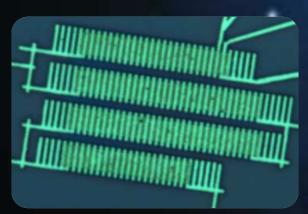
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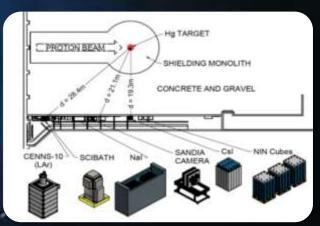




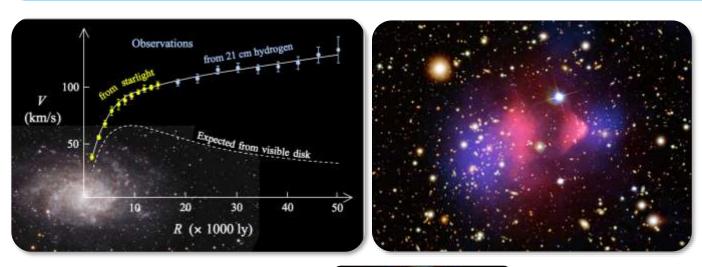


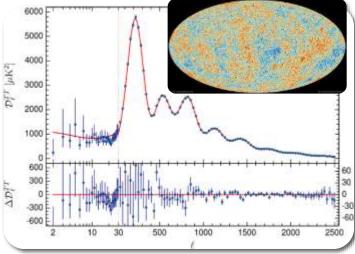


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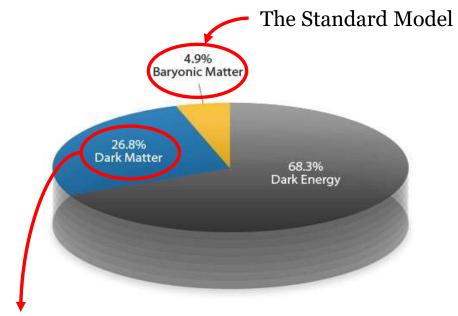
#### Message from Cosmology: Dark Matter (DM)





**Evidence:** Galactic rotation curve, Bullet cluster, Coma cluster, Gravitational lensing, Structure formation, CMB, ...

#### **\*** Modern cosmology:



#### **\*** Compelling paradigm:

- ✓ Massive,
- $\checkmark$  Non-relativistic ( $v \ll c$ ),
- ✓ Non-luminous (no/tiny EM interaction),
- ✓ Stable particles

#### **Dark Sector: Dark Particles & Portals**



SM sector

**Portal** 

**Dark** sector

 $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, ...$   $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, ...$   $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, ...$ 

#### \* Portals: mediators

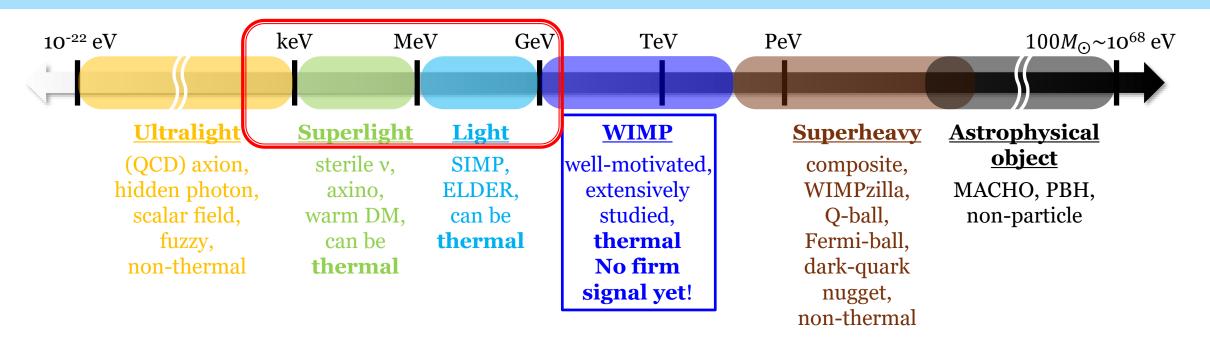
- ✓ Vector portal (kinetic mixing):  $\frac{\sin \epsilon}{2} B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$
- ✓ Scalar (Higgs) portal:  $\lambda_{H\phi}|H|^2|\phi|^2$
- ✓ Fermion (neutrino) portal:  $\lambda_{\chi}HL\chi$
- ✓ Pseudo-scalar (axion) portal:  $\frac{1}{f_{a\gamma/ag}} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$  $\frac{1}{f_{af}} \partial_{\mu} a (\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} \psi)$
- ✓ Gauged SM global #: B-L,  $L_{\mu}$ - $L_{\tau}$ , ...
- ✓ Dark axion portal:  $G_{\alpha\gamma\gamma'}\alpha F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{X}^{\mu\nu}$
- ✓ Double portal: a combination of  $\ge 2$  portals
- **√** 333

#### \* Dark sector particles

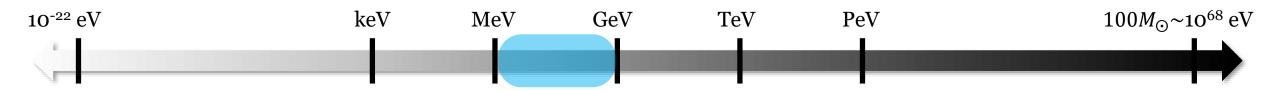
- ✓ DM spin: fermion, scalar, vector
- ✓ DM species: single-/two-/multi-component
- ✓ DM mass: light, heavy, light & heavy
- ✓ DM interaction: flavor-conserving (elastic), flavor-changing (inelastic)

# Not WIMP: Other Scales?

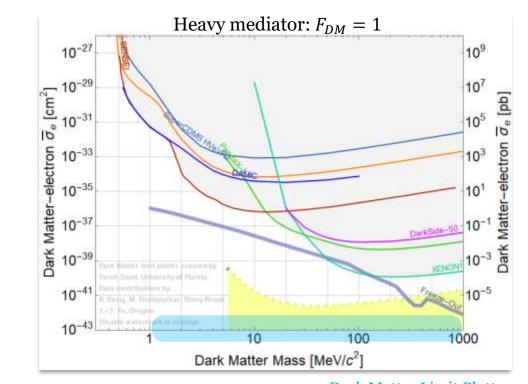
## DM Landscape: A Very Wide Mass Range

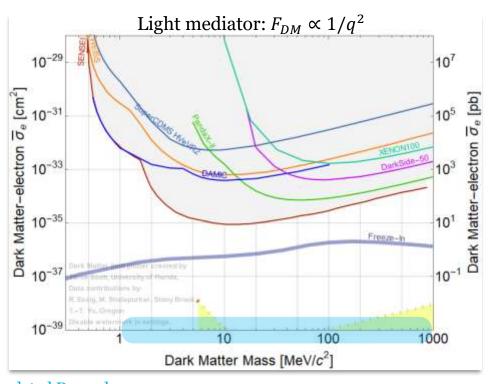


## **Light DM Direct Search**



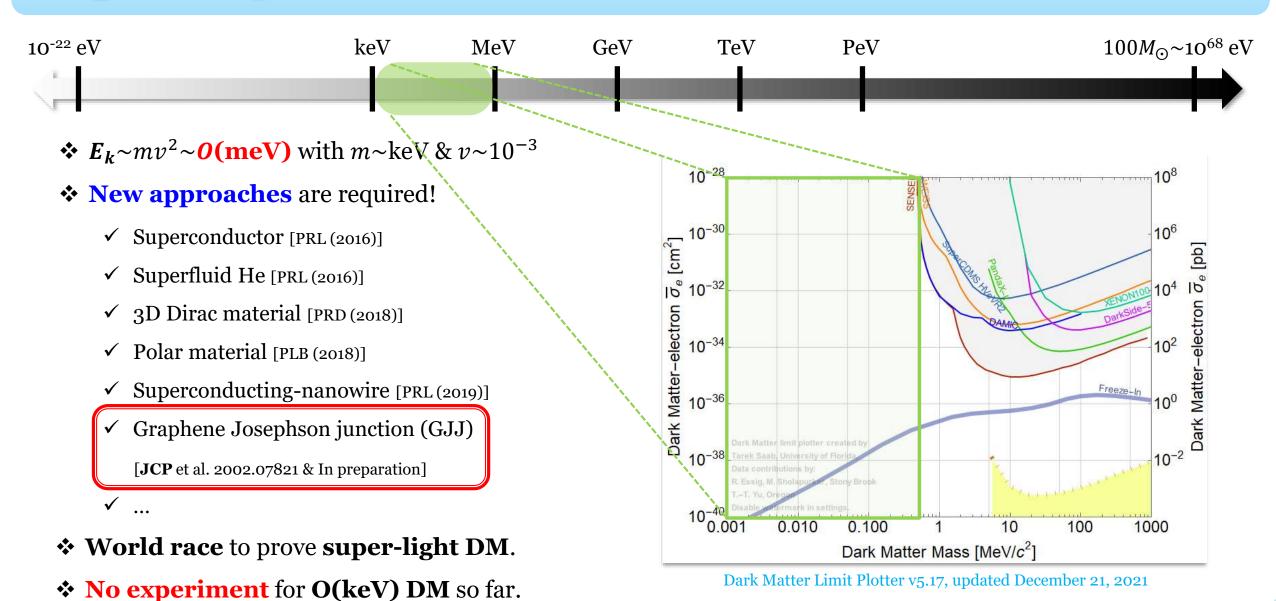
- ❖  $E_{\rm k} \sim mv^2$ ,  $\Phi_{\chi} = n_{\chi}v_{\rm rel}$  &  $n_{\chi} = \rho_{\chi}/m_{\chi}$  → lighter DM: smaller  $E_{\rm r}$  but lager flux (<u>lighter target particle</u>)
  - $\rightarrow$  low  $E_{th}$  (e-recoil) preferred even with small target mass



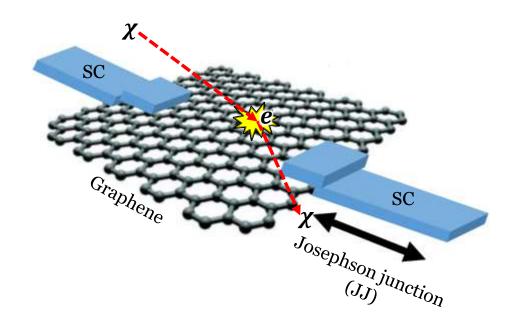


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#### **Super-Light DM Direct Search**

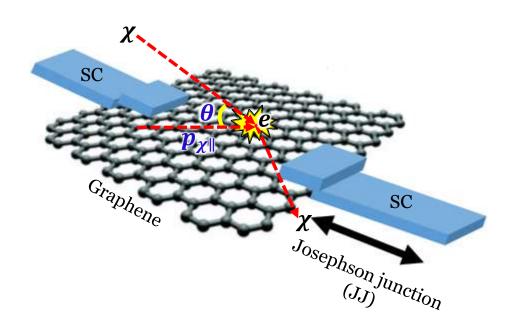


#### **Detection Principle with GJJ**



- I. DM scatters off ( $\pi$ -bond) free electrons, transferring some fraction of its incoming  $E_k$ .
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- III. The JJ is triggered: the temperature rise switches the zero-voltage (non-resistive) of JJ to a non-zero-voltage (resistive) state.
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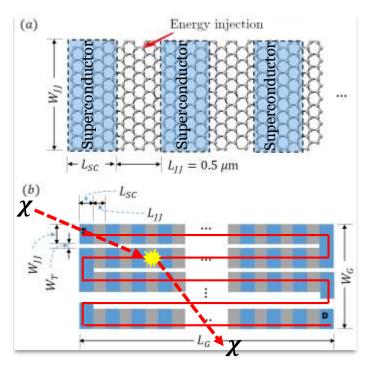
#### **Detection Principle with GJJ**



- ✓ Scattering between DM traveling in 3D & electrons confined in the 2D graphene → No significant momentum change along the surface normal direction
- ✓ **Prediction**: the <u>signal rate</u> depends on the **DM flux direction**.
  - → Applicable to background rejection
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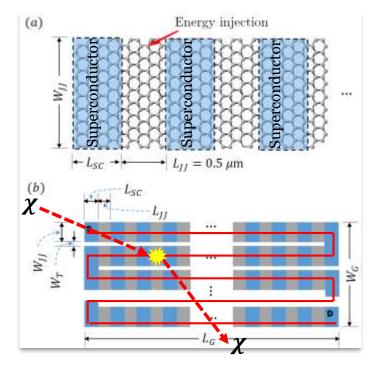
## Super-Light DM Direct Search Using GJJ

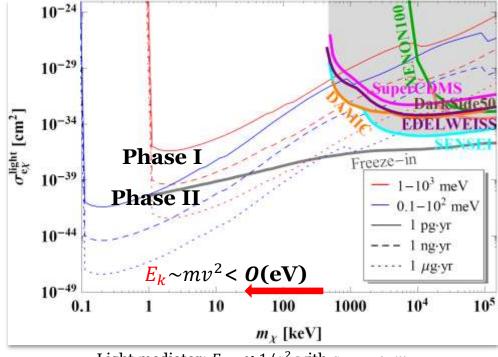
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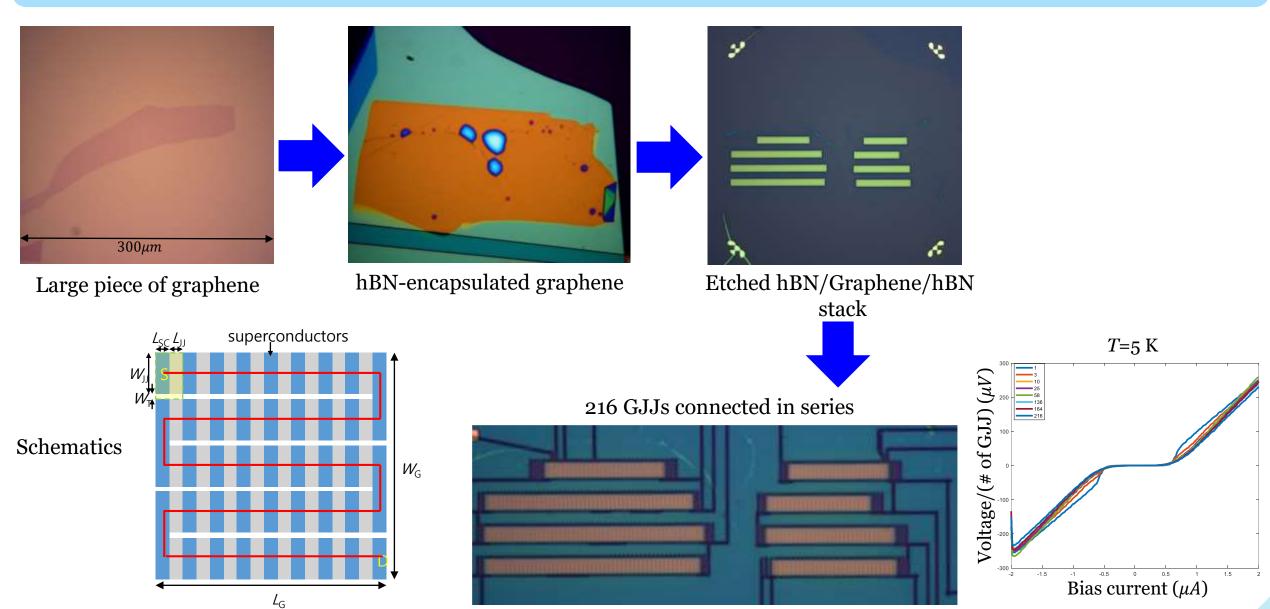




Light mediator:  $F_{DM} \propto 1/q^2$  with  $q_{ref} = \alpha_e m_e$ 

- ✓ The **proposed detector** can improve the minimum detectable DM mass ( $m_{DM}$  ~0.1 keV) by more than 2-3 orders of magnitude over the ongoing/existing experiments.
- ✓ **Capable of probing** the prediction of **freeze-in** scenarios even with a pg-scale detector.

#### **Progress in Fabrication: ~100 GJJs in Series**



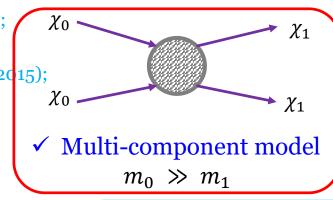
# **Boosting Light DM**

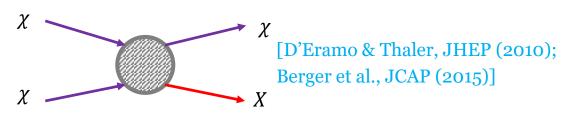
## DM Boosting Mechanisms: Dark Sector



#### Boosted DM (BDM) coming from the Universe

[Belanger & JCP, JCAP (2012);
Agashe et al., JCAP (2014);
Kong, Mohlabeng, JCP, PLB (2015);
Berger et al., JCAP (2015);
Kim, JCP, Shin, PRL (2017);
more]

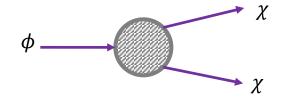




✓ Semi-annihilation model  $m_\chi \gg m_X$ 

Large  $E_k^{DM}$  (monochromatic) due to mass gap

- \* Relic component DM: non-relativistic!
- BDM signal: detectable at large Vol.
   DM & neutrino detectors
- ❖ Need extension of dark sector



 $\sim$  Decaying multi-component DM  $m_{\phi} \gg m_{\gamma}$ 

[Bhattacharya et al., JCAP (2015); Kopp et al., JHEP (2015); Cline et al., PRD (2019); Heurtier, Kim, **JCP**, Shin, PRD (2019); more]

❖ Heating via sizable self-scattering (natural for LDM) → affect the thermal evolution of DM

[Kamada, Kim, Kim & Sekiguchi, PRL (2018); Kamada, Kim, JCP & Shin, 2111.06808]

#### DM Boosting Mechanisms: Cosmic-Ray

#### Cosmic-Ray-Induced BDM

 $e^{\pm}$ ,  $p^{\pm}$ ,  $\nu$ , ...



❖ Energetic cosmic-ray-induced

**BDM**: energetic cosmic-rays

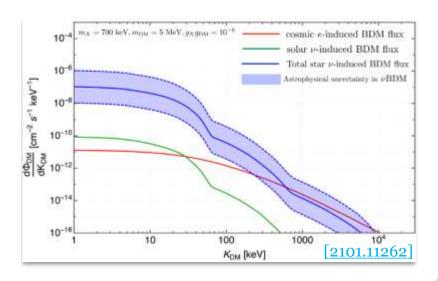
<u>kick DM</u> (large  $E_{e^{\pm},p^{\pm},\nu,\dots}$  →

large  $E_{\gamma}$ )

→ Efficient for Light DM



- Charged cosmic-ray: [Bringmann & Pospelov, PRL (2019); Ema et al., PRL (2019); Cappiello & Beacom, PRD (2019); Dent et al., PRD (2020); Jho, **JCP**, Park & Tseng, PLB (2020); Cho, Choi & Yoo, PRd (2020); more]
- ✓ Cosmic-  $\nu$  ( $\nu$ BDM): [Jho, JCP, Park & Tseng, 2101.11262 & In preparation; Das & Sen, 2104.00027; Chao, Li, Liao, 2108.05608; more]



## **BDM Searches @ Neutrino Experiments**

Boosted DM (BDM) models: Receiving rising attention as an alternative scenario

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 120, 221301 (2018)

**Editors' Suggestion** 

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

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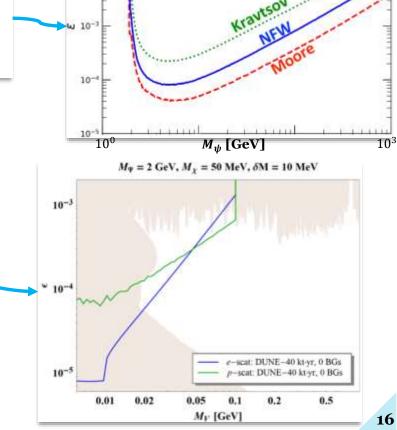


Regular Article - Experimental Physics

Prospects for beyond the Standard Model physics searches at the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

**DUNE Collaboration** 

- ✓ Not restricted to primary physics goals
- ✓ Opened to other (unplanned) physics opportunities



Annihilation

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First Direct Search for Inelastic Boosted Dark Matter with COSINE-100

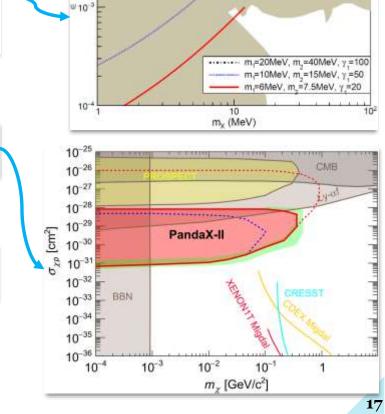
A Search for the Cosmic Ray Boosted Sub-GeV Dark Matter at the PandaX-II Experiment

[PandaX-II, 2112.08957]

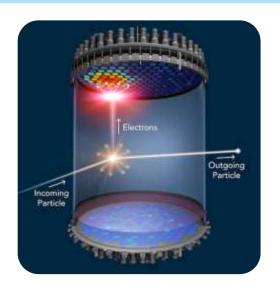
Constraints on sub-GeV Dark Matter Boosted by Cosmic Rays from CDEX-10 Experiment at the China Jinping Underground Laboratory

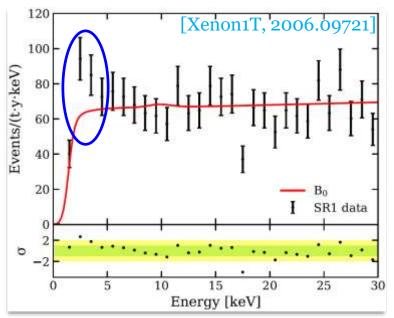
[CDEX, 2201.01704]

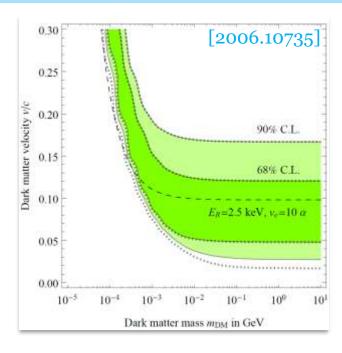
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#### **XENON1T Anomaly**







- ❖ An excess of **electron recoil** events over known(?) BGs around 2-4 keV.
- ❖ The interpretation with conventional (elastic & v/c~10<sup>-3</sup>) DM is less favored:
  - $E_r \sim m_e v^2 \sim O(eV)$  even for  $m_{\rm DM} \gg m_e$ , [Kannike, Raidal, Veermae & Strumia, 2006.10735].
- \* This problem may be avoidable with non-conventional dark-sector scenarios: e.g., ALP, dark photon, inelastic and/or,  $\underline{v} \sim c \ (\rightarrow BDM!)$  etc.

#### XENON1T Anomaly: BDM & e-Recoil

- ❖ DM direct detection experiments including XENON1T would be sensitive enough to energetic e-recoils induced by BDM by pumping up the BDM flux. [G. Giudice, D. Kim, JCP, S. Shin, PLB (2018)]
- Fast moving DM,  $v/c \ge O(0.1)$ , is needed for ~keV electron recoil events. [PRD (2020)]



- **❖ Various BDM studies** for the XENON1T anomaly.
  - ✓ Multi-component model: [Fornal et al., 2006.11264; Alhazmi, Kim, Kong, Mohlabeng, JCP & Shin, 2006.16252]
  - ✓ Charged cosmic-ray induced BDM: [Su et al., 2006.11837; Cao, Ding & Xiang 2006.12767; Jho, **JCP**, Park & Tseng, 2006.13910]
  - ✓ Cosmic-Neutrino-Boosted DM (vBDM): [Jho, **JCP**, Park & Tseng, 2101.11262; Das & Sen, 2104.00027; Chao et al., 2108.05608; ...]
  - **√** ...

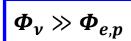
## Cosmic-ray-induced BDM: vBDM

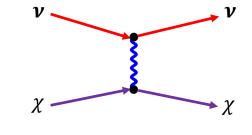
**Cosmic-\nu-induced BDM (\nuBDM)**: cosmic neutrinos kick DM (large  $E_{\nu}$ )

[Jho, **JCP**, Park & Tseng 2101.11262 & In preparation]

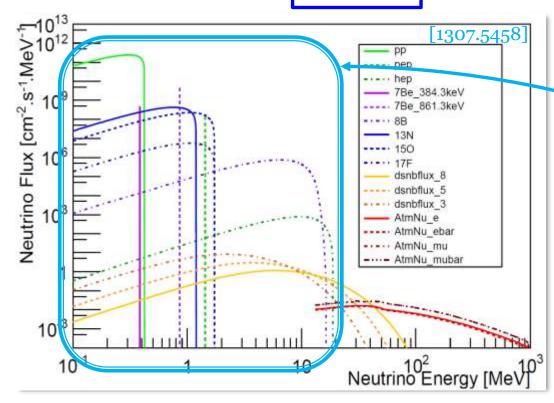
✓ DM-v interaction → Non-relativistic halo DM can be boosted

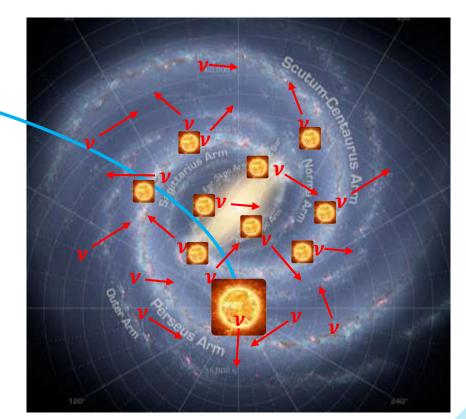
by  $\underline{\nu}$ 's from stars in the galaxy.





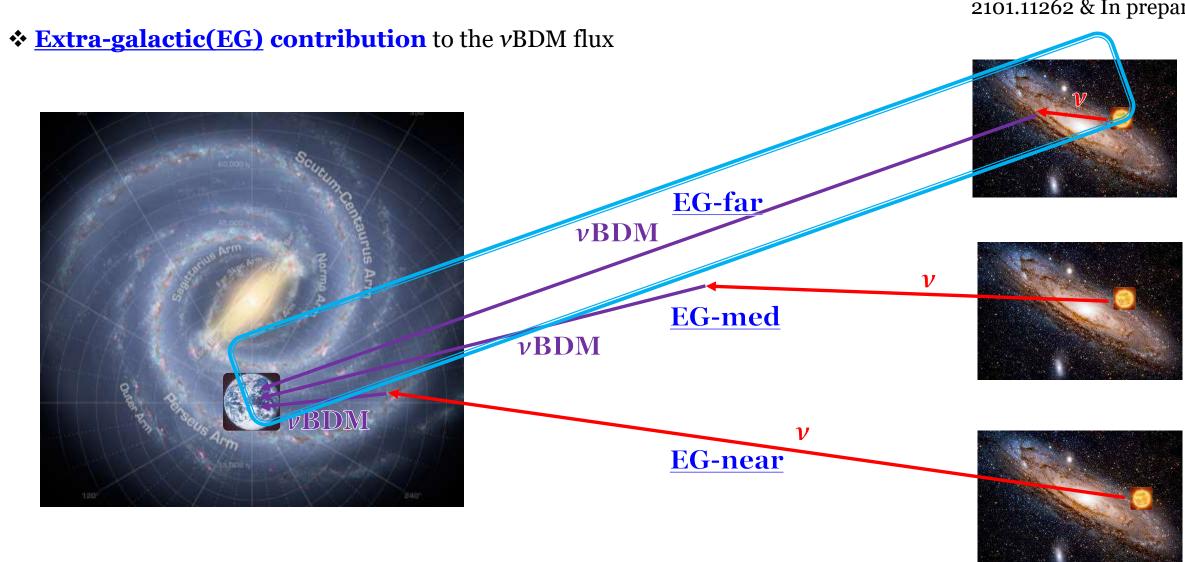
Large  $E_k^{\chi}$  due to  $E_k^{\nu}$  transfer





## Cosmic-ray-induced BDM: vBDM

[Jho, **JCP**, Park & Tseng 2101.11262 & In preparation]

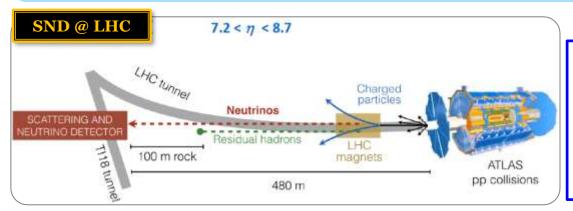


# Active Production & Detection

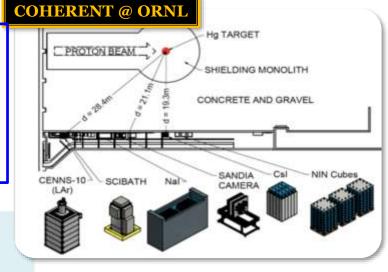
**Passive** 

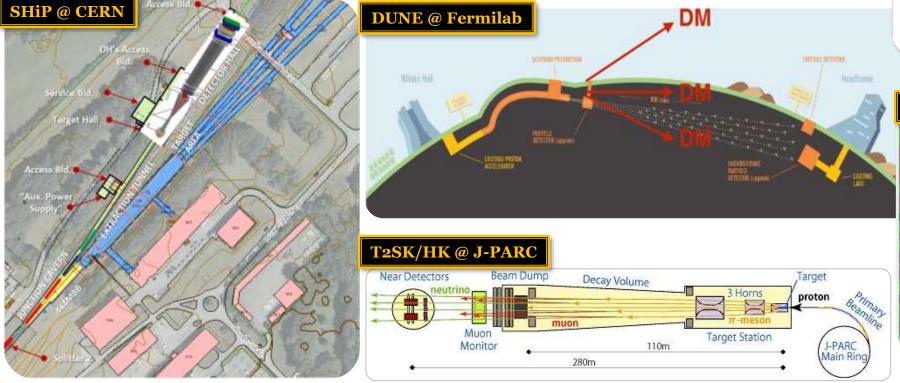
→ Active!

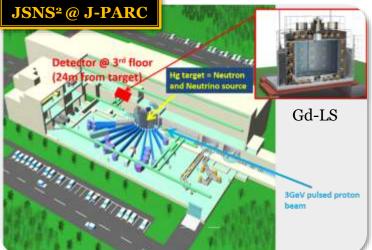
#### **Direct Production & Detection Exps.**



✓ Various Exps.: beam E, detector type, distance, angle, etc.

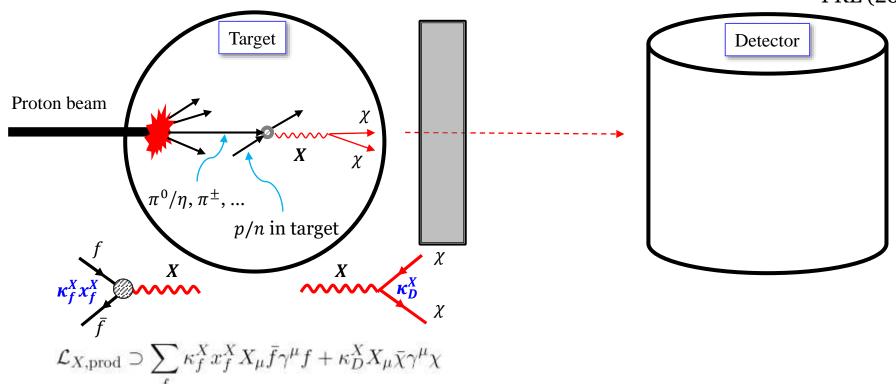






#### **Passive** → Active: Direct Production

Dutta, Kim, Liao, **JCP**, Shin, Strigari, Thompson PRL (2020) /JHEP (2022)

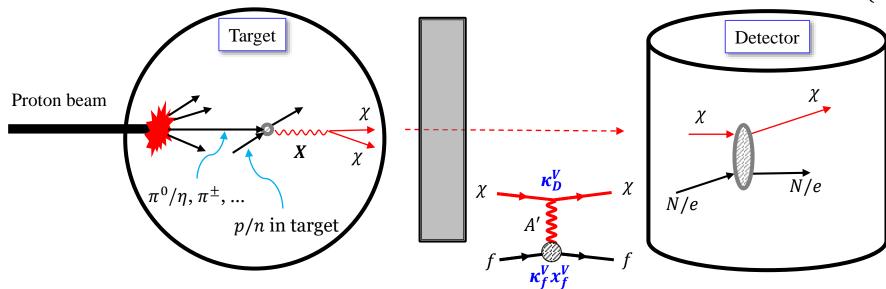


- **!** Meson decays (P1):  $\pi^0/\eta \to \gamma + \gamma/X$
- $\star \pi^-$  absorption (capture) process (P2):  $\pi^- + p \rightarrow n + \gamma/X$  (X: single-valued E)
- **\cdot Charge exchange processes** (P3):  $\pi^{-(+)} + p(n) \rightarrow n(p) + \pi^0 \& \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma/X$
- \*  $e^{\pm}$ -induced cascade (P4): electromagnetic cascade showering &  $\gamma \to X$

Dedicated simulation using e.g. GEANT4 & BdNMC are needed!

#### **Passive** → Active: Direct Detection

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ightharpoonup Nuclear scattering (D1): (small  $E_r$  for light DM)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{r,N}} = \frac{(\kappa_f^V \kappa_D^V)^2 (Q_{\text{eff}}^V)^2 \cdot |F_V|^2}{4\pi p_\chi^2 (2m_N E_{r,N} + m_V^2)^2} \left\{ 2E_\chi^2 m_N \left( 1 - \frac{E_{r,N}}{E_\chi} - \frac{m_N E_{r,N}}{2E_\chi^2} \right) + m_N E_{r,N}^2 \right\}$$

 $\Leftrightarrow$  Electron scattering (D2): (large  $E_r$  even for light DM)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{r,e}} = \frac{Z(x_f^V \kappa_f^V \kappa_D^V)^2 m_e^2}{\pi \lambda (s, m_e^2, m_\chi^2) \left\{ 2m_e (m_e - E_{r,e}) - m_V^2 \right\}^2} \times \left[ m_e \left\{ E_\chi^2 + (m_e + E_\chi - E_{r,e})^2 \right\} + (m_e^2 + m_\chi^2) (m_e - E_{r,e}) \right]$$

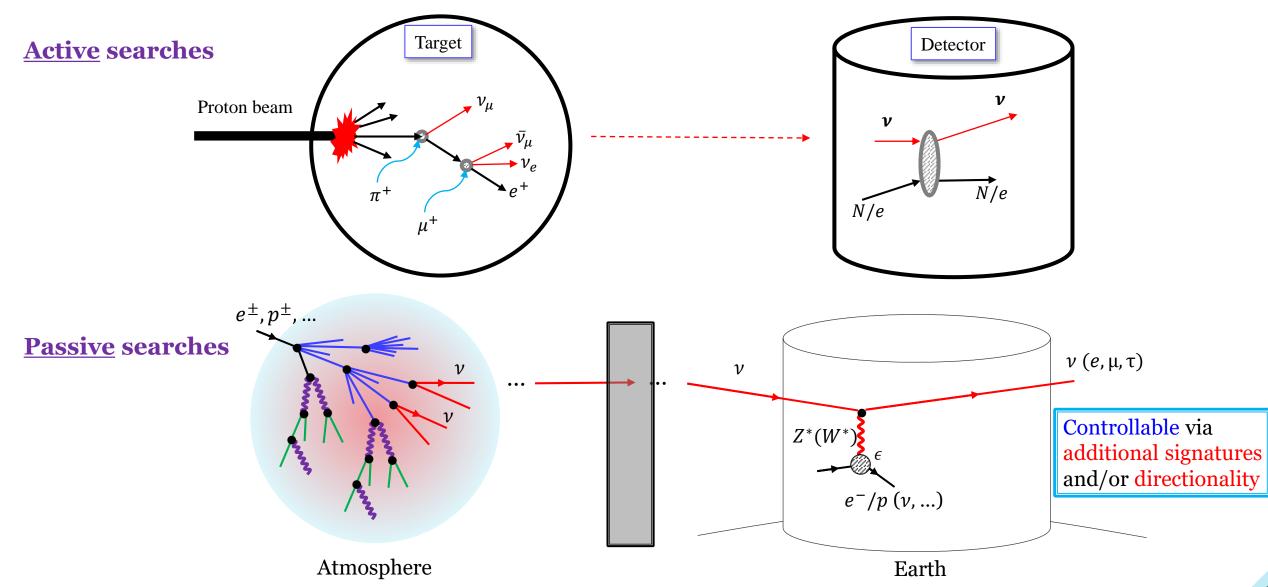
 $E_{r,N/e}$ : recoil kinetic E of target particle  $m_{N/e}$ : mass of target particle Z: atomic number  $s = m_e^2 + 2E_{\gamma}m_e + m_{\gamma}^2$ 

$$S = m_e + 2E_{\chi} m_e + m_{\chi}^2$$
$$\lambda(x, y, z) = (x - y - z)^2 - 4yz$$

 $\mathcal{L}_{V,\text{scatter}} \supset \sum_{f} \kappa_{f}^{V} x_{f}^{V} V_{\mu} \bar{f} \gamma^{\mu} f + \kappa_{D}^{V} V_{\mu} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \chi$ 

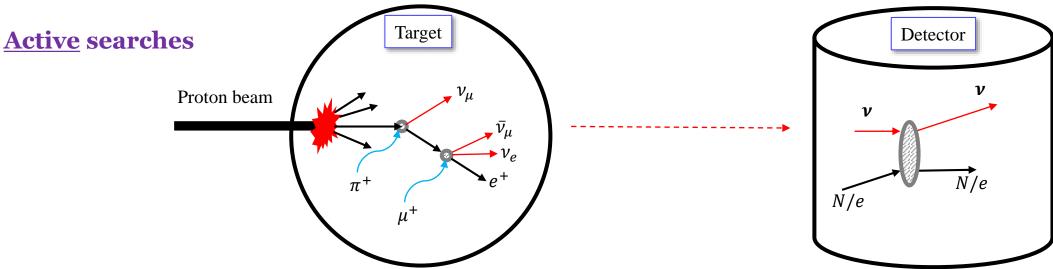
*p*-scattering dominates over DIS for  $m_X$  < O(GeV) [2003.07369]

## **Background? Neutrinos**



#### **Background? Controllable**

Dutta, Kim, Liao, **JCP**, Shin, Strigari, Thompson PRL (2020) /JHEP (2022)



e.g. Low-energy,
High luminosity
& Pulsed-beam
neutrino
experiments

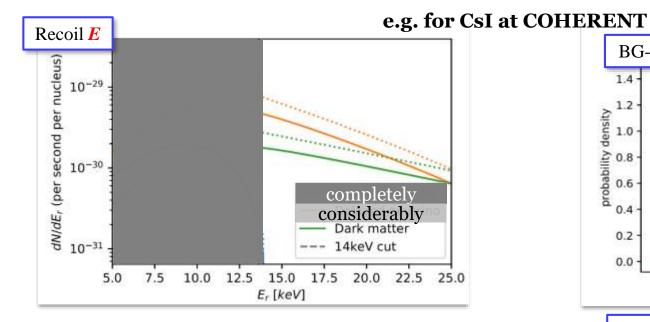
- ❖ Prompt neutrinos from the decay of stopped (positively)-charged pions (kaons → minor)
  - ✓ Mean life time of  $\pi^+ = 2.6 \times 10^{-8}$ s  $\ll \mu$ s.
  - ✓ Neutrino E is single-valued  $(E_{\nu} = \frac{m_{\pi}^2 m_{\mu}^2}{2m_{\pi}} \sim 30 \text{ MeV})$  → *E*-cut
- ❖ Delayed neutrinos from the decay of stopped muons
  - ✓ Mean life time of  $\mu^+ = 2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{s} > \mu \text{s} \rightarrow t\text{-cut}$
  - ✓ Neutrinos are more energetic than prompt neutrinos ( $E_{\nu}^{\text{max}} = \frac{m_{\mu}^2 m_e^2}{2m_{\mu}} \sim 53 \text{ MeV}$ ).

$$E_{r,N}^{\text{max}} = \frac{2E_{\nu}^{2}}{m_{N} + 2E_{\nu}}$$

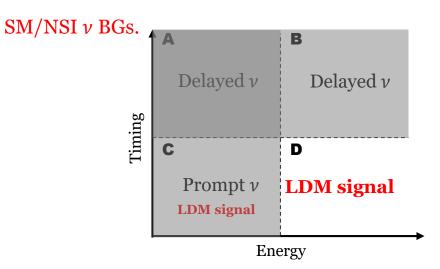
$$E_{r,e}^{\text{max}} = \frac{2E_{\nu}^{2} + 2E_{\nu}m_{e} + m_{e}^{2}}{m_{e} + 2E_{\nu}}$$

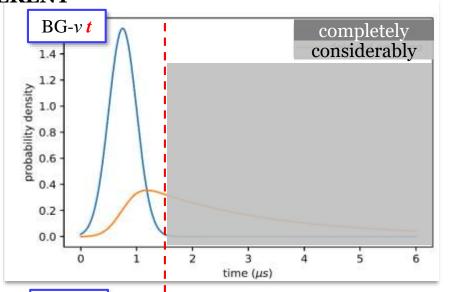
# Background? Proposed Search Strategy: E<sub>r</sub>- & t-cuts Dutta, Kim, Liao, JCP, Shin, Strigari, Thompson

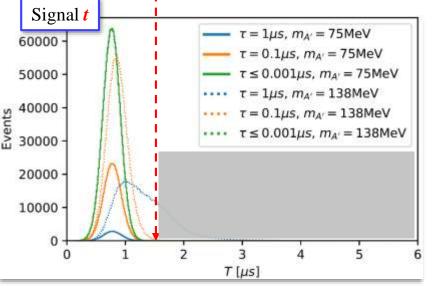
PRL (2020) /JHEP (2022)



❖ A combination of *E* & *t* cuts can remove







## Summary of $E_r$ - & t-cuts

Dutta, Kim, Liao, **JCP**, Shin, Strigari, Thompson PRL (2020) /JHEP (2022)

|              | Channel  | $E_r$ cut                      | t cut  | Background eff. (Remaining events)           |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| COHERENT-CsI | Nucleus  | $E_r \in (14, 26) \text{ keV}$ | $t < 1.5~\mu\mathrm{s}$                                      | AC: 13.4% (138)<br>CEνNS: 37.9% (69)         |
| COHERENT-LAr | Nucleus  | $E_r > 10 \text{ keV}$         | $t < 1.5~\mu\mathrm{s}$                                      | AC: $15\%$ (550)<br>CE $\nu$ NS: $21\%$ (27) |
| CCM          | Nucleus  | $E_r > 50 \text{ keV}$         | $t < 0.1 \ \mu s$ (Tight WP)<br>$t < 0.4 \ \mu s$ (Loose WP) | CEνNS: 0.03% (189)<br>CEνNS: 0.88% (5,970)   |
| $ m JSNS^2$  | Electron | $E_r > 30 \text{ MeV}$         | $t < 0.25 \ \mu { m s}$                                      | $\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}$ : 1.17% (107)        |

#### Remaining events

COHERENT-CsI: 4466 kg·d,

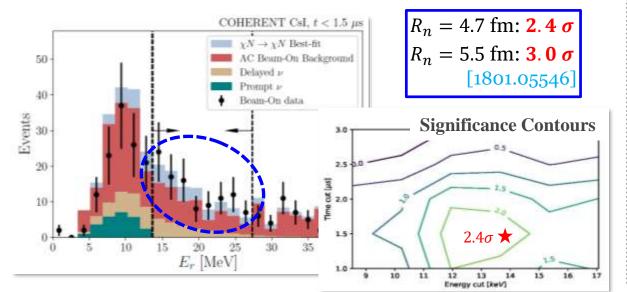
COHERENT-LAr: 6576 kg·d,

CCM & JSNS<sup>2</sup>: 3 year exposures

- ✓ COHERENT & CCM: designed to be sensitive the nucleus recoil [low  $E_r \sim O(10 \text{ keV})$ ]
- ✓ JSNS<sup>2</sup>: a good sensitivity to the electron recoil [high  $E_r \sim 0$ (10 MeV)]
- $\checkmark$  COHERENT-CsI: an upper  $E_r$ -cut beyond which BG uncertainties are high.
- ✓ CCM: 50 keV is not the optimized cut, only  $E_r > 50$  keV data will be available.
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- ✓ JSNS²: only the duration of the 1<sup>st</sup> pulse as our baseline timing cut as the t window of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pulse may be contaminated by delayed neutrinos generated by the 1<sup>st</sup> pulse.

## **Application to Experiments**

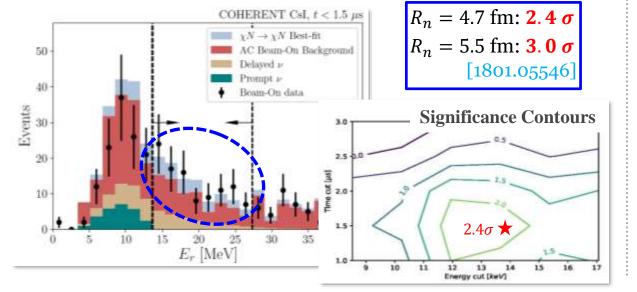
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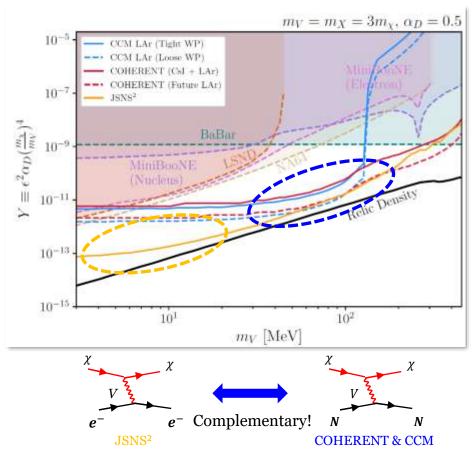
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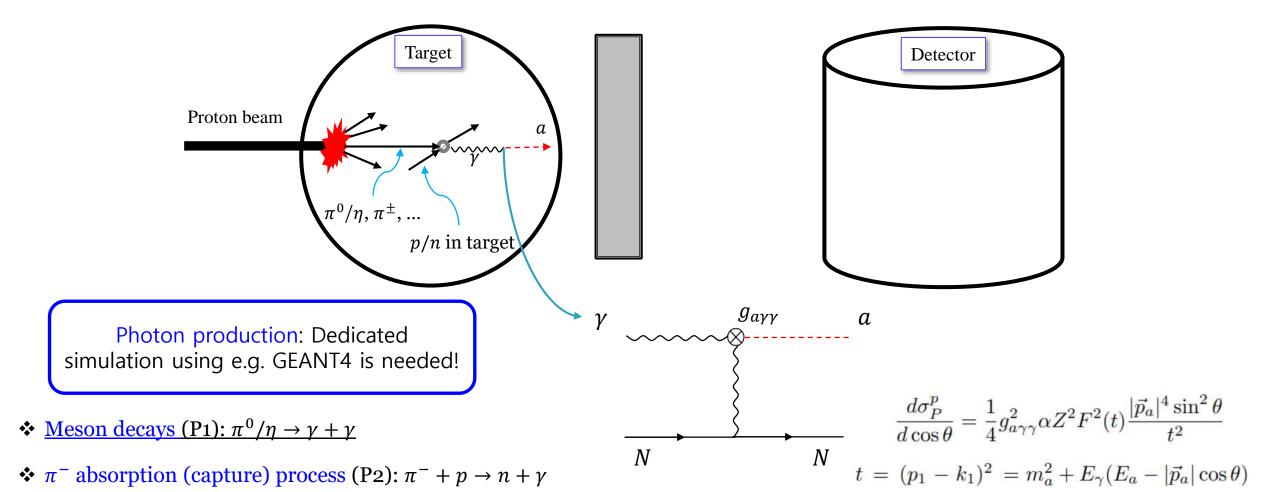


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  Assuming no excess is observed, we can constrain
  parameter space.
  - ✓ NA64, BaBar: missing  $E_T$



#### **ALP Production: Primakoff Process**

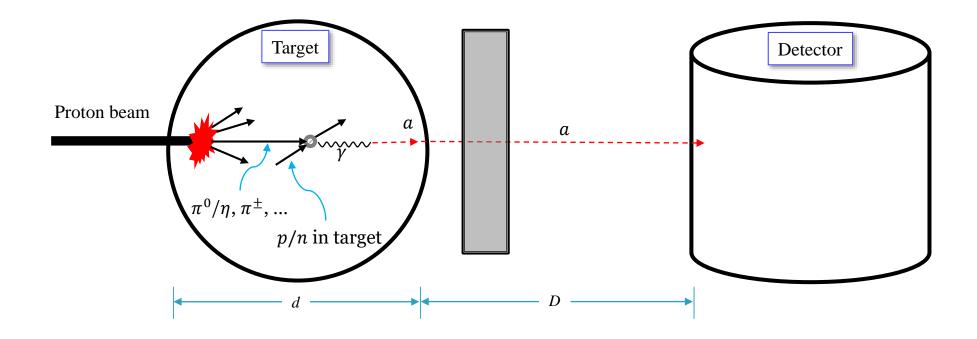


- **\cdot Charge exchange processes** (P3):  $\pi^{-(+)} + p(n) \rightarrow n(p) + \pi^0 \& \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$
- \*  $e^{\pm}$ -induced cascade (P4):  $\gamma$ 's from electromagnetic cascade showering

*Z*: atomic number,  $\alpha$ : fine structure constant, F(t): form factor,  $E_{\gamma}$ : incident photon energy,

 $|\vec{p}_a|$ : magnitude of the outgoing three-momentum of the ALP at the angle  $\theta$  relative to the incident photon momentum

## **ALP Transportation**

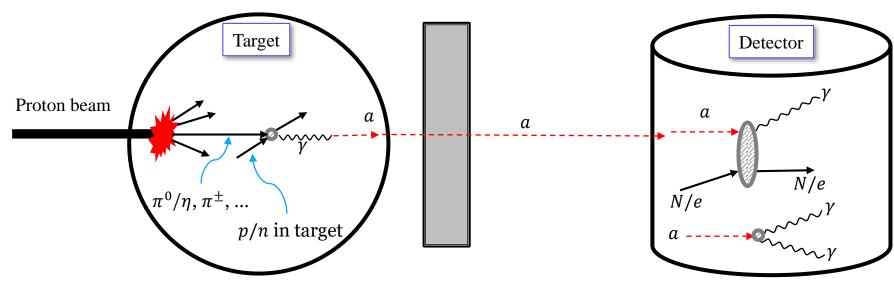


$$P_{\text{tran}} = \exp(-\rho_T \, \sigma_{\text{prod}}^{\text{tot}} d) \exp\left(-\frac{D}{\overline{\ell}_a^{\text{lab}}}\right)$$

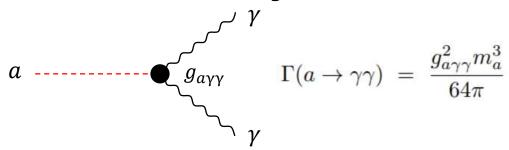
 $\approx 1$  in most experiments

- $\rho_T$ : scattering target number density in the target/dump or reactor core
- $\sigma_{
  m scat}^{
  m tot}$ : ALP scattering cross-section in the target/dump or reactor core
- *d*: thickness of target/dump or reactor core
- *D*: distance to the detector of interest
- $\bar{\ell}_a^{\rm lab}$ : lab-frame mean decay length of ALP

#### **ALP Detection**

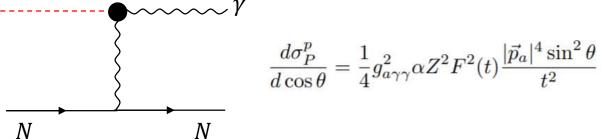


#### **Decay**



$$P_{
m det}^{
m decay} = 1 - \exp\left(-rac{L_{
m det}}{\overline{\ell}_a^{
m lab}}
ight)^{\checkmark} \ \ \overline{\ell}_a^{
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: lab-frame mean decay length  $\swarrow L_{
m det}$ : length of detector

#### **Scattering**

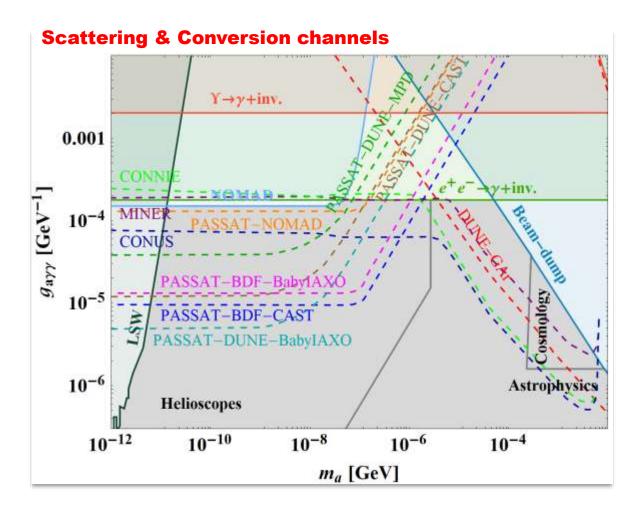


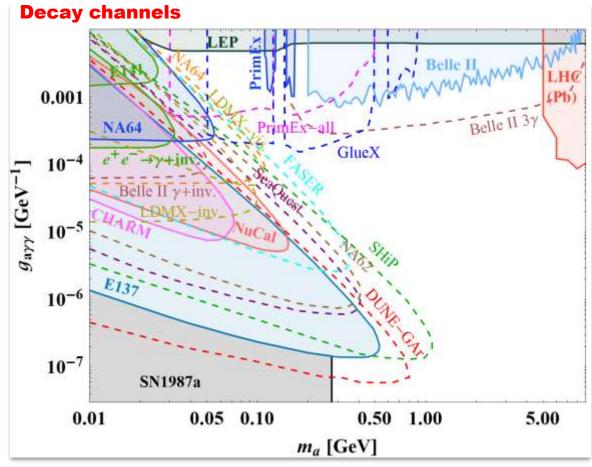
 $\checkmark$   $n_T$ : scattering target number density

 $P_{
m det}^{
m scat} = n_T \; \sigma_{
m det}^{
m fid} \; L_{
m det} \; \checkmark \; \; \sigma_{
m det}^{
m fid}$ : fiducial ALP scattering cross-section

✓  $L_{\text{det}}$ : length of magnetic field region

#### **ALP Sensitivity Reaches**





[Fortin, Guo, Harris, Kim, Sinha, Sun, 2102.12503]

#### Summary

- > Dark world: can be flavorful & secluded → multi-species, masses, spins, interactions, ...
  - → Numerous ideas for portals between DM-SM sectors & dark sector particles
- > Light new particles: rising interest
  - ✓ **Light DM (< MeV) direct detection**: Very low  $E_{th}$  detectors are required.
  - ✓ Cosmogenic boosted DM:  $\nu$ BDM dominant & enhanced flux for light DM with  $K_{\rm DM} > E_{th}$ 
    - → Even <u>detectable</u> using ordinary DM detectors
  - ✓ **Beam-induced energetic production**: new opportunities for DM, dark photon, ALP, ...

## Thank you