

LHC Lifetime Frontier and Visible Decay Searches in Composite Asymmetric Dark Matter Models

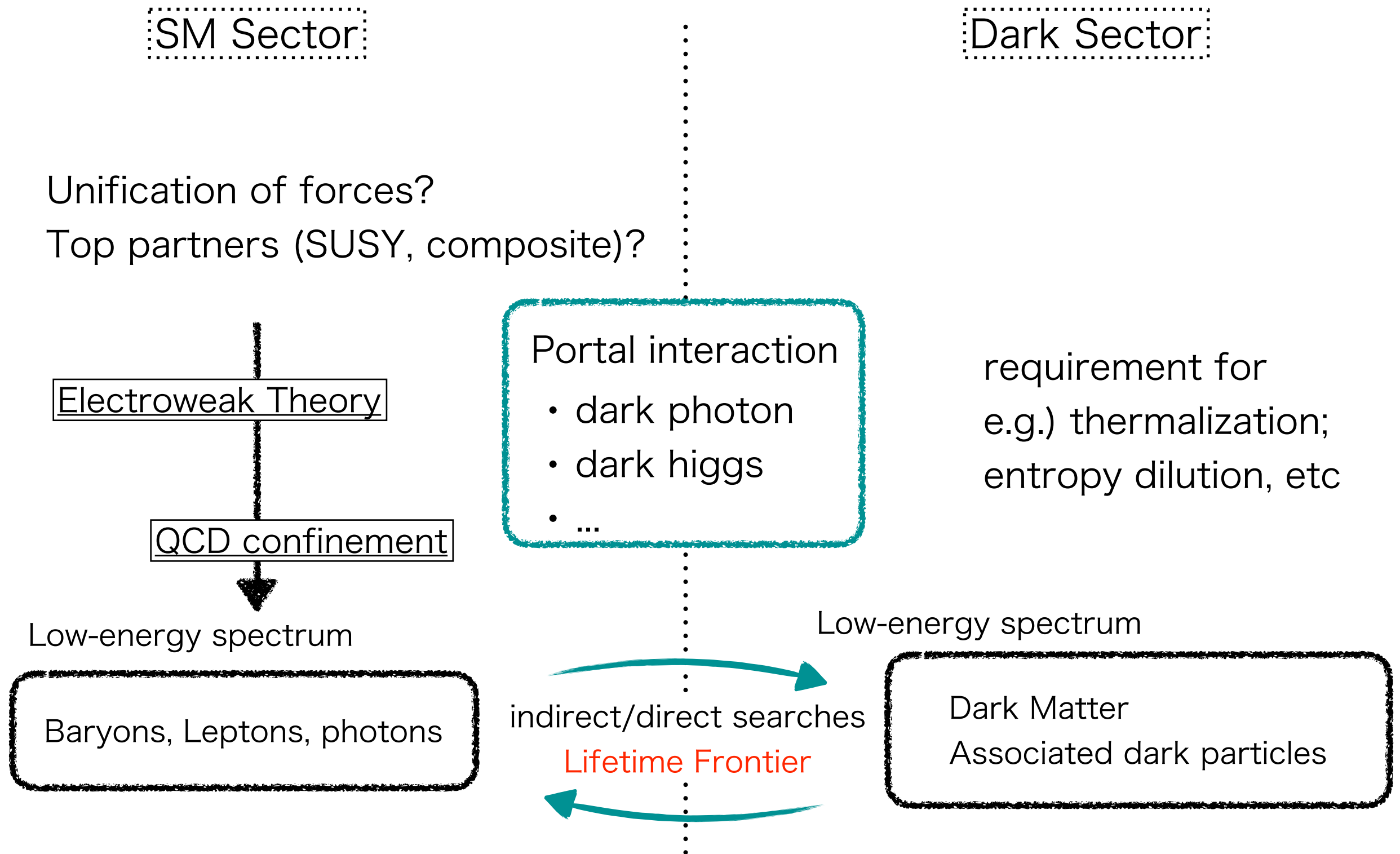
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Dark Sector and Lifetime Frontier

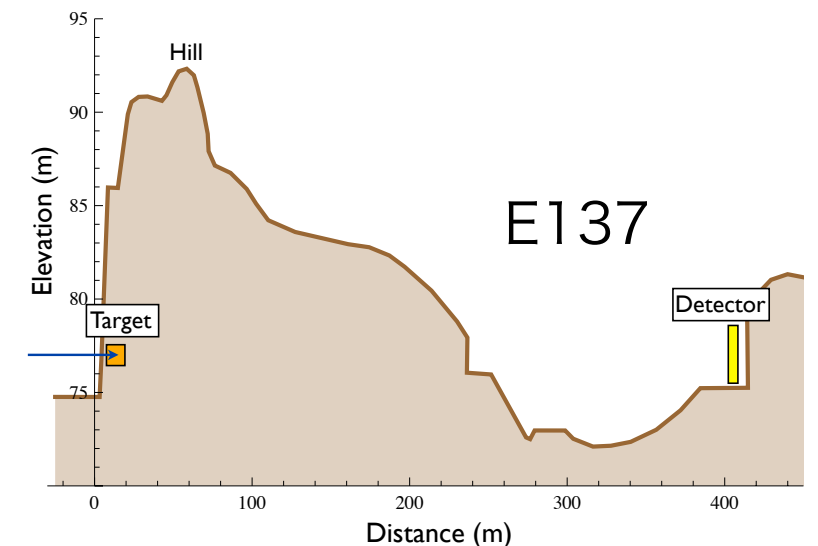


Portal interactions are keys to searching for Dark Sector

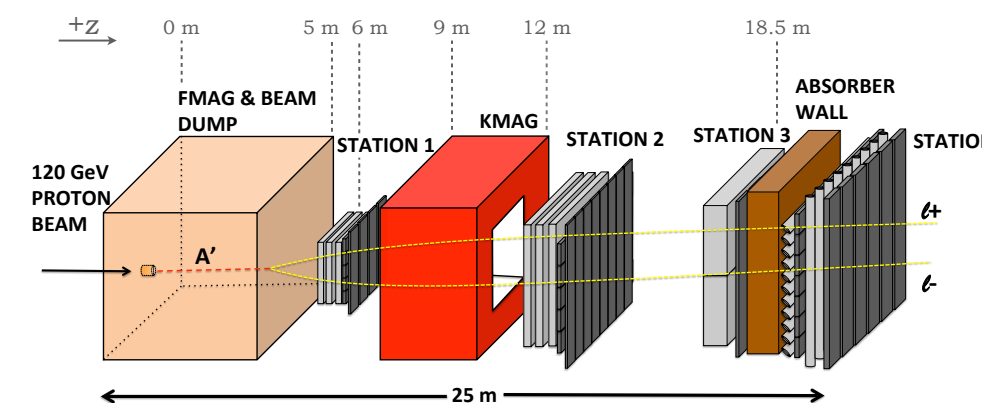
Long-lived Particles Searches: Fixed-target Experiments

Decay lengths of $O(1)$ cm - $O(1)$ m

- constraints from existing data (E137, CHARM, etc)
- parasitic experiments
 - DarkQuest: designed to study sea quark content of proton
- background-free/small background from SM particles
 - Absorbed by shielding/veto system

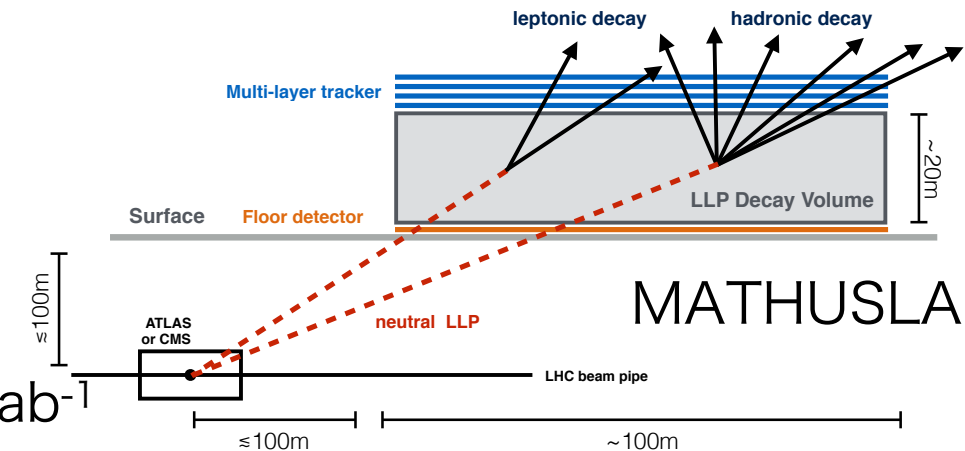


DarkQuest (SeaQuest)



Long-lived Particles Searches: LHC lifetime frontier

Decay lengths of $O(1)$ - $O(10^2)$ m



- Far-detector experiments at LHC: HL-LHC (2027~) 3 ab^{-1}
- almost background-free (shielded by infrastructure/charged particle trigger)
- Off-axis detector (MATHUSLA, $\theta_{\text{det}} \simeq 0.5$; CODEX-b, $\theta_{\text{det}} \simeq 1$)

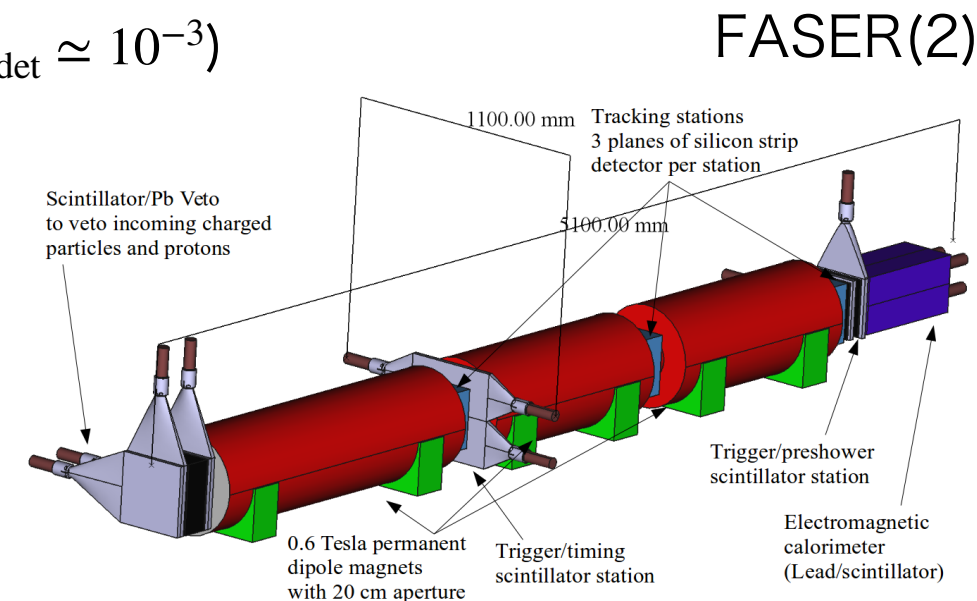
less boosted particle ($\beta\gamma \sim p/p_T \sim \theta_{\text{det}}^{-1} \sim O(1)$)

$c\tau \sim O(10^2)$ m/ preferred heavy LLPs

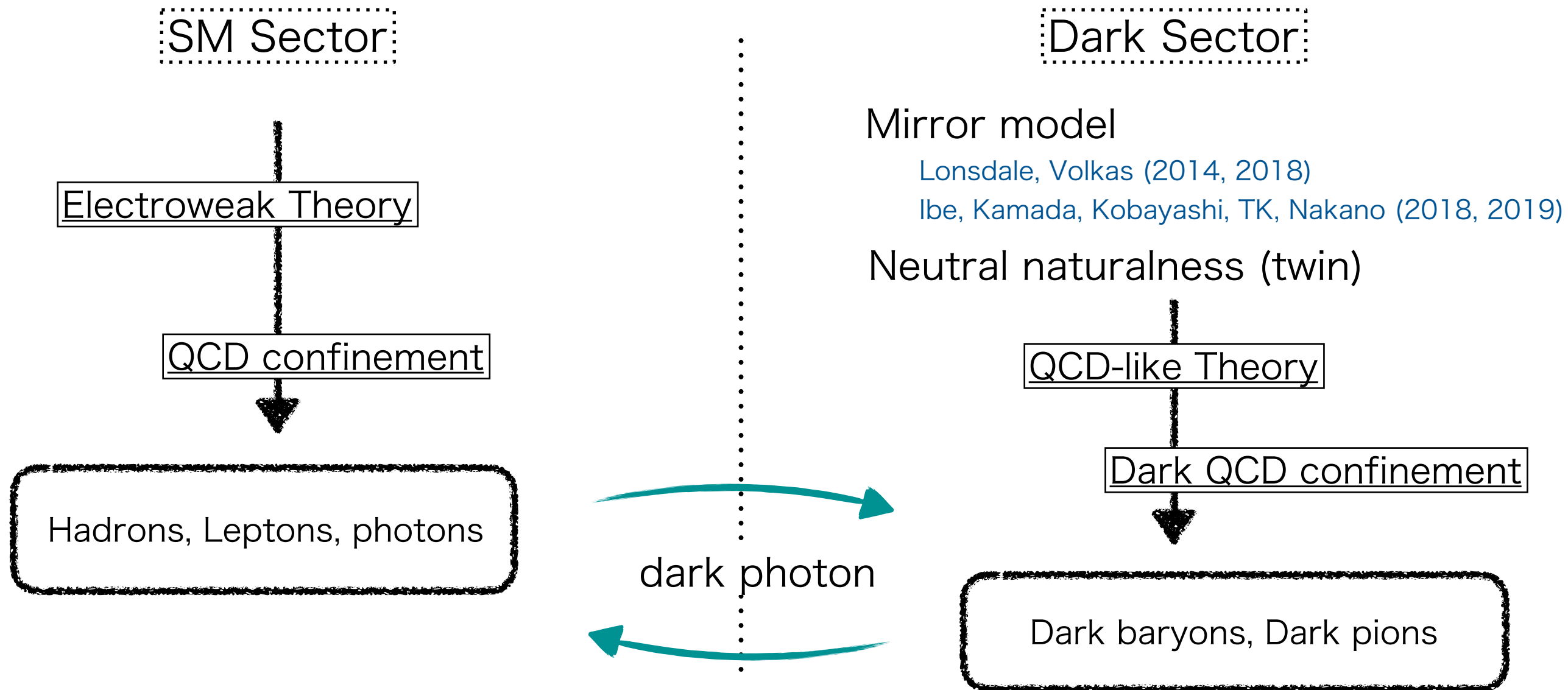
- Forward detector (FASER(2), $\theta_{\text{det}} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-3}$; FACET, $\theta_{\text{det}} \simeq 10^{-3}$)

quite boosted particle ($\beta\gamma \sim \theta_{\text{det}}^{-1} \sim O(10^3)$)

$c\tau \sim O(1)$ m/ preferred light LLPs



Dark Sector with Confining dynamics

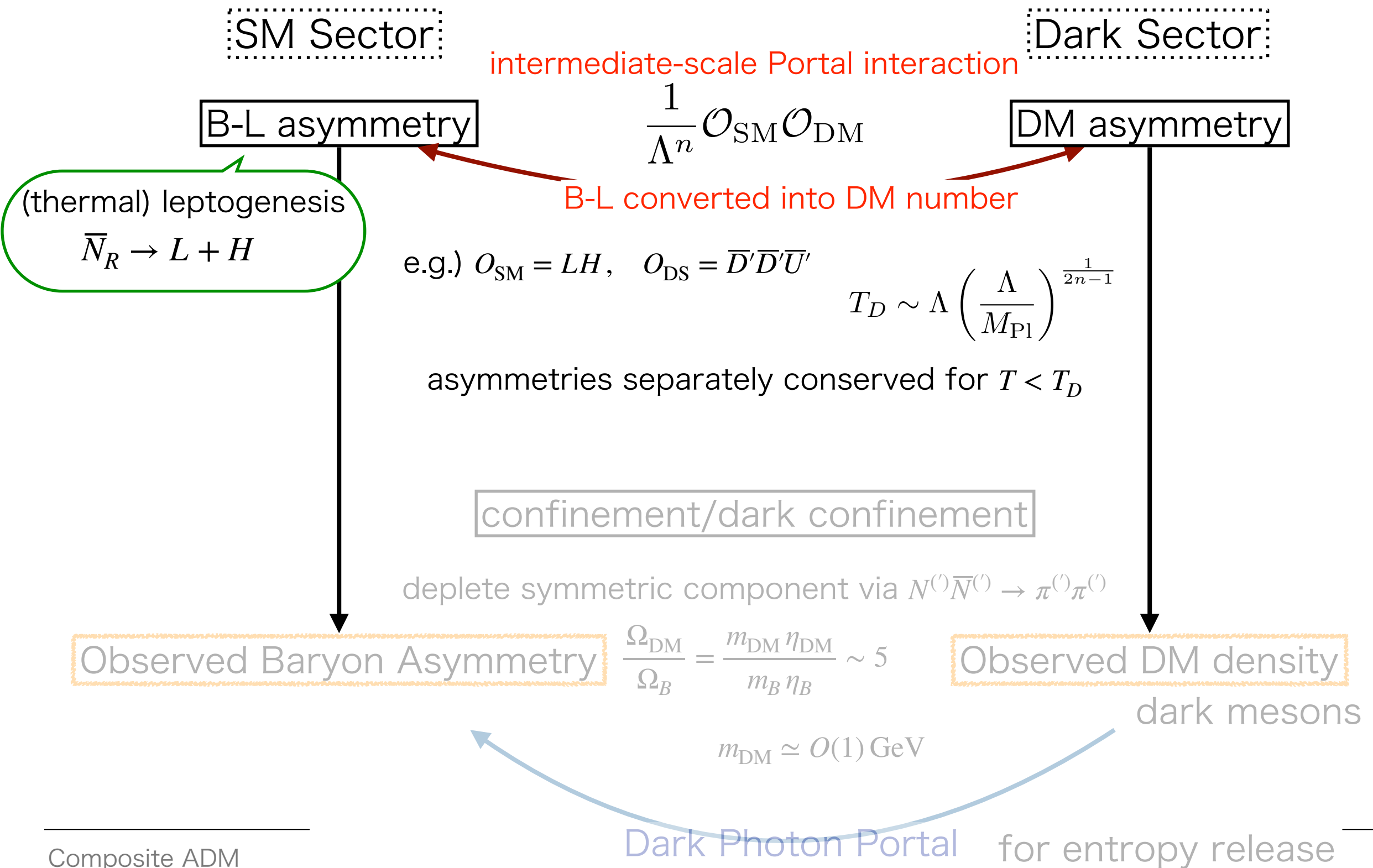


- Similar confinement scale $\Lambda'_{\text{QCD}} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ is expected in models with the SM copy
- Dark hadron DM
 - dark pions (SIMP) Hochberg, Kuflik, Murayama, Volansky, Wacker (2015)
 - **dark baryons (composite asymmetric DM)**

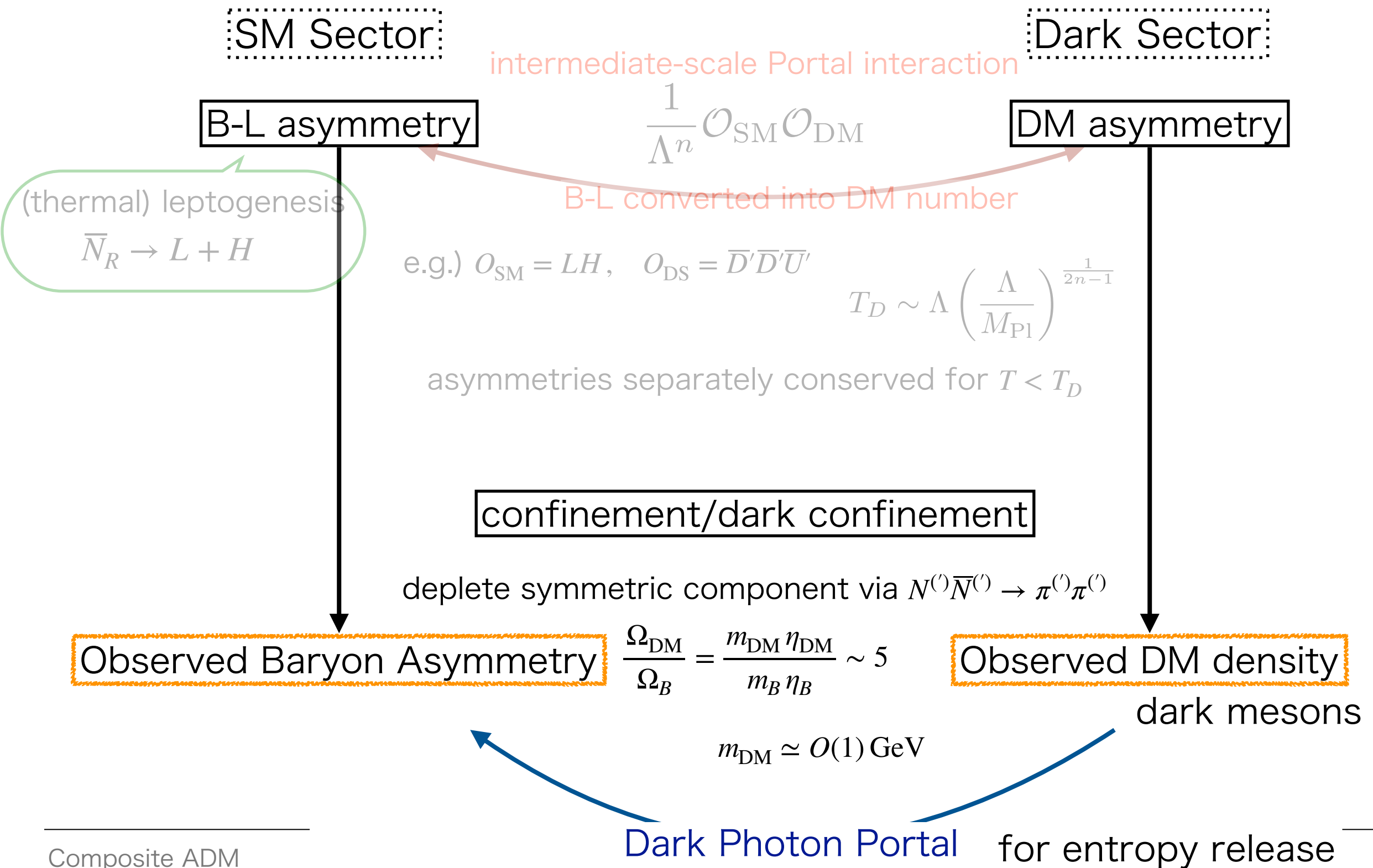
Ibe, Kamada, Kobayashi, Nakano (2018)

To be specific, we consider $\text{SU}(N_c=3)$ 2-flavor $\text{QCD}_{\text{dark}} \times \text{QED}_{\text{dark}}$

Composite Asymmetric DM Scenario



Composite Asymmetric DM Scenario



Visible Decay/Transition of Dark Hadrons

dark pion decay

- pion anomalous decays

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff.}} \supset -\frac{N_C \alpha'}{24\pi f_{\pi'}} \pi' F'^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}'_{\mu\nu}$$

- semi-SM decay: $\sim O(1)$ m

$$c\tau_{\pi}(\pi^3 \rightarrow A' + f\bar{f}) \simeq 0.3 \text{ m} \left(\frac{1.0 \text{ GeV}}{m_{A'}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{f_{\pi'}}{0.8 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{-3}}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left(\frac{0.1}{\alpha'} \right)^2$$

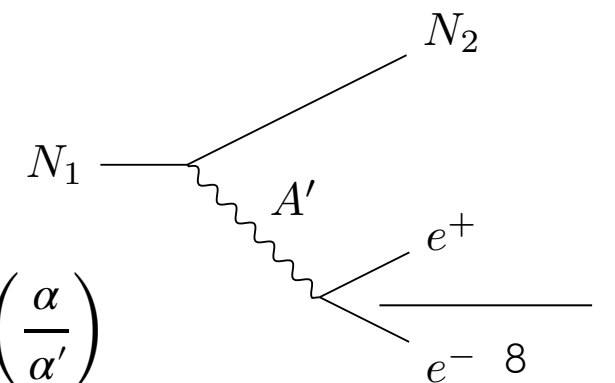
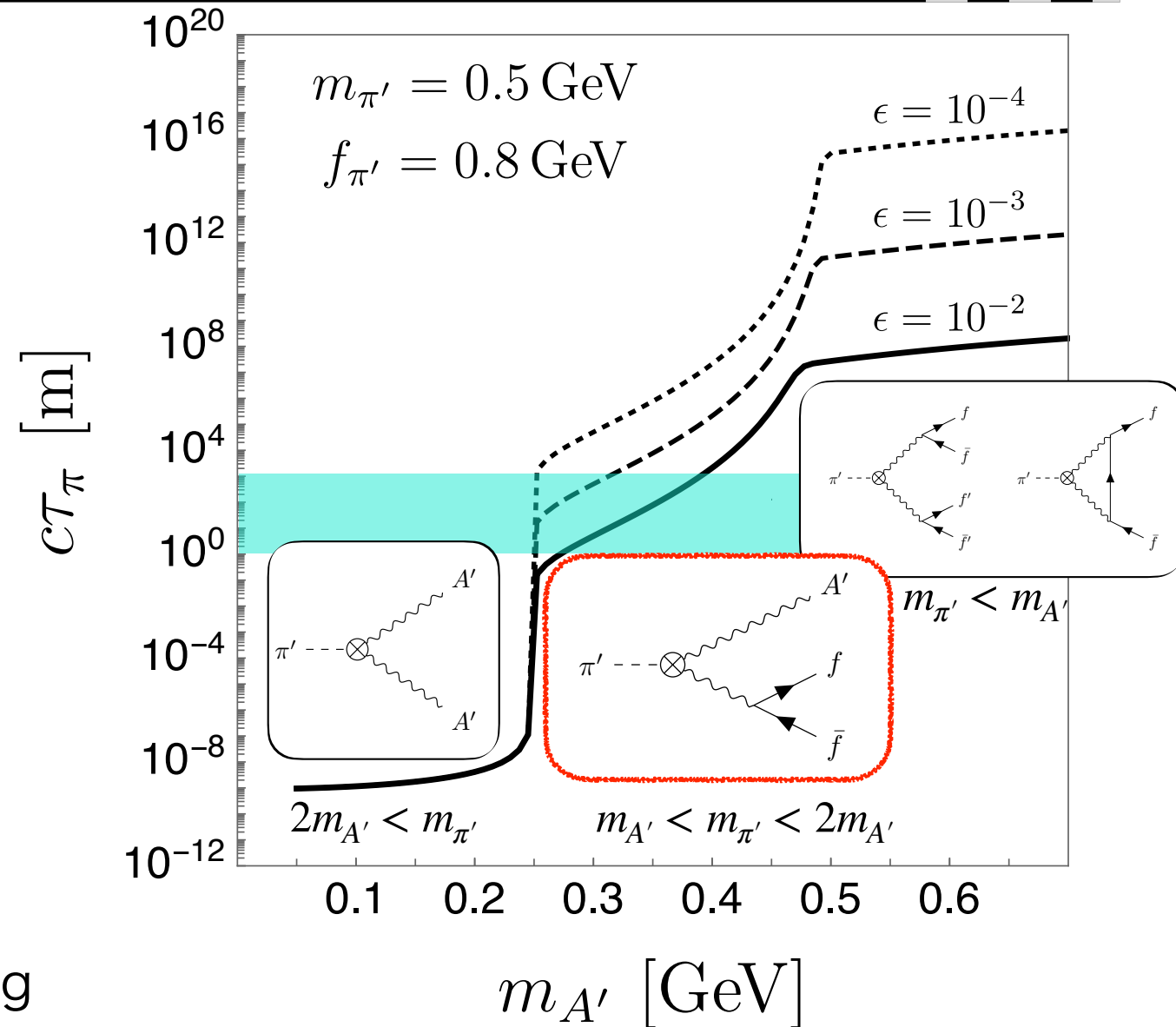
dark nucleon transition

- dark nucleon mixing via $U(1)_D$ breaking

off-shell dark photon when $\Delta_N m_{N_2} < m_{A'}$

$$\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow N_2 + f\bar{f}) \simeq \frac{\epsilon^2 \alpha' \alpha Q_f^2}{15\pi} \sin^2 2\theta_V \frac{m_{N_2}^5 \Delta_N^5}{m_{A'}^4} \quad m_f = 0 \text{ limit}$$

$$c\tau(N_1 \rightarrow N_2 + f\bar{f}) \simeq 3 \text{ m} \left(\frac{0.1}{\Delta_N} \right)^5 \left(\frac{8.5 \text{ GeV}}{m_{N_2}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{m_{A'}}{3 \text{ GeV}} \right)^4 \left(\frac{10^{-2}}{\sin 2\theta_V} \right)^2 \left(\frac{5 \times 10^{-3}}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha'} \right)$$



Dark Photon Decay

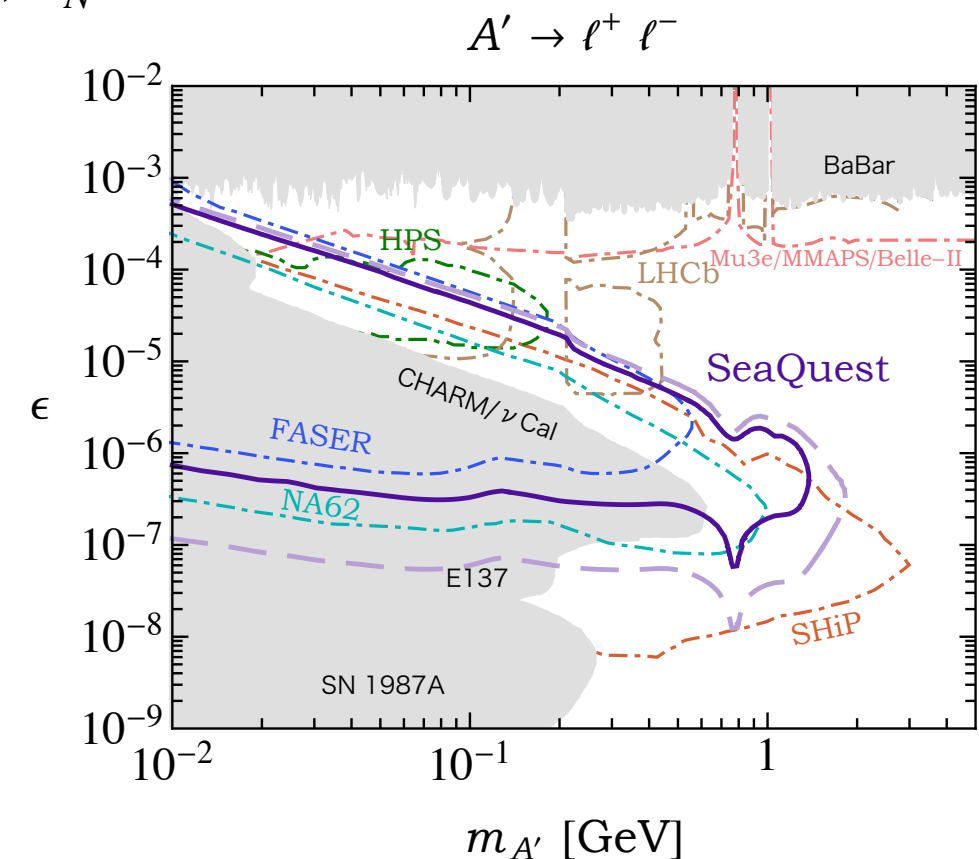
dark photon is lightest in the dark sector: $m_{A'} < m_{\pi'}, m_{N'}$

- $\text{Br}(A' \rightarrow \text{SM}) = 1$
- visible decay signals from A'

$$\Gamma(A' \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) = \frac{1}{3} \alpha \epsilon^2 m_{A'} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\ell^2}{m_{A'}^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_\ell^2}{m_{A'}^2} \right)$$

Existing constraints

- Prompt decay: BaBar, KLOE, LHCb, ...
- LLP @ Fixed-target: E137, CHARM, ν Cal, ...

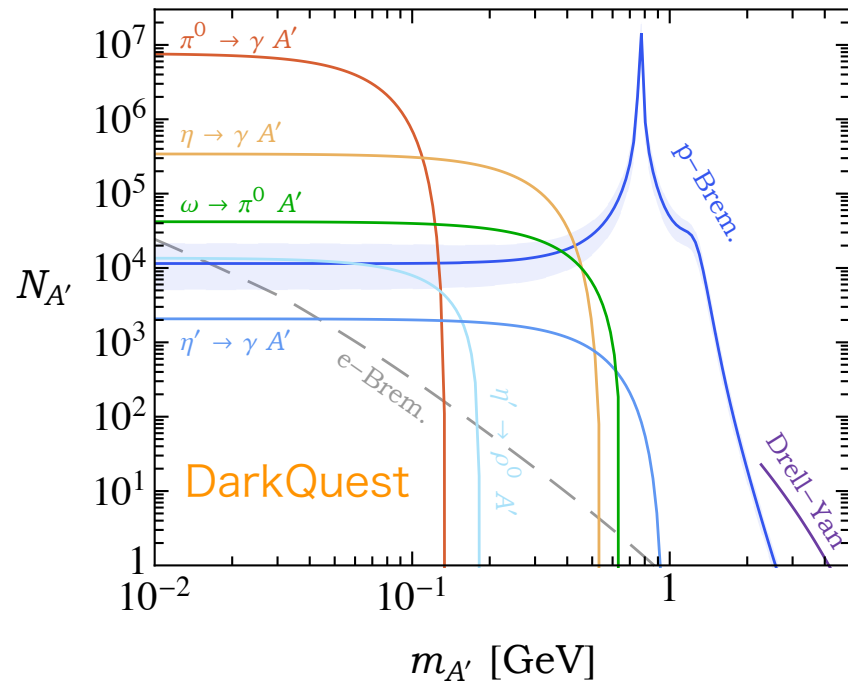


Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro (2018)

Dark Hadron Production

Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro (2018)

$E_{\text{beam}} = 120 \text{ GeV}, 1.44 \times 10^{18} \text{ POT}, \epsilon = 10^{-6}$



via off-shell dark photon

approximate cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{A'}^2 dx} = \frac{d\sigma_{A'}(m_{A'}^*)}{dx} \times \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{m_{A'}^* \Gamma_{A'} (A' \rightarrow \text{dark hadrons})}{(m_{A'}^{*2} - m_{A'}^2)^2 + (m_{A'}^* \Gamma_{A'})^2}$$

off-shell A' production

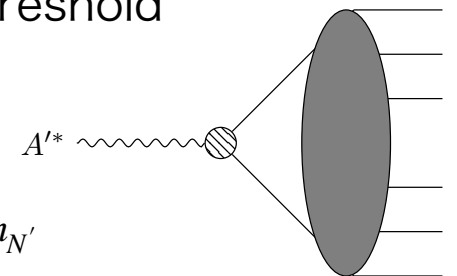
Produced number of dark hadrons

$$N \simeq \int dm_{A'}^2 \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{m_{A'}^* \Gamma_{A'}(m_{A'} = m_{A'}^*)}{m_{A'}^{*4}} N_{A'} \Big|_{m_{A'} = m_{A'}^*}$$

Dark Nucleon Production

hadronization just above nucleon-pair prod. threshold

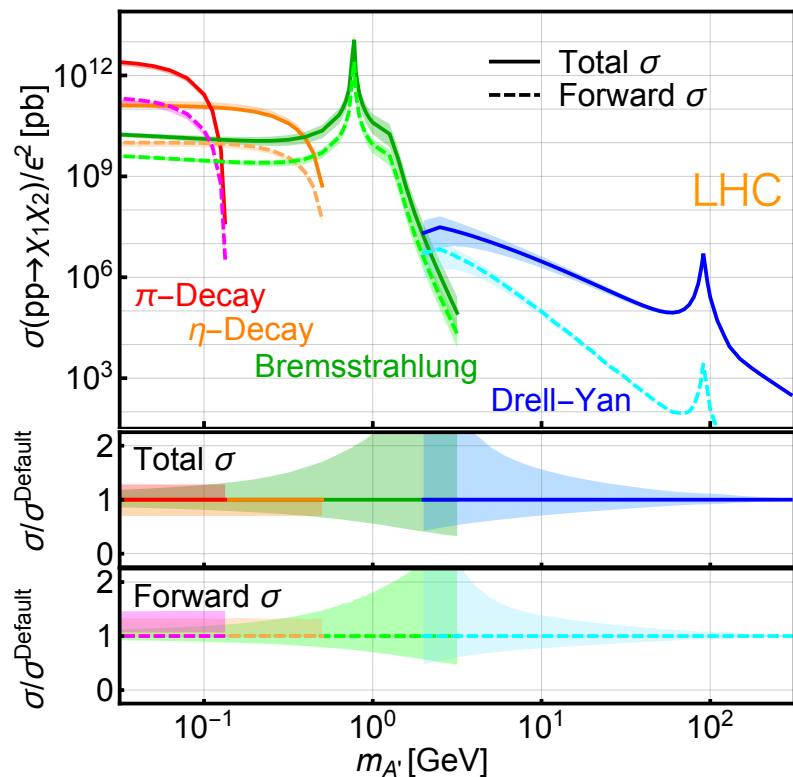
$$N_{N_1} \simeq \frac{n_{N'} \alpha'}{\pi} \left(\sum Q_{q'}^2 \right) N_{A'} \Big|_{m_{A'}^* = \sqrt{10} m_{N'}}$$



hadron multiplicity $n_{N'} \simeq 0.08$

SM value @ J/psi threshold 10

DASP Collab. (1979)



Berlin, Kling (2018)

Dark Pion Production

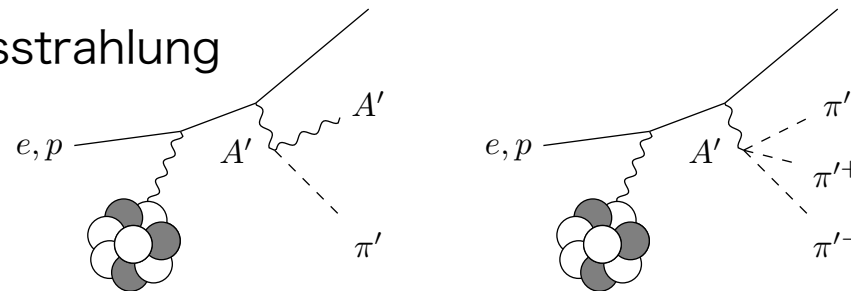
Our interest: dark-neutral pions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff.}} \supset -\frac{N_C \alpha'}{24\pi f_{\pi'}} \pi' F'^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}'_{\mu\nu} - \frac{i N_C e'}{12\pi^2 f_{\pi'}^3} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A'_\mu \partial_\nu \pi'^+ \partial_\rho \pi'^- \partial_\sigma \pi'$$

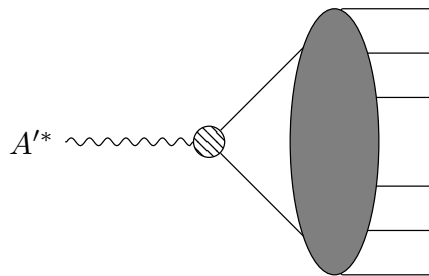
- energy injection $m_{A'}^*$ **below** Λ'_{QCD}

via effective interactions

e.g.) bremsstrahlung



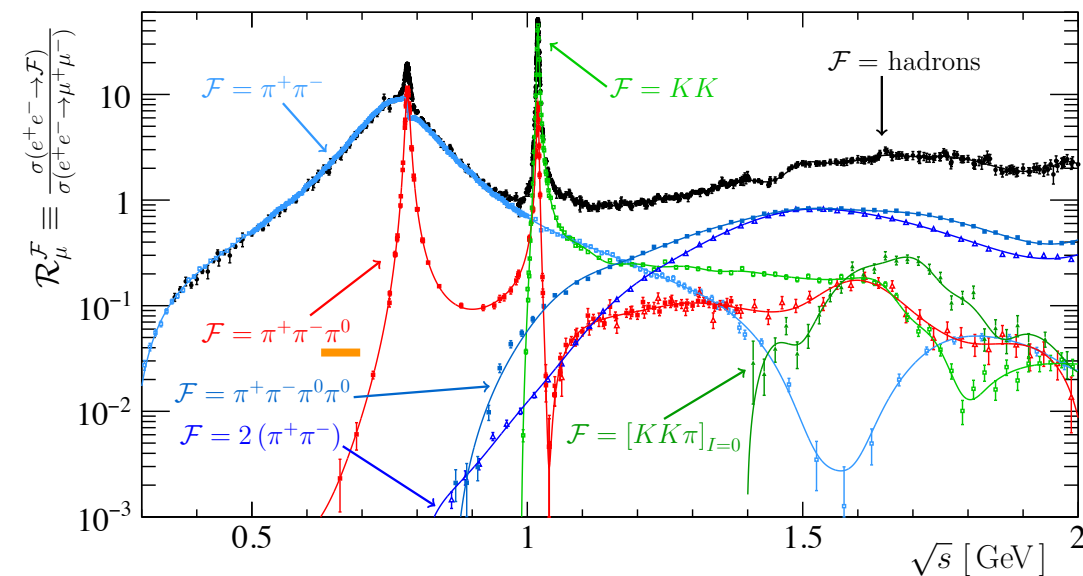
- energy injection $m_{A'}^*$ **above** Λ'_{QCD}



$$N_{\pi'} \simeq \frac{n_{\pi'} \alpha'}{\pi} \left(\sum Q_{q'}^2 \right) N_{A'} \Big|_{m_{A'}^* = m_{N'}} \quad \text{hadron multiplicity } n_{\pi'} \simeq 2.0$$

SM value @ J/psi threshold

DASP Collab. (1979)



Itten, Soreq, Williams, Xue (2018)

PDG data

Visible Decay Searches for Dark Pions

Kamada, TK (2021)

$$m_{A'} < m_{\pi'} < 2m_{A'}$$

$$\text{decay constant: } f_{\pi'} \simeq f_{\pi} \left(\frac{m_{N'}}{m_p} \right)$$

visibly-decay dark photon

Belle-II, LHC-b (Prompt decay)
SHiP, DarkQuest (Fixed-target)

Existing Constraints:

BaBar/KLOE/LHC-b (Prompt decay)
E137/CHARM/ ν Cal (Fixed-target)

dark pion decay

hadronization

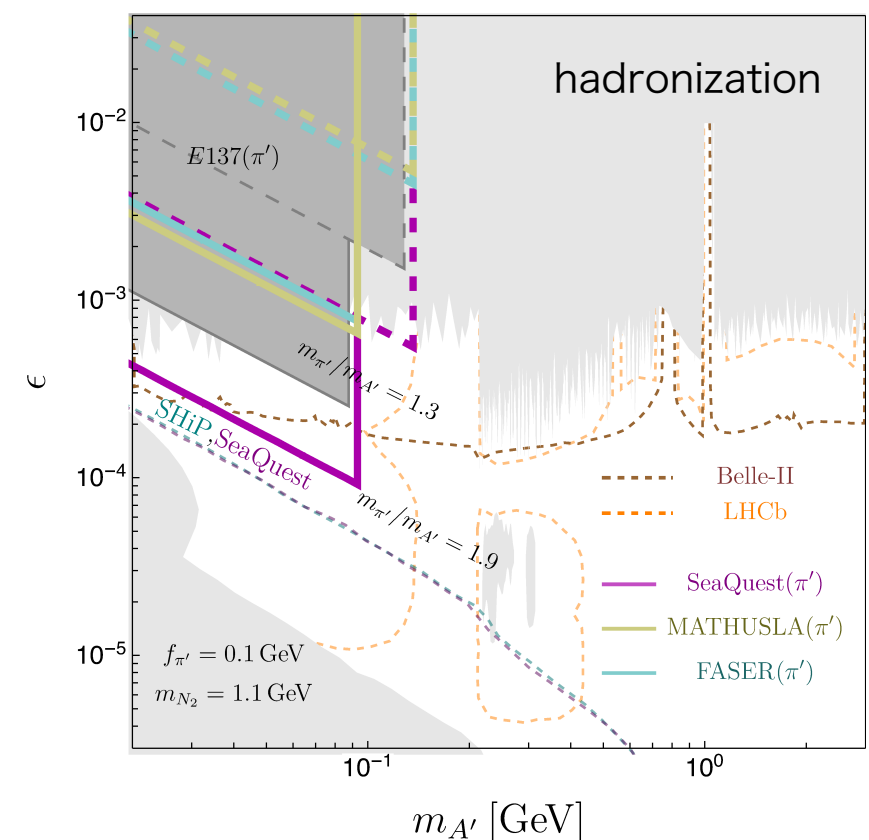
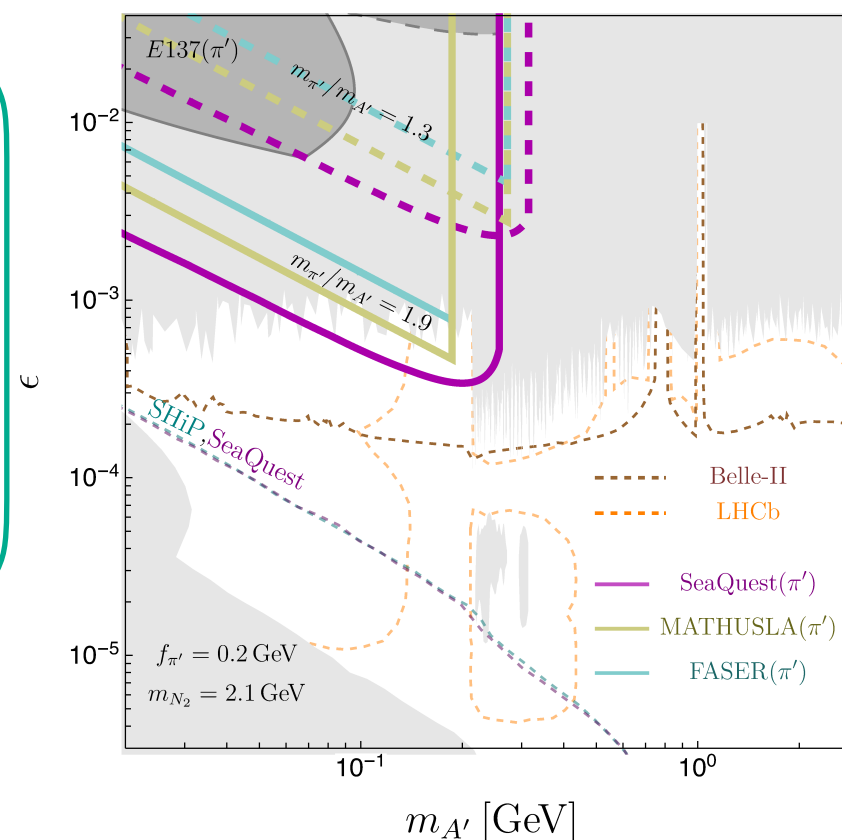
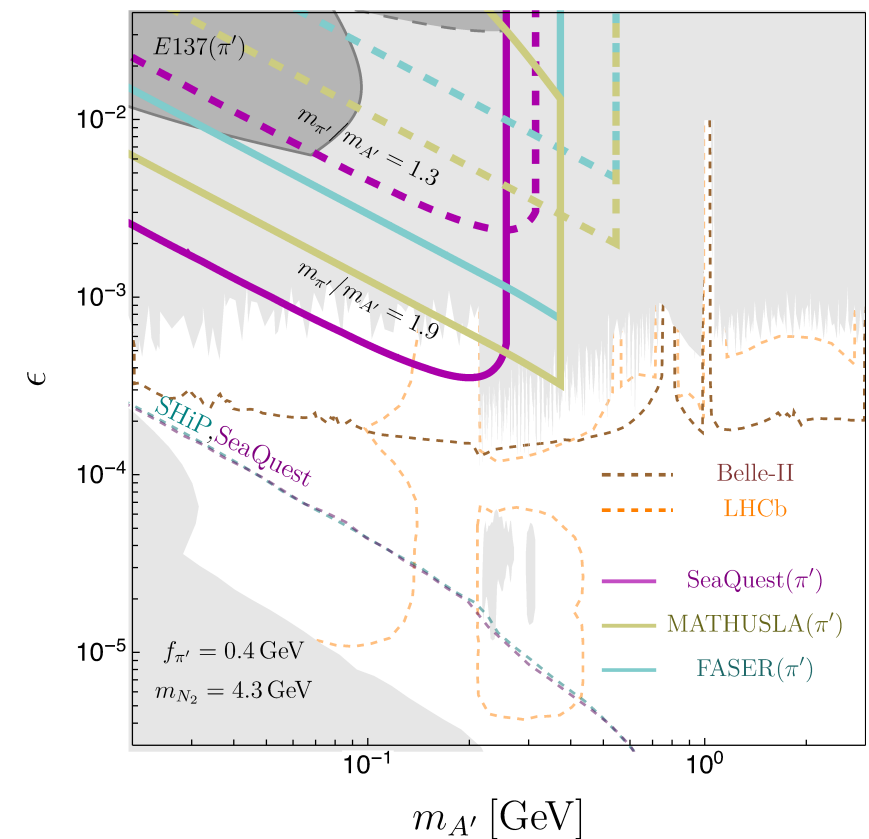
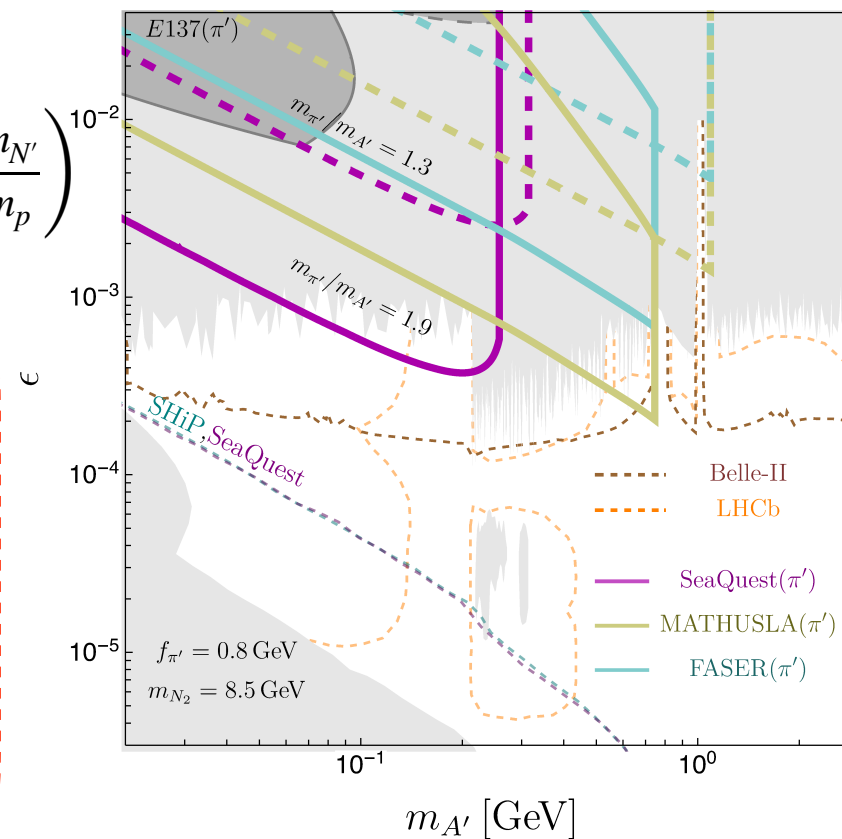
LHC/DarkQuest for $m_{N'} \simeq m_{\rho}$

Sharp cuts:

hadronization (LHC) $6m_{\pi'} \simeq m_{N'}$

p bremsstrahlung $m_{\pi'} + m_{A'} \simeq m_{\rho}$

Experimental Signals



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Hadronization Production

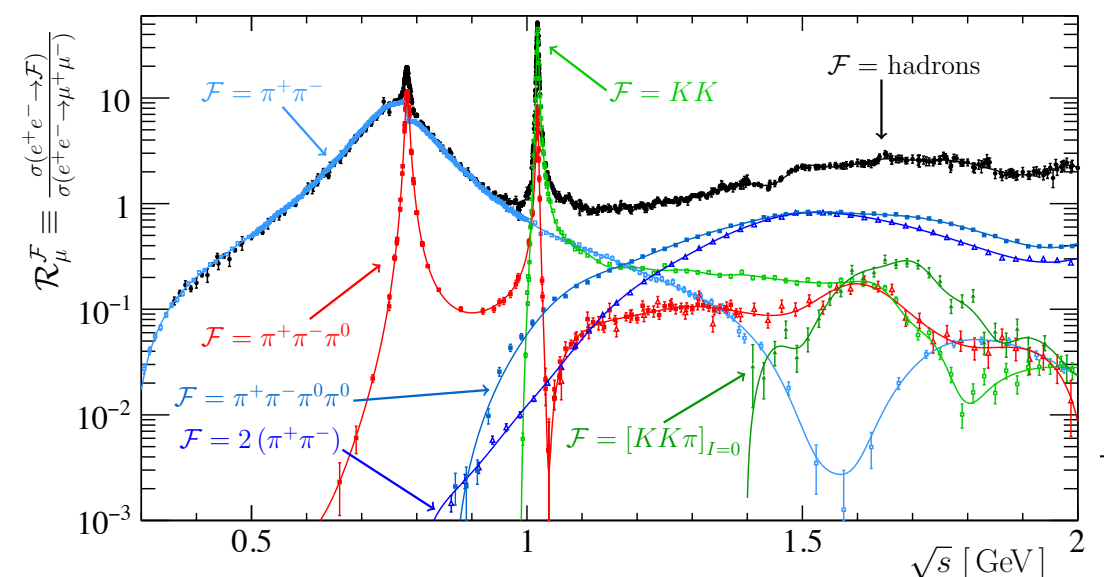
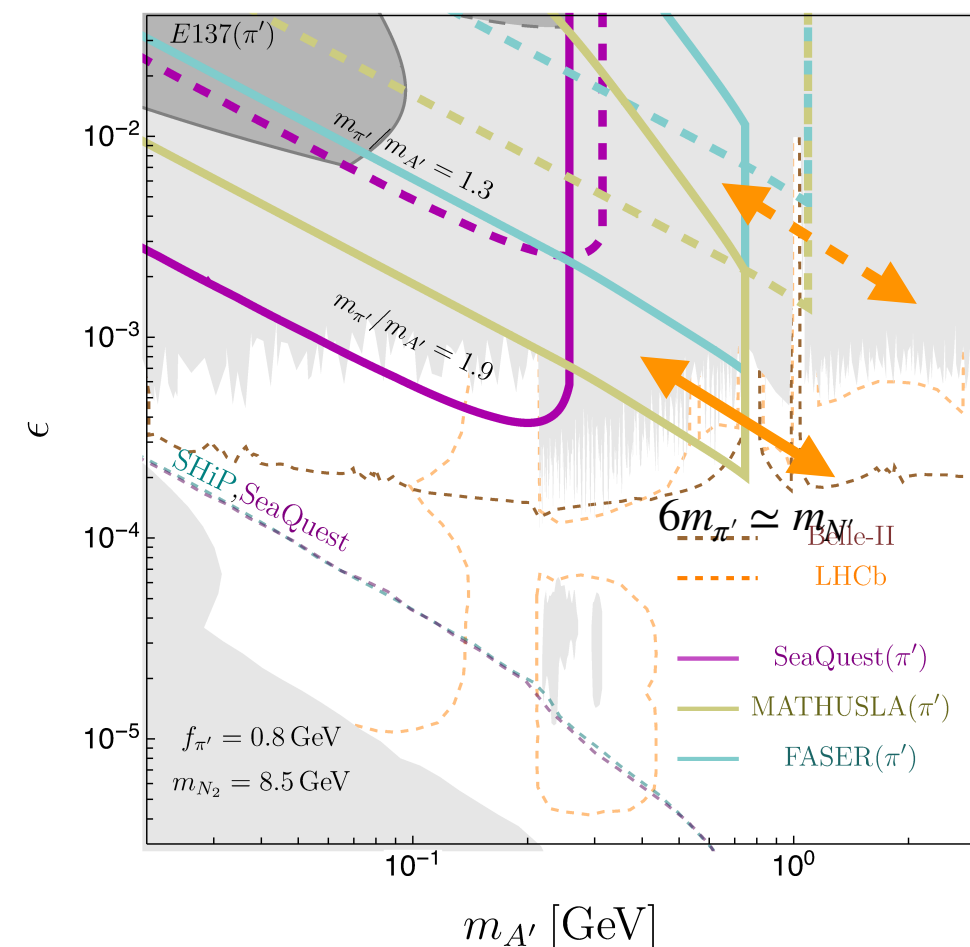
$$N_{\pi'} \simeq \frac{n_{\pi'} \alpha'}{\pi} \frac{5}{3} N_{A'} \Big|_{m_{A'}^* = m_{N'}} \Big|_{\text{hadron multiplicity } n_{\pi'} \simeq 2.0}$$

six dark pions ($2\pi', 2\pi'^{\pm}$) in one dark hadronization
due to isospin (among $\pi', \pi'^{\pm}$)

enhanced production

@ ρ, ω -like resonance in the dark sector

further investigation is worthwhile



Visible Decay Searches for Dark Nucleons

Kamada, TK (2021)

dark n-like nucleon = DM

DM-SM scattering

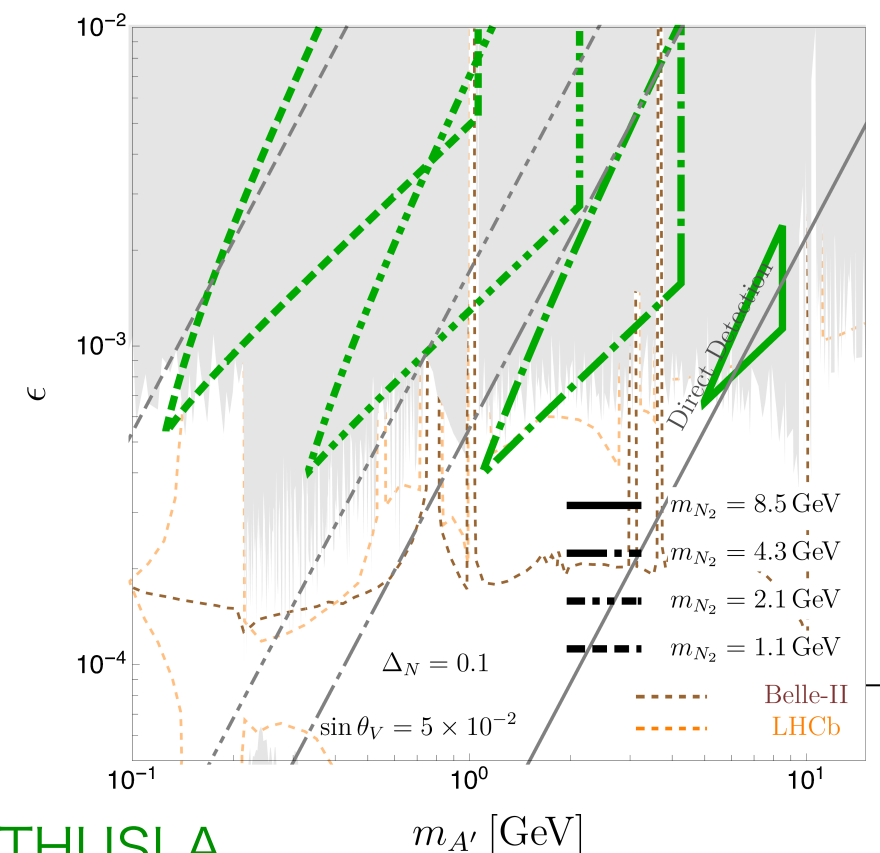
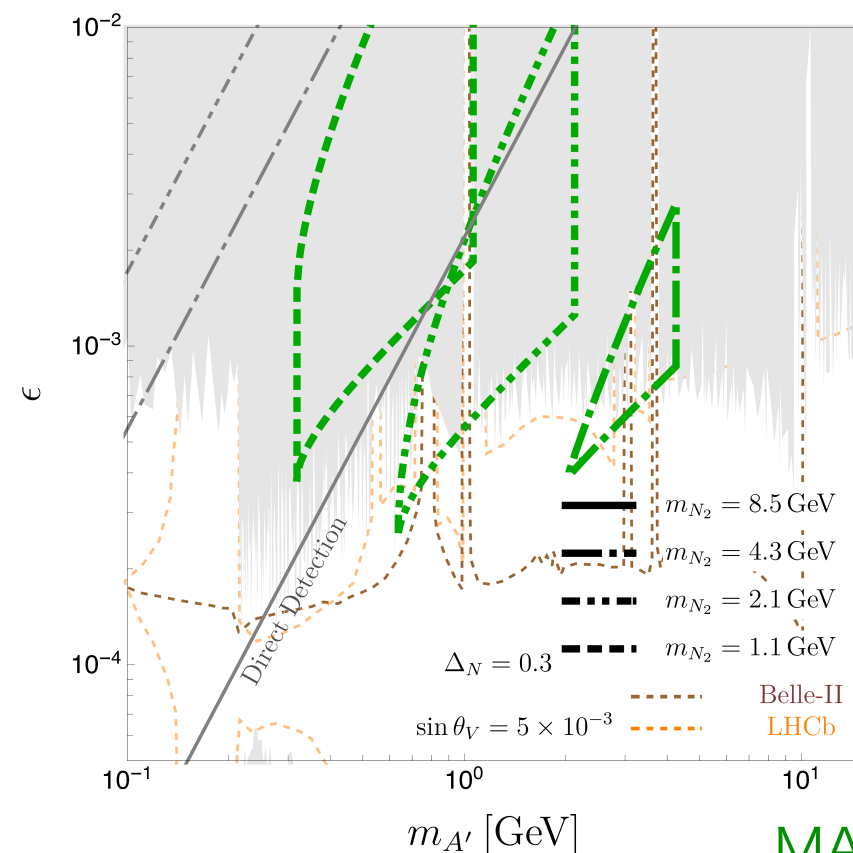
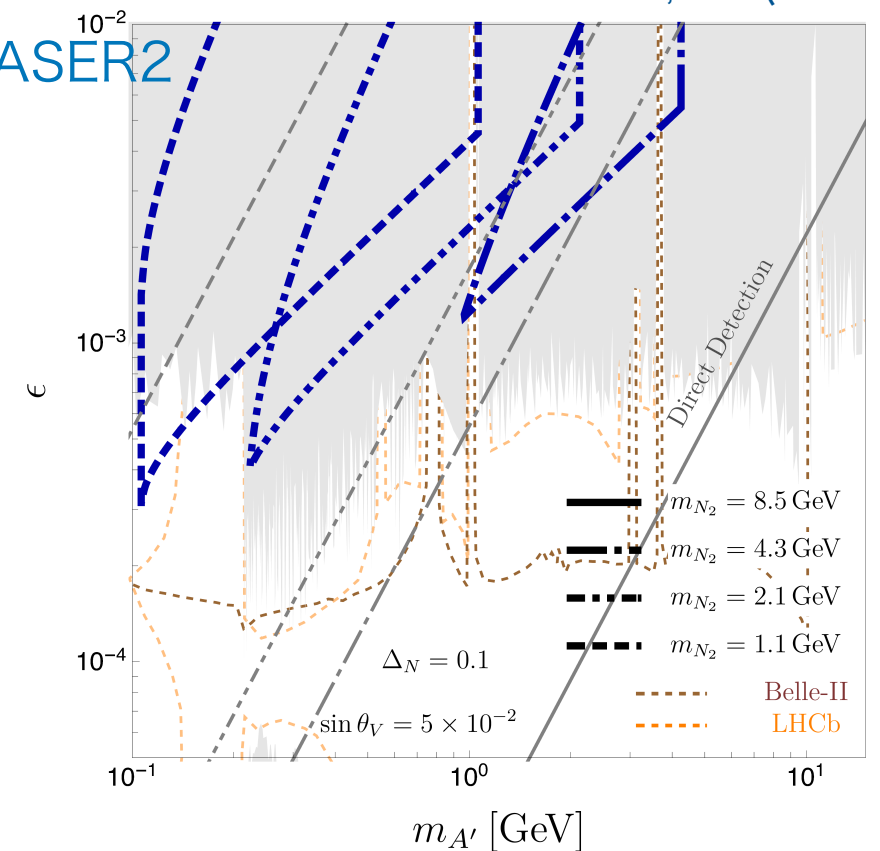
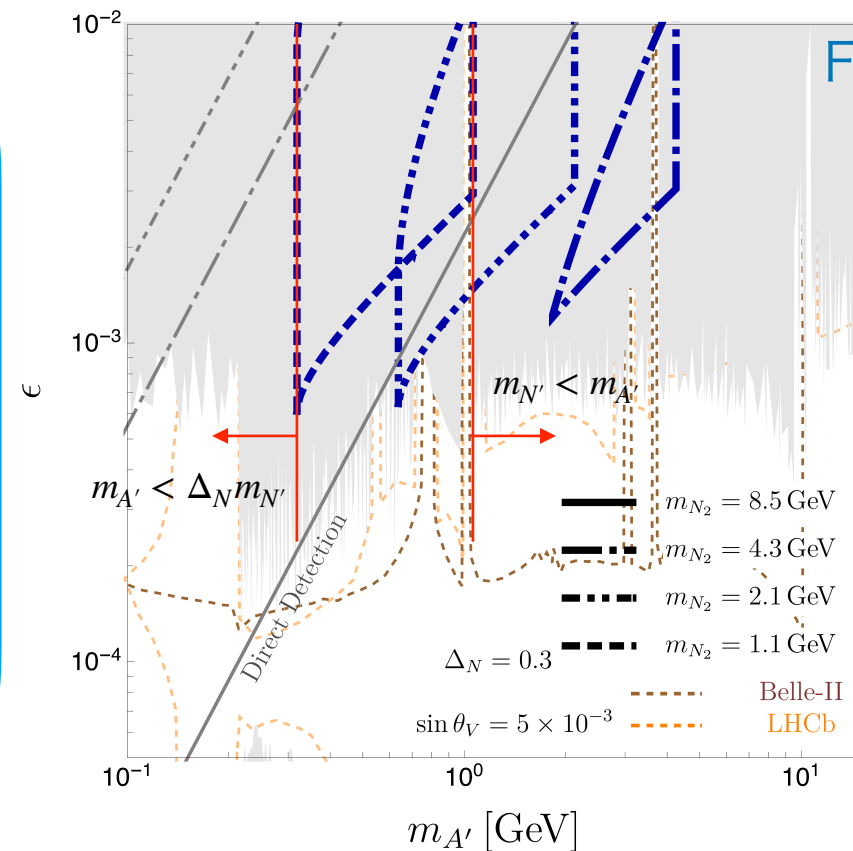
- kinetic mixing
- $n'-p'$ mixing / $U(1)_D$ violation

Direct detection

PandaX-II (2018,2021)

DarkSide-50 (2018)

CRESST-III (2019)



FASER

$$p/p_T \simeq 10^3$$

short lifetime

MATHUSLA

$$p/p_T \simeq 10^0$$

long lifetime

Experimental Signals

MATHUSLA

Summary and Discussions

Dark Sector searches with Lifetime frontier

- visible decay via a portal mediator (dark photon)
- most of studies: minimal model/its variations

Composite ADM with dark photon @ LLP searches

- ✓ FASER & MATHUSLA $\rightarrow N'$ & π'
- ✓ Fixed-target (DarkQuest) $\rightarrow \pi'$
- ✓ A' visible decay searches (LHCb, Belle-II)

Discussions

- Specific spectrum: dark pion with $m_{A'} < m_{\pi'} < 2m_{A'}$
- Other models with light dark hadrons
vector mesons with degenerated spectrum (puffy DM/SIMP)
- modeling/understanding "dark" hadronization is worthwhile for investigating

Cao, TK, Yuan in preparation

Backup Slides

Asymmetries

If the asymmetry is fully shared b/w dark and visible sectors

$$m_{\text{DM}} = \frac{\Omega_{\text{DM}}}{\Omega_B} m_B \frac{\eta_B}{\eta_{\text{DM}}} \simeq 5\text{GeV} \frac{\eta_B}{\eta_{\text{DM}}}$$

- chemical equilibrium
- conservation of charges (B-L, Q)
- rapid sphaleron & top decoupled before EWSB

$$\frac{\eta_B}{\eta_{\text{SM}}} = \frac{30}{97}, \quad \frac{\eta_{\text{SM}}}{\eta_{\text{DM}}} = \frac{237}{44n_{g'}}$$

Weinberg, **Cosmology**

Ibe, Matsumoto, Yanagida (2011)

Fukuda, Matsumoto, Mukhopadhyay (2015)

$n_{g'}$: # of generations, $U', \bar{U}', D', \bar{D}'$

the ADM mass

$$m_{\text{DM}} \simeq \frac{8.5}{n_{g'}} \text{GeV}$$

LLP Constraints/Sensitivities

The number of signals

$$N_{\text{signal}} \simeq N_{\text{LLP}} \times (\text{effic.}) ,$$

$$(\text{effic.}) \simeq \frac{1}{N_{\text{event}}} \sum_{\text{event}} \left(e^{-\frac{r_{\min}}{d}} - e^{-\frac{r_{\max}}{d}} \right) \underline{A} .$$

geometric efficiency
energy threshold

decay length $d = c\tau\beta\gamma$

We formulate **approximate sensitivity curves** instead of generating events by MC from existing sensitivity curves (A', iDM, ...) Kamada, TK (2021)

Upper bound on decay rate

decay before detector: ($d \ll r_{\min}$)

$$\frac{c\tau_{\text{LLP}} p_{\max} m_{\text{LLP}}^{-1}}{r_{\min}} \ln \frac{N_{\text{LLP}} A}{N_{\text{signal}}} \simeq 1$$

$$\frac{d_0}{r_{\min}} \ln \frac{N_{\chi}^0 A_0}{N_{\text{signal}}} \simeq 1$$

reference

$$\ln \frac{N_{\text{LLP}} A}{N_{\chi}^0 A_0} + \frac{r_{\min}}{d_0} = \frac{r_{\min}}{c\tau_{\text{LLP}} p_{\max} m_{\text{LLP}}^{-1}}$$

Lower bound on decay rate

rarely decays inside detector: ($d \gg r_{\max}$)

$$\frac{r_{\max} - r_{\min}}{c\tau_{\text{LLP}} p_{\min} m_{\text{LLP}}^{-1}} \frac{N_{\text{LLP}}}{N_{\text{signal}}} A \simeq 1$$

$$\frac{r_{\max} - r_{\min}}{d_0} \frac{N_{\chi}^0}{N_{\text{signal}}} A_0 \simeq 1$$

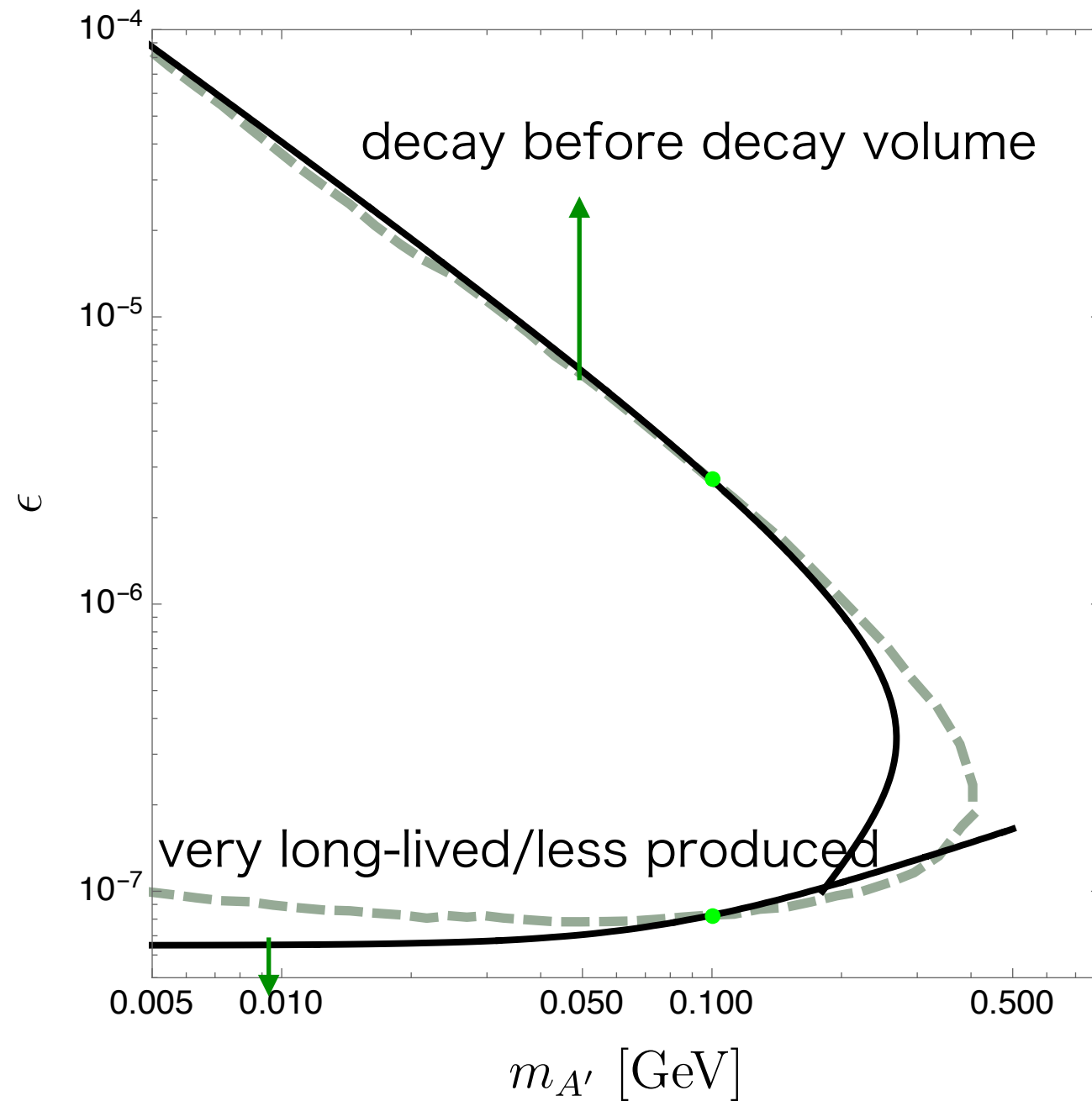
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$$\frac{r_{\max} - r_{\min}}{c\tau_{\text{LLP}} p_{N_1:\min} m_{\text{LLP}}^{-1}} \frac{N_{\text{LLP}}}{N_{\chi}^0} \frac{A}{A_0} = \frac{r_{\max} - r_{\min}}{d_0}$$

Validity of Fitting approx. functions

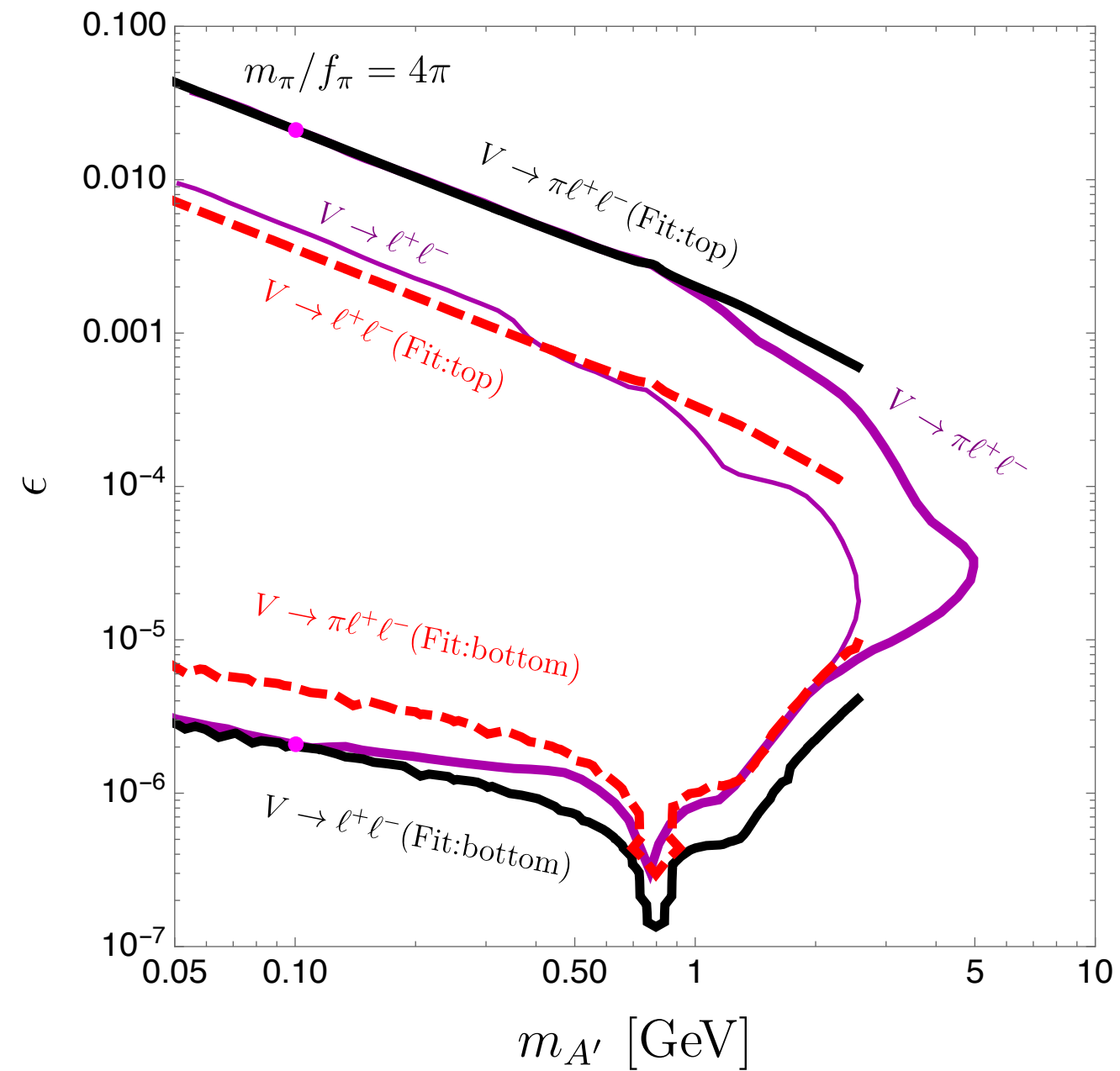
E137 dark photon searches

[Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro \(2009\)](#)



SeaQuest dark rho meson searches

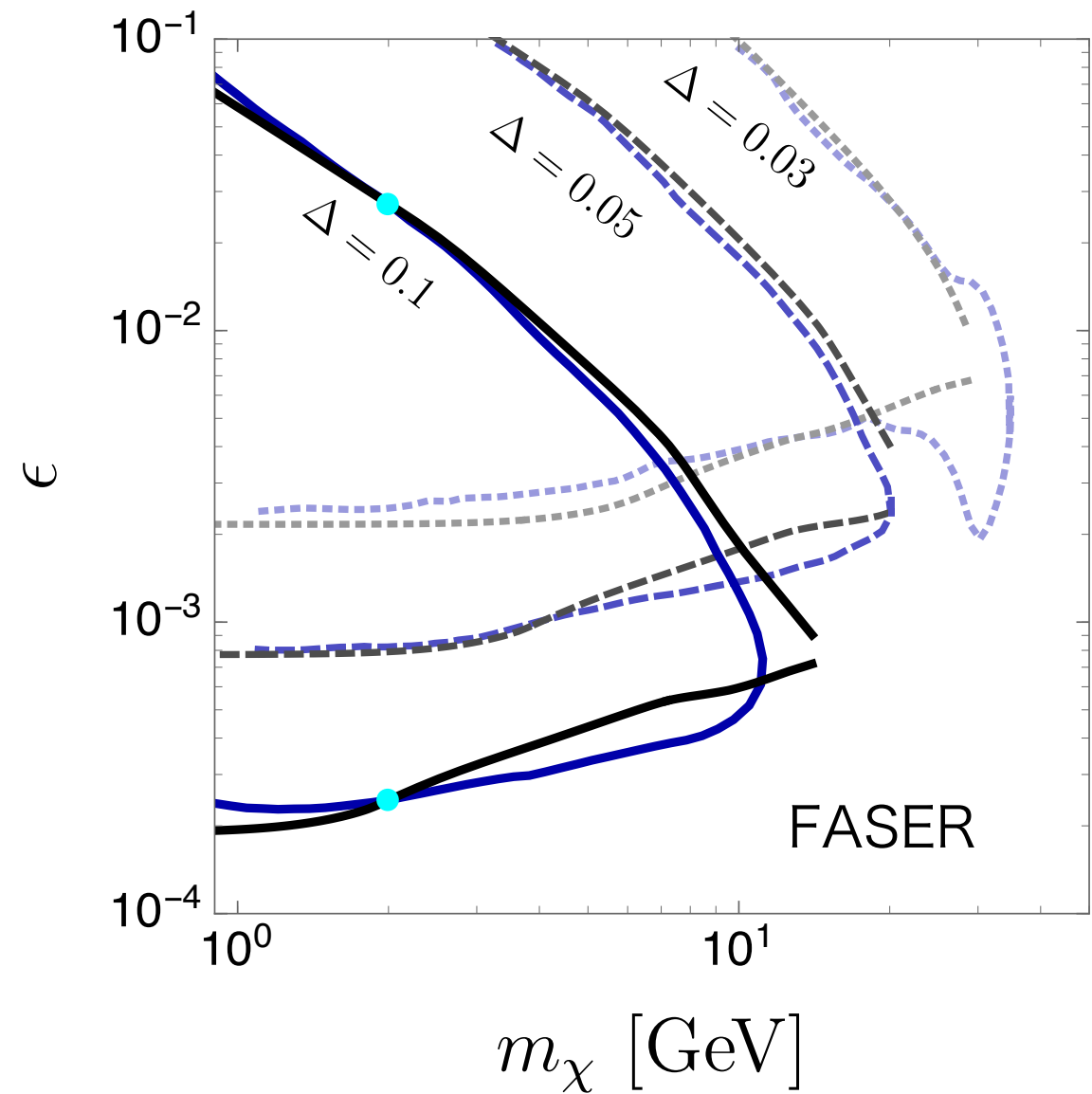
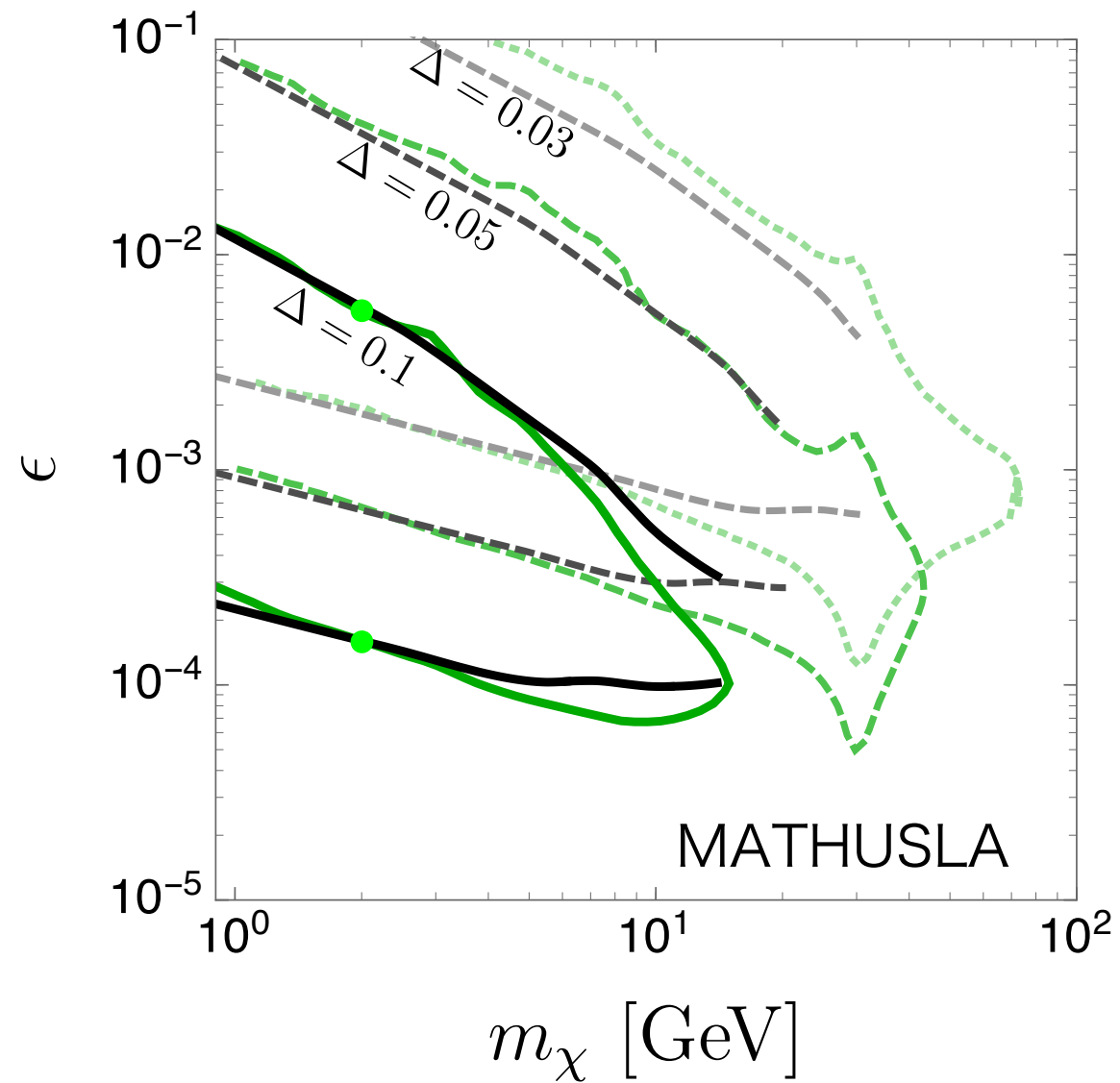
[Berlin, Blinov, Gori, Schuster, Toro \(2018\)](#)



Validity of Fitting approx. functions

iDM searches at LHC frontier

[Berlin, Kling \(2018\)](#)



Intermediate-scale Portal interactions

$\bar{N}_R$ (SM singlet) couples to dark sector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{M'^2} \bar{U}' \bar{D}' \bar{D}' \bar{N}_R + y_N L H \bar{N}_R + \frac{1}{2} M_R \bar{N}_R \bar{N}_R + \text{h.c.} \\ \rightarrow & \frac{y_N^2}{M_R^2} (LH)^2 + \text{h.c.} && \text{neutrino mass} \\ & + \frac{y_N}{M'^2 M_R} \bar{U}' \bar{D}' \bar{D}' (LH) + \text{h.c.} && \text{portal interaction} \\ & + \frac{1}{2 M'^4 M_R} (\bar{U}' \bar{D}' \bar{D}')^2 + \text{h.c.} && \text{DM oscillation}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The portal interaction connects two sectors until $T \sim T_D \sim M' (M'/M_{\text{Pl}})^{\frac{1}{3}}$.
- ▶ DM decays through the portal interaction: SK constraint on $\bar{\nu}$ signal
 $\rightarrow M' \gtrsim 10^{8.5} \text{ GeV}$ Fukuda, Matsumoto, Mukhopadhyay (2014)
- ▶ Majorana mass for dark neutron: leads DM oscillation

indirect detection constraint

Signals from Intermediate-scale Portal

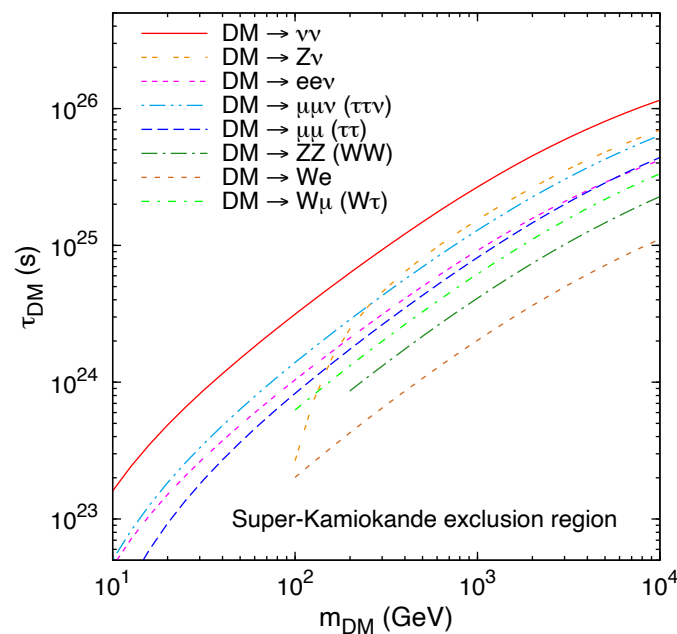
indirect constraints on M_R

- $\bar{\nu}$ Signal from DM Decay: $n' \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + \pi'^0$

Covi, Grefe, Ibarra, Tran (2010)

Feldstein, Fitzpatrick (2010)

Fukuda, Matsumoto, Mukhopadhyay (2014)



$$\frac{y_N}{M'^2 M_R} \bar{U}' \bar{D}' \bar{D}' (LH) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\tau_{n'} \simeq 10^{17} \text{ years} \left(\frac{(M'^2 M_R)^{1/3}}{10^9 \text{ GeV}} \right)^6 \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{n'}} \right)^5$$

from SK ν -flux measurement:

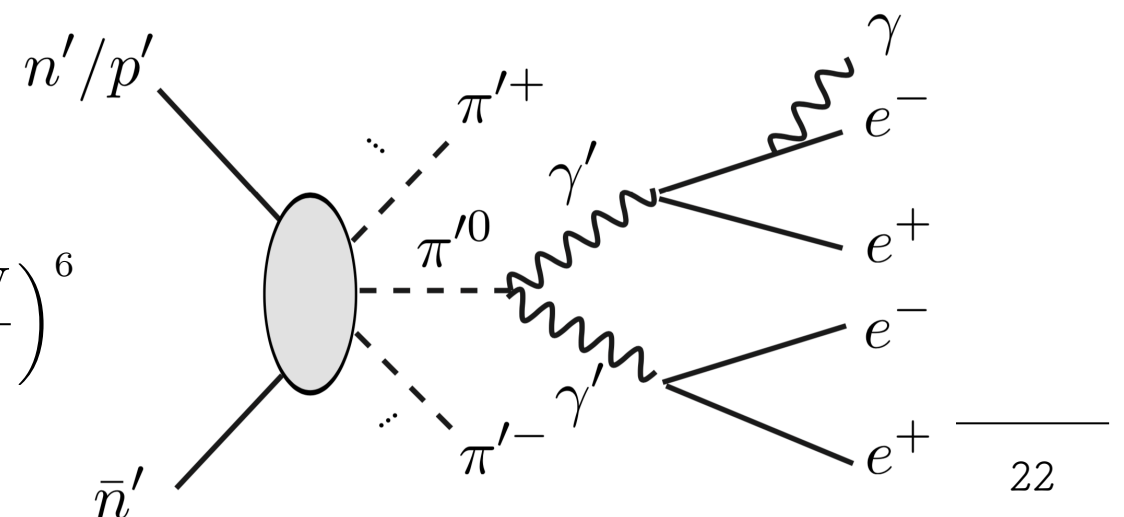
$$(M'^2 M_R)^{1/3} \gtrsim 10^{8.5} \text{ GeV}$$

- $\text{DM-}\overline{\text{DM}}$ annihilation

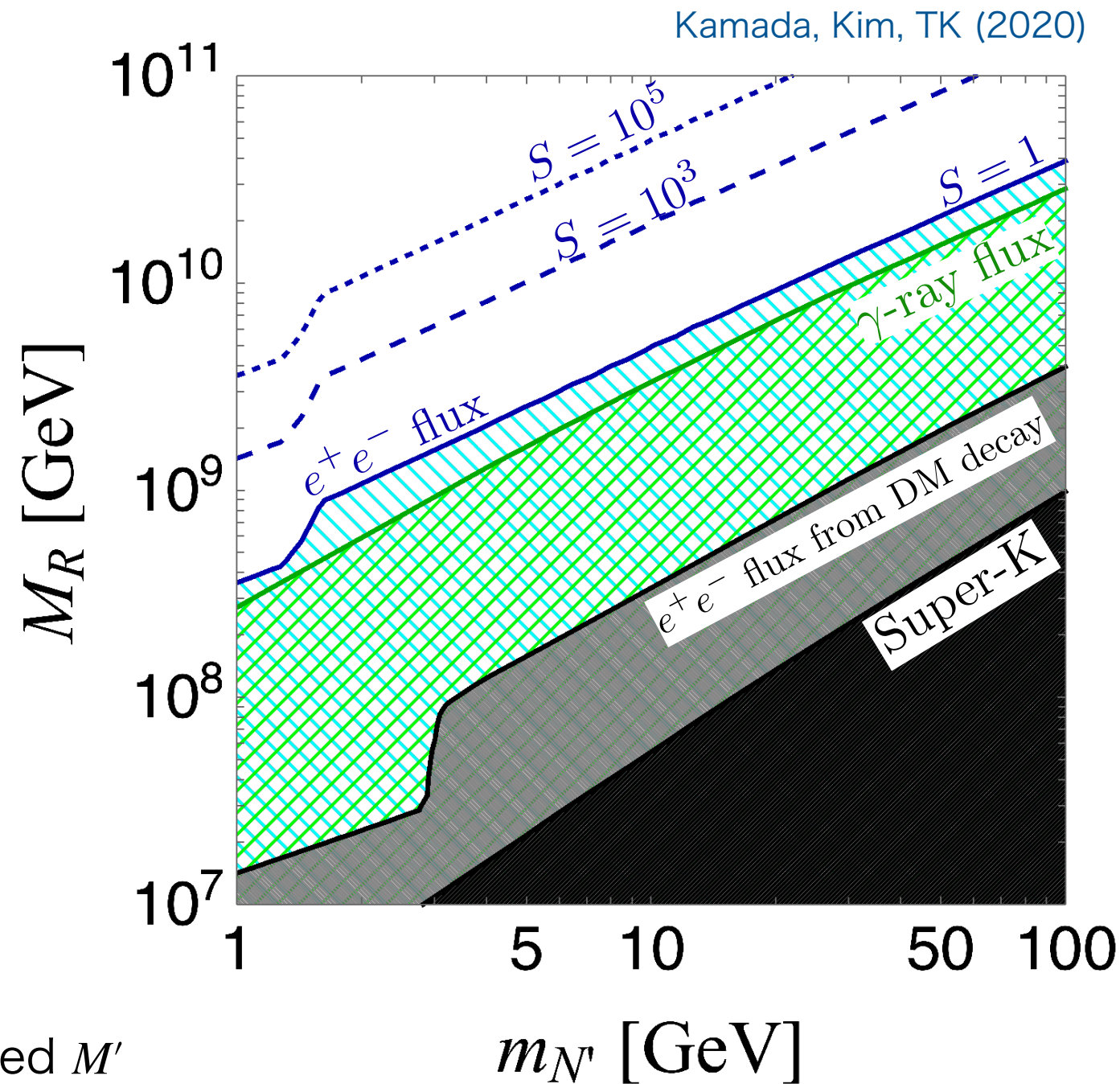
Ibe, Kobayashi, Nagai, Nakano (2019)

$$\frac{1}{2M'^4 M_R} (\bar{U}' \bar{D}' \bar{D}')^2 + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\tau_{n'-\bar{n}'} \simeq 10^{14} \text{ years} \left(\frac{M_R}{10^9 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left(\frac{M'}{3 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}} \right)^4 \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{n'}} \right)^6$$



Bounds on M_R



S : Sommerfeld factor

γ -ray flux from MW's dSphs

Fermi-LAT Collab., PRL (2015)

$\bar{\nu}$ -flux measurement (super-K)

e^+e^- flux (annihilation $\langle\sigma v\rangle$)

$m_{N'} \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ GeV @ AMS-02}$

$m_{N'} \lesssim 1.5 \text{ GeV @ Voyager-1}$

Stone, et al, Science (2013)

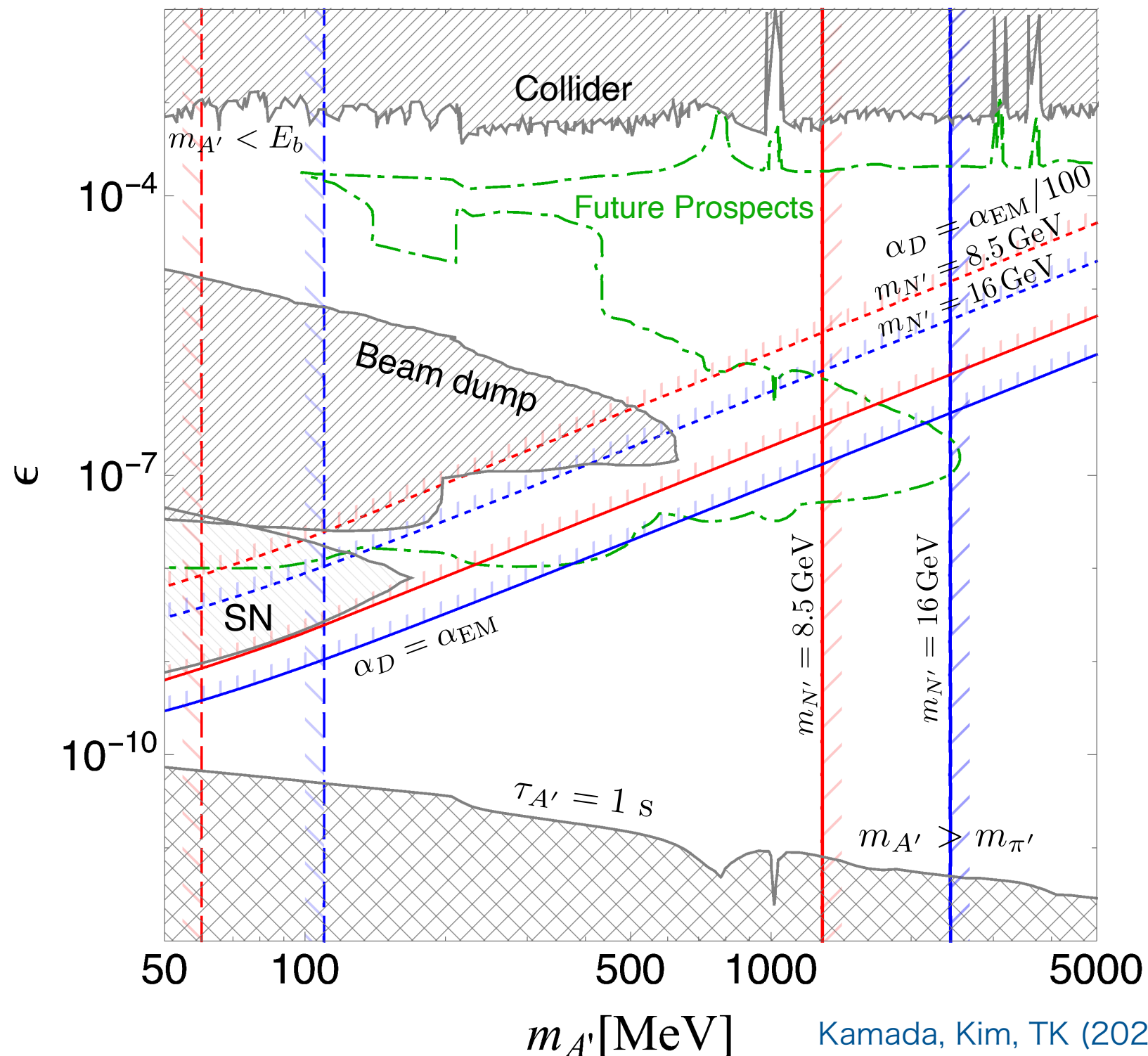
AMS Collab., PRL (2014)

e^+e^- flux from dark meson (τ_{DM})

$m_{N'} \gtrsim 3.0 \text{ GeV @ AMS-02}$

$m_{N'} \lesssim 3.0 \text{ GeV @ Voyager-1}$

Bounds on Dark Photon Parameters



direct detection experiment

Panda-X (54 tonxday)

$$\sigma > 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2 \quad 1802.06912$$

DM ratio $p' : n' = 1 : 1$

Dark photon:

lightest in dark sector

Collider&Beam-dump

Supernova 1987A

A' recoupling after ν decoupling

reheats only γ, e^+, e^-

- change T_ν/T_γ i.e. N_{eff}

roughly $\tau_{A'} \lesssim 1 \text{ s}$