

# Unravelling the richness of dark sector by FASER $\nu$

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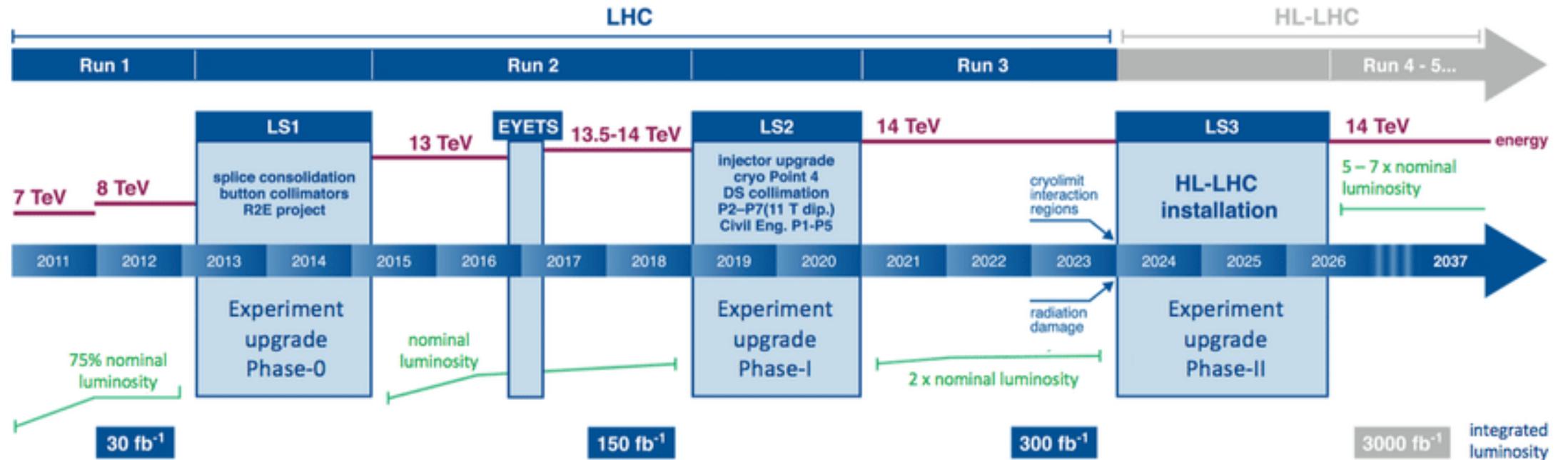
# This work is based on

- P. Bakhti, YF, S. Pascoli, “Unravelling the richness of dark sector by **FASER $\nu$** ,” arXiv: [2006.05437](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.05437)

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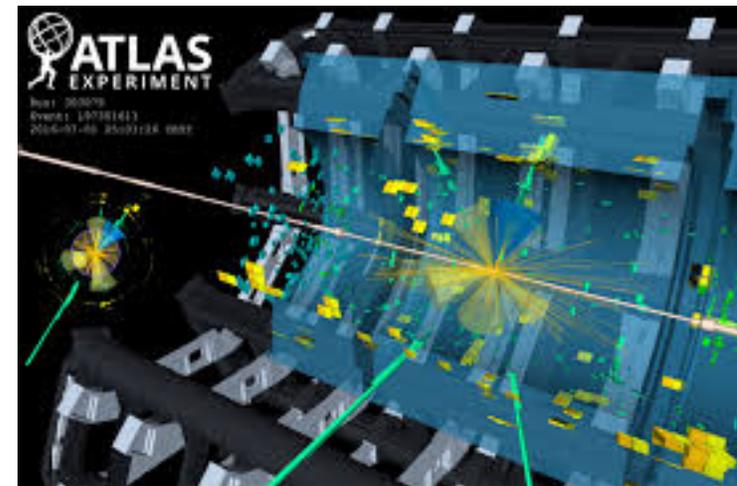
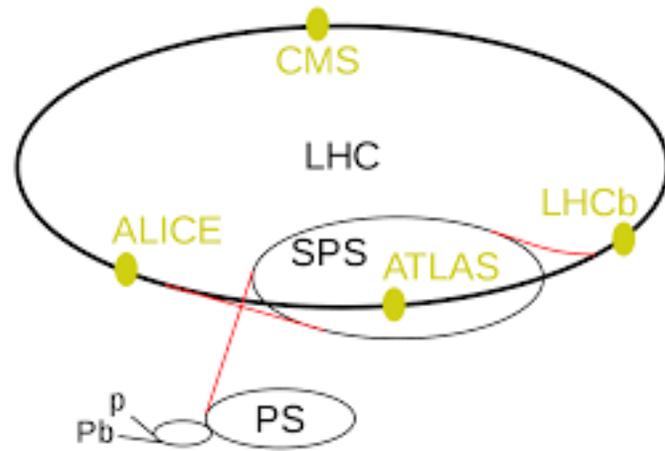


# LHC timeline and luminosity



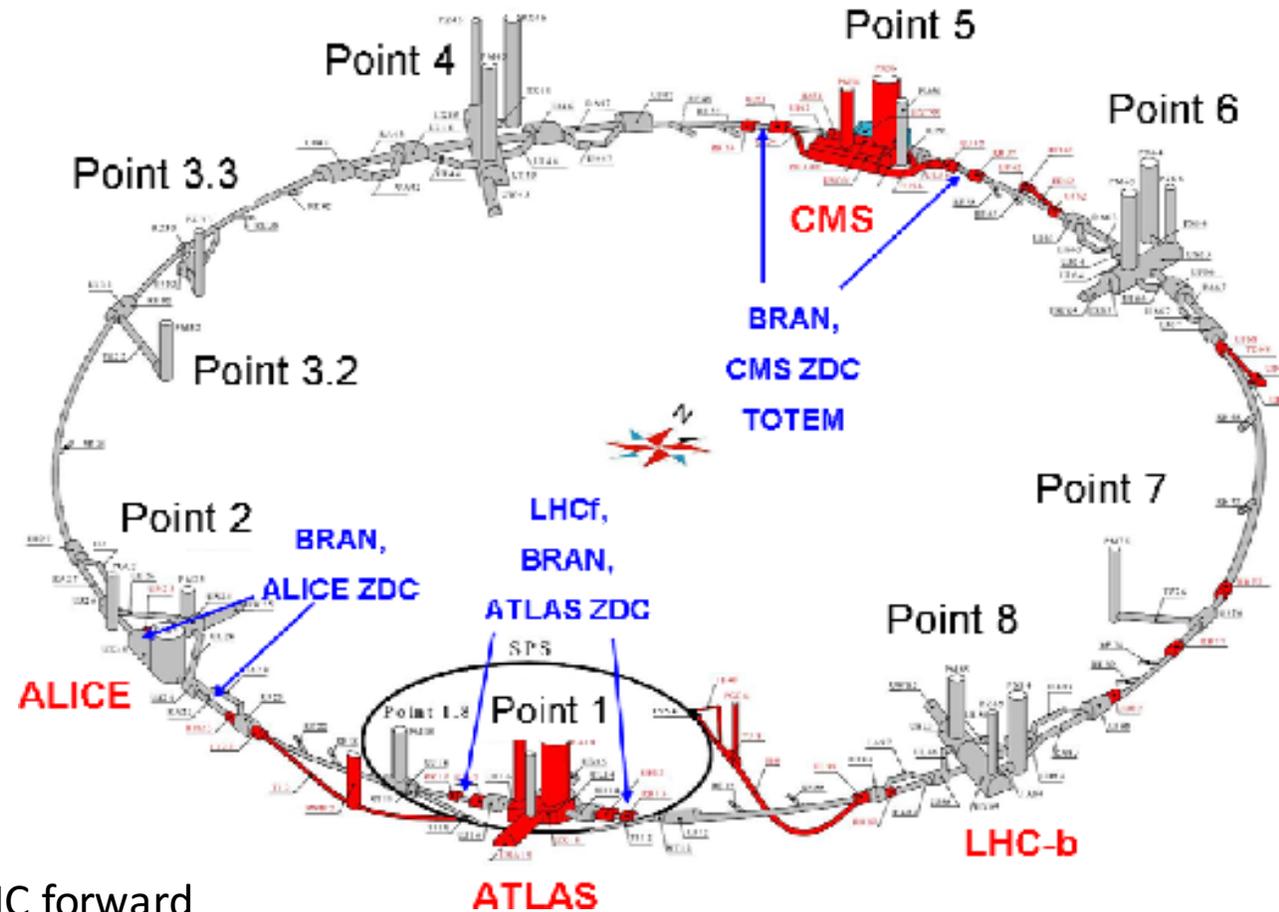
Run III: 14 TeV; 150 fb<sup>-1</sup>; 2021-2023

# Main detectors of the LHC



# Smaller detectors

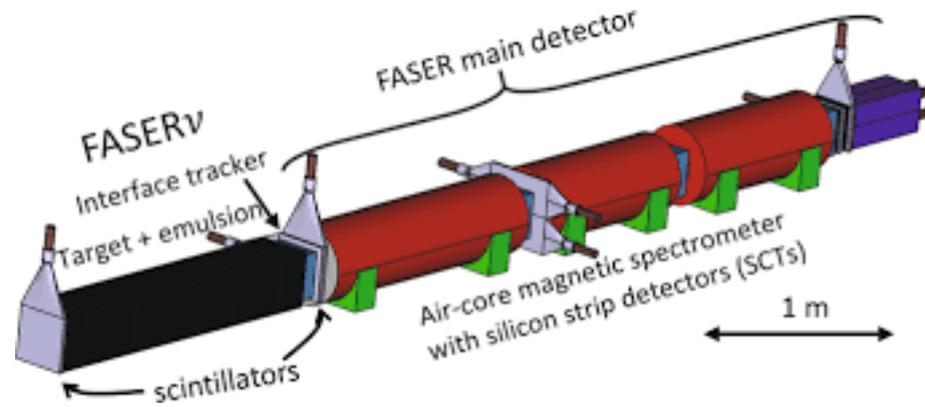
ZDC=Zero Degree Calorimeter



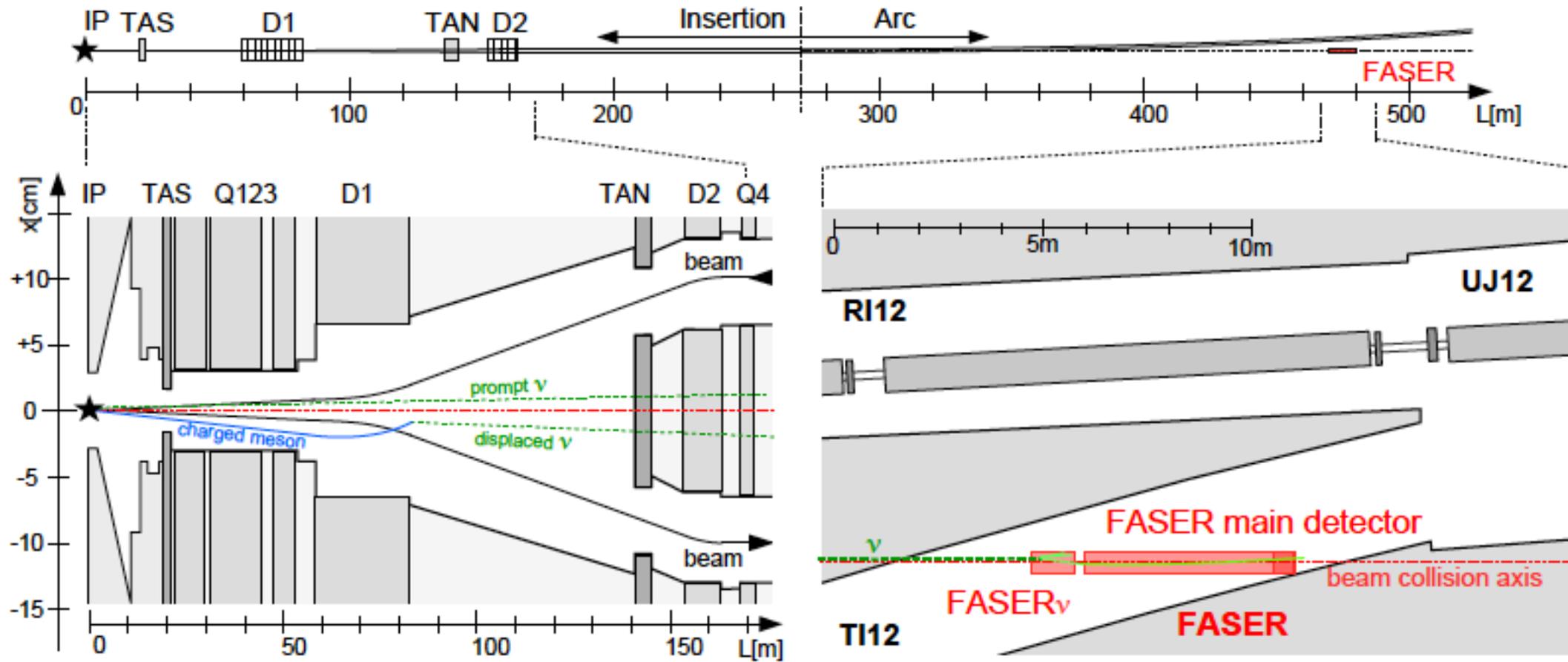
LHCf=LHC forward

# FASER

- FASER: ForwArd Search ExpeRiment

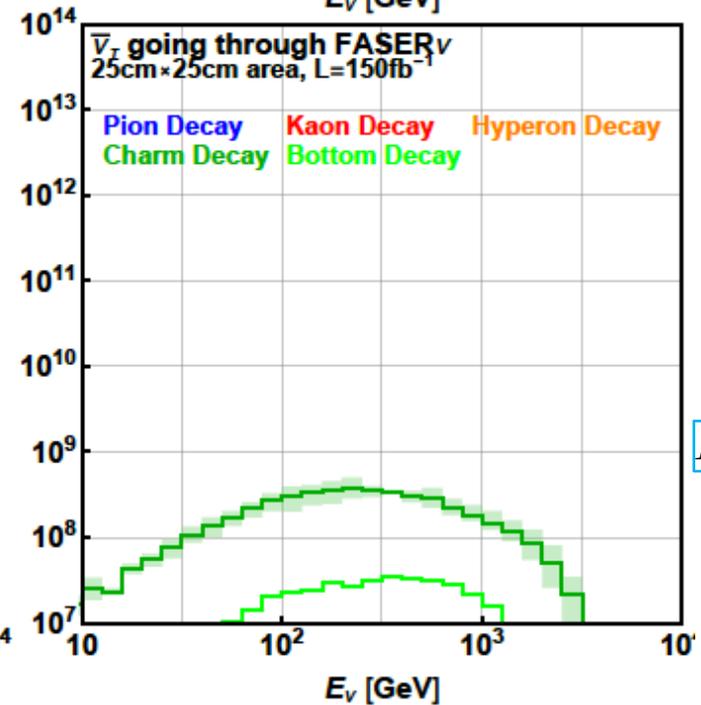
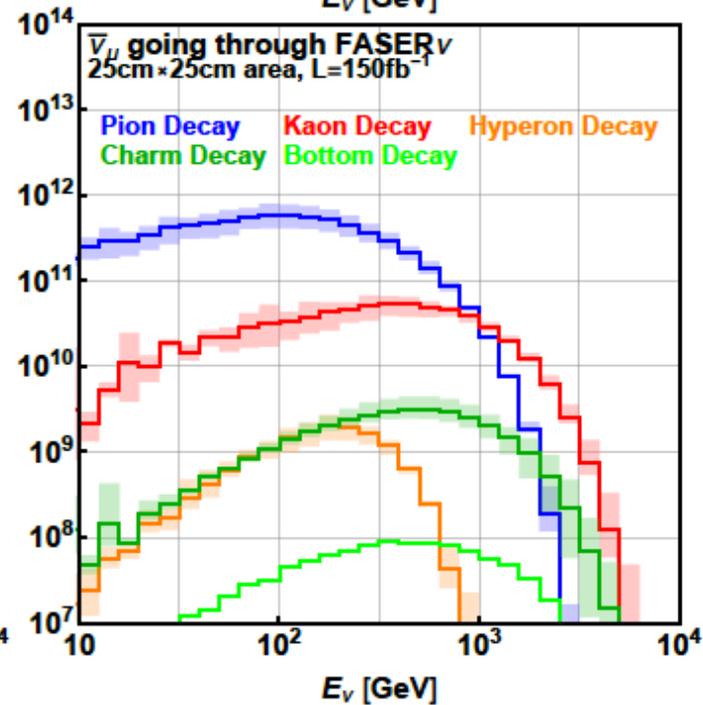
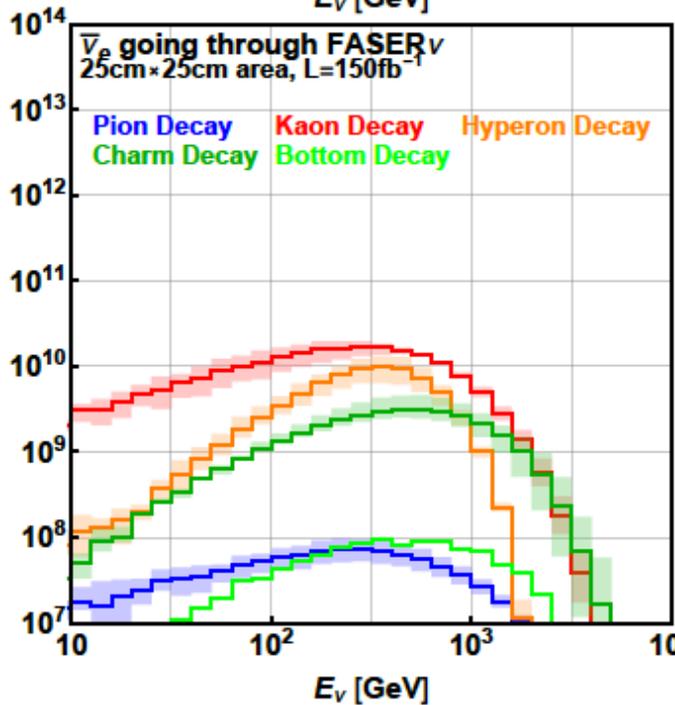
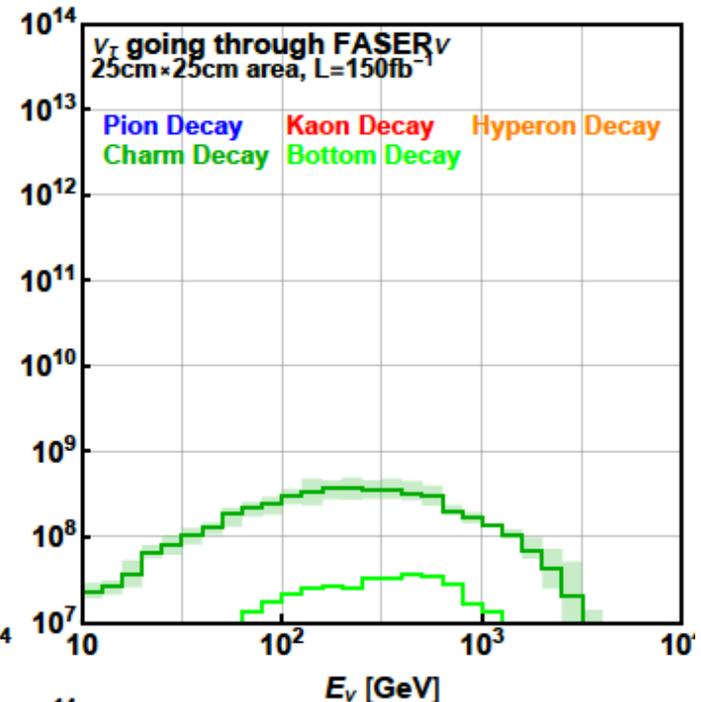
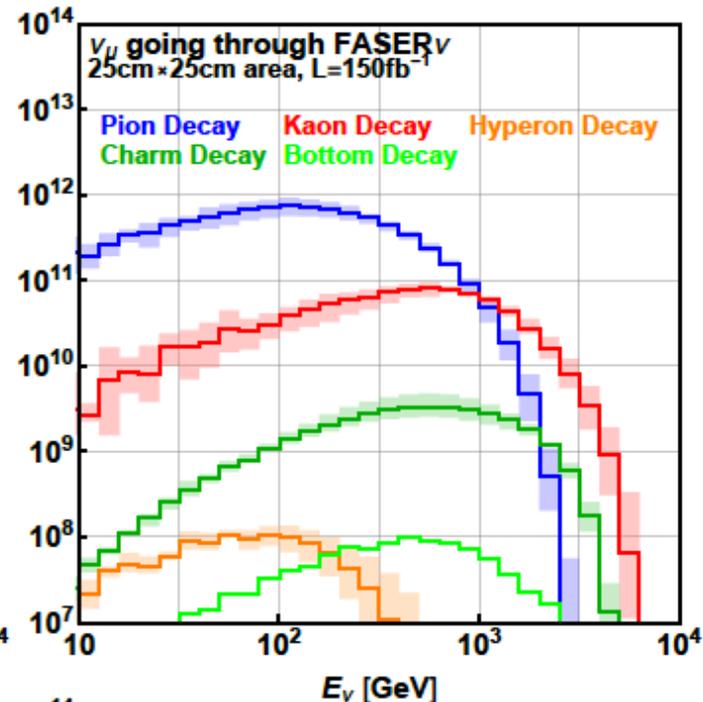
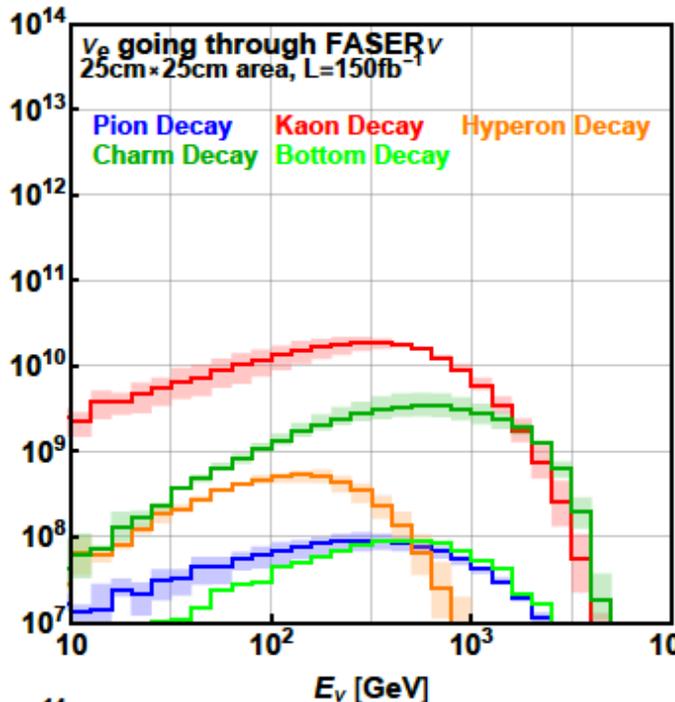


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FASER collaboration, arXiv:1908.0231

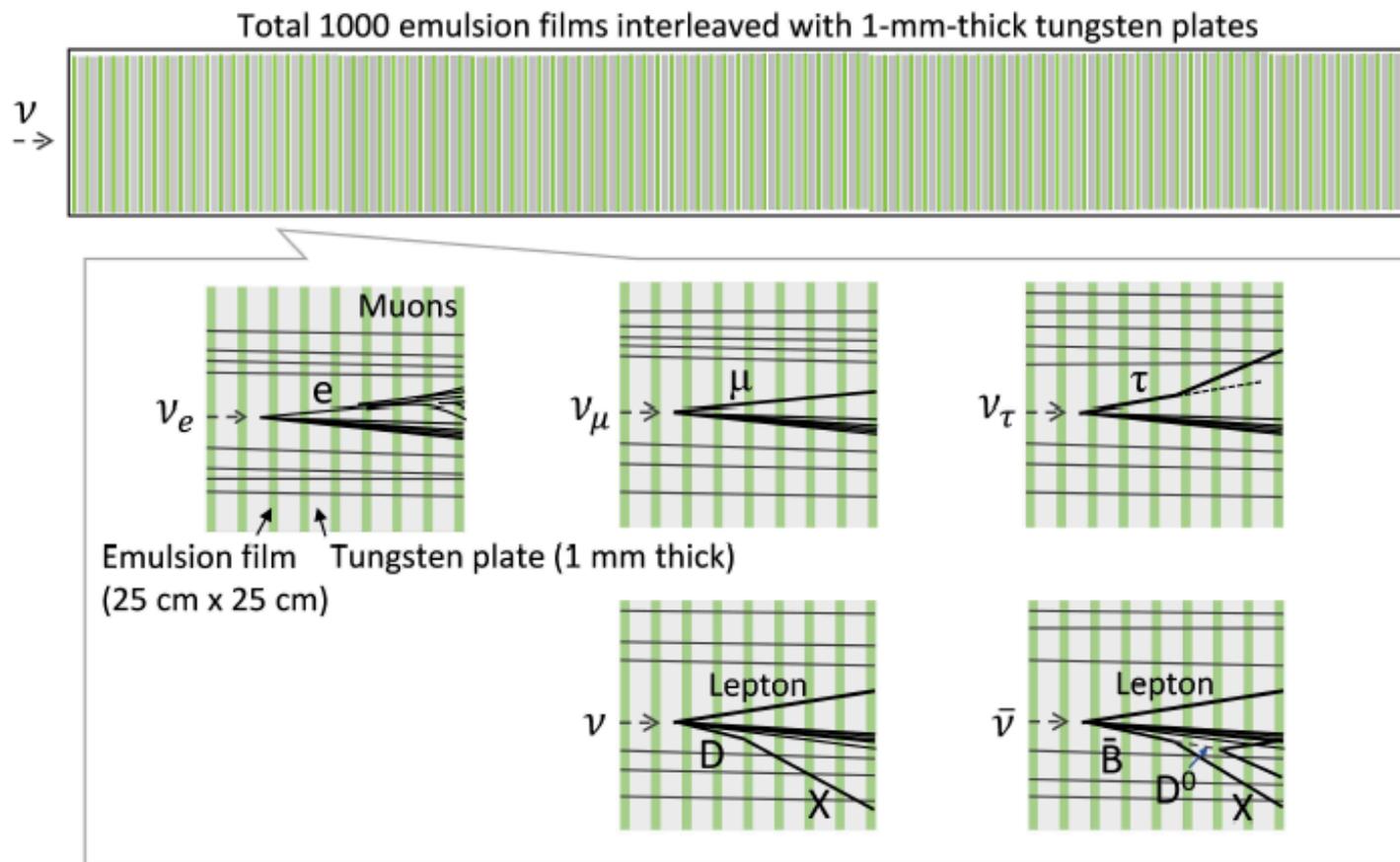
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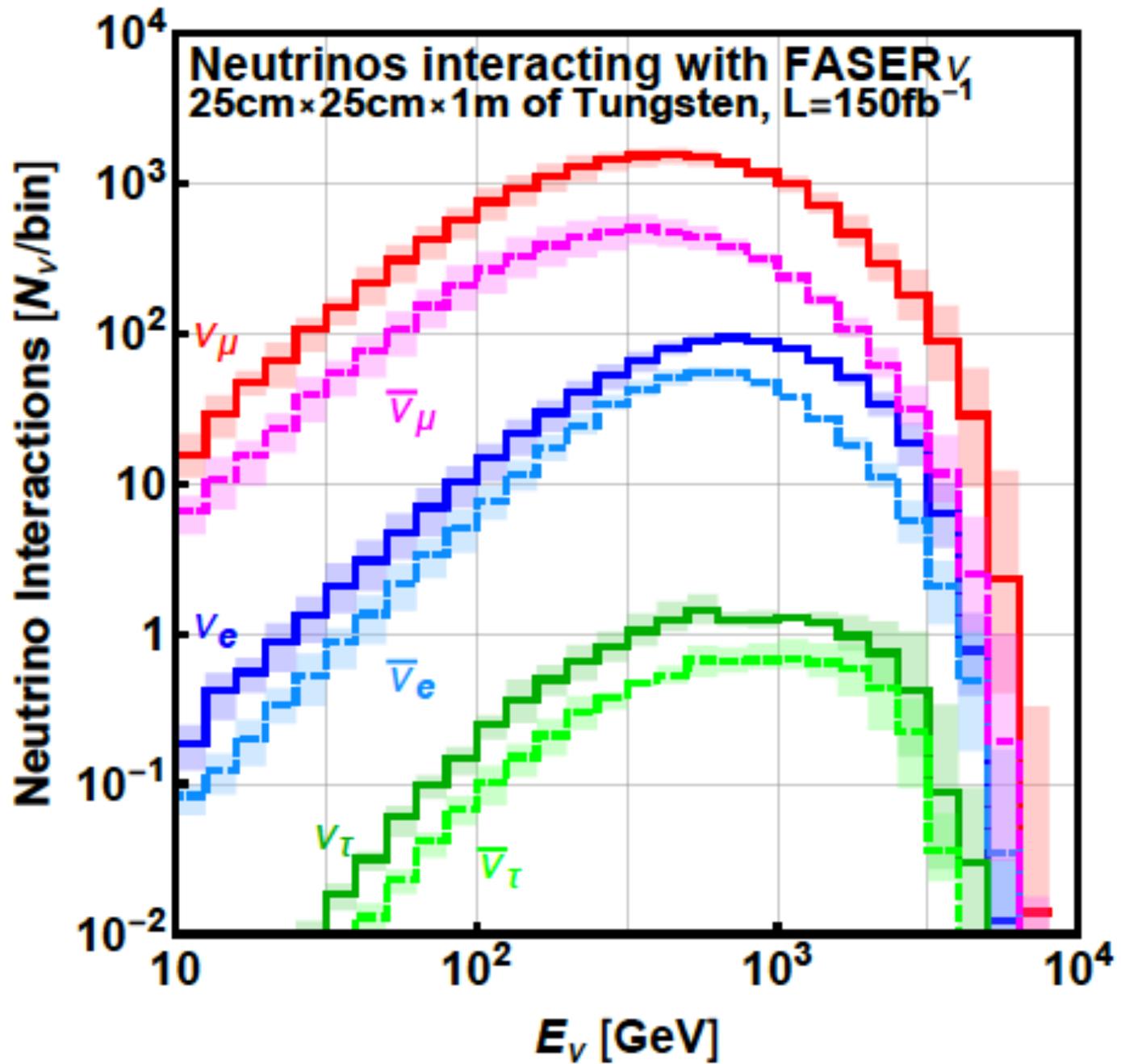


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$$Br(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = 63\%$$

$$Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e) = 5\%$$





FASER collaboration, arXiv:1908.0231

25 cm × 25 cm × 1.35 m emulsion detector

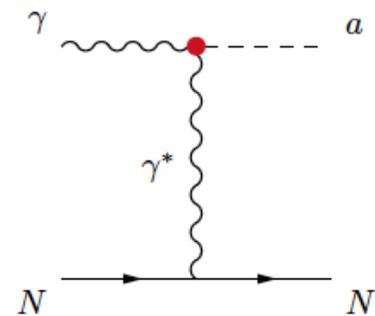
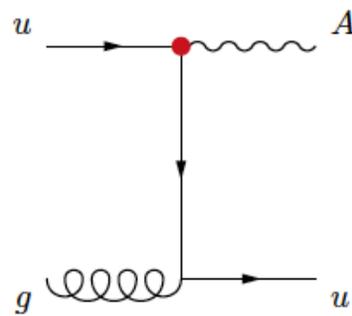
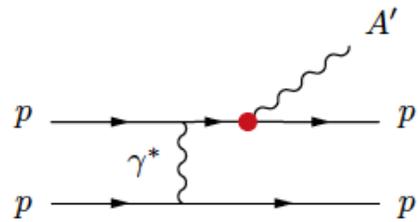
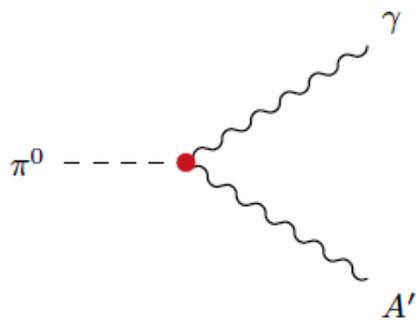
tungsten target mass of 1.2 tons.

1300  $\nu_e$ , 20,000  $\nu_\mu$ , and 20  $\nu_\tau$

# New physics in FASER

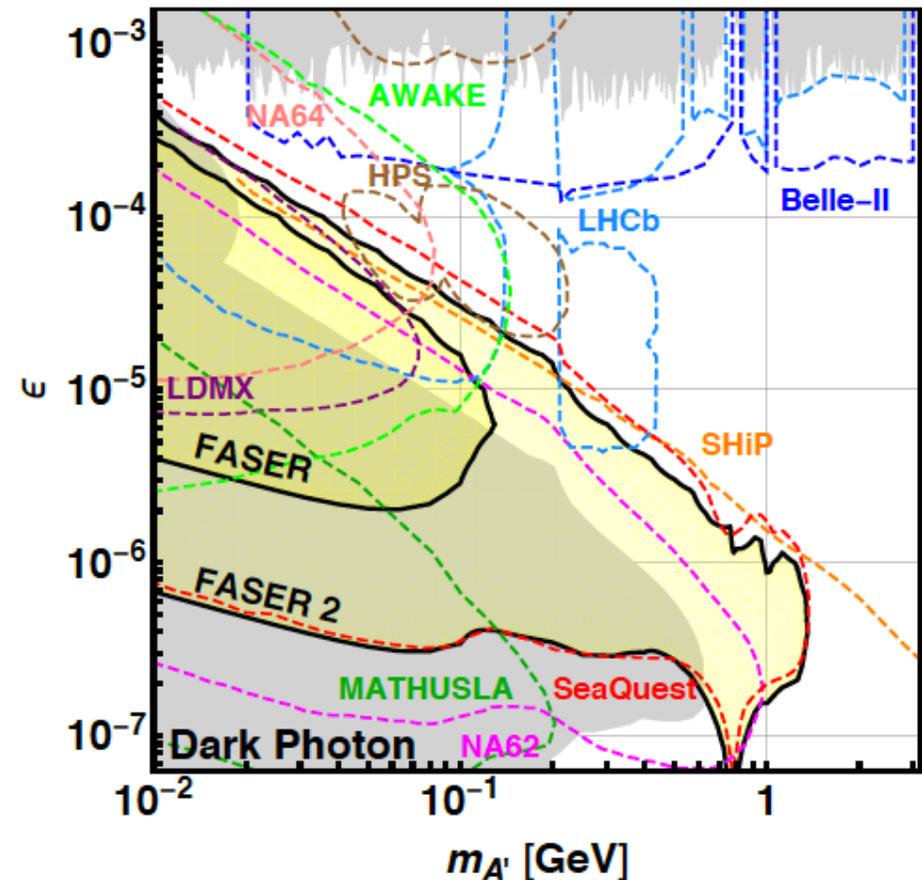
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$$\frac{1}{2} m_X^2 X^\mu X_\mu - g_X j_\mu^X X^\mu - \frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

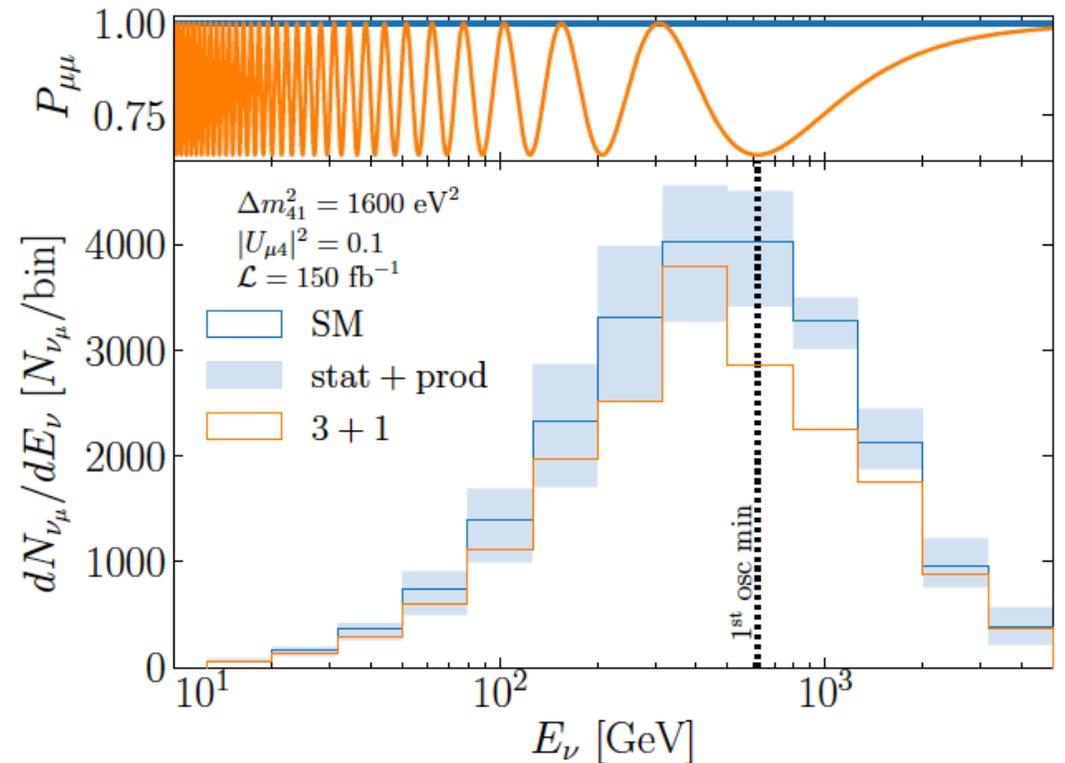


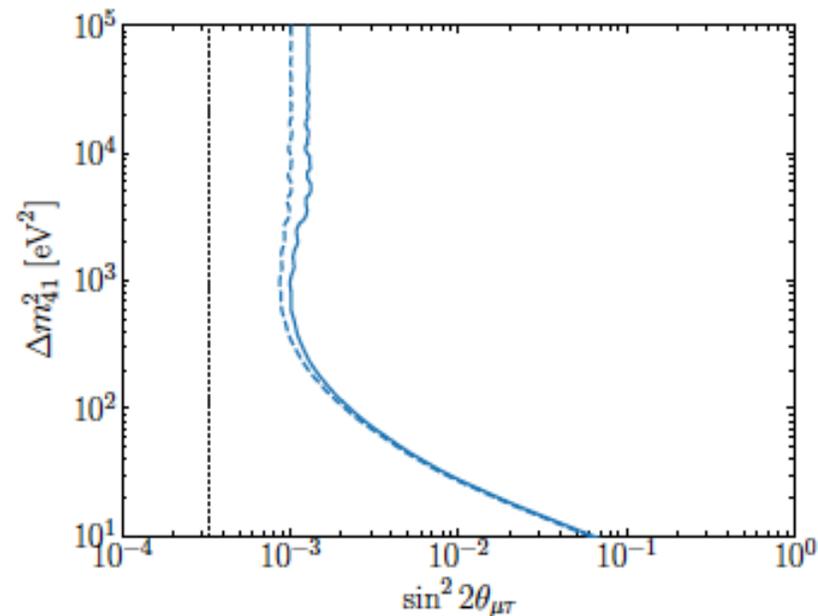
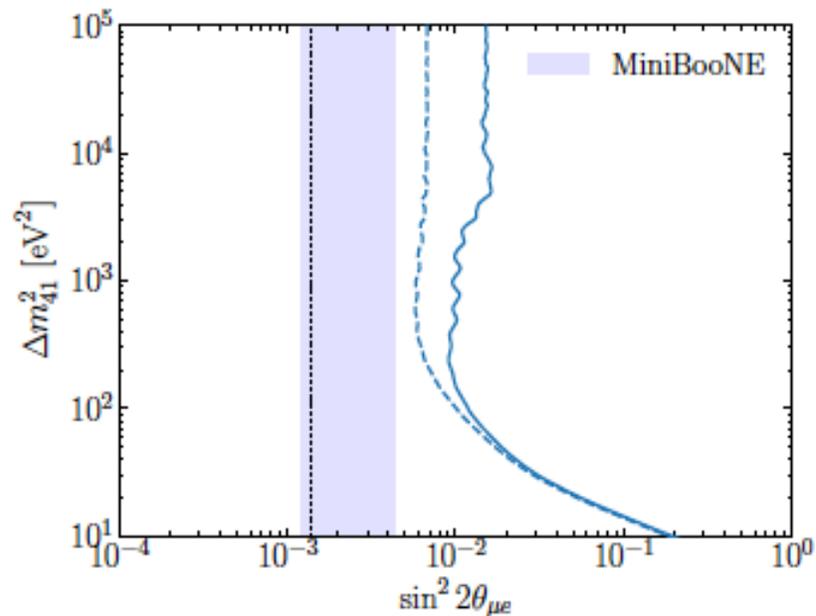
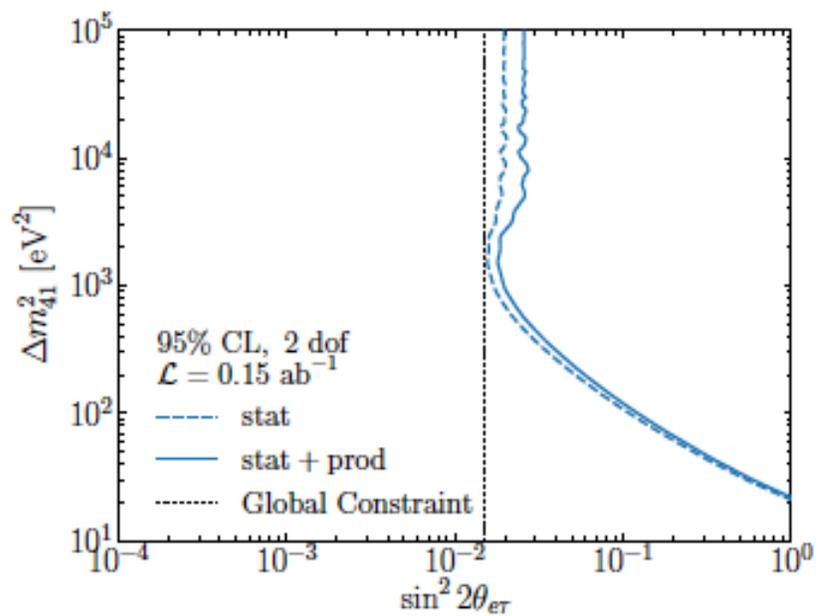
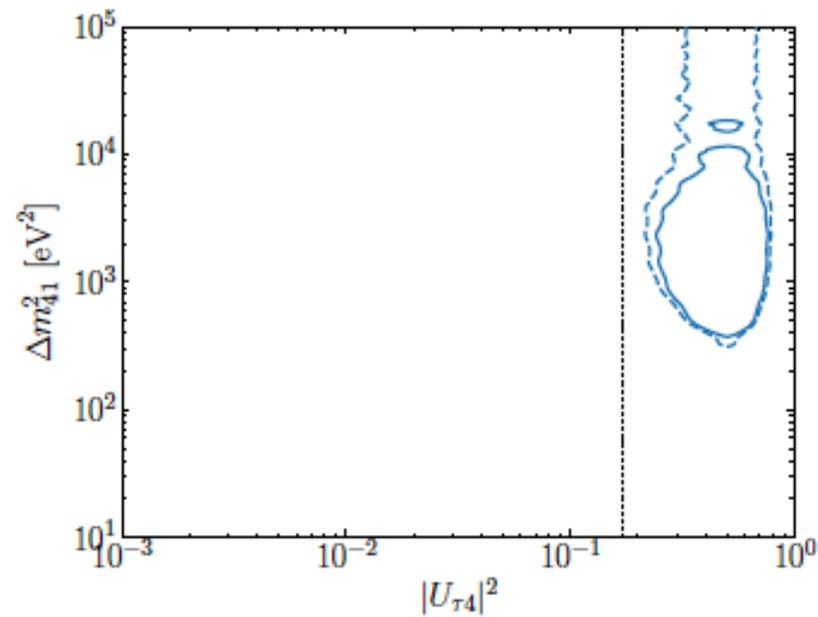
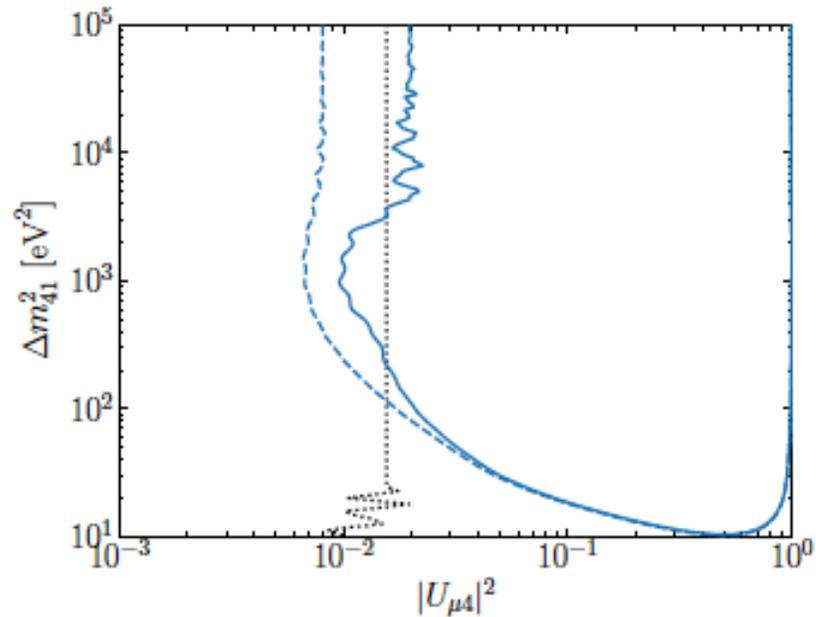
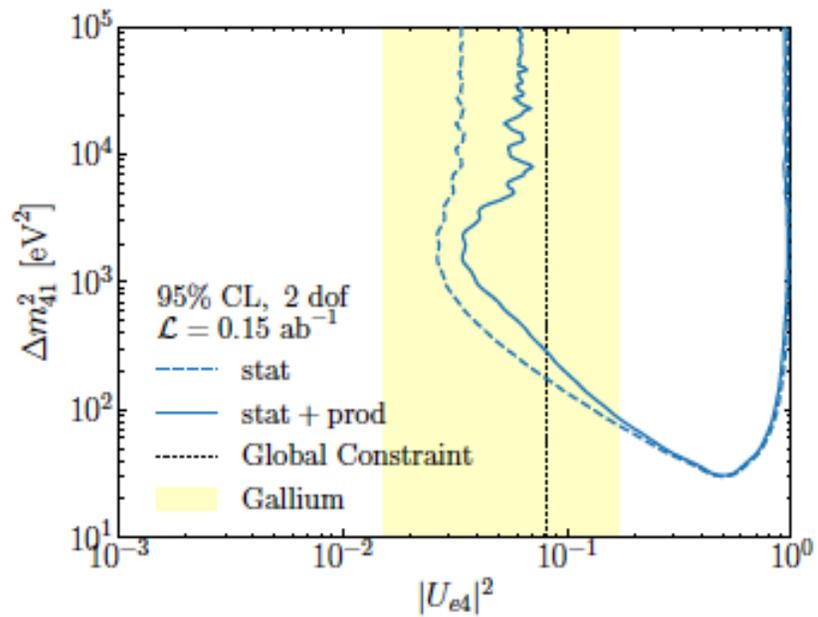
# Testing 3+1 model at FASER $\nu$

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) = 1 - 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2(1 - |U_{\alpha 4}|^2) \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}$$
$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sin^2 2\theta_{\alpha\beta} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} .$$

FASER collaboration, arXiv:1908.0231

$$m_{\nu_4} = 40 \text{ eV}$$

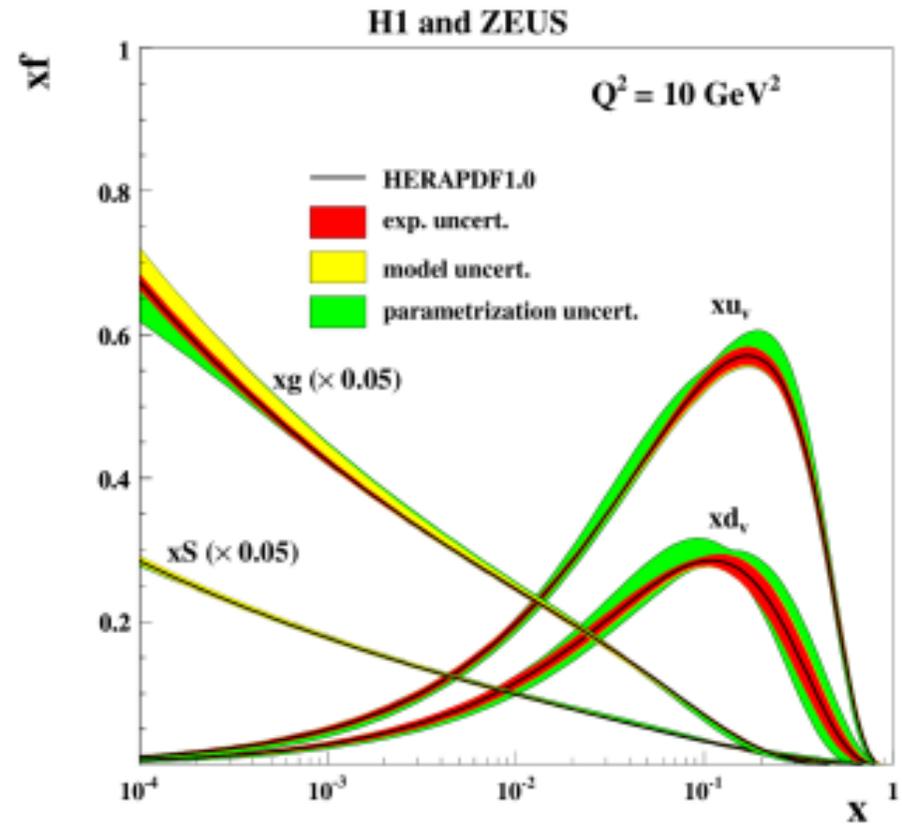




# New physics with FASER $\nu$

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# Parton Distribution Function (PDF)



# Two partons colliding

$$p_1 = p(x_1, 0, 0, x_1) \quad \text{and} \quad p_2 = p(x_2, 0, 0, -x_2)$$

$$s = 4x_1x_2p^2$$

$$p = 7 \text{ TeV}$$

$$x_1 \sim 0.1, \quad x_2 \sim 10^{-7}$$



$$s \sim \text{GeV}^2$$

Kinematics tells us that particles lighter than GeV can be produced and emitted in the **forward** direction.

# Need for intermediate particles

- At the **I**nteraction **P**oint (**IP**)

$$\text{Proton} + \text{Proton} \rightarrow X' + \dots$$

- $X'$  should not have too small coupling to SM particles to be abundantly produced at IP.

$$X' \rightarrow X \bar{X}$$

- $X$  should be feebly interacting so that survive up to FASER $\nu$ .

# Signature of X particles at FASER $\nu$ .

$$X \rightarrow f + \bar{f} \longrightarrow \text{Standard model fermions}$$

$$X \rightarrow f + \bar{f} + Y \longrightarrow \text{Missing energy-momentum; dark matter?}$$

Decay length 1 mm-10 cm

$$X \rightarrow \eta + \bar{\eta} \quad \eta \rightarrow f\bar{f} \quad \bar{\eta} \rightarrow f\bar{f}$$

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# Dark matter

What is dark matter made of?

# WIMP paradigm in its heyday

- WIMP=Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

Freeze-out scenario of dark matter



$$\langle v_{DM}\sigma(DM + DM) \rangle = 1 \text{ pb}$$

$$\langle v_{DM}\sigma(DM + DM) \rangle \sim \frac{g^4}{4\pi M^2}$$

$$g \sim e \sin \theta_W$$



$$M \sim \text{few} \times 100 \text{ GeV}$$

# Hopes for WIMP discovery

- **LHC:**  $p+p \longrightarrow \text{DM} + \text{monophoton}$  or  $\text{DM} + \text{monojet}$

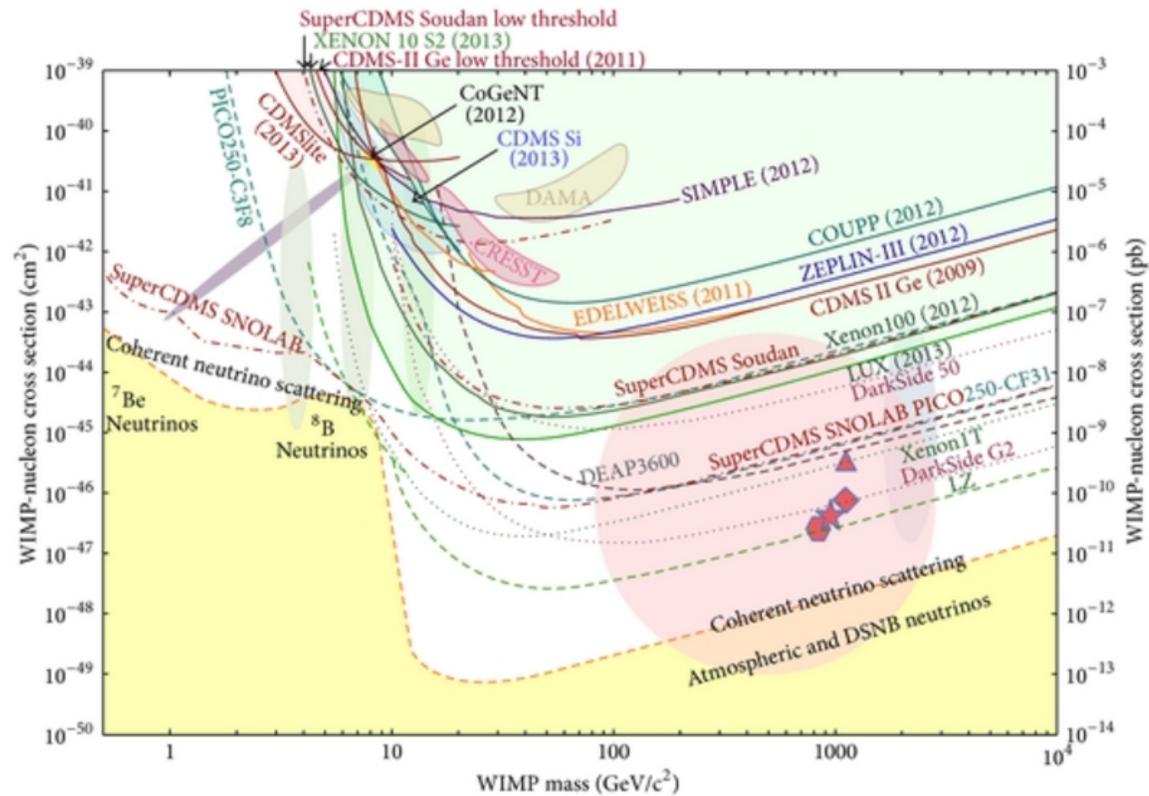
- **Direct DM searches:**  $\text{DM} + \text{nucleus} \longrightarrow \text{DM} + \text{recoiled nucleus}$

- **Indirect DM searches:**  $\text{DM} + \text{DM} \longrightarrow \text{SM particles}$

In regions that DM density is higher than the average: Galaxy center, DM halo, Earth or sun center

High hopes for DM detection

*Null* results so far



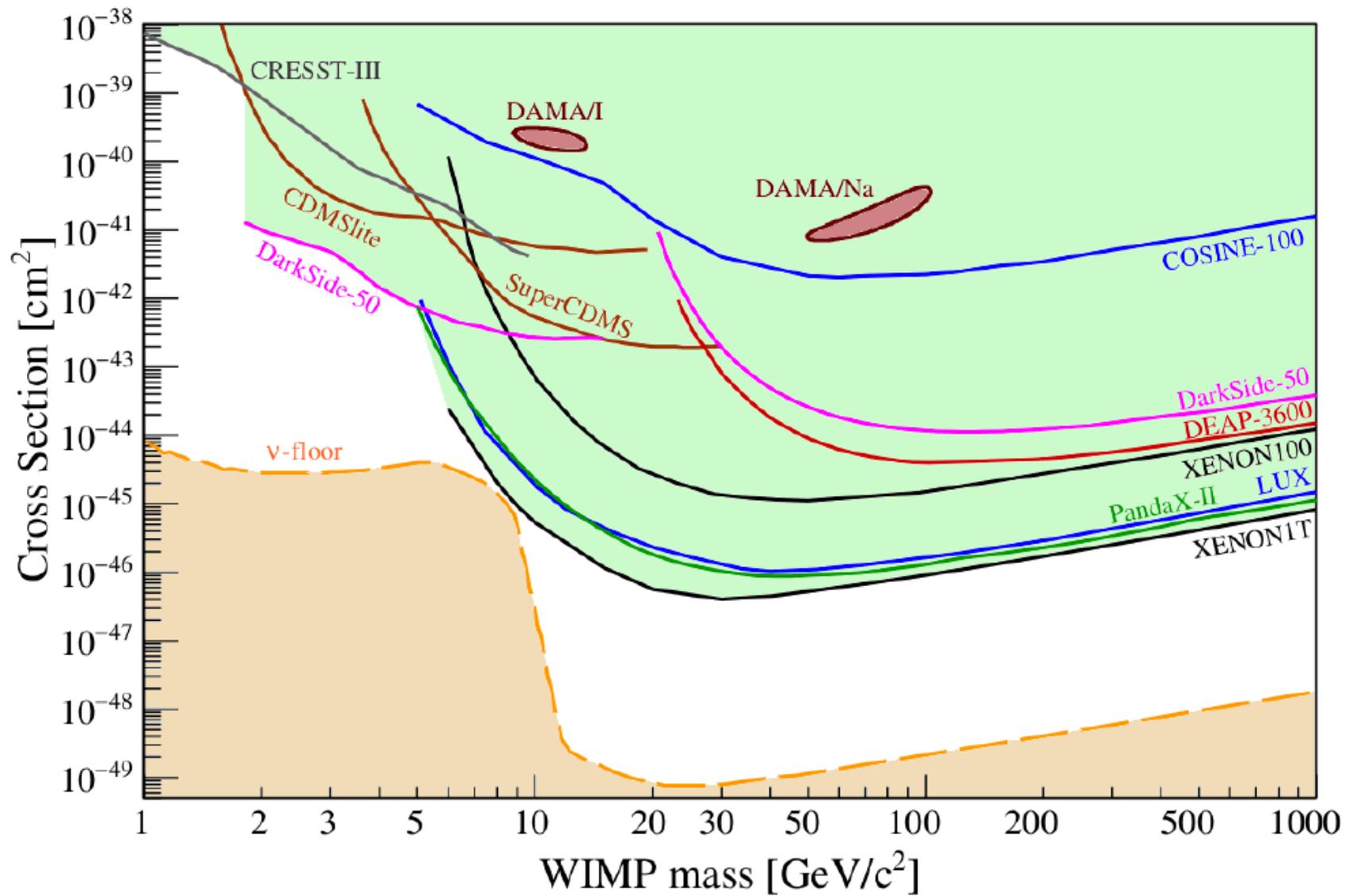
- Asymmetric DM (green ovals)
- Magnetic DM (violet oval)
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- MSSM: a funnel (red diamond)
- MSSM: bino-stop coannihilation (red hexagon)
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<http://newscenter.lbl.gov>

In 2013, WIMP was still **young**.

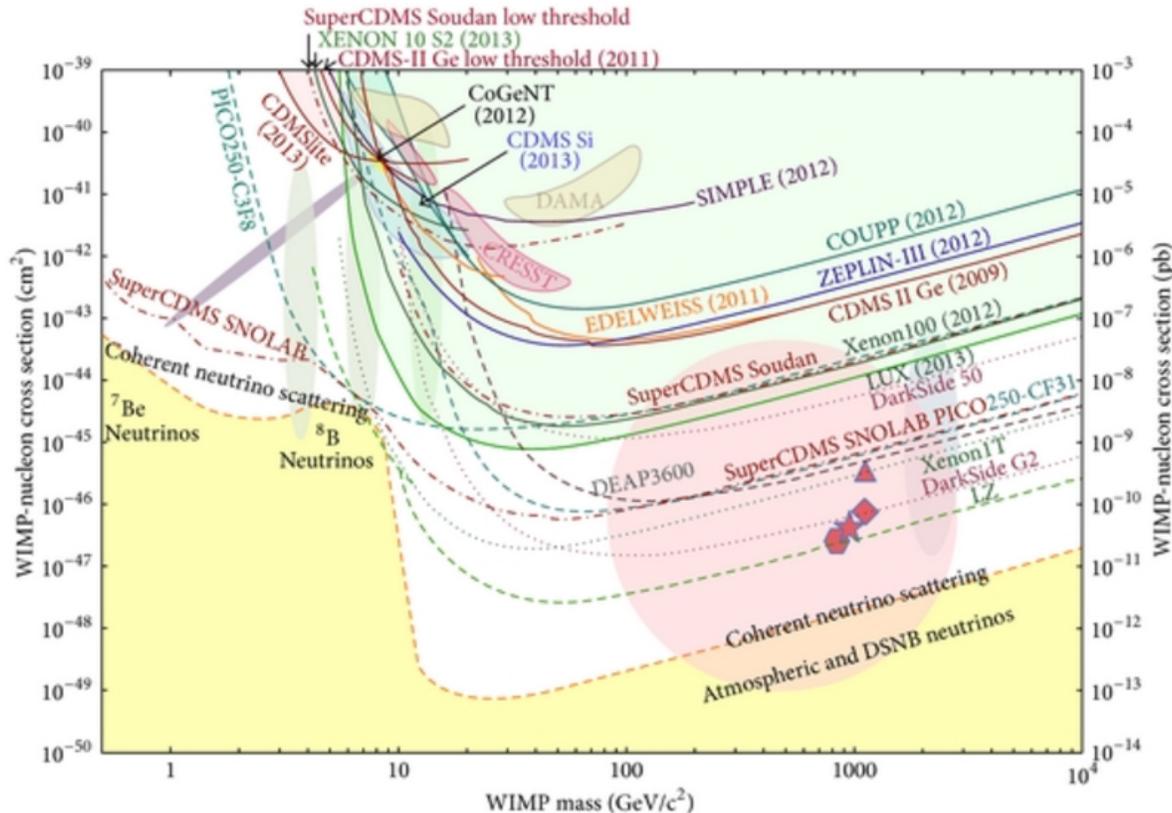
Italian: WIMP era ancora **giovane**

Iranian: **Javan**



E. Aprile et al. (XENON1T), Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 111302.

[Marc Schumann, "Direct Detection of WIMP Dark Matter: Concepts and Status" J.Phys.G 46 \(2019\) 10, 103003](#)



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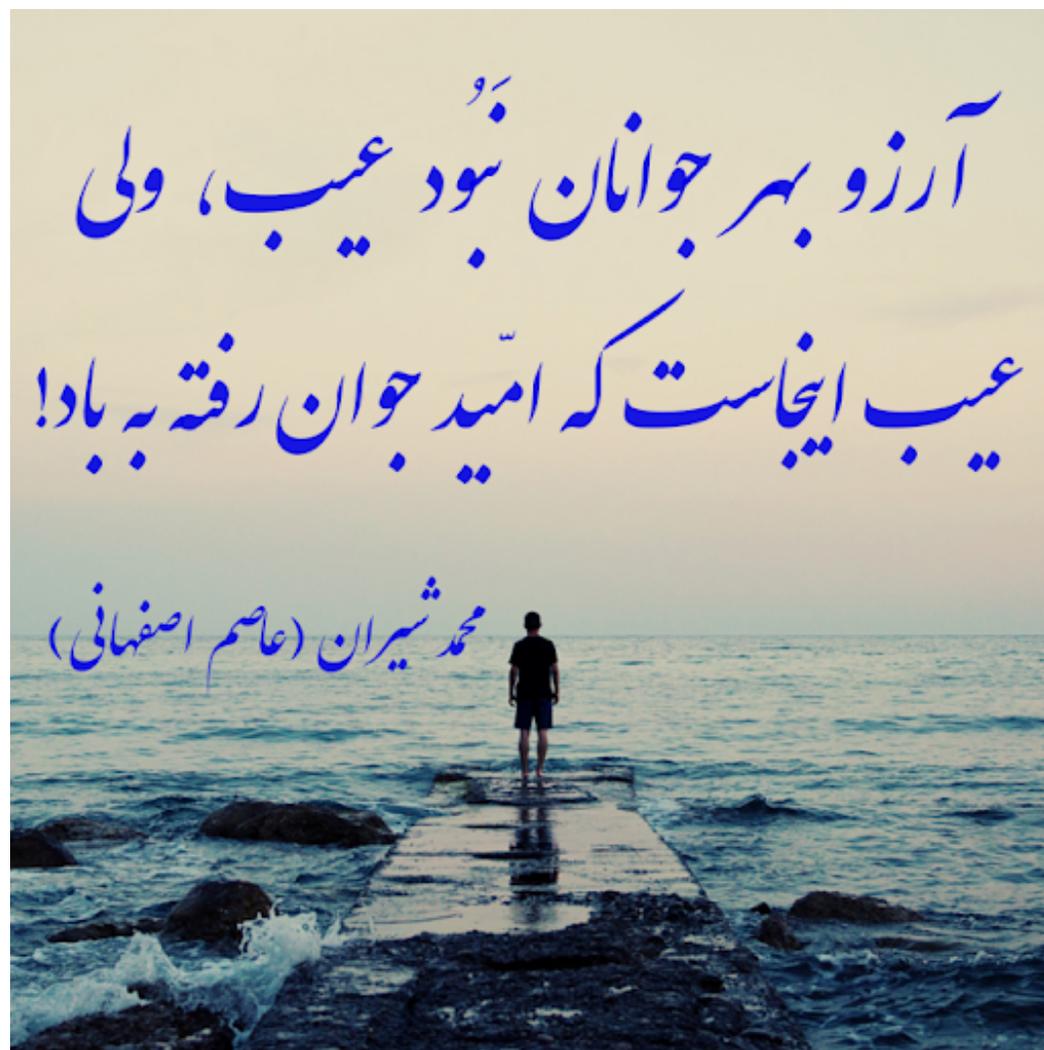
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# Iranian saying



# High hopes for DM detection

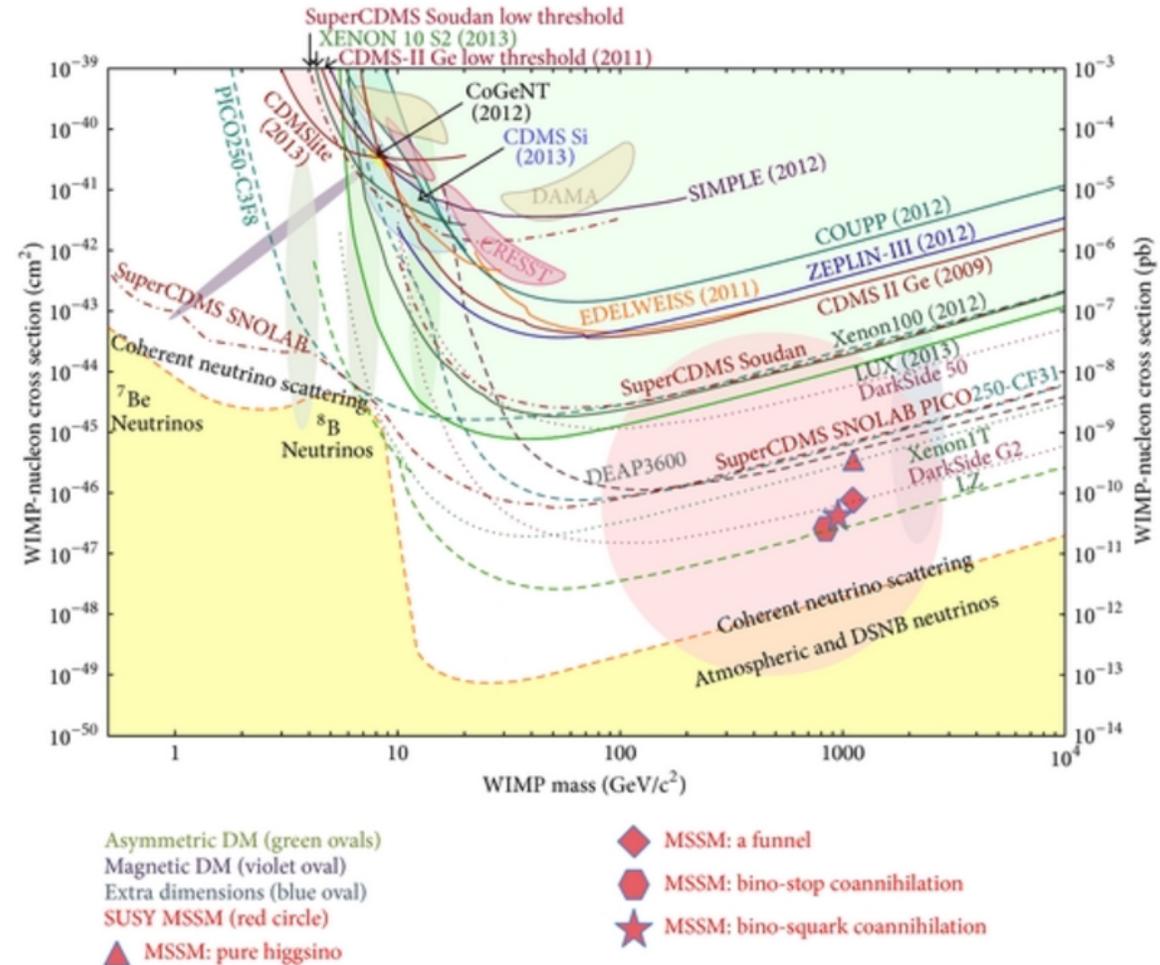
*Hope for WIMP is **not** given up.*

*But the Hegemony of WIMP as **THEE DM candidate** is broken*

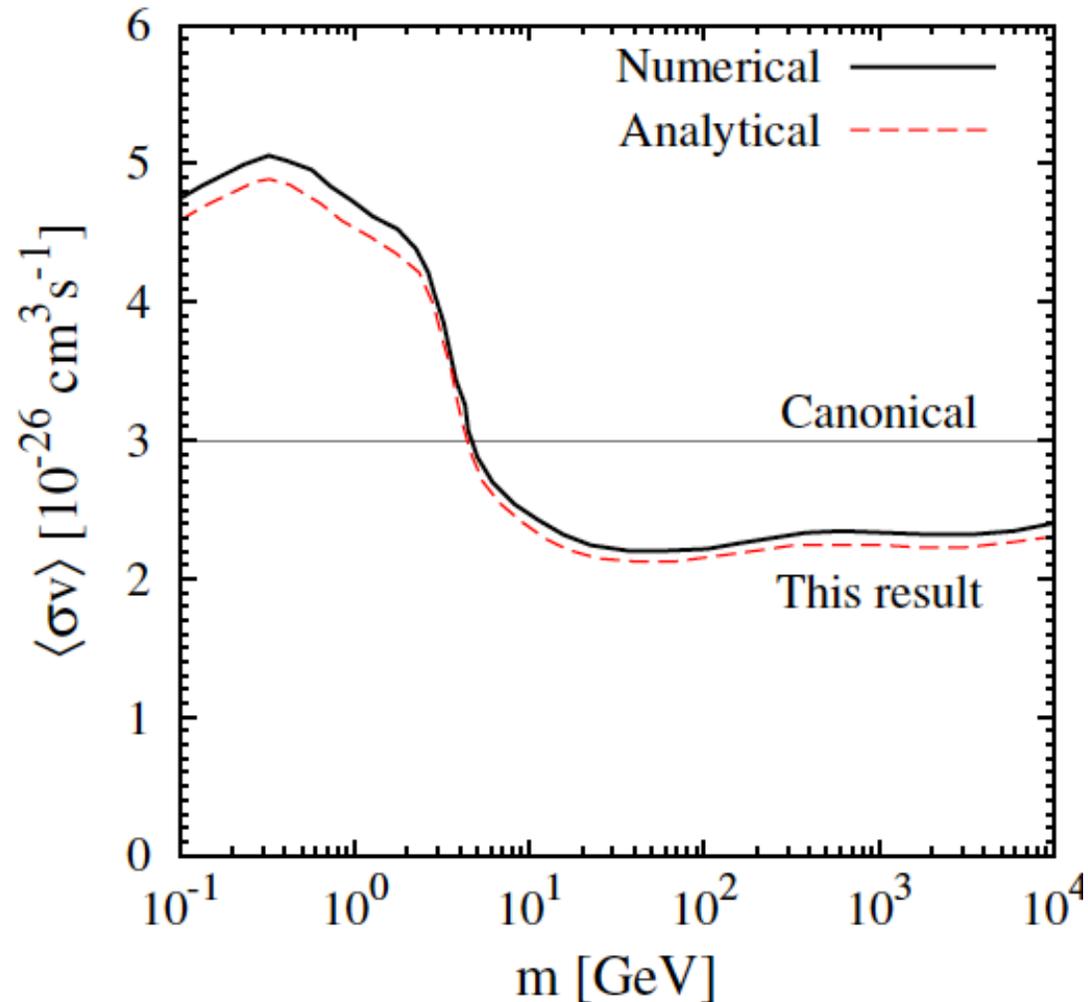
# Time to leave the comfort zone

- Comfort zone: 100 GeV-1 TeV
- Whole range:  $M > 10^{-21} eV$

# GeV scale DM



# More precise evaluation of annihilation from DM abundance



Freeze-out scenario

$$\sigma \sim 1 \text{ pb}$$

# Light dark matter annihilation rate

$$\sigma \sim \frac{g^4}{4\pi M^4} m_{DM}^2$$



M= Mass of the mediator

$$m_{DM} \sim \text{GeV}$$

If annihilation is to SM particles: electron, muon, u, d, s, gluons or photons

$$M/g > \text{TeV} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sigma \ll pb$$

B. W. Lee and S. **Weinberg**, Phys. Rev. Lett. 39 (1977) 165.

# One exception: SLIM model

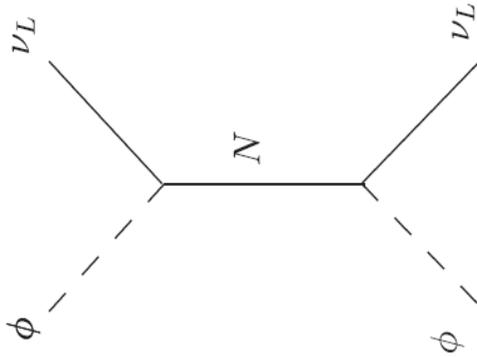
- New fields:
- Majorana Right-handed neutrino
- SLIM=Scalar as Light as MeV

Boehm, Y. F., T. Hambye, S. Palomares-Ruiz and S. Pascoli, PRD 77 (2008) 43516;

- Effective Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_I \supset g\phi\bar{N}\nu$

- New parameters:  $g \quad m_\phi \quad m_N$

# Annihilation cross-section

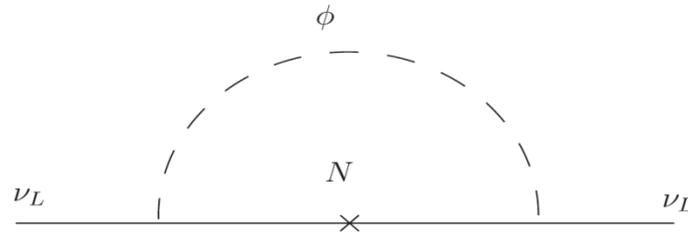


$$\begin{aligned}\langle \sigma(\phi\phi \rightarrow \nu\nu)v_r \rangle &= \langle \sigma(\phi\phi \rightarrow \bar{\nu}\bar{\nu})v_r \rangle \\ &\simeq \frac{g^4}{4\pi} \frac{m_N^2}{(m_\phi^2 + m_N^2)^2},\end{aligned}$$

$$g \simeq 10^{-3} \sqrt{\frac{m_N}{10 \text{ MeV}}} \left( \frac{\langle \sigma v_r \rangle}{10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}} \right)^{1/4} \left( 1 + \frac{m_\phi^2}{m_N^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

# neutrino masses

- In this scenario, SLIM does not develop any **VEV** so the tree level neutrino mass is zero.
- Radiative mass in case of **real** SLIM scalar:



Ultraviolet cutoff  $\Lambda$

$$m_\nu = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} m_N \left[ \ln\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_N^2}\right) - \frac{m_\phi^2}{m_N^2 - m_\phi^2} \ln\left(\frac{m_N^2}{m_\phi^2}\right) \right]$$

# Bounds on SLIM mass

$$m_\phi < M_N$$

$$O(1) \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_N \lesssim 10 \text{ MeV}.$$

# GeV scale Dark matter

$$DM + DM \rightarrow \eta + \bar{\eta}$$

Beyond SM

$$\sigma \sim \frac{g^4}{4\pi M^4} m_{DM}^2$$

$$m_{DM} \sim \text{GeV}$$

$$M/g \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\sigma \sim 1 \text{ pb}$$

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SM fermion

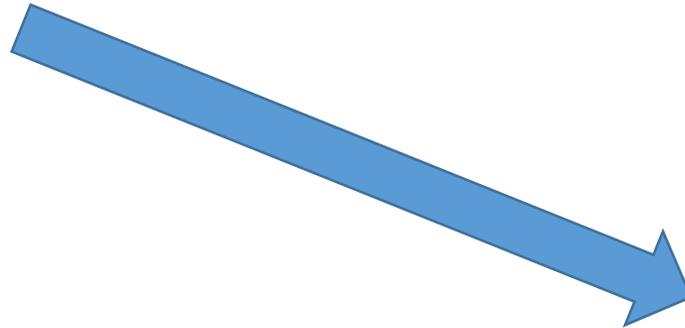
$$m_{\eta} > 10 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\tau_{\eta} < 1 \text{ sec}$$

No trouble for BBN

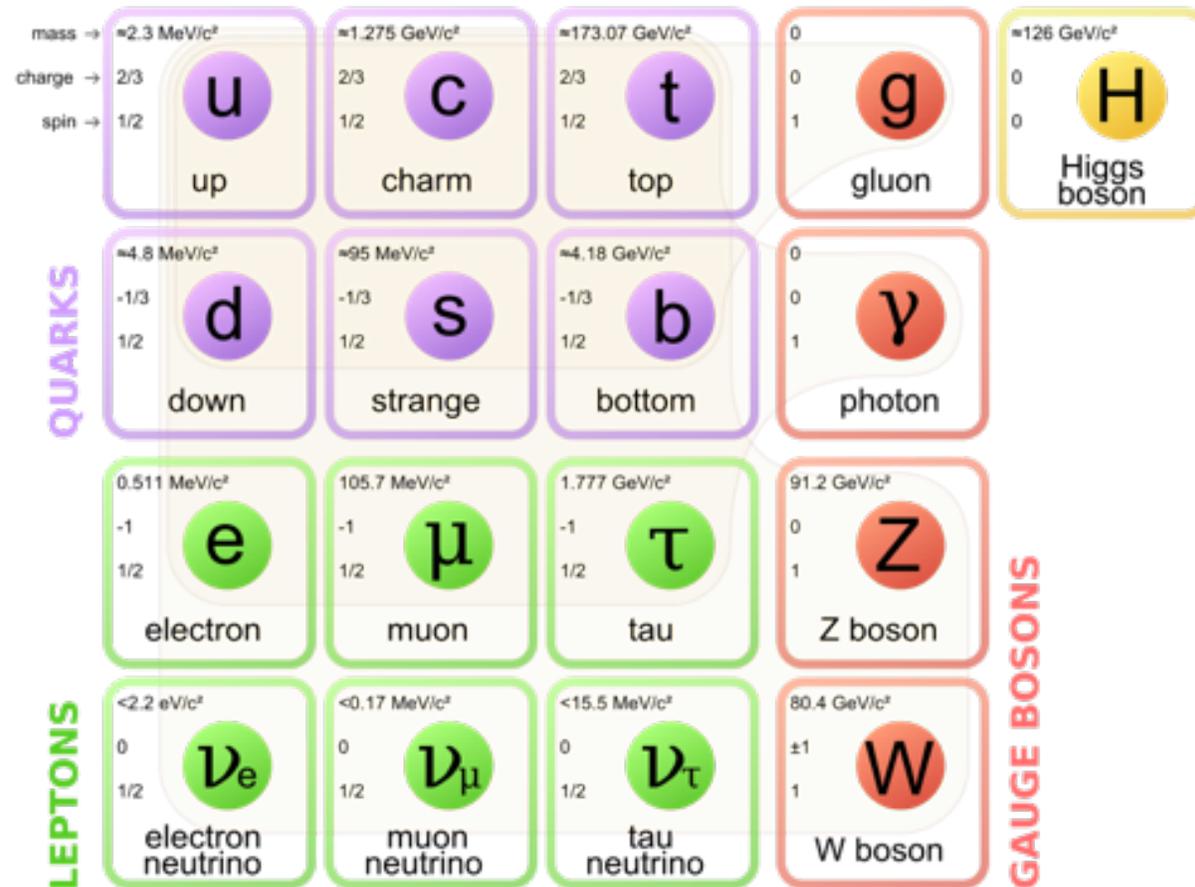
# Shift of paradigm in DM model building

Minimality



Richness

Inspired by 5% of matter (ordinary matter)



# Richness of SM makes life dazzling



Scenery from Iran

- Why should DM to be minimal?
- It would be boring if it is so.
- More exciting possibilities: Multicomponent DM, SIDM,....

# Can we uncover the richness of dark sector?

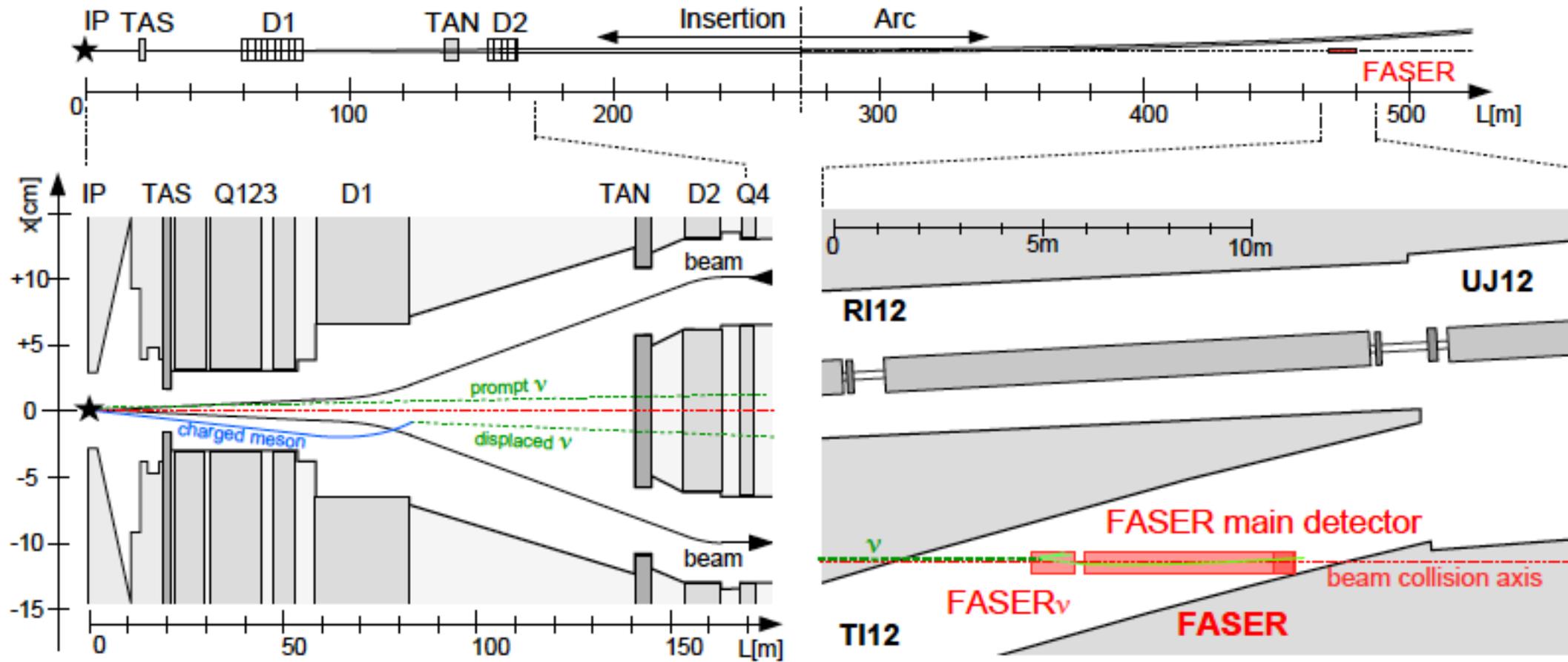
- We should **not** overlook any possibility to do so.

- FASER $\nu$ : Superb **position** and **spatial** resolution



Reconstructing **invisible** tracks of **neutral** particles decaying to charged leptons

- The point of our paper: FASER $\nu$  can be a useful tool.



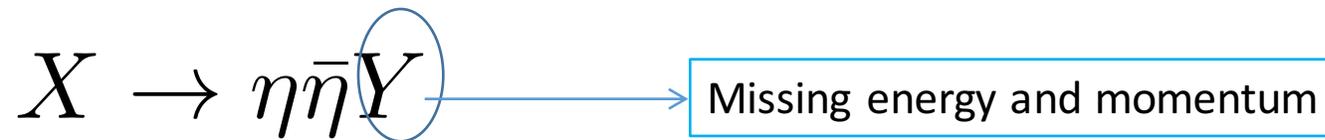
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# Toy model

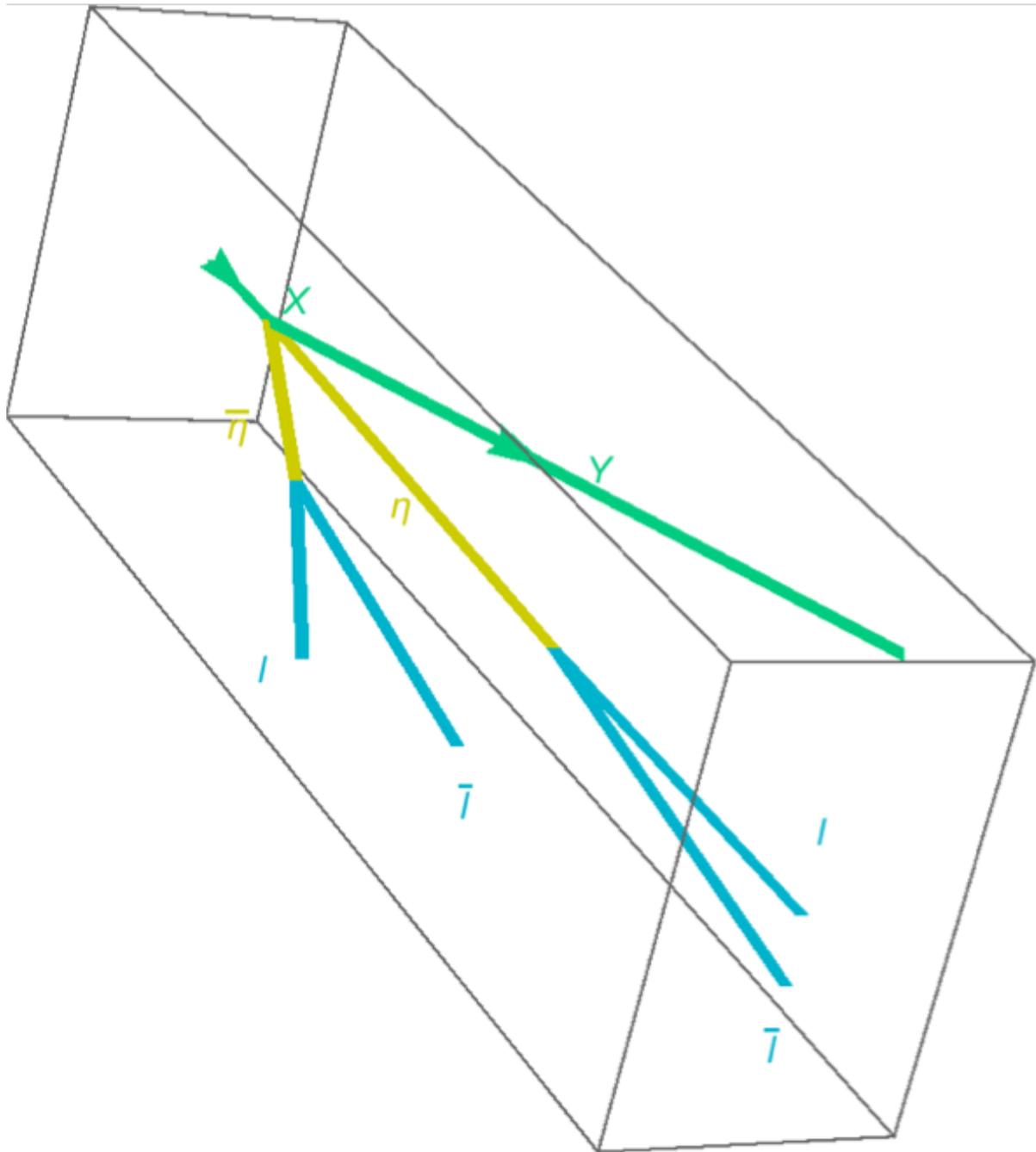
- Intermediate  $X'$  is produced at IP.
- Before reaching detector,  $X' \rightarrow X \bar{X}$
- $X$  decays at FASER $\nu$  to the SM charged leptons:

A generic scenario



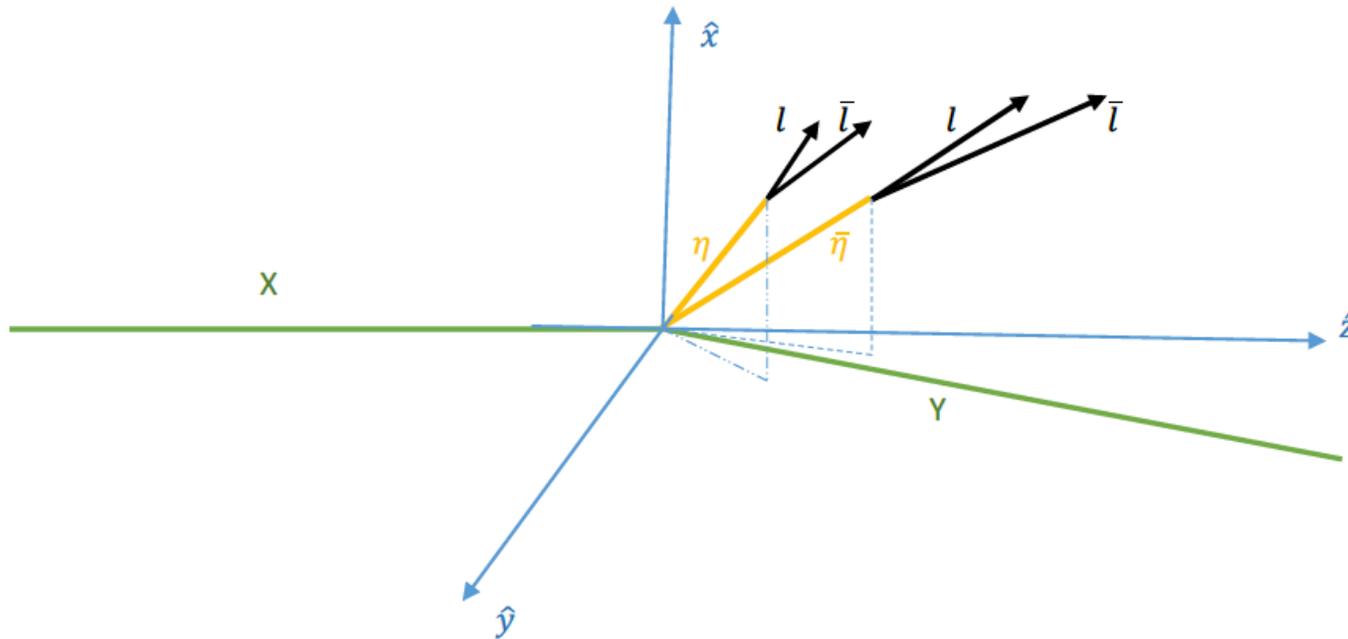
- $\eta$  and  $\bar{\eta}$  decay after 1mm-10cm:  $\eta \rightarrow l \bar{l}$   $\bar{\eta} \rightarrow l \bar{l}$

Specific model  
Demonstrating ability  
Of FASER $\nu$



# Signature at FASER $\nu$

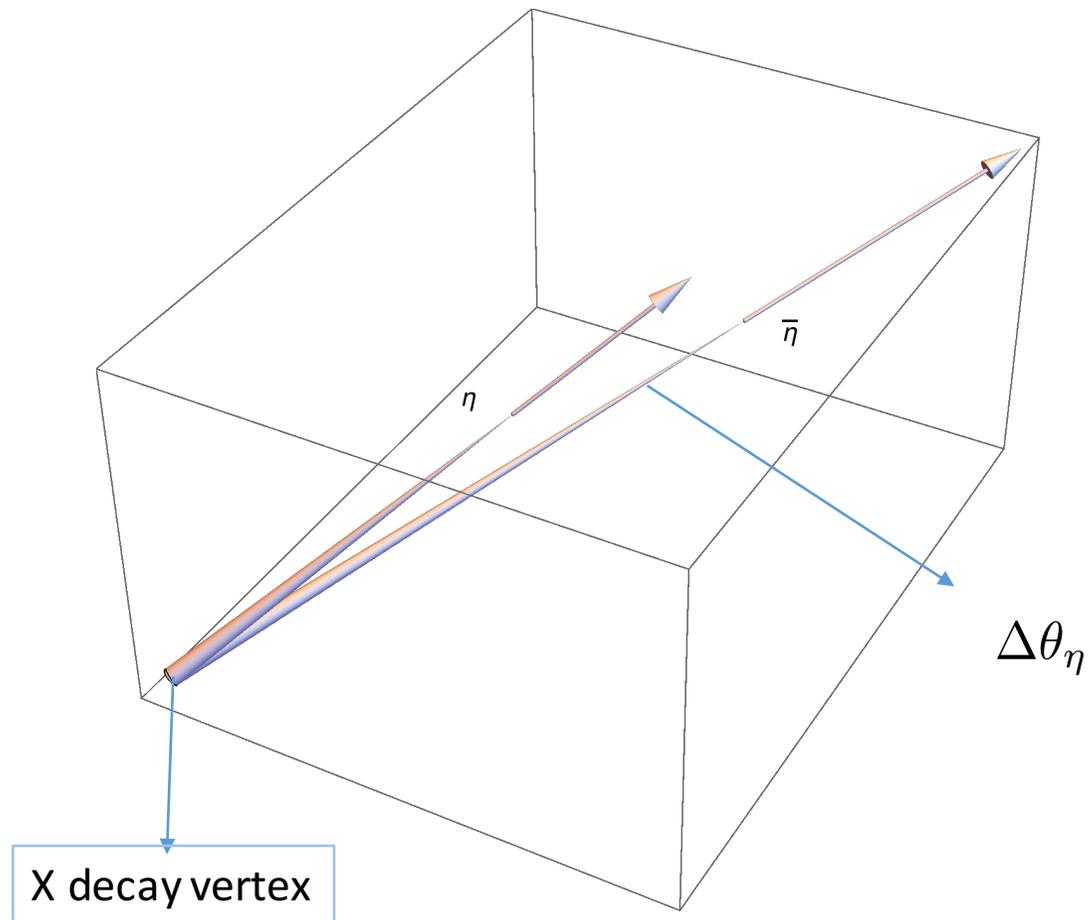
- Two pairs charged leptons plus missing energy



Energy momentum of leptons can be measured



The energy momentum of  $\bar{\eta}$  and  $\eta$



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- 1)  $Z'$  boson of  $B - a_e L_e - a_\mu L_\mu - a_\tau L_\tau$  (with  $a_e + a_\mu + a_\tau = -3$ ) or kinetically mixed  $\epsilon Z'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
- 2) **Scalar**  $\phi$  coupled to quarks:  $\phi \bar{u}u, \phi \bar{d}d, \phi \bar{s}s$

Mixed with SM Higgs or Mixed with new inert Higgs

Small mixing to first generation

Production from Heavy meson decay at IP

arbitrary coupling to first generation

Direct production from parton interaction at IP

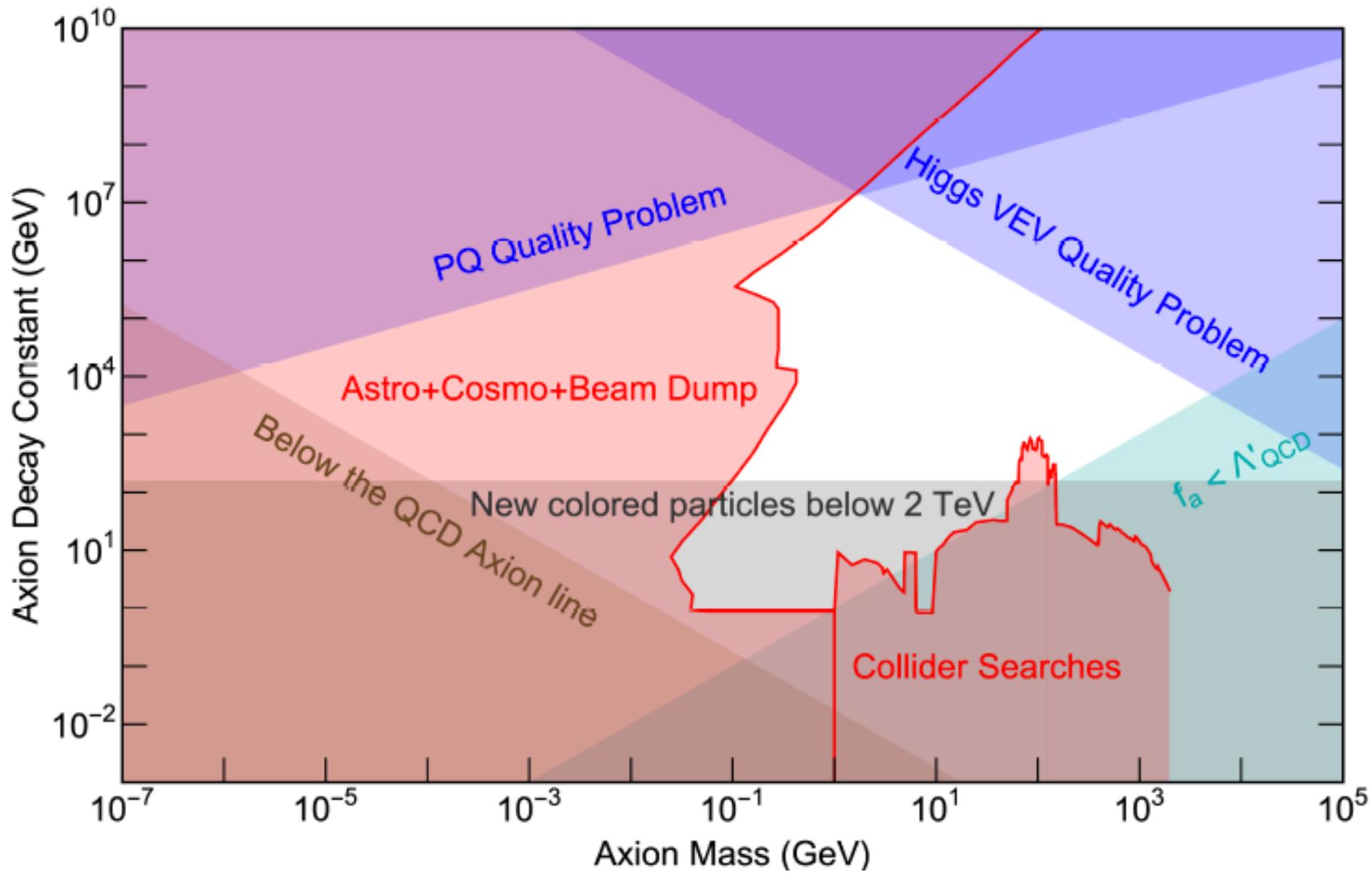
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3) **Pseudoscalar** axion: 
$$\frac{X' G_{\mu\nu}^i G_{\alpha\beta}^i \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{\Lambda},$$

solving the QCD  $\theta$ -term.



$$\Lambda = 8\pi f_a / \alpha_{QCD}$$

# Fast decay of $X'$

- $X'$  with a mass larger than 3 pion mass decays fast to gluons
- We want it to decay faster to  $X\bar{X}$

Scalar  $X$ :  $\lambda m_{X'} X' \bar{X} X$

Fermion  $X$ :  $\lambda X' \bar{X} X$

$$\lambda > 10^{-6}$$



$$Br(X' \rightarrow X\bar{X}) \gg Br(X' \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$$

$X'$  will decay after traveling less than one meter.

# Production of $X'$

Interaction Point (IP):  $g(p_1) + g(p_2) \rightarrow X'(p_1 + p_2)$

$$p_1 = p(x_1, 0, 0, x_1) \quad \text{and} \quad p_2 = p(x_2, 0, 0, -x_2)$$

$$m_{X'} = p\sqrt{4x_1x_2} \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{m_{X'}^2}{4p^2} < x_1, x_2 < 1.$$

$$\langle |M^2| \rangle = \frac{2p^4 x_1^2 x_2^2}{\Lambda^2}.$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{tot}(E_{X'})}{dE_{X'}} = \frac{\pi}{32\Lambda^2} \frac{m_{X'}^2}{p^2} \frac{1}{P_{X'}} F_g\left(\frac{E_{X'} + P_{X'}}{2p}\right) F_g\left(\frac{E_{X'} - P_{X'}}{2p}\right)$$

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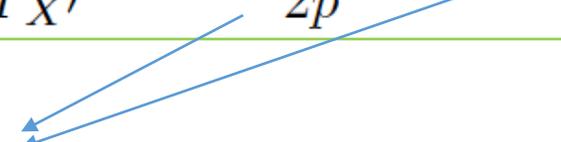
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Gluon PDFs at  $Q^2 = m_{X'}^2$



# Angular distribution of the emitted $X'$

$$\text{Interaction Point (IP): } g(p_1) + g(p_2) \rightarrow X'(p_1 + p_2)$$

Transverse momentum ignored

$$p_t = 200 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p_1 = p(x_1, 0, 0, x_1) \quad \text{and} \quad p_2 = p(x_2, 0, 0, -x_2)$$

emission of  $X'$  within a small solid angle of  $\pi\theta_t^2$  where  $\theta_t = p_t/E_{X'}$

Transverse momentum of protons in a bunch  $< 1 \text{ MeV} \ll 200 \text{ MeV}$

# Is this the only production mode?

$$g + g \rightarrow X' + g \text{ or } g + q \rightarrow X' + q.$$

High transverse momentum for  $X'$

Reaching ATLAS (and CMS) but not FASER

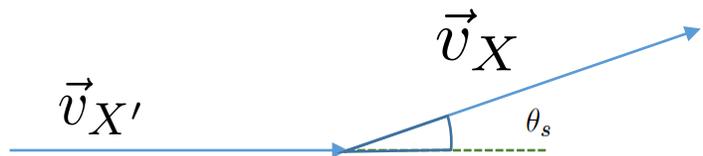
$X$  particles directed towards FASER:

$$dN(E_X)/dE_X|_{2 \rightarrow 2} < 20\% \text{ of } dN(E_X)/dE_X|_{2 \rightarrow 1}$$

# Angular spread of X

Momentum of X in the rest frame of X':  $k = (m_{X'}^2/4 - m_X^2)^{1/2}$

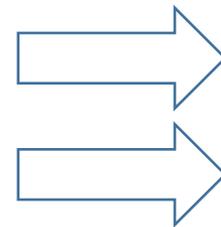
X' velocity in the lab frame:  $v_{X'} = (1 - m_{X'}^2/E_{X'}^2)^{1/2}$



$$\theta_s = \arctan \left( \frac{2k}{E_{X'} v_{X'} \sqrt{1 - 4k^2 / (m_{X'}^2 v_{X'}^2)}} \right)$$

For  $p_t \ll k \sim m_{X'}/2$ ,

For  $m_X \rightarrow m_{X'}/2$ ,  $k \ll m_X/2$

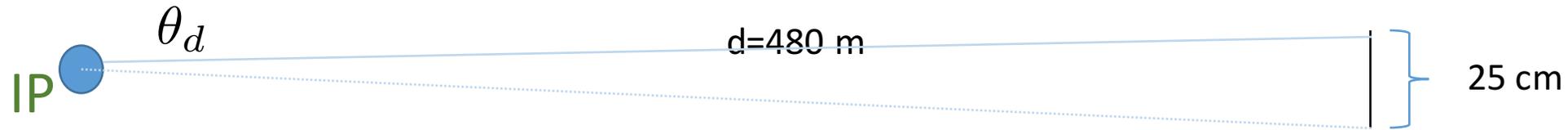


$$\theta_s > \theta_t$$

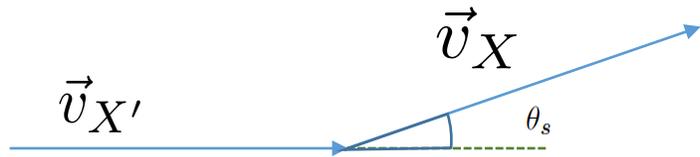
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Angular spread of X'

# fraction of X reaching FASER $\nu$



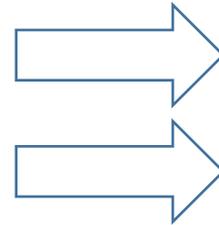
$$\theta_d = 5 \times 10^{-4}$$



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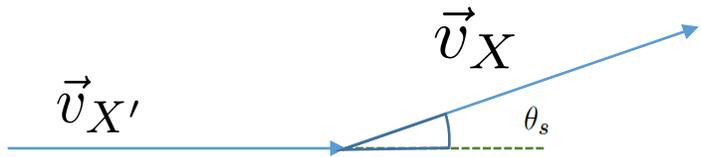
$$f = \theta_d^2 / (2(1 - \cos \theta_s))$$

$$f = \theta_d^2 / \theta_t^2$$

# Spectrum of $X$ from $X'$ decay at FASER

Momentum of  $X$  in the rest frame of  $X'$ :  $k = (m_{X'}^2/4 - m_X^2)^{1/2}$

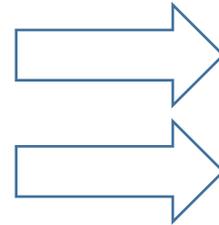
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$$E_X = \frac{E_{X'}}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2k}{m_{X'}} \right)$$

# Spectrum of X from X' decay at FASER and FASERν

$$\frac{d\sigma_{tot}(E_{X'})}{dE_{X'}} = \frac{\pi}{32\Lambda^2} \frac{m_{X'}^2}{p^2} \frac{1}{P_{X'}} F_g\left(\frac{E_{X'} + P_{X'}}{2p}\right) F_g\left(\frac{E_{X'} - P_{X'}}{2p}\right)$$

$$\frac{dN(E_X)}{dE_X} = L f \frac{d\sigma_{tot}}{dE_{X'}} \Big|_{E_X} \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4m_X^2/m_{X'}^2}}$$

Luminosity

$$E_X = \frac{E_{X'}}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2k}{m_{X'}}\right)$$

$dE_{X'}/dE_X$

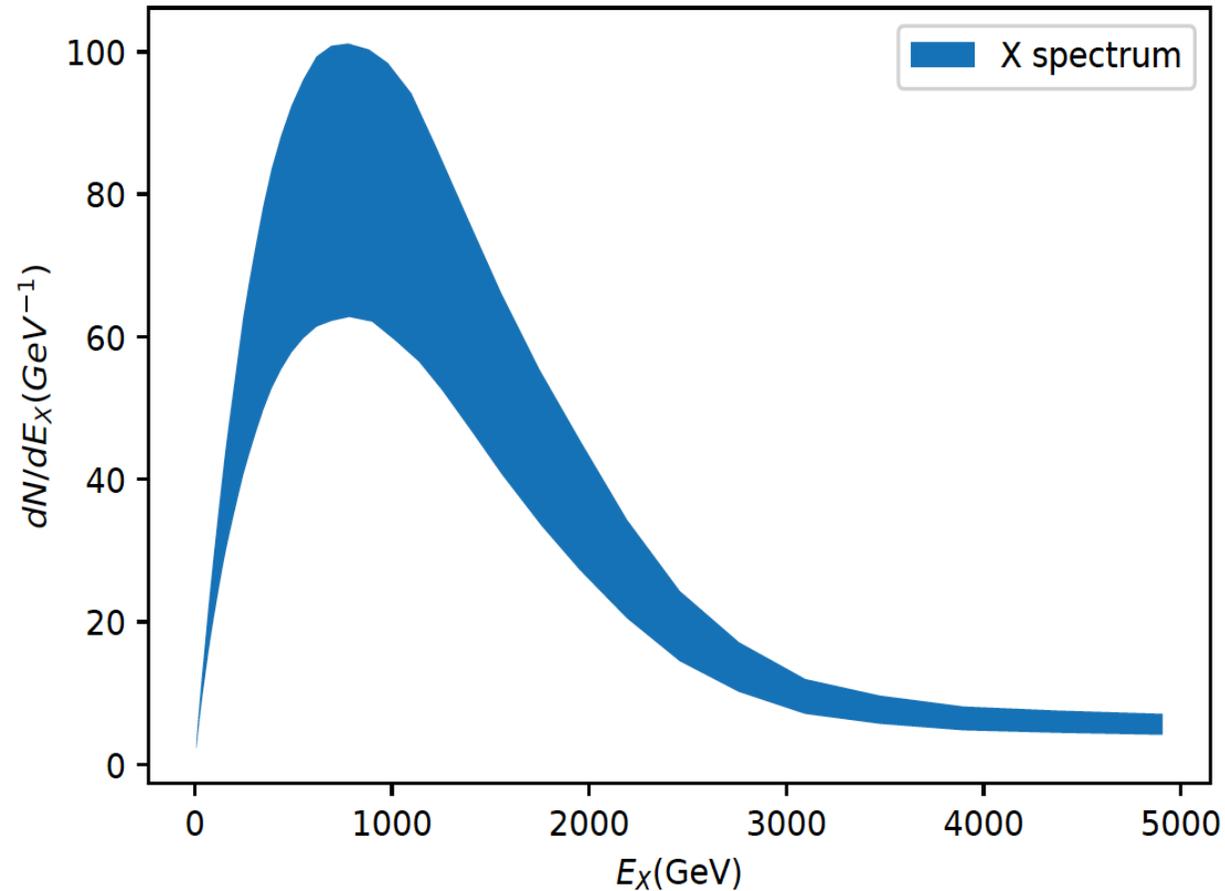
# Spectrum of X emitted towards FASER and FASERν

$$\frac{d\sigma_{tot}(E_{X'})}{dE_{X'}} = \frac{\pi}{32\Lambda^2} \frac{m_{X'}^2}{p^2} \frac{1}{P_{X'}} F_g\left(\frac{E_{X'} + P_{X'}}{2p}\right) F_g\left(\frac{E_{X'} - P_{X'}}{2p}\right)$$

$$\frac{dN(E_X)}{dE_X} = L \underbrace{f}_{\text{detector area}} \frac{d\sigma_{tot}}{dE_{X'}} \Big|_{E_X} \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4m_X^2/m_{X'}^2}}$$

$$f = \theta_d^2 / (2(1 - \cos \theta_s)) \propto \text{detector area}$$

# Spectrum of X emitted towards FASER $\nu$



run III of LHC

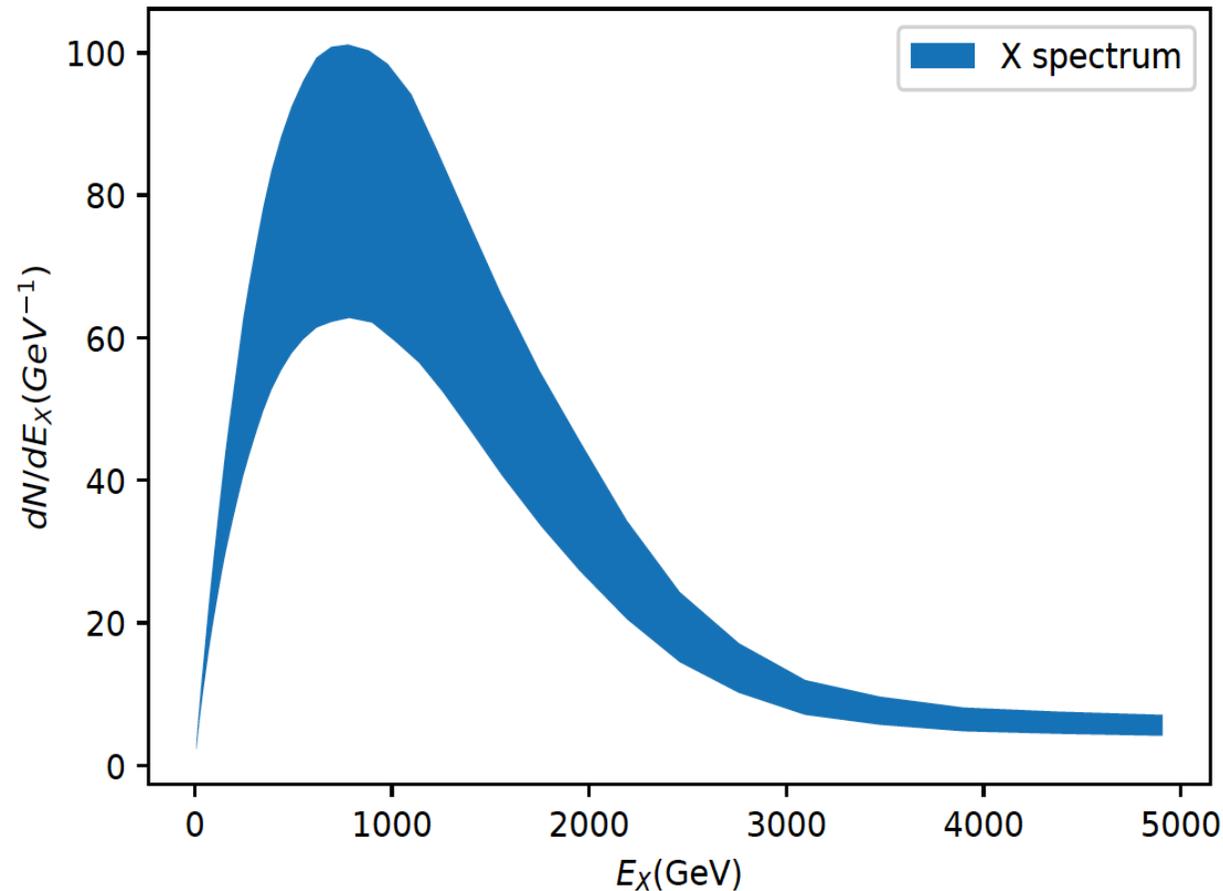
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150 fb $^{-1}$

$m_{X'} = 3$  GeV,  $m_X = 1$  GeV

$\Lambda = 2 \times 10^4$  GeV

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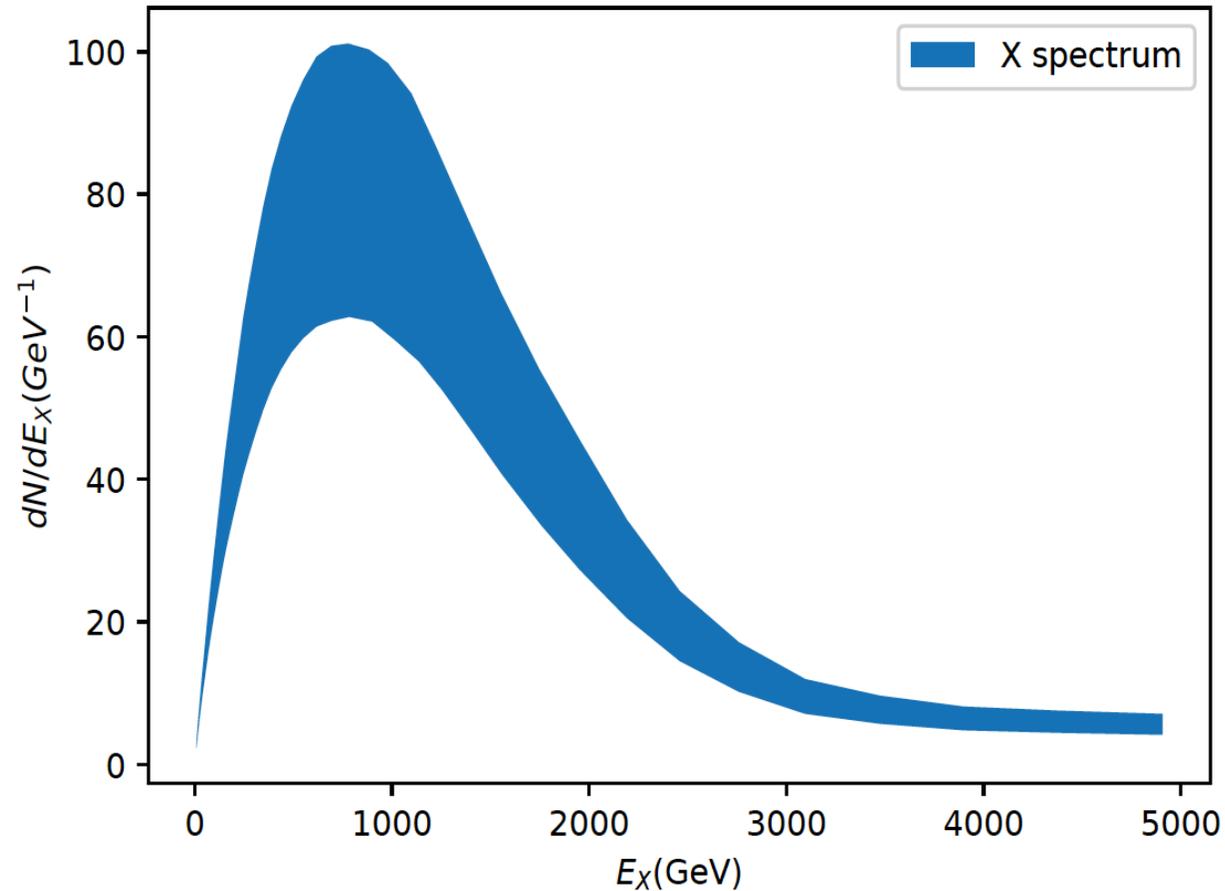
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# Spectrum of X emitted towards FASER $\nu$



Total number = O(100000)

run III of LHC

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# Number of X decaying at FASER $\nu$

$$\frac{dN(E_X)}{dE_X} \exp\left(-\frac{d}{\tau_X \gamma_X}\right) \left(\frac{s_z}{\tau_X \gamma_X}\right) dE_X$$

$\propto$  detector area

Detector length

Proportional to Volume

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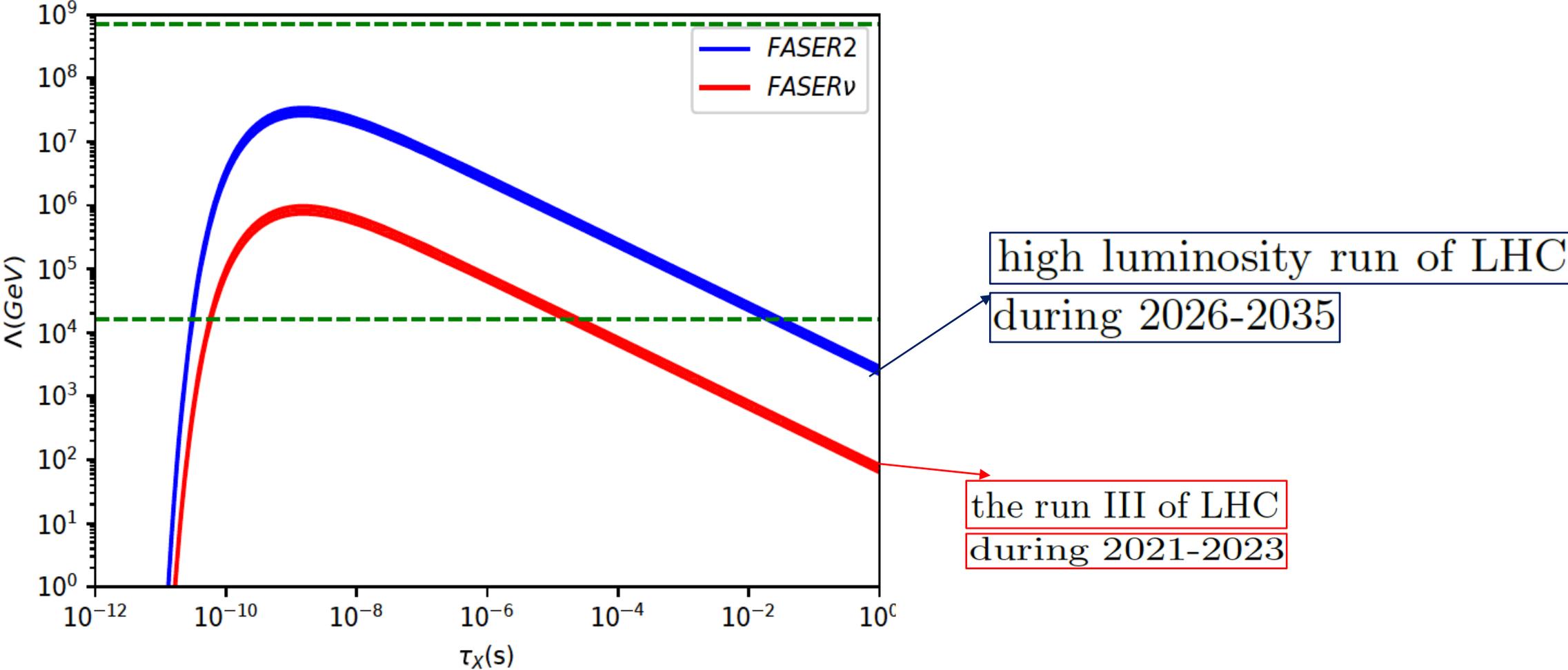
$$\gamma_X = m_X / E_X$$

Length of the detector:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FASER}\nu \\ \text{FASER2: (upgrade of FASER for HL - LHC)} \end{array} \right.$

$$s_z = 1.3 \text{ m}$$

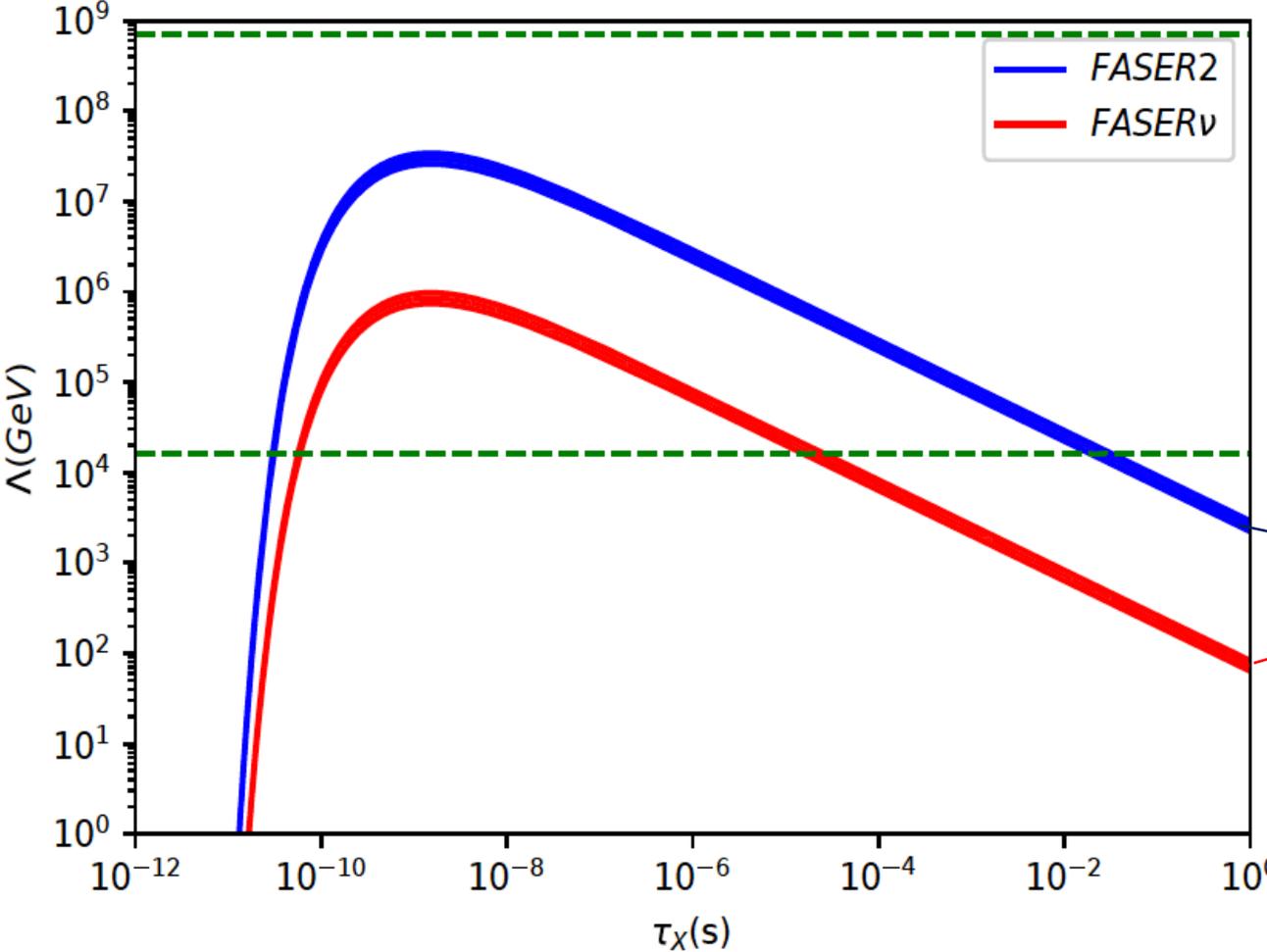
$$s_z = 5 \text{ m}$$

# Bound on the coupling



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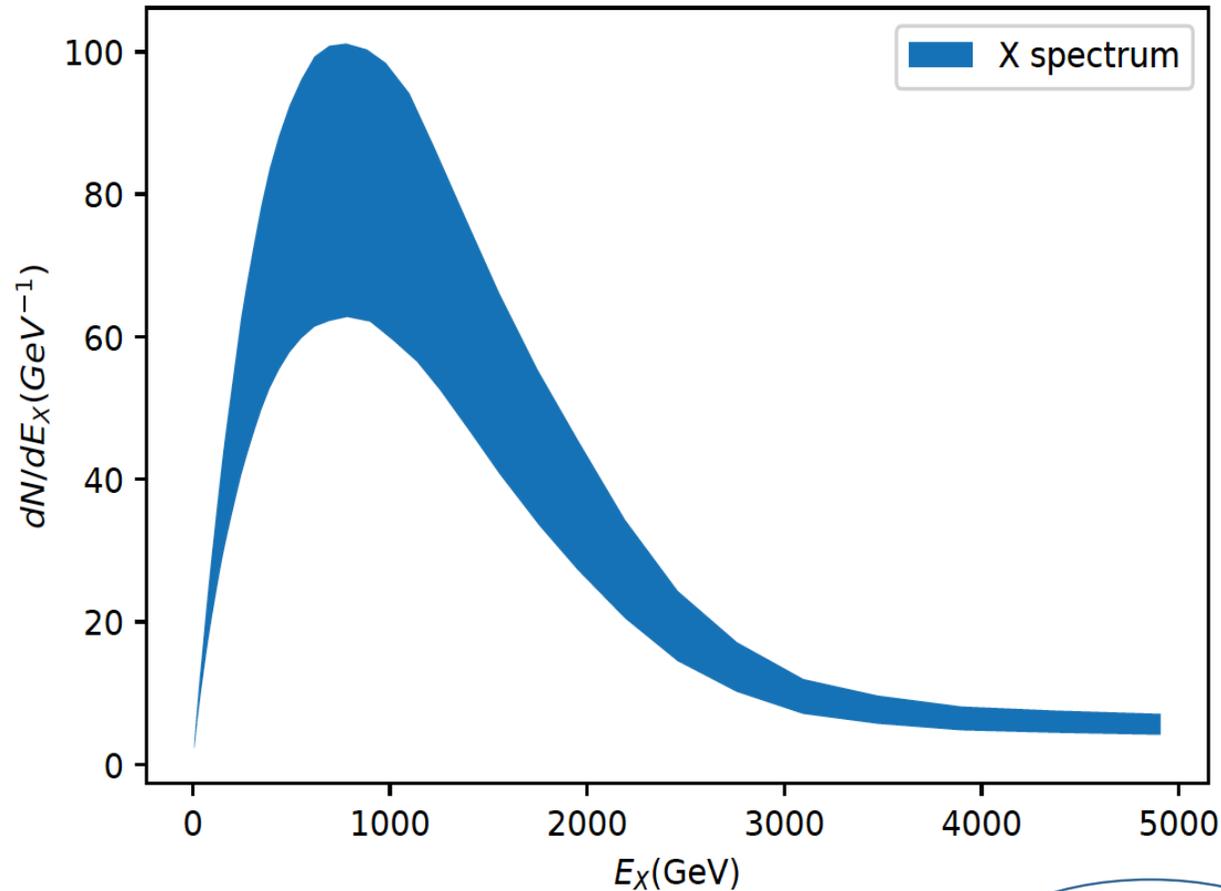


$$\frac{dN(E_X)}{dE_X} \exp^{-\frac{d}{\tau_X \gamma_X}} \left( \frac{s_z}{\tau_X \gamma_X} \right) dE_X$$

$$\tau_X \Lambda^2 = cte$$

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run III of LHC

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$150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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$\Lambda = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ GeV}$

Total number =  $O(100000)$

$$\frac{dN(E_X)}{dE_X} \exp^{-\frac{d}{\tau_X \gamma_X}} \left( \frac{s_z}{\tau_X \gamma_X} \right) dE_X$$

$< 0.01$

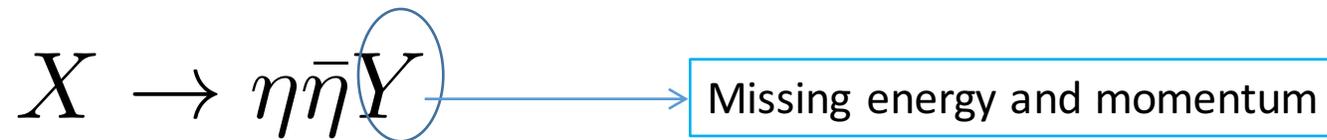
Number of events  $\leq 100$

# Toy model

- Intermediate  $X'$  is produced at IP.
- Before reaching detector,  $X' \rightarrow X \bar{X}$
- $X$  decays at FASER $\nu$  to the SM charged leptons:

A generic scenario

NO BACKGROUND

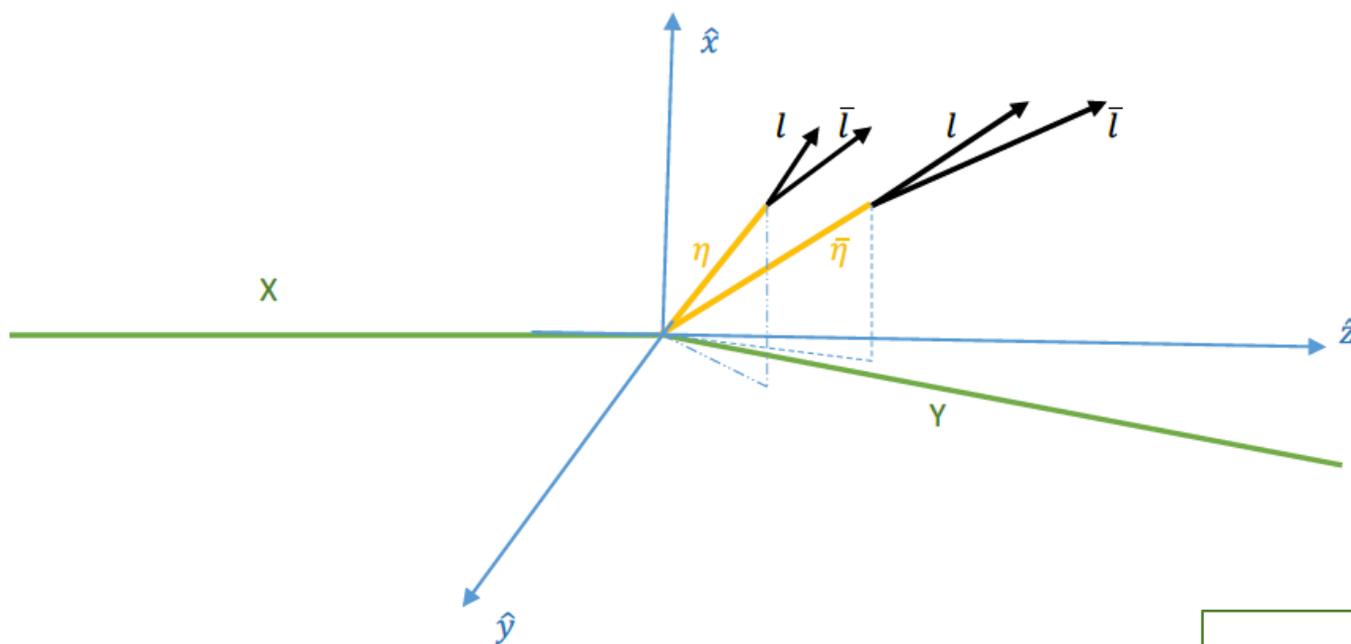


- $\eta$  and  $\bar{\eta}$  decay after 1mm-10cm:  $\eta \rightarrow l \bar{l}$   $\bar{\eta} \rightarrow l \bar{l}$

Specific model  
Demonstrating ability  
Of FASER $\nu$

# Signature at FASER $\nu$

- Two pairs charged leptons plus missing energy



$$\sigma_{pos} = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_{ang} = \sqrt{2}\sigma_{pos}/L_{tr}$$

$$L_{tr} = 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$\sigma_{angle} = 0.06 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\Delta E/E \sim 30\%$$

$$\theta_{\eta} = m_X/E_X$$

$$\theta_l \sim \sqrt{m_{\eta}^2 - 4m_l^2}/E_{\eta}$$

$$\Delta\theta_{\eta} \sim \sqrt{(\Delta E/E)^2\theta_l^2/2 + 2\sigma_{ang}^2}$$

$$X \rightarrow \eta + \bar{\eta} + Y \text{ or } X \rightarrow \eta + \bar{\eta}$$

$$\Delta P_t < |\vec{p}_\eta^t + \vec{p}_{\bar{\eta}}^t|$$

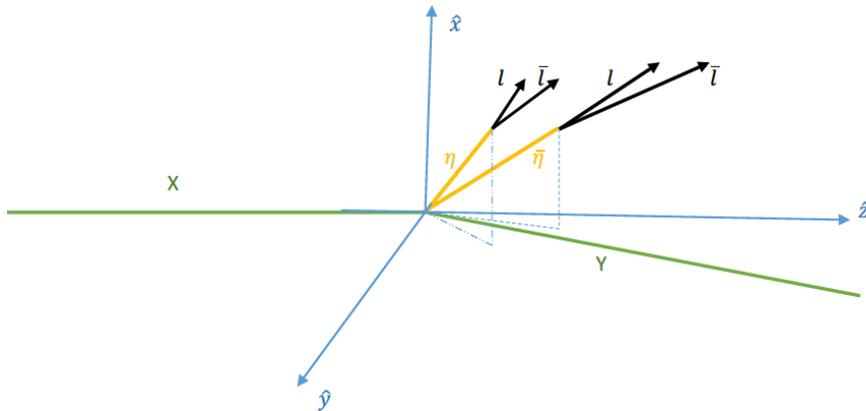
$$\Delta P_t = \left( 2\left(\frac{\Delta E}{E}\right)^2 [(p_\eta^t)^2 + (p_{\bar{\eta}}^t)^2] + \left( \sum |\vec{p}_l|^2 + \sum |\vec{p}_{\bar{l}}|^2 \right) \sigma_{ang}^2 + |\vec{p}_\eta + \vec{p}_{\bar{\eta}}|^2 (\Delta \hat{z})^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$(\Delta E/E)^2 \sim 0.3^2 \quad \left( \sum |\vec{p}_l|^2 + \sum |\vec{p}_{\bar{l}}|^2 \right) \sim |\vec{p}_\eta|^2 \sim |\vec{p}_{\bar{\eta}}|^2 \quad \Delta \hat{z} \sim 10^{-3}$$

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Angle between projections of momenta to **xy** plane

$< 90^\circ$       +

$> 90^\circ$       -

# Reconstructing the **mass** of $\eta$

$$m_\eta^2 = (p_l + p_{\bar{l}})^2$$

$$\Delta m_{sin}^2 / m_\eta^2 \sim [2(\Delta E/E)^2 + 2(\sigma_{ang}/\theta_l)^2]^{1/2} = 40\%$$

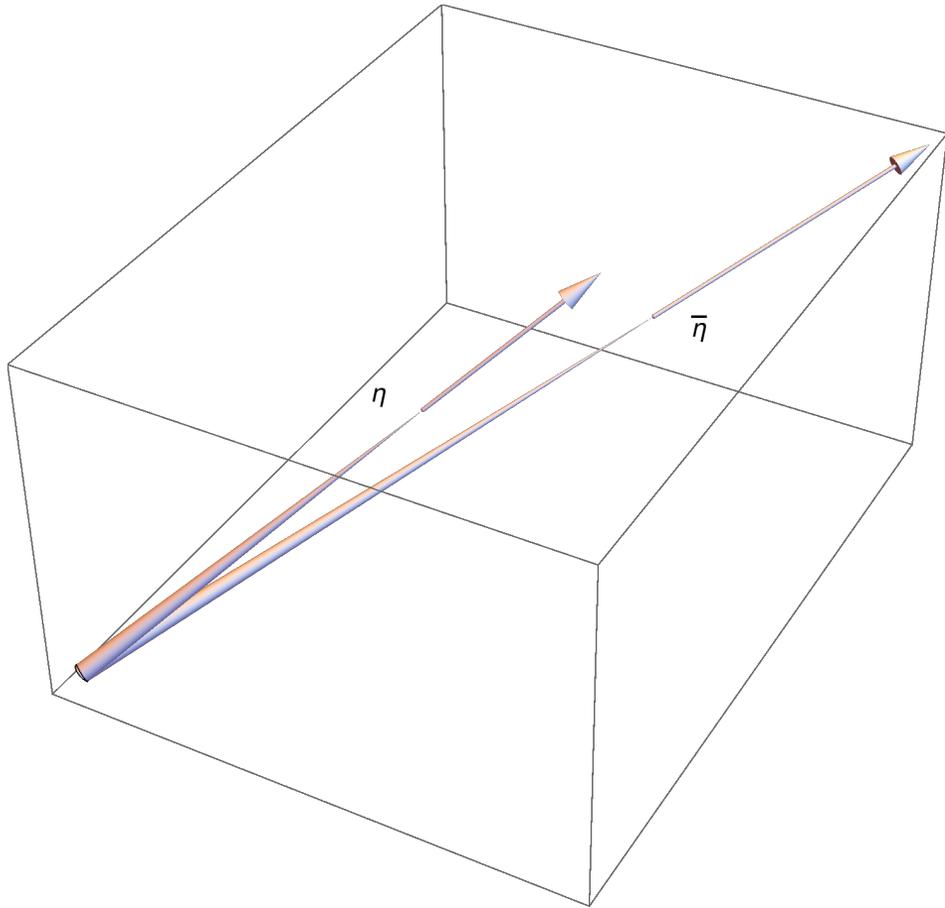
N pairs:

$$\Delta m_{sin}^2 / \sqrt{N}$$



4 %

# Decay length of $\eta$



$$\delta L_V = [(l_\eta^2 + l_{\bar{\eta}}^2)(\Delta\theta_\eta)^2 + 2\sigma_{pos}^2 E_X^2 / m_X^2]^{1/2}$$

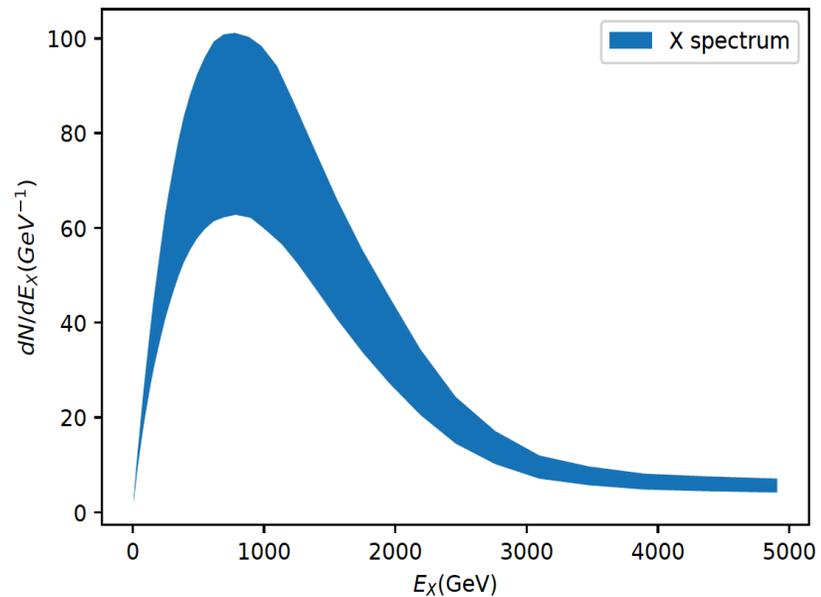
$$\delta L_V \sim (E_X / m_X) \sigma_{pos} \sim 1 \text{ mm} \ll l_\eta, l_{\bar{\eta}}$$

$$\bar{\tau}_\eta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N l_\eta^i m_\eta / E_\eta}{N}$$

$$\frac{\delta\tau^{stat}}{\bar{\tau}} = \left(\frac{2 \log 2}{N}\right)^{1/2} \longrightarrow 10\%$$

# Determining the masses of X and Y

- We do not know the energy of initial X



Any information on the mass of X and Y is limited by both **statistics** and **uncertainties** on **PDF**

Unlike  $m_\eta$

# Connection to dark matter

- $X'$  can be produced in the early universe by gluon interaction.

For  $T > m_{X'}$  and  $\Lambda \lesssim 10^8 \text{ GeV}$

- $X'$  decay can produce  $X$  and then  $Y$  (DM).

# Connection to DM

*Fermionic X and Y:*

$$g_Y \eta \bar{V} Y + g_X \eta \bar{V} X$$

Complex

$$\sigma(Y + \bar{Y} \rightarrow \eta + \bar{\eta}) = \frac{g_Y^4}{m_V^4} \frac{m_Y^2}{4\pi}$$

$$\sigma(Y + \bar{Y} \rightarrow \eta + \bar{\eta}) \sim \text{pb}$$

$$\frac{m_V}{g_Y} \sim 10 \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{m_Y}{0.1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1/2}$$

For real case, cancelation between u and t channels

$$m_V > m_X \implies X \not\rightarrow V \bar{\eta}$$

$$\Gamma(X \rightarrow Y \eta \bar{\eta}) \sim \frac{g_Y^2 g_X^2}{100\pi^3} \frac{m_X^5}{m_V^4}$$

$$\Gamma(X \rightarrow Y \eta \bar{\eta})(m_X/E_X) \sim (480 \text{ m})^{-1} \implies g_X \sim 10^{-5} \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{m_X} \right)^2 \left( \frac{m_V}{m_X} \right) \left( \frac{E_X}{500 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

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$$Z_2 \times Z_2$$

Exact

X and Y odd

$\eta$  and Y odd

$$\cancel{\eta \bar{X} Y}$$

$$\cancel{X \rightarrow Y \eta}$$

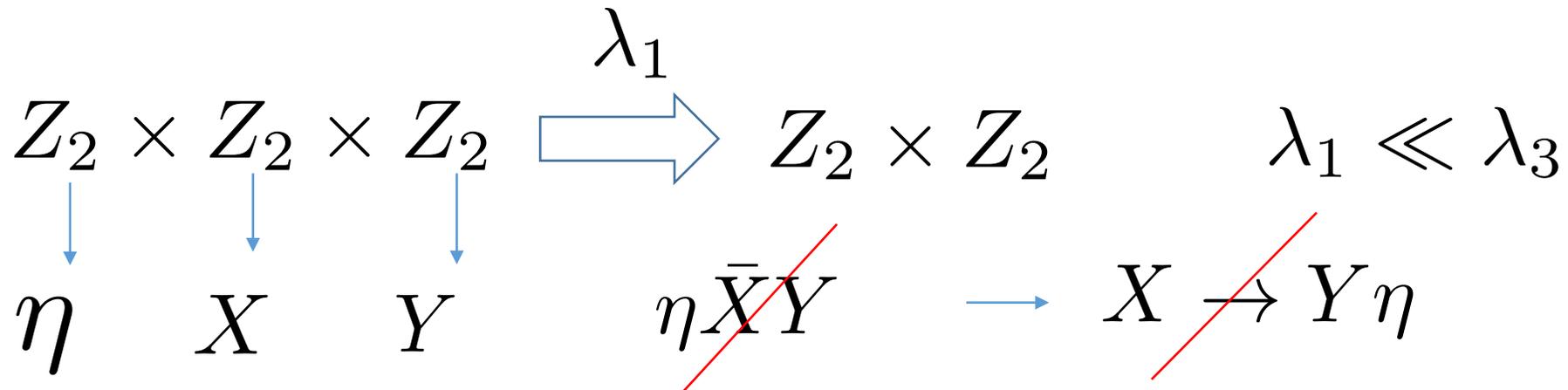
$$g_X \ll g_Y$$

# Connection to DM

*Scalar X and Y:*

$$\lambda_1 \bar{Y} X \bar{\eta} \eta + \lambda_2 \bar{X} X \bar{\eta} \eta + \lambda_3 \bar{Y} Y \bar{\eta} \eta.$$

Real or complex



# Connection to DM

*Scalar X and Y:*

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$$\Gamma(X \rightarrow Y \bar{\eta} \eta) \sim \frac{\lambda_1^2 m_X}{100 \pi^3}$$

$$\Gamma(X \rightarrow Y \bar{\eta} \eta)(m_X/E_X) \sim 1/(480 \text{ m}),$$

$$\lambda_1 = 8 \times 10^{-7} (\text{GeV}/m_X)(E_X/500 \text{ GeV})^{1/2}$$

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$$\sigma(Y\bar{Y} \rightarrow \eta\bar{\eta}) \sim \lambda_3^2 / (4\pi m_Y^2) \simeq 1 \text{ pb},$$



$$\lambda_3 \sim 10^{-4} \sqrt{m_Y/\text{GeV}}$$

$$\lambda_1 \ll \lambda_3$$

# Conclusion

- FASER $\nu$ , with its superb abilities to reconstruct tracks, is ideal to study new long-lived GeV-scale feebly interacting particles that go through chain decays.
- Intriguing possibility for exploring GeV scale dark matter

# Eta decay

$$\lambda_\eta \eta \bar{l} l. \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \eta \rightarrow l \bar{l}.$$

$$\tau_\eta = 4\pi / (m_\eta \lambda_\eta^2)$$

$$\lambda_\eta > 10^{-7}, \quad \tau_\eta E_\eta / m_\eta < 1 \text{ m}$$

$$\eta H^\dagger \Phi + \eta^\dagger \Phi^\dagger H$$

