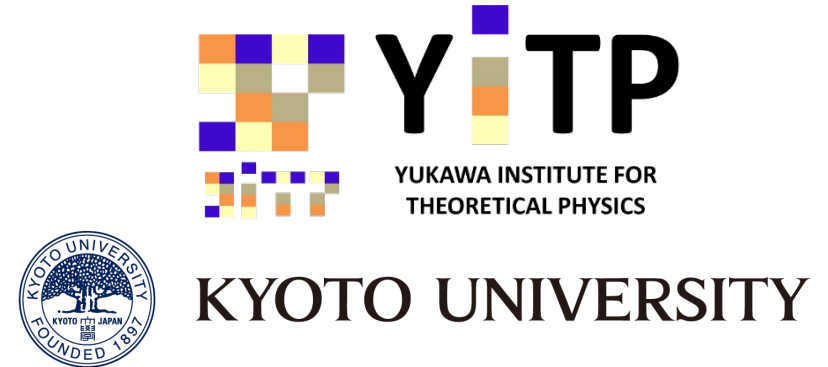


Future beam dump experiments constraint on lepton flavor violating coupling

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In the Standard Model (SM)

Charged lepton flavor violating (cLFV) processes occur through neutrino oscillation

Theoretical prediction :

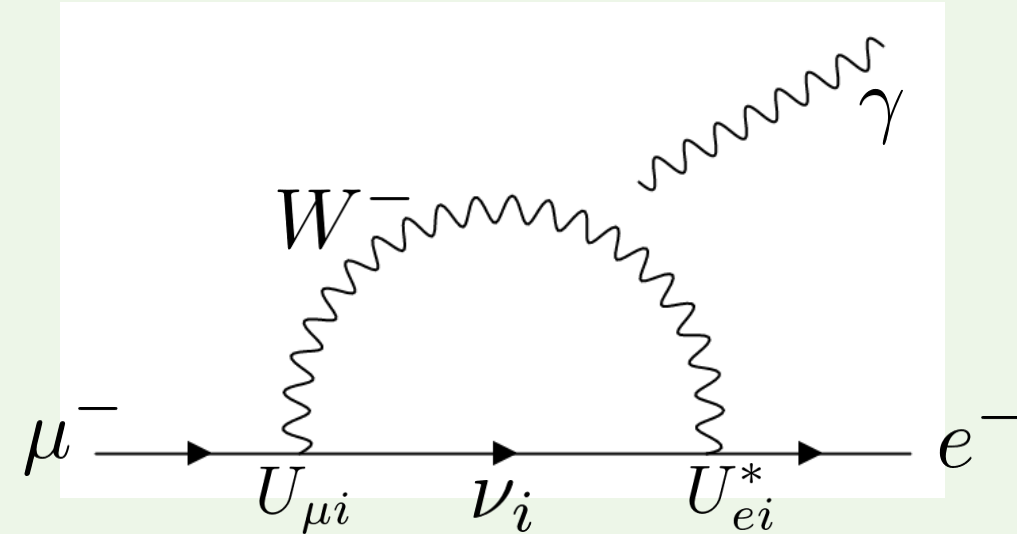
$$\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_i U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{m_{\nu_i}^2 - m_{\nu_1}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$

Huge gap

Experimental bound :

$$\text{BR}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$$

MEG Collaboration (2016)



It is impossible to detect cLFV process

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Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (cLFV)

Beyond the SM

Supersymmetric model

Extra bosons

We focus on light bosons

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New physics makes cLFV processes observable

Charged lepton flavor violation process is
a smoking gun signal of new physics

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Constraints on cLFV

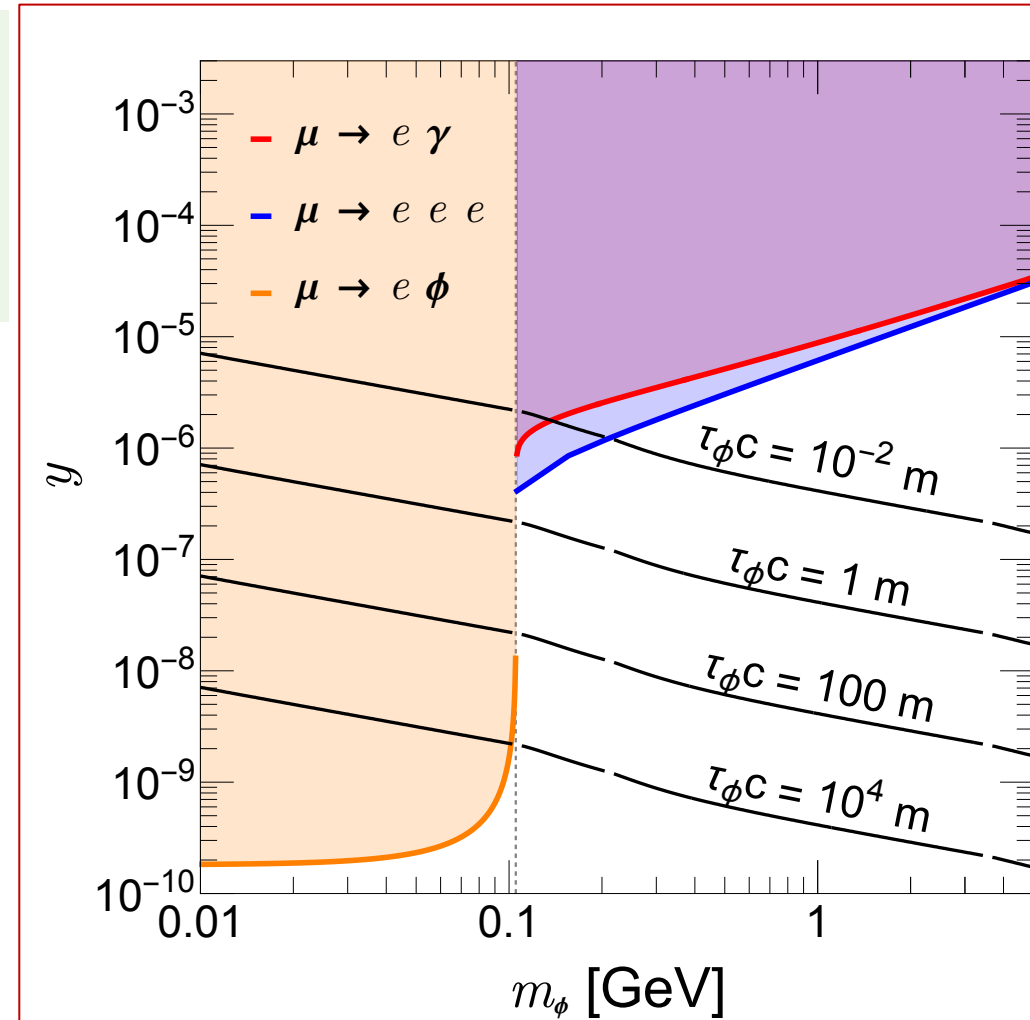
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Ex) Leptophilic scalar model

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} y \bar{\ell}_L \phi \ell_R + y \bar{\mu}_L \phi e_R + y \bar{e}_L \phi \mu_R$$

In light-mass & small-coupling region
($m_\phi \sim 0.01 - 1$ GeV & $y_e \sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-5}$)

- 1, CLFV coupling can be as large as CLFC one
- 2, New particles with CLFV coupling are long-lived



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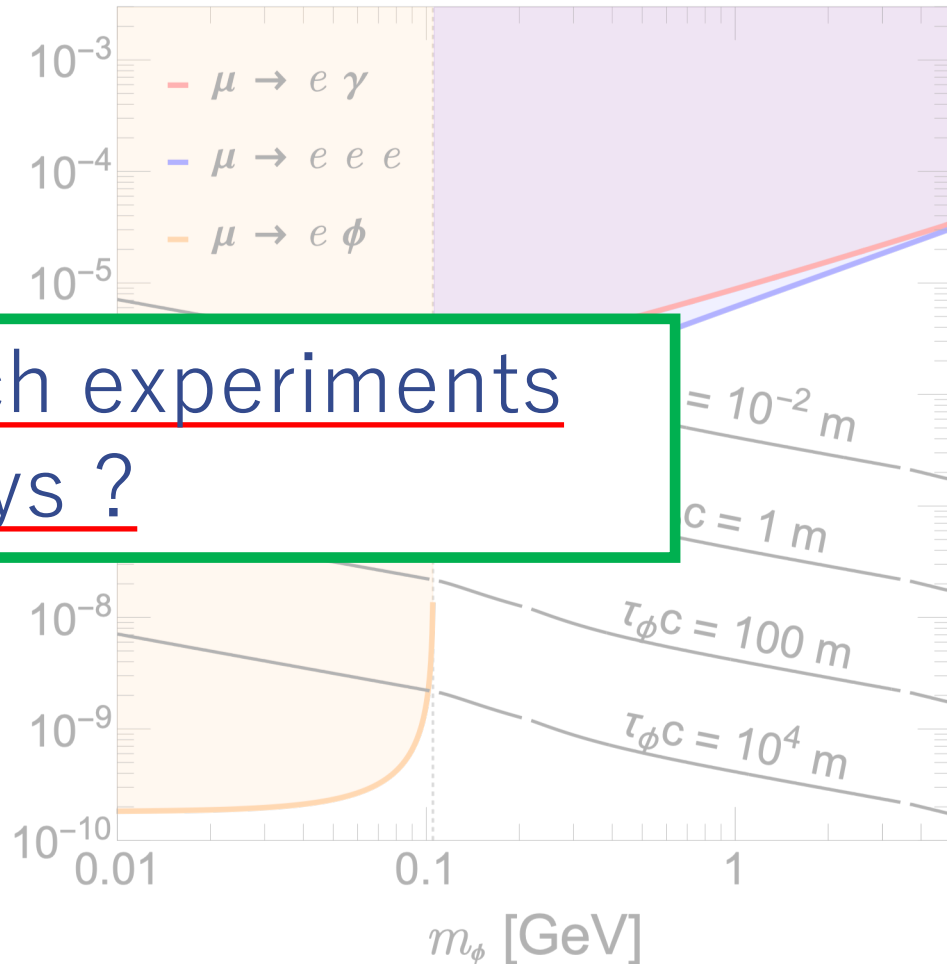
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In light
($m_\phi \sim 0$)

Can Long-lived particle search experiments
detect CLFV decays ?

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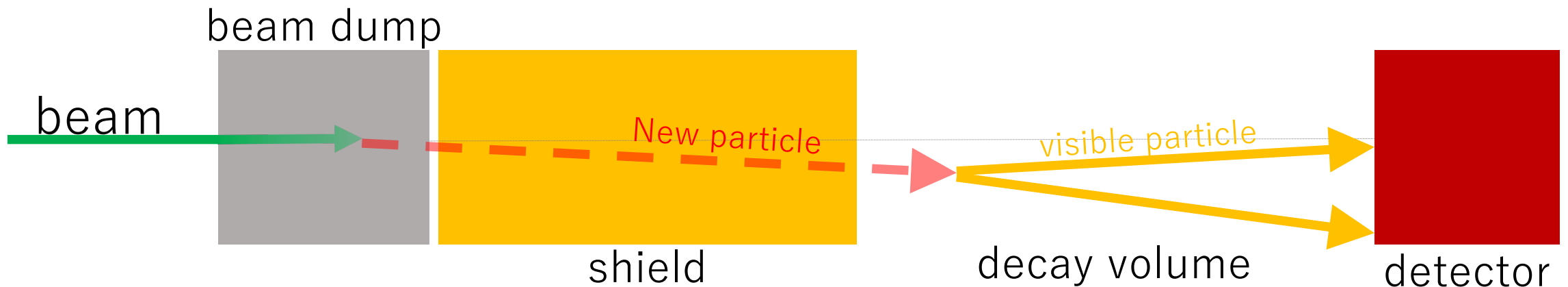
Overview

High-energy beam is dumped into dense target

- ➡ **High intensity**
- Production of large number of new particles

Detector is placed behind long shield

- ➡ **Low background**
- Most of background events are removed by shield
- Sensitive to small coupling region**
- New particles should be long-lived to reach detector

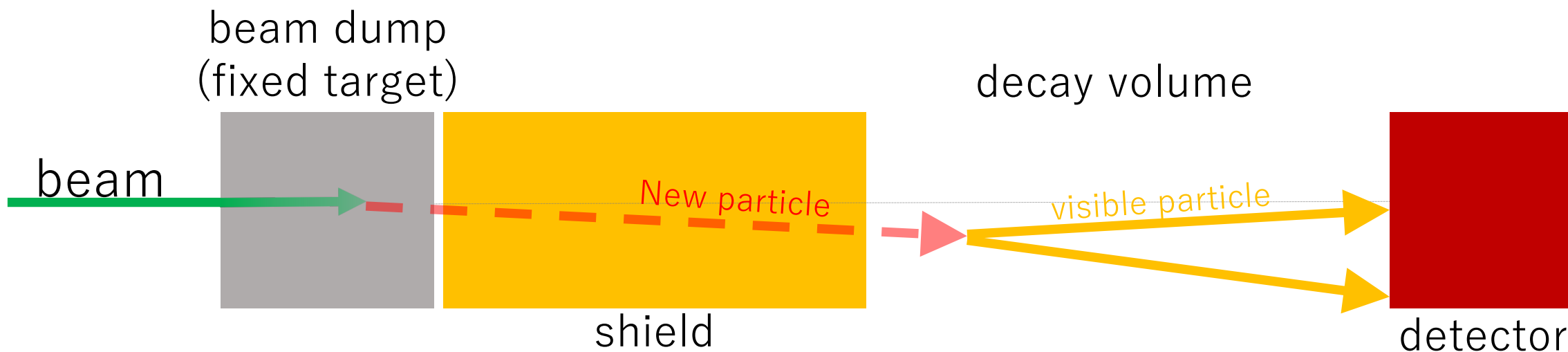


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Basic strategy

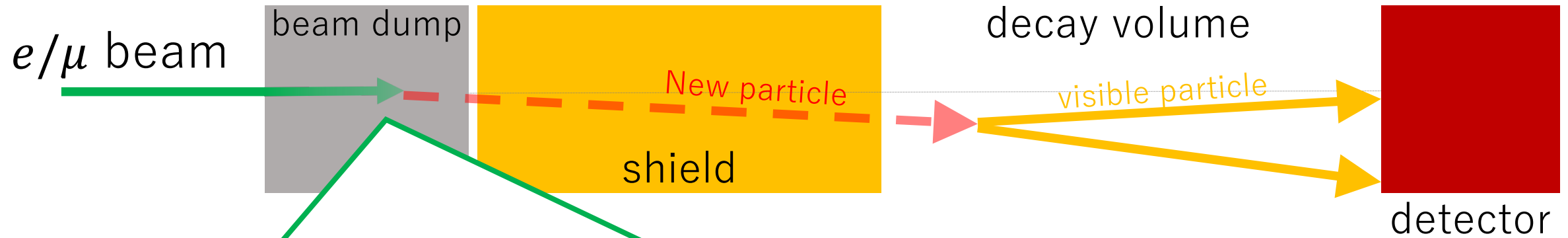
- 1, LLPs are produced and fly in forward direction
- 2, LLPs pass through long shield
- 3, LLPs decay into SM visible particles in decay volume
- 4, Visible particles are detected at detectors



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New particle production



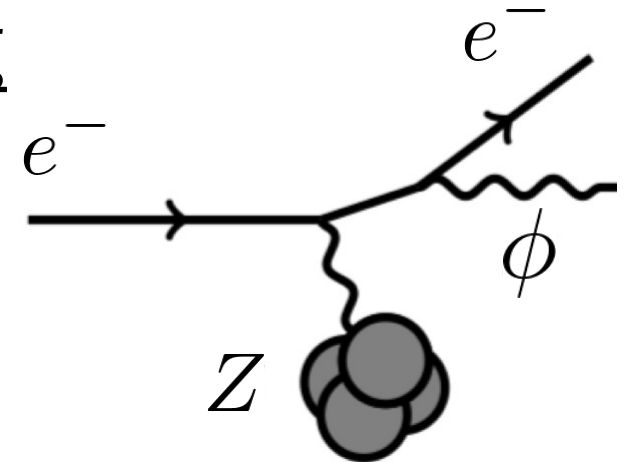
Lagrangian

Coupling with $ee / \mu\mu$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset y_{ee} \phi \bar{e} e$$

$$/ y_{\mu\mu} \phi \bar{\mu} \mu$$

Bremsstrahlung production

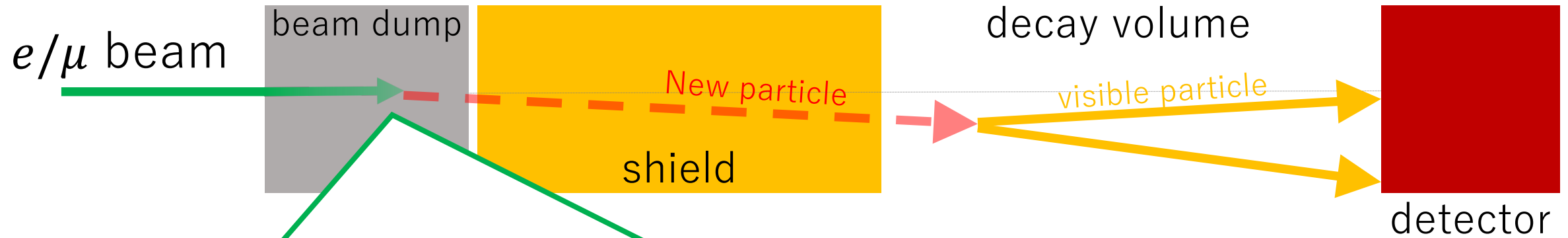


New particles are produced through bremsstrahlung process

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New particle production with LFV coupling

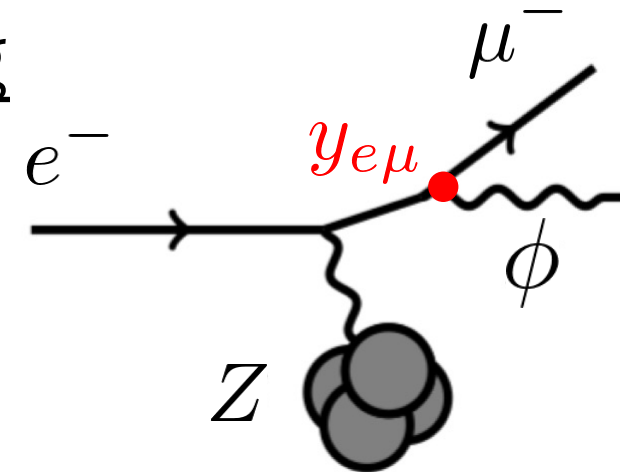


Lagrangian

Coupling with e & μ

$$\mathcal{L} \supset y_{e\mu} \phi \bar{e} \mu + y_{\mu e} \phi \bar{\mu} e$$

Bremsstrahlung
production

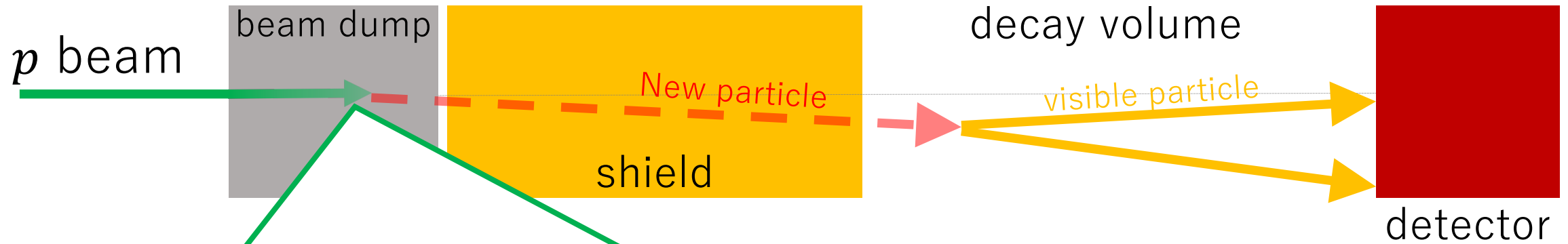


Possibly LFV interactions contribute to bremsstrahlung production

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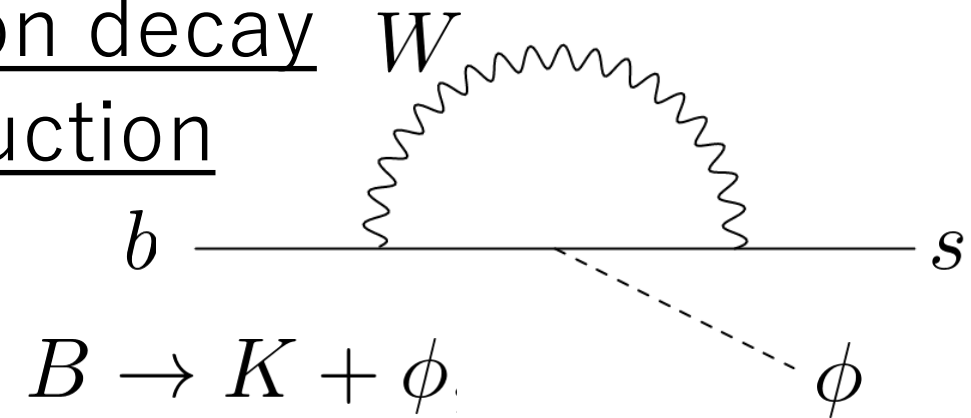


Lagrangian

Mixing SM Higgs and scalar

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_f \theta_{h\phi} \frac{m_f}{v} \phi \bar{f} f + y_{e\mu} \phi \bar{e} \mu + y_{\mu e} \phi \bar{\mu} e$$

Meson decay production

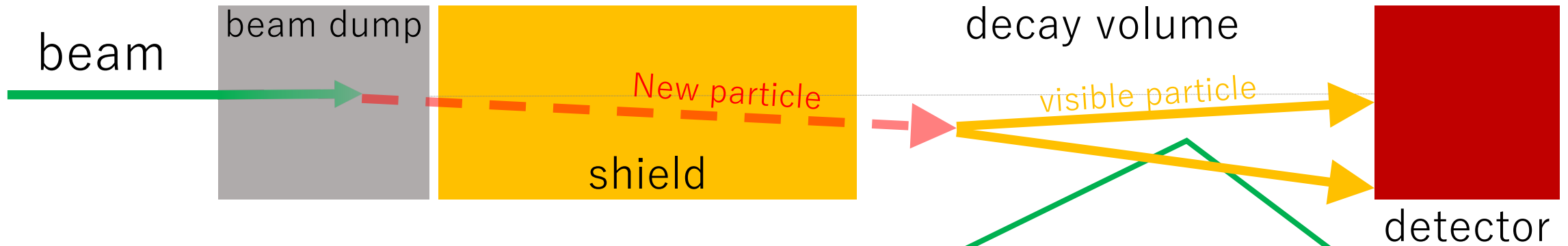


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New particle detection with LFV coupling

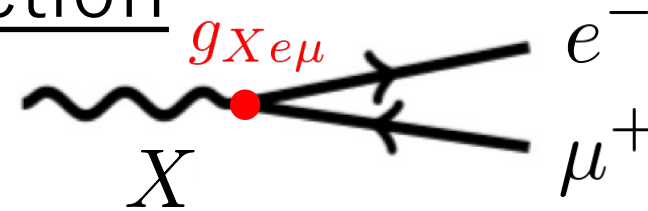


Lagrangian

Coupling with e & μ

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_{Xe\mu} X_\rho \bar{e} \gamma^\rho \mu$$

Detection



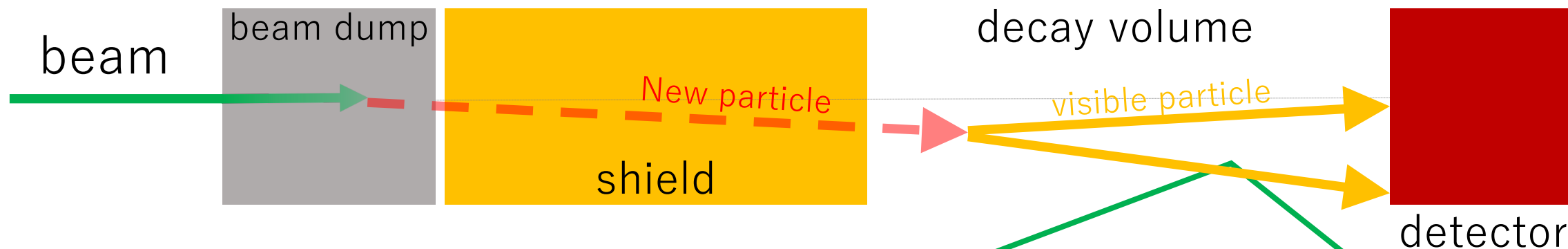
Decay into $\mu^+ e^-$ pair → Detection

LFV decay can be searched by beam dump experiment

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New particle detection



Lagrangian

Coupling with electrons

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_{Xee} X_\rho \bar{e} \gamma^\rho e$$

Detection



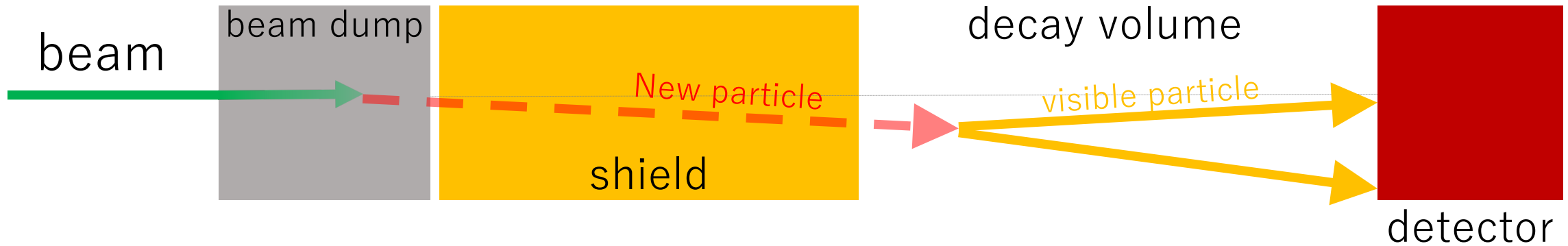
Decay into $e^+ e^-$ pair → Detection

Branching fractions of decay processes
give information of couplings

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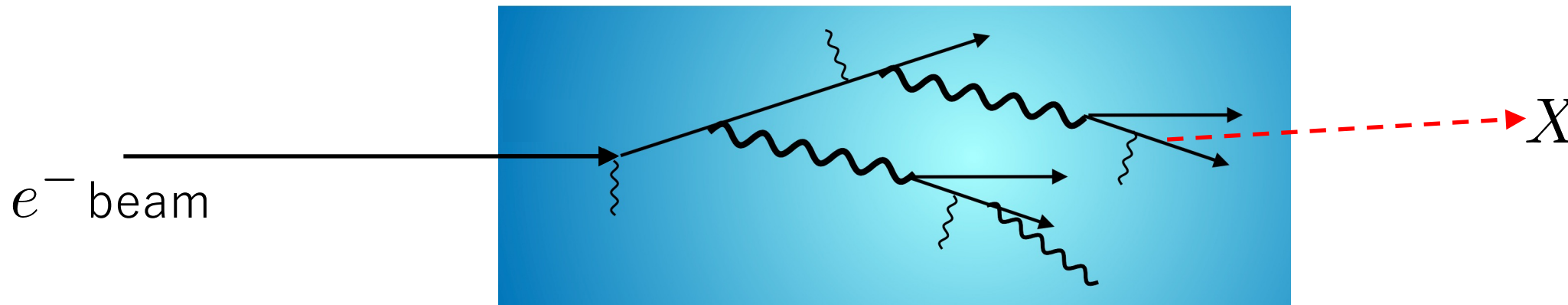
(# of signal detection)

$$= (\text{\# of produced new particle}) \times (\text{Acceptance})$$

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(# of produced new particles)

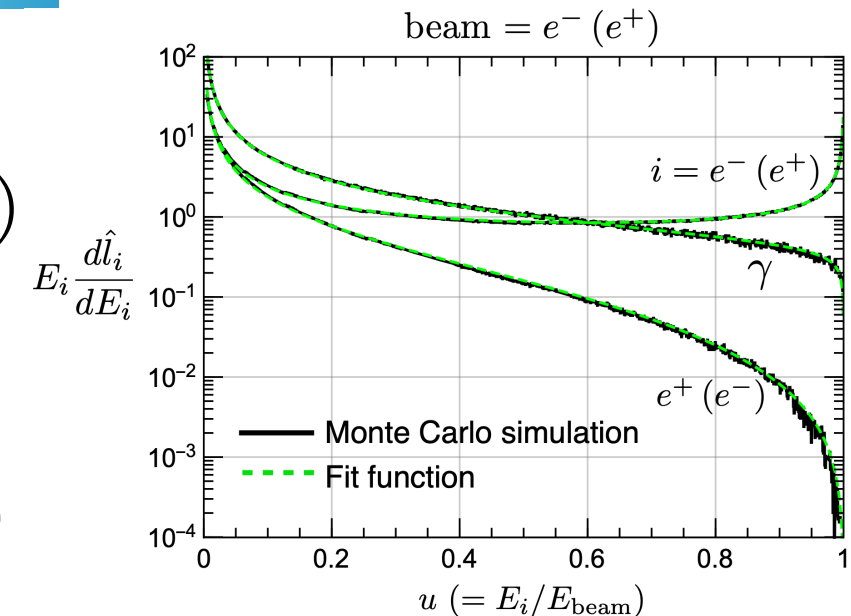
= (Luminosity) \times (Production cross section)

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(# of incident particles into beam dump)

\times (# density of target particles in beam dump)

\times (Track length of shower particles)



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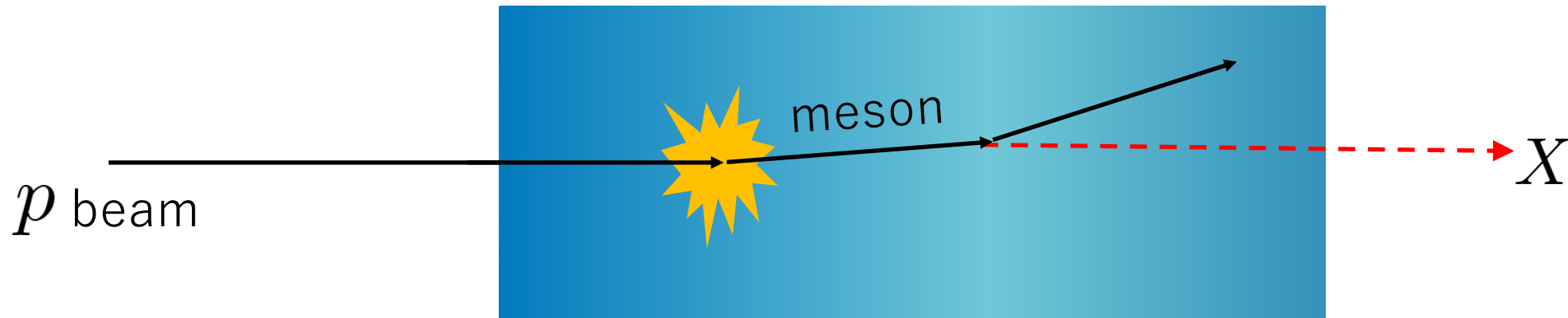
\times (# density of target particles in beam dump)

\times (Track length of shower particles) = (Length of beam dump)

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of new particles



(# of produced new particles)

= (# of produced mesons) \times (Branching ratio of $M \rightarrow M'X$)

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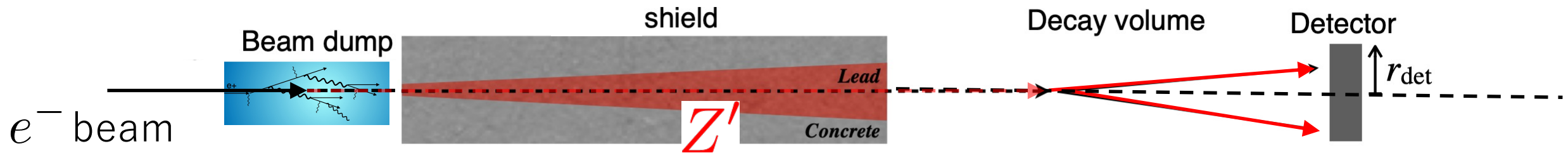
(# of incident particles into beam dump)

\times (# of produced mesons per one beam proton injection)

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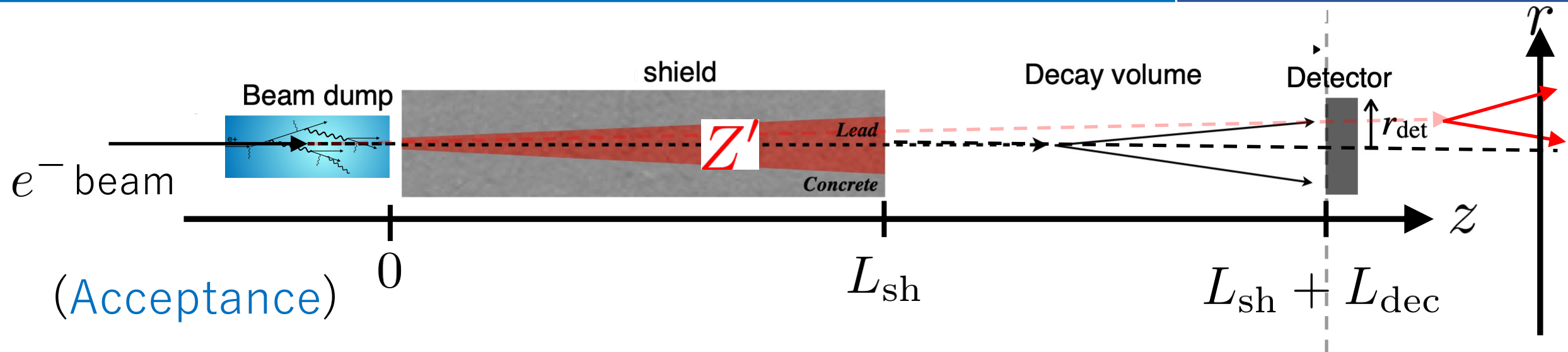
(Acceptance)

$$= (\text{Probability of decaying in decay volume}) \times (\text{Angular cut})$$

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= (Probability of decay in decay volume) \times (Angular cut)

New particles reach decay volume and are detected by decay into visible particles

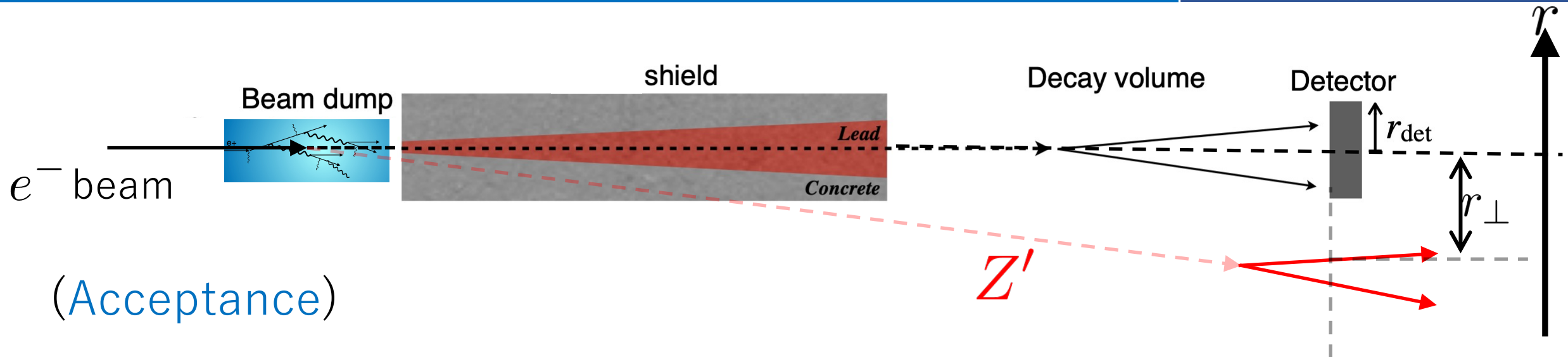
➡ Probability of decay between $L_{sh} \sim L_{sh} + L_{dec}$

$$P_{dec} = \int \frac{dz}{l_X} e^{-z/l_X} = e^{-L_{sh}/l_X} \left(1 - e^{-L_{dec}/l_X} \right) \quad l_X : \text{Decay length in laboratory frame}$$

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(Acceptance)

$$= (\text{Probability of decay in decay volume}) \times (\text{Angular cut})$$

Produced particles have angles with respect to initial particles

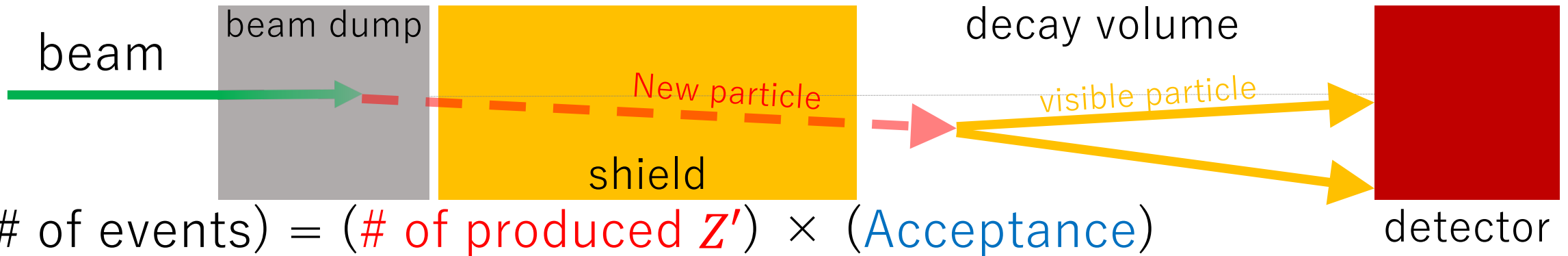
➡ For large angle (deviation from beam axis r_{\perp}), visible particles in decay volume do not hit detector

➡ Angular cut : $\Theta(r_{\text{det}} - r_{\perp})$

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Number of signal events



$$= N_e \frac{N_{\text{avo}} X_0}{A} \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} \int_{m_X}^{E_0 - m_\ell} dE_X \int_{E_X + m_\ell}^{E_0} dE_e \int_0^{T_{\text{sh}}} dt$$

$$\times \left[I_e(E_0, E_e, t) \frac{1}{E_e} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{brems}}}{dx} \bigg|_{x=\frac{E_X}{E_e}} e^{-L_{\text{sh}}/L_X} (1 - e^{-L_{\text{dec}}/L_X}) \right] \text{Br}(X \rightarrow e\mu)$$

Coupling to SM \rightarrow # of production \rightarrow Acceptance (lifetime)

\rightarrow # of signals is defined by competition of two effects
(belt-shaped sensitivity region)

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Electron & muon & proton beams

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Electron beam dump

@ ILC main beam dump

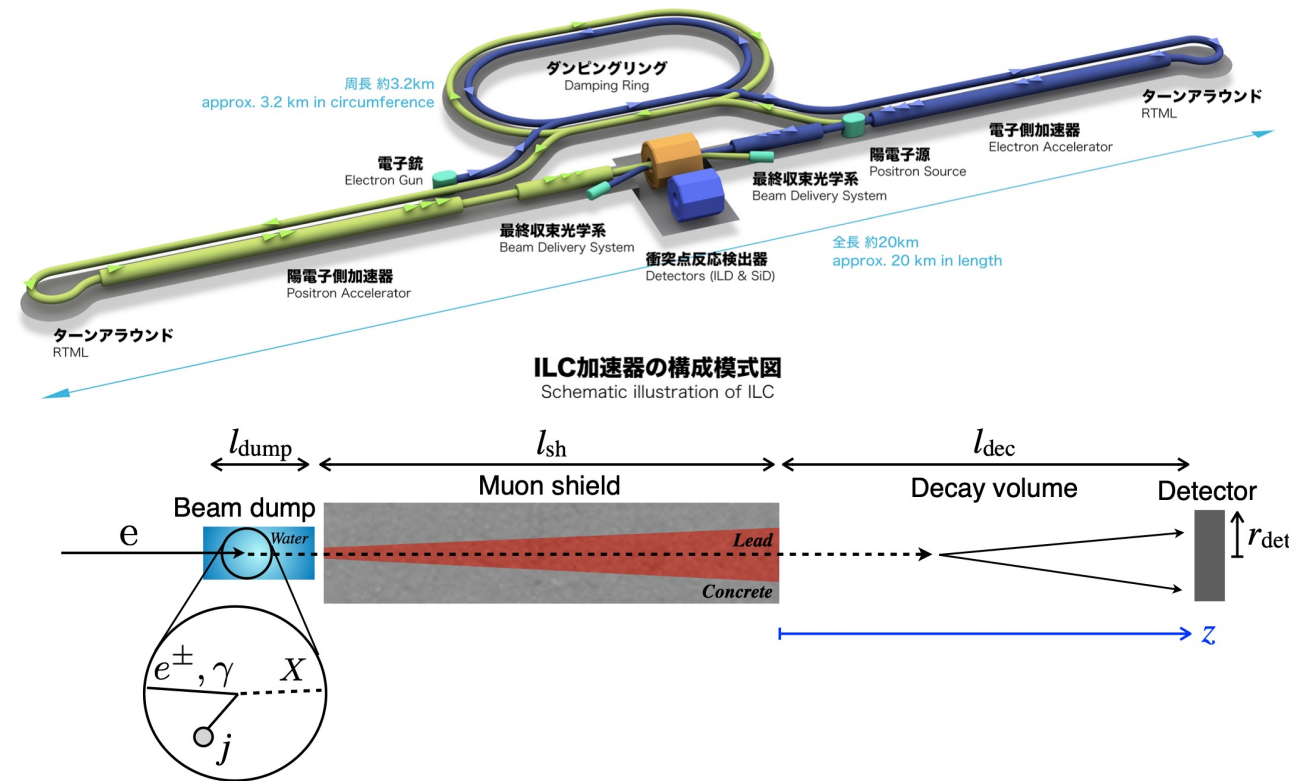
Beam : 125 GeV e^- beam
 $\cong 4 \times 10^{21}$ EOT/year

Target : Liquid water

Shielding : 70m lead

Decay volume : 50m

S. Kanemura, T. Moroi, and T. Tanabe, [PLB 751 \(2015\) 25-28](#);
Y. Sakaki and D. Ueda, [PRD 103 \(2021\) 035024](#);
KA, S. Iwamoto, Y. Sakaki, D. Ueda, [JHEP 09 \(2021\) 183](#)



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Muon beam dump

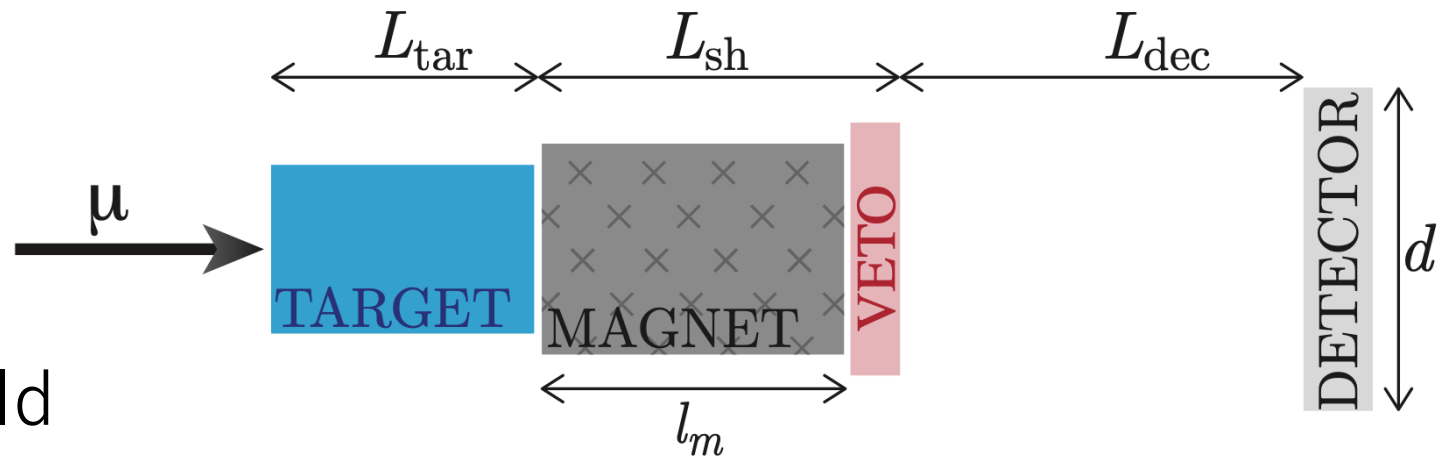
C. Cesarotti, S. Homiller, R.K. Mishra, and M. Reece,
[PRL 130 \(2023\) 7, 071803](#)

Beam : 1.5 TeV μ beam
= $10^{18}, 10^{20}$ MOT

Target : 10m liquid water

Shielding : 10m active shield

Decay volume : 100m



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Proton beam dump

@ SHiP experiment (CERN)

SHiP collaboration (2023)
[CERN-SPSC-2023-033/SPSC-P-369](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2838113/files/CERN-SPSC-2023-033/SPSC-P-369)

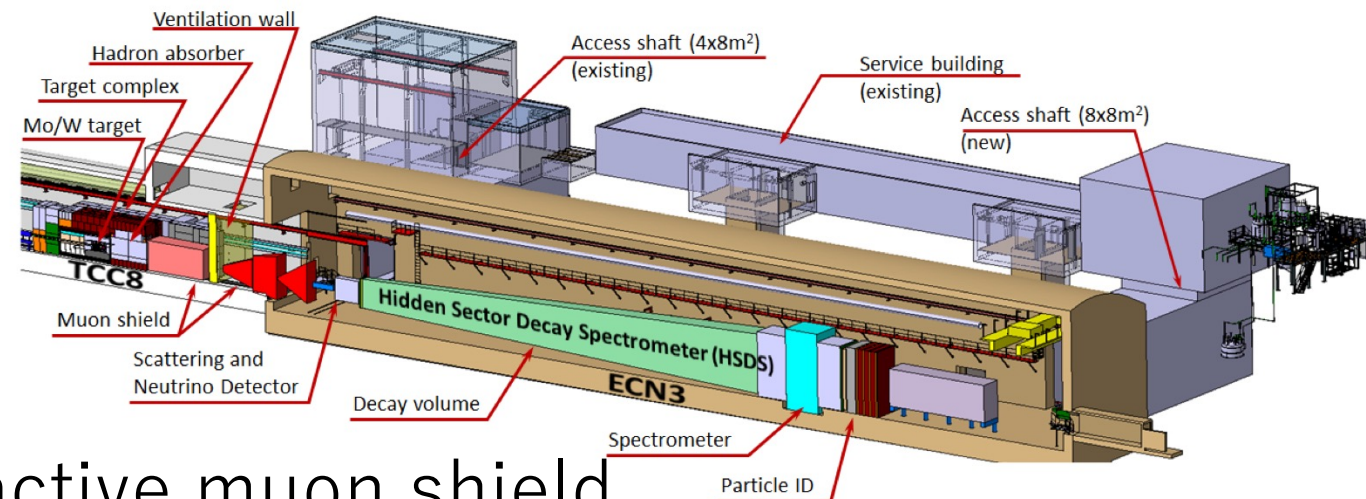
Beam : SPS 400 GeV p beam
= 4×10^{19} POT/year

Target : Ti-Zr-Mo alloy, etc.

Shielding : hadron absorber + active muon shield

Decay volume : 50m

Decay : $6\text{m} \times 4\text{m}$ (originally $10\text{m} \times 5\text{m}$)



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Sensitivity to LFV coupling

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Scalar-type int.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} = y_{e\mu} \bar{e}_L \phi \mu_R + y_{e\mu} \bar{\mu}_L \phi e_R + \text{H.c.}$$

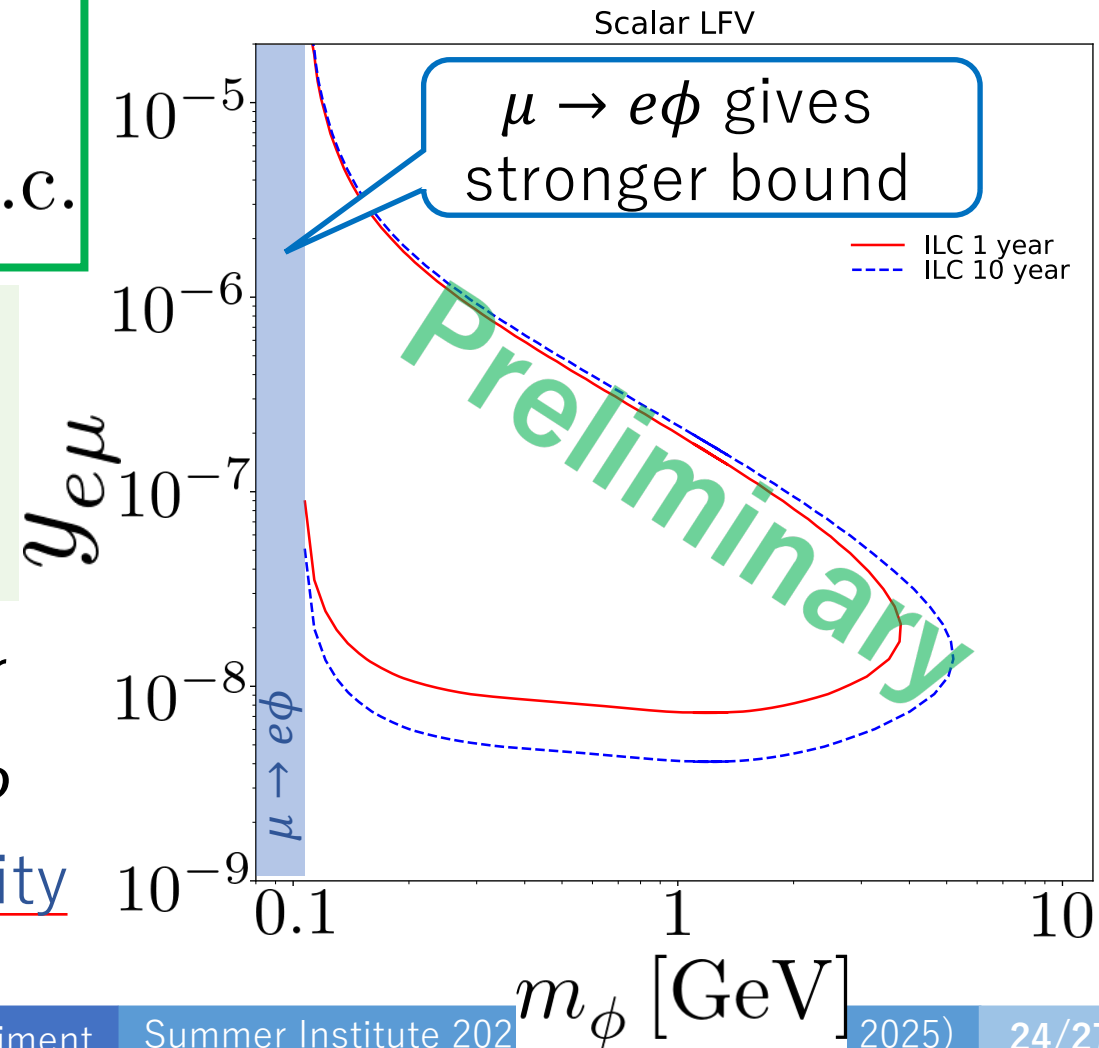
CLFV search @ ILC beam dump

of CLFV decay ($\phi \rightarrow e\mu$) = 3

➡ — : 1 year - - - : 10 years

Huge # of lower energy e^\pm from EM shower

➡ More low energy (small boost factor) ϕ
 e^\pm beam dump exp. (ILC-BD) has sensitivity in smaller CLFV interaction region



Result

Sensitivity to LFV coupling

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} = y_{e\mu} \bar{e}_L \phi \mu_R + y_{e\mu} \bar{\mu}_L \phi e_R + \text{H.c.}$$

CLFV search @ muon beam dump

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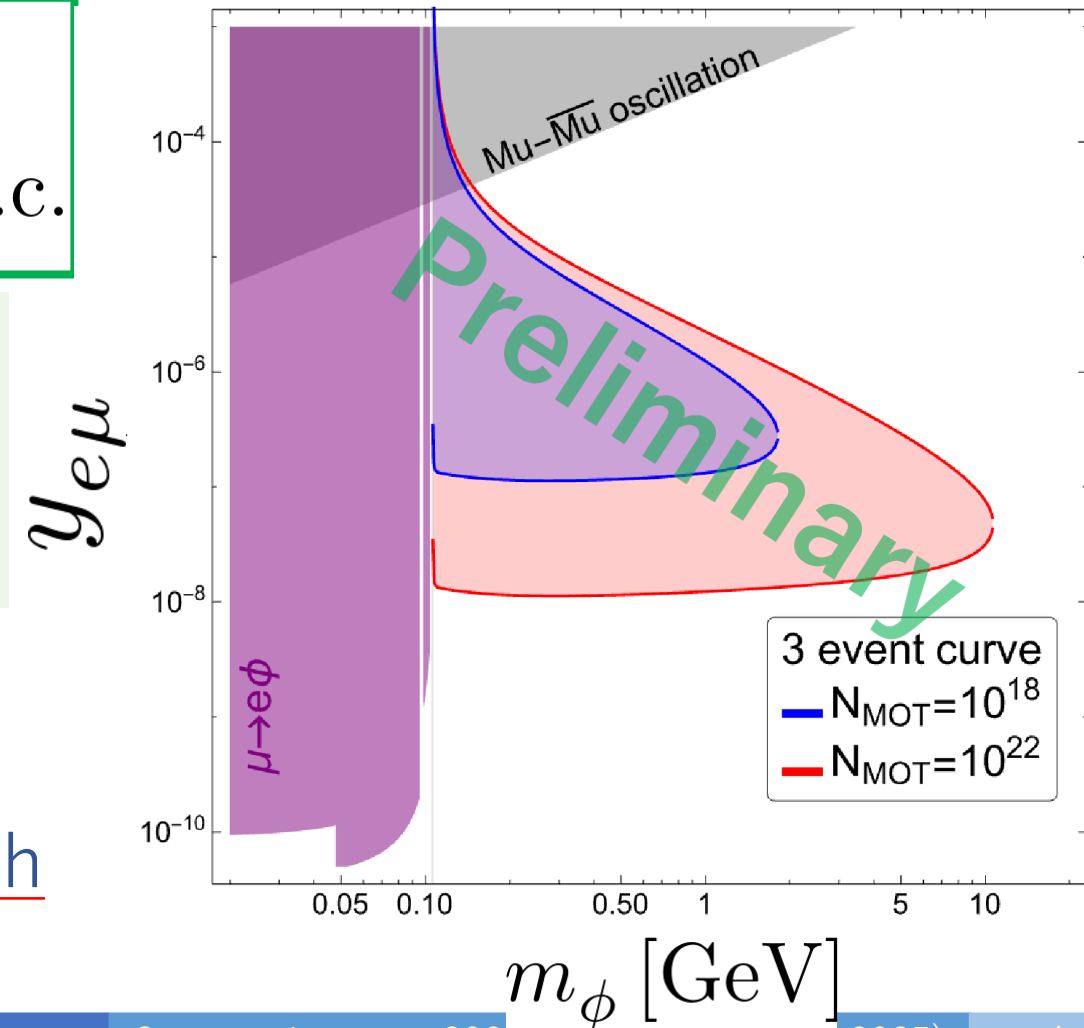
➡ — : 10^{18} MOT - - - : 10^{20} MOT

Beam particles with higher energy

➡ Higher COM energy

Muon beam dump experiment can search heavier scalar with CLFV interaction

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Scalar-type int.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} = \frac{\theta_{h\phi}}{v} \sum_f m_f \bar{f} \phi_l f + (y_{e\mu} \bar{e}_L \phi_l \mu_R + y_{\mu e} \bar{\mu}_L \phi_l e_R + h.c.)$$

CLFV search @ SHiP experiment

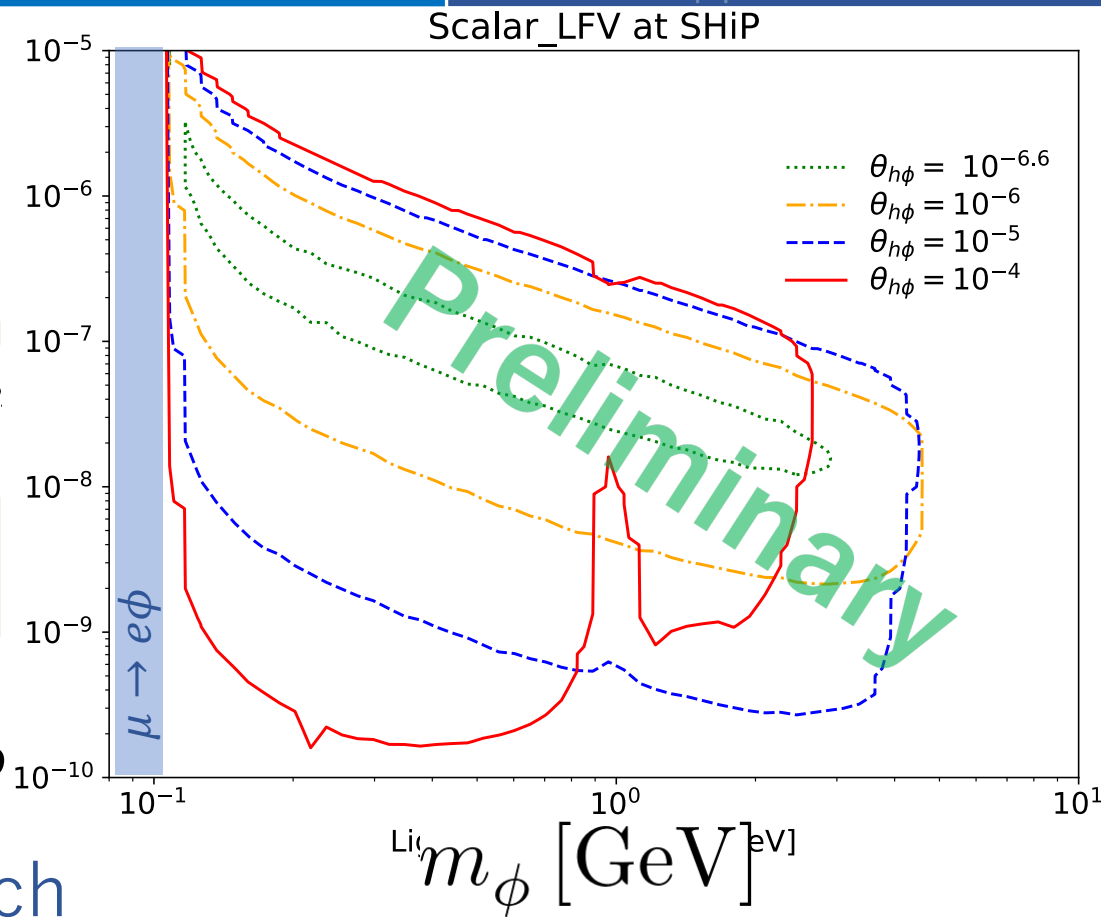
of CLFV decay ($\phi \rightarrow e\mu$) = 3

➡ $\theta_{h\phi} = 10^{-4, -5, -6, -6.6}$ (6×10^{20} POT)

Huge # of B meson & ϕ production rate is large ➡ Huge # of ϕ

Proton beam dump experiment can search smaller CLFV interaction if scalar mixes with SM Higgs boson

$y_{e\mu}$



Summary

- Sub-/several-GeV bosons with CLFV interaction is facing on stringent constraints and only tiny coupling region is alive
- In such small coupling regions, light BSM boson is long-lived and beam dump experiments have advantage and sensitivity
- We consider light bosons with CLFV interaction and study sensitivity to CLFV interaction ($\phi \rightarrow e\mu$ decay) by future beam dump experiment
- By comparison with several kinds of experiments, we can know not only existence of CLFV int., but also information about flavor, SM Higgs-scalar mixing, etc...

Thank you for your attention !