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Many Dark Sector models contain photon-coupled long-lived particles. An outstanding example is an axionlike particle decaying into two photons. The forward physics detectors at the LHC, e.g., FASER, were shown to be particularly suitable for hunting ~sub-GeV ALPs thanks to numerous photons produced in pp collisions, which in turn are efficiently converted into ALPs by the Primakoff scattering. We consider a few of beyond the SM physics scenarios in which similar processes can occur. We find that FASER2 experiment will cover a significant part of the available parameter space for each of them. Moreover, we show that secondary production of LLPs can improve the coverage of parameter spaces towards the regime of smaller lifetimes.

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