 17 MeV

J. L. Feng et al. Phys. Rev. D95, 035017 (2017)

The NA64 search for $X \rightarrow e^+e^-$ - *experimental signature*

WCAL: 30-40 X_0
Sandwich W-Sc

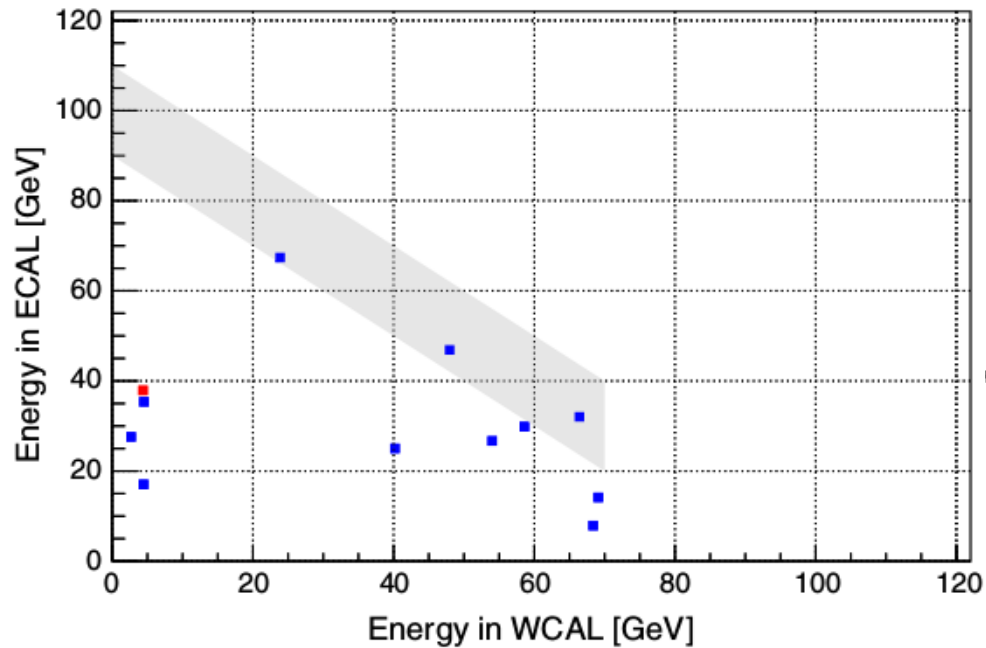


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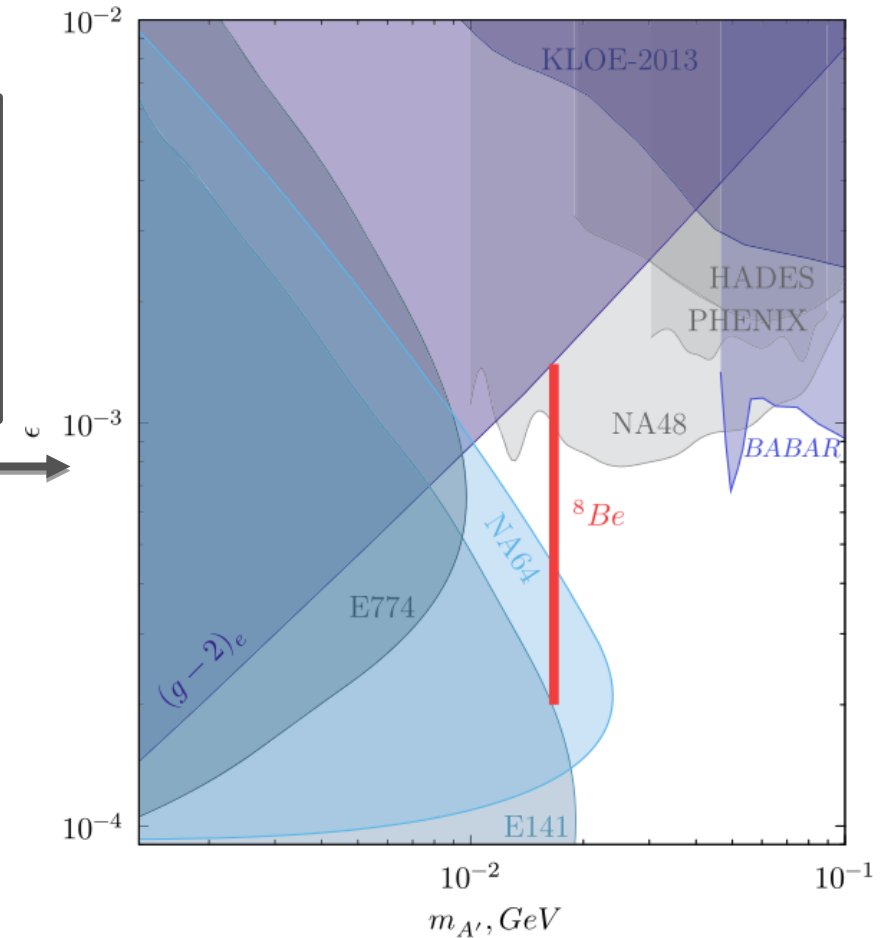
- 1) $E_{WCAL} + E_{ECAL} = 100 \text{ GeV}$
- 2) No activity in $V_{2,3}$ and HCAL
- 3) Signal in S3, S4
- 4) e-m shower in ECAL

New compat Tungsten ECAL for conversion

The NA64 search for $X \rightarrow e^+e^-$ - results (2017)



- Neutral events
- Signal like

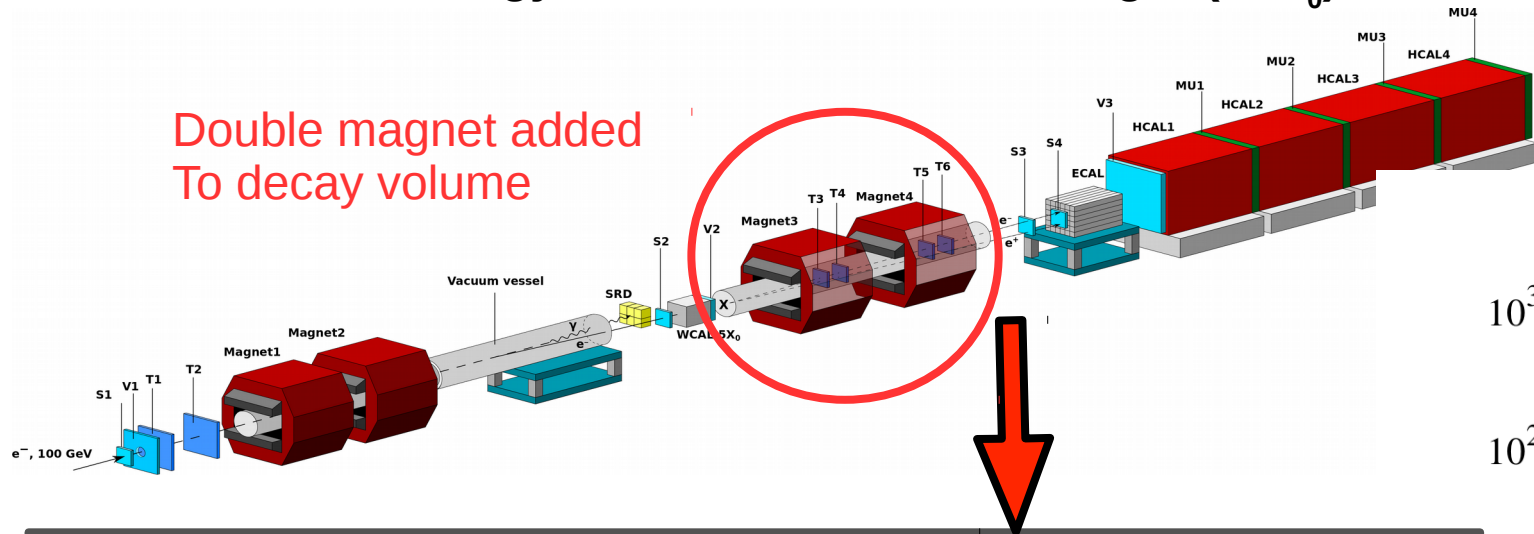


NA64 collaboration, Phys. Rev. Letter 120, 231802(2018)

The NA64 physics prospects – cover X-boson anomaly

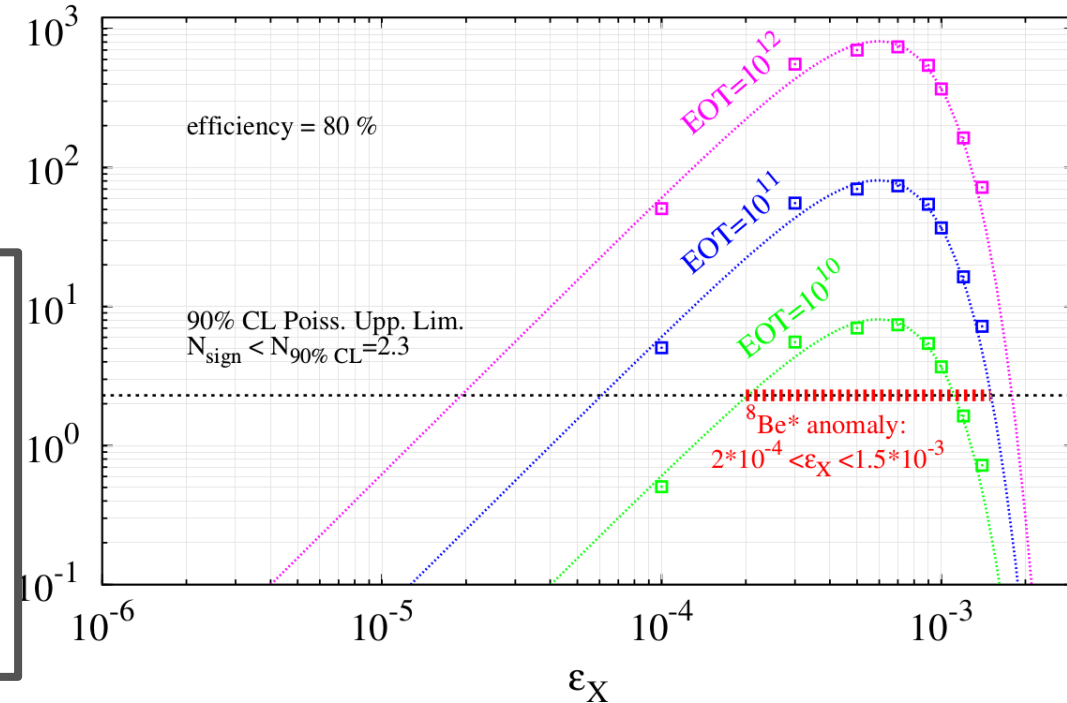
→ Increase the energy and decrease WCAL length ($\sim 5X_0$) to cover short lived X-boson

Double magnet added
To decay volume



→ 10^{11} EOTS could cover the anomaly completely

$$M_X = 16.7 \text{ MeV}, L_{\text{WCAL}} = 5X_0$$



Signature:

- 1) Reconstructed vertex outside WCAL
- 2) Reconstructed Invariant mass ~ 16.7 MeV
- 3) Double e.m. shower in ECAL

ALPS detection in NA64

→ NA64 setup is capable to search for axion-like particles created through **Primankov** effect using decay channels $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $a \rightarrow e^+e^-$

- Two possible **decay channels** to detect:

- **Visible:**

- ECAL + WCAL = 100 GeV
- Pure neutral shower in ECAL
- High collinearity

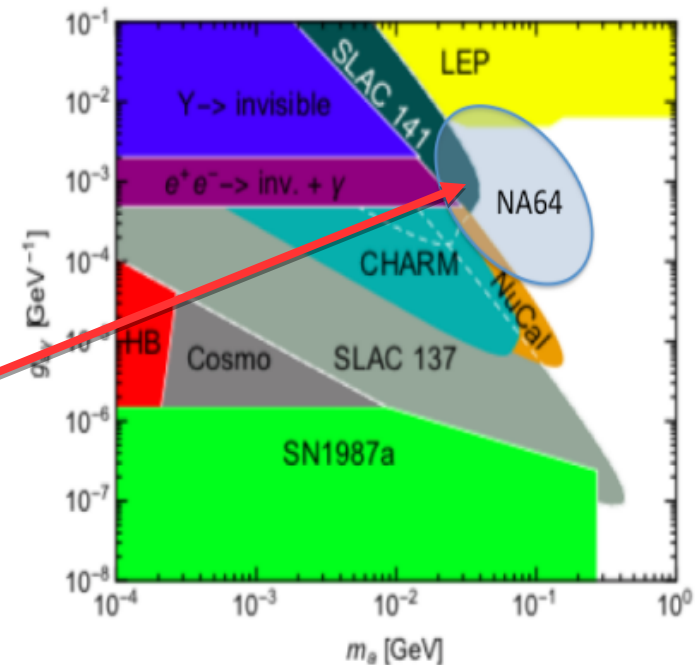
- **Invisible:**

- Missing energy in ECAL

- **Combining the two channels allow us to cover a new region of parameter space!**

$$10^{-4} < g_{a\gamma\gamma} < 10^{-2}$$

$$10 < m_a < 500 \text{ MeV}$$



And many others!

Process	New Physics	Sensitivity
1. $e^- Z \rightarrow e^- Z + E_{\text{miss}}$		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ ✧ $A' \rightarrow$ invisible ✧ alps ✧ milli-Q 	Dark Sector: Dark Photons and DM New light states (V,S) weakly coupled to e- ^8Be excess	$10^{-3} < \epsilon < 10^{-6}$ $M_{A'} \sim$ sub-GeV $m_Q < 10^{-5} - 10^{-7} e$ $M_{mQ} \sim$ sub-GeV
2. $\mu^- Z \rightarrow \mu^- Z + E_{\text{miss}}$		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ $Z_\mu \rightarrow \nu\nu, \mu^+ \mu^-$ ✧ a_μ ✧ $\mu \rightarrow \tau$ conversion 	$(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly, New Z_μ from $L_\mu - L_\tau$ gauged symm., scalars coupled to μ LFV	$\alpha_\mu < 10^{-11} - 10^{-9}$ $\sigma_{\mu\tau} / \sigma_\mu < 10^{-9} - 10^{-8}$
3. $\pi(K)p \rightarrow M^0 n + E_{\text{miss}}$		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ $K_L \rightarrow$ invisible ✧ $K_S \rightarrow$ invisible ✧ $\pi^0, \eta, \eta' \rightarrow$ invisible 	CP, CPT symmetry Bell-Steinberger Unitarity, new WC particles: NHL, $\phi\phi, VV$	$\text{Br} < 10^{-8} - 10^{-6}$, Complementary to $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\nu$ $\text{Br} < 10^{-8} - 10^{-7}$



Full NA64 program: in preparation for PBC
 → input for the European Strategy Group

S.N. Gninenko and N.V. Krasnikov

arXiv 1801.10448

S.N. Gninenko and N.V. Krasnikov

Phys. Rev. D92 (2015)

S.N. Gninenko,

Phys. Rev. D91 (2015) 015004

Summary and Outlook

2016: $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$

- July run: 2.75×10^9 EOT: no signal \rightarrow most of g-2 muon favored region excluded (PRL118, 011802 (2017)) .
- October run : 4×10^{10} EOT: no signal \rightarrow new constraints on TLDM (PRD97, 072002 (2018)).

\rightarrow active beam dump + missing-energy: very powerful tool to search for dark sector physics.

2017-2018:

- $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$: goal $\sim 3 \times 10^{11}$ EOT (analysis 2017 ongoing)
- $X \rightarrow e^+e^-$: 5×10^{10} EOT at 100 GeV (2017) arXiv 1803.07748, expected 5×10^{10} EOT at 150 GeV (2018)

>2021 (after LS2)

- goal 5×10^{12} EOT for $A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$ and explore remaining parameter space $X \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- resonant production of A' with positrons (L.Marsicano et al. arXiv 1802.03794)
- Search for Z' coupled to muons with M2 beamline at CERN (160 GeV/c muon), proposal in preparation
- Searches for $h, h', p_0, KL, KS \rightarrow$ invisible

\rightarrow Proposed searches of dark sectors in NA64 with leptonic and hadronic beams: unique sensitivities: highly complementary to similar projects.

- Contribution to the CERN PBC program after LS2
- Input to the European Strategy for Particle Physics

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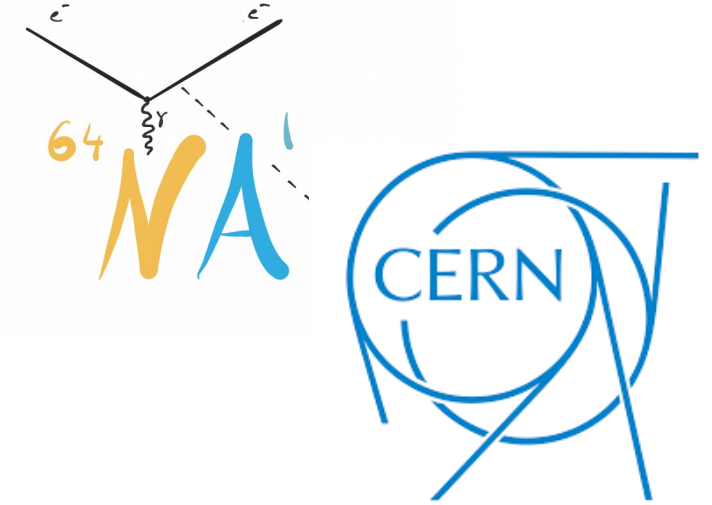
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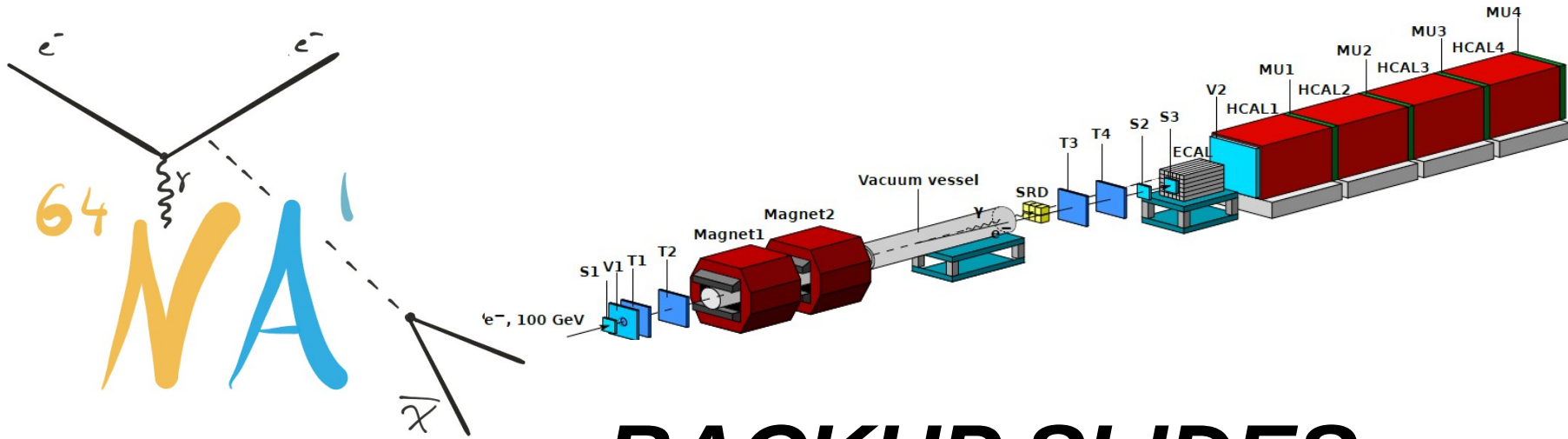
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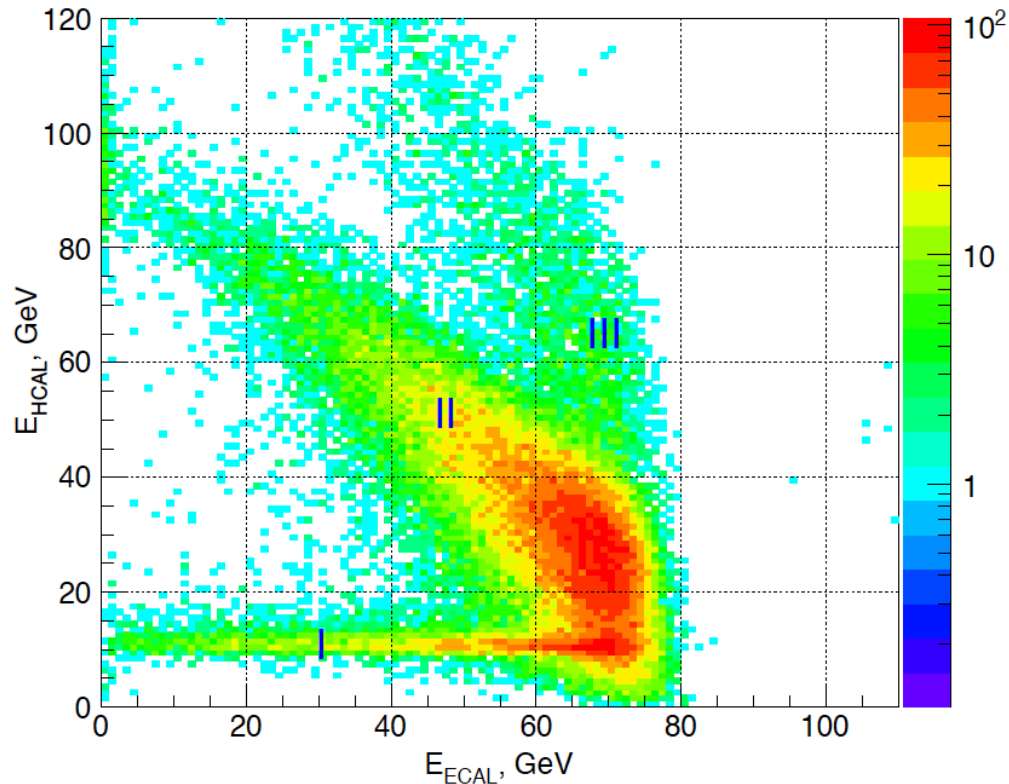


BACKUP SLIDES



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Electron selection with SRD

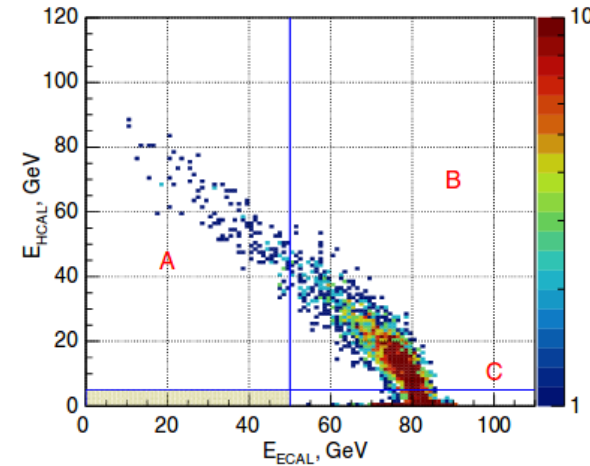
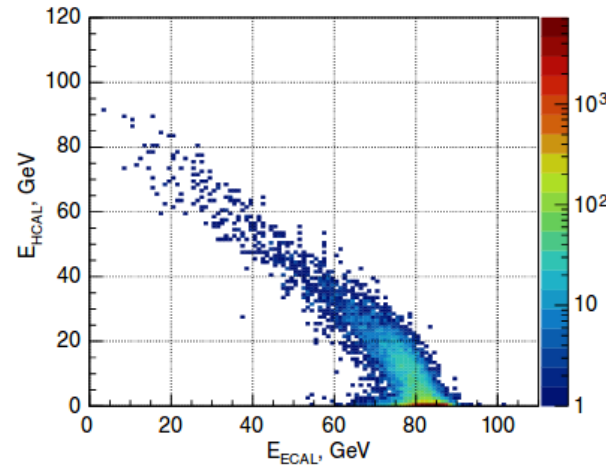
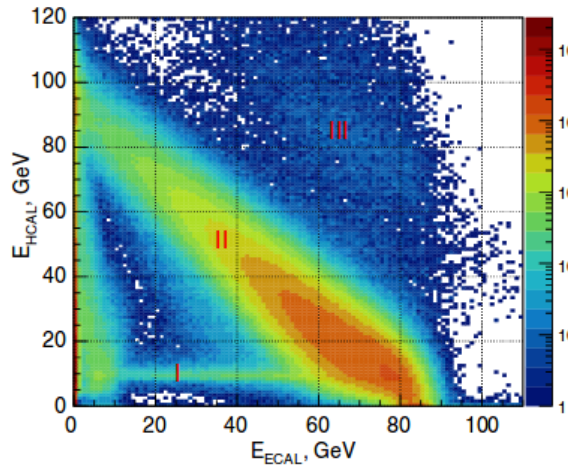
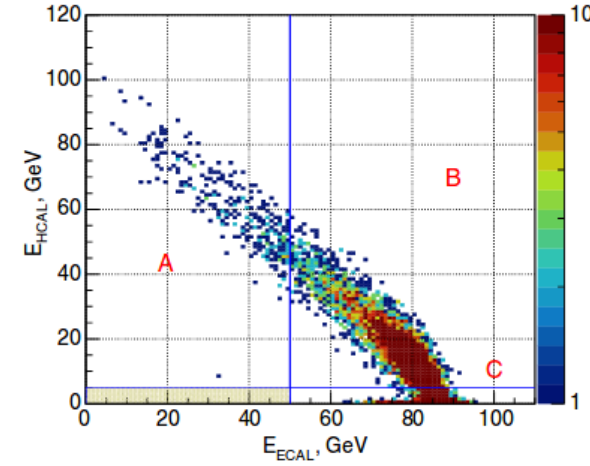
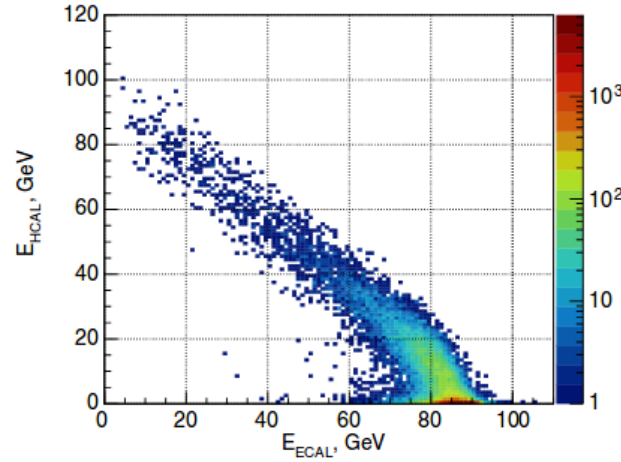
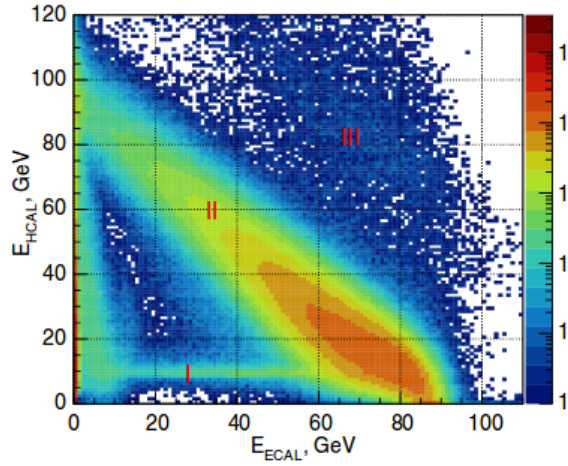
- ♦ **Region I:** $e-Z \rightarrow e-Z\gamma; \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
→ benchmark for MC
- ♦ **Region II:** SM events
 $E_{\text{ECAL}} + E_{\text{HCAL}} \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$
- ♦ **Region III** → pile-up events

Effects of the cuts

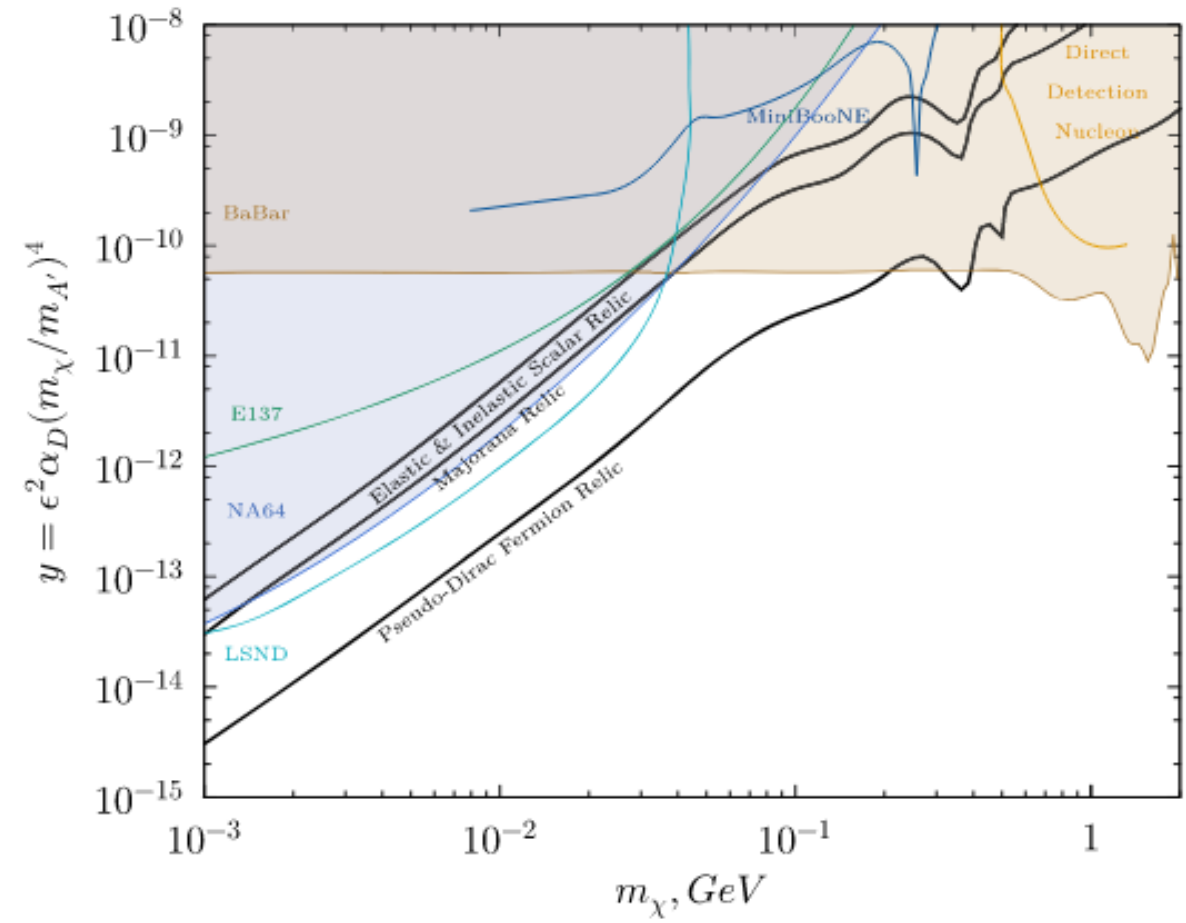
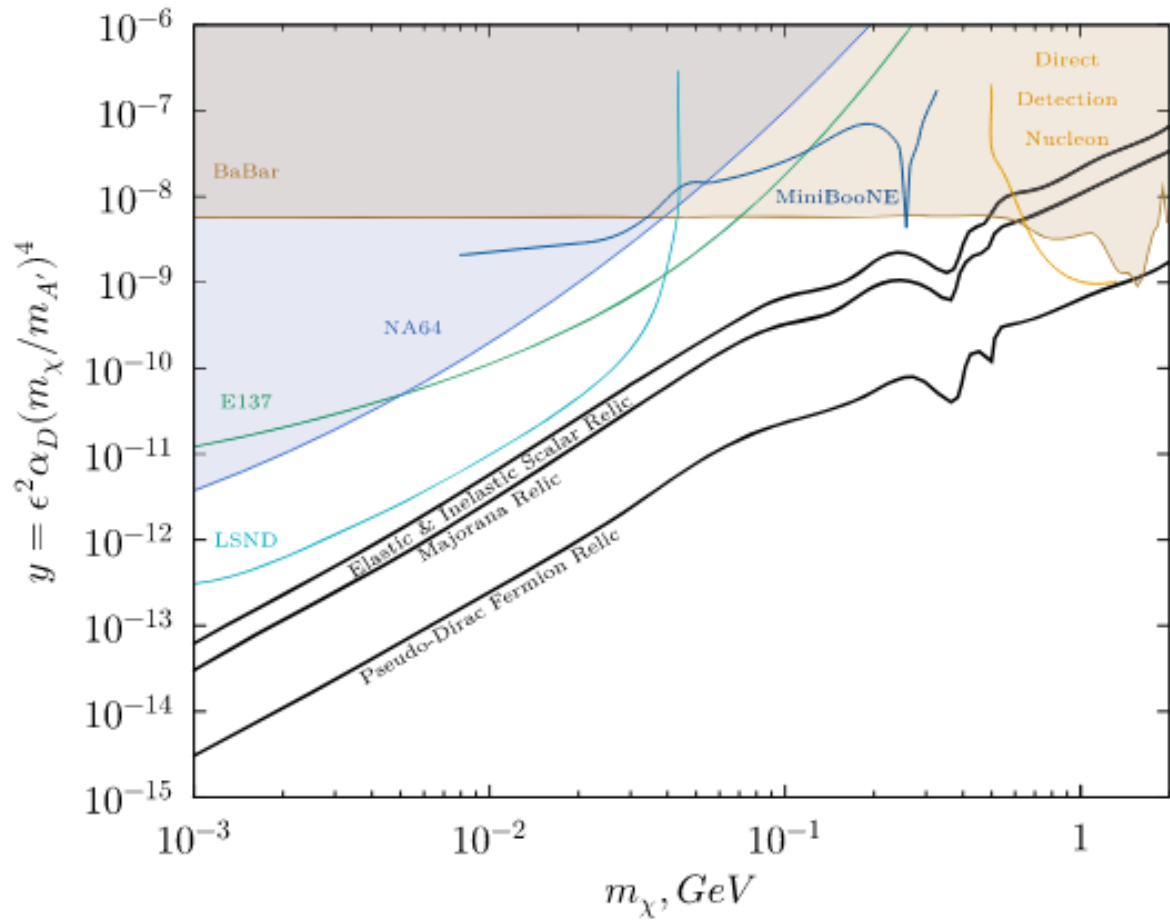
Trigger event

SRD, Momentum, Veto
Pileup rejection

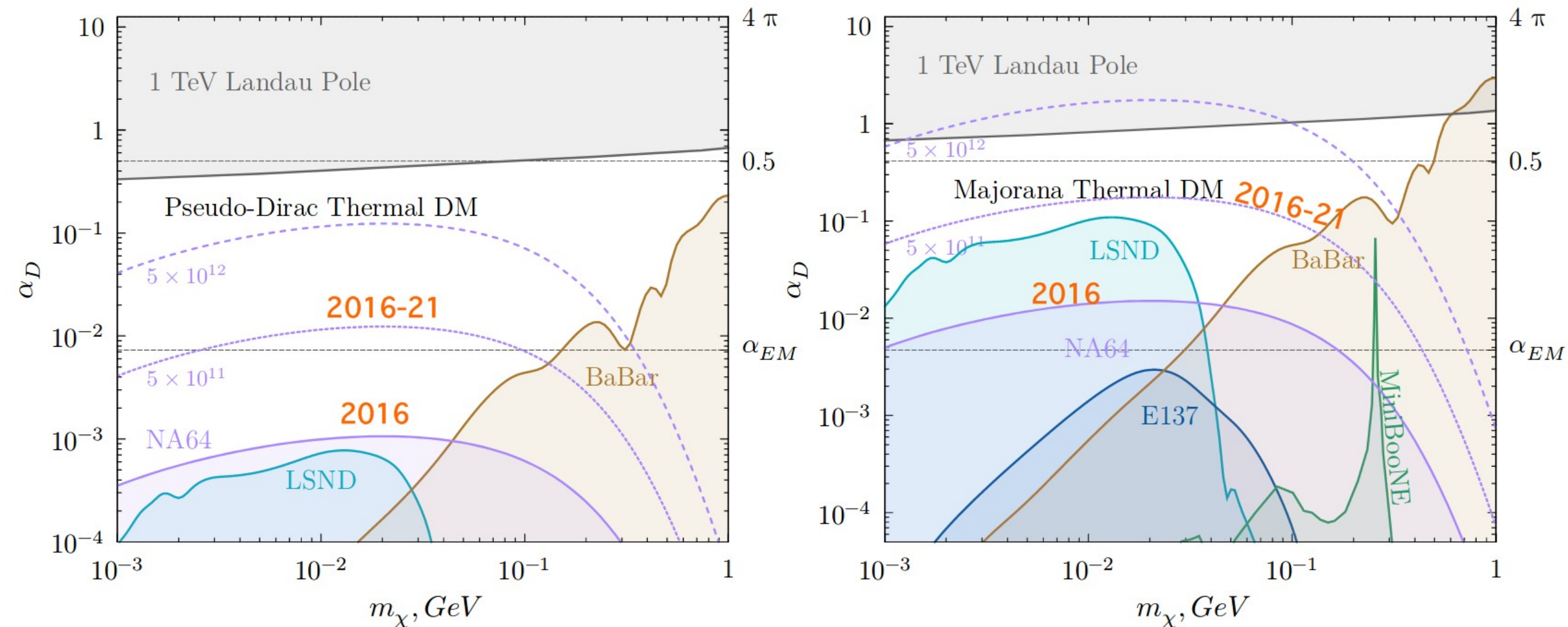
ALL cuts applied



Constraint on light thermal Dark matter



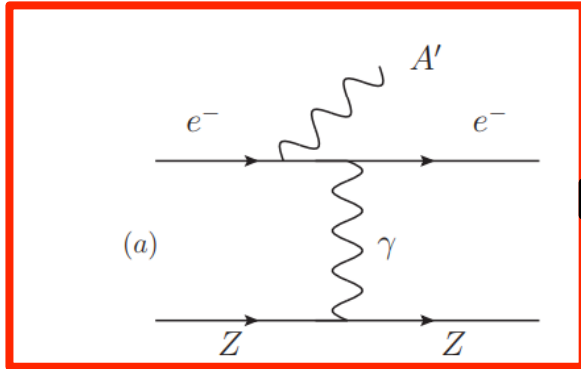
Constraint on light thermal Dark matter



The NA64 physics prospects – further correction of sensitivity?

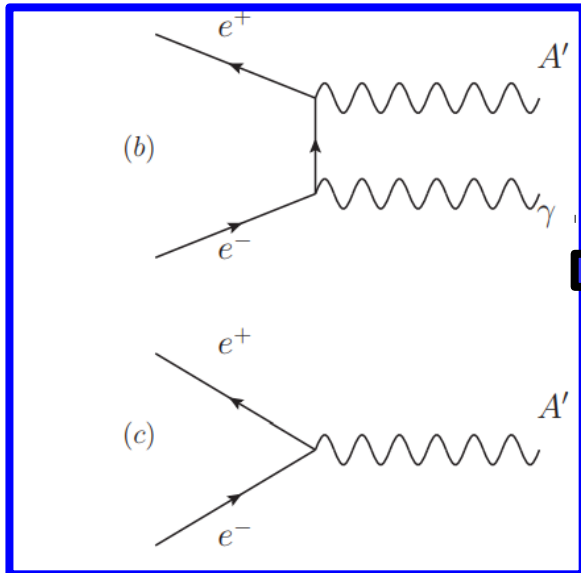
→ Possible other corrections for the interaction $e^- \rightarrow A' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$

A' strahlung

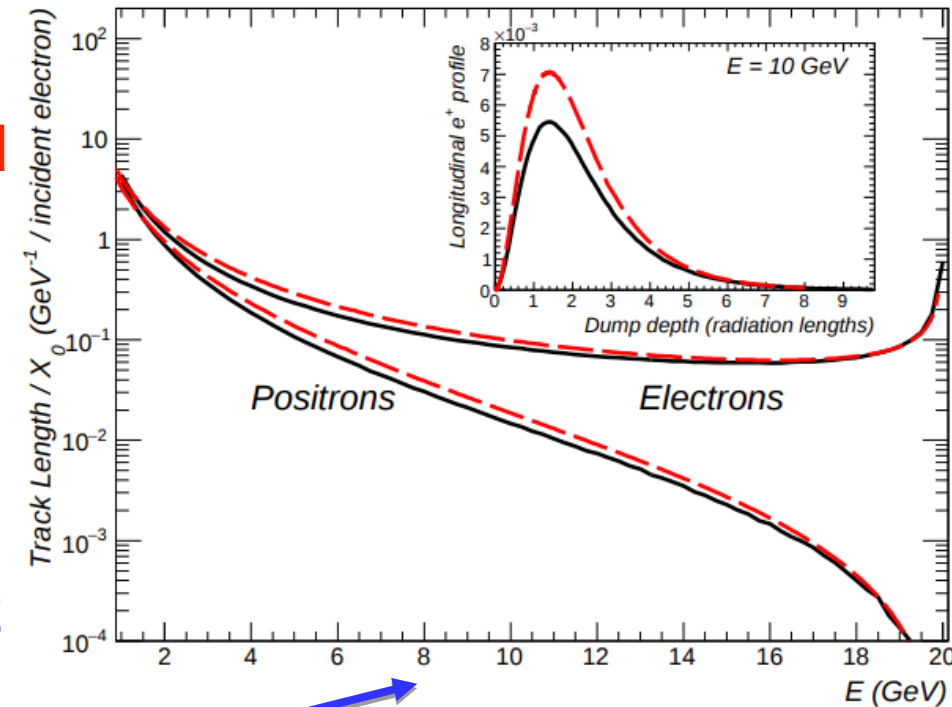


already accounted at tree level

A resonant production



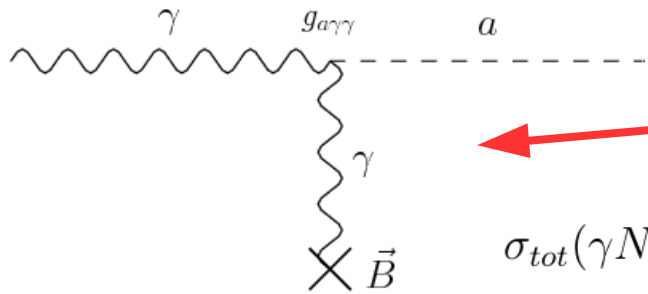
Could be significant due to positron rich environment



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ALPS detection in NA64

→ NA64 setup is capable to search for axion-like particles created through **Primankov** effect using decay channels $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $a \rightarrow e + e^-$



$$\mathcal{L}_{int} \supset -\frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma\gamma}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_a^2a^2$$

$$\sigma_{tot}(\gamma N \rightarrow aN) = \frac{16\pi\alpha}{m_a^3} \cdot \Gamma_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \cdot [Z^2 \ln(184Z^{-1/3}) + Z \ln(1194Z^{-2/3})]$$

• **Decay length:**

$$l_a = 40\text{m} \cdot \frac{E_a}{10\text{GeV}} \cdot \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{10^{-5}\text{GeV}^{-1}}\right)^{-2} \cdot \left(\frac{m_a}{100\text{MeV}}\right)^{-4}$$

• **Decay width:**

$$\Gamma_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 m_a^3}{64\pi}$$

• **Signal:**

$$N_{sign} = N_{eff}^{\gamma} \cdot \Delta X_{eff}^{\gamma} \cdot \frac{\rho N_A}{A} \cdot \sigma_{tot}(\gamma N \rightarrow aN) \exp\left(-\frac{L_{dec}}{l_a}\right) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{L_{fid}}{l_a}\right)\right]$$

Constraint on ALPS

$$10^{-4} < g_{a\gamma\gamma} < 10^{-2}$$

$$10 < m_a < 500 \text{ MeV}$$

