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DarkSHINE

—A new initiative for Dark Photon search at SHINE facility

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Two dark clouds over physics



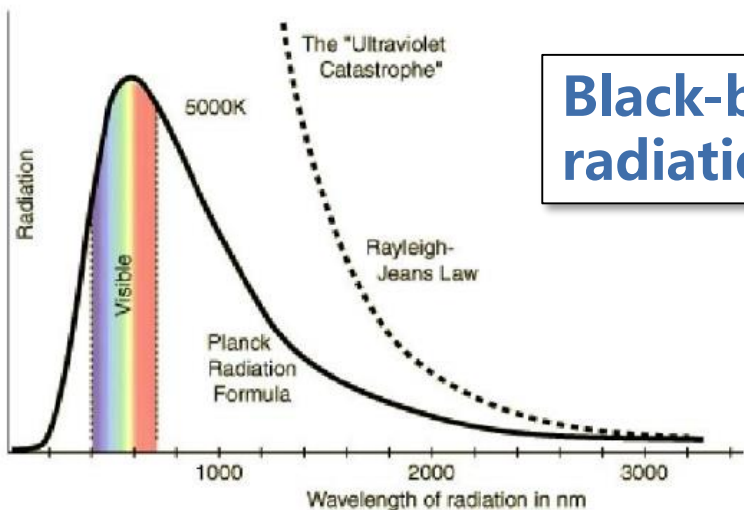
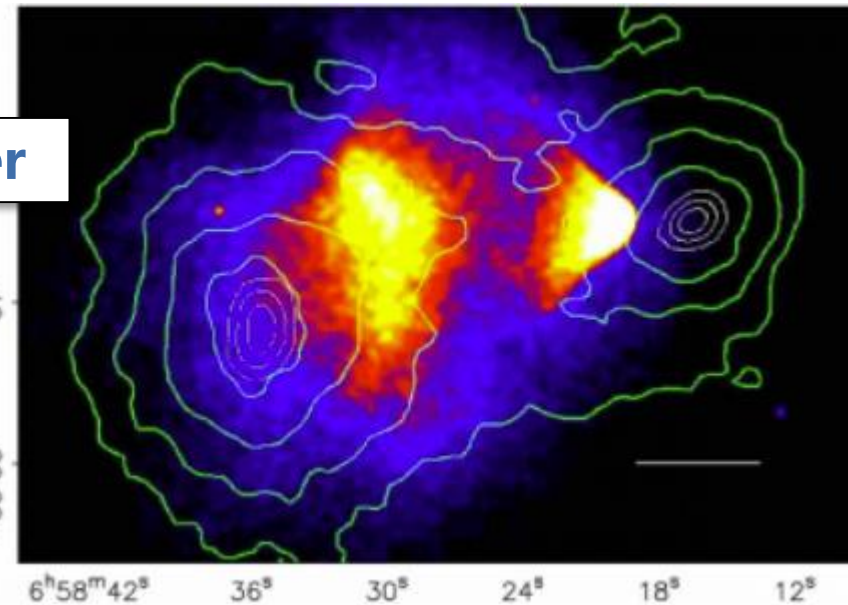
- From the 20th century to the 21st century.....



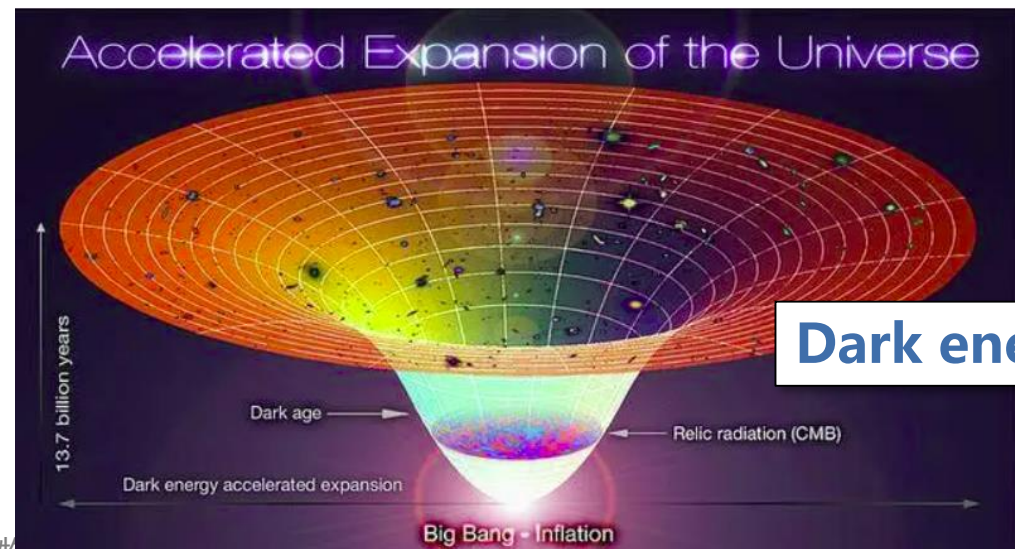
Michelson-Morley experiment



Dark matter



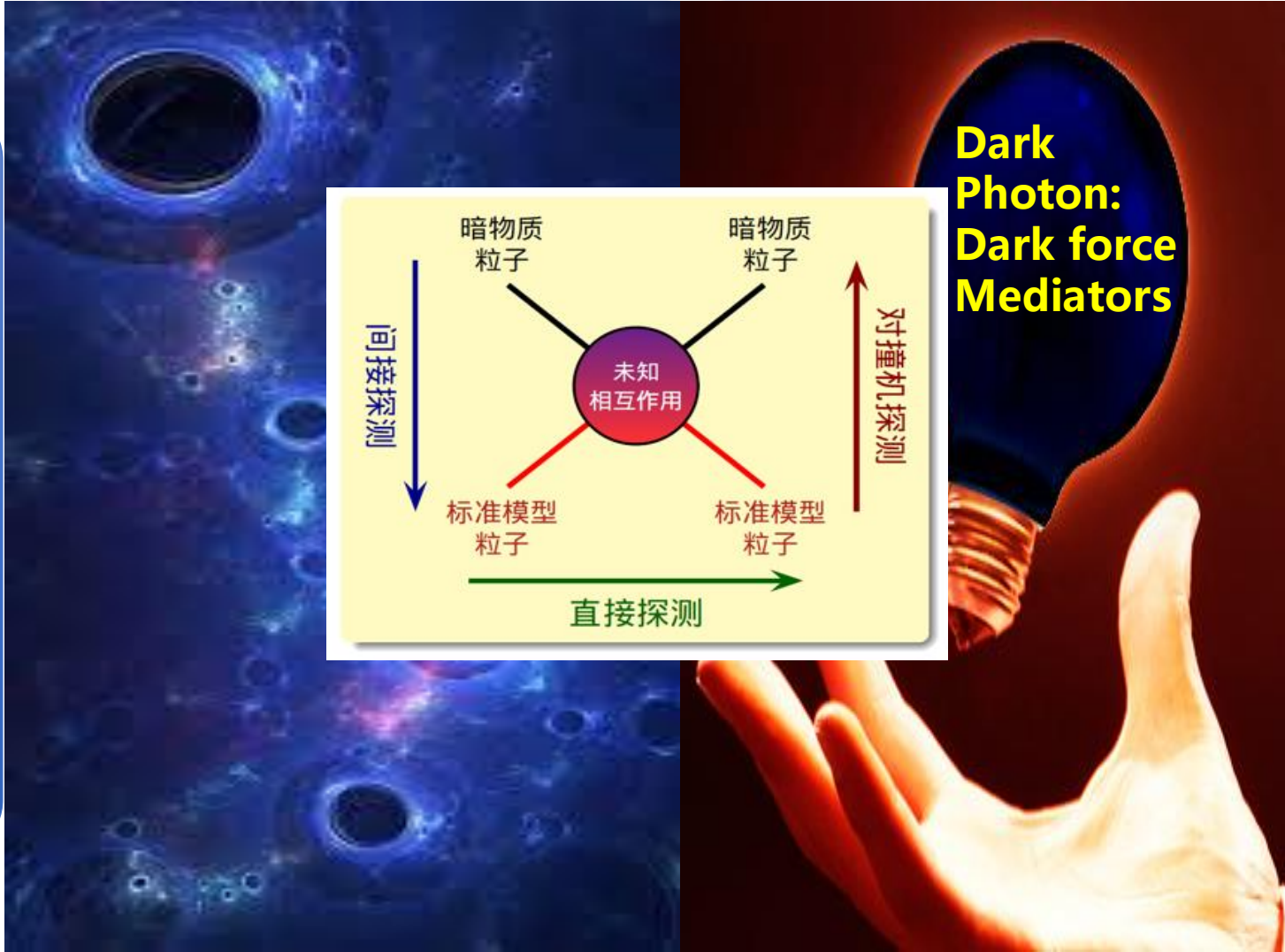
Black-body radiation



Dark energy

The world of Dark Matter

Dark Matter candidate particles



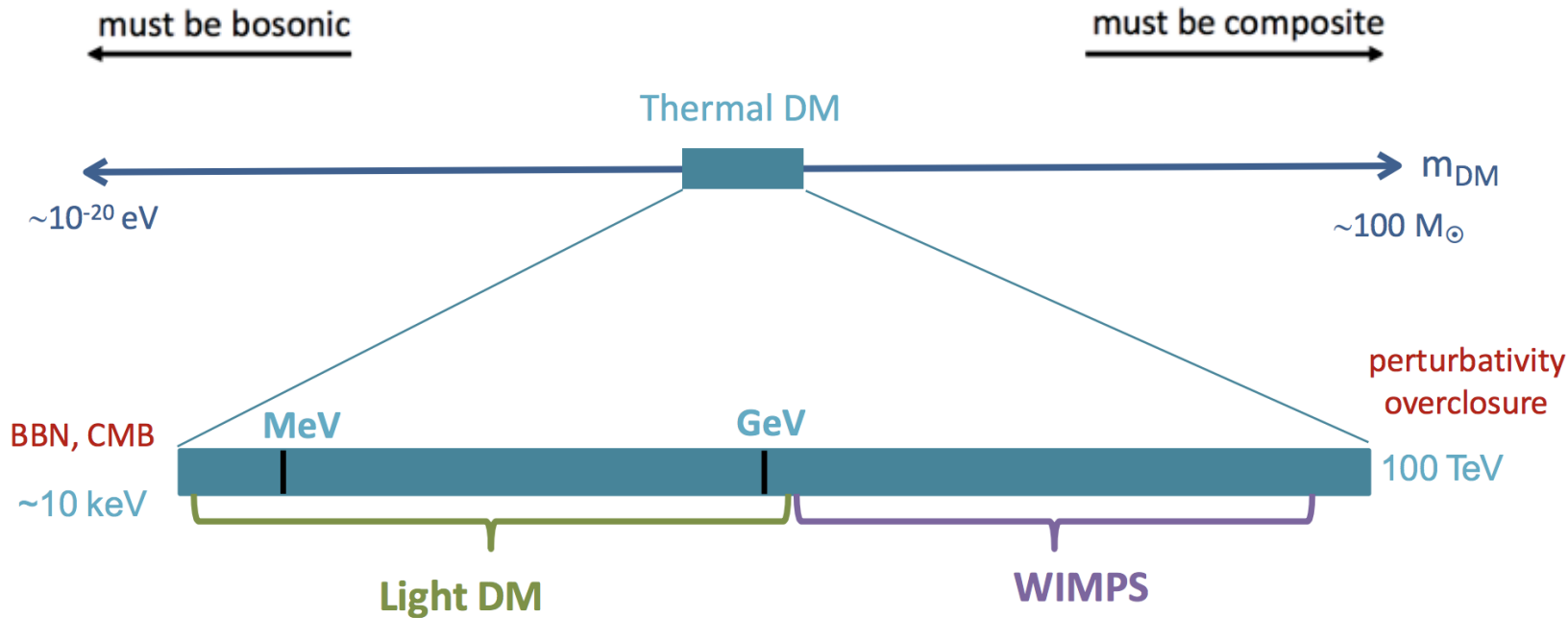
Dark Matter Mediators

Dark Matter: models in broad mass range



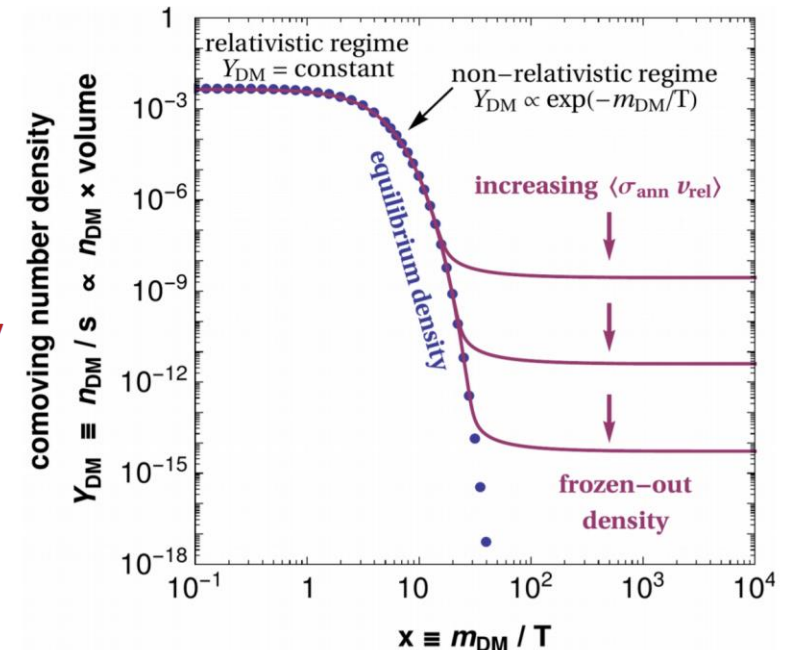
- Dark matter is about five to six times the amount of visible matter
- The theory of dark matter should include the mechanisms to describe the evolution of the proportion of dark matter in the universe
 - One typical origin hypothesis: **thermal equilibrium** in the early universe, DM density become stable due to temperature drops (**freeze-out**)

The thermal hypothesis also greatly restricts the range of allowed masses

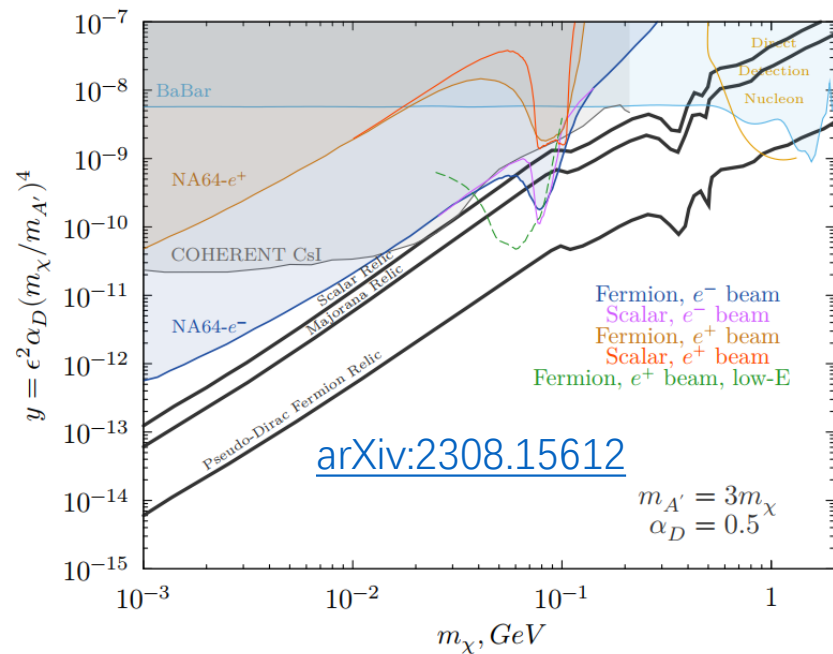


Thermal contact implies a new mediator
Hidden sector light DM model is well-motivated

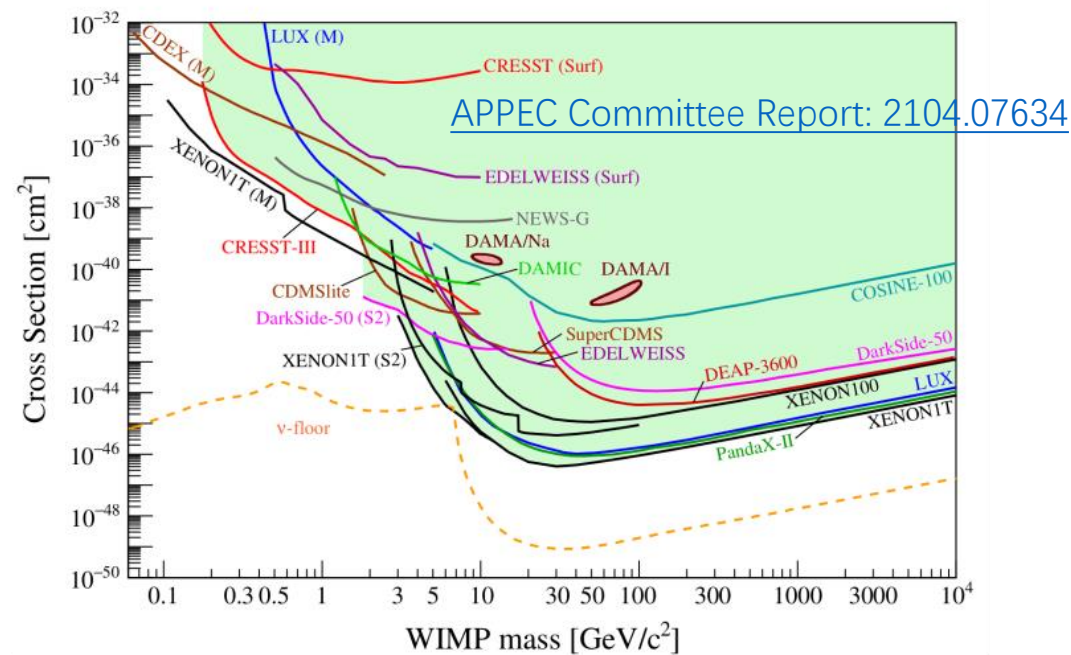
Thermal freeze-out for weak scale masses
Has driven DM searches for last ~30 years



Dark Matter: Search for LDM & WIMP



- **LDM: sub-GeV**
 - Thermal contact implies **new mediator**
 - Beam dump/lepton-on-target experiments searching for dark photon: **NA64@CERN, BESIII, BELL-II, LDMX, etc.**



- **WIMPs: GeV ~ TeV**
 - Space experiments (**DAMPE, AMS, etc.**)
 - Collider experiments (**LHC, BELLE-II, BESIII, etc.**)
 - Underground experiments (**PandaX, CDEX, LUX, Xenon, etc.**)

- Dark photon is the mediator to transfer the interaction between DM particles and SM particles by mixing with photon
 - Extra $U(1)_X$ symmetry is introduced

$$L = L_{SM} + \epsilon F^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + m_{A'}^2 A'^{\mu} A'_{\mu}$$

Kinetic mixing term Field strength tensor Dark photon field

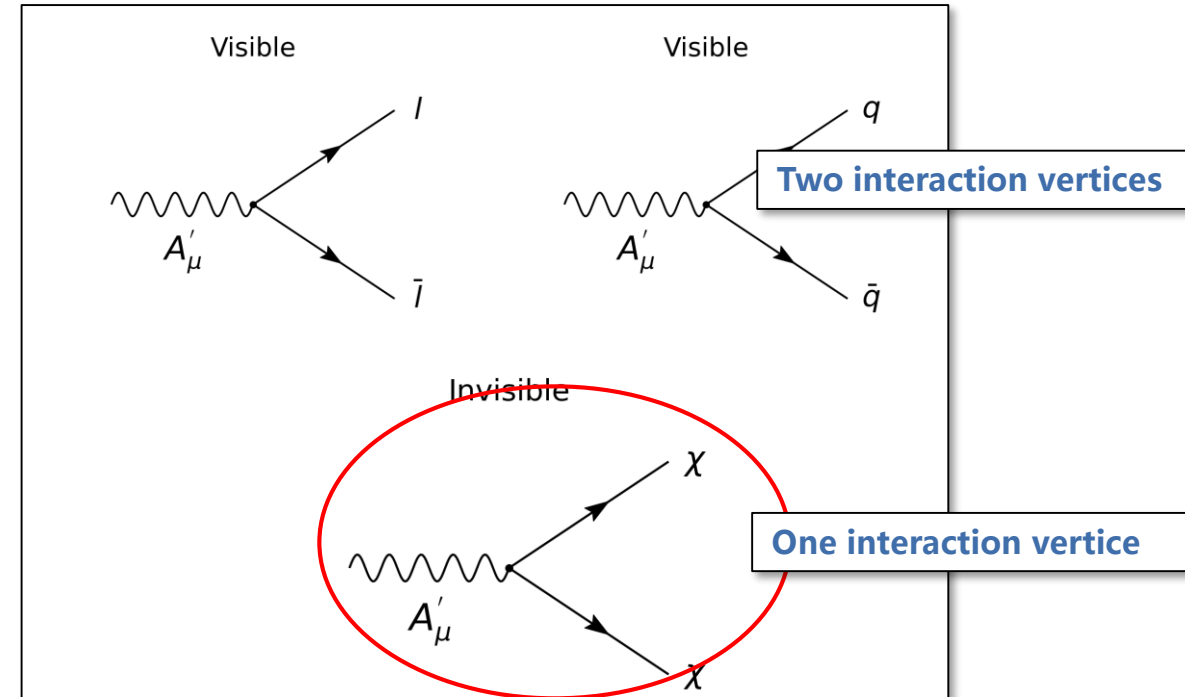
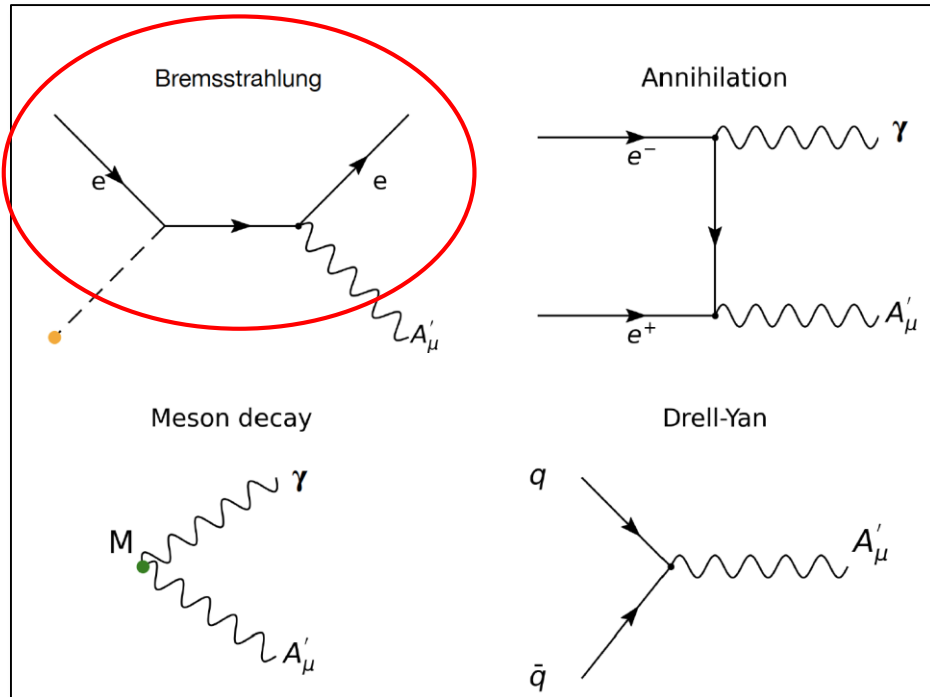
- In the minimal Dark photon model, 3 free parameters are studied:
 - $m_{A'}$: Dark Photon mass
 - ϵ : Kinetic mixing parameter
 - Decay branching ratio: $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$ (dark sector), could be 1 or 0

[arXiv:2104.10280](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.10280)

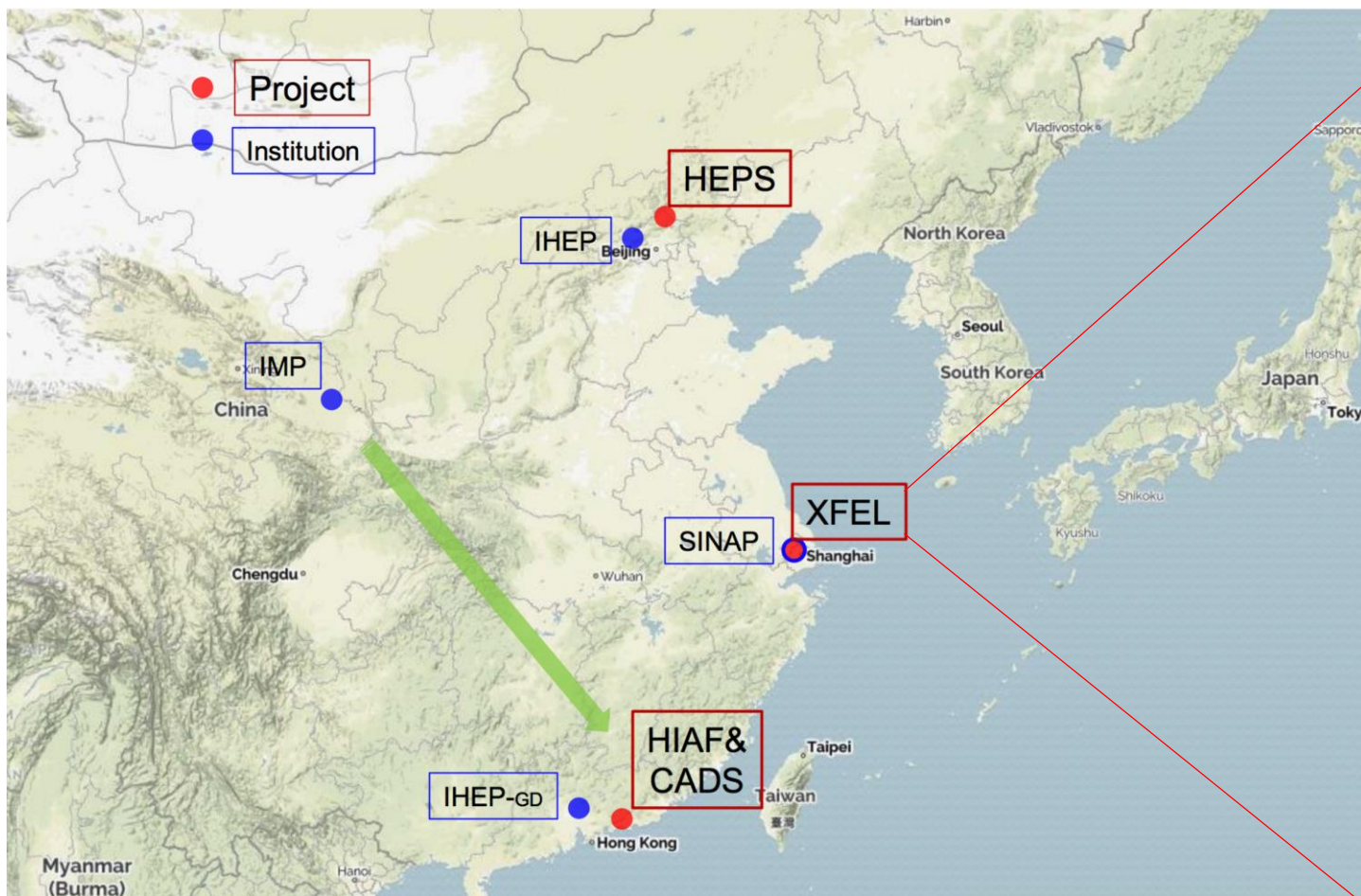
Search for dark photon



- Several production & decay modes
 - Bremsstrahlung production: fixed-target experiment with electron beam
 - Invisible decay mode: enhanced possibility compare to visible mode with two interaction vertices
 - **DarkSHINE**: Bremsstrahlung + invisible decay, put constraints on the kinetic mixing parameter ϵ



The SHINE facility

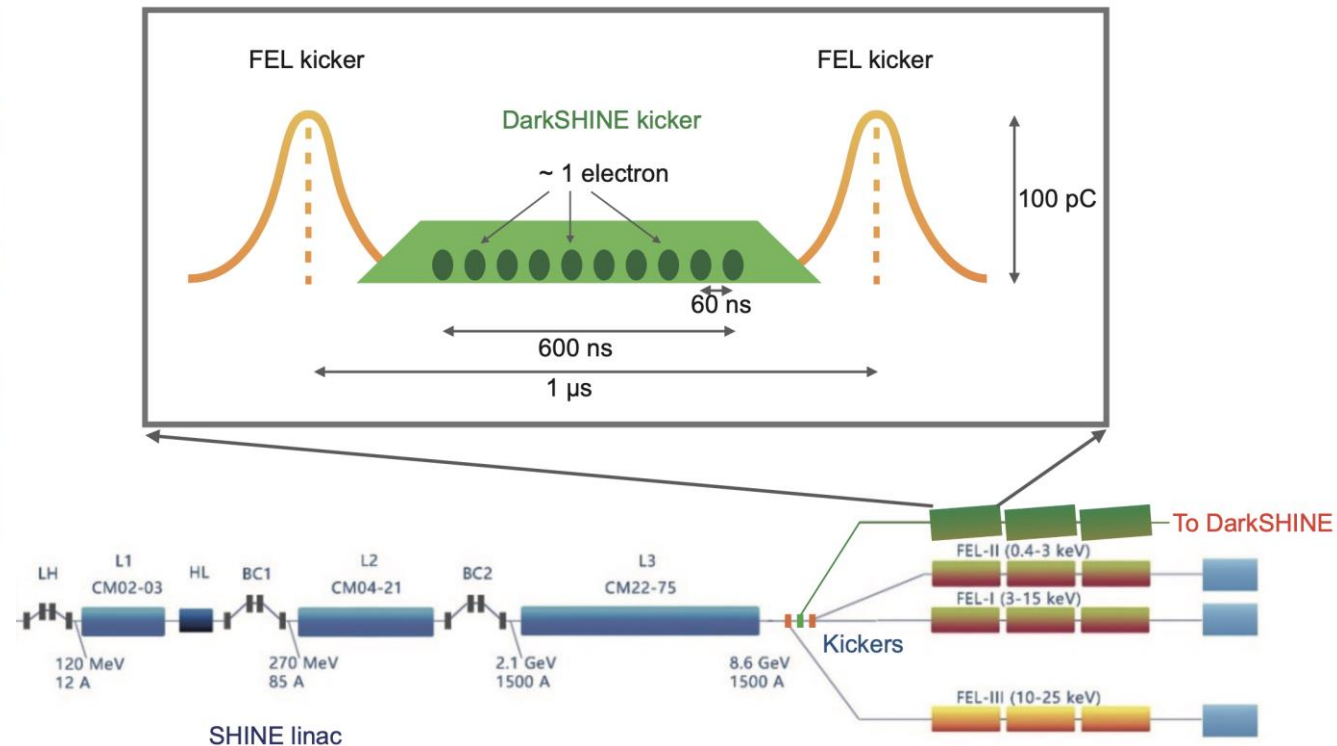
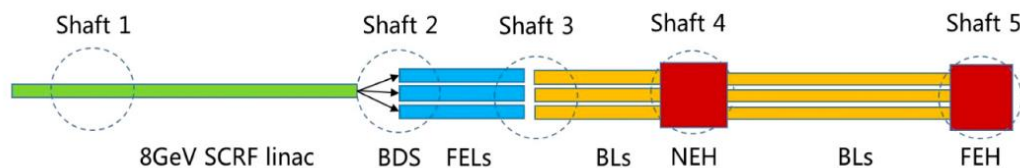


The SHINE facility



Shanghai High Repetition-Rate XFEL and Extreme Light Facility (SHINE) can provide **high frequency electron beams** → **single electron** with dedicated kicker.

- Electron energy: 8 GeV, Frequency: 1MHz
- Beam intensity: 100pC (6.25E8 electrons/bunch)
- ~ 3×10^{14} electrons-on-target (EOT) per year.
- Under construction in Zhangjiang area (2018-2026)
- Beam techniques: SARI, CAS / Shanghai Tech.
- Detector R&D: SJTU / FDU / SIC, CAS.



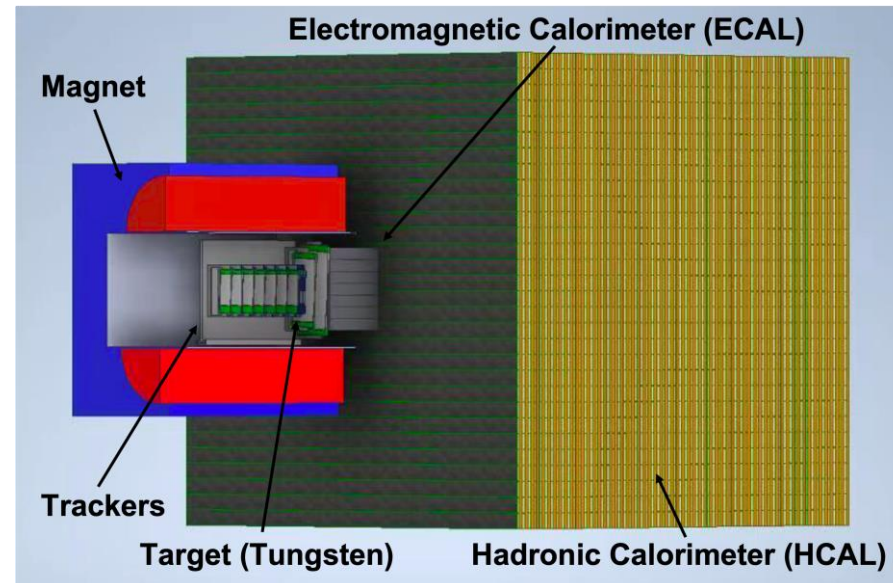
DarkSHINE detector system conceptual design



The Dark SHINE detector hardware technical R&D is carried out in parallel to the full detector system simulation and prospective study/optimization

Tracking system

Measure the track of the incident and recoil electrons.



Electromagnetic calorimeter

Measure the deposited energy: electron and photon.

Hadronic calorimeter

Measure the deposited energy: **veto** muon and hadron backgrounds.

Dark SHINE detector sketch

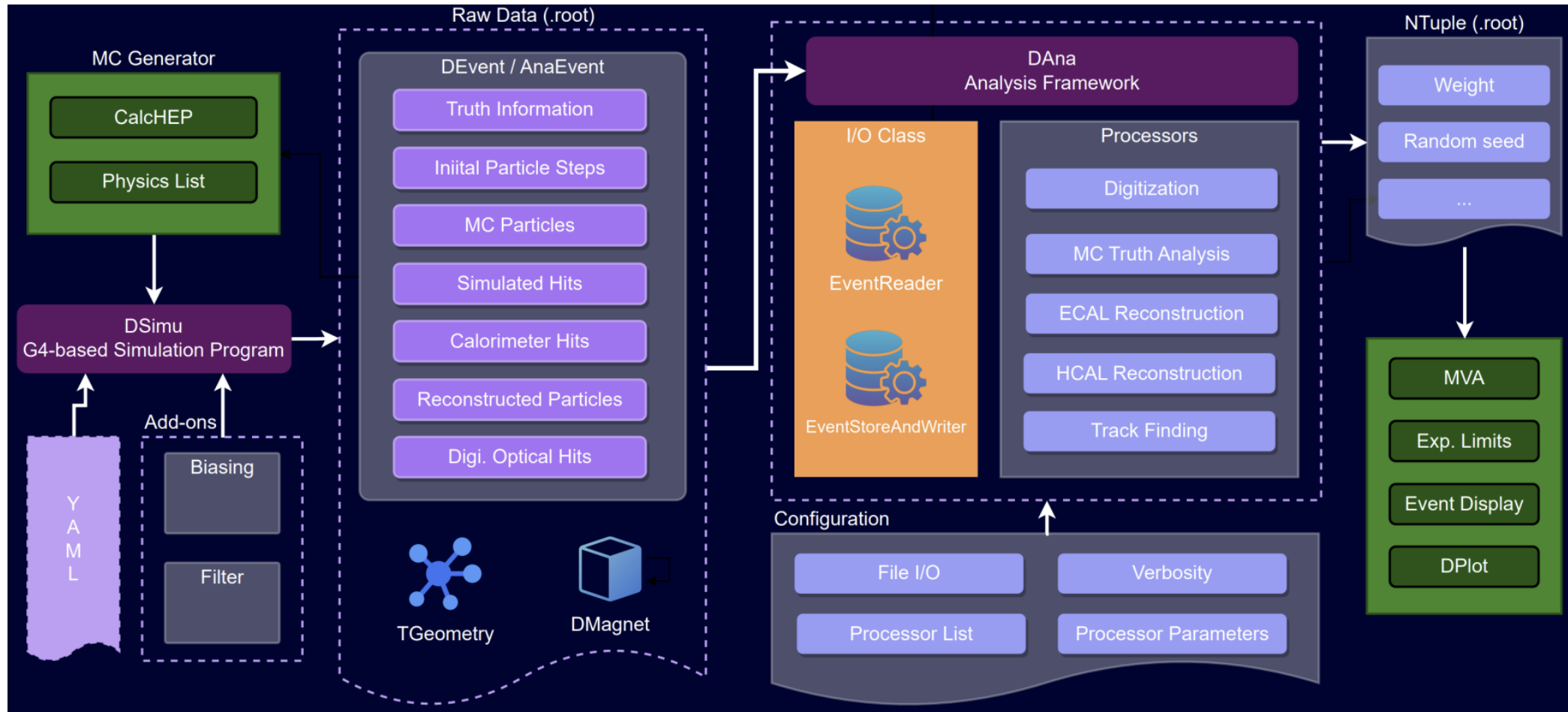
Additional system:

Readout electronics, trigger system, TDAQ, magnetic system (1.5 T), etc.

DarkSHINE simulation framework

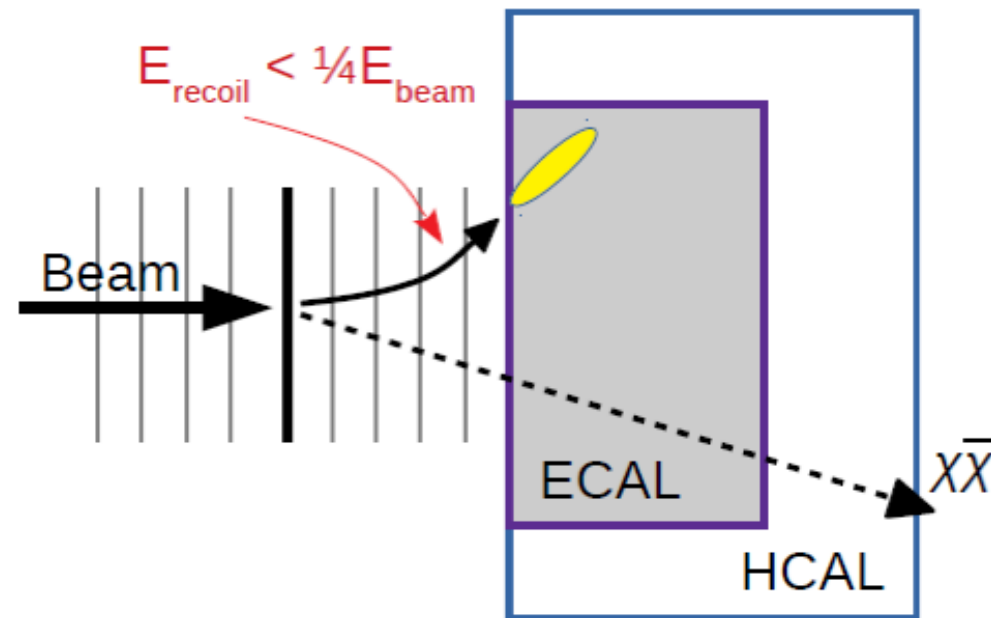
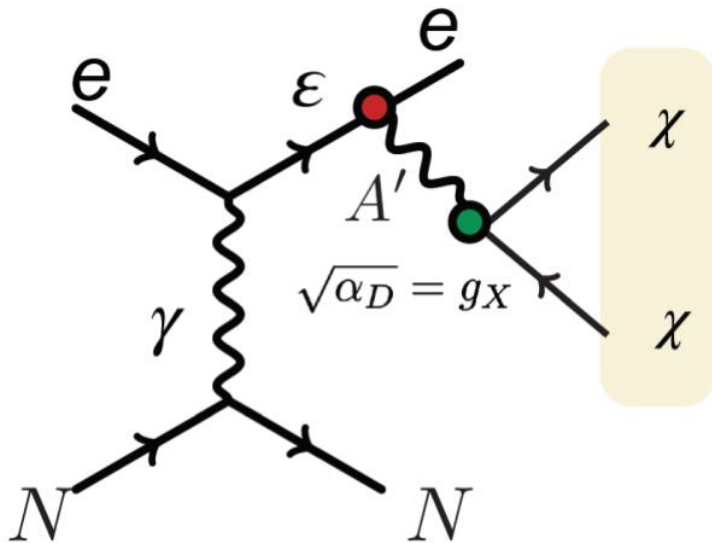


Comprehensive simulation and analysis framework that seamlessly integrates various functions, such as **detector simulation, electronic signal digitization, event display, event reconstruction, and data analysis, based on GEANT4 10.6.1**



- Detector is designed based on the difference between signal and background signatures
 - Search for the final states with a soft recoil electron + large missing energy & p_T

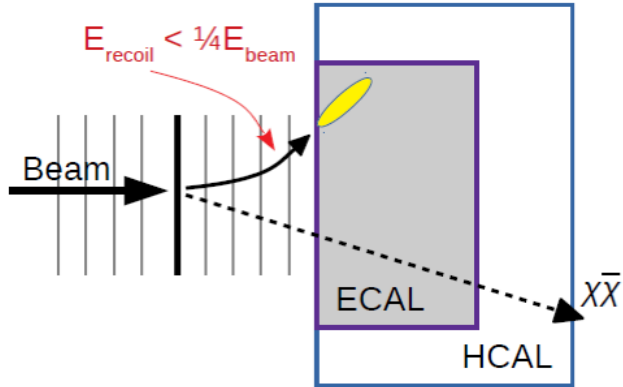
INVISIBLE DECAY MODE $m'_A > 2m_\chi$



Background processes

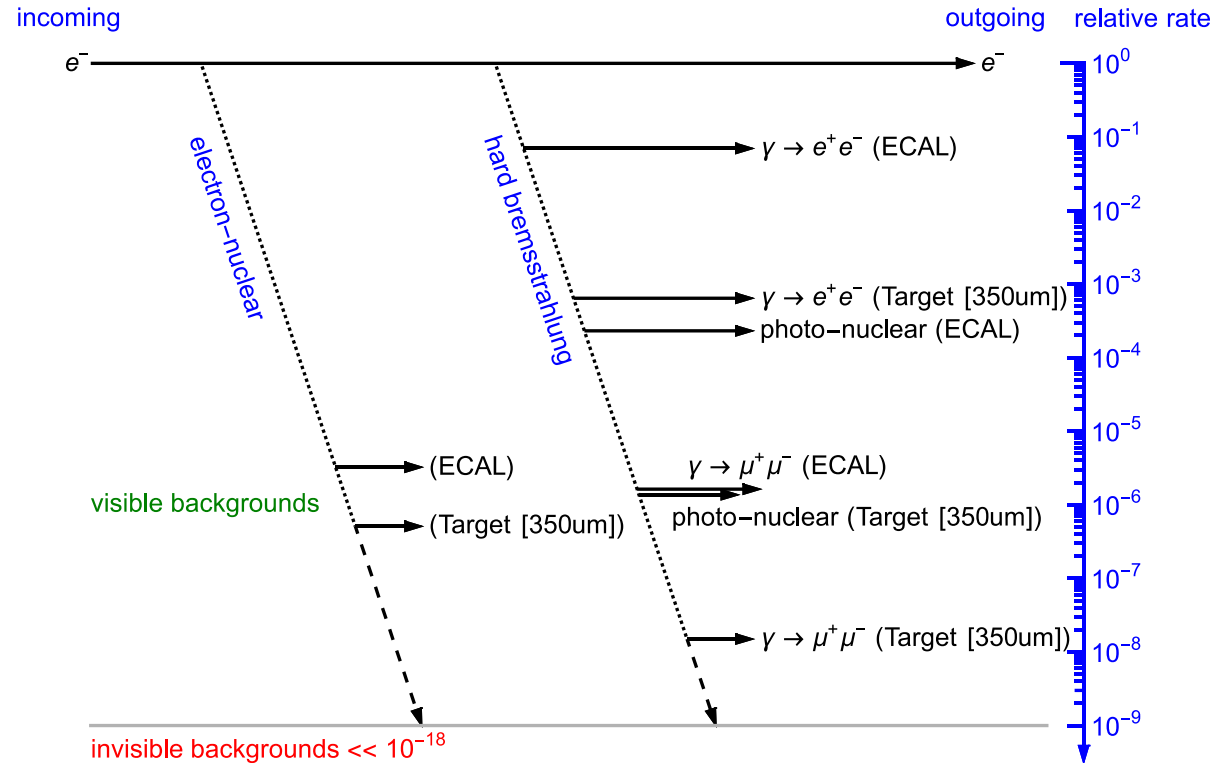
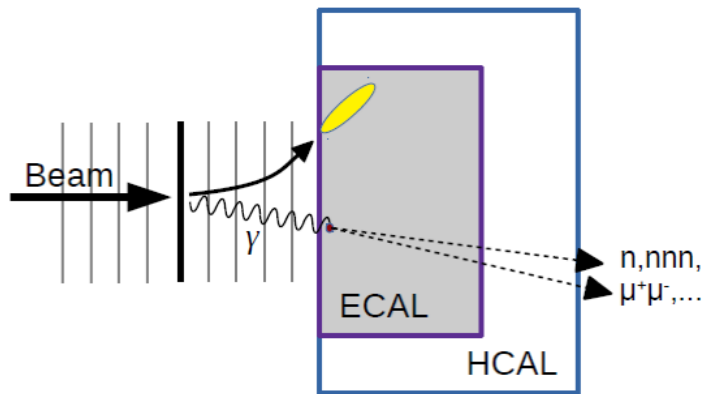


Signal



- Leading background: γ bremsstrahlung
- Rare processes include: electron-nuclear, photon-nuclear, $\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- Neutrino production is irreducible, but negligible

Background



Signal vs. background

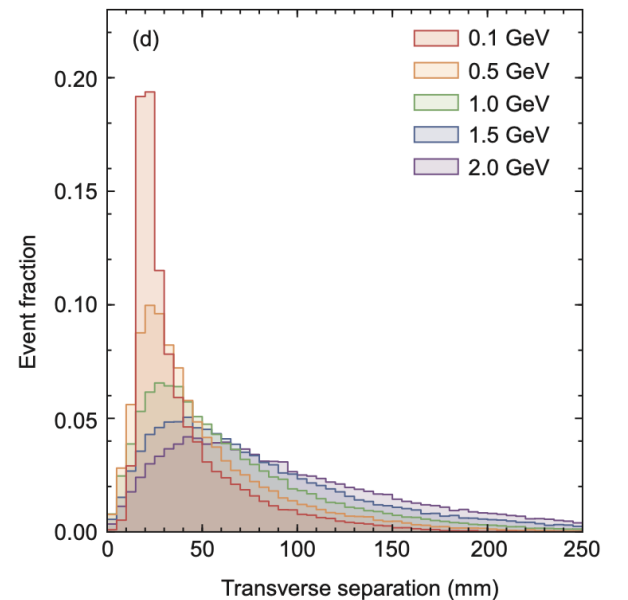
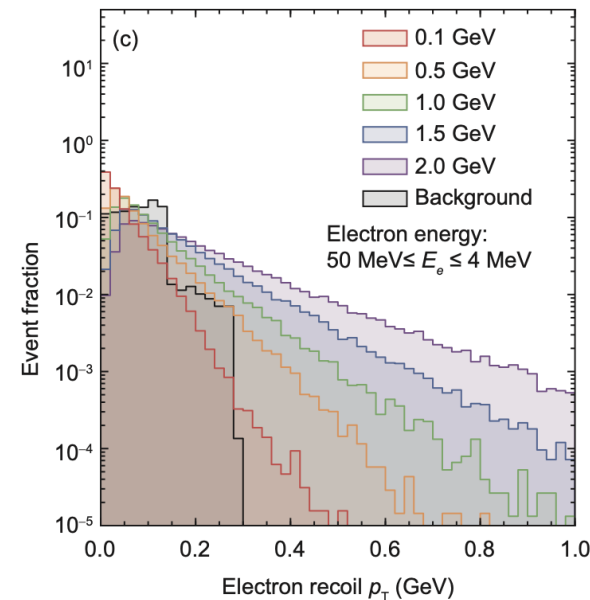
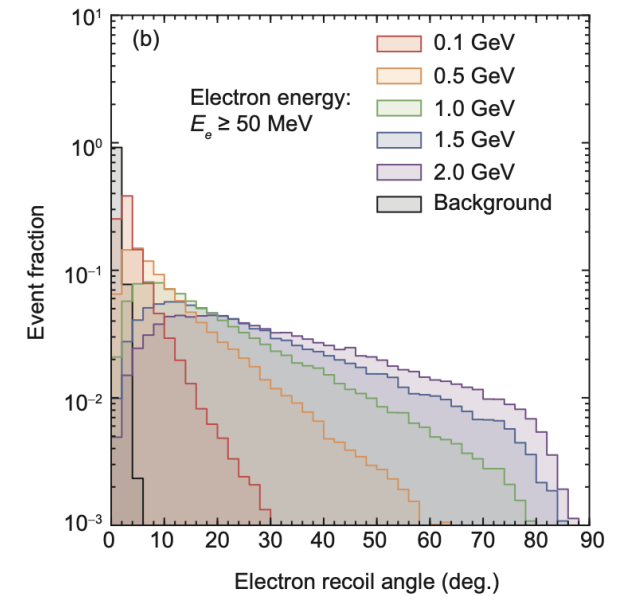
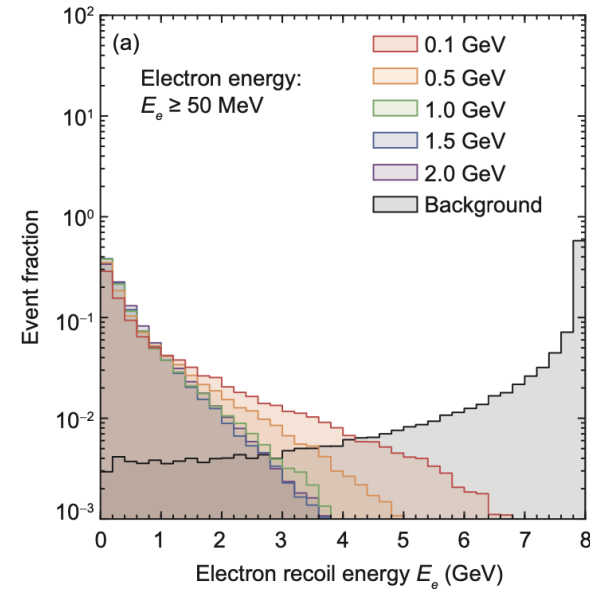


Signal:

- Low momentum of recoil electron
- Recoil electron angle has on average value

Background:

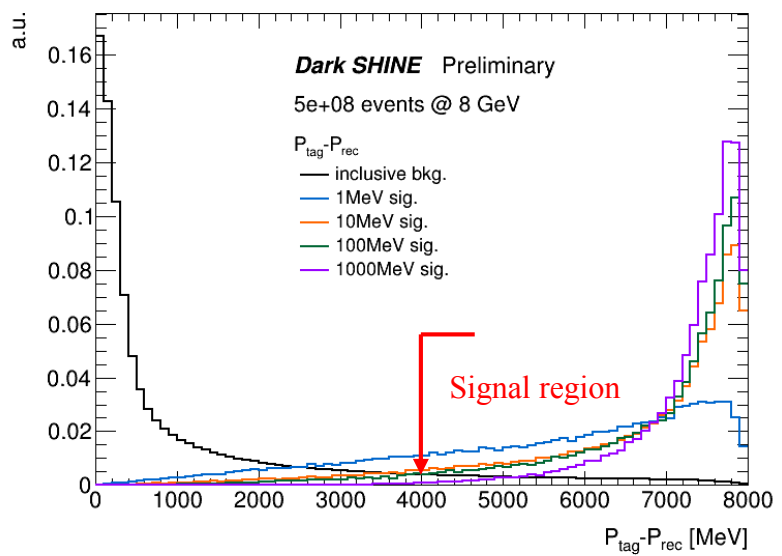
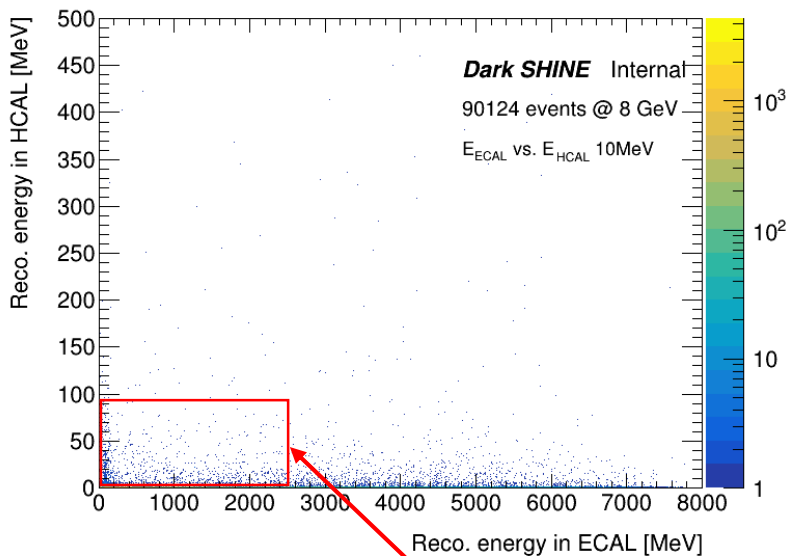
- Small missing energy, recoil electron carries most of the momentum
- Small recoil electron angle



Signal-box design

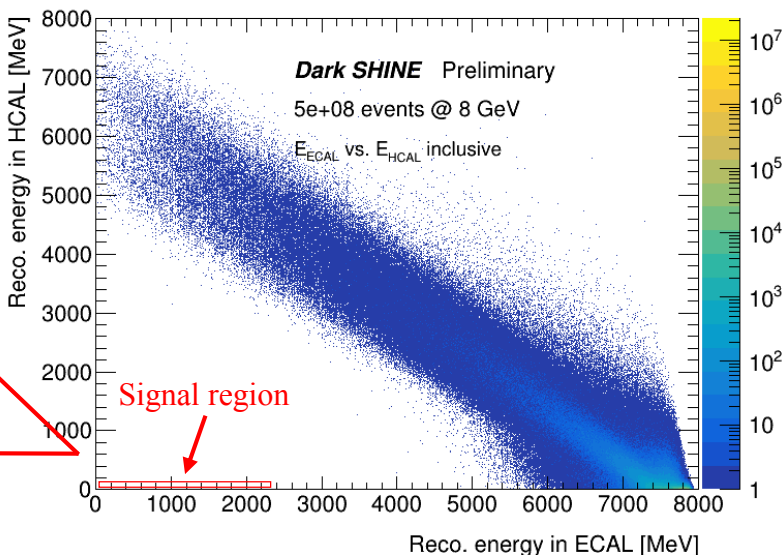
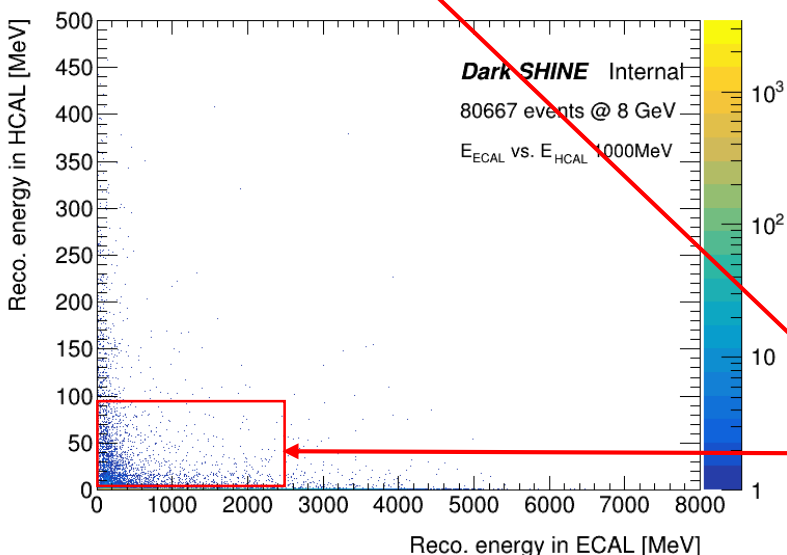


10 MeV A'



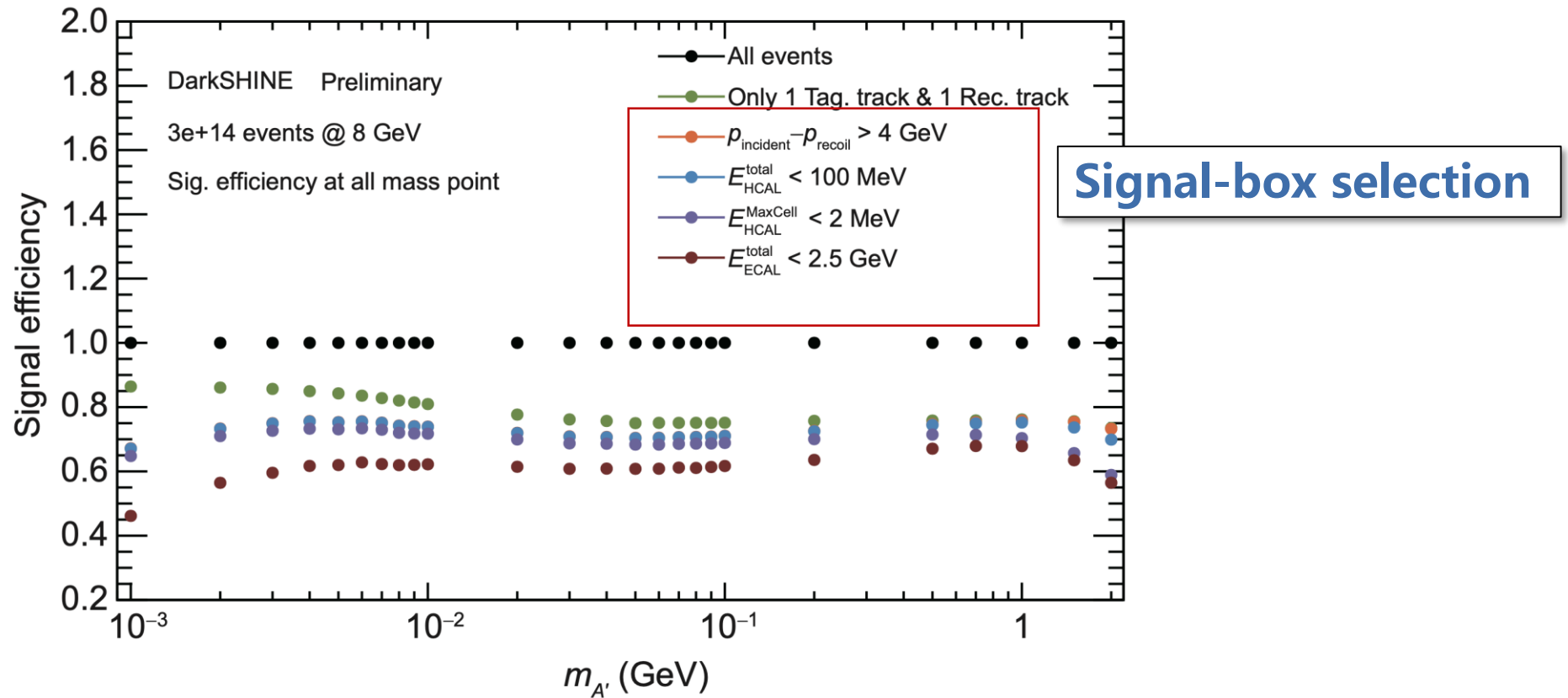
Inclusive bkg & signal

1 GeV A'



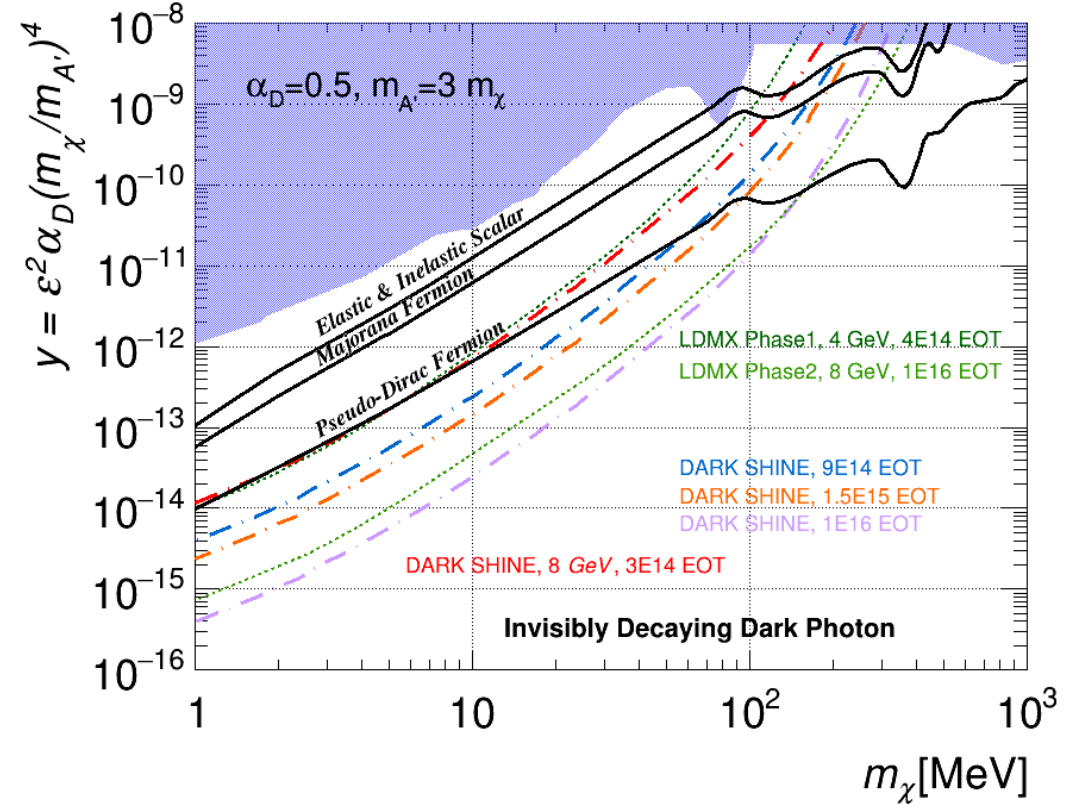
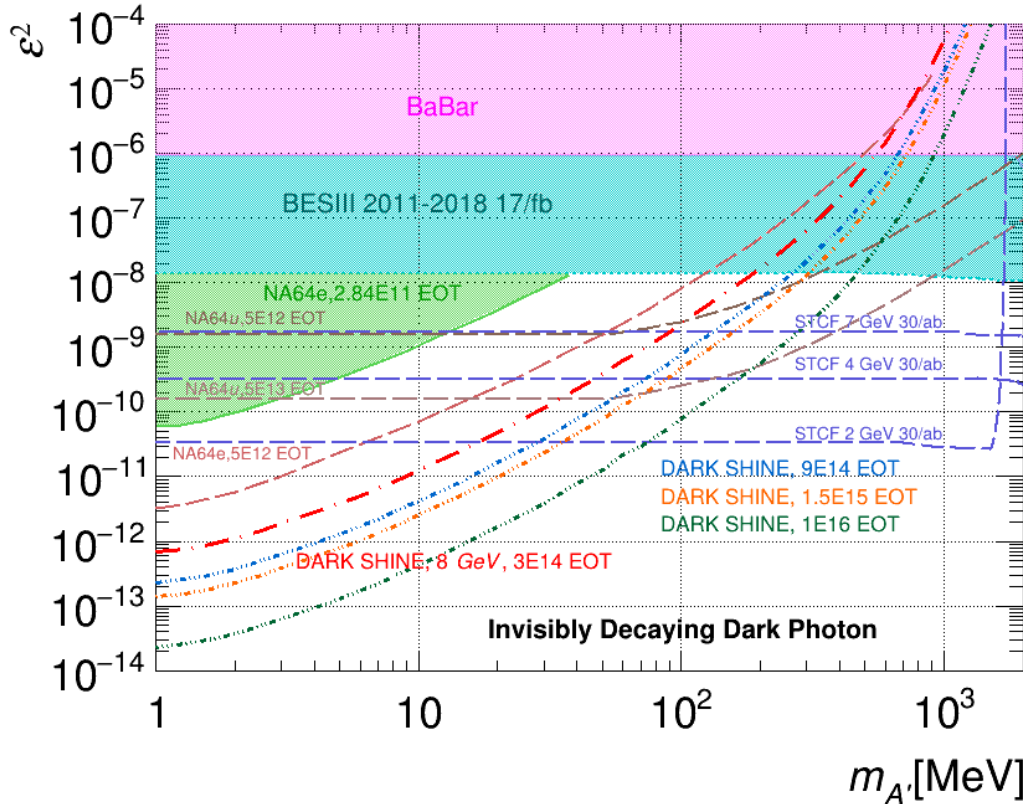
Inclusive bkg

Acceptance efficiency



- 60% signal events survive the cut-flow, no background survive (2.5e9)
- Acceptance efficiency drops in:
 - **Low-mass** region of a few MeV: tight energy cuts.
 - **High-mass** region above 1 GeV: particles with large incident/recoil angle go into the HCAL directly.

- Prospective sensitivity is competitive
- Expected limit on the ε^2 as the function of A' mass at 90% C.L. is estimated with $3e14$ EOTs (running ~ 1 year), $9e14$ EOTs (~ 3 years), $1.5e15$ EOTs (~ 5 years) and $1e16$ EOTs (with Phase-II upgrade).



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Editor's Focus

Prospective study of light dark matter search with a newly proposed DarkSHINE experiment

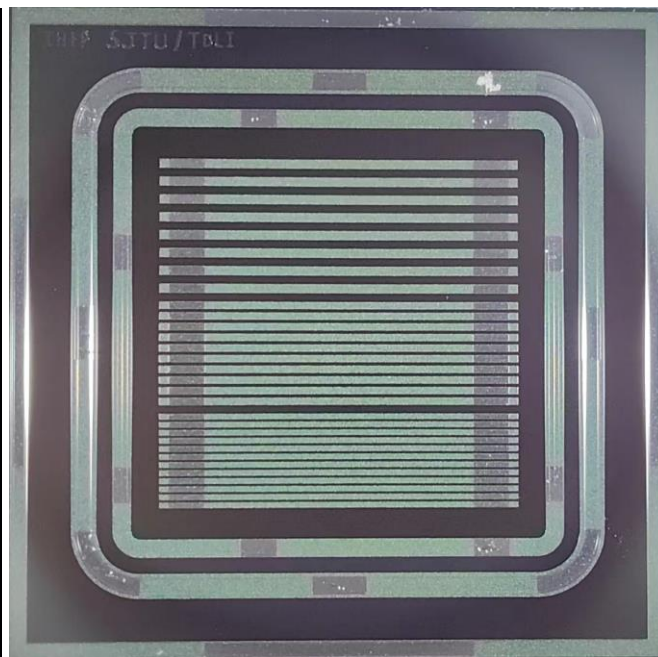
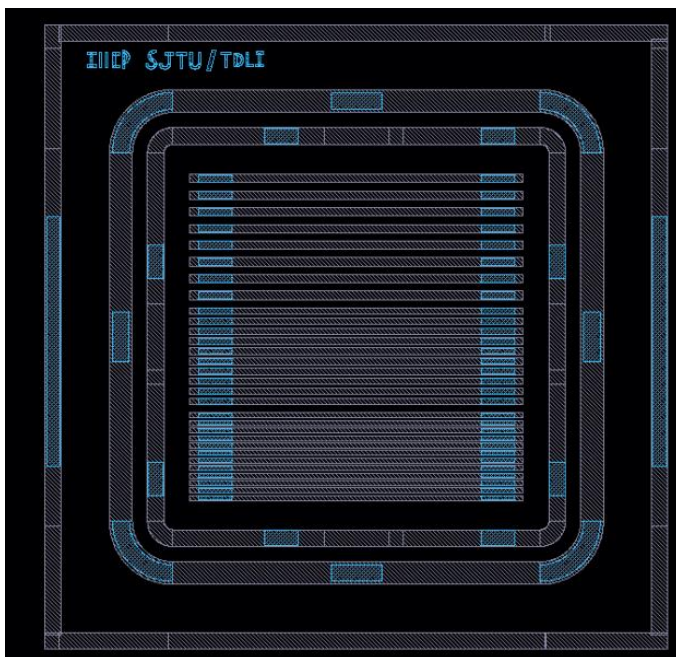
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Tracking system



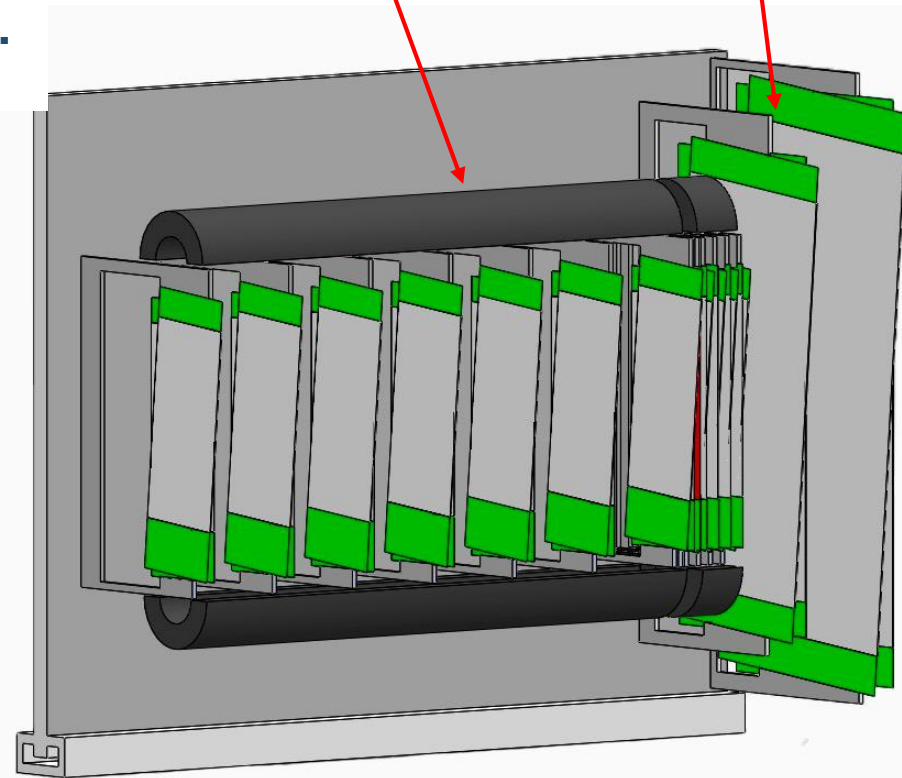
- 7 layers of tagging tracker + 6 layers of recoil tracker
 - Two silicon strip sensors with a small angle (0.1 rad)
 - Resolution: 10 μm (horizontal)
- AC-LGAD silicon strip sensor prototype designed and tested.

[arXiv:2310.13926](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.13926)

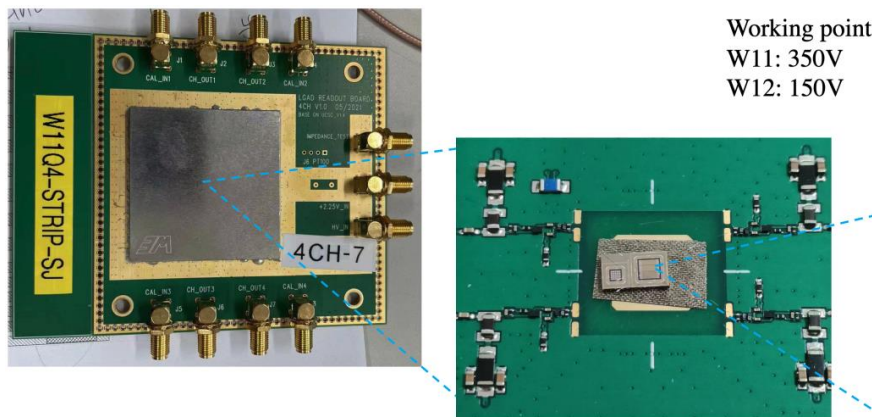


Tagging tracker

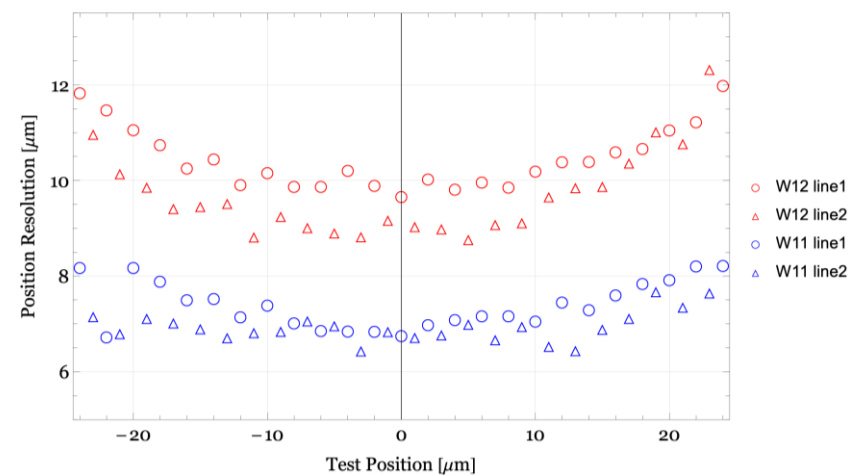
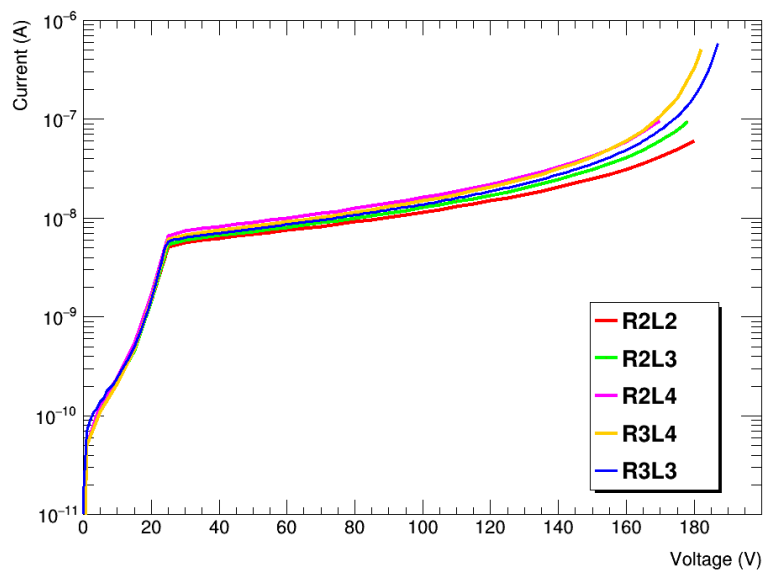
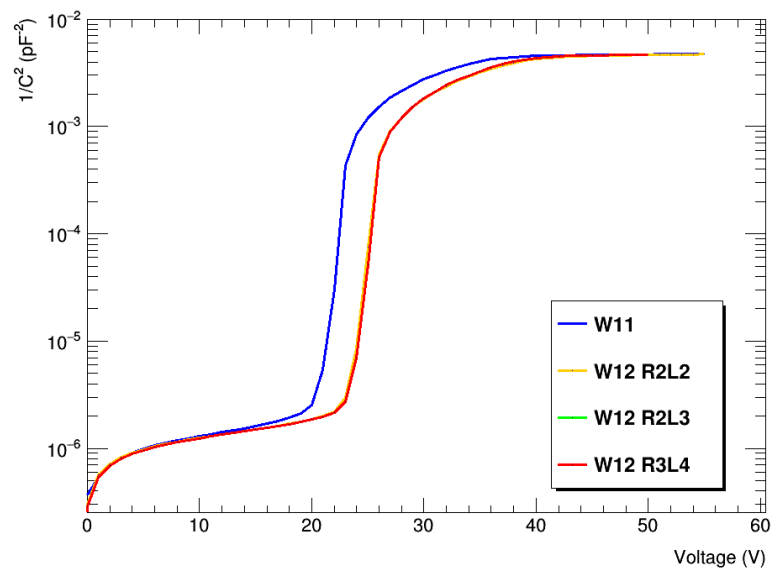
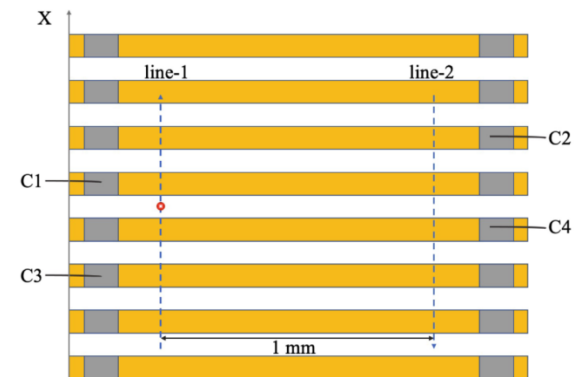
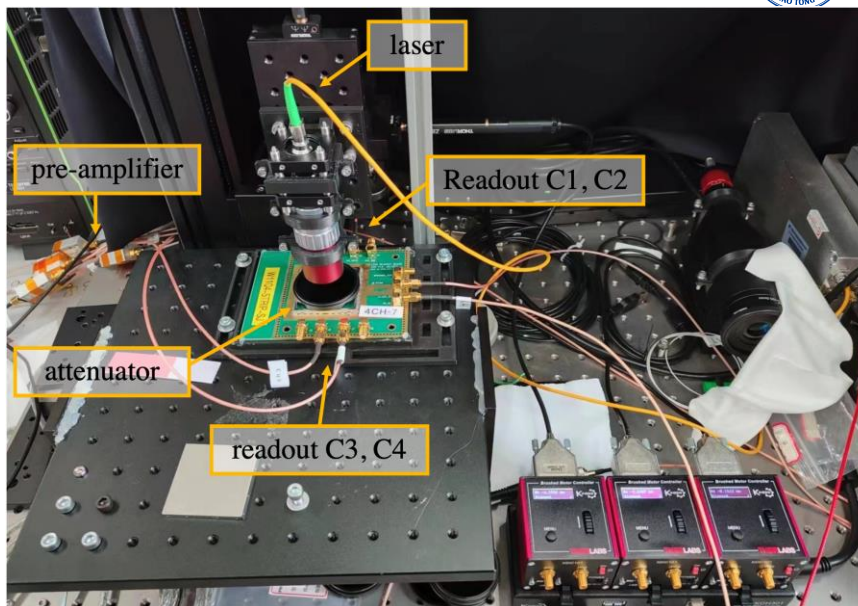
Recoil tracker



Tracking system



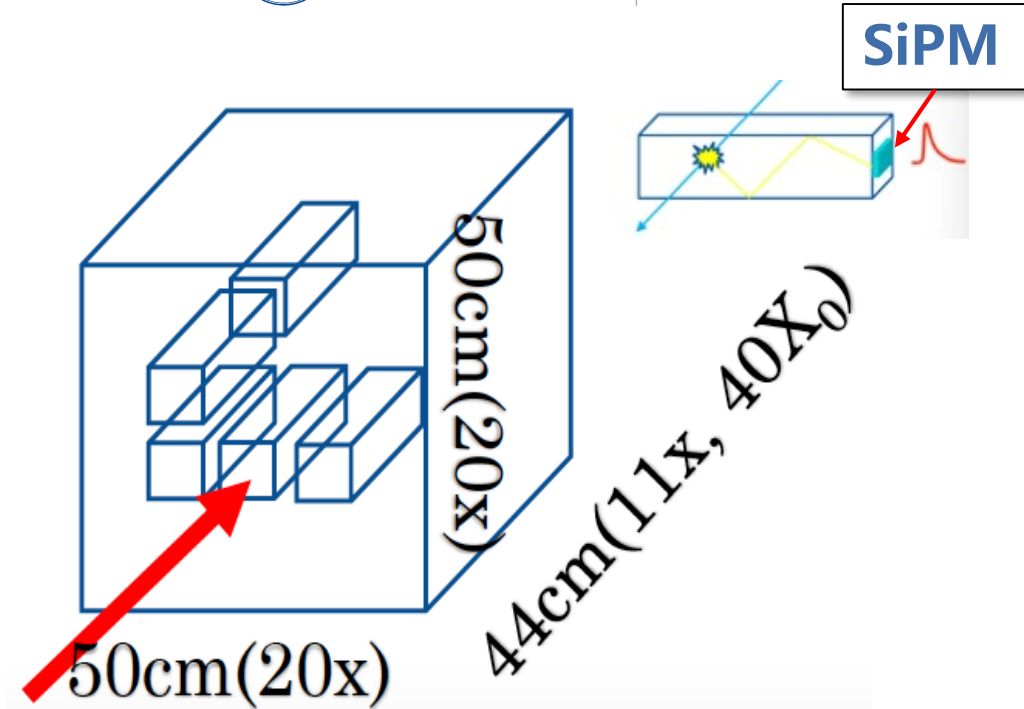
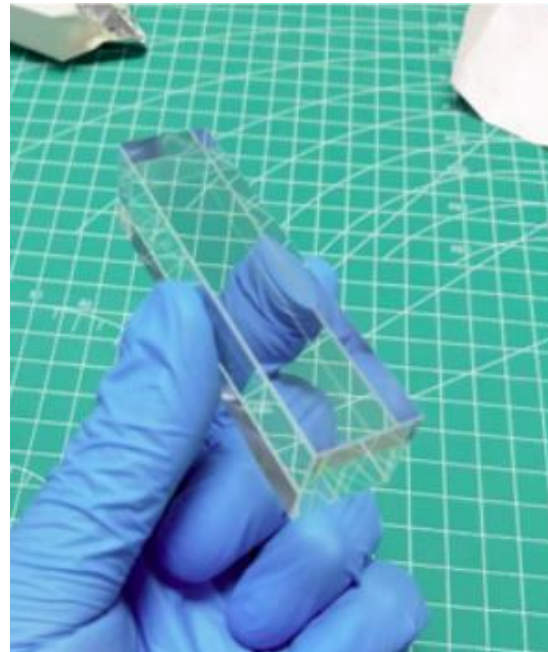
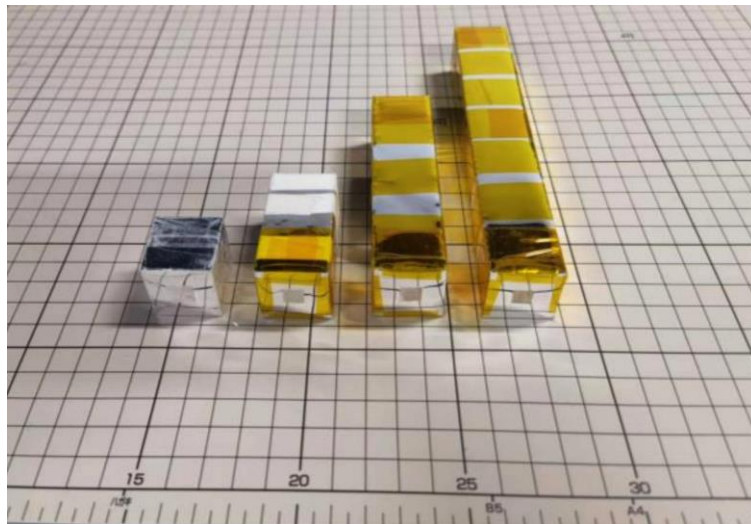
Working point
W11: 350V
W12: 150V



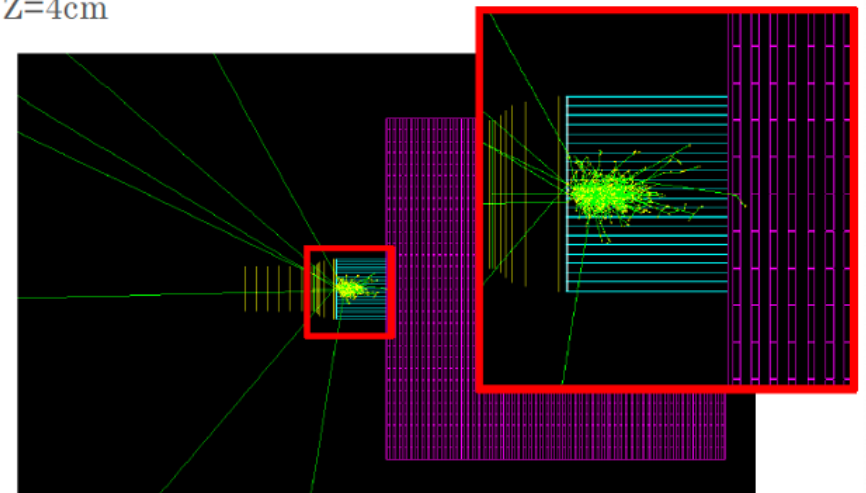
Electromagnetic calorimeter



- Deposit all the energy from electrons and photons
- Crystal Scintillator + SiPM
 - LYSO(Ce),
 - 20x20x11 crystals, 2.5cmx2.5cmx4cm
 - High light yields, short decay time , good radiation resistant
- Module has been tested in DESY



Z=4cm



Electromagnetic calorimeter

5cm LYSO

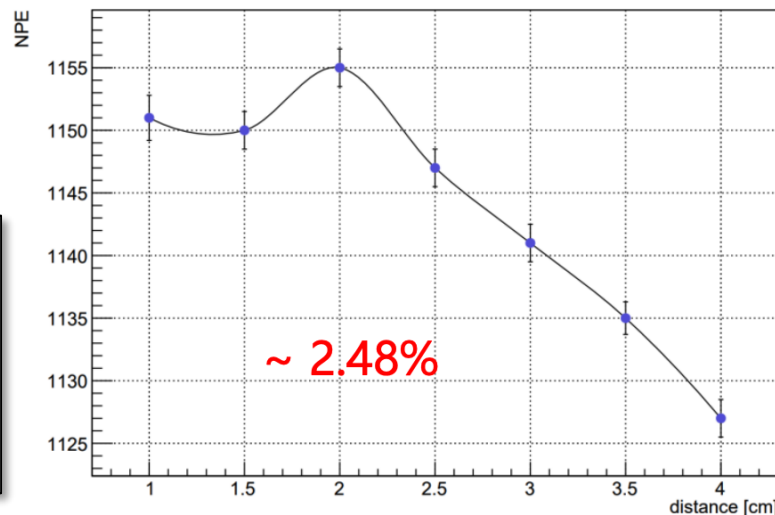


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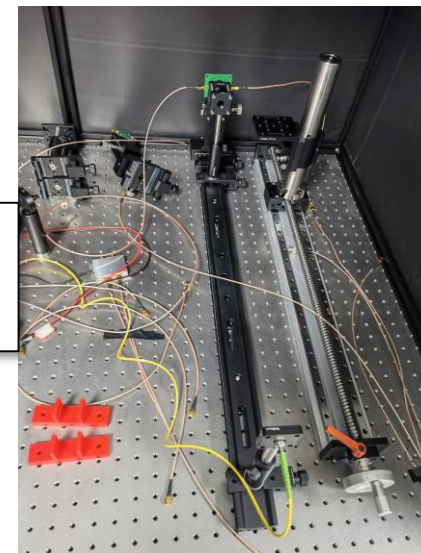
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Uniformity scan with using ^{60}Co

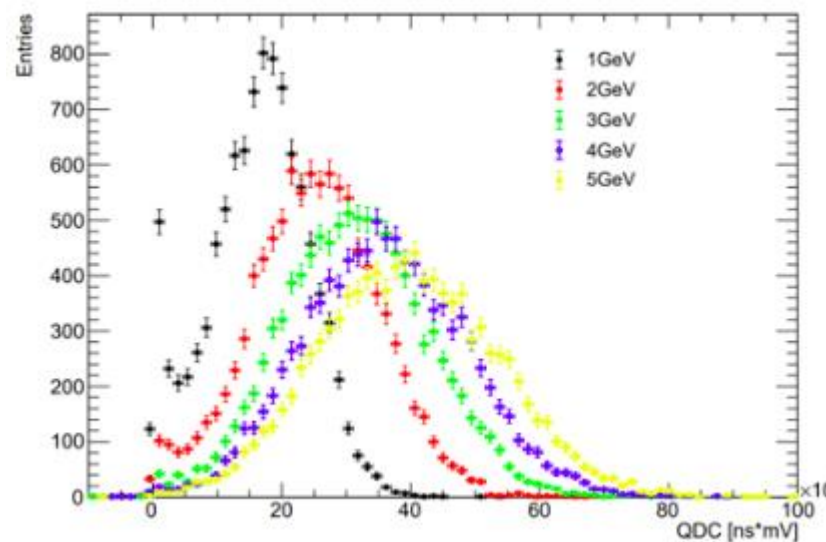


SiPM laser calibration

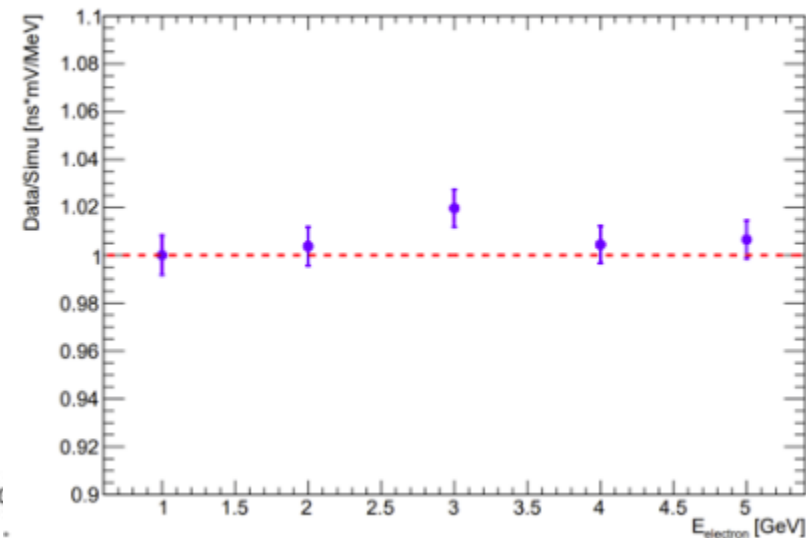


Beam test @Desy

Electron Data of Ch1-4cmLYSO



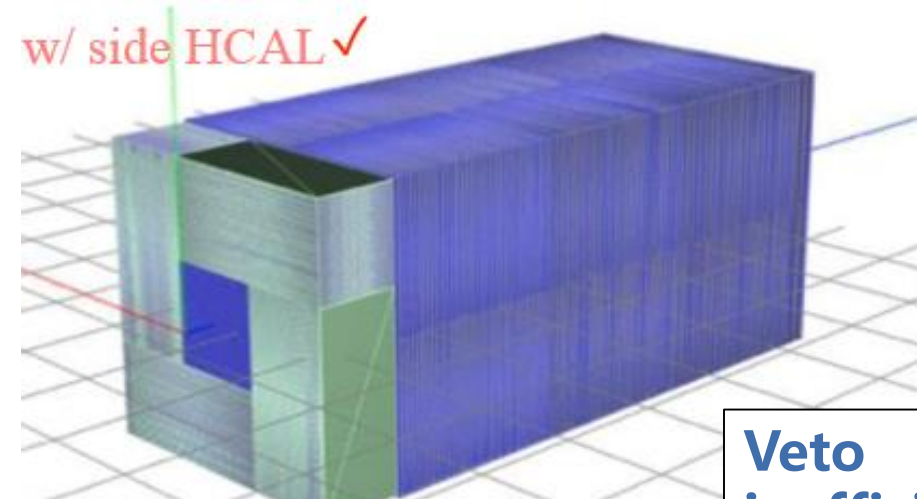
Experimental Data vs. Simulation



Hadronic calorimeter

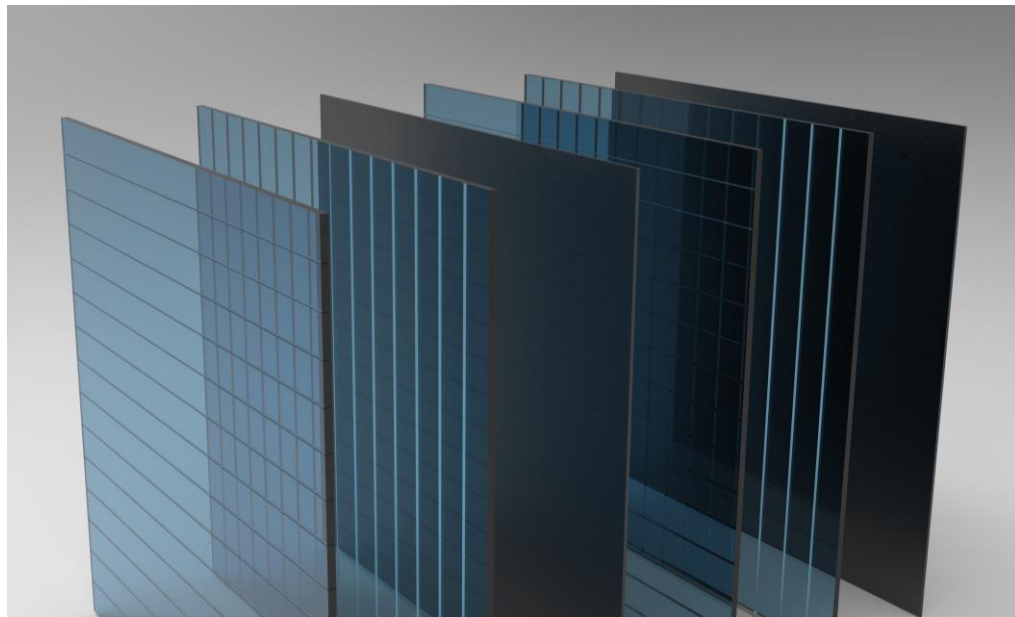


- Veto backgrounds with same behavior as signal in ECAL
- 1.5 m × 1.5 m (perpendicular to the beam), ~10 λ (~160 cm iron, parallel to the beam)
 - Split to 4 modules, 75 cm × 75 cm each
 - Iron absorber: 10 mm/50 mm thick , 75 cm × 75 cm
 - Plastic scintillator: 10 mm thick, 75 cm × 5 cm, 15 bars per layer per module
 - 90 degree rotation between 2 adjacent layers
 - Wavelength shift fiber + SiPM
- Side-HCAL: encircling the ECAL
- Design has been optimized [arXiv:2311.01780](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.01780)

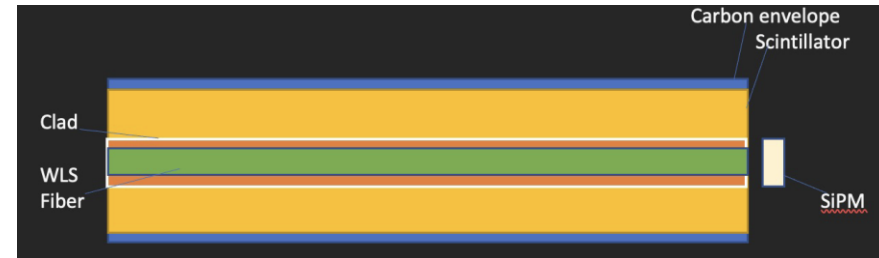
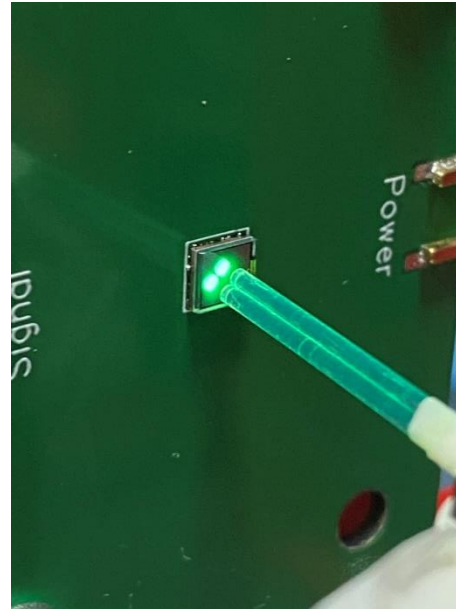
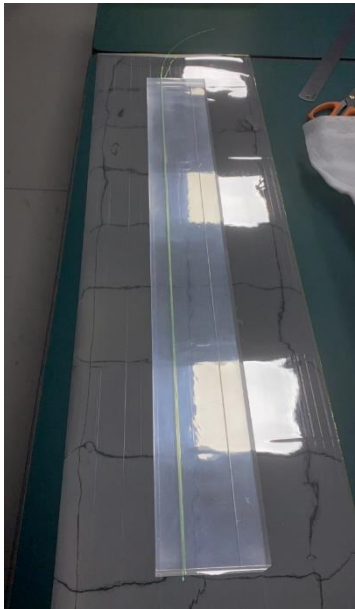


**Veto
inefficiency**

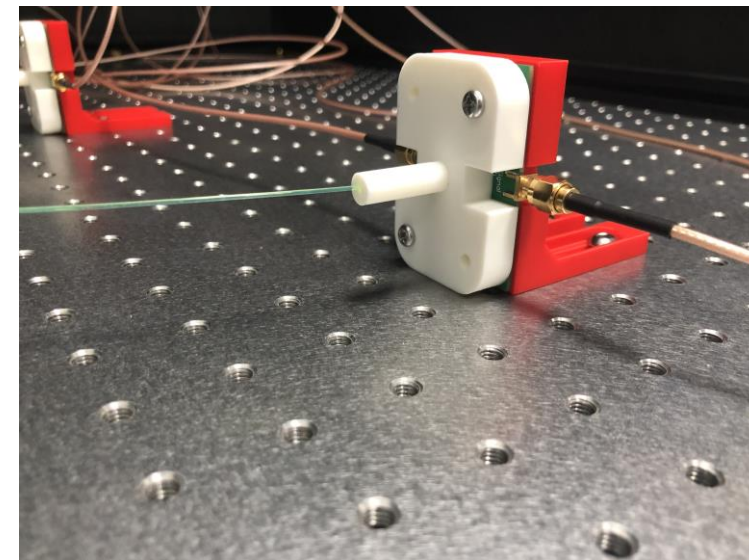
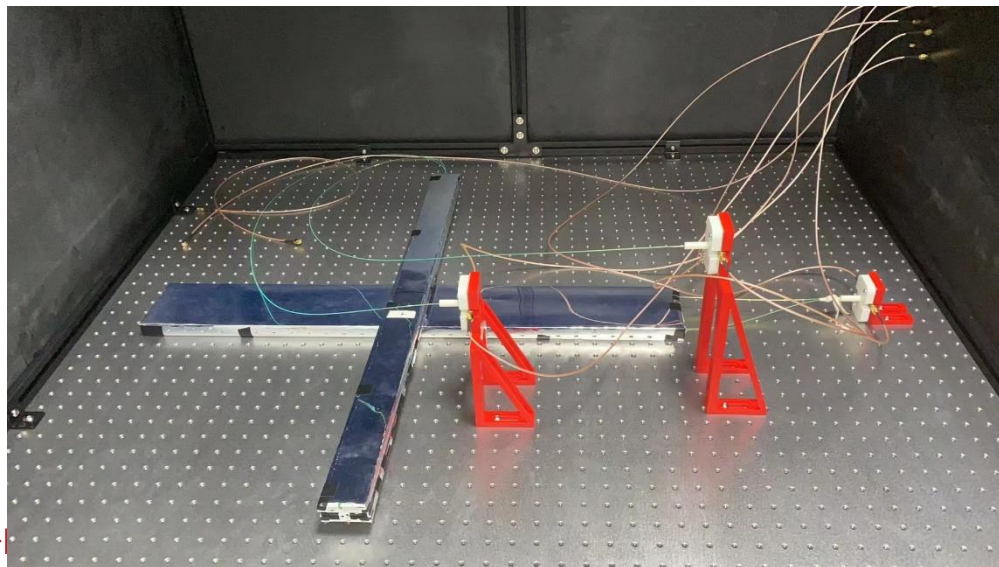
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500	1.84E-05	3.30E-06	1.00E-07	8.04E-06
1000	3.70E-06	4.30E-06	1.00E-07	1.00E-07
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Hadronic calorimeter



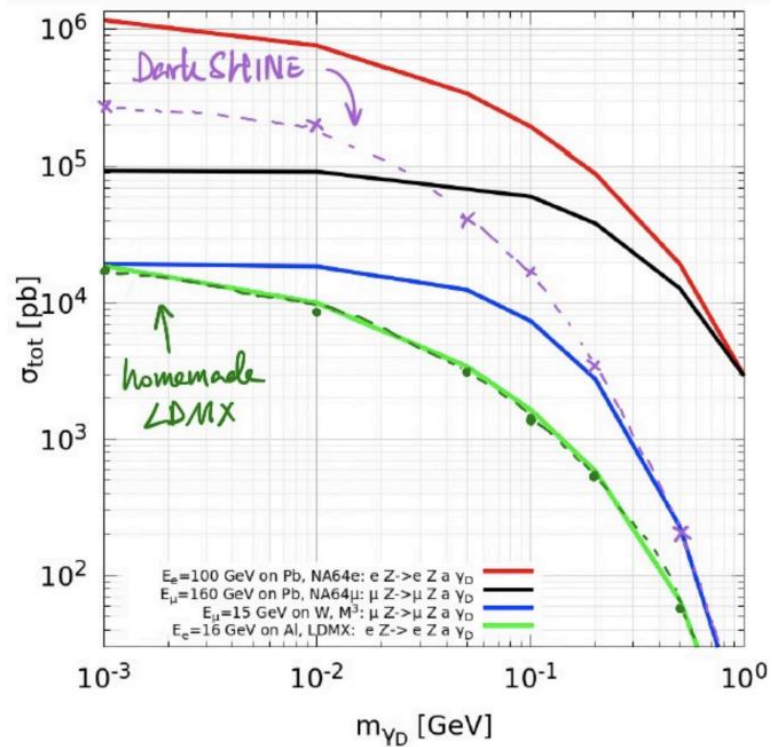
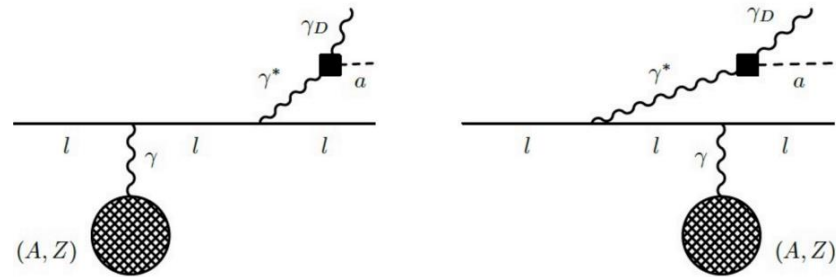
- Plastic scintillator bars are tested with radioactive source and cosmic ray source.
- The fiber and SiPM are coupled with support and collimation structures



More Physics Opportunities...



Minimal dark Axion-like particle portal and Axion+DP co-existence



- Dramatically different sensitivity curve of Dark Photon search when changing from electron beam to positron beam
- Extra s/t-chan annihilation diagrams come into play for Dark Photon production
- SHINE can also deliver positron beam with low current...

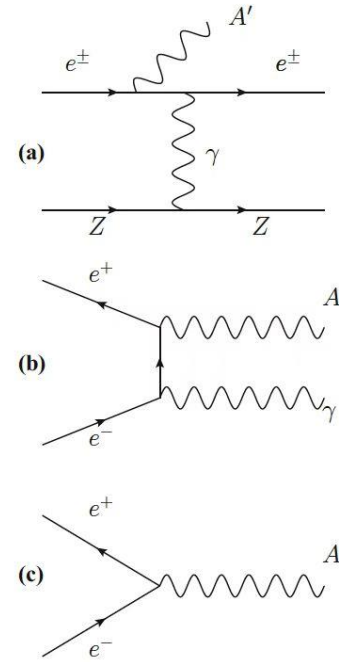
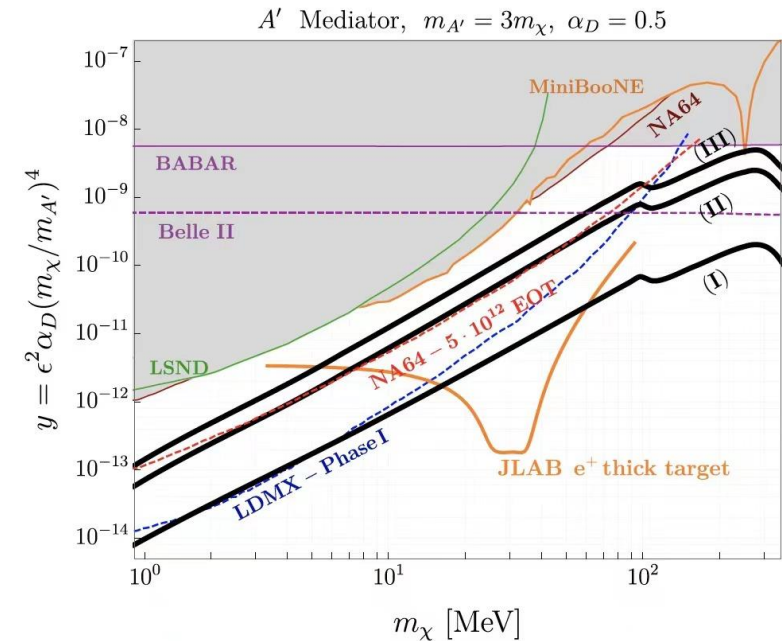


Fig. 1 Three different A' production modes in fixed target lepton beam experiments: (a) A' -strahlung in e^-/e^+ -nucleon scattering; (b) A' -strahlung in e^+e^- annihilation; (c) resonant A' production in e^+e^- annihilation



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- The DarkSHINE experiment is a fixed target experiment using an electron beam to search for light dark matter, and has the potential for searching for more BSM particles
- Prospective analysis sensitivity of DarkSHINE is presented
 - Almost background free, expected 0.02 background from $3e14$ electron-on-target (w.r.t 1 yr running)
 - Above 50% dark photon acceptance efficiency
 - Competitive sensitivity, [*Sci. China-Phys. Mech. Astron.*, 66\(1\): 211062 \(2023\)](#)
- Detector key technology R&D has been sponsored by NSFC (原创探索计划项目)



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Backup



Plan

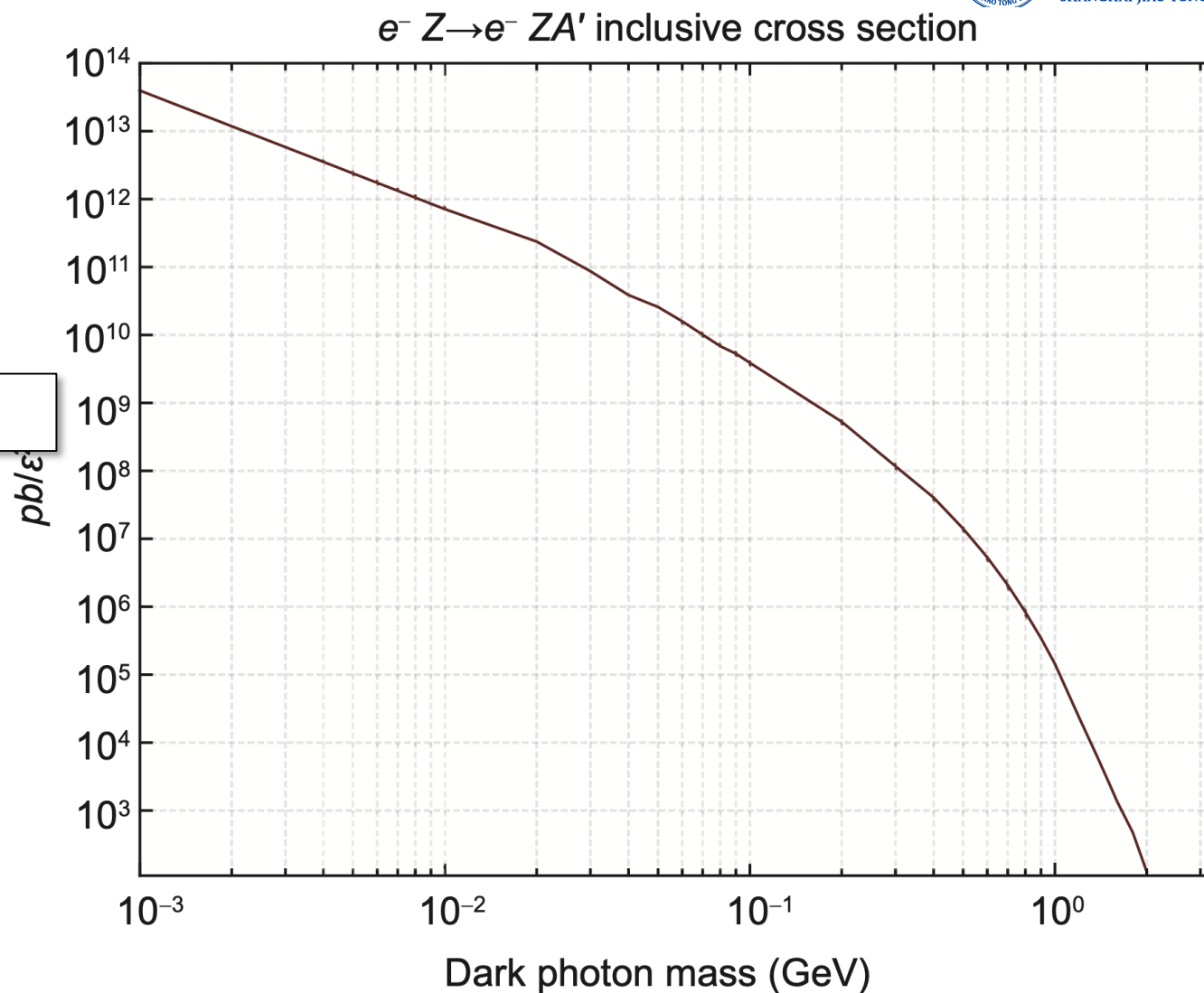


- 2022 1st **simulation studies** of detector system; establish DarkSHINE collaboration formally with SHINE facility (start the R&D work on the beamline).
- 2023 **R&D** of the **calorimeter systems, tracker system, magnet and mechanical supporting layout**; determine 1st **conceptual design** of DarkSHINE **beamline**.
- 2024 In-lab technical demonstration of detector prototypes; overall **conceptual design report** of **DarkSHINE detector system** and the preliminary **beamline conceptual design report**.
- 2025 **Sub-detector** prototyping; **cosmic** tests and **beam** tests.
- 2026 Start the **construction** of the DarkSHINE beamline and detector systems.
- 2028 1st **commissioning** of the overall DarkSHINE experiment at the accomplished SHINE facility and dedicated DarkSHINE specific beamline.

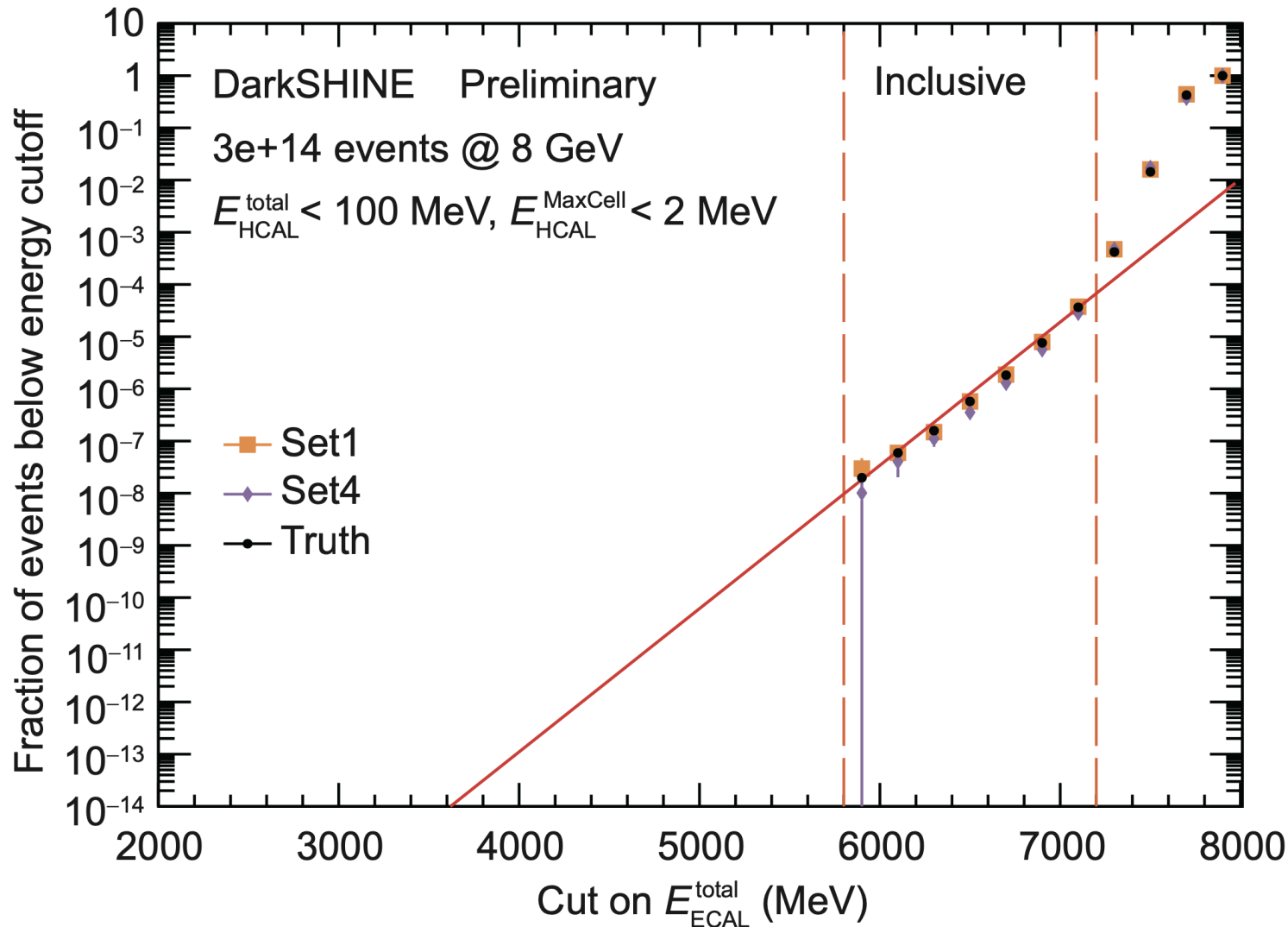
Dark photon XS



XS with $\epsilon^2 = 1$

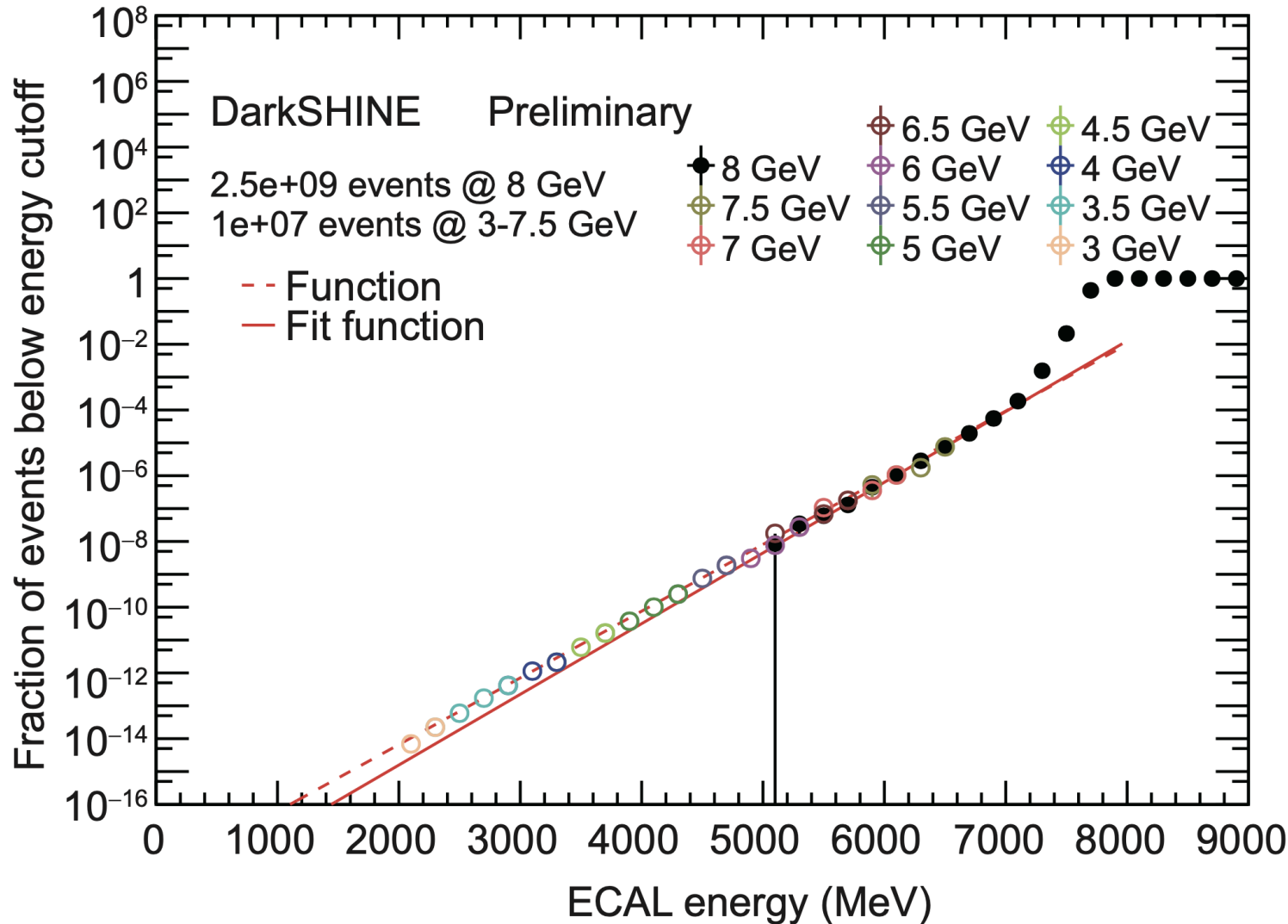


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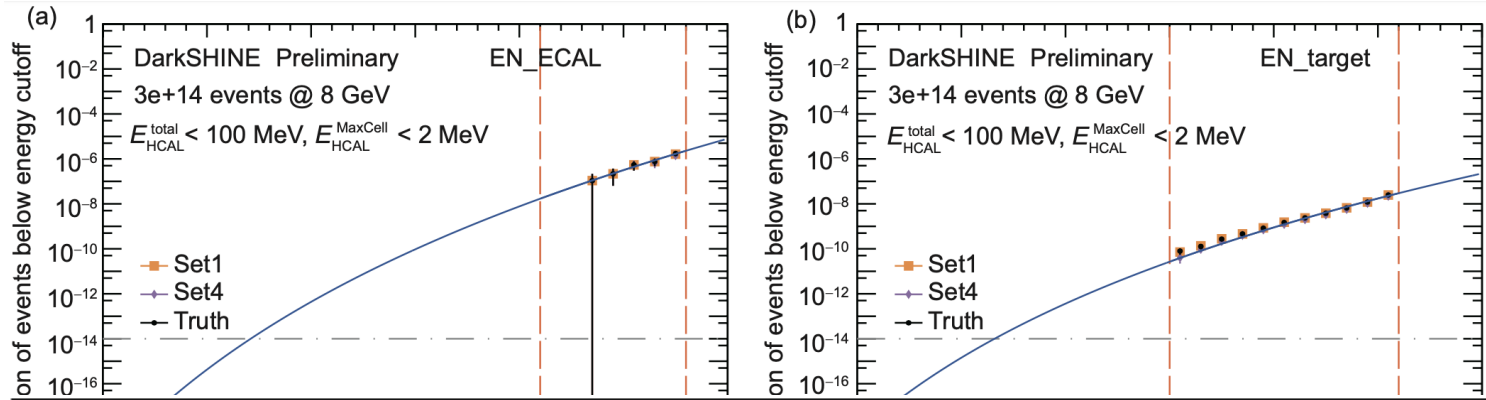
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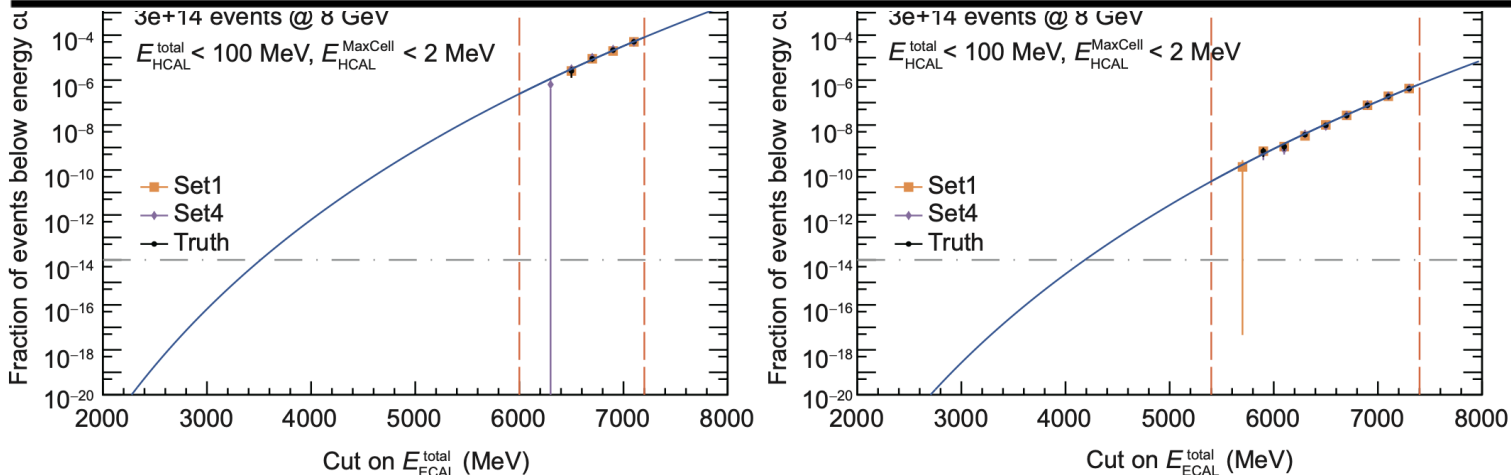
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Background estimation



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- In order to estimate background yields in

Method	Cut flow	Rare. extra.	Incl.- extra.	Incl. vali.	Invisible
Yield	0	1.5×10^{-2}	2.53×10^{-3}	9.23×10^{-3}	negligible



- ▶ **neutron inclusive background process**
- ▶ **extrapolation from low energy samples**
- ▶ **fit from each rare background process**

The DarkSHINE simulation

Simulated background statistics:

Process	Generate events	Branching ratio	EOTs
Inclusive	2.5×10^9	1.0	2.5×10^9
Bremsstrahlung	1×10^7	6.70×10^{-2}	1.5×10^8
GMM_target	1×10^7	$1.5(\pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$	4.3×10^{14}
GMM_ECAL	1×10^7	$1.63(\pm 0.06) \times 10^{-6}$	6.0×10^{12}
PN_target	1×10^7	$1.37(\pm 0.05) \times 10^{-6}$	4.0×10^{12}
PN_ECAL	1×10^8	$2.31(\pm 0.01) \times 10^{-4}$	4.4×10^{11}
EN_target	1×10^8	$5.1(\pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$	1.6×10^{12}
EN_ECAL	1×10^7	$3.25(\pm 0.08) \times 10^{-6}$	1.8×10^{12}

Event cut-flow of each background process:

Table 4 Event cut flow for each background sample in Table 2. The selection efficiencies of each cut are listed in the table (%)

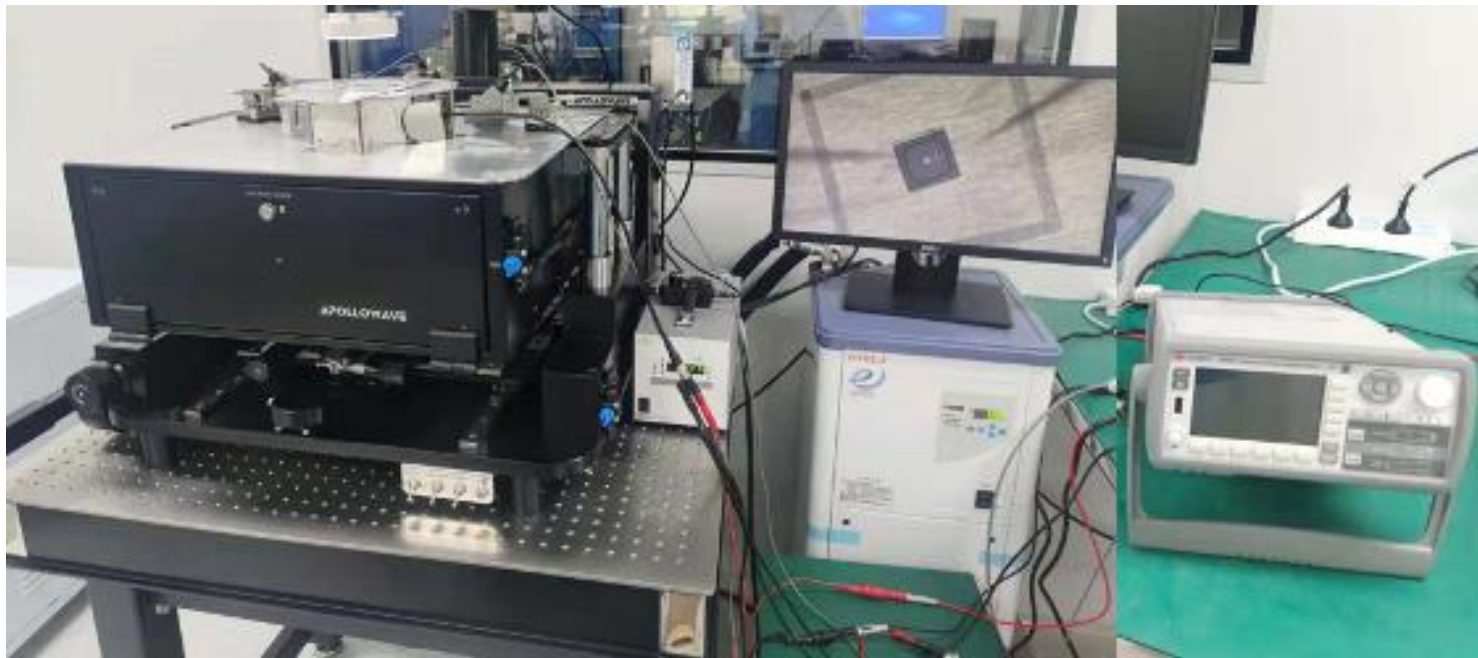
	EN_ECAL	PN_ECAL	GMM_ECAL	EN_target	PN_target	GMM_target	Hard_brem	Inclusive
Total events	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Only 1 track	58.87	70.48	87.36	5.85	5.88	$< 10^{-3}$	78.73	84.40
$p_{\text{tag}} - p_{\text{rec}} > 4 \text{ GeV}$	0.0044	0.0033	0.0041	5.58	5.46	$< 10^{-5}$	70.49	4.80
$E_{\text{HCAL}}^{\text{total}} < 100 \text{ MeV}$	$< 10^{-3}$	$< 10^{-3}$	0	0.30	0.72	0	69.61	4.76
$E_{\text{HCAL}}^{\text{MaxCell}} < 10 \text{ MeV}$	$< 10^{-3}$	$< 10^{-3}$	0	0.13	0.27	0	65.00	4.48
$E_{\text{HCAL}}^{\text{MaxCell}} < 2 \text{ MeV}$	$< 10^{-3}$	$< 10^{-3}$	0	0.058	0.095	0	58.14	4.04
$E_{\text{ECAL}}^{\text{total}} < 2.5 \text{ GeV}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tracking system

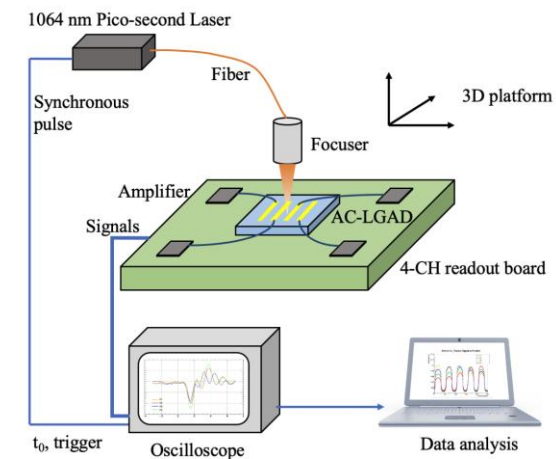
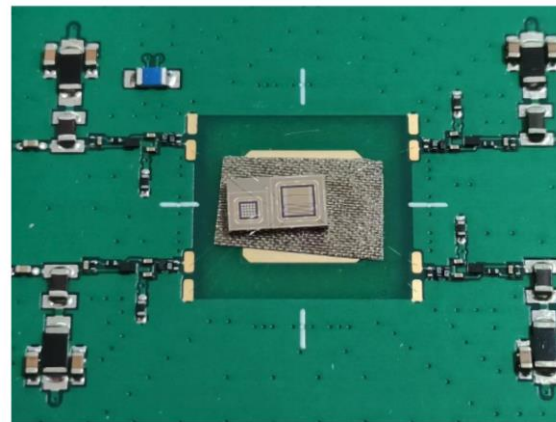
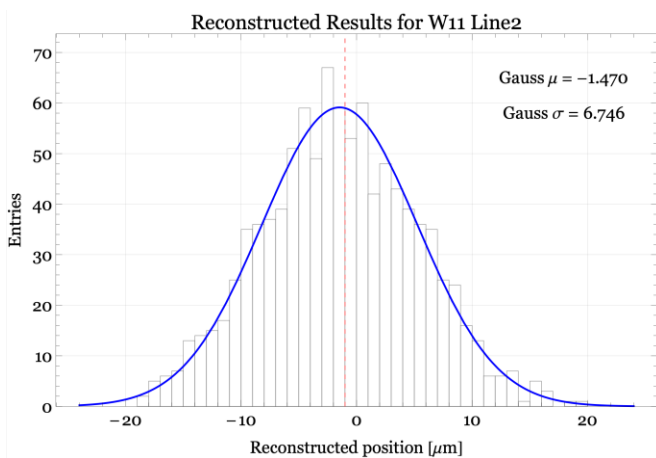
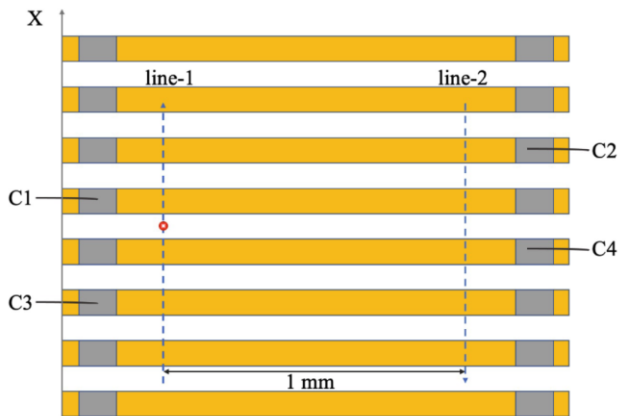
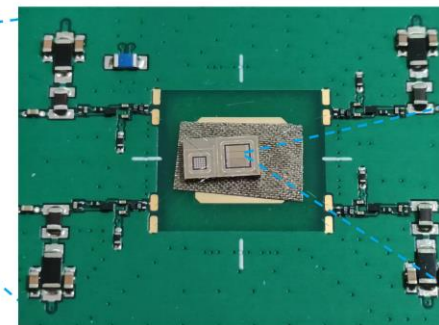


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Working point
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W12: 150V



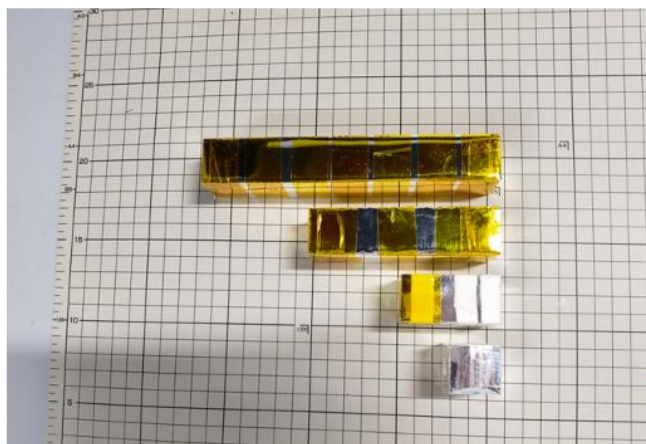
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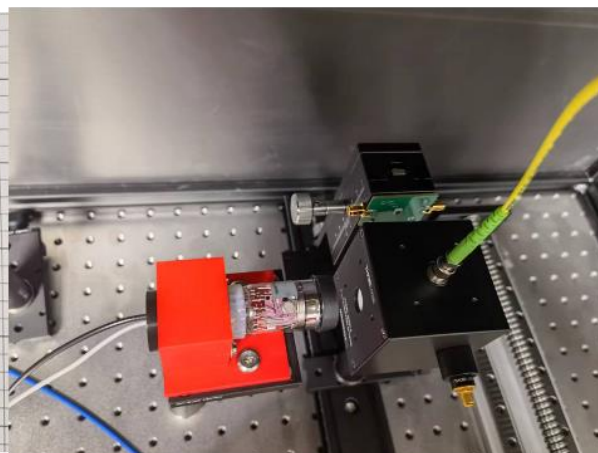
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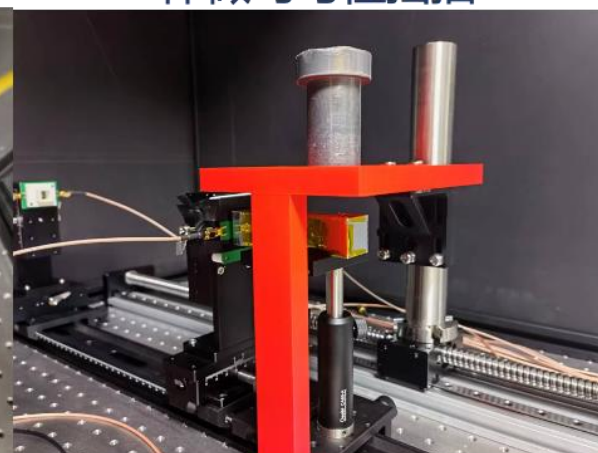
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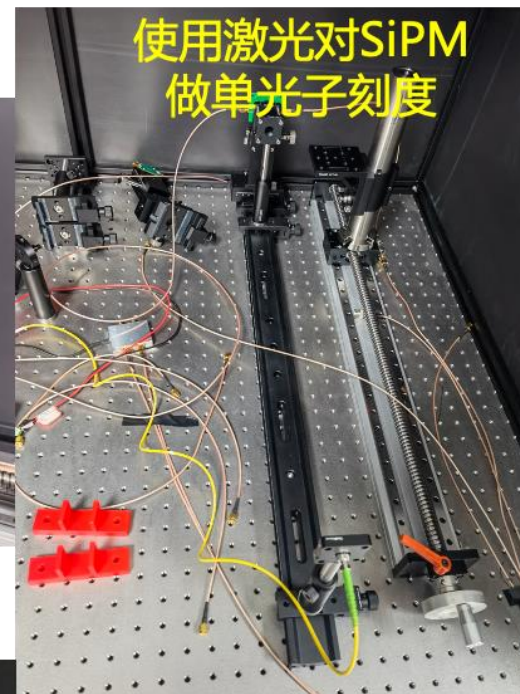
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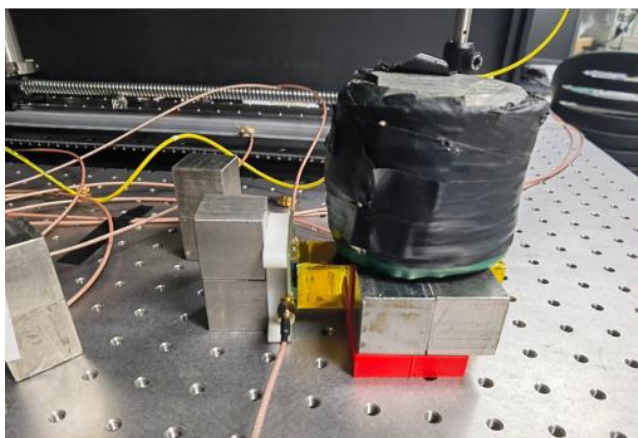
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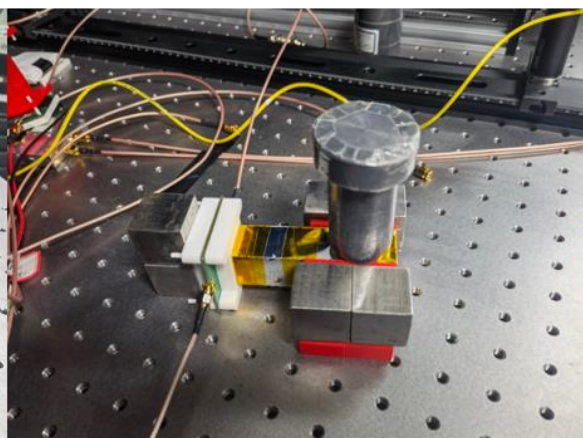
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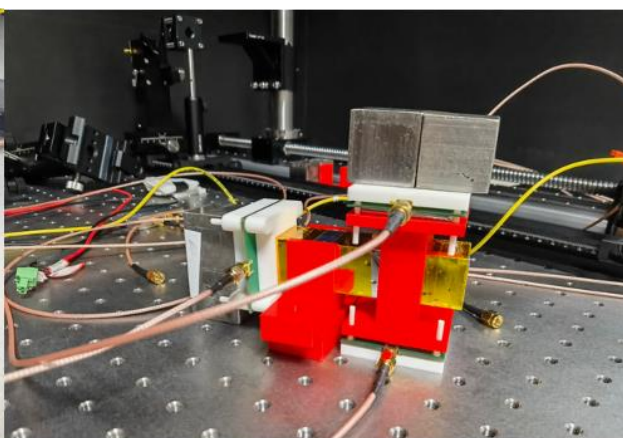
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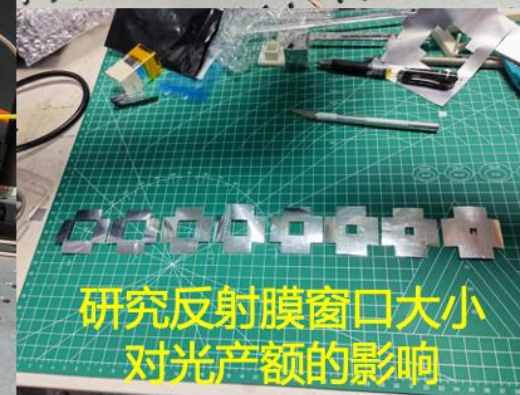
LYSO晶体 ^{60}Co 测试



宇宙线测试上下符合



研究反射膜窗口大小对光产额的影响



HCAL: Simulation optimized



- **Several conclusions are obtained:**
 - Size is reduced from 4 m × 4 m × 4 m to 1.5 m × 1.5 m × 10λ
 - Performance is good enough with weight restriction
 - Use thin absorber + thick absorber can have best veto inEff for both low energy (100 MeV) neutron and high energy neutron (> 1 GeV)
 - 1 scintillator layer + 1 absorber layer is enough
 - Long edge of the scintillator strip is along the X-axis/Y-axis in odd/even layer to cover the gap (wrapper)
 - Side-HCAL is needed: surround ECAL, sensitive plane perpendicular to ECAL

- **Neutral hadron veto inEff**

Energy[MeV]	Particle			
	n	k ⁰	π ⁰	p
100	1.17E-03	3.16E-02	7.30E-06	3.07E-02
500	1.84E-05	3.30E-06	1.00E-07	8.04E-06
1000	3.70E-06	4.30E-06	1.00E-07	1.00E-07
2000	2.70E-06	1.15E-05	1.00E-07	1.00E-07

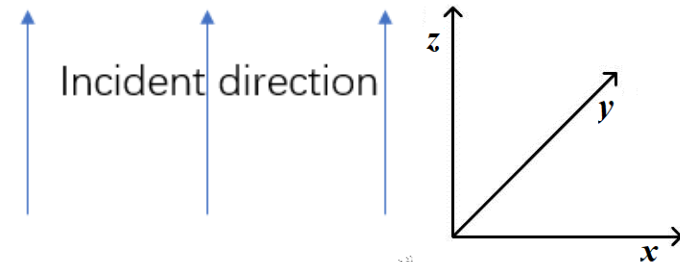
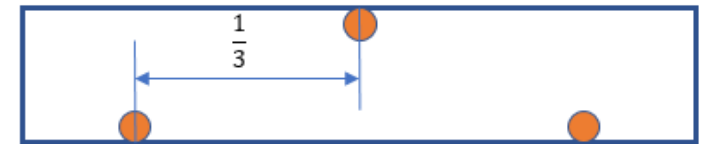
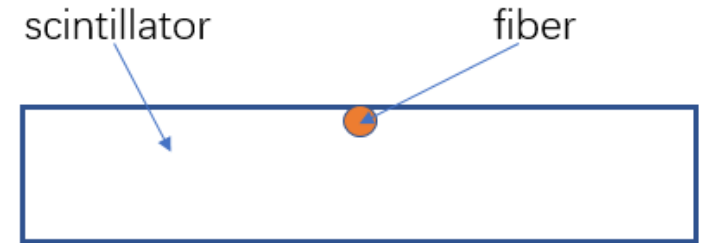
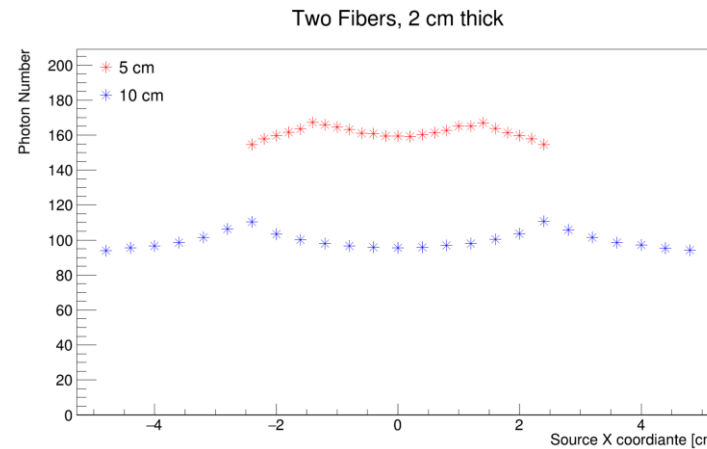
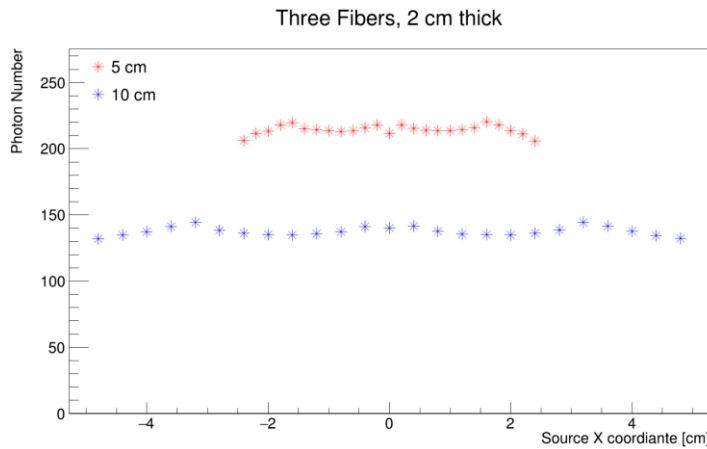
- **Events veto inEff**

Structure	Process			
	EN-target	EN-ECAL	PN-target	PN-ECAL
x-abs-y-noside	2.68E-02	3.94E-02	9.29E-02	1.24E-01
x-abs-y-side	1.04E-03	1.09E-02	1.94E-03	3.58E-02

HCAL: Scintillator simulation



- Scintillator size : 5/10 cm × 75 cm × 1 cm/2 cm
- Fiber size : 0.5 mm radius with clad
- Incident e^- , 100 MeV
- Incident position : -2.4/-4.8 cm to 2.4/4.8 cm per 0.2/0.4 cm

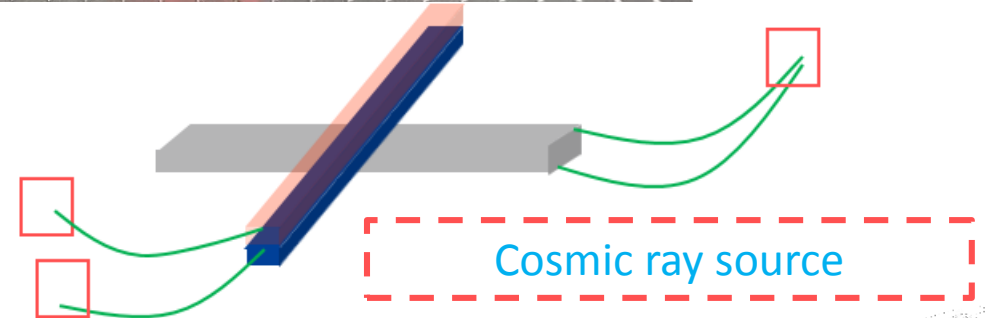
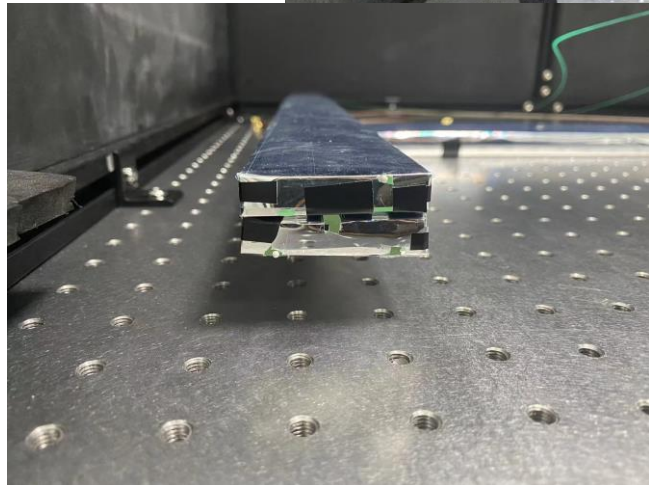
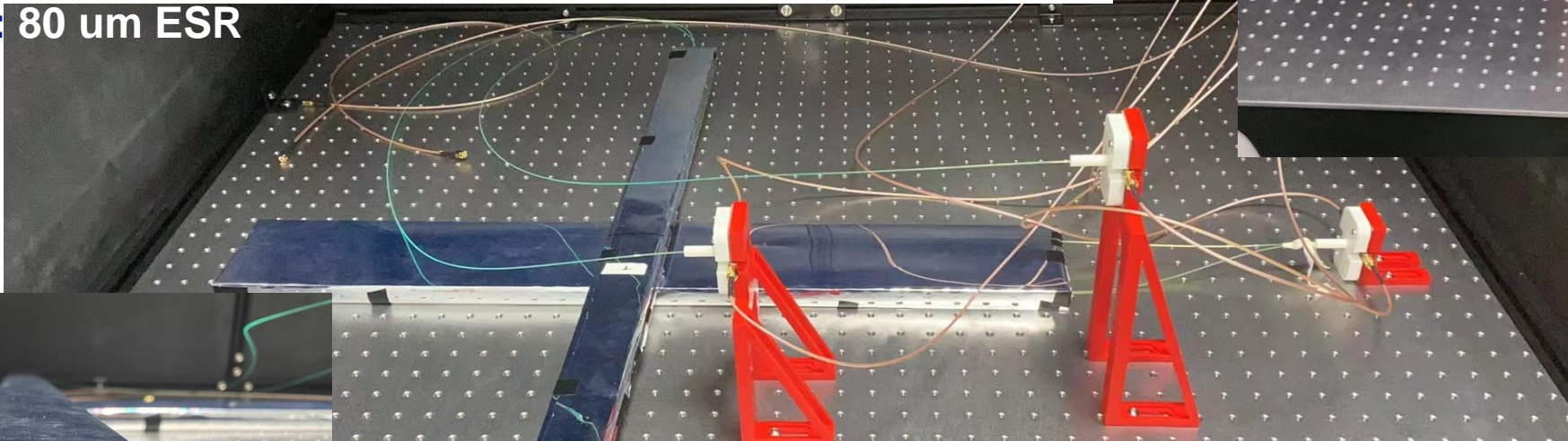
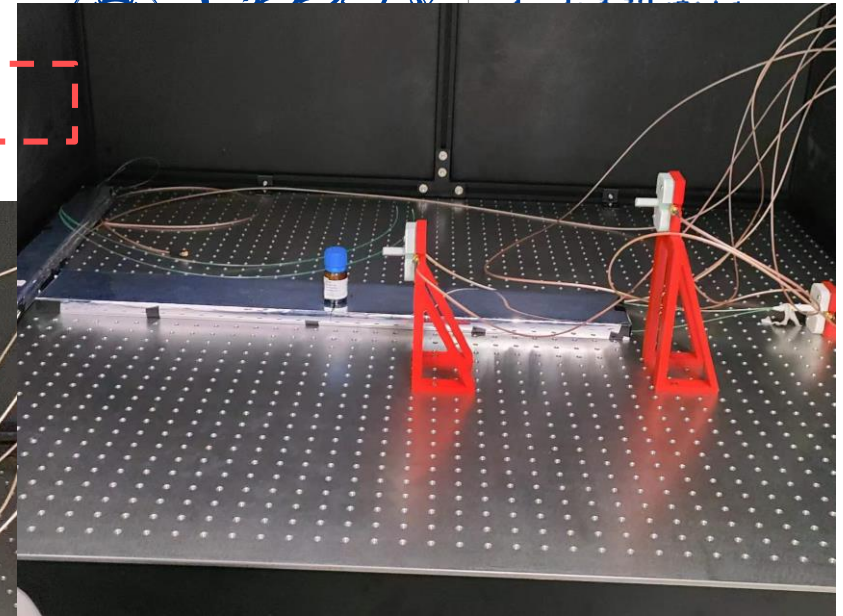


Size	1 fiber	2 fibers	3 fibers
1 cm * 5 cm	64 (60-75)	108 (100-115)	136 (130-145)
1 cm * 10 cm	38 (35-50)	69 (65-80)	92 (85-100)
2 cm * 5 cm	91 (85-100)	161 (155-170)	214 (205-220)
2 cm * 10 cm	53 (48-65)	100 (94-110)	138 (132-145)

HCAL: Scintillator test Platform

- Scintillator: HND-S2 (高能科迪) polystyrene
 - Several sizes are studied: width/thickness/grooves are varied
- WLS: Kuraray, $d=1$ mm, reflector on one side
- SiPM: EQR15 11-3030D-S, 3.0 mm \times 3.0 mm, 40000 microcell
- Wrapper: 80 μ m ESR

Radioactive source



Dark Photon Theory in a nutshell



Introduce extra $U(1)_X$ symmetry \rightarrow New Gauge Field $X \rightarrow$ Dark Photon Mediator A'
 $U(1)_{em} \rightarrow U(1)_{em} \times U(1)_X$

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + A_{\mu} j_{em}^{\mu}}_{\text{SM Photon } \gamma} \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} X_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} + X_{\mu} j_X^{\mu}}_{\text{Dark Photon } A'}$$

SM Photon γ

Dark Photon A'



$$\epsilon X_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- A' & γ kin. mixing
- Renormalizable and Gauge Invariant
- Straightforward for experimental search
- Free param, kin. mixing (ϵ), mass ($m_{A'}$)

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