

Search for Boosted DM @ Surface Detectors

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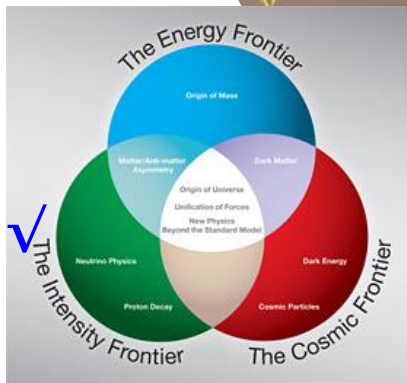
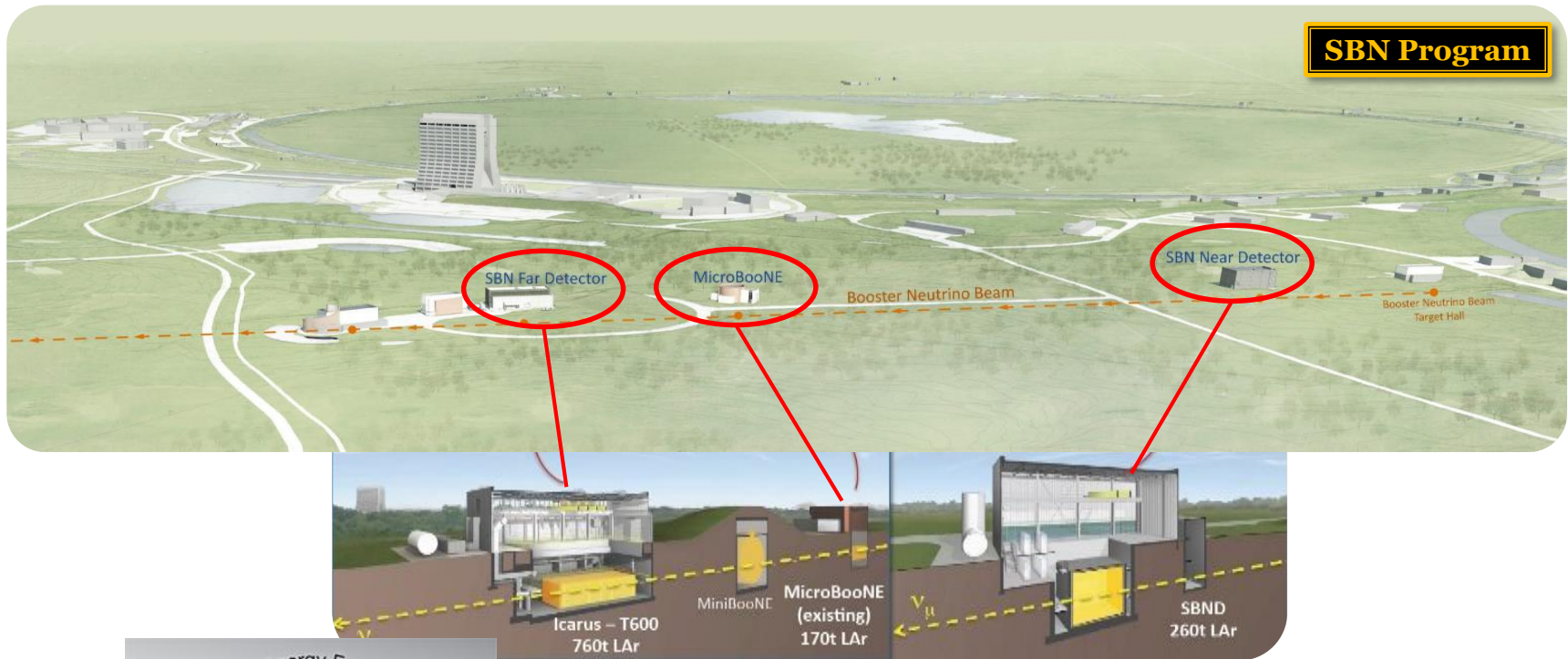
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Surface ν Detectors

**Physics
Motivation?**

Surface ν Detectors: SBN

❖ Short-Baseline Neutrino (SBN) Program @ Fermilab

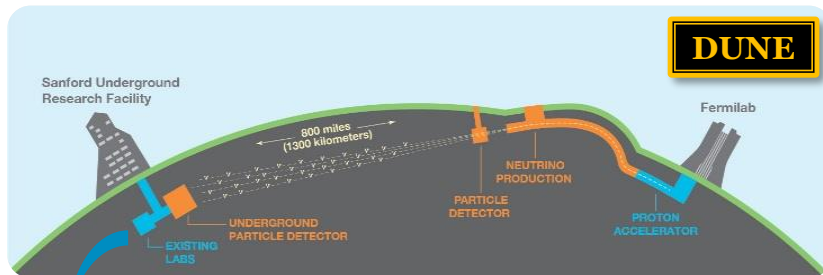


- ✓ Physics @ SBN: ν oscillation, sterile ν , etc.
- ✓ E spectrum & flavor of ν 's produced by the Booster Neutrino Beam
- ✓ Development of the LAr-TPC technology for DUNE

Surface v Detectors: ProtoDUNE

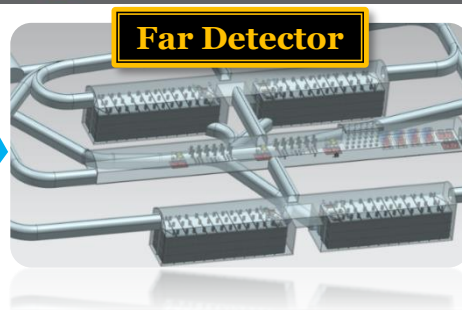
❖ **ProtoDUNE**: a prototype of the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)

@ CERN



❖ SP: single-phase

❖ DP: dual-phase



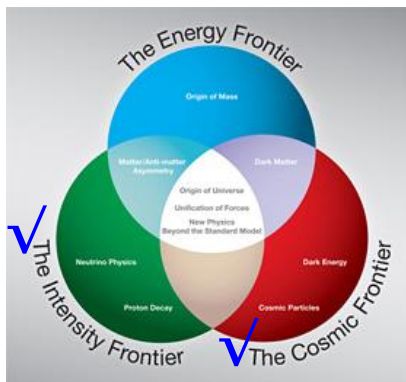
4×10 kt

$0.3 + 0.2$ kt



✓ Physics @ DUNE: neutrino, BSM, etc.

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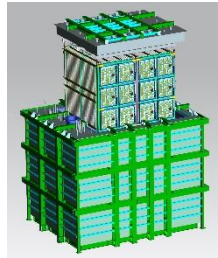
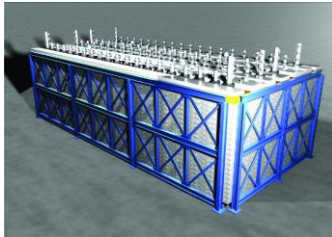
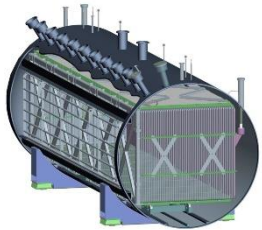


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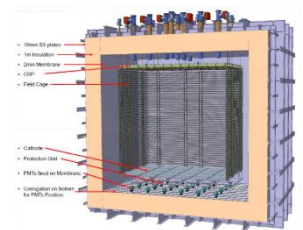
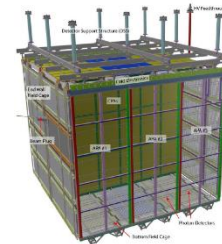
✓ To calibrate beam & cosmic-ray responses

Surface ν Detectors: Status

SBN Program



ProtoDUNE



Detector	Target material	Active volume		Fiducial volume		Depth	Electron	
		$w \times h \times l$ [m ³]	mass [kt]	mass [kt]	mass [kt]		E_{th} [MeV]	θ_{res}
MicroBooNE	LArTPC	$2.56 \times 2.33 \times 10.37$	0.089	0.055		~ 6 m underground	$\mathcal{O}(10)$	$\mathcal{O}(1^\circ)$
ICARUS	LArTPC	$2.96 \times 3.2 \times 18$ ($\times 2$)	0.476	~ 0.3		~ 6 m underground	$\mathcal{O}(10)$	$\mathcal{O}(1^\circ)$
SBND	LArTPC	$4 \times 4 \times 5$	0.112	~ 0.07		~ 6 m underground	$\mathcal{O}(10)$	$\mathcal{O}(1^\circ)$
ProtoDUNE SP	LArTPC	$3.6 \times 6 \times 7$ ($\times 2$)	~ 0.42	~ 0.3		on the ground	~ 30	~ 1°
ProtoDUNE DP	LArTPC	$6 \times 6 \times 6$	~ 0.3	~ 0.21		on the ground	~ 30	~ 1°

- ✓ **MicroBooNE**: on-going since **July 2015** (BNB: operational since October 2015)
- ✓ **ICARUS**: planned to start of operation in **2019**
- ✓ **SBND**: planned to start of operation in **2019/2020**
- ✓ **ProtoDUNE**: operation from **September 2018** & now **planned to take cosmic-origin data for new physics searches (~2 year)**

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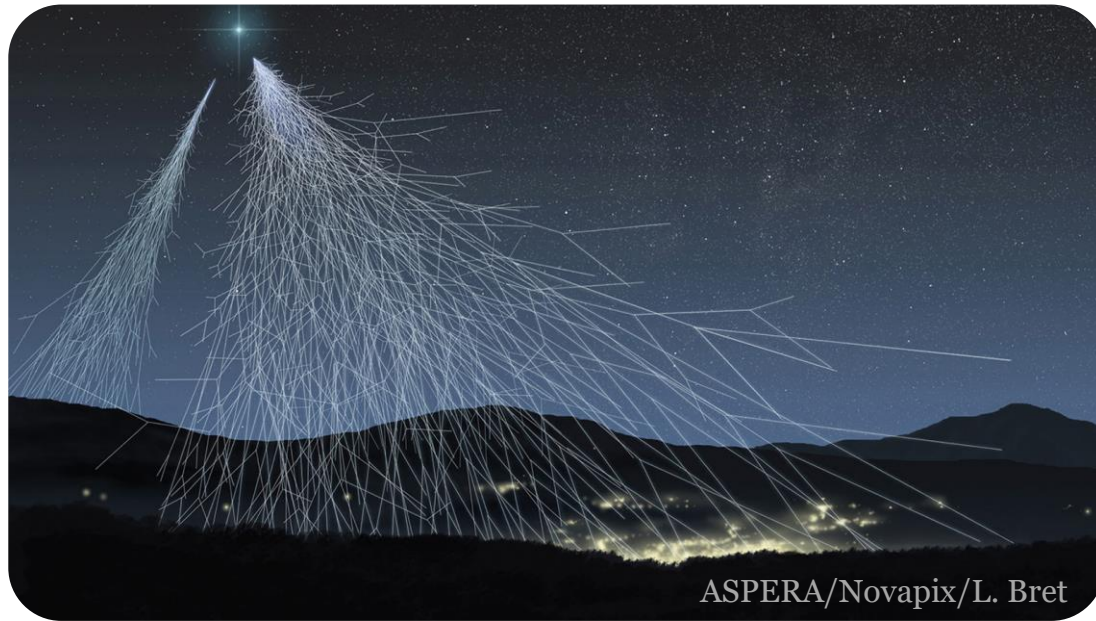
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**Timely & Highly
Motivated!**

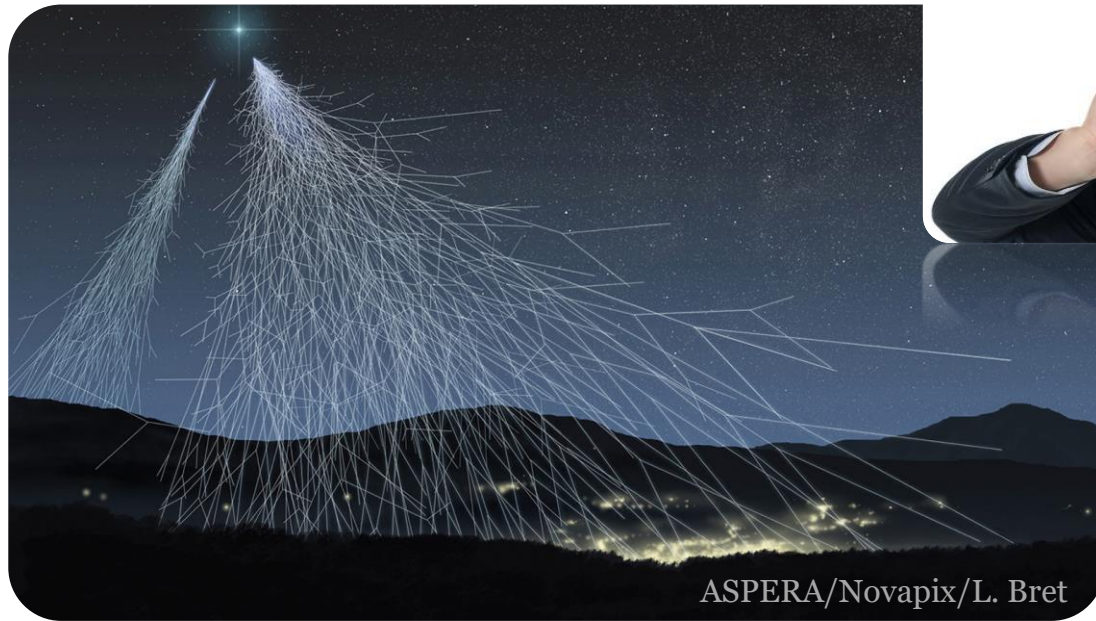
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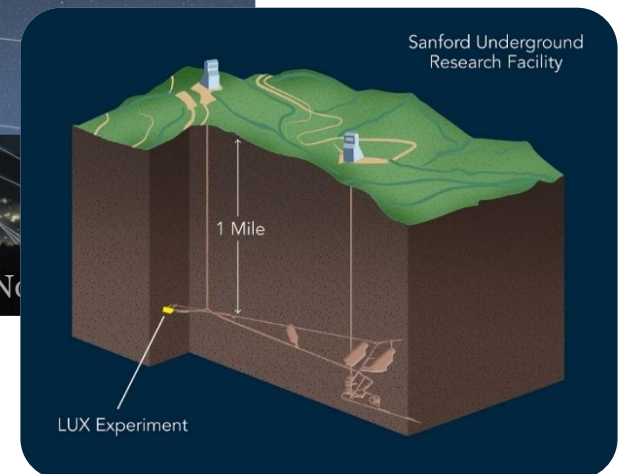
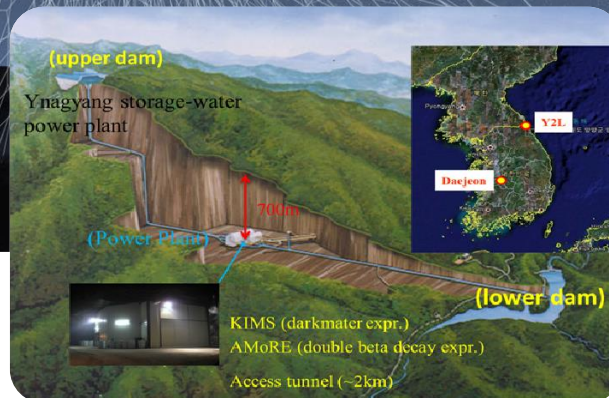
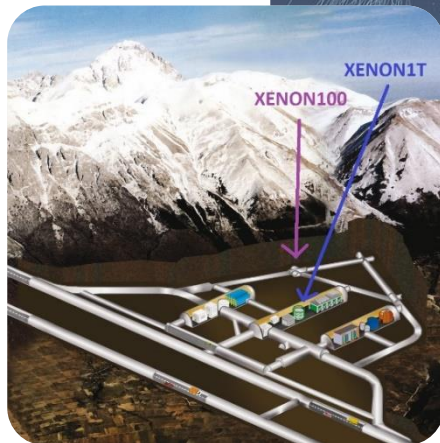
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 - **Solution**: Installing detectors **deep under the ground**!



Surface ν Detectors: New Approaches

I. **Signals leaving appreciable tracks**: the **source direction** is inferred from the track.

➔ Restricting to **events coming through the Earth** from the opposite side of the detector location. (Similar to up-going ν searches @ SK, IceCube, NOvA, etc)

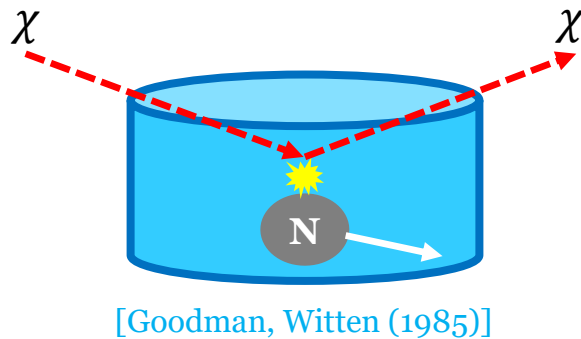
➔ **Potential backgrounds** in that direction are **significantly suppressed while signals are intact**.

II. **A signal with many unique features** (e.g. iBDM): Possible to isolate signal events from cosmic background events efficiently.

(due to good detector performance: positon/angular/energy resolution, etc.)

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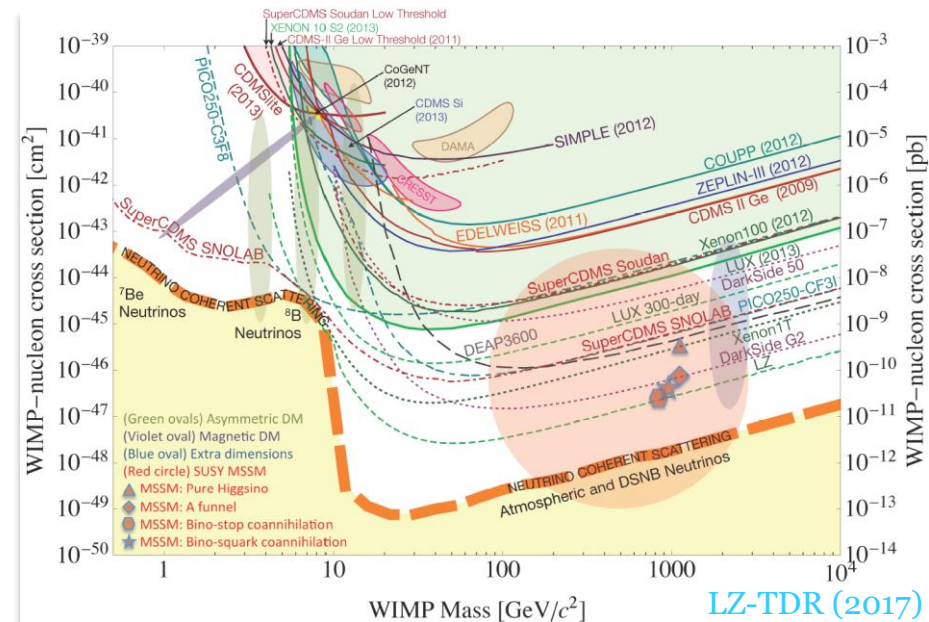
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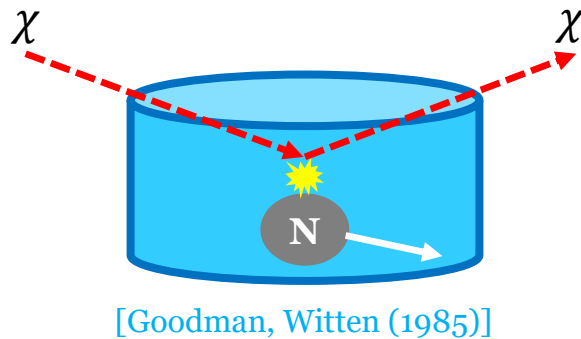
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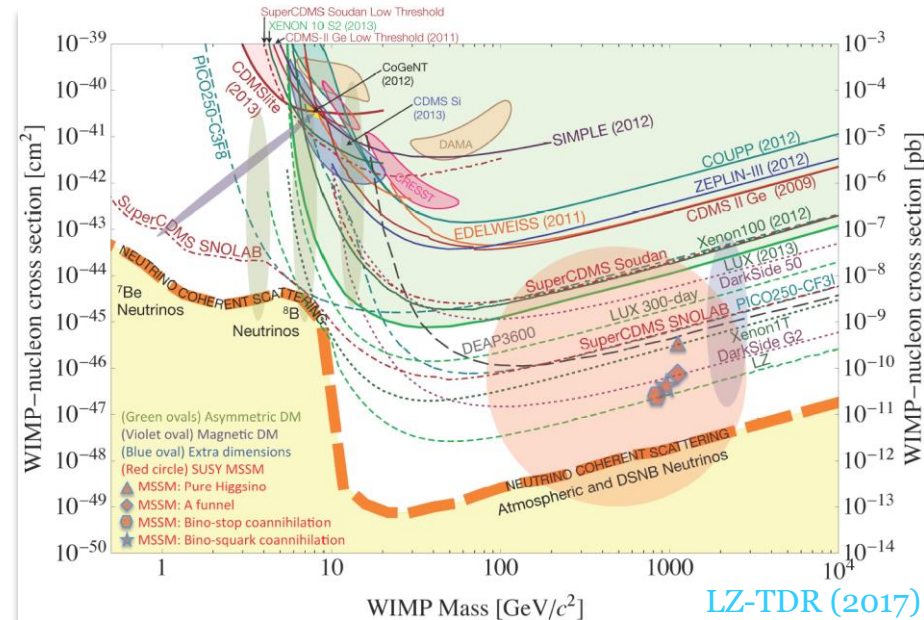


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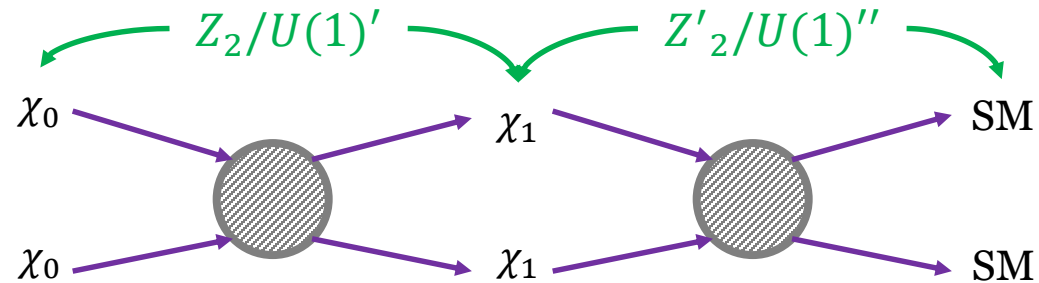
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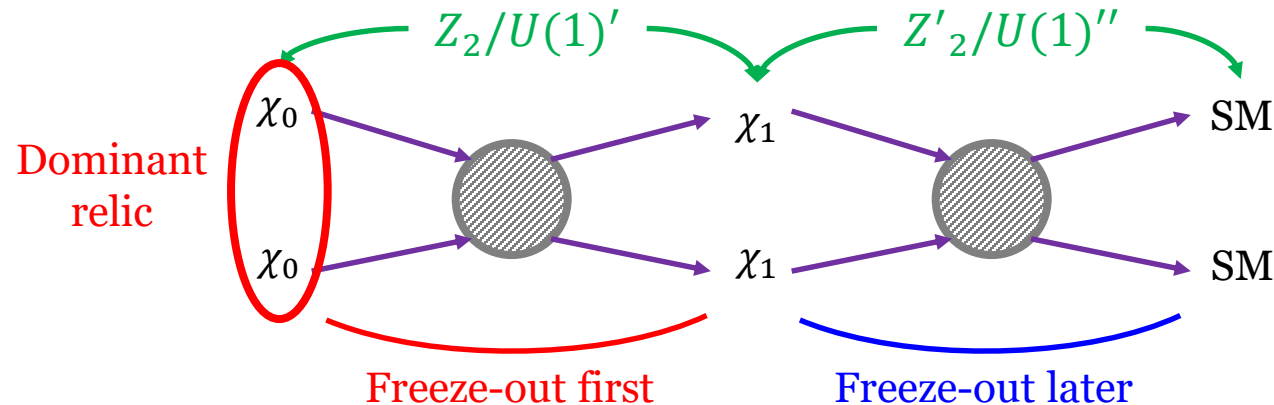
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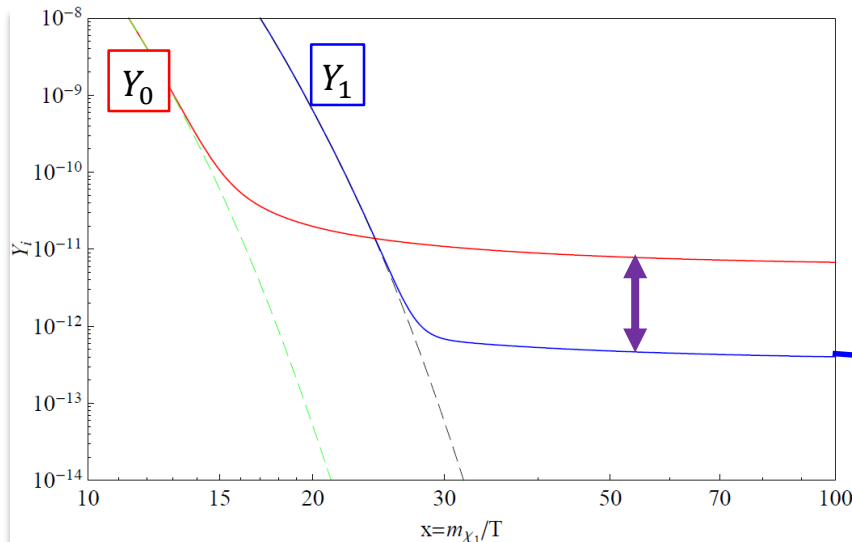
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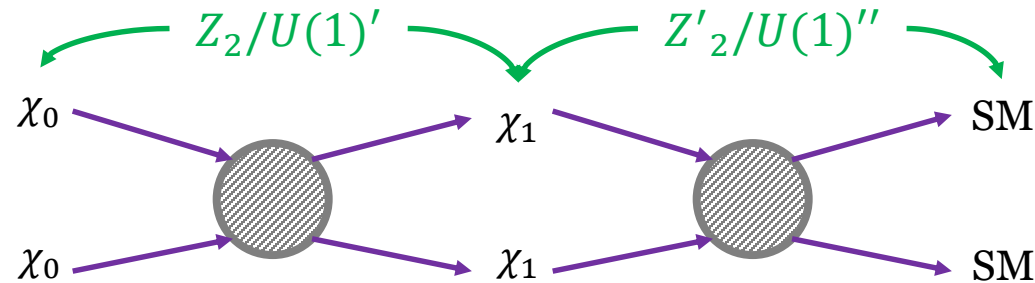
“Assisted Freeze-out” Mechanism

- ✓ Heavier relic χ_0 : hard to detect it due to **tiny coupling to SM**
 - ✓ Lighter relic χ_1 : hard to detect it due to **small relic**
- χ_1 : Negligible, Non-relativistic relic



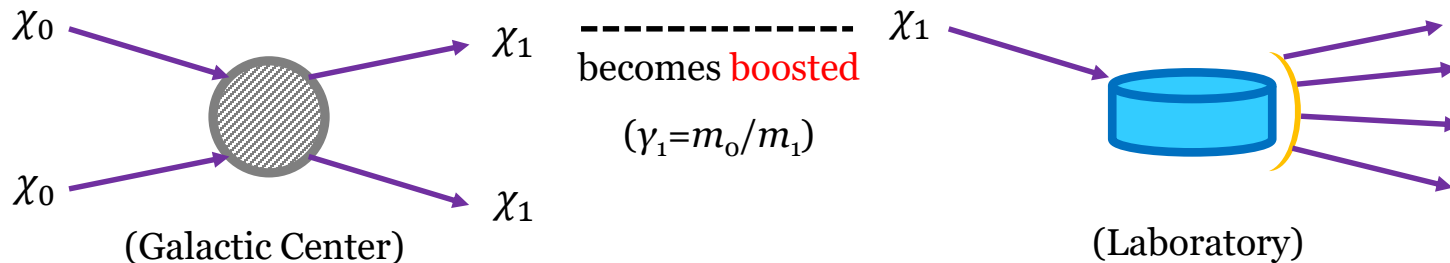
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$\chi_0\chi_0 \rightarrow \chi_1\chi_1$ (**current** universe): **Relativistic!!** ($\gamma_1 = m_o/m_1$)

(Note that **relic** χ_1 is non-relativistic.)

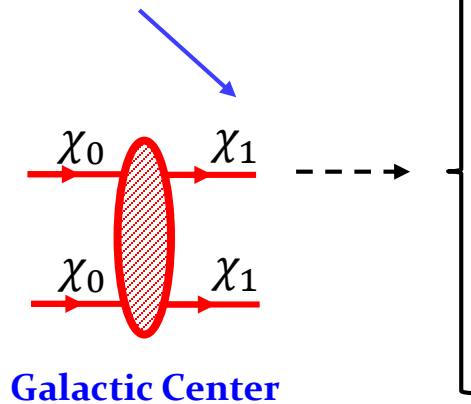


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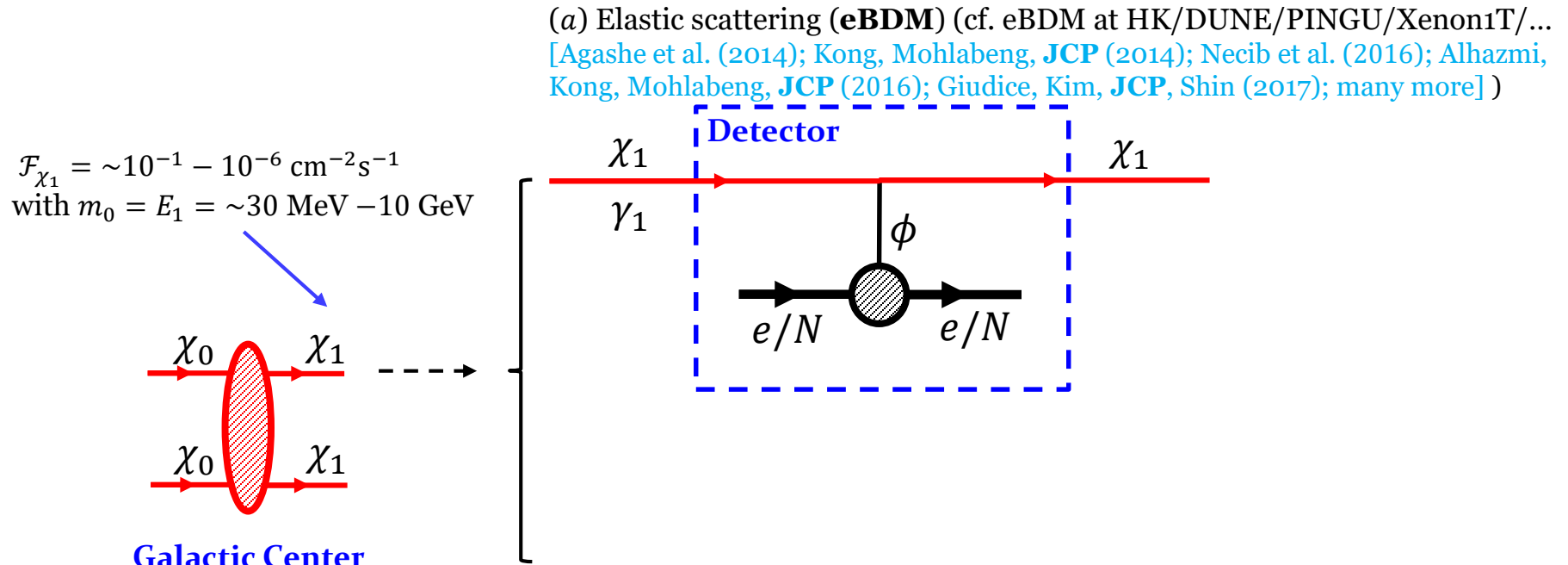
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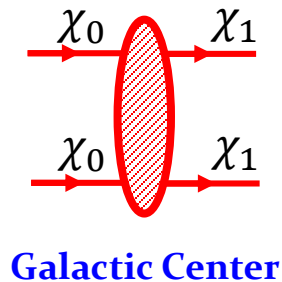


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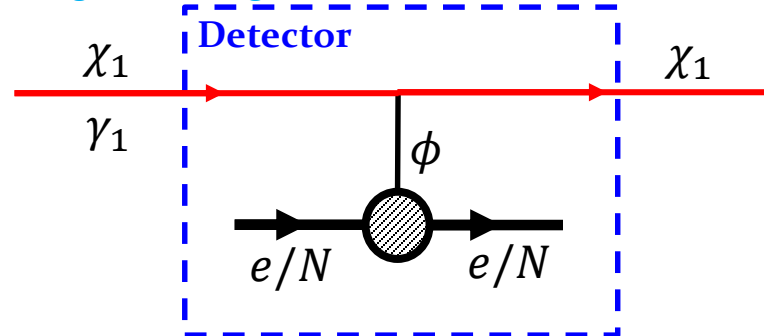
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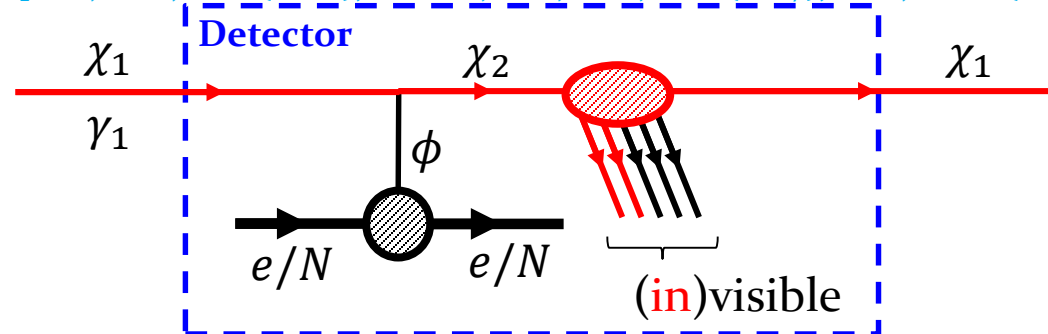
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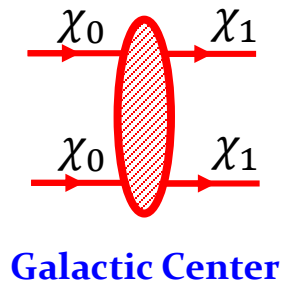


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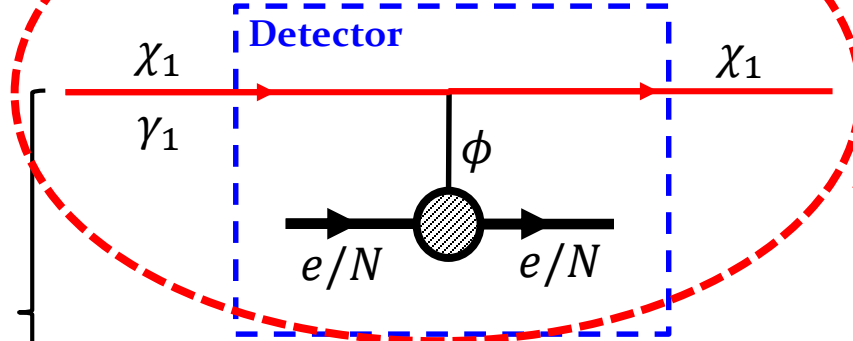
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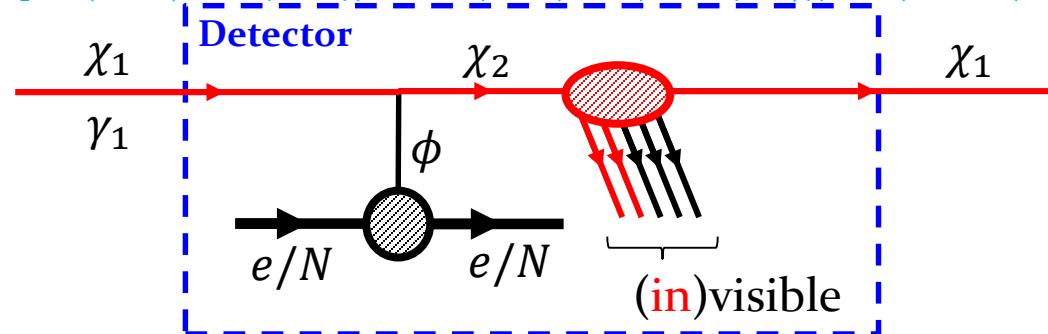


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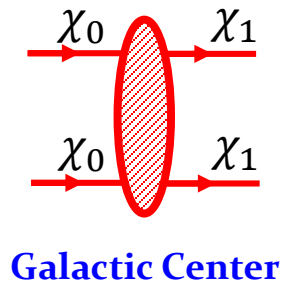


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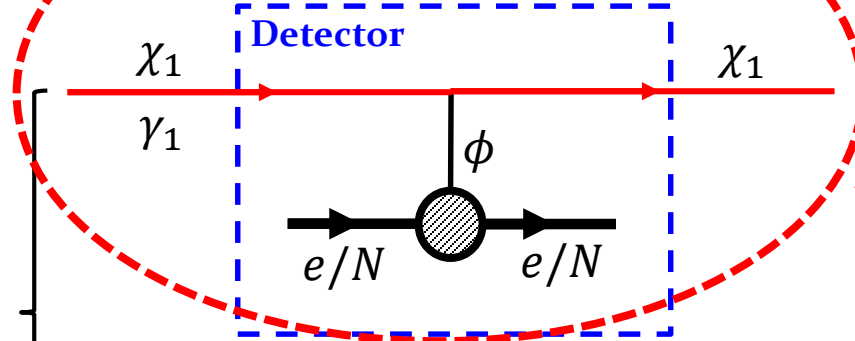
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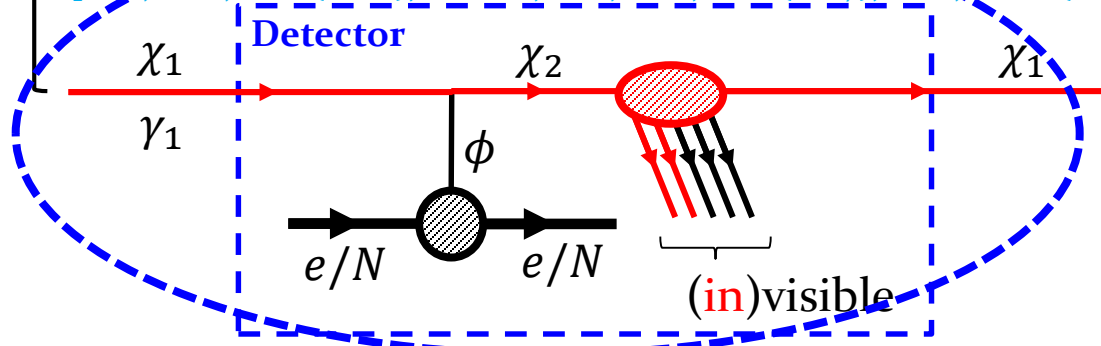


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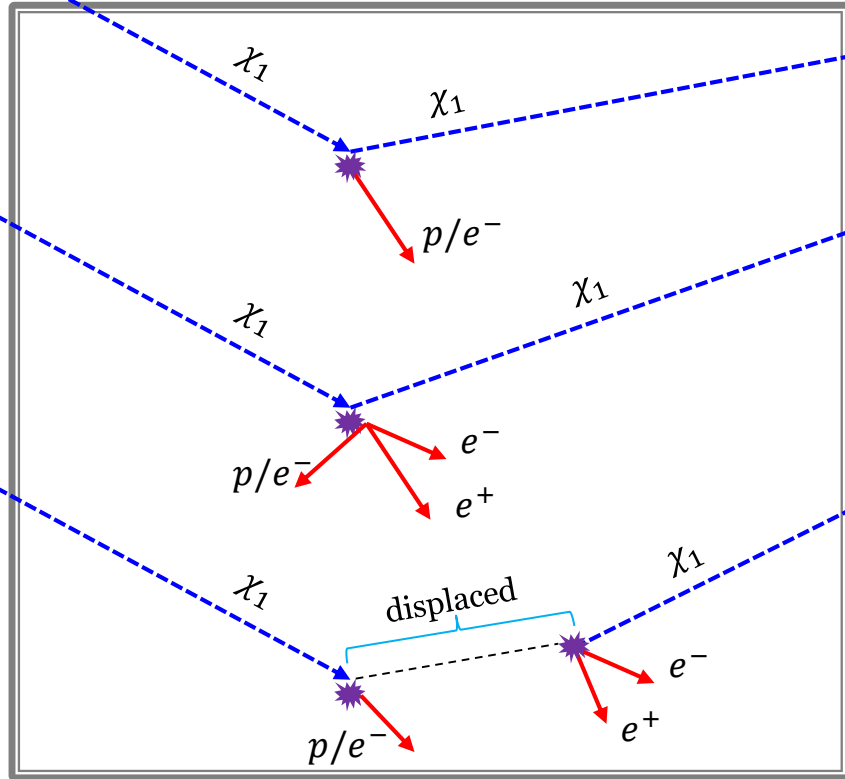
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Expected Signatures



- ❖ Ordinary elastic scattering (eBDM): only e/p-recoil (ER/PR) → single track
- ❖ “Prompt” inelastic scattering (iBDM):
ER/PR+ e^+e^- pair (from the decay of on-shell X :
 $m_2 > m_1 + m_X$) → three tracks
- ❖ “Displaced” inelastic scattering (iBDM):
ER/PR+ e^+e^- pair (typically from a three-body decay of χ_2) → three tracks
- ❖ **Tracks will pop-up inside the fiducial volume.**
- ❖ Focus on ER. But, Straightforwardly applicable to PR (up to form factor, DIS, etc.)

BDM Detection

❖ Flux of boosted χ_1 around the Earth

$$\mathcal{F}_{\chi_1} \propto \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \chi_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_1}}{m_0^2}$$

from the number density of DM χ_0 , $n_0 = \rho_0 / m_0$

❖ Setting $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \chi_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_1} \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ & assuming NFW DM halo profile,

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- ✓ Not small enough for small-volume (~ 1 ton) detectors to have signal sensitivity (e.g., conventional WIMP detectors: Xenon1T, LZ, COSINE-100(+2 ton LS), ...)
- ✓ Big enough for sub-kton (e.g. ProtoDUNE, SBN) to observe signal events (better position/angle/vertex resolution & particle identification, lower E_{th} compared to Super-Kamiokande)

Benchmark Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \ni -\frac{\epsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} + g_{11} \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_1 X_\mu + g_{12} \bar{\chi}_2 \gamma^\mu \chi_1 X_\mu + h.c.$$

Based on
Assisted FO set-up
[Belanger, JCP (2011)]

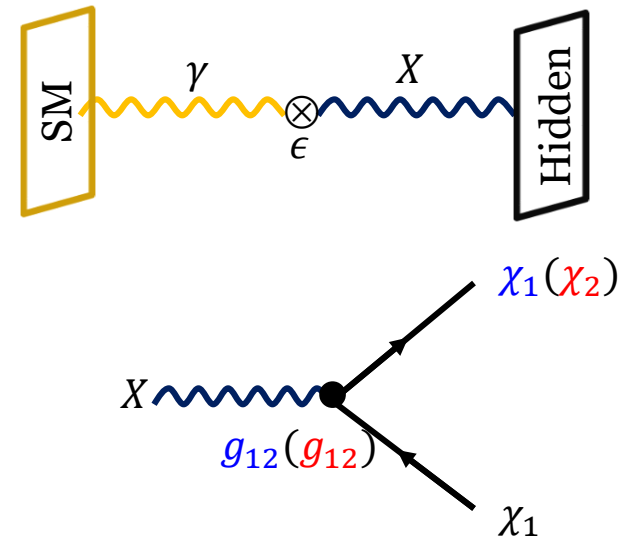
❖ **Vector portal (kinetic mixing)** [Holdom (1986)]

❖ Fermionic DM

- ✓ χ_2 : a heavier (unstable) dark-sector state
- ✓ **Flavor-conserving** \rightarrow **elastic** scattering (**eBDM**)
- ✓ **Flavor-changing** \rightarrow **inelastic** scattering (**iBDM**)

❖ **Various models** conceiving BDM signatures

- ✓ BDM source: GC, Sun (capture), dwarf galaxies/assisted freeze-out, semi-annihilation, decaying, etc.
- ✓ Portal: vector portal, scalar portal, etc.
- ✓ DM spin: fermionic DM, scalar DM, etc.
- ✓ iBDM-inducing operators: two chiral fermions, two real scalars, dipole moment interactions, etc.



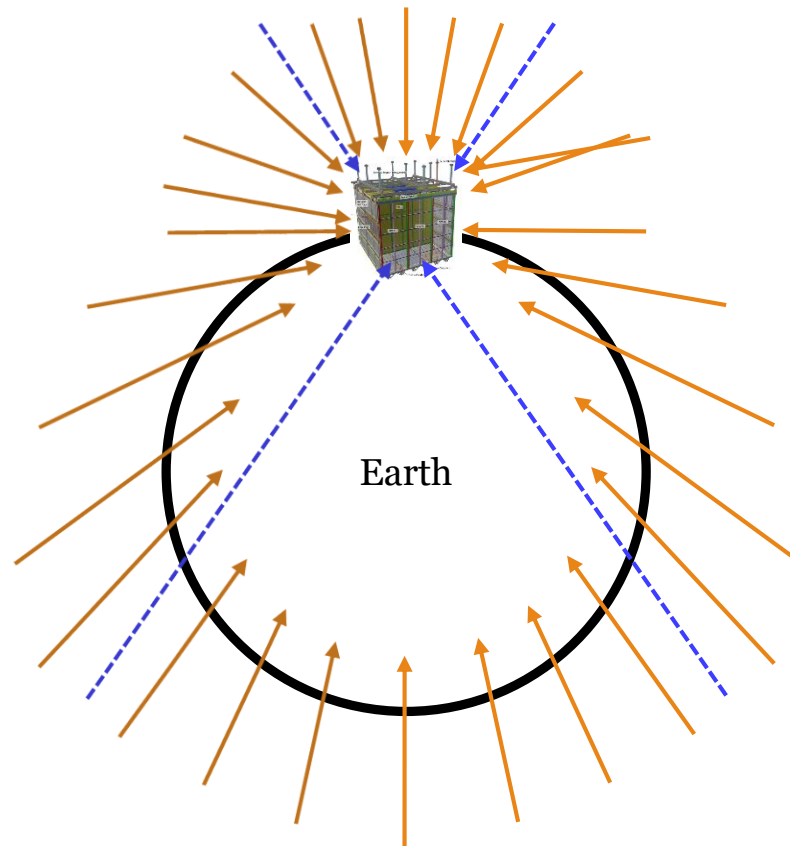
Approach I

Earth Shielding **(Benchmark: eBDM)**

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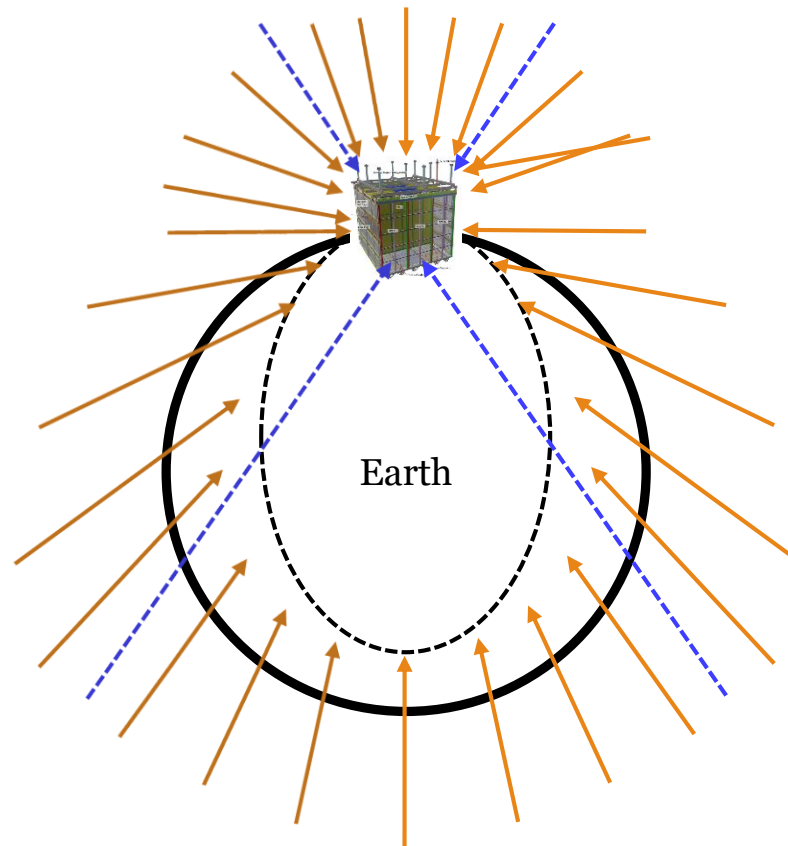
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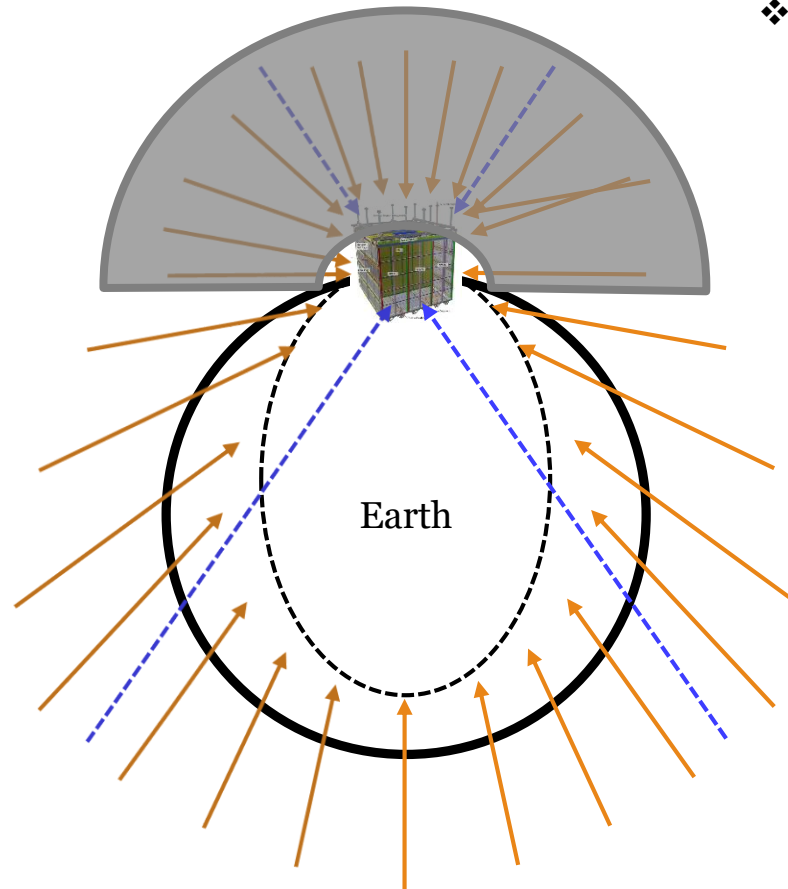
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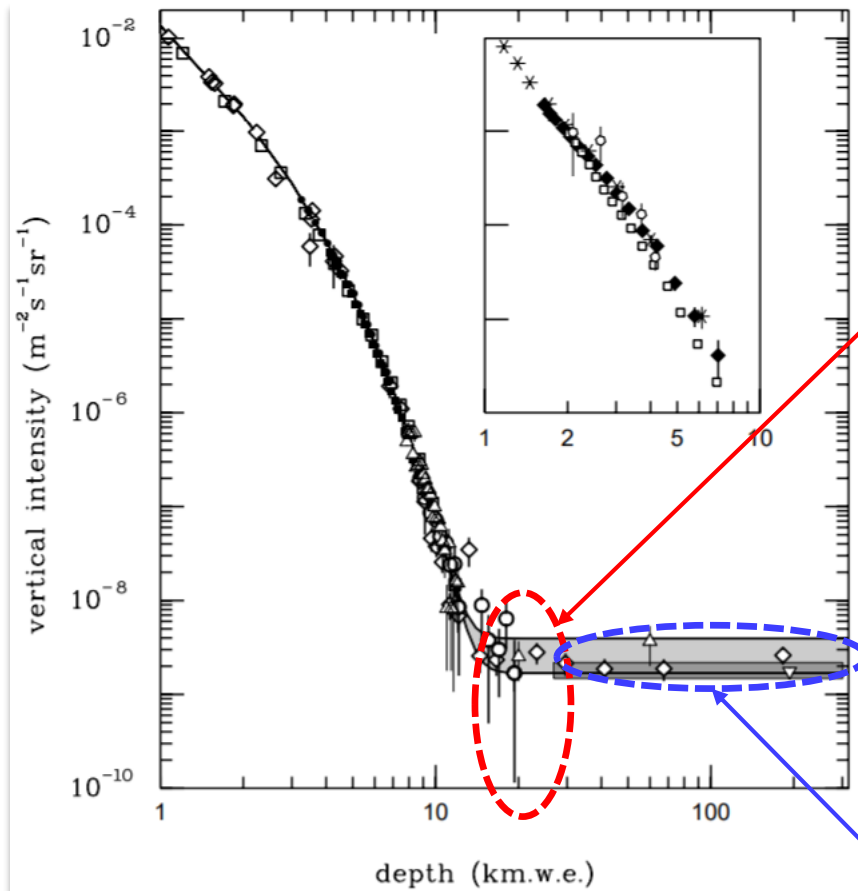
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- ❖ Accept only **events traveling through the Earth** (i.e., coming out of the bottom surface) at the price of half statistics (for a cumulatively isotropic signal);
direction inferred from recoil track
- Essentially, **no cosmic-origin BGs** except Atm neutrino BG (cf. observation of upward-muons induced by muon neutrinos created by DM annihilation [[NOvA Collaboration](#), in progress])

Muon Flux inside the Earth



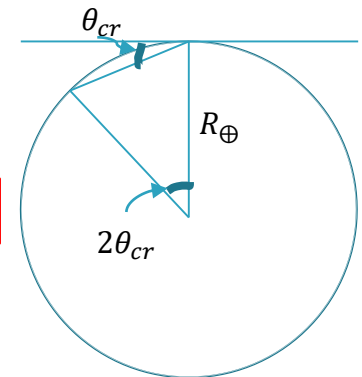
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Flattened by neutrino-genic muons

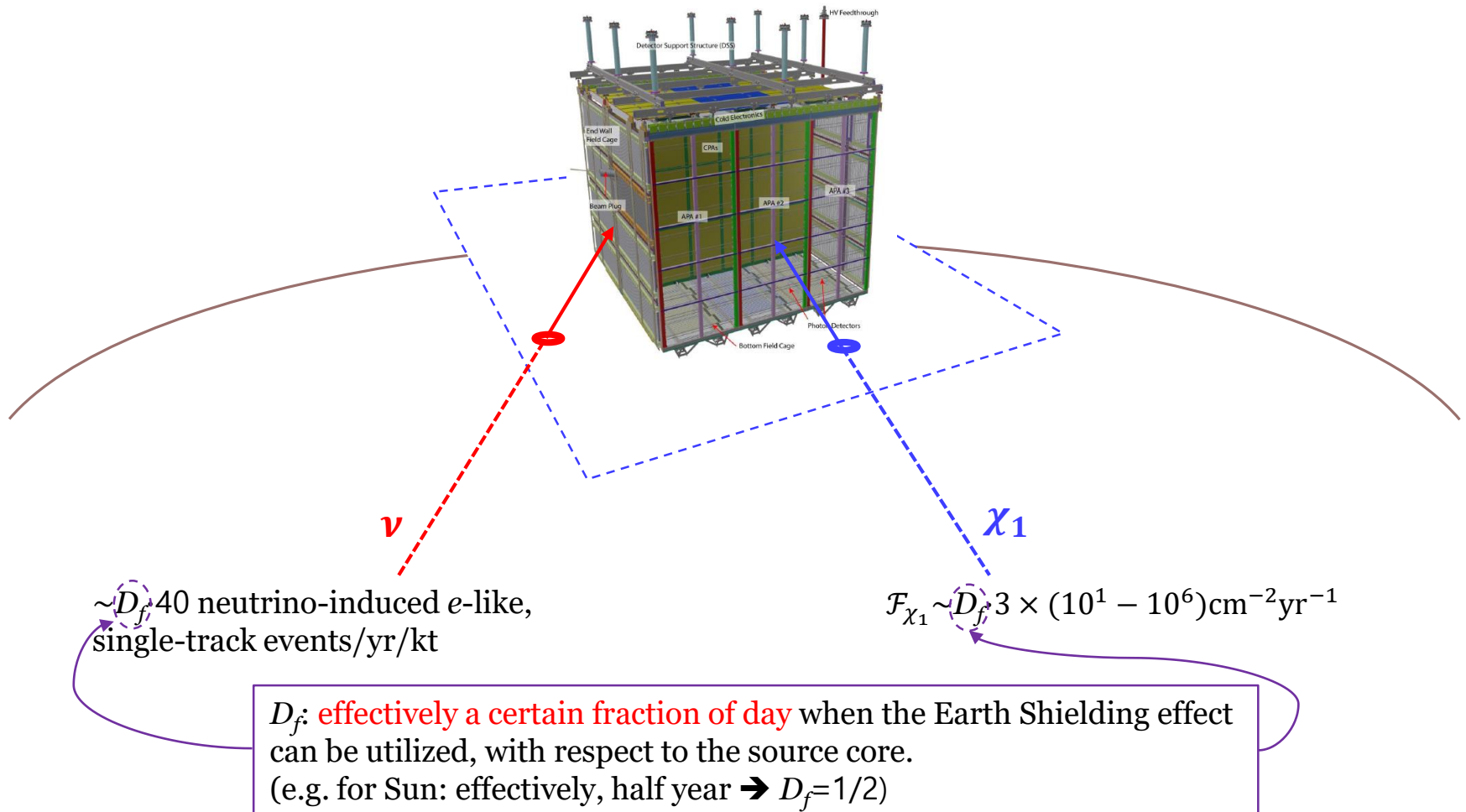
- ❖ N_μ at sea level is $\sim 100 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} = 3 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$. [Particle Data Group (2015)]
- ❖ N_μ at **20 km.w.e. $\approx 7 \text{ km}$** below sea level is $\sim 10^{-9} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$, i.e., suppressed by a factor of $\sim 10^{11}$.
 ➔ (Potential) **muon-induced BG** is **negligible** for muons incident at $\theta > \theta_{cr}$.

$$\theta_{cr} \approx \frac{7 \text{ km}}{2R_\oplus} \approx 0.03^\circ$$

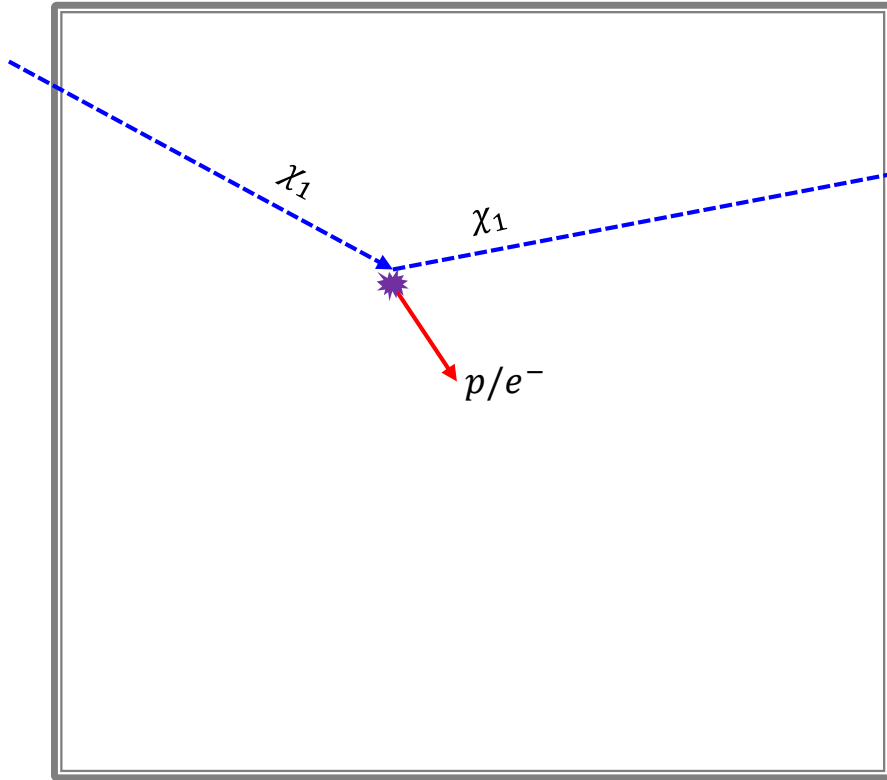
Almost horizontal plane



Effective 1yr Data Collection



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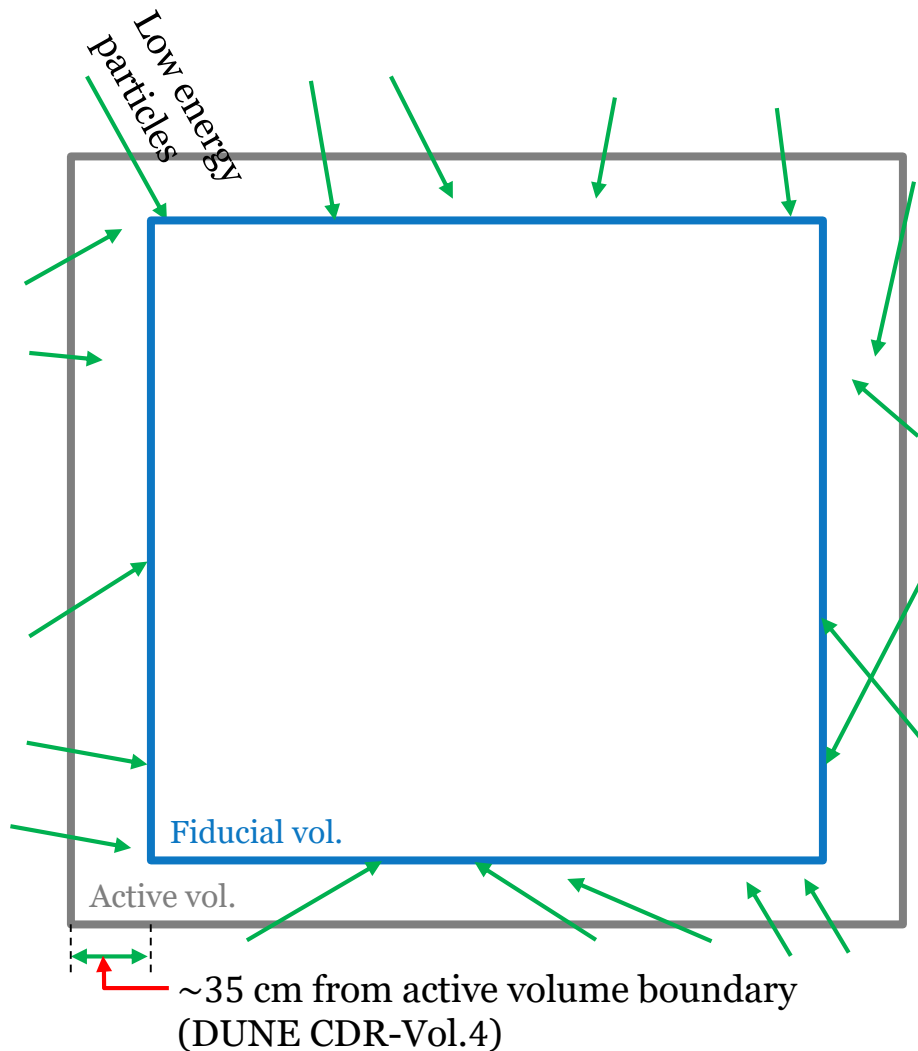


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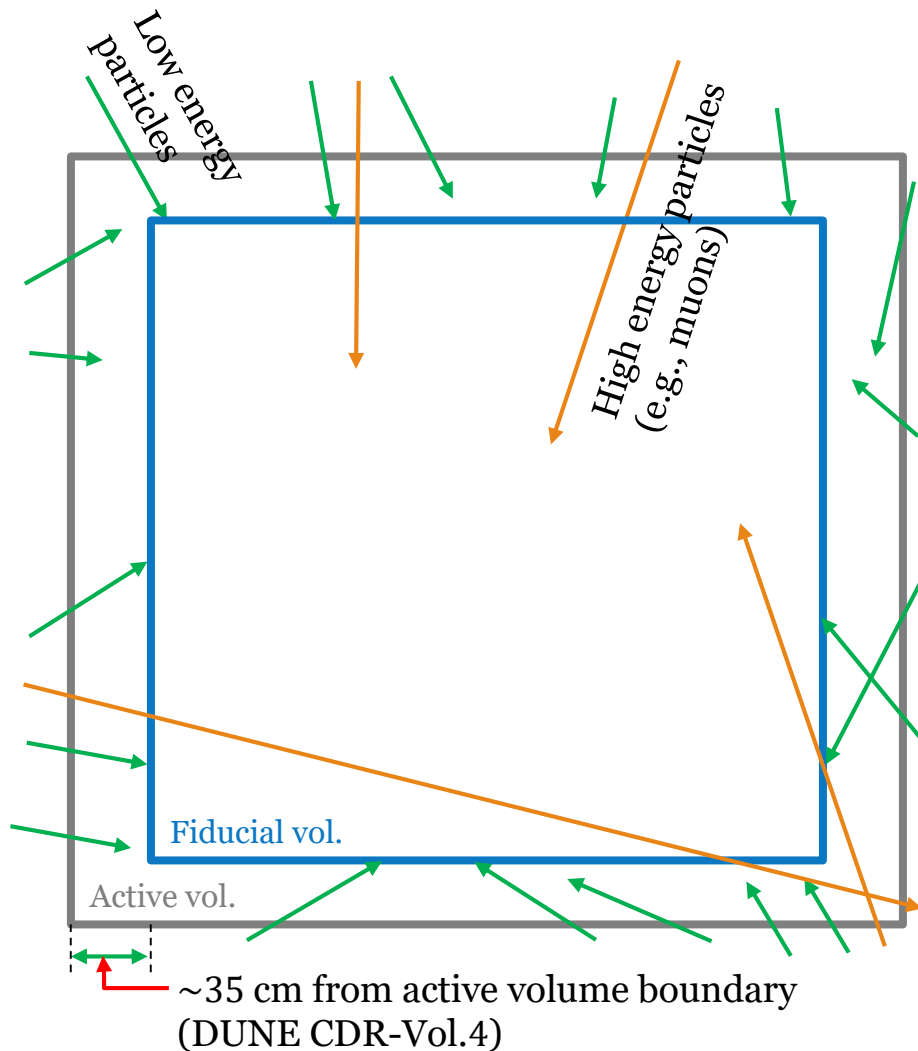
Active vol.

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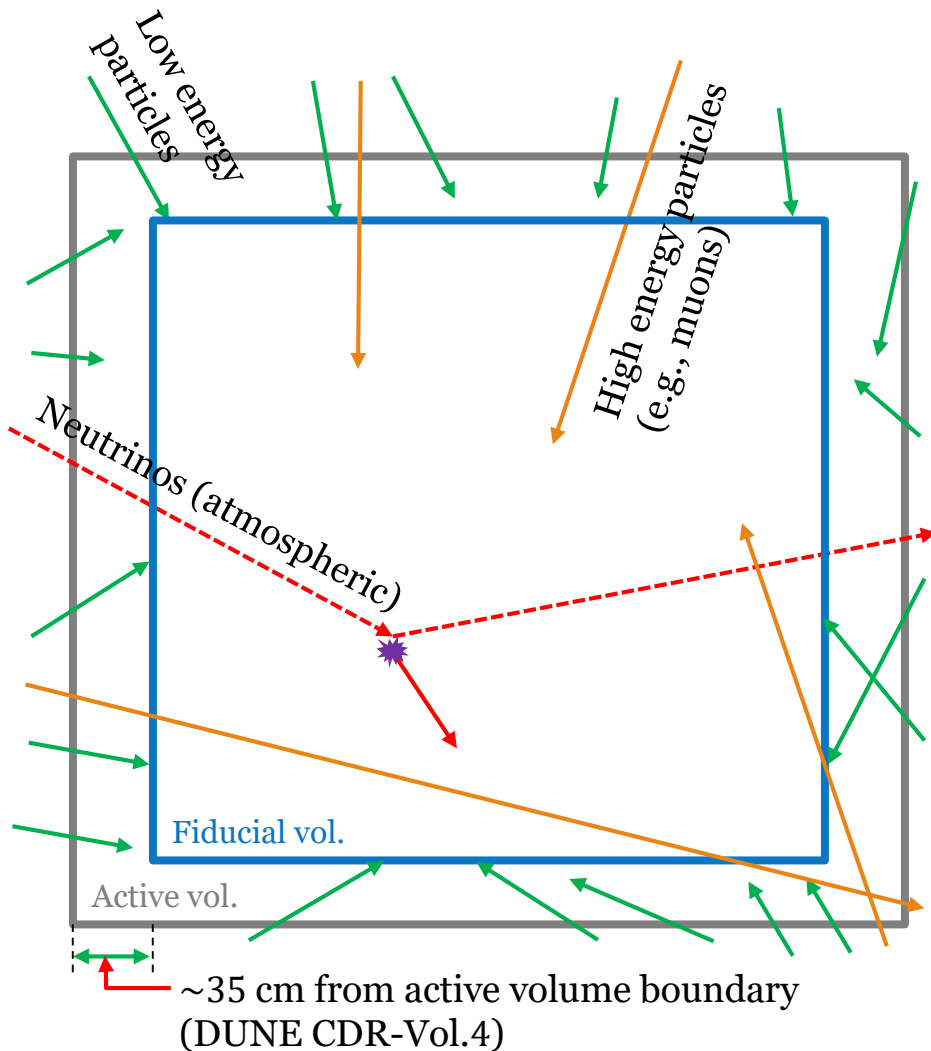
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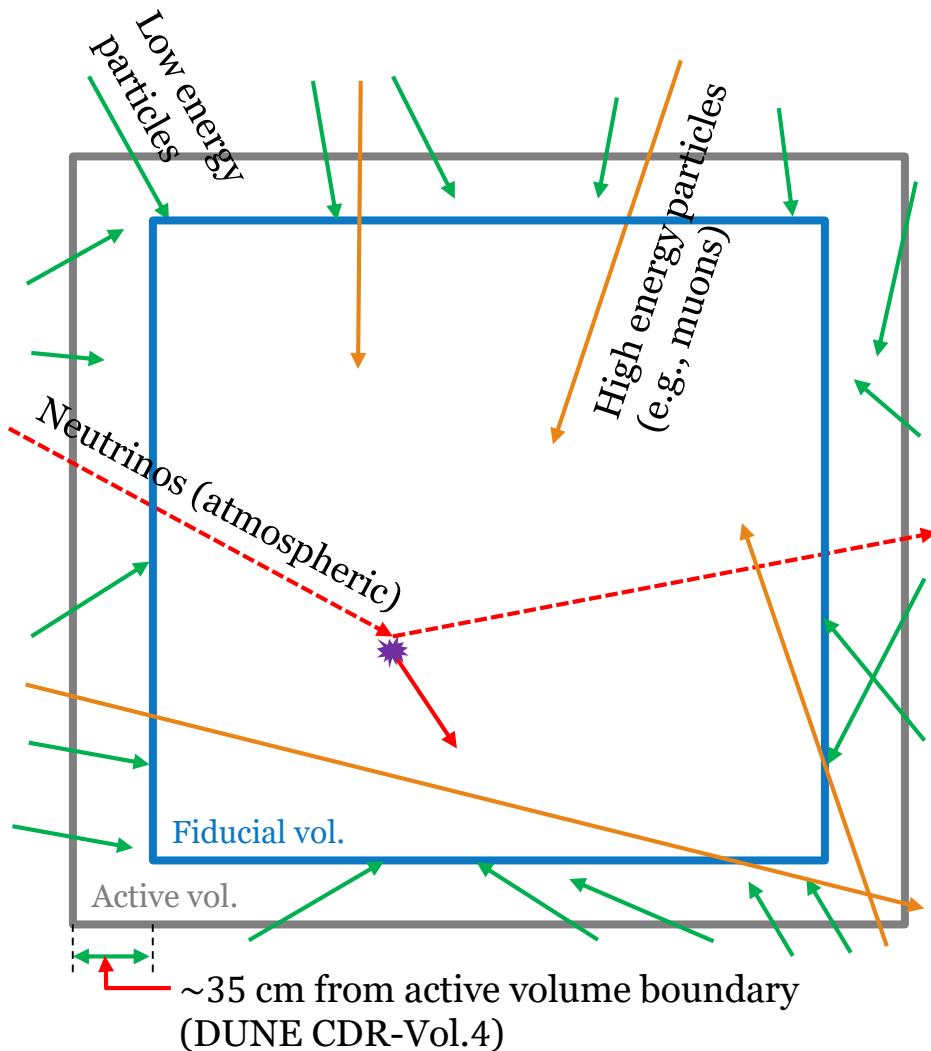
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[Kim, Kong, JCP, Shin, arXiv: 1804.07302]
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$$N_{\text{sig}} = \sigma_{\epsilon} \cdot D_f \cdot \mathcal{F} \cdot t_{\text{exp}} \cdot N_T$$

✓ σ_{ϵ} : scattering cross section between χ_1 (BDM) and electron (target)

✓ D_f : data collection fraction of day

✓ \mathcal{F} : flux of incoming (boosted) χ_1

✓ t_{exp} : exposure time

✓ N_e : total number of target electrons

Controllable! (once a detector is determined)

Realistic experimental effects such as cuts, E_{th} are absorbed into σ_{ϵ} .

Model-Independent Reach

❖ More familiar parameterization is possible with the below modification.

$$\sigma_\epsilon \mathcal{F} \geq \frac{N^{90}}{D_f t_{\text{exp}} N_T} \quad \text{90\% C.L.}$$

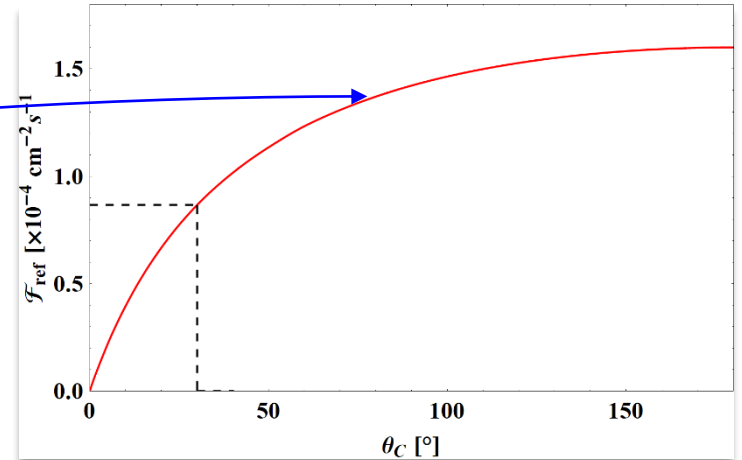
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\Omega \int_{\text{los}} ds \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \bar{\chi}_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1} \left(\frac{\rho(s, \theta)}{m_0} \right)^2 \\ &= 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \times \left(\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \bar{\chi}_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1}}{5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{GeV}}{m_0} \right)^2 \\ &\equiv \mathcal{F}_{\text{ref}}^{180^\circ} \times \left(\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \bar{\chi}_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1}}{5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{GeV}}{m_0} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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σ_ϵ VS. m_0 (just like σ vs. m_{DM} in conventional WIMP searches)

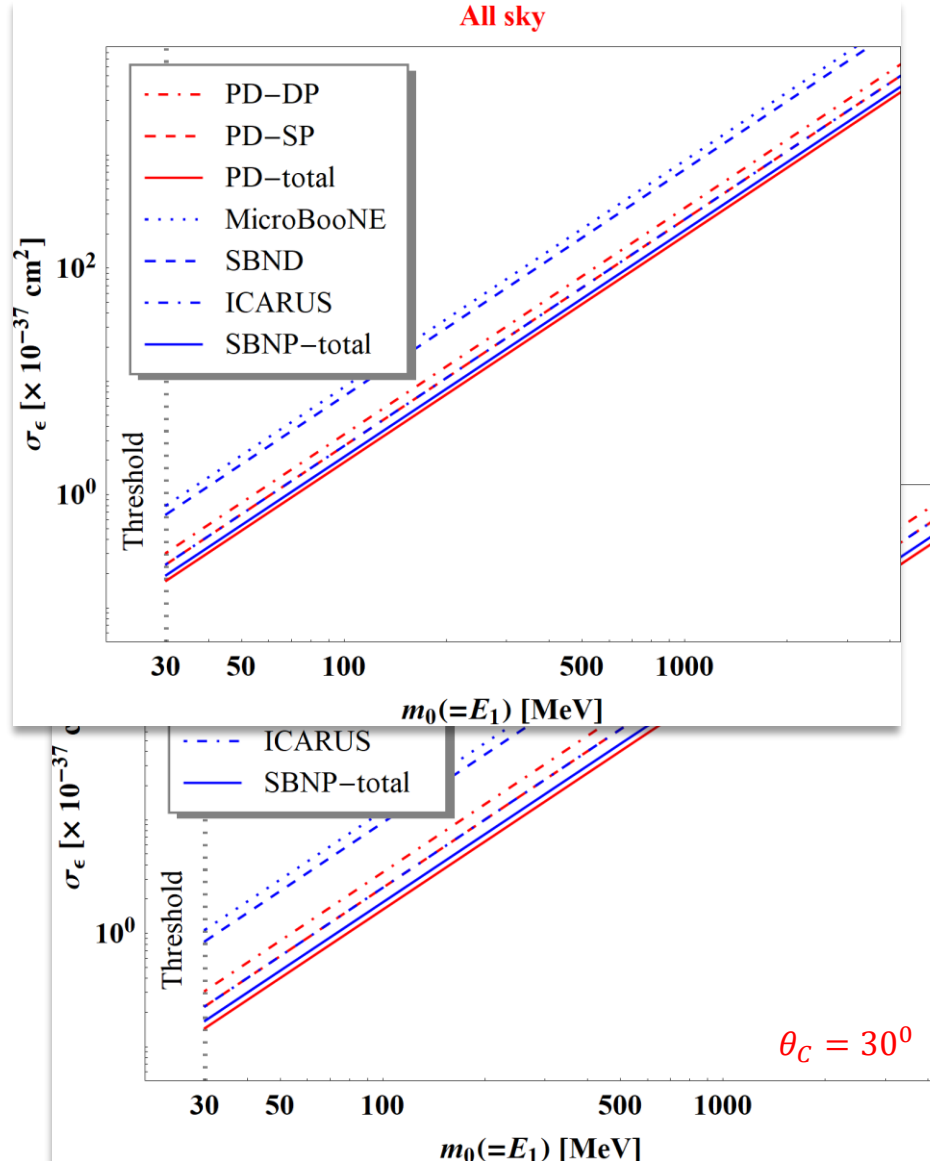
Detector	N^{90}		N_{BG}	
	All sky	30°	All sky	30°
ProtoDUNE-DP	4.86	2.67	4.22	0.28
ProtoDUNE-SP	5.50	2.79	6.02	0.40
ProtoDUNE-total	6.69	3.04	10.24	0.69
MicroBooNE	3.34	2.42	1.10	0.074
SBND	3.54	2.44	1.14	0.094
ICARUS	5.50	2.79	6.02	0.40
SBN Program-total	6.24	2.94	8.53	0.57

$D_f = 1/2$ is assumed.



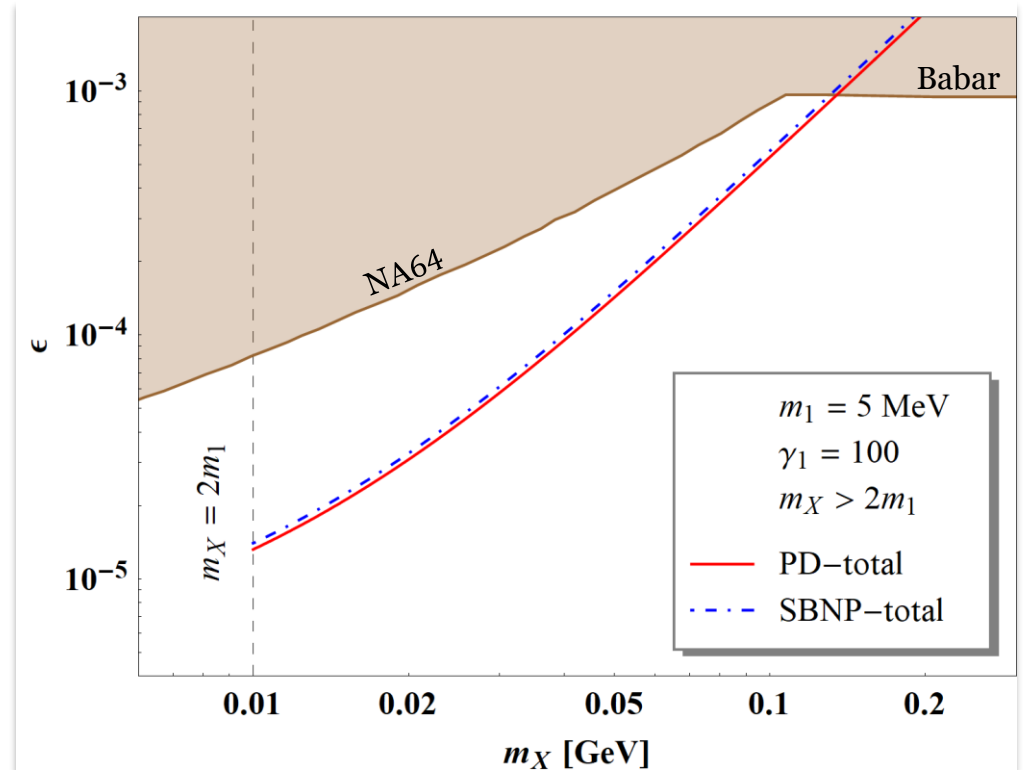
Model-Independent Reach

- ❖ 1-year exposure: effectively half-year data collection ($D_f = 1/2$) is assumed.
- ❖ The limits from all-sky data: DM halo model-independent (up to total flux) and obtained w/o any particular model assumption to describe the interaction between SM particles & BDM.
- ❖ Angular cuts **improve the experimental sensitivities** at the cost of DM halo model-dependence (optimal θ_C values differ detector-by-detector & run time).



Dark X Parameter Space: Invisible X Decay

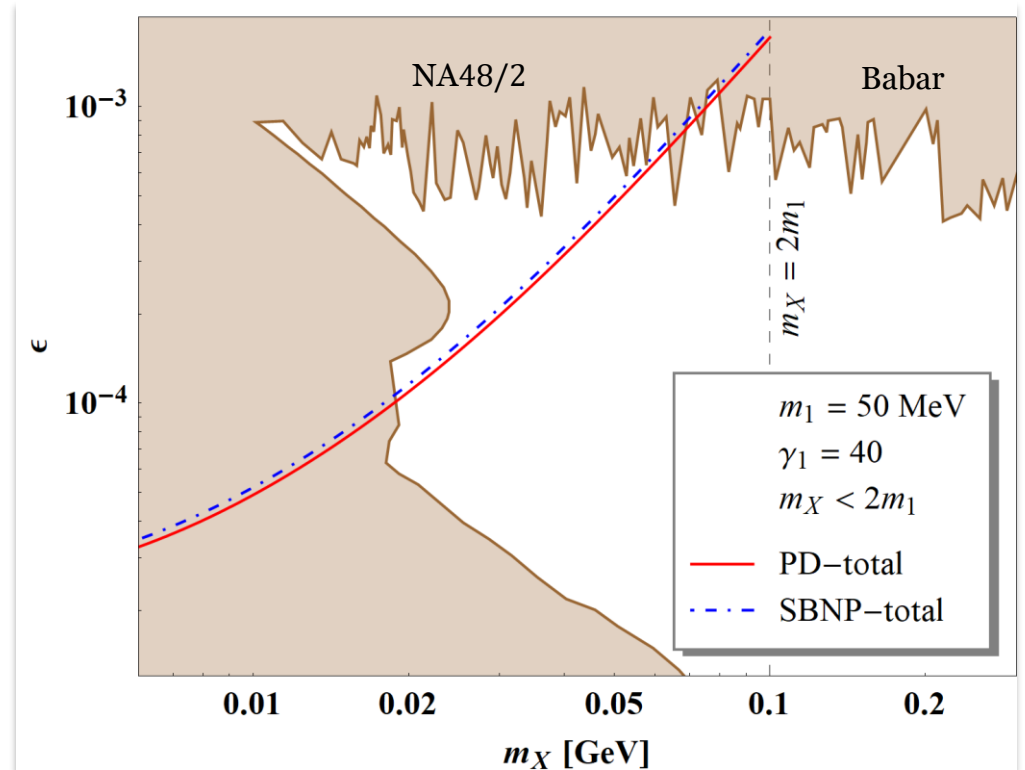
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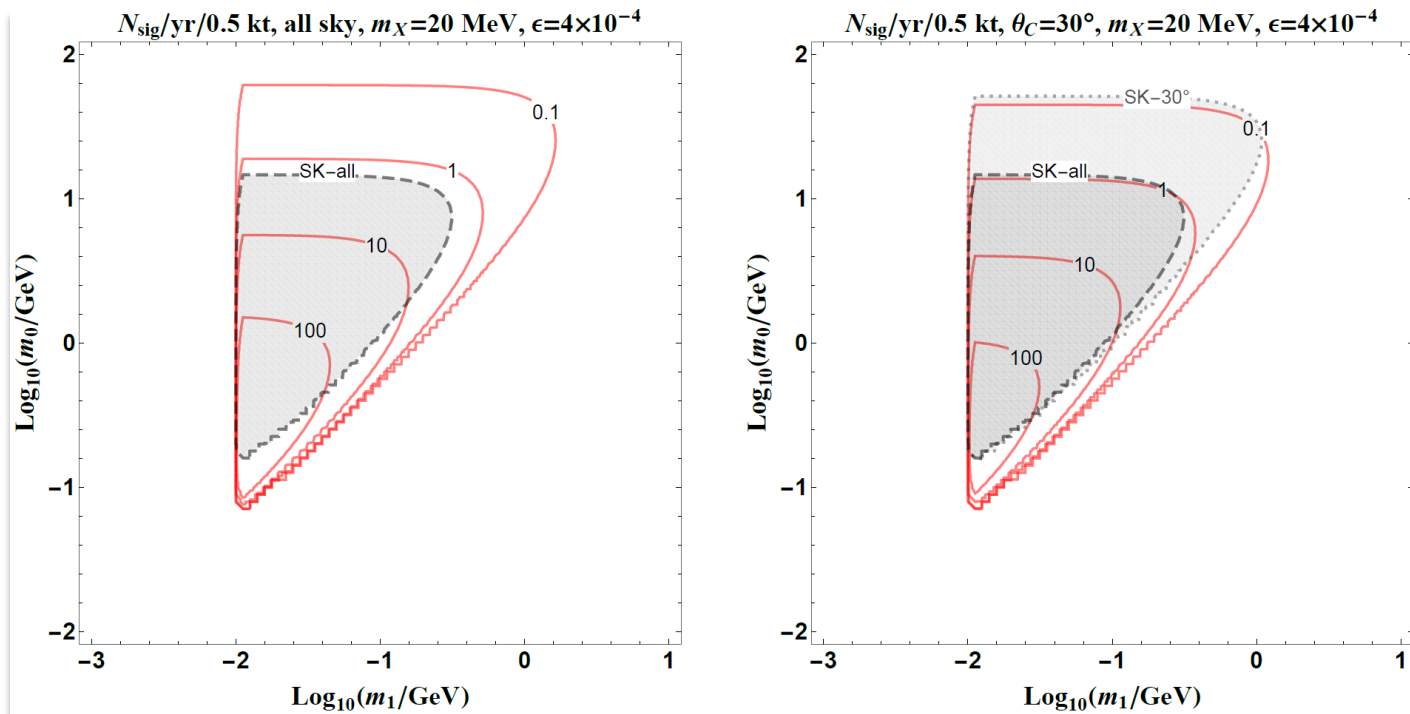
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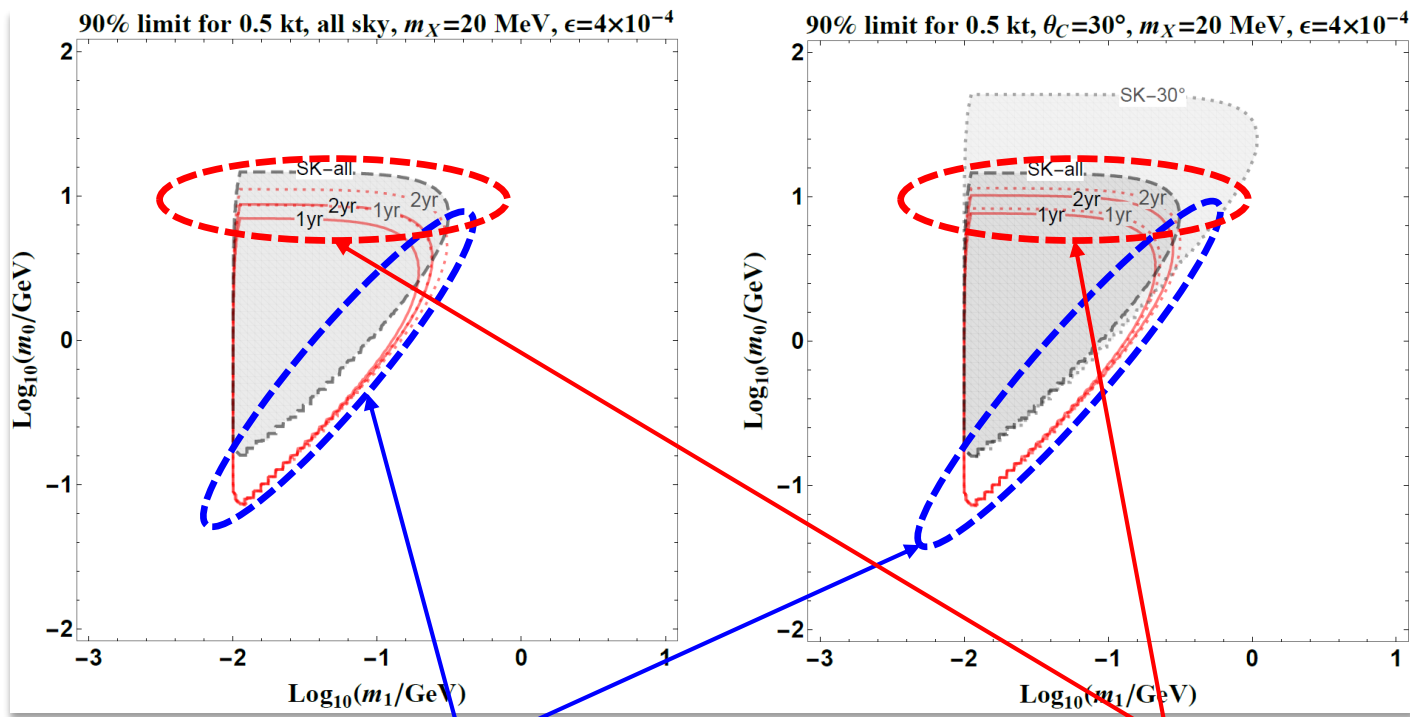
Expected Signal Rate

- ❖ A 0.5 kt- V_{fid} detector and $2m_1 > m_X$ (i.e., visibly-decaying X) and $g_{11} = 1$ are assumed.
- ❖ Results with 1-year (effectively 1/2-year assumed) exposure.



Expected Experimental Reach

- ❖ A 0.5 kt- V_{fid} detector and $2m_1 > m_X$ (i.e., visibly-decaying X) and $g_{11} = 1$ are assumed.
- ❖ Results with 1-year & 2-year (effectively 1/2-year & 1 year assumed) exposures.



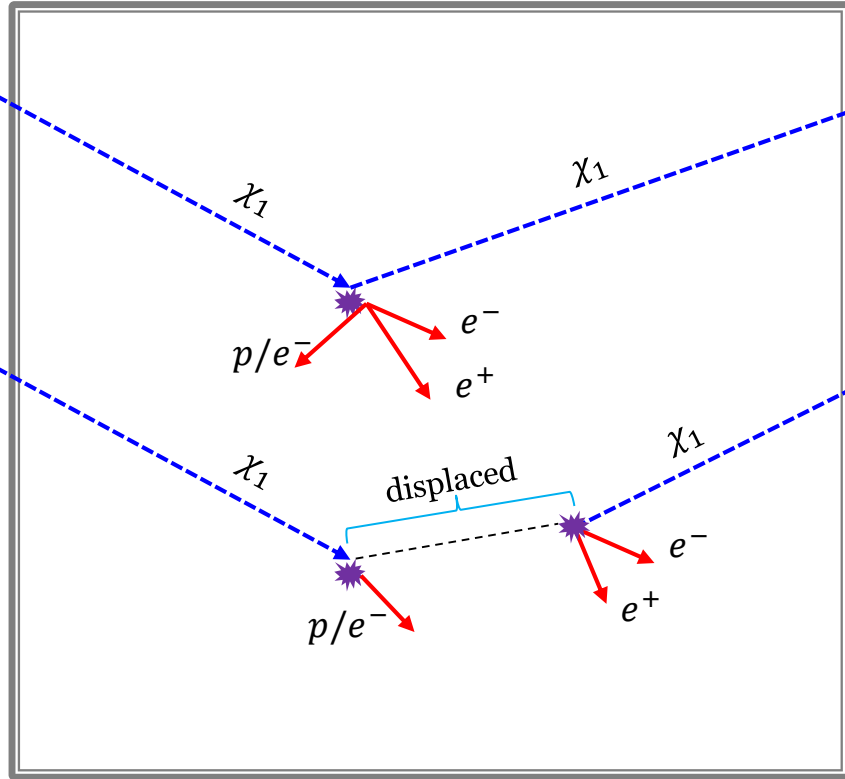
Full ProtoDUNE/SBN can **cover the parameter space uncovered** by SK!
(especially, the region where the relevant recoil E is lower than ~ 100 MeV.)

The analysis with **an angle cut** allows to probe more parameter space, as expected.

Approach II

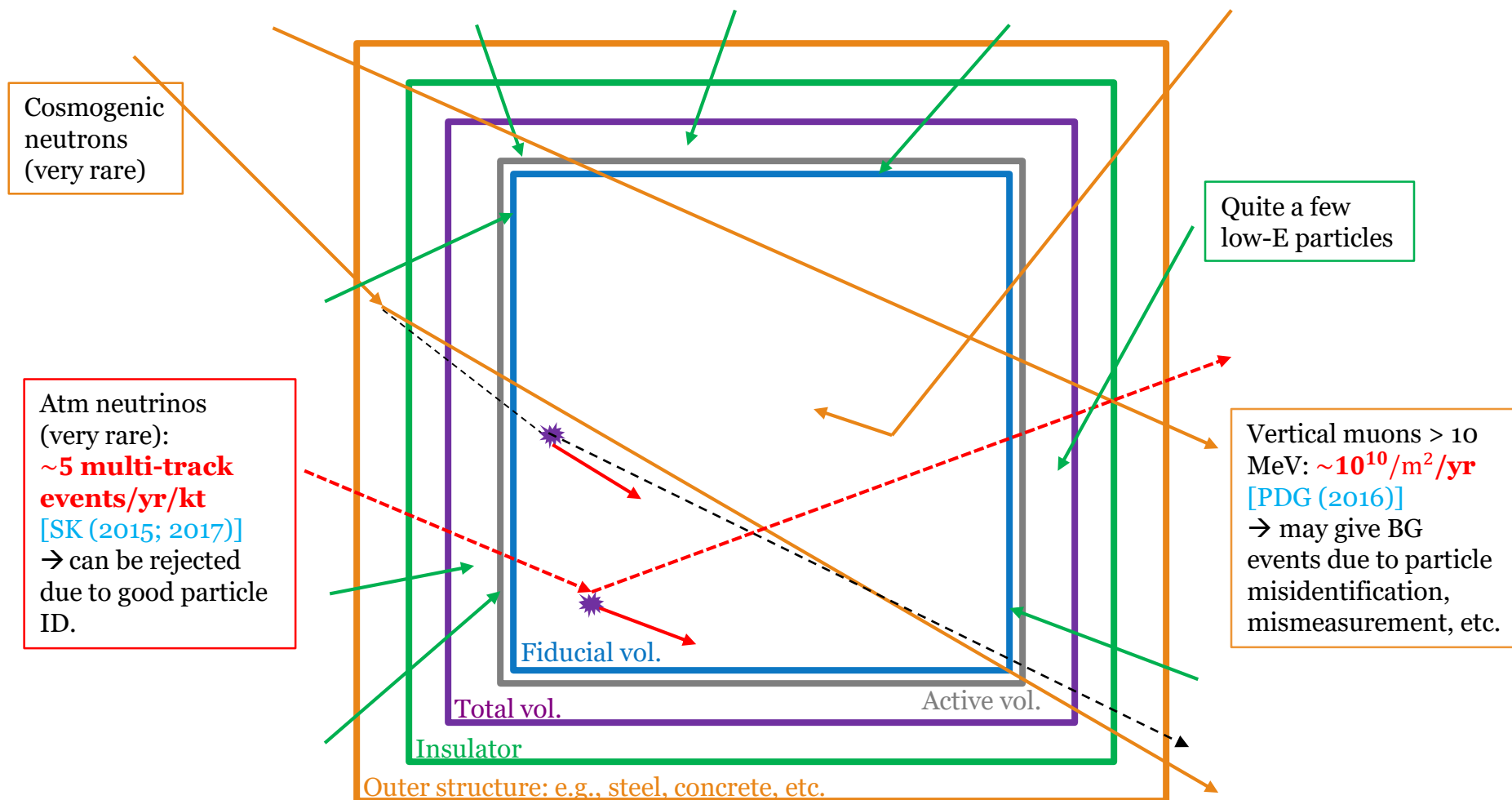
Fruitful Features **(Benchmark: *i*BDM)**

Expected Signatures (Reminder)

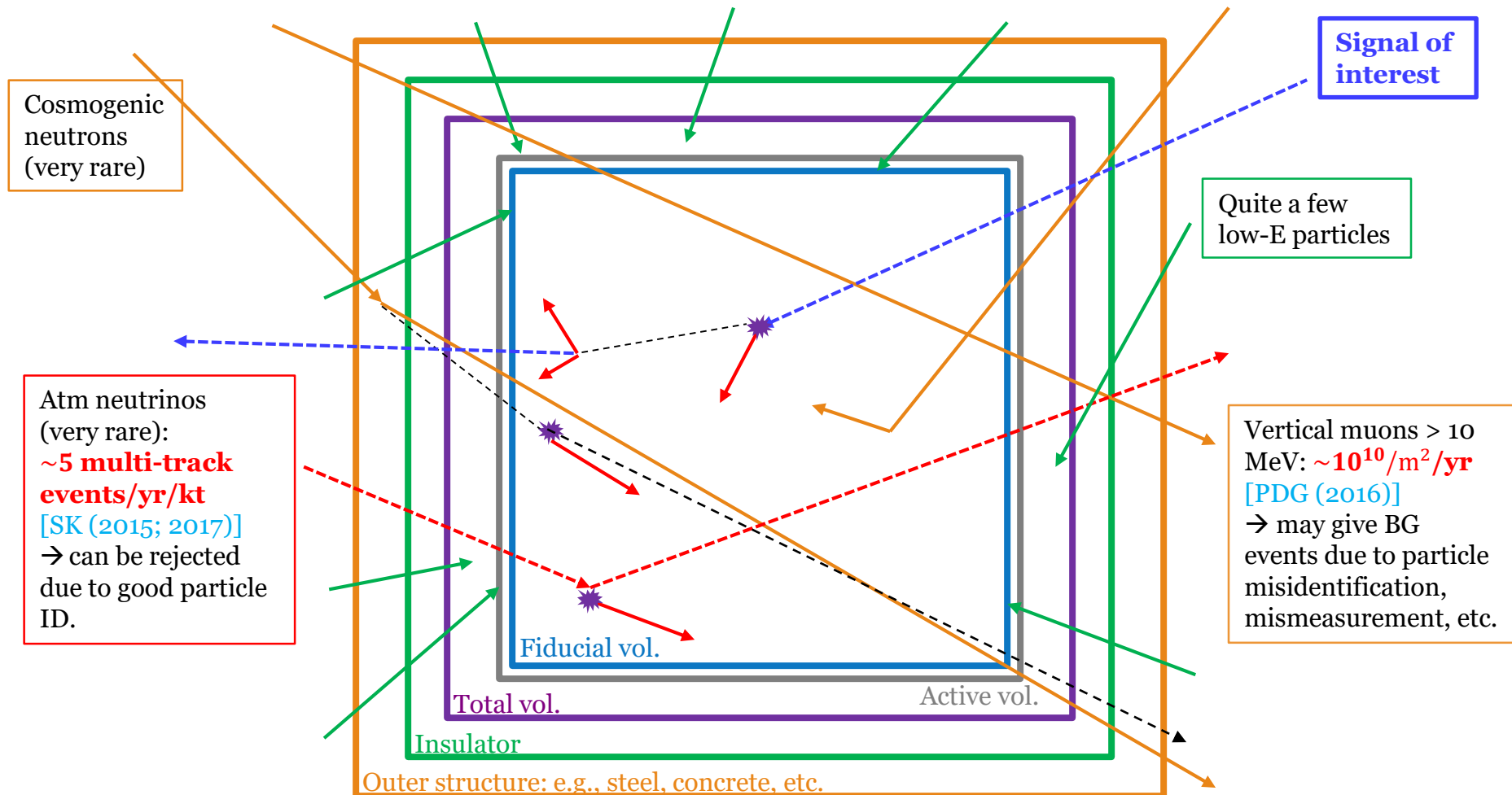


- ❖ “Prompt” inelastic scattering ([iBDM](#)):
ER/PR+ e^+e^- pair (from the decay of on-shell X :
 $m_2 > m_1 + m_X$) → three tracks
- ❖ “Displaced” inelastic scattering ([iBDM](#)):
ER/PR+ e^+e^- pair (typically from a three-body decay of χ_2) → three tracks
- ❖ **Tracks will pop-up inside the fiducial volume.**
- ❖ Focus on ER. But, Straightforwardly applicable to PR (up to form factor, DIS, etc.)

Cosmic-origin BGs

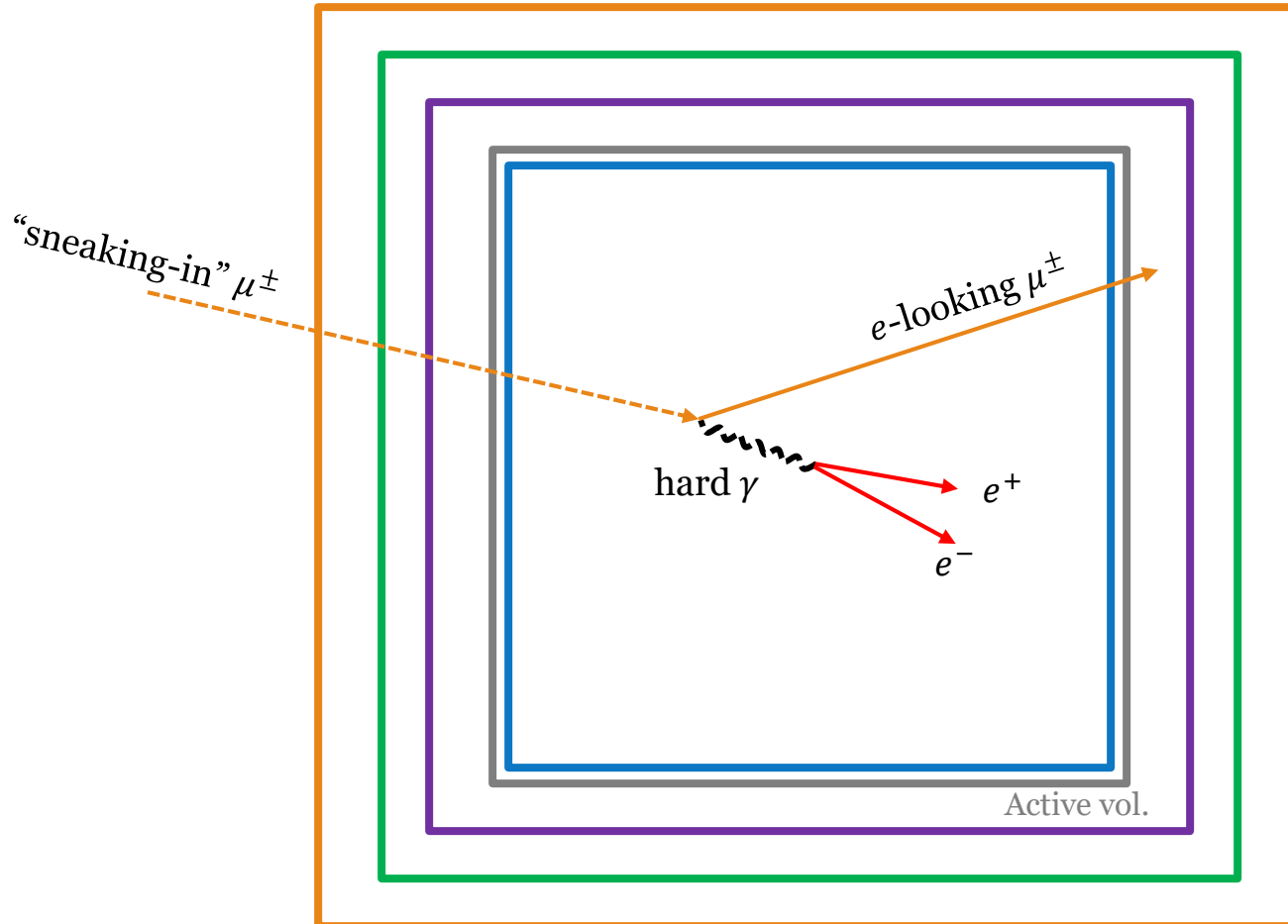


Cosmic-origin BGs vs iBDM Signal

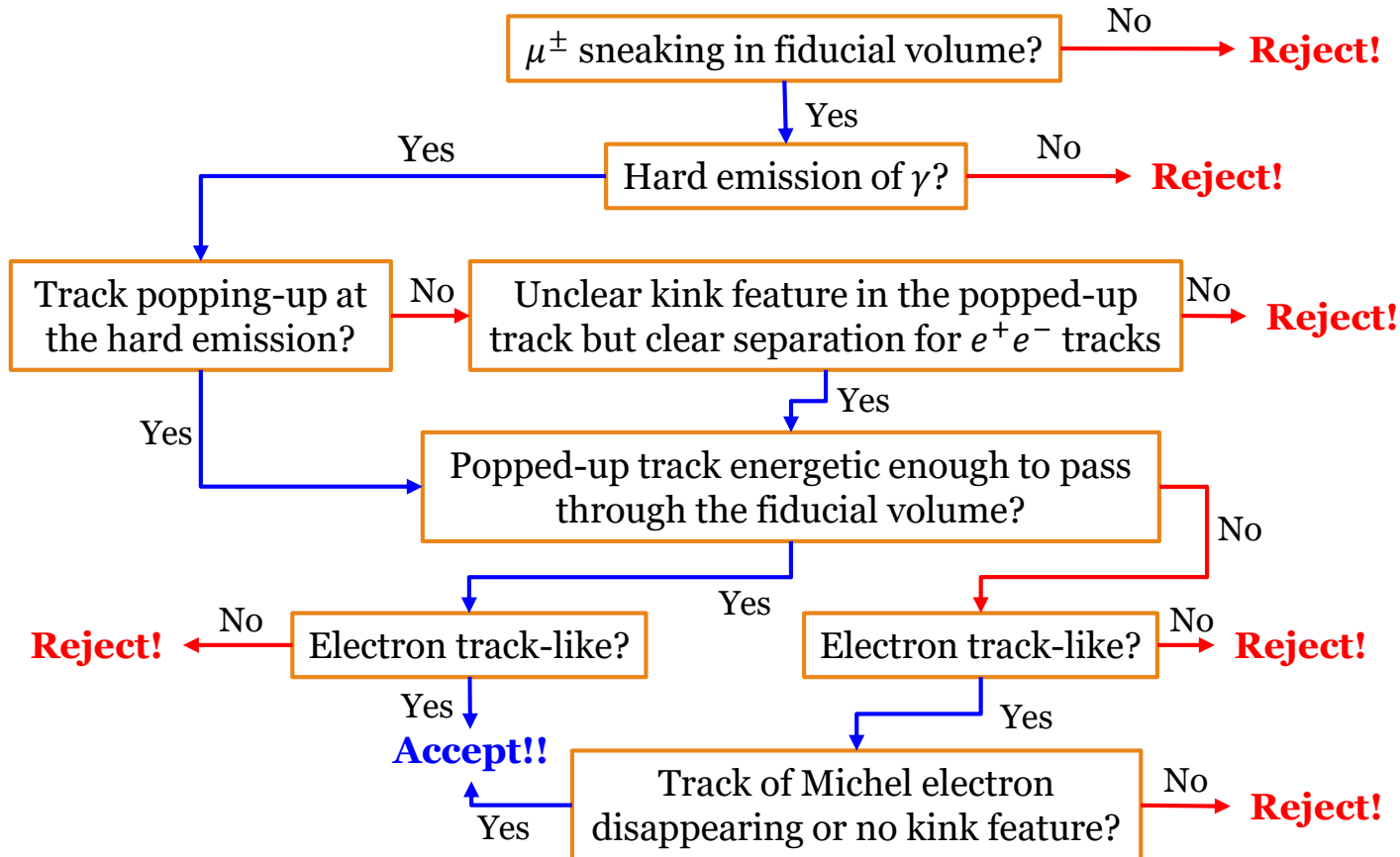


Fake Signals by Mismeasurements?

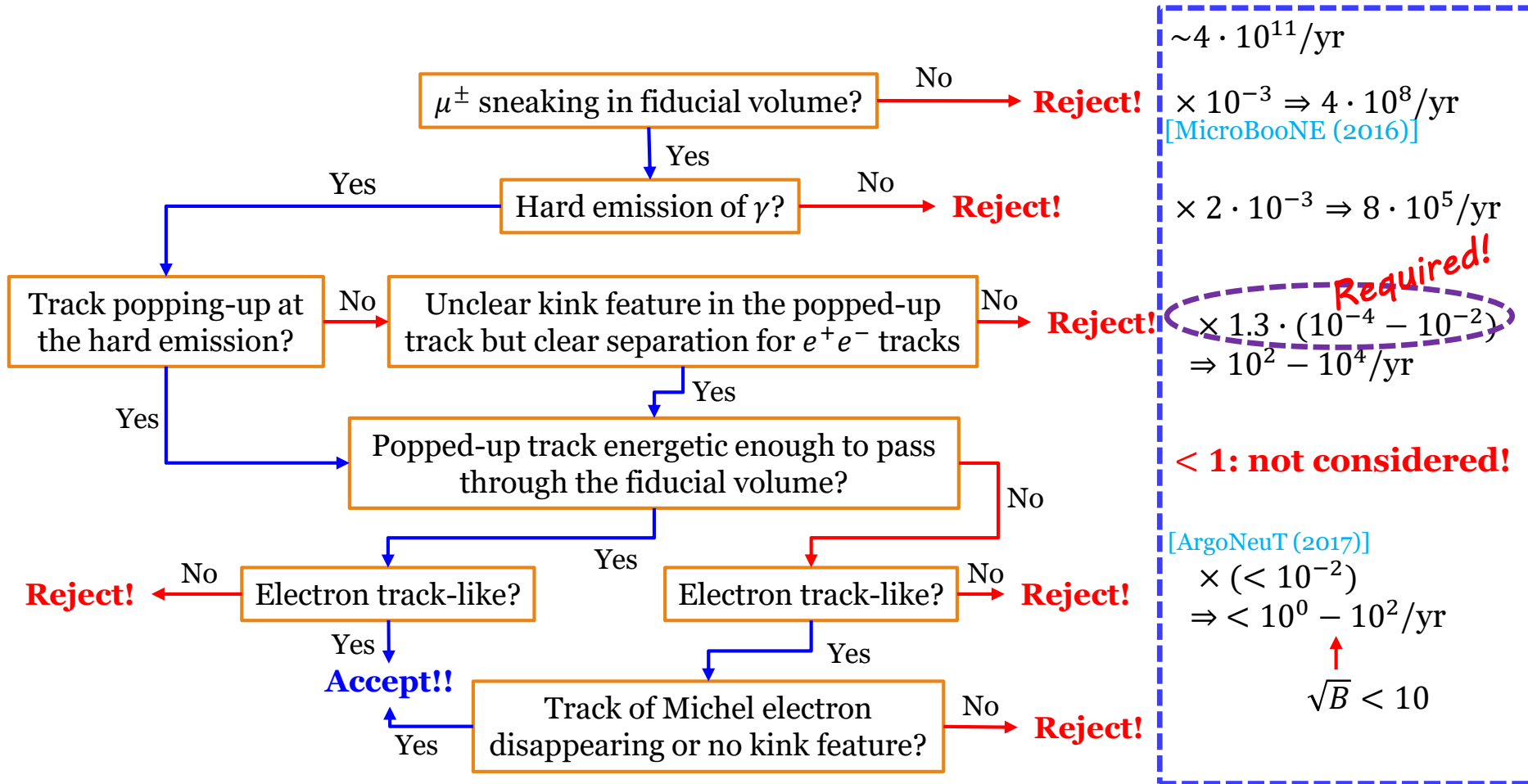
- ❖ The rate of fake *i*BDM signals by mismeasurements may **not be negligible** due to enormous high-energetic cosmic background. (e.g., as shown below)



Conditions to Mimic an *i*BDM Signal



Conditions to Mimic an *i*BDM Signal



$$\sim 4 \cdot 10^{11} / \text{yr}$$

$$\times 10^{-3} \Rightarrow 4 \cdot 10^8 / \text{yr}$$

[MicroBooNE (2016)]

$$\times 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \Rightarrow 8 \cdot 10^5 / \text{yr}$$

$$\times 1.3 \cdot (10^{-4} - 10^{-2})$$

Required!

$$\Rightarrow 10^2 - 10^4 / \text{yr}$$

< 1: not considered!

[ArgoNeuT (2017)]

$$\times (< 10^{-2})$$

$$\Rightarrow < 10^0 - 10^2 / \text{yr}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\sqrt{B} < 10$$

Model-independent Reach

- ❖ **Non-trivial** to find **appropriate parameterizations** for providing **model-independent reaches** due to many parameters involved in the model
- ❖ **Number of signal events** N_{sig} is

$$N_{\text{sig}} = \sigma_{\epsilon} \cdot \mathcal{F} \cdot A \cdot t_{\text{exp}} \cdot N_e$$

- ✓ σ_{ϵ} : scattering cross section between χ_1 (BDM) and electron (target)
 - ✓ \mathcal{F} : flux of incoming (boosted) χ_1
 - ✓ A : acceptance
 - ✓ t_{exp} : exposure time
 - ✓ N_e : total number of target electrons
- } **Controllable!** (once a detector is determined)

We factored out the acceptance related to the **distance between the primary (ER) & the secondary vertices**, other factors such as cuts, E_{th} are absorbed into σ_{ϵ} .

Model-independent Reach: Displaced Vertex

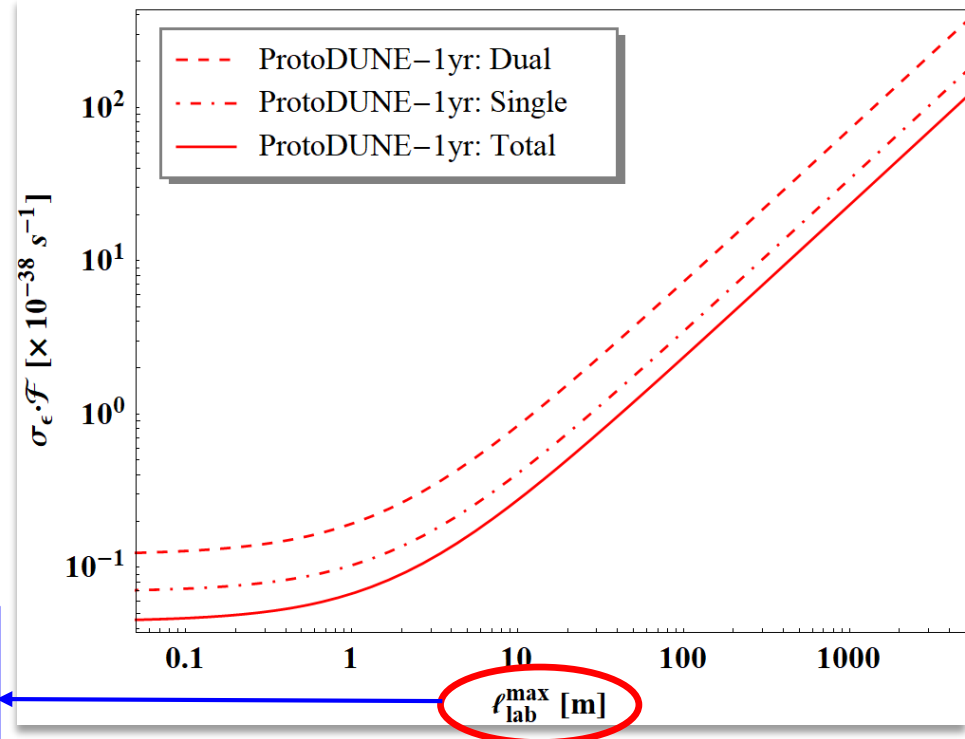
- ❖ **Acceptance** determined by the **distance between the primary & the secondary vertices**
 - ➔ (relatively) **conservative limit** to require **two correlated vertices in the fiducial volumes** (also to be distinguished from elastic scattering)

$$\sigma_{\epsilon} \cdot \mathcal{F} \geq \frac{2.3}{A(\ell_{\text{lab}}) \cdot t_{\text{exp}} \cdot N_e}$$

Annotations:

- 90% C.L. with zero background (points to 2.3)
- Evaluated for each detector (points to σ_{ϵ})
- Calculable given a detector (points to $A(\ell_{\text{lab}})$)

ℓ_{lab} : different event-by-event, so taking $\ell_{\text{lab}}^{\text{max}}$ for more conservative limit



Model-independent Reach: Familiar Form

- ❖ More **familiar parameterization** is possible with the below modification.

$$\sigma_{\epsilon} \geq \frac{2.3}{\mathcal{F} \cdot A \cdot t_{\text{exp}} \cdot N_e}$$

$\mathcal{F} \sim \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \chi_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_1}}{m_0^2}$

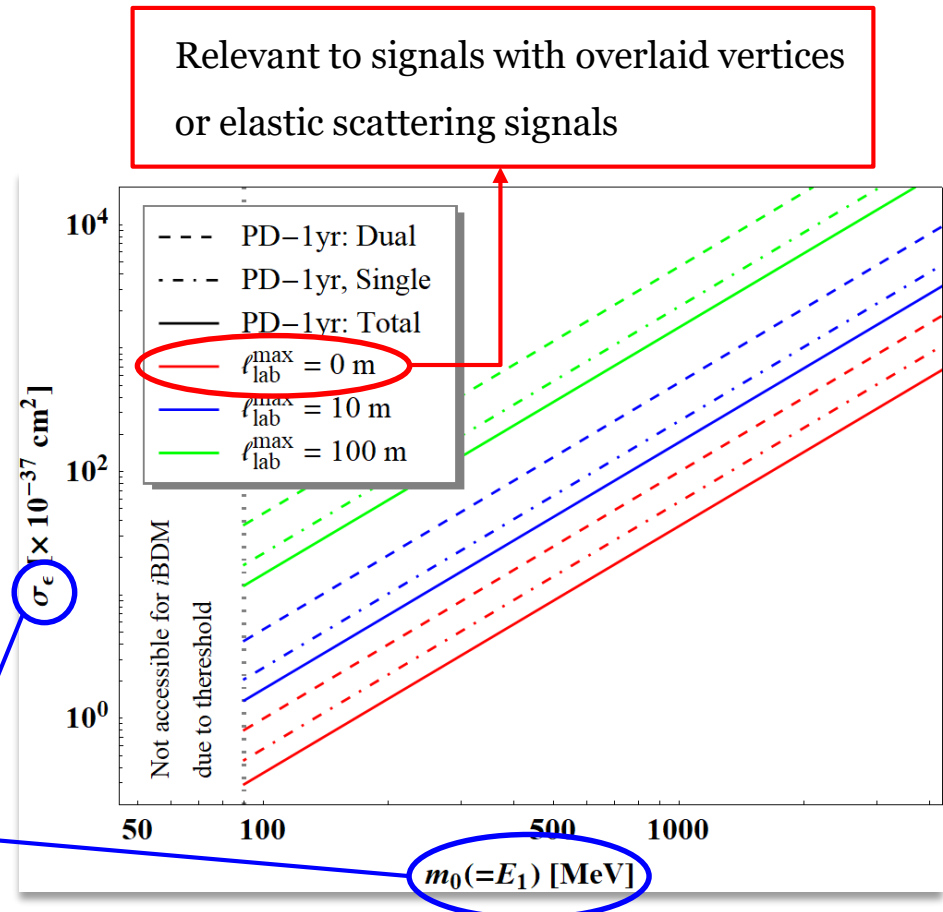
set to be $5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

- ❖ Then having

$$\sigma_{\epsilon} \text{ vs. } m_0 (= E_1 = \gamma_1 m_1)$$

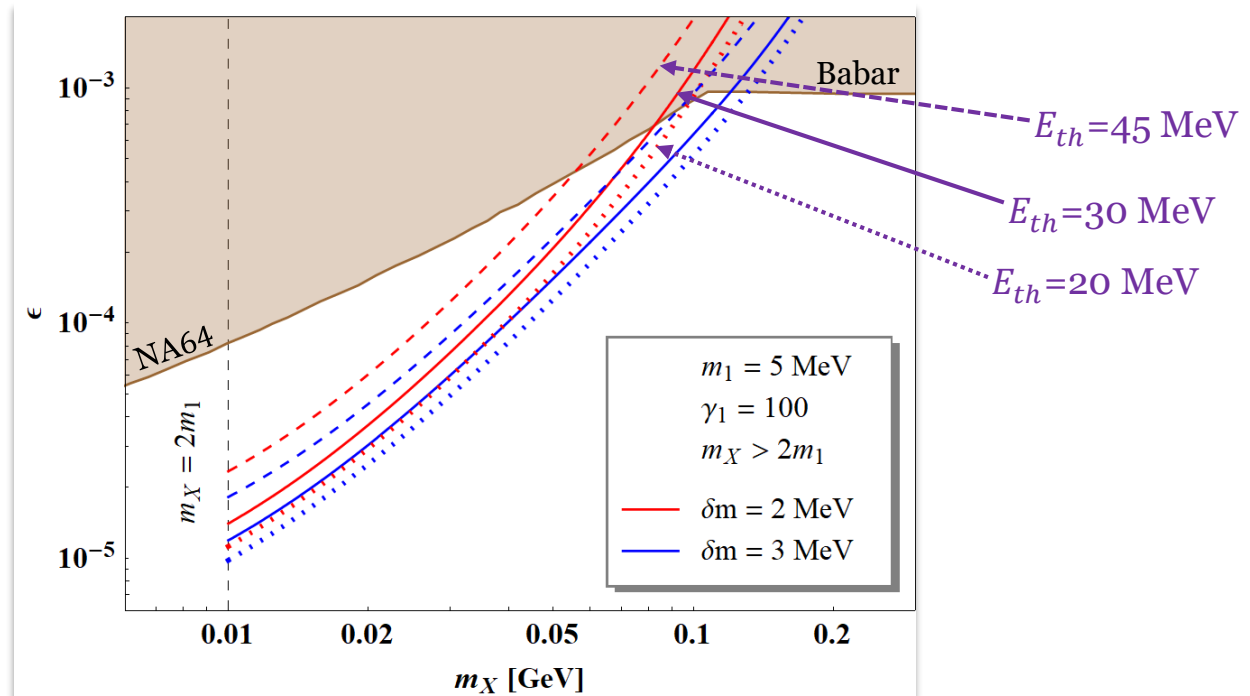
cf. σ vs. m_{DM} in conventional WIMP searches

Experimental sensitivity can be represented by σ_{ϵ} vs. $m_0 (= E_1)$.



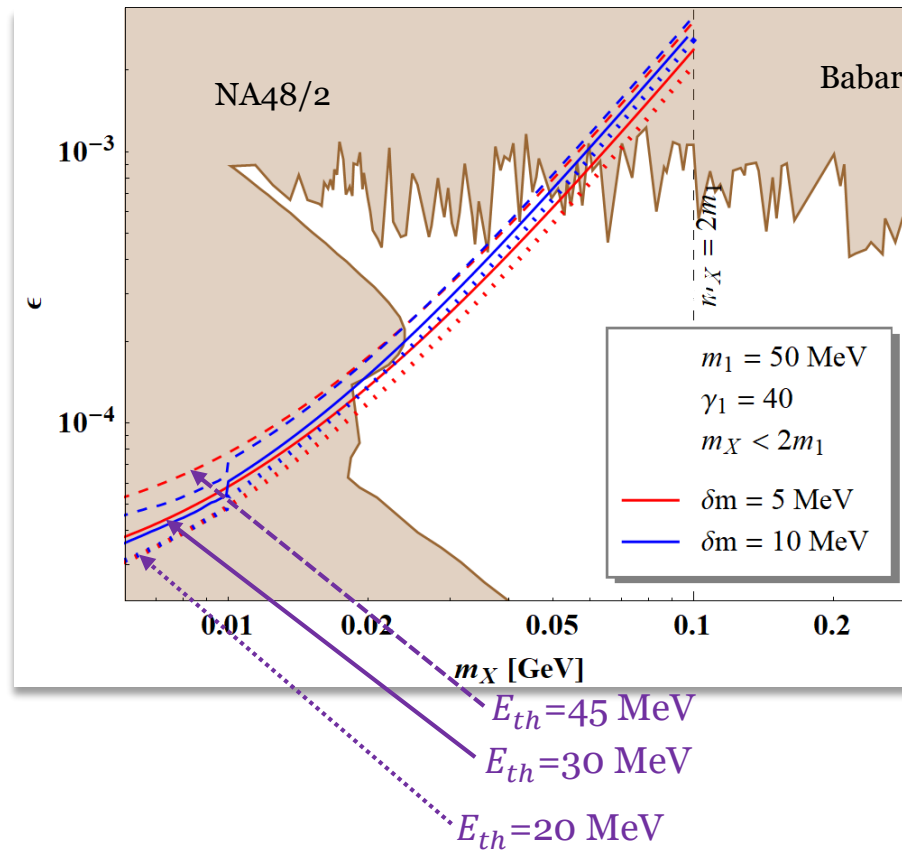
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❖ Dark X invisibly decays into DM pairs ($m_X > 2m_1$)



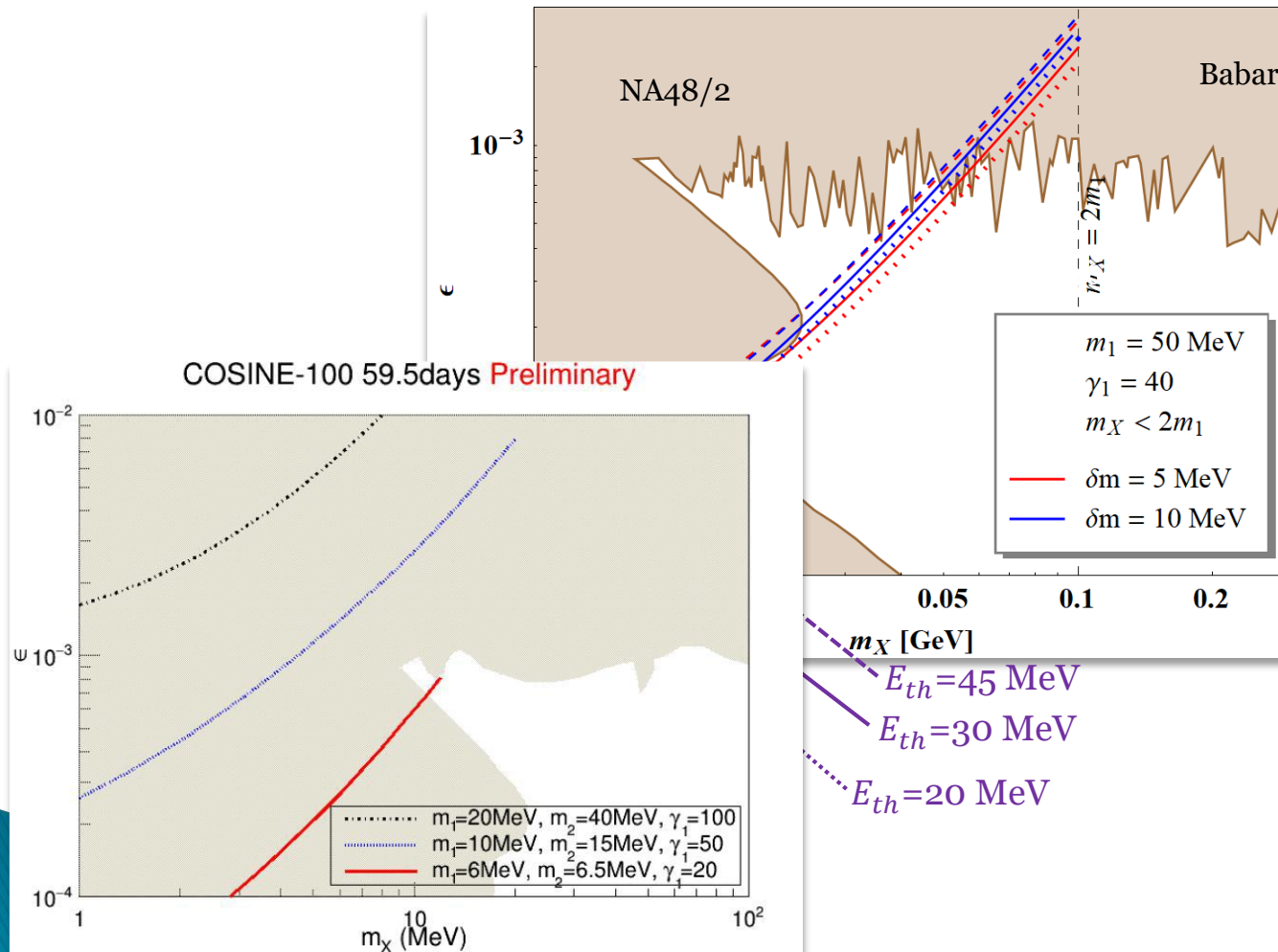
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Conclusion

v_{DM} Scattering	<i>non-relativistic</i> ($v_{\text{DM}} \ll c$)	<i>relativistic</i> ($v_{\text{DM}} \sim c$)	
<i>elastic</i>	Direct detection	Boosted DM (eBDM)	Focus I of this talk!
<i>inelastic</i>	inelastic DM (iDM)	inelastic BDM (iBDM)	Focus II of this talk!

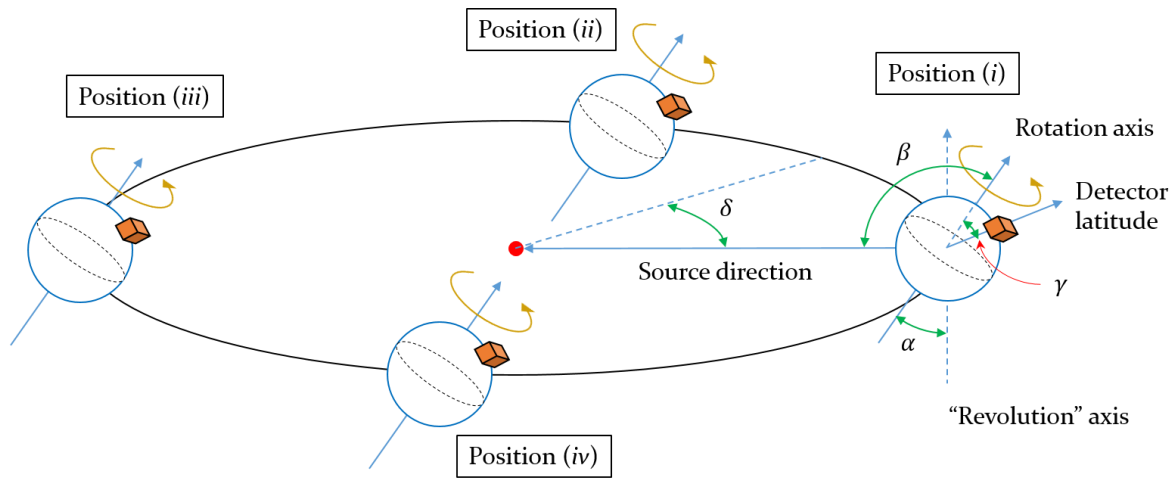
- (light) BDM search is **promising** & provides a **new direction** to study DM phenomenology.
- Huge **cosmic-ray BG** can be **well controlled** with the “**Earth Shielding**” effect and/or **unique/fruitful signal signatures (iBDM)**.
- **Surface detectors** possesses **excellent sensitivities** to a wide range of (light) BDM
 - ➔ allows a **deeper understanding** in **non-minimal dark sector** physics.
- **Surface detectors** can provide **alternative avenue** to probe **dark photon** parameter space.

Thank you

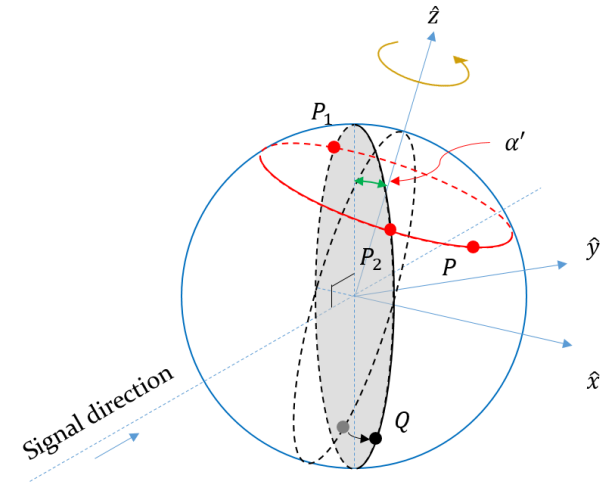
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Effect of Earth's Rotation

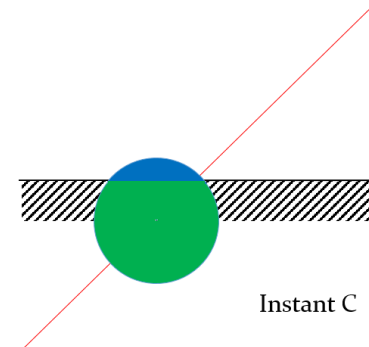
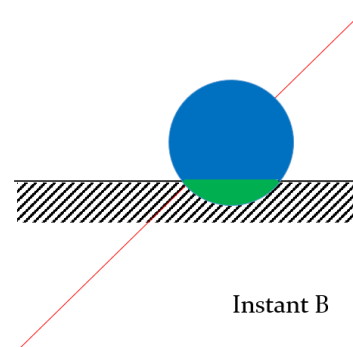
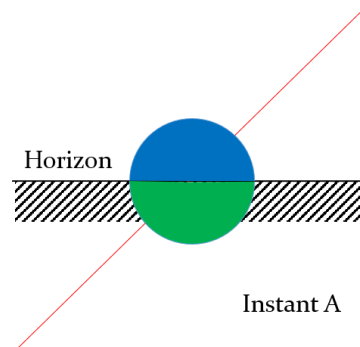
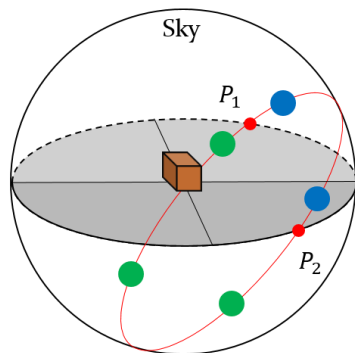
(a)



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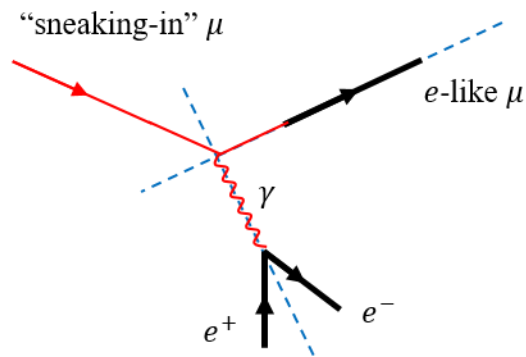
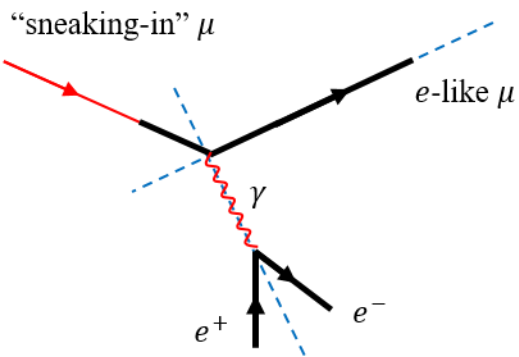


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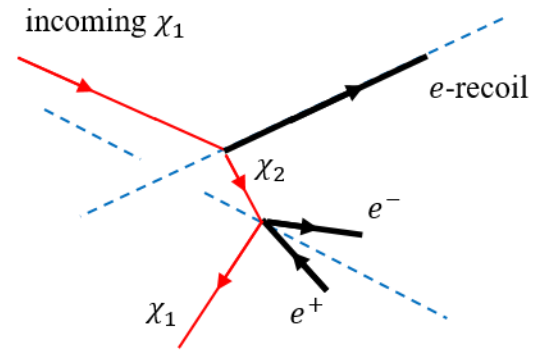
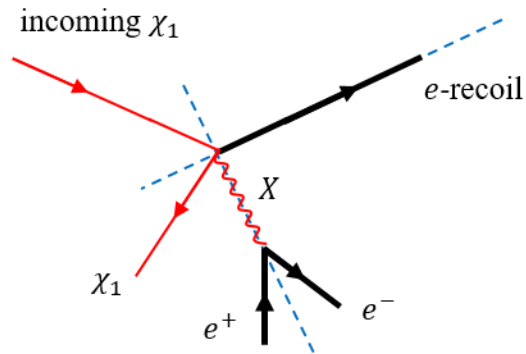
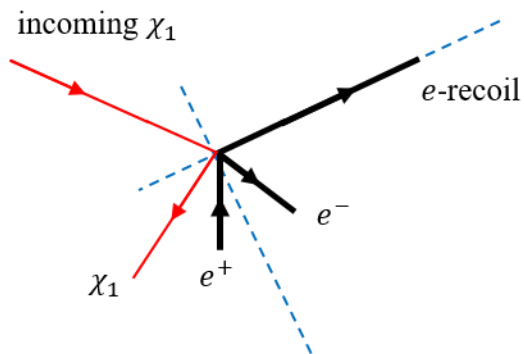


Possible Event Shapes (iBDM)

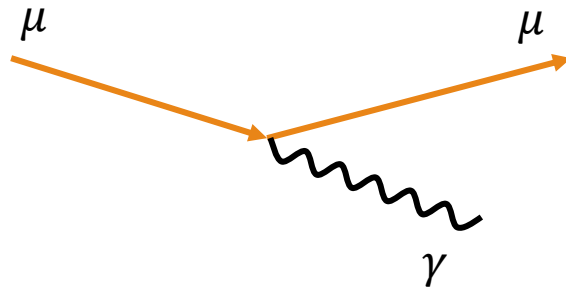
(a) μ -induced background event shapes



(b) Signal event shapes



Hard Emission of a Photon

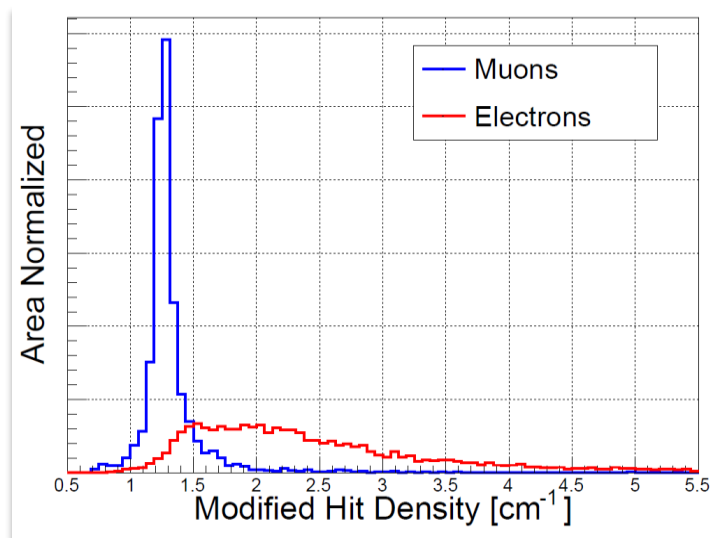


$$\sim \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \approx 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

Phase-space suppression factor

Electron-Faking Muon

- ❖ All known studies simply report that a negligible rate of muons are misidentified as electrons. But “How Negligible?”
- ❖ A hint from an example study: [ArgoNeut, arXiv:1610.04102]c

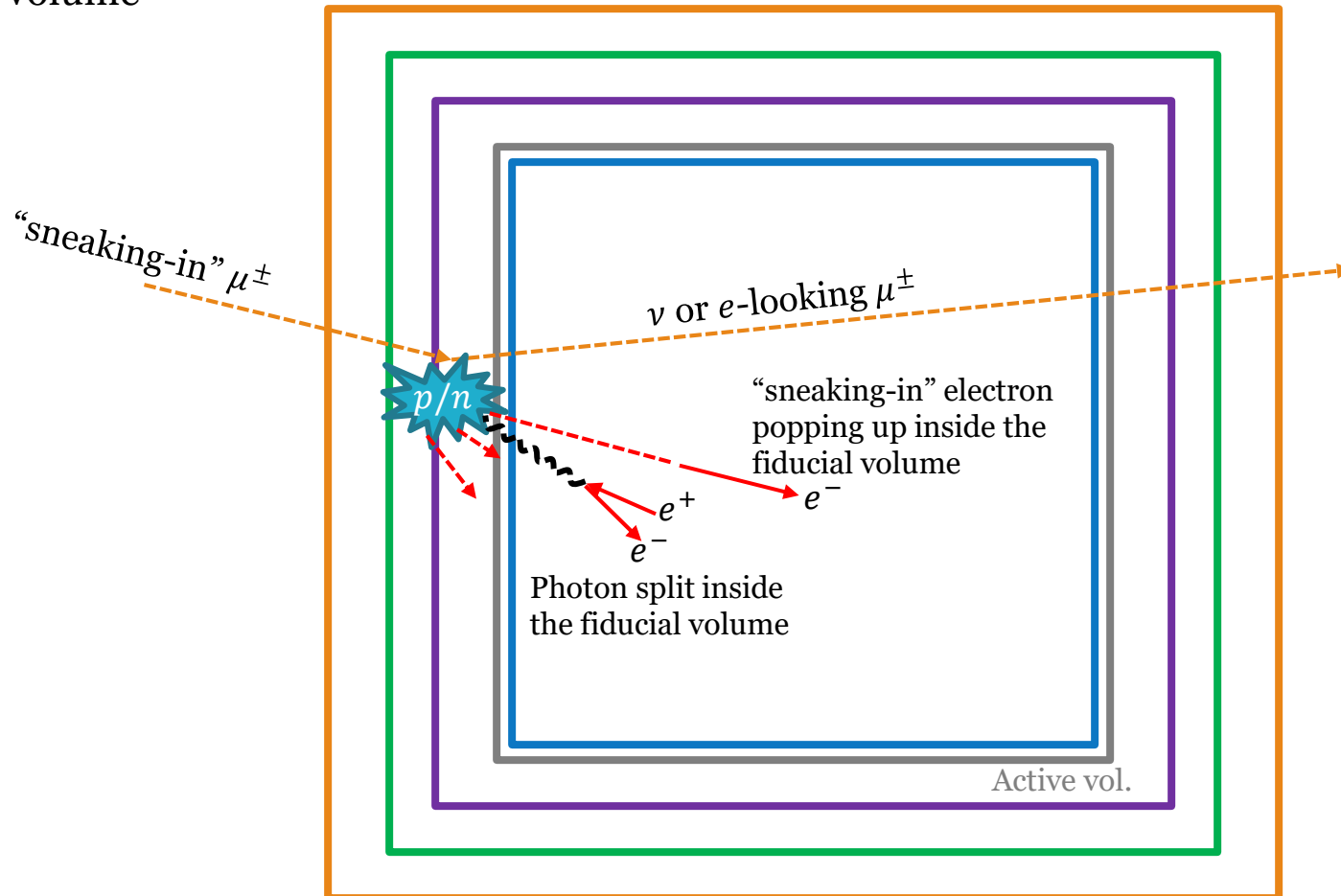


↑ If cut here, ~8% of the fake rate

- ❖ This is too large to be true, because
 - Other criteria discriminate more,
 - ~7% contamination from γ sample (i.e., e vs. γ) is reported, whereas e vs. μ is simply stated negligible.
- ❖ Nevertheless, a very conservative estimate of fake rate is 10^{-2} .

Fake Signals by Mismeasurements?

- ❖ Deep inelastic scattering (DIS) of energetic cosmic-muon with a nucleon within the passive volume



Conditions to Mimic an *i*BDM Signal

0. Muon flux above 5 GeV

1. DIS with a nucleon (p/n)

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\text{event}} &\sim (\text{DIS cross section}) \times (\text{muon flux}) \times (1 \text{ year}) \\ &\quad \times (\text{number of nucleons inside the passive volume}) \\ &\sim 2 \cdot 10^5/\text{yr} \end{aligned}$$

2. Photon split inside the fiducial volume after traveling more than ~ 35 cm in Liquid Ar

3. Electron “sneak-in” and pops up inside the fiducial volume

4. Incoming muon not leaving a visible track inside the active volume

$$\sim 10^{11}/\text{yr}$$



$$\sim 2 \cdot 10^5/\text{yr}$$

[ArgoNeuT (2017)]

$$\times (< 5 \cdot 10^{-3})$$

$$\Rightarrow < 10^3/\text{yr}$$

$$\times (< 10^{-3}) \Rightarrow < 1/\text{yr}$$

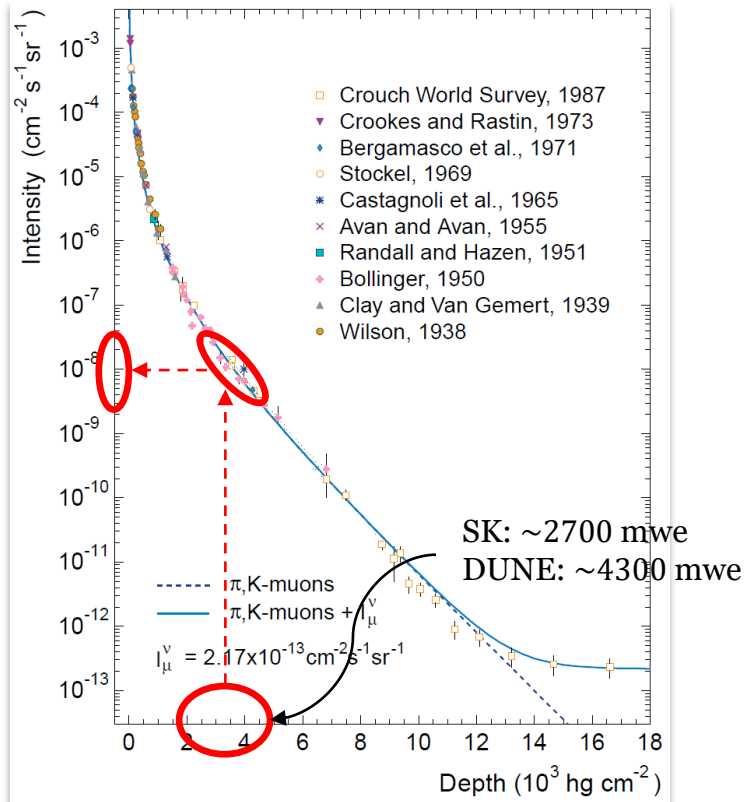
[MicroBooNE (2016)]

$$\times (\ll 1)$$

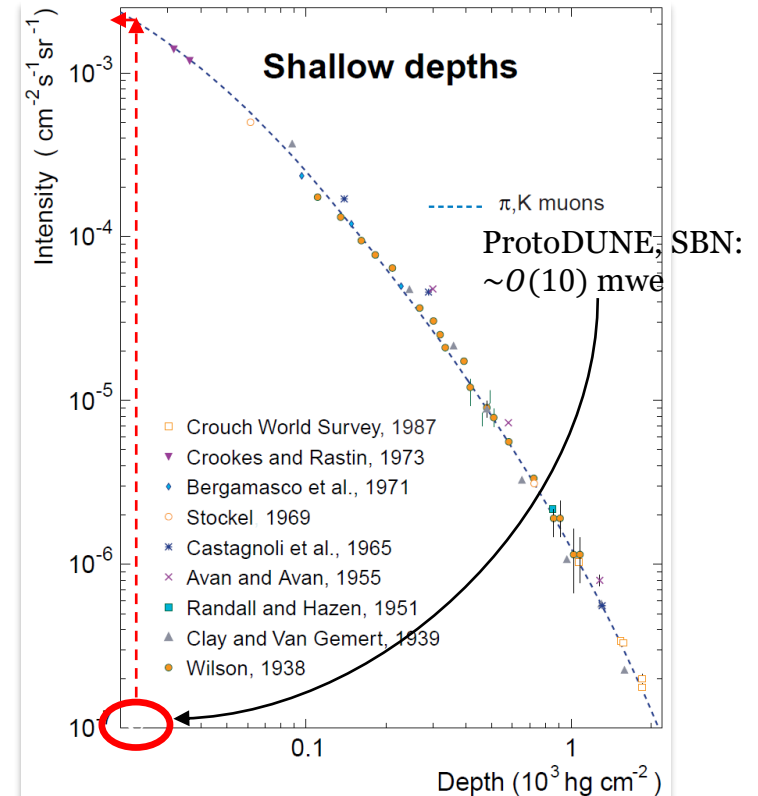
$$\Rightarrow \ll 1/\text{yr}$$

Potential BGs: High E Muons

❖ Expecting $\sim 10^{5-6}$ more muon flux at ProtoDUNE/SBN than that at SK/DUNE.



[Bugaev et al. (1998)]



Potential BGs: Neutrinos

Table 4.3: Atmospheric neutrino event rates including oscillations in 350 kt · year with a LArTPC, fully or partially contained in the detector fiducial volume.

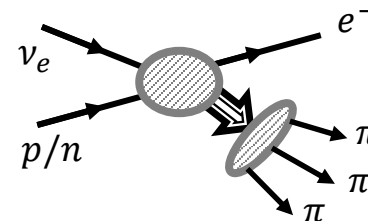
Sample	Event Rate
fully contained electron-like sample	14,053
fully contained muon-like sample	20,853
partially contained muon-like sample	6,871

[DUNE CDR-Vol.2 (2015)]

	SK-I		SK-II		SK-III		SK-IV	
	Data	MC	Data	MC	Data	MC	Data	MC
FC sub-GeV single-ring e-like								
0-decay	2992	2705.4	1573	1445.4	1092	945.3	2098	1934.9
1-decay	301	248.1	172	138.9	118	85.3	243	198.4
π^0 -like	176	160.0	111	96.3	58	53.8	116	96.2
μ -like								
0-decay	1025	893.7	561	501.9	336	311.8	405	366.3
1-decay	2012	1883.0	1037	1006.7	742	664.1	1833	1654.1
2-decay	147	130.4	86	71.3	61	46.6	174	132.2
2-ring π^0 -like	524	492.8	266	259.8	182	172.2	380	355.9
FC multi-GeV single-ring								
ν_e -like	191	152.8	79	78.4	68	54.9	156	135.9
$\bar{\nu}_e$ -like	665	656.2	317	349.5	206	231.6	423	432.8
μ -like	712	775.3	400	415.7	238	266.4	420	554.8
multi-ring								
ν_e -like	216	224.7	143	121.9	65	81.8	175	161.9
$\bar{\nu}_e$ -like	227	219.7	134	121.1	80	72.4	212	179.1
μ -like	603	640.1	337	337.0	228	231.4	479	499.0

[Super-Kamiokande (2012)]

~**40.2** /yr/kt: may contain multi-track events



Single-track candidates: **32.4** + **8.8** = **41.2** /yr/kt, while total e-like events are 49.9 /yr/kt. (Note that SK takes e-like events with $E > \sim 10$ MeV.)

⇒ Potential **BGs for elastic scattering signal (eBDM)** events

Multi-track candidates: **5.2** /yr/kt

⇒ Most extra tracks come from mesons which can be identified at LArTPC.

⇒ Very likely to be **background-free for inelastic scattering signal (iBDM)** events

Detection of BDM

❖ Flux of boosted χ_1 near the earth

$$\mathcal{F}_{\chi_1} \propto \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \chi_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_1}}{m_0^2}$$

← from the number density of DM χ_0 , $n_0 = \rho_0 / m_0$

❖ Setting $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi_0 \chi_0 \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_1} \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and assuming the NFW DM halo profile, one can obtain $\mathcal{F}_{\chi_1} \sim 10^{-6 \sim 8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for χ_0 of weak-scale mass, $m_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(10\text{-}100 \text{ GeV})$.

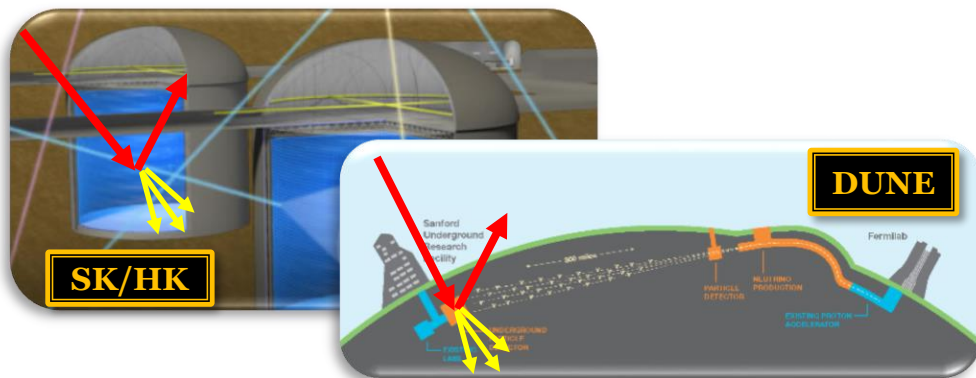
❖ **Low flux** \rightarrow **No sensitivity** in conventional DM direct detection experiments

\rightarrow **Large volume (neutrino) detectors**

motivated: Super-/Hyper-K, DUNE, ...

❖ Sources

- ✓ **GC:** Agashe et al. (2014); Necib et al. (2016); Alhazmi, Kong, Mohlabeng, **JCP** (2016); etc.
- ✓ **Sun:** Berger et al. (2014); Kong, Mohlabeng, **JCP** (2014); Alhazmi, Kong, Mohlabeng, **JCP** (2016); etc.
- ✓ **Dwarf galaxies:** Necib et al (2016)

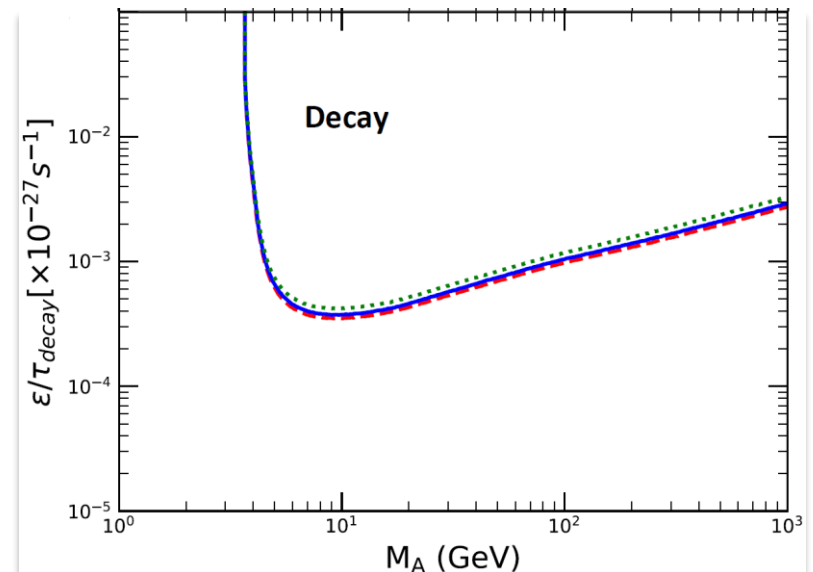
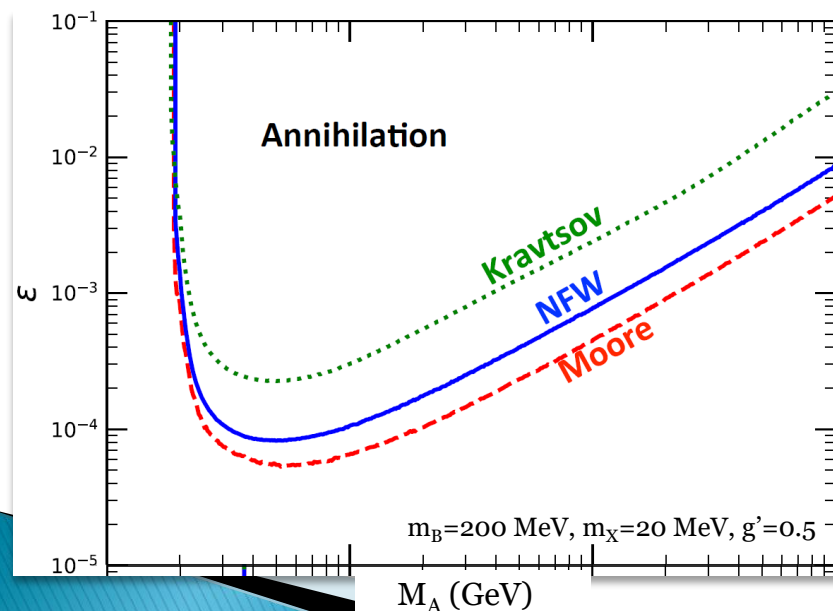


SK Official Results for BDM Search

Search for Boosted Dark Matter Interacting With Electrons in Super-Kamiokande

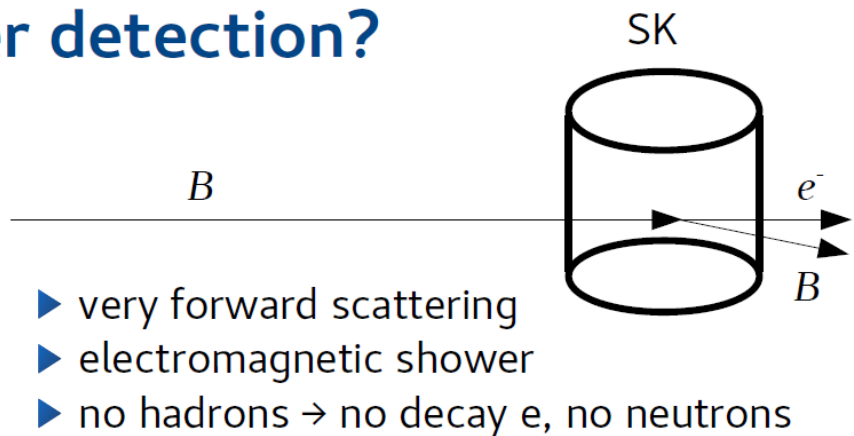
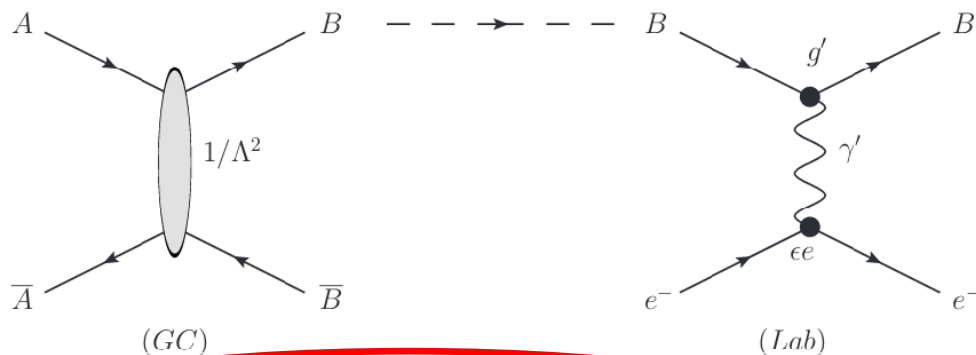
(Dated: November 16, 2017)

A search for boosted dark matter using 161.9 kiloton-years of Super-Kamiokande IV data is presented. We search for an excess of elastically scattered electrons above the atmospheric neutrino background, with a visible energy between 100 MeV and 1 TeV, pointing back to the Galactic Center or the Sun. No such excess is observed. Limits on boosted dark matter event rates in multiple angular cones around the Galactic Center and Sun are calculated. Limits are also calculated for a baseline model of boosted dark matter produced from cold dark matter annihilation or decay.



[SK Collaboration, arXiv:1711.05278]

(In)direct dark matter detection?



- ▶ very forward scattering
- ▶ electromagnetic shower
- ▶ no hadrons \rightarrow no decay e , no neutrons

Cone search: 8 cones from 5° to 40° around GC

▶ No clusters visible

