

# **New Physics @ Nanjing Proton Source**



**Zuowei Liu (Nanjing University)**

**9th Workshop on Hadron Physics in  
China and Opportunities Worldwide**

**Nanjing University**

**2017-07-26**

# Nanjing Proton Source (NPS)

**A high-current superconducting proton source has been proposed to be built for a number of science researches and also for health/industry applications.**

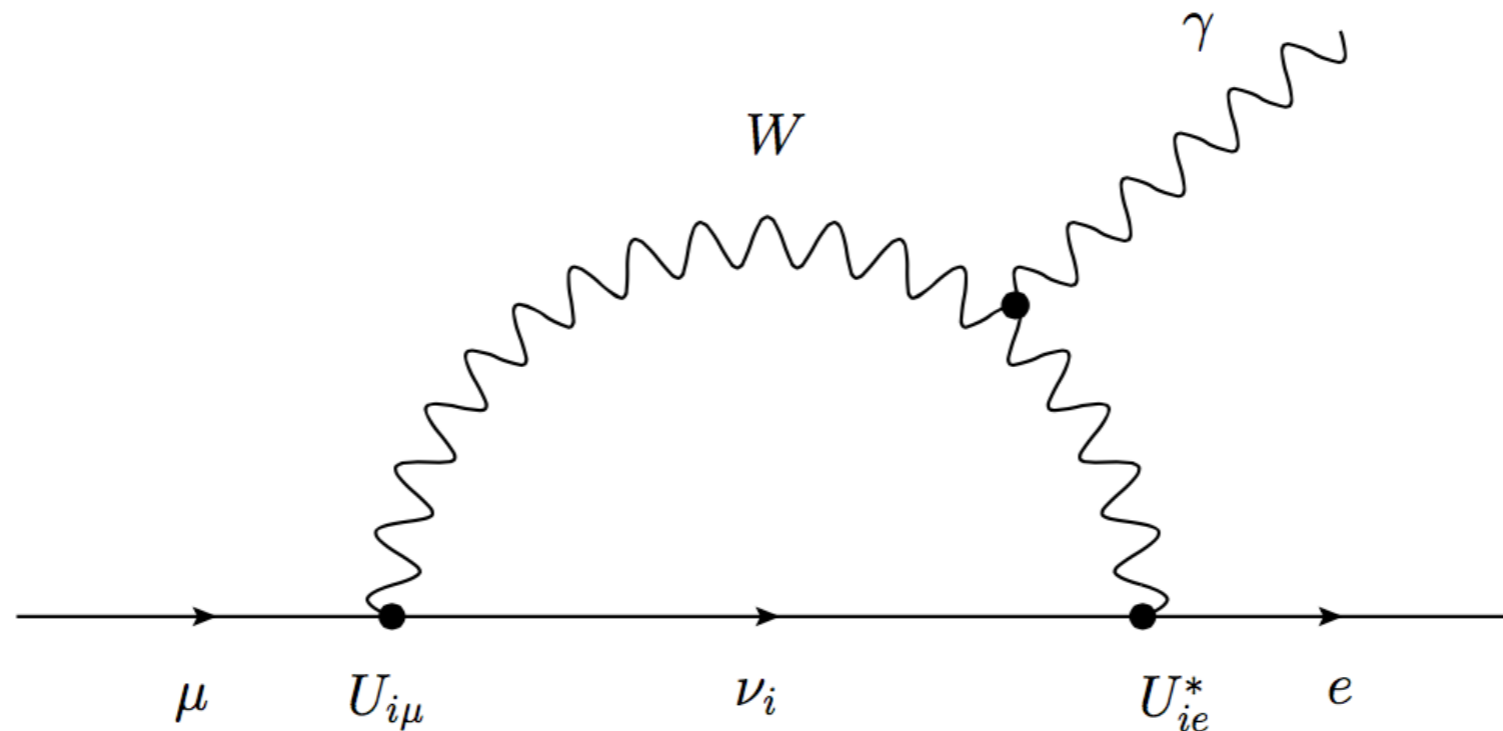
- **Beam energy range: 3.5 MeV to 1000 MeV**
- **Beam current range: 10  $\mu$ A to 26 mA**

**An Sun's talk on July 28**

# **(Possible) new physics topics that could be probed with the NPS**

- **Lepton flavor violation**
- **Muon  $g-2$**
- **Proton radius puzzle**
- **Light boson search**

# Charged lepton flavor violation (cLFV) in SM



**SM** 
$$\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{i1}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 \sim 10^{-54}$$

**suppressed by the tiny neutrino masses**

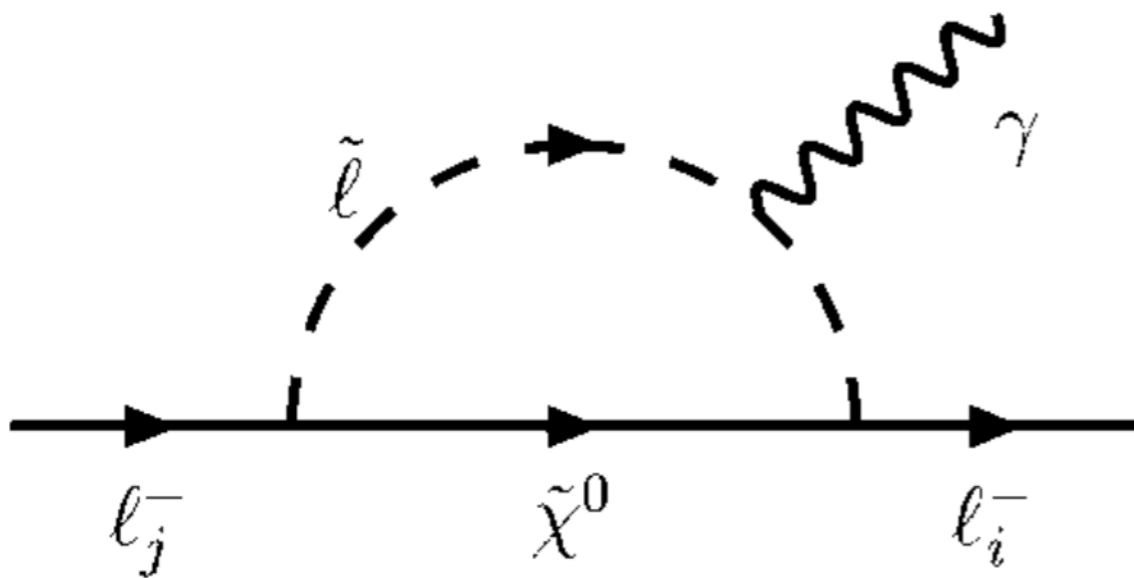
# Current cLFV limits on muon

$\mu^-$ DECAY MODES	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Confidence level	$p$ (MeV/c)	
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$	$\approx 100\%$		53	
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \gamma$	[d] $(6.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$		53	
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu e^+ e^-$	[e] $(3.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$		53	
<b>Lepton Family number (<i>LF</i>) violating modes</b>				
$e^- \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$	<i>LF</i> [f] $< 1.2$	%	90%	53
$e^- \gamma$	<i>LF</i> $< 4.2$	$\times 10^{-13}$	90%	53
$e^- e^+ e^-$	<i>LF</i> $< 1.0$	$\times 10^{-12}$	90%	53
$e^- 2\gamma$	<i>LF</i> $< 7.2$	$\times 10^{-11}$	90%	53

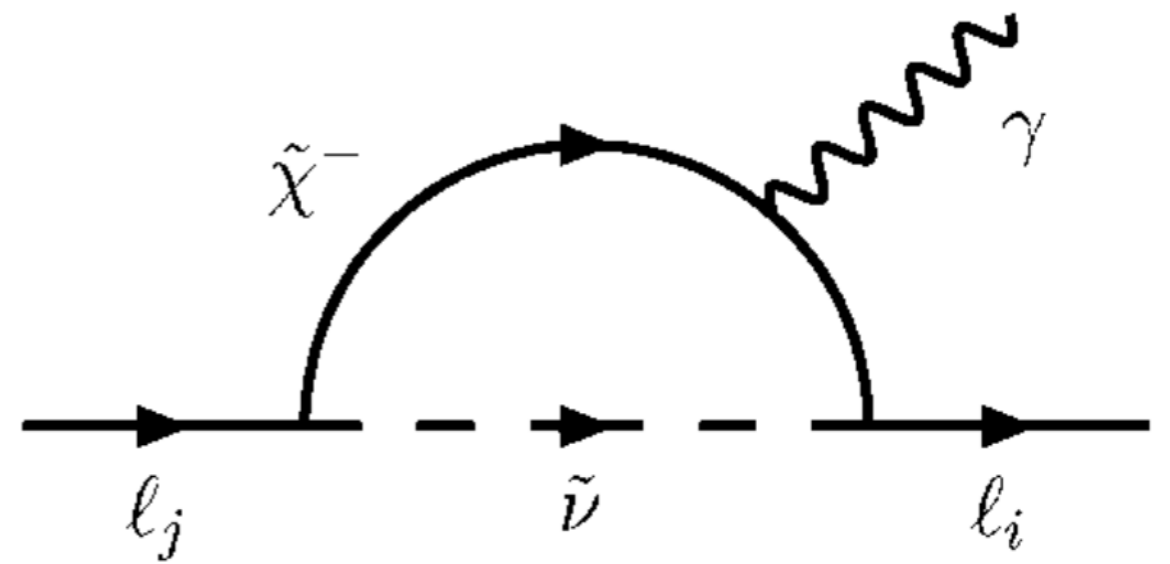
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  is 40 orders of magnitude larger than SM

# cLFV in SUSY

Albright & Chen, PRD 2008



neutralino-slepton

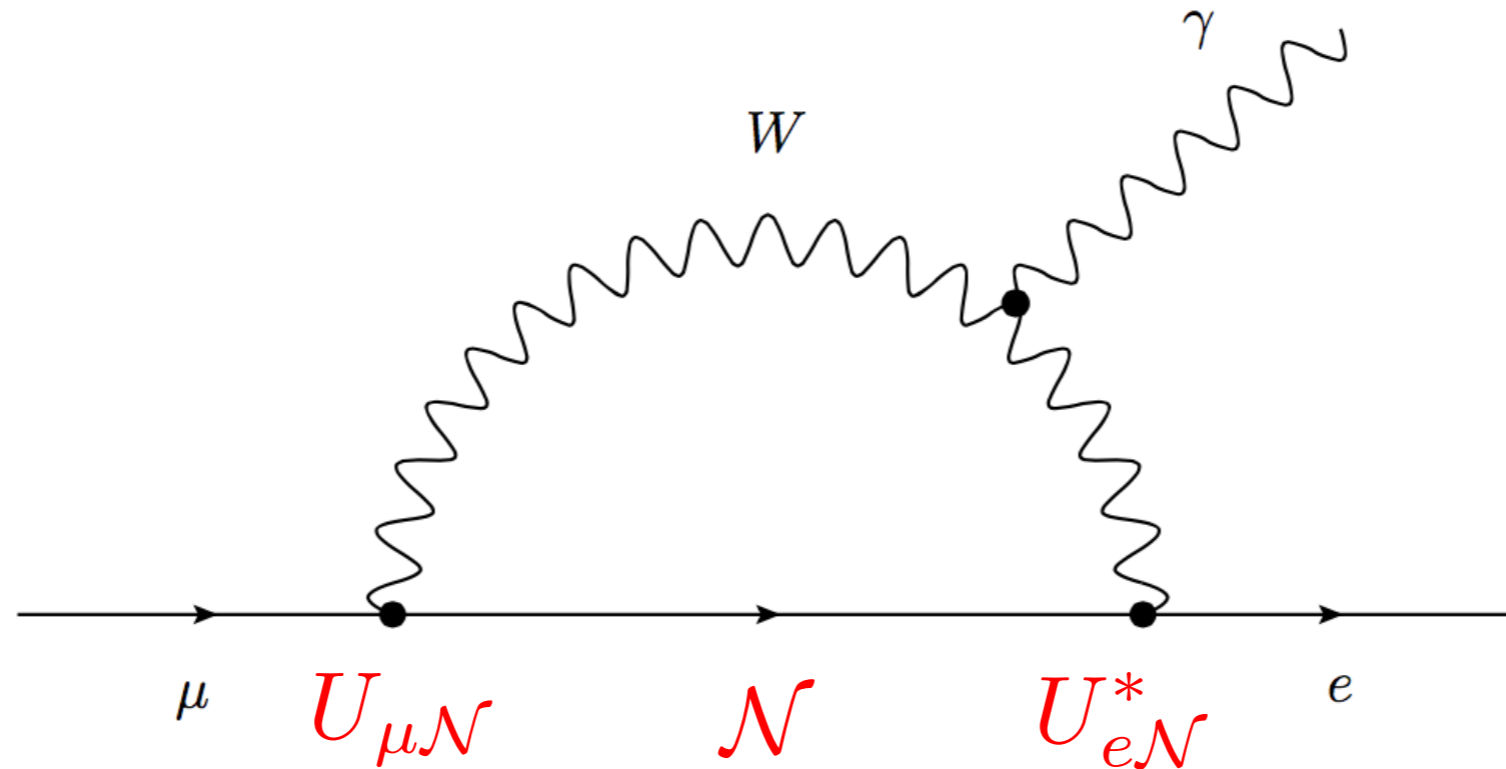


sneutrino-wino

Sparticles  $\sim$  TeV and above (thanks to LHC)

sizable contribution to cLFV that can be probed now

# cLFV w/ heavy neutrinos

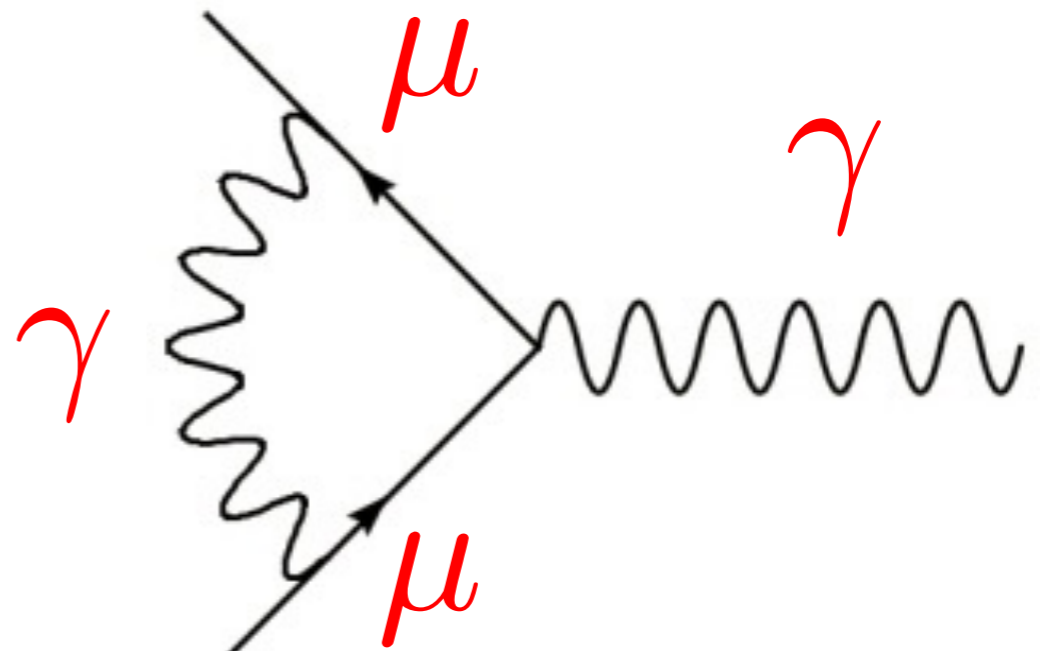


For a fourth generation w/ a heavy neutrino

$$\mathcal{B}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) \simeq \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} |U_{e\mathcal{N}}^* U_{\mu\mathcal{N}}|^2 \frac{m_{\mathcal{N}}^4}{m_W^4}$$

For  $m_{\mathcal{N}} \simeq m_W$ ,  $|U_{e\mathcal{N}}^* U_{\mu\mathcal{N}}| < 10^{-4}$ .

# muon g-2



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EXP}} = (11\,659\,208.9 \pm 6.3) \times 10^{-10}$$

**Muon g-2 Collab. PRD 73 (2006) 072003**

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = (11\,659\,182.8 \pm 4.9) \times 10^{-10}$$

**Hagiwara, Liao, Martin Nomura, Teubner, 2010**

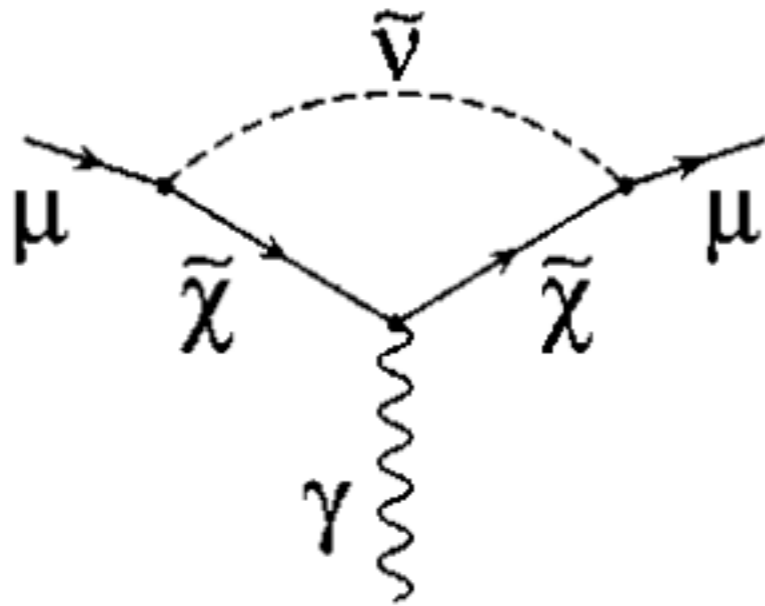
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EXP}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = (26.1 \pm 8.0) \times 10^{-10}$$

**Hagiwara, Ma, Mukhopadhyay, 1706.09313**

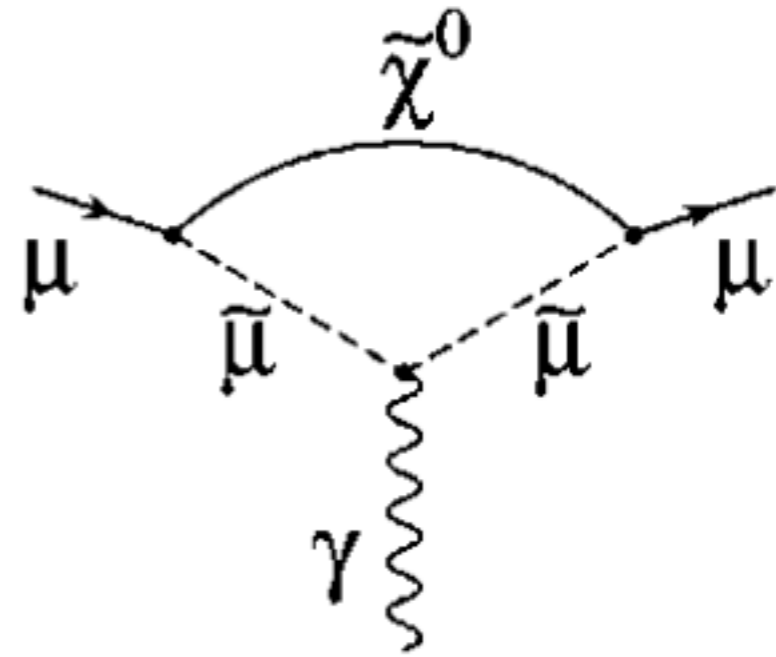
**3.3  $\sigma$  discrepancy!**



# muon g-2 in SUSY



sneutrino-chargino



smuon-neutralino

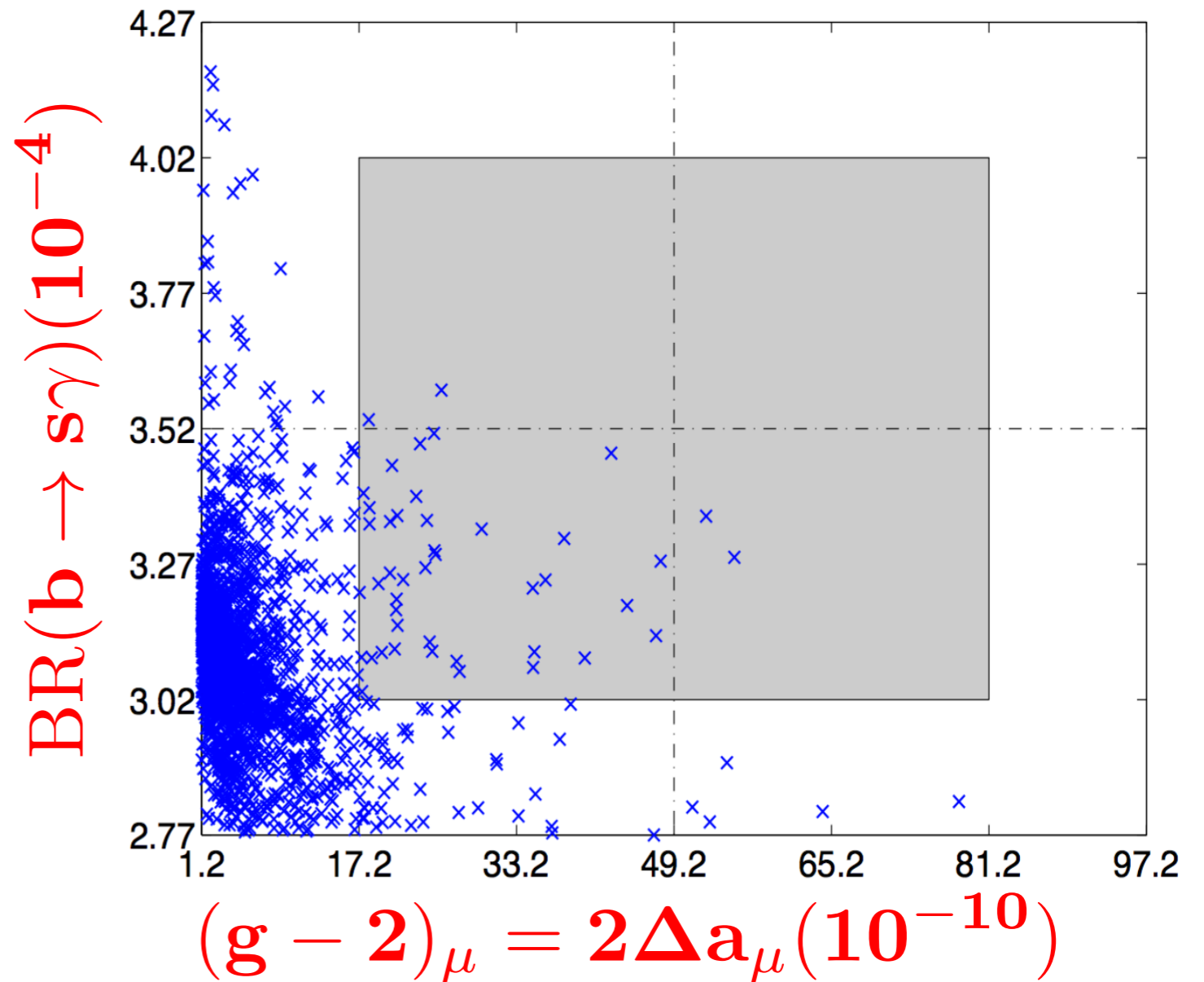
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{EXP}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = (26.1 \pm 8.0) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a_{\mu}(\text{SUSY}) \simeq \text{sgn}(\mu) 130 \times 10^{-11} \tan \beta \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^2$$

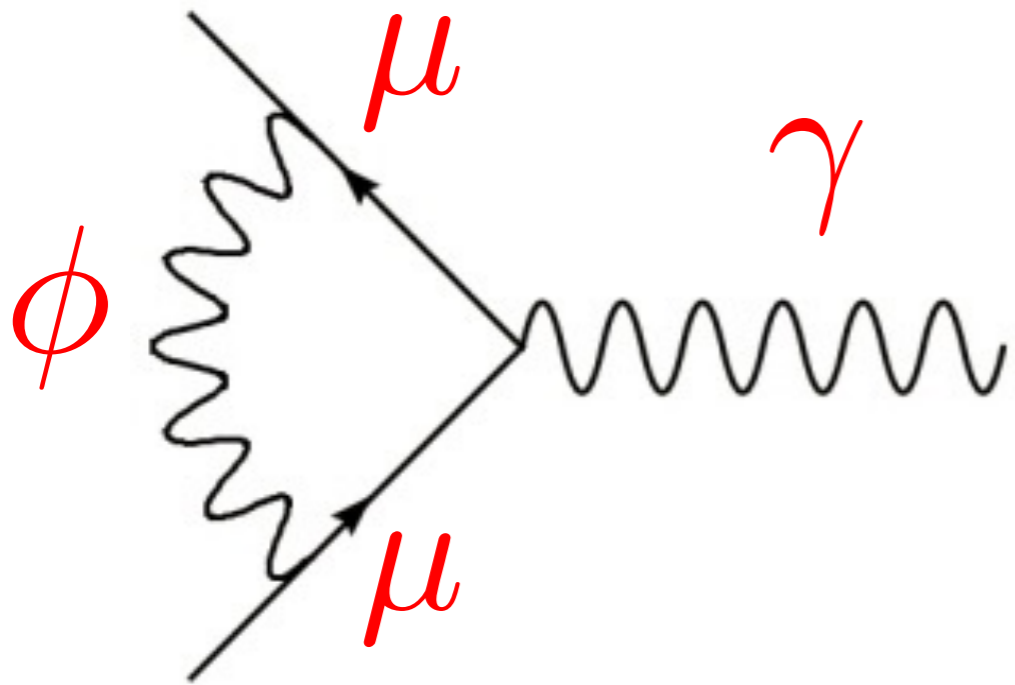
# muon g-2 in SUGRA

A scan in the SUGRA models with 3-million model points.

Improvements on muon g-2 measurements can further probe the NP models.



# muon g-2 w/ a new boson



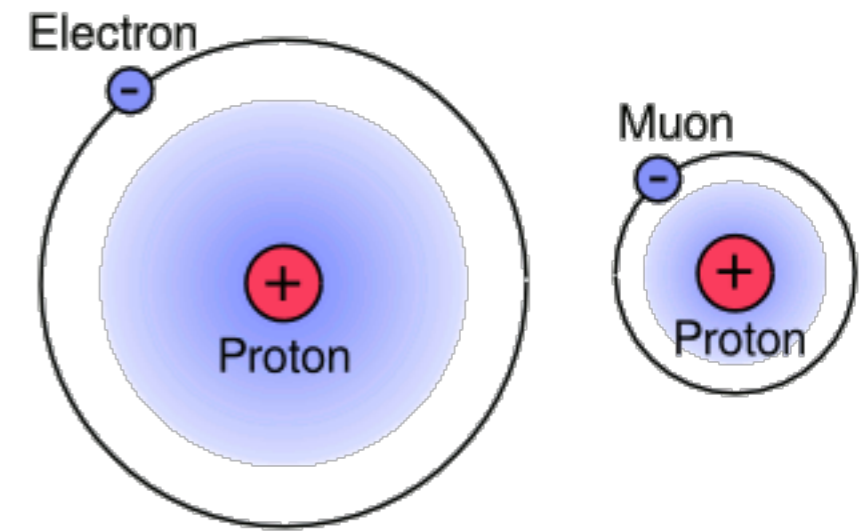
$$\Delta a_l = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( \frac{g_\mu}{e} \right)^2 \xi(m_\phi/m_l)$$

$$\xi(x)_{\text{scalar}} = \int_0^1 \frac{(1-z)^2(1+z)}{(1-z)^2 + x^2 z} dz$$

$$\xi(x)_{\text{vector}} = \int_0^1 \frac{2z(1-z)^2}{(1-z)^2 + x^2 z} dz$$

**Tucker-Smith & Yavin, 1011.4922**

# Proton radius puzzle



**Lamb shift in the muonic hydrogen atom**

$$r_p = 0.84087(39) \text{ fm}$$

**CREMA Collab., Nature 466:213 (2010)**

**CREMA Collab., Science 339:417 (2013)**

**Electronic hydrogenate atom & electron-proton scattering**

$$r_p = 0.8775(51) \text{ fm}$$

**Mohr, Taylor & Newell, RMP 2012**

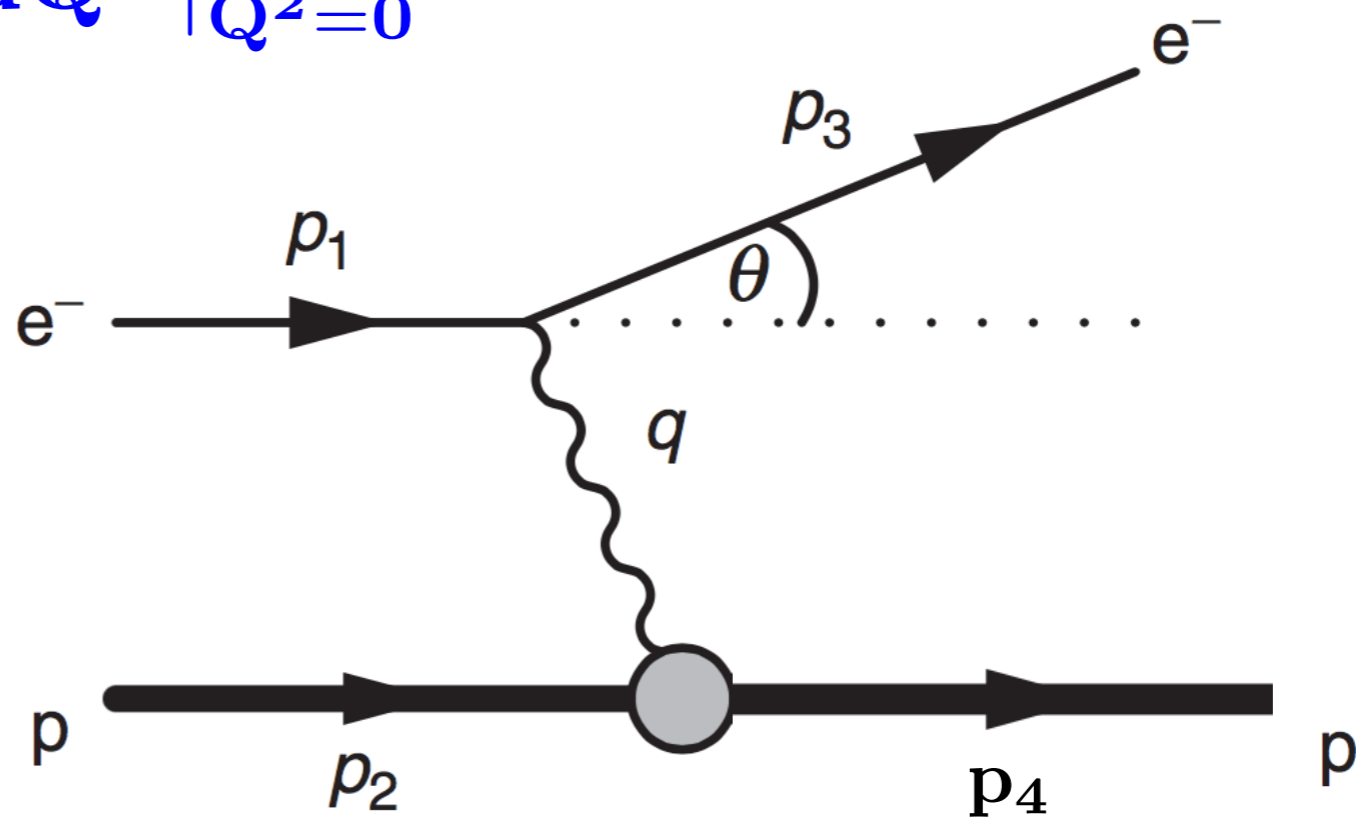
**7  $\sigma$  discrepancy!**

**A1 Collab., PRL 2010**

# Proton radius in e-p scattering

**Proton radius definition: the mean-square value of the radius in e-p scattering**

$$r_p \equiv \sqrt{\langle r_p^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{-6 \left. \frac{dG_E}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2=0}}$$



# Atomic energy levels

**Coulomb potential correction due to proton radius**

$$\delta V(\mathbf{r}) \equiv V_C(\mathbf{r}) - V_C^{\text{pt}}(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi\alpha \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{[G_E(\mathbf{q}^2) - 1]e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}}{\mathbf{q}^2}$$

**An accurate approximation:**  $G_E(\mathbf{q}^2) - 1 \approx -\mathbf{q}^2 r_p^2 / 6$

**because in atomic physics**  $r_p q \sim r_p / a_B \sim 10^{-5}$

**The resulting energy shift for atomic S-states**

$$\Delta E = \langle \Psi_S | \delta V | \Psi_S \rangle = \frac{2}{3} \pi \alpha |\Psi_S(0)|^2 r_p^2.$$

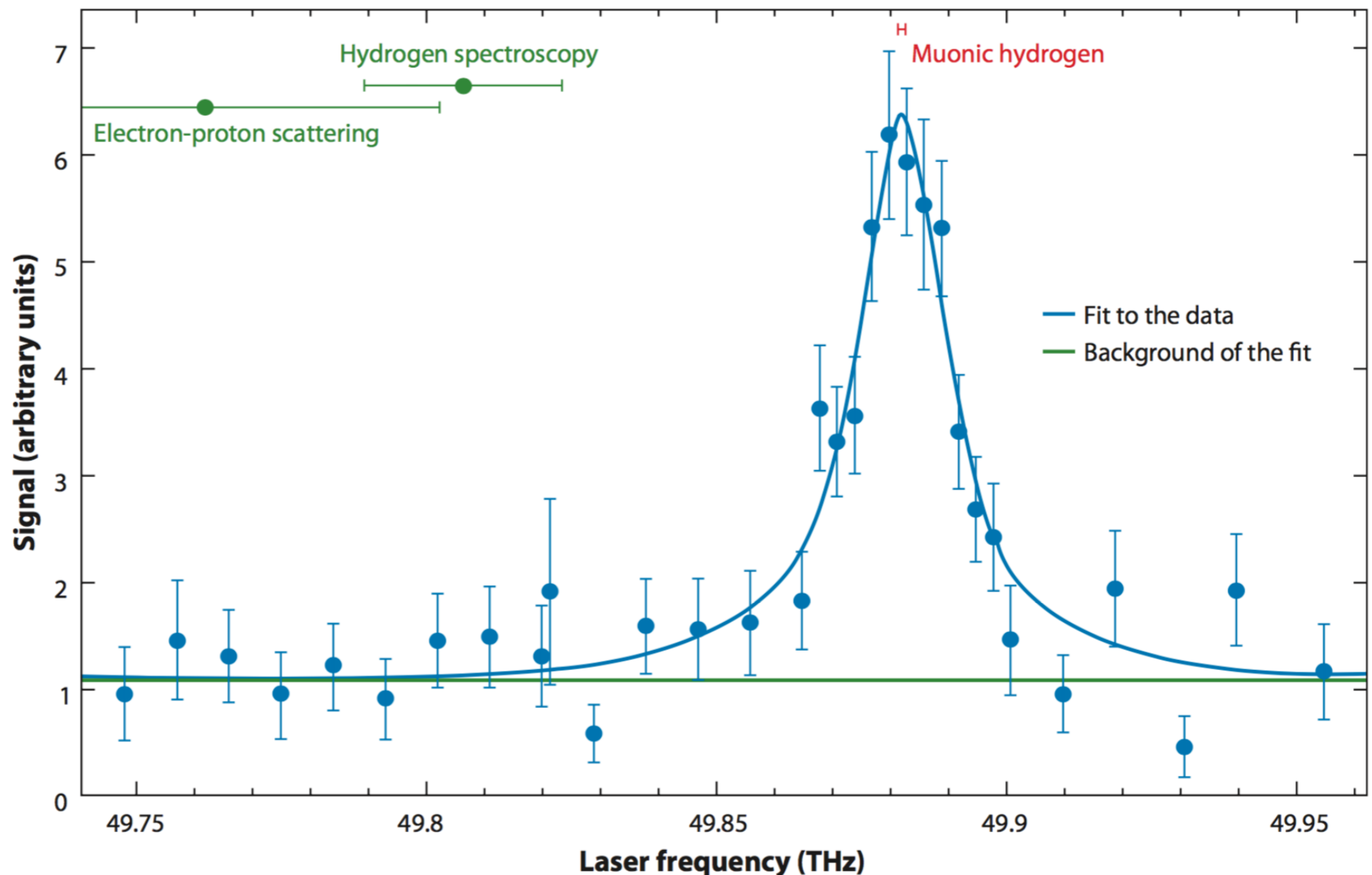
# Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen

The leading contribution to 2S-2P splitting is the Uehling potential

Including the effects from proton radius, the lamb shift is

$$\Delta\tilde{E} = 209.9779(49) - 5.2262 r_p^2 + 0.0347 r_p^3 \text{ meV for } 2S_{1/2}^{F=1} - 2P_{3/2}^{F=2}$$

$r_p$  in fm



Pohl et al.,  
Annu. Rev.  
Nucl. Part.  
Sci. 2013

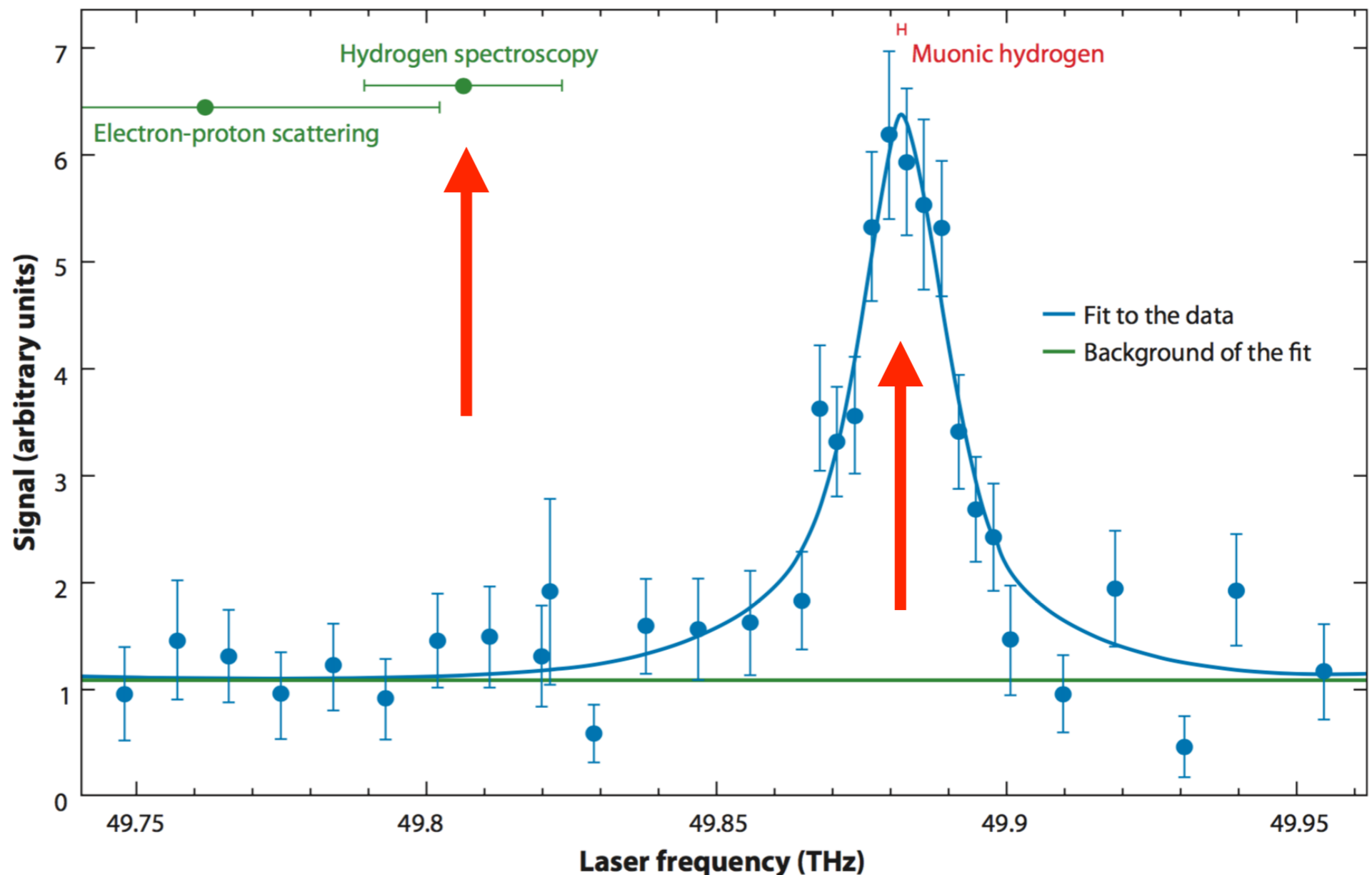
# Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen

The leading contribution to 2S-2P splitting is the Uehling potential

Including the effects from proton radius, the lamb shift is

$$\Delta\tilde{E} = 209.9779(49) - 5.2262 r_p^2 + 0.0347 r_p^3 \text{ meV for } 2S_{1/2}^{F=1} - 2P_{3/2}^{F=2}$$

$r_p$  in fm



Pohl et al.,  
Annu. Rev.  
Nucl. Part.  
Sci. 2013

$$\Delta E_{\text{exp}} - \Delta E_{\text{th}} = 0.3 \text{ meV}$$

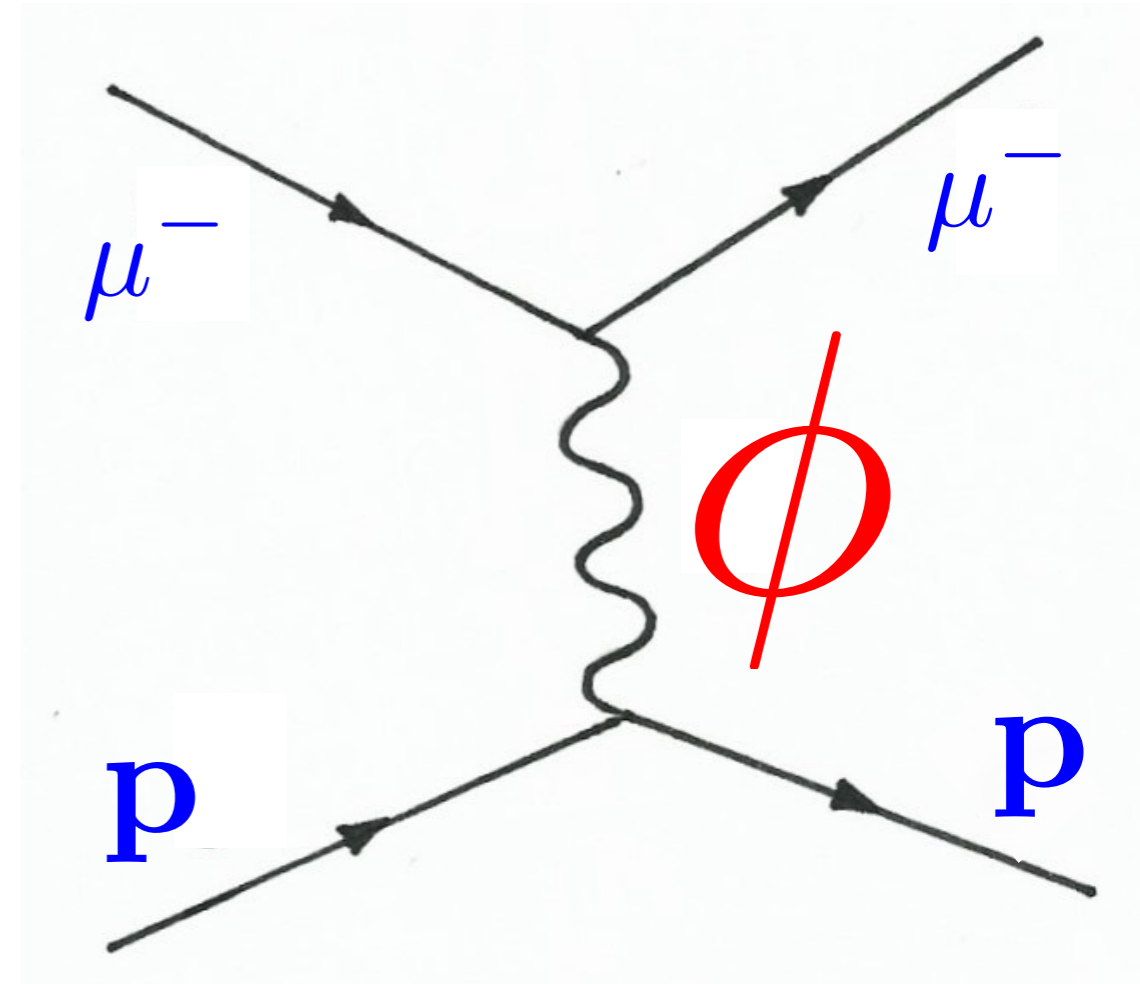


# New physics explanation

**New potential term (Yukawa)**

$$V_{\phi}(r) = (-)^{s+1} \left( \frac{g_{\mu} g_p}{e^2} \right) \frac{\alpha e^{-m_{\phi} r}}{r}$$

**s is spin and m is mass**



$$\langle 2P | V_{\phi} | 2P \rangle - \langle 2S | V_{\phi} | 2S \rangle = 0.3 \text{ meV}$$

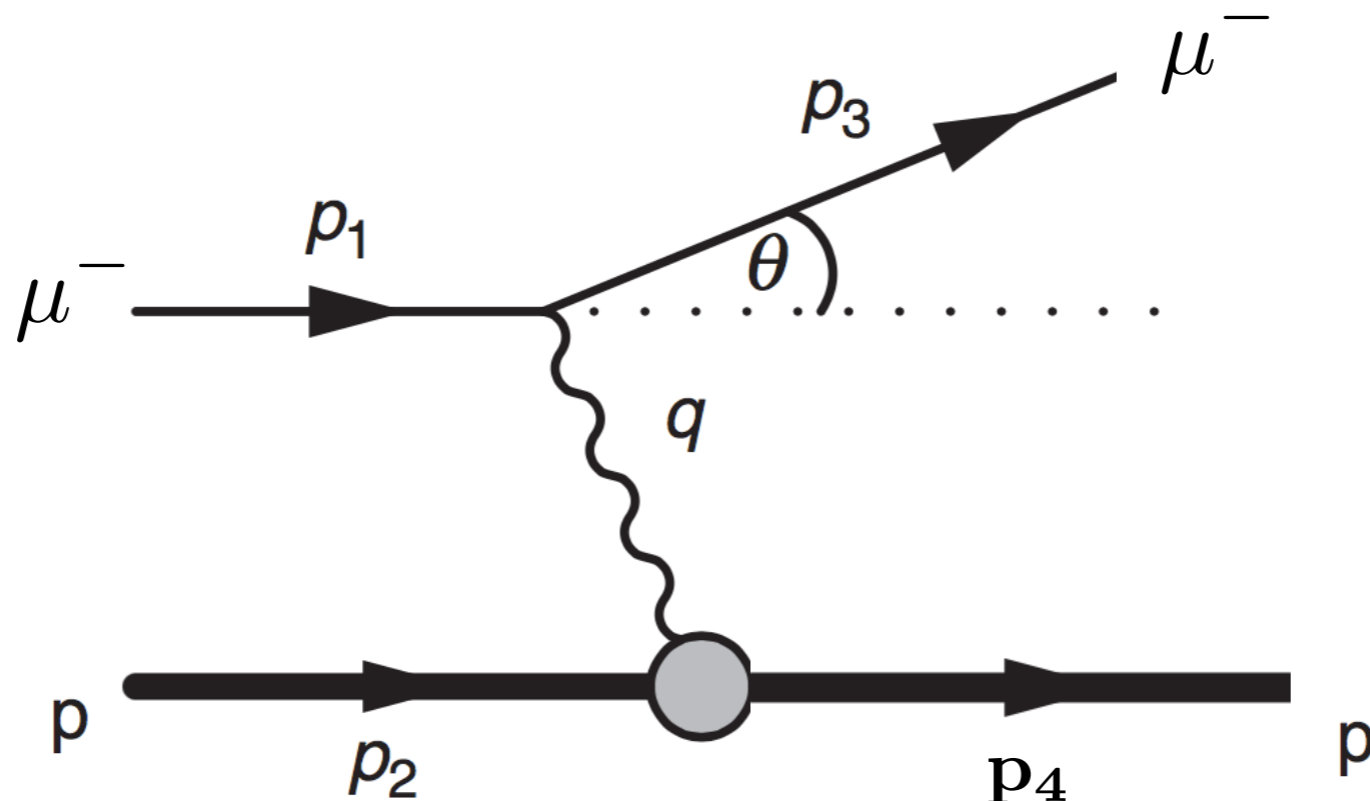
**Such a new MeV boson  
can also explain the  
muon g-2 anomaly**

**Liu, McKeen, Miller PRL 2016**

**Tucker-Smith & Yavin, 1011.4922**

# muon-proton scattering

Maybe muon interacts differently with proton

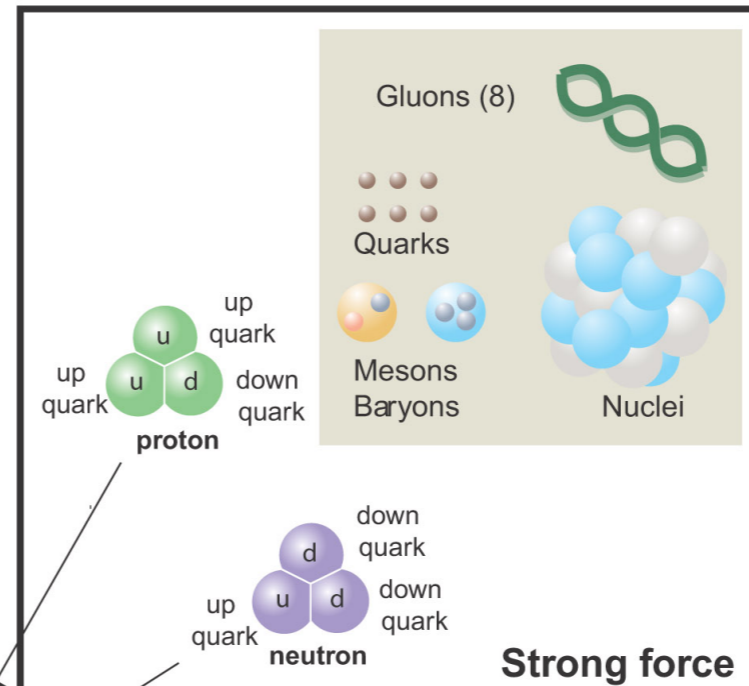
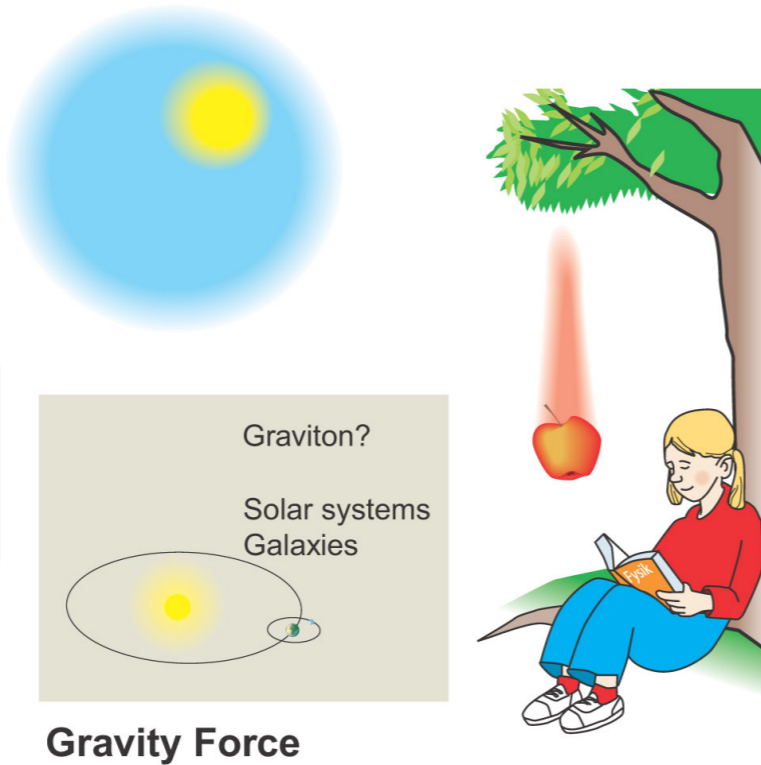


Form factor measurement in muon-proton scattering



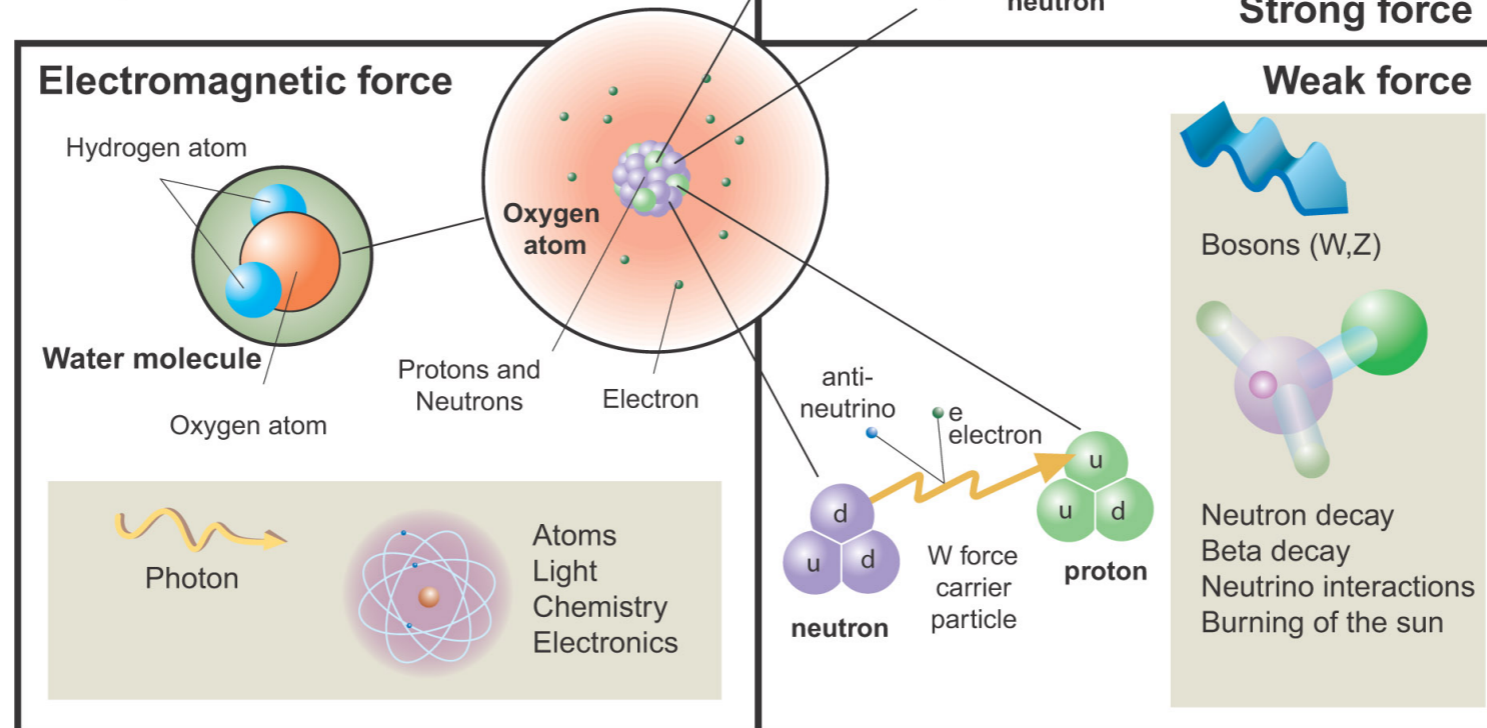
# A new type of interaction?

**Gravity**



**Strong**

**EM**

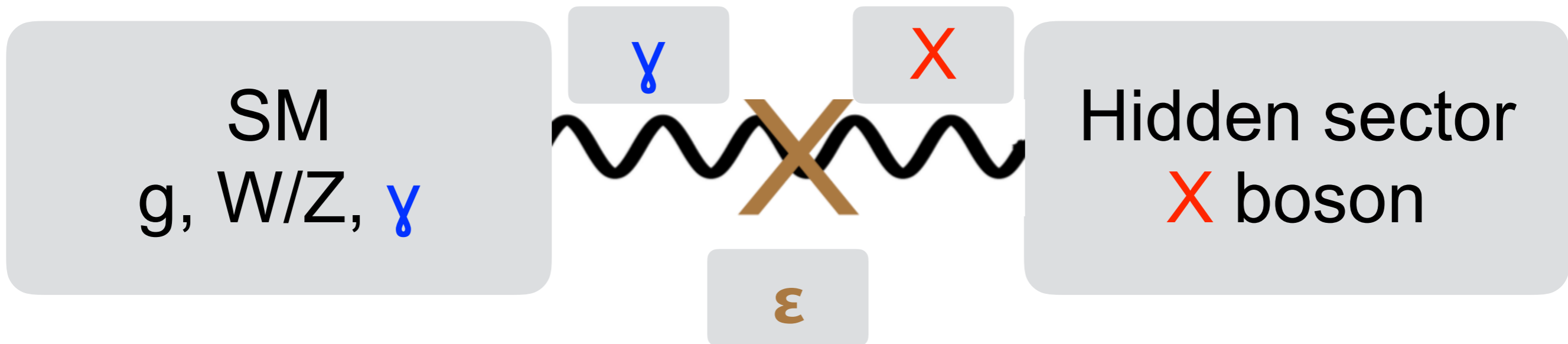


**Weak**

**A new interaction (or a 5th force)**

# Dark Photon

Photon mixes w/ X boson



$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} F_Y^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}$$

‘Kinetic Mixing’

# Stueckelberg boson

Generate gauge boson masses w/o Higgs

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}X_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\sigma + M_1X_\mu + M_2B_\mu)^2$$

invariant under the following gauge transformations

$$\delta_Y B_\mu = \partial_\mu\lambda_Y, \delta_Y\sigma = -M_2\lambda_Y, \quad U(1)_Y$$

$$\delta_X C_\mu = \partial_\mu\lambda_X, \delta_X\sigma = -M_1\lambda_X, \quad U(1)_X$$

boson mass

$$M_X \simeq M_1$$

coupling w/ SM

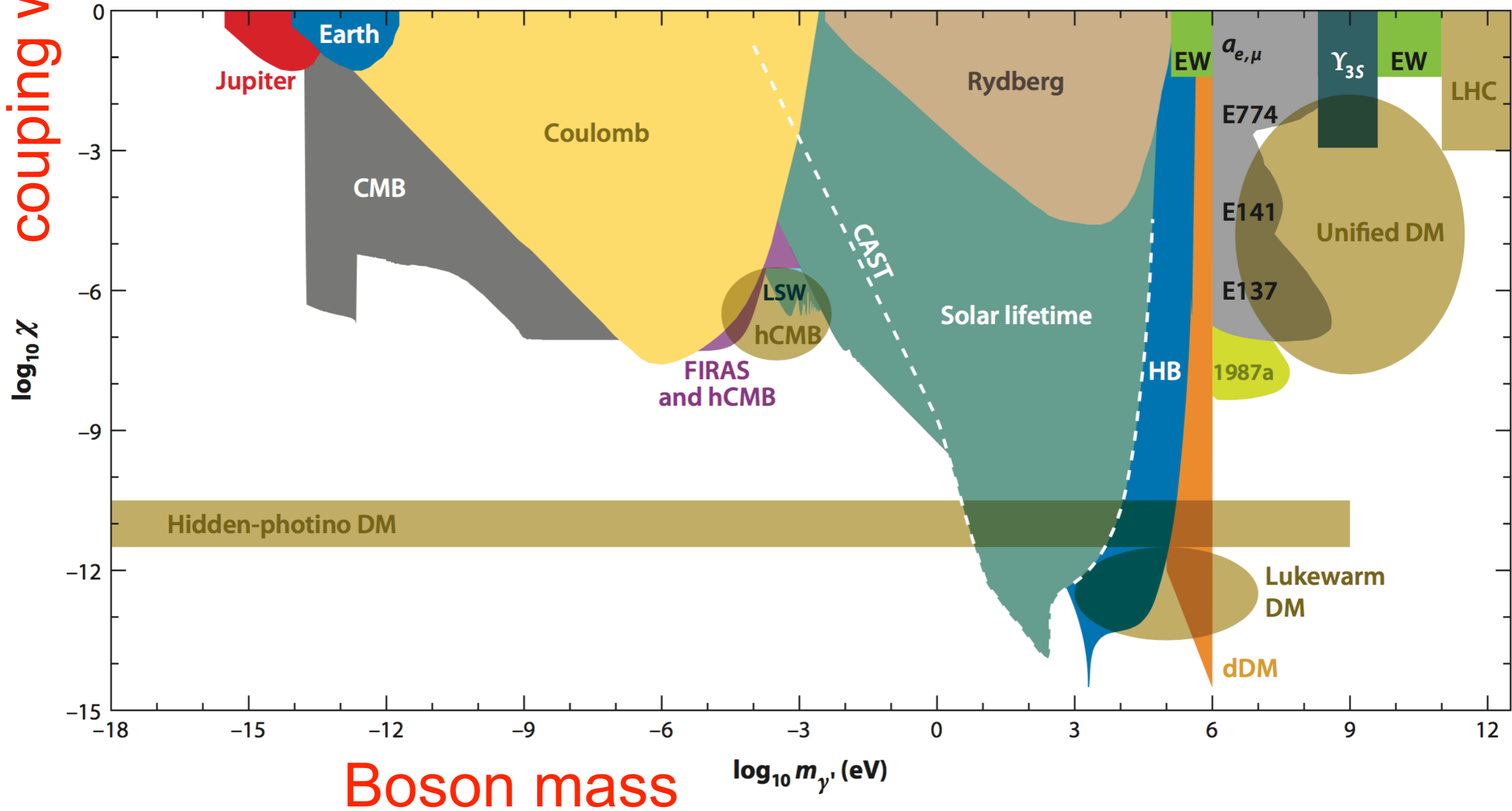
$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{M_2}{M_1} \text{ or } \frac{M_1}{M_2} \ll 1$$

Kors & Nath, PLB 2004

Feldman, Liu, Nath, PRL 2006

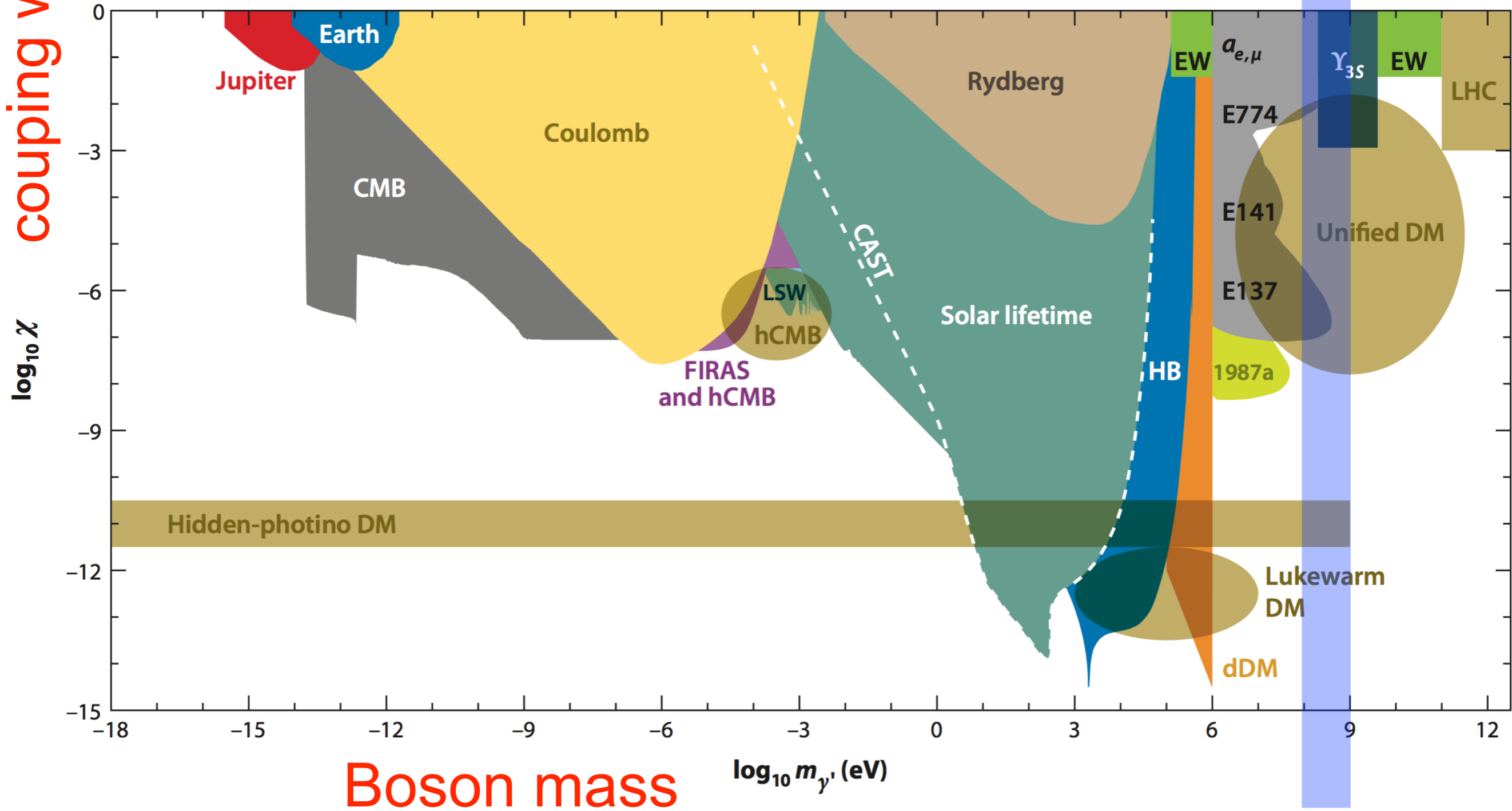
# New gauge boson search

coupling w/ SM



# New gauge boson search

coupling w/ SM

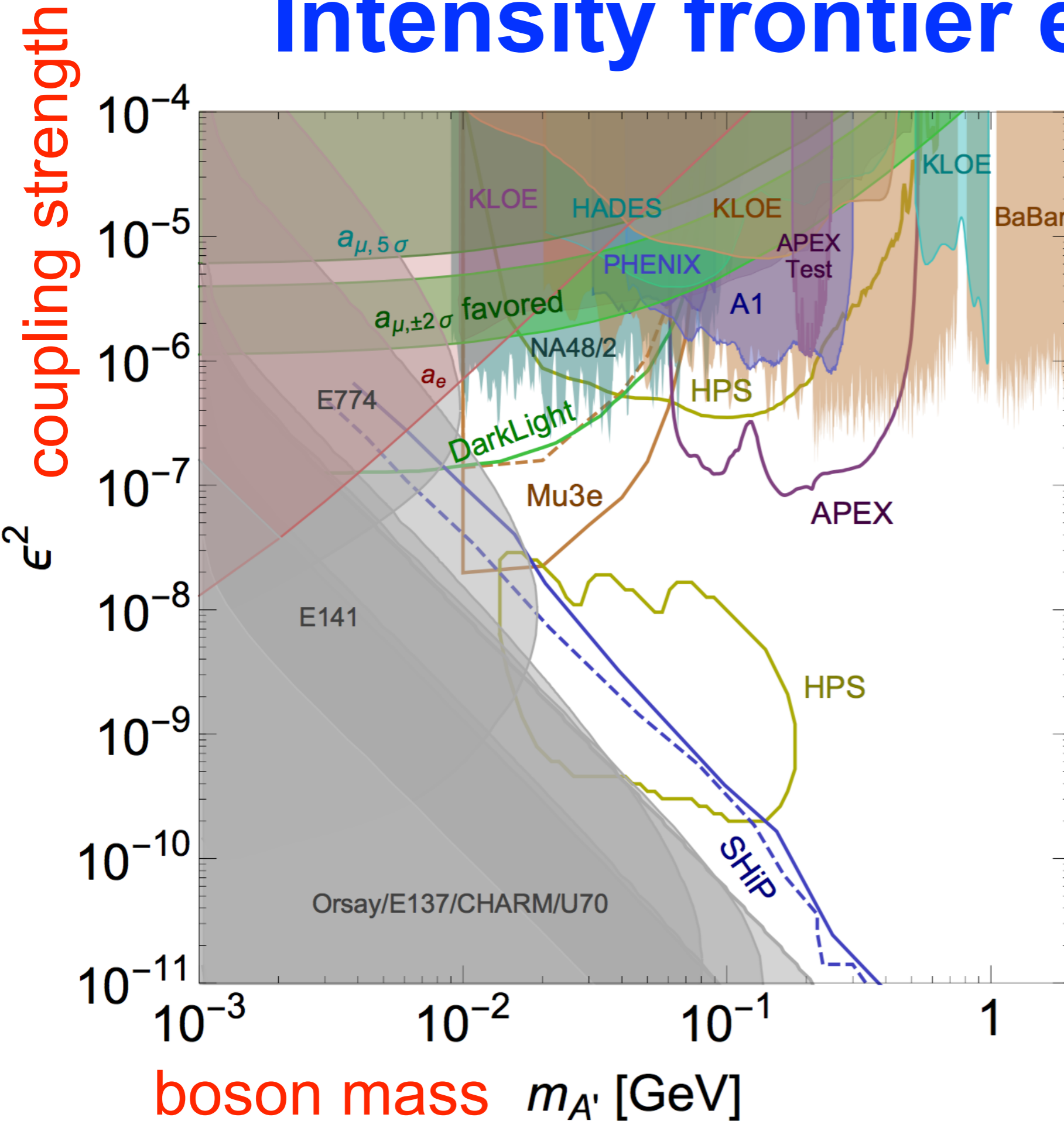


Boson mass

$\log_{10} m_{\gamma'} \text{ (eV)}$

MeV-GeV

# Intensity frontier efforts



APEX @ JLab

SHiP @ CERN

DarkLight @ JLab

HPS @ JLab

Mu3e @ PSI

Essig 2015



# 6.8 $\sigma$ anomaly in Be-8 decays

Anomalous events in both the **opening angle** and **invariant mass** distributions of electron-positron pairs in the Be-8 transitions.

Hungarian Atomki Collab.

Krasznahorkay et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 042501 (2016)

# **Be-8 decays**

# Be-8 decays

proton  
beam



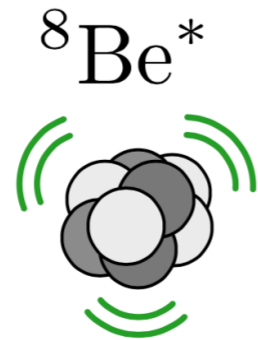
Lithium  
target

${}^7\text{Li}$

$$E_p = 1.025 \text{ MeV}$$

# Be-8 decays

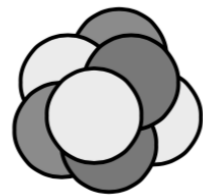
excited  
state



proton  
beam



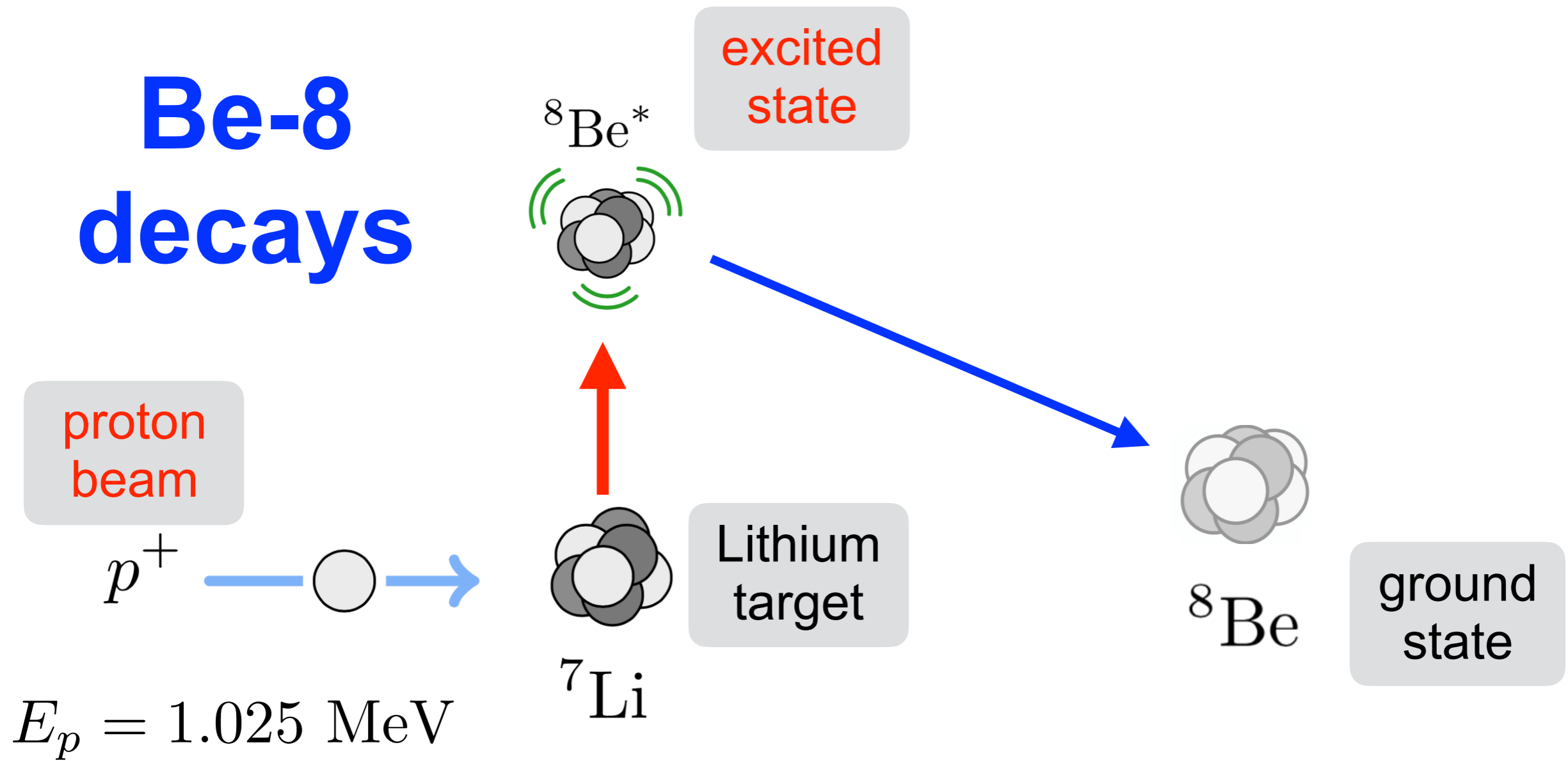
Lithium  
target



${}^7\text{Li}$

$$E_p = 1.025 \text{ MeV}$$

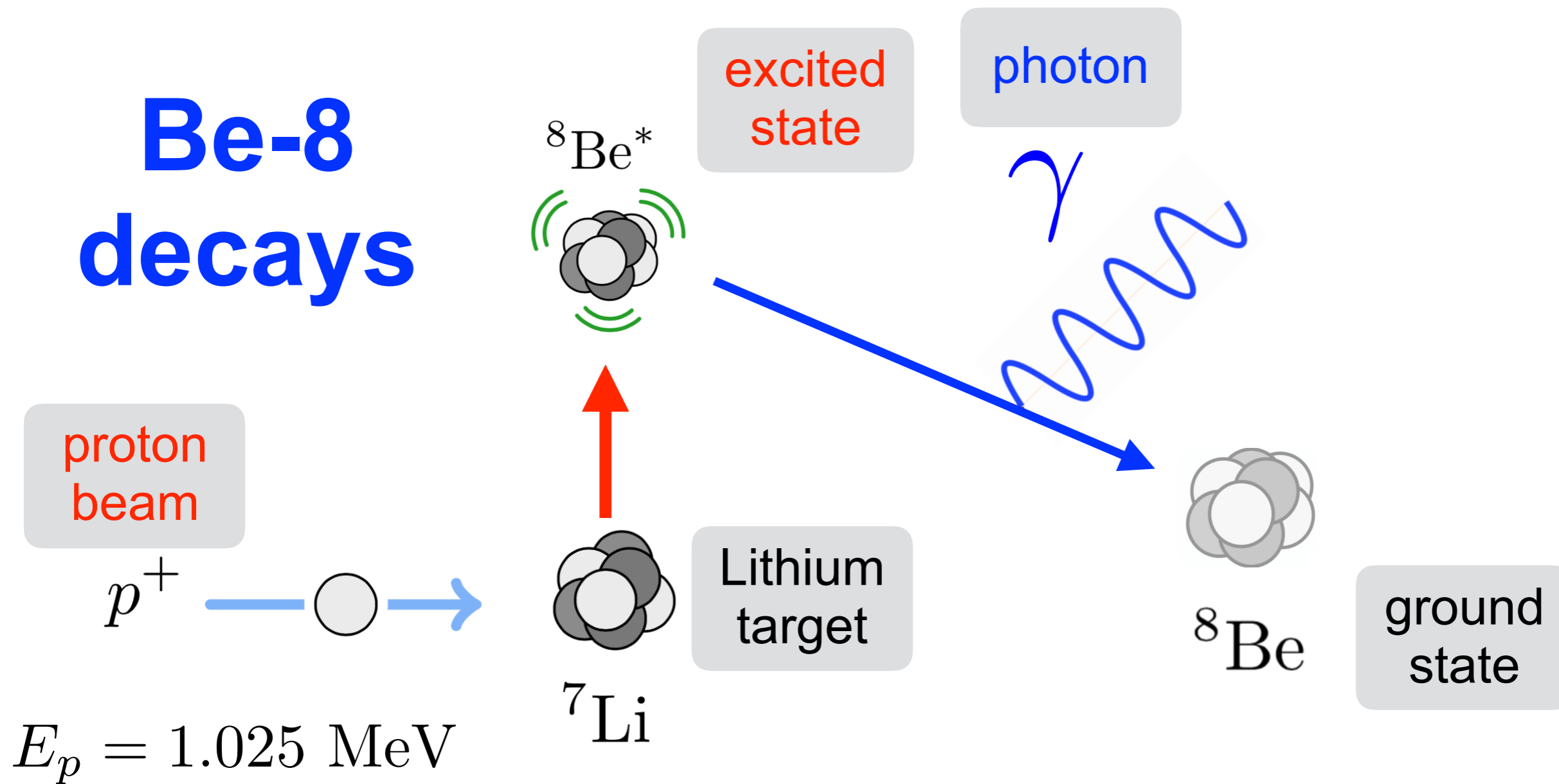
# Be-8 decays



radiative decay to ground state

$$\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma) \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

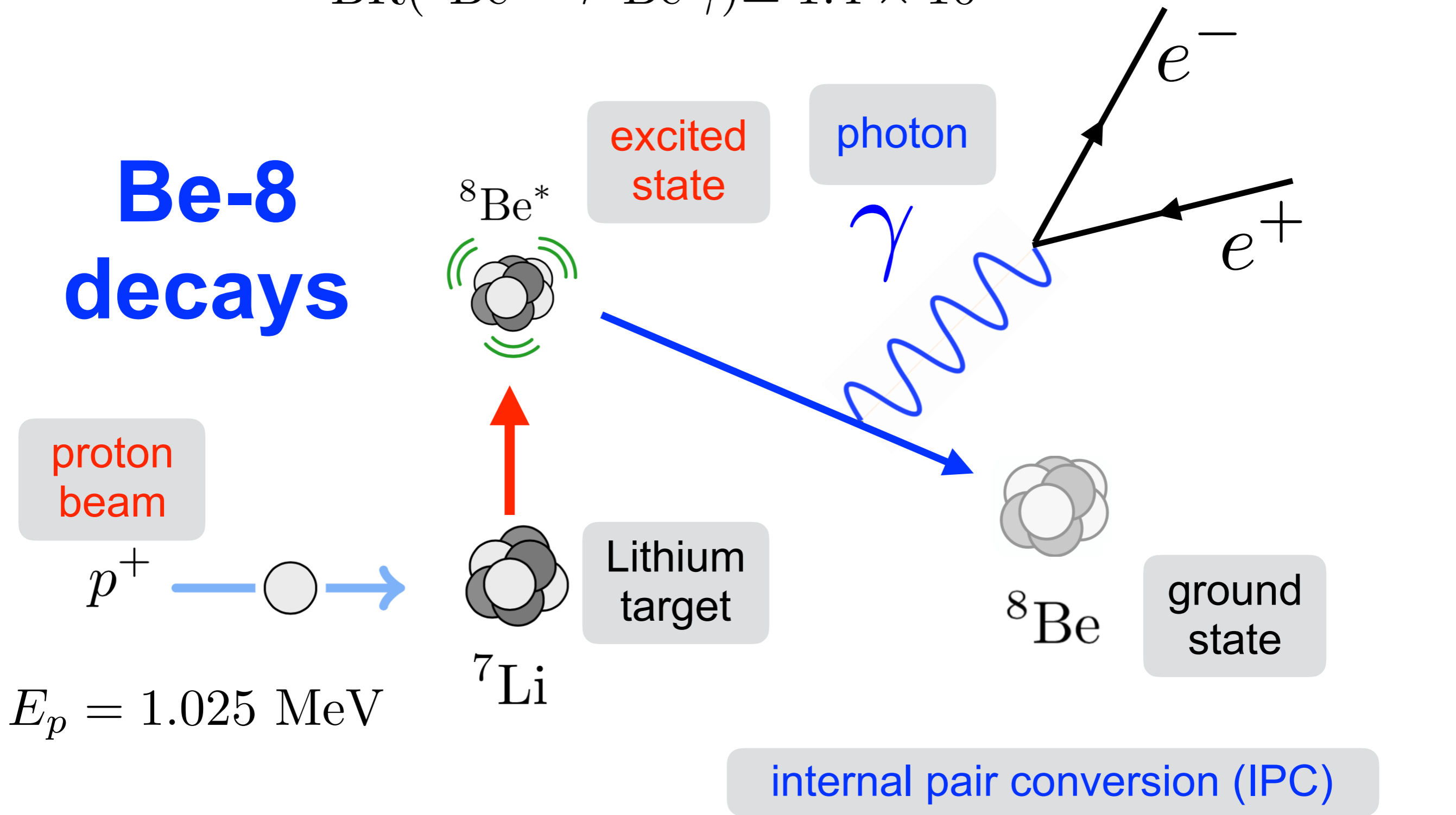
# Be-8 decays



radiative decay to ground state

$$\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma) \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

# Be-8 decays

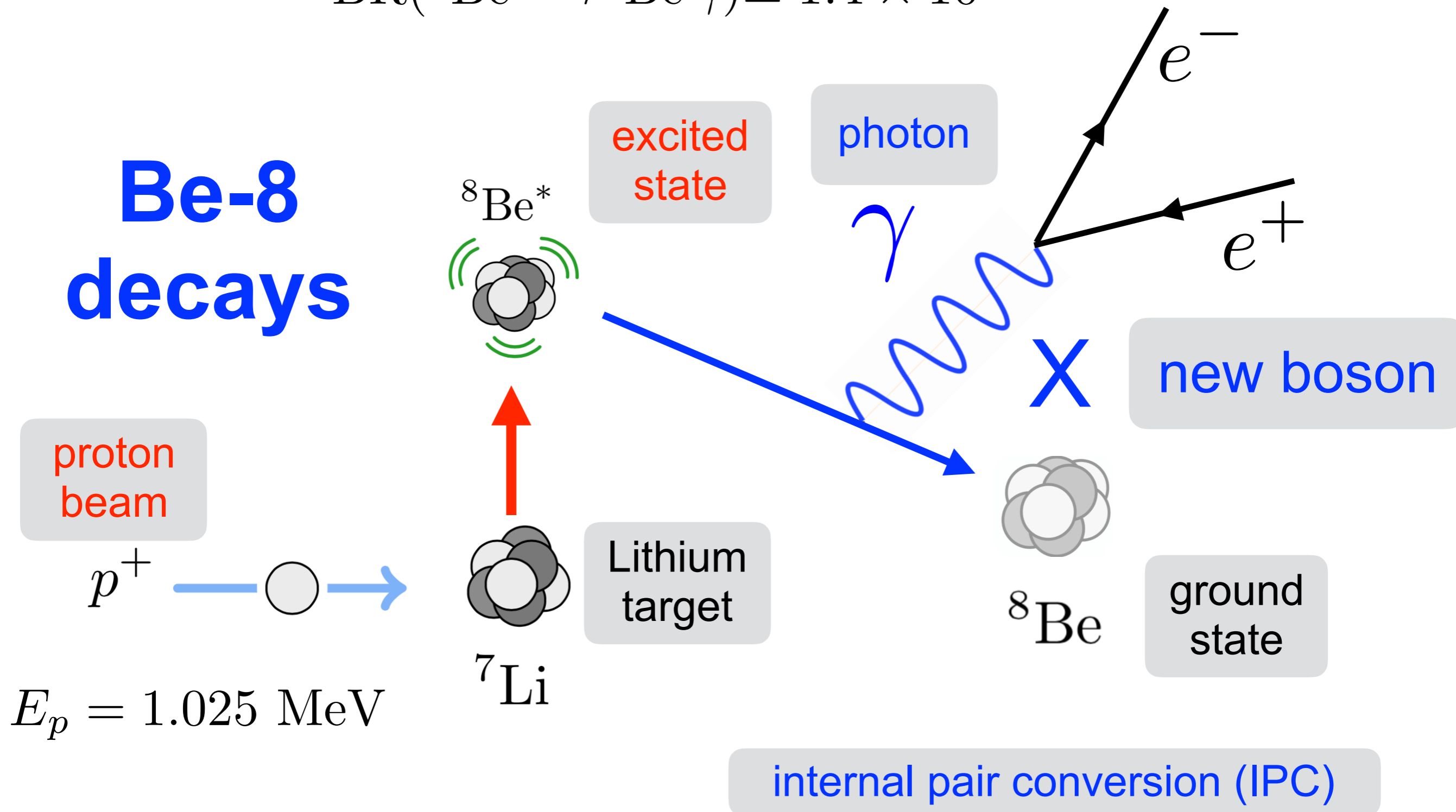


$$\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} e^+ e^-) \simeq 3.9 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma) \simeq 5.5 \times 10^{-8}$$

radiative decay to ground state

$$\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma) \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

# Be-8 decays



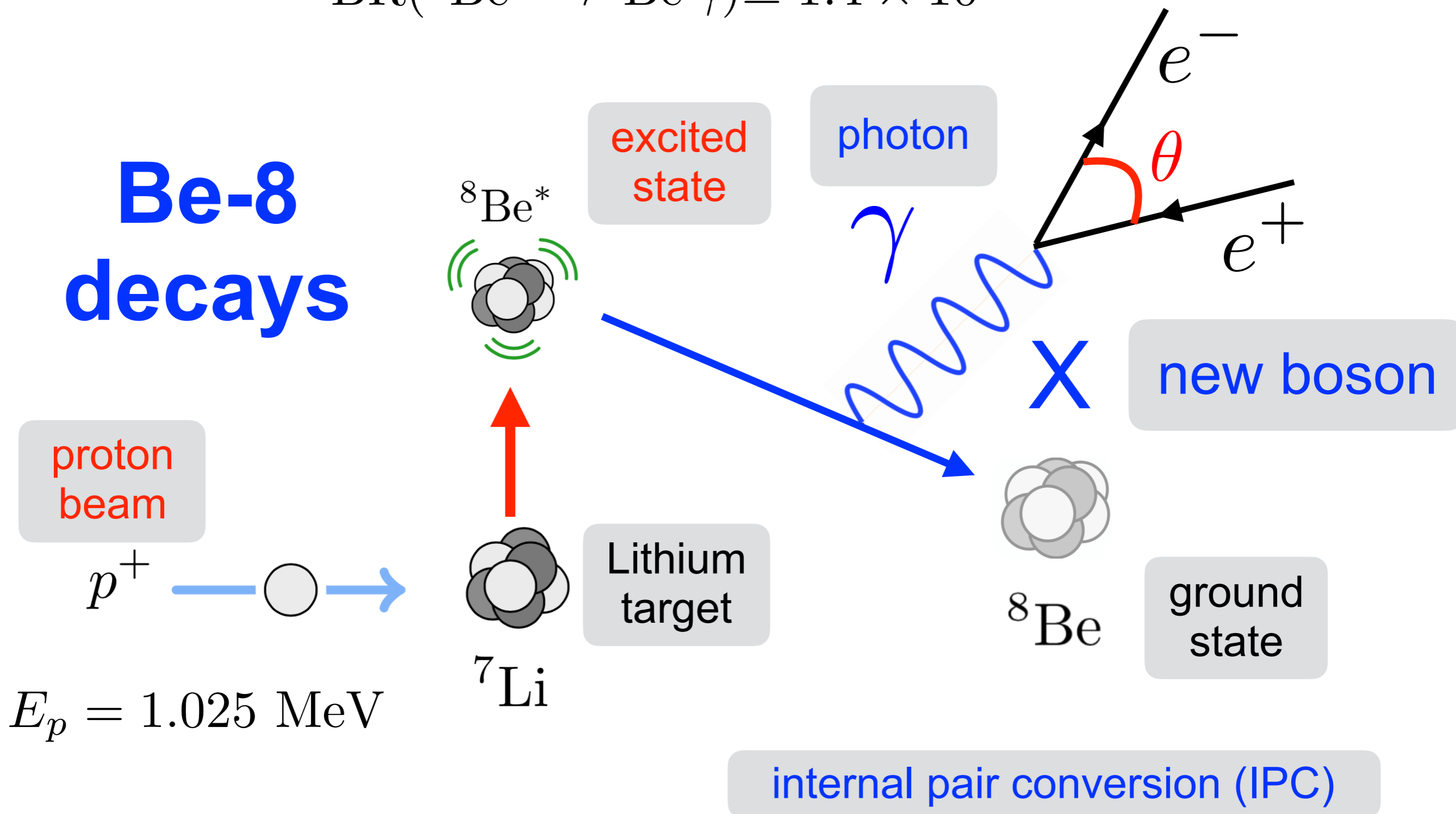
$$\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} e^+ e^-) \simeq 3.9 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma) \simeq 5.5 \times 10^{-8}$$



radiative decay to ground state

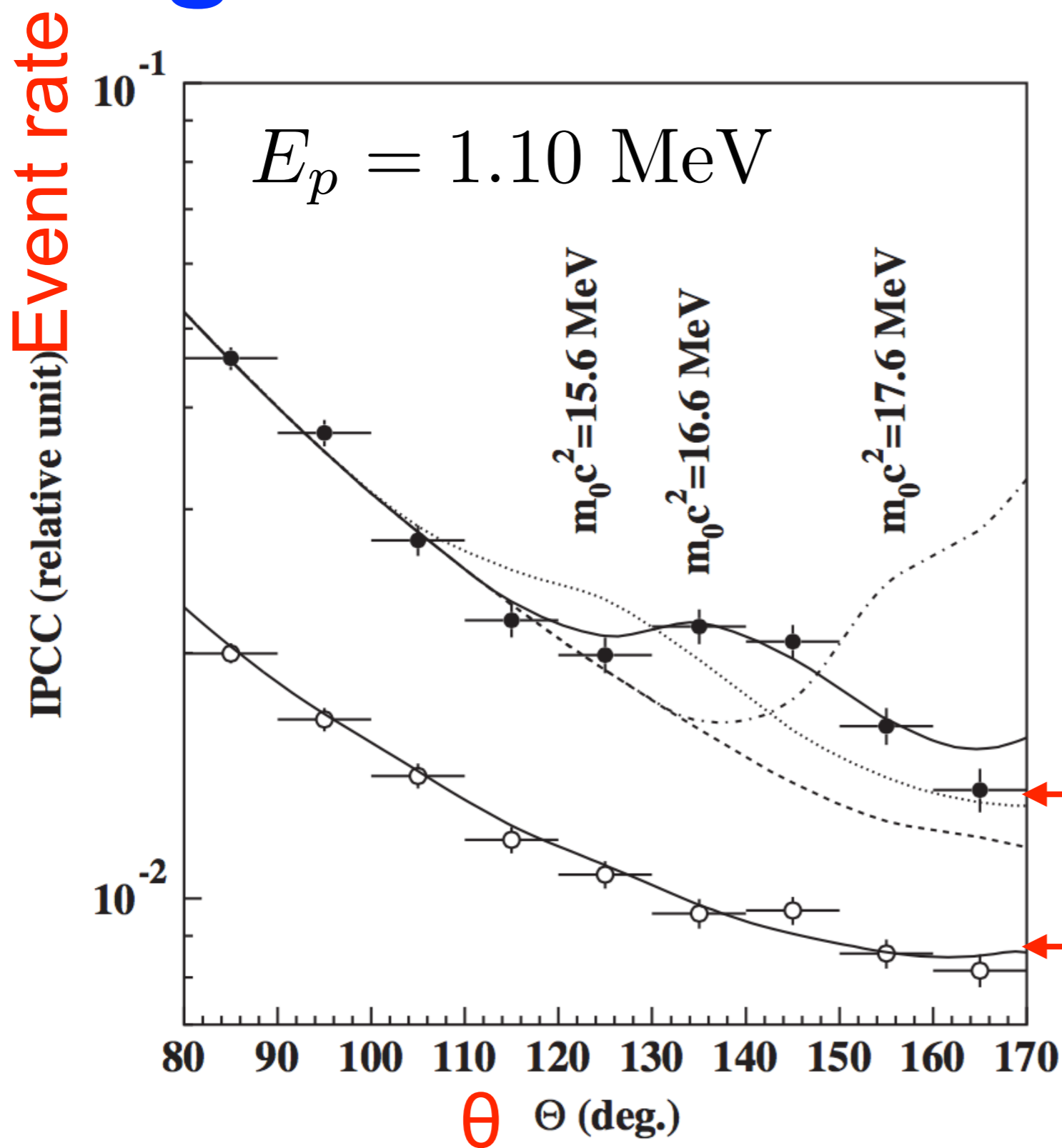
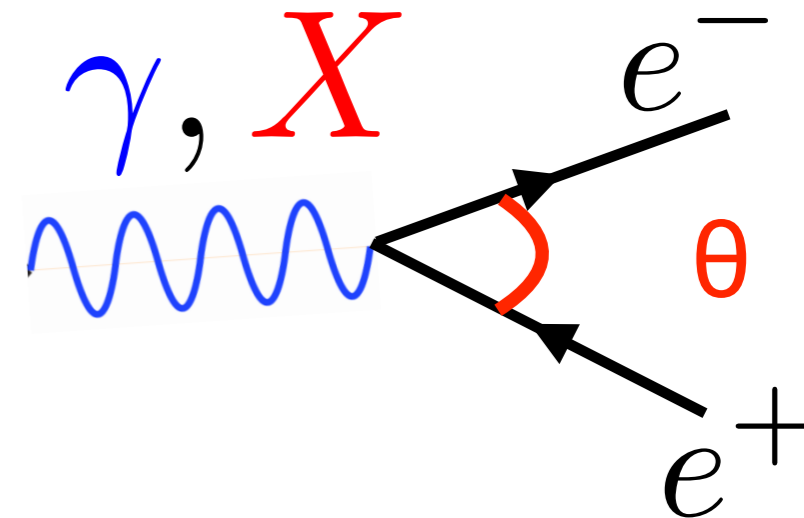
$$\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma) \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

# Be-8 decays



$$\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} e^+ e^-) \simeq 3.9 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma) \simeq 5.5 \times 10^{-8}$$

# Angular correlation

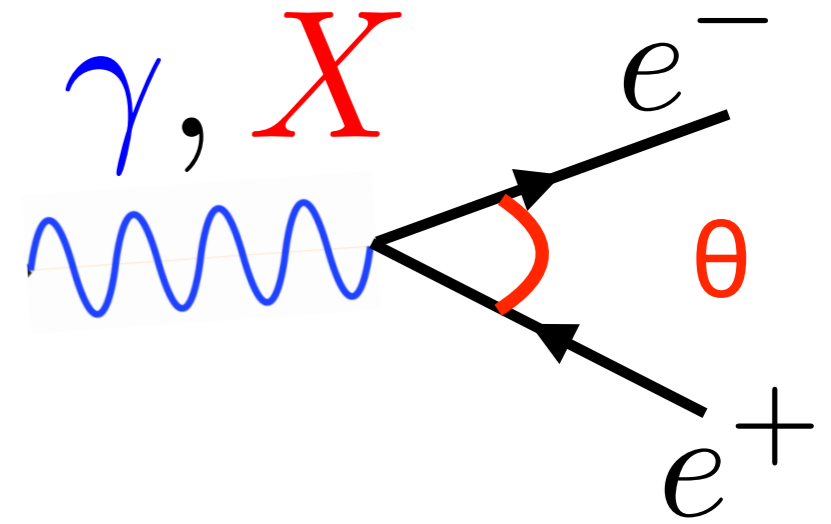


$|y| < 0.5$  (closed circles)

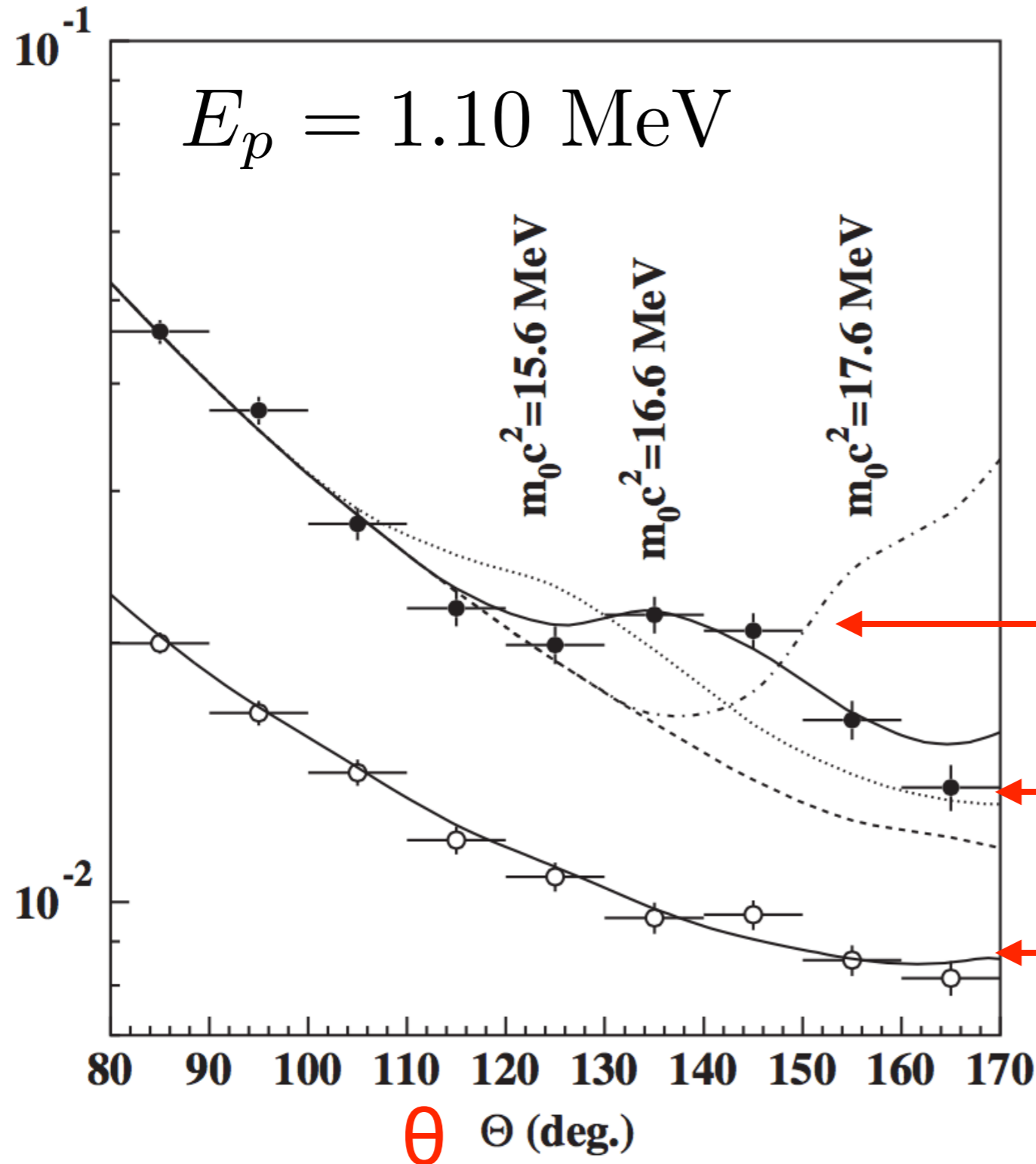
$|y| > 0.5$  (open circles)

$$y = \frac{E_{e^-} - E_{e^+}}{E_{e^-} + E_{e^+}}$$

# Angular correlation



Event rate  
IPCC (relative unit)



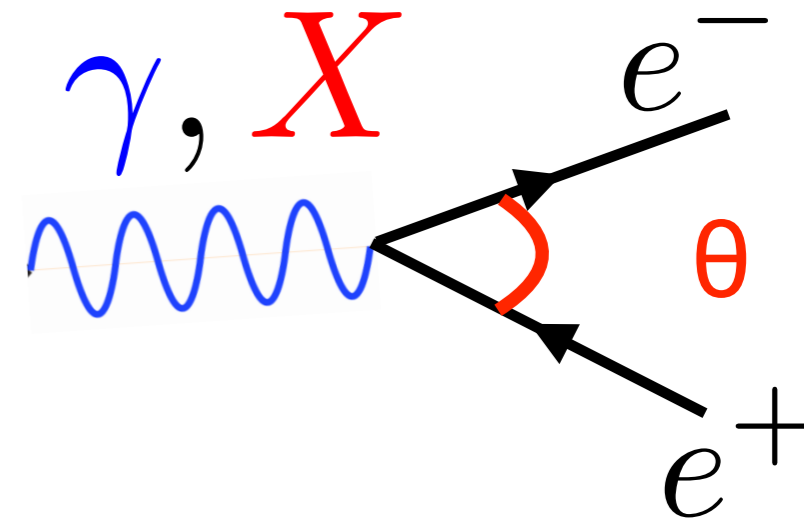
excess

$|y| < 0.5$  (closed circles)

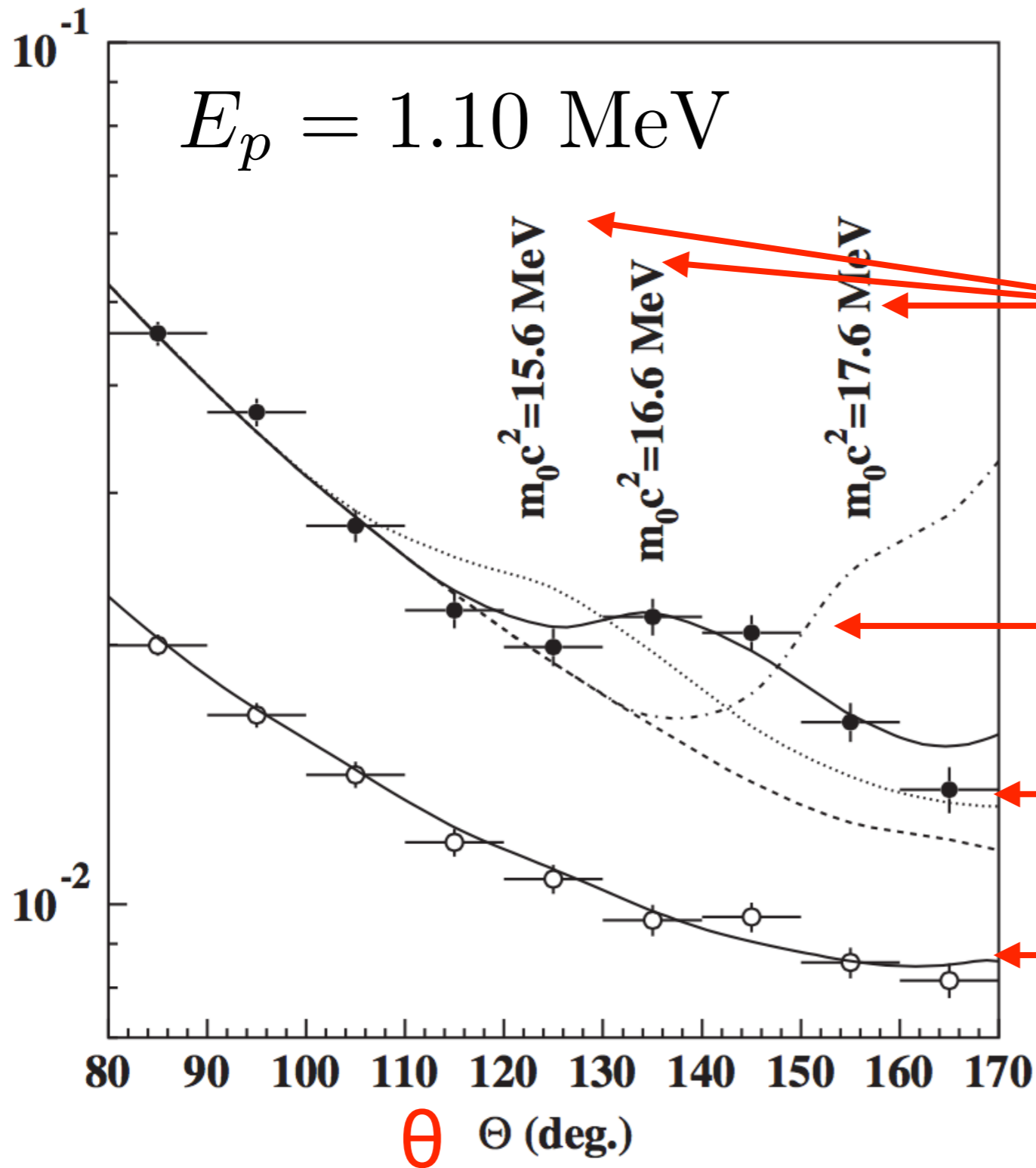
$|y| > 0.5$  (open circles)

$$y = \frac{E_{e^-} - E_{e^+}}{E_{e^-} + E_{e^+}}$$

# Angular correlation



Event rate  
IPCC (relative unit)



different boson mass

excess

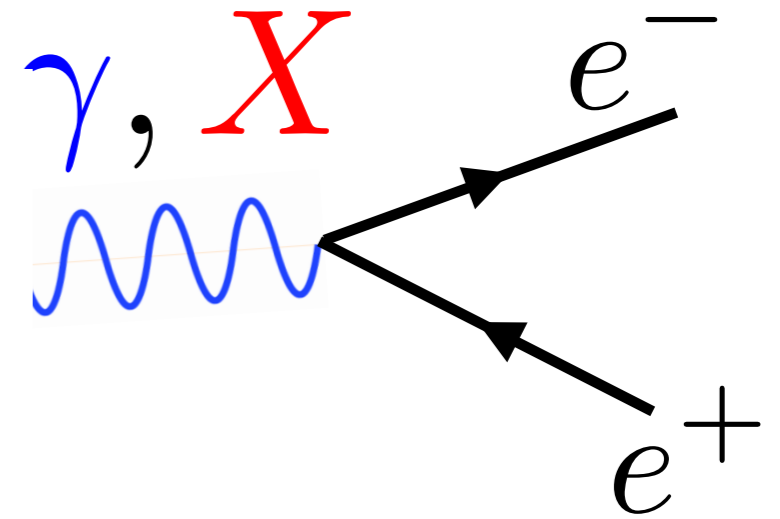
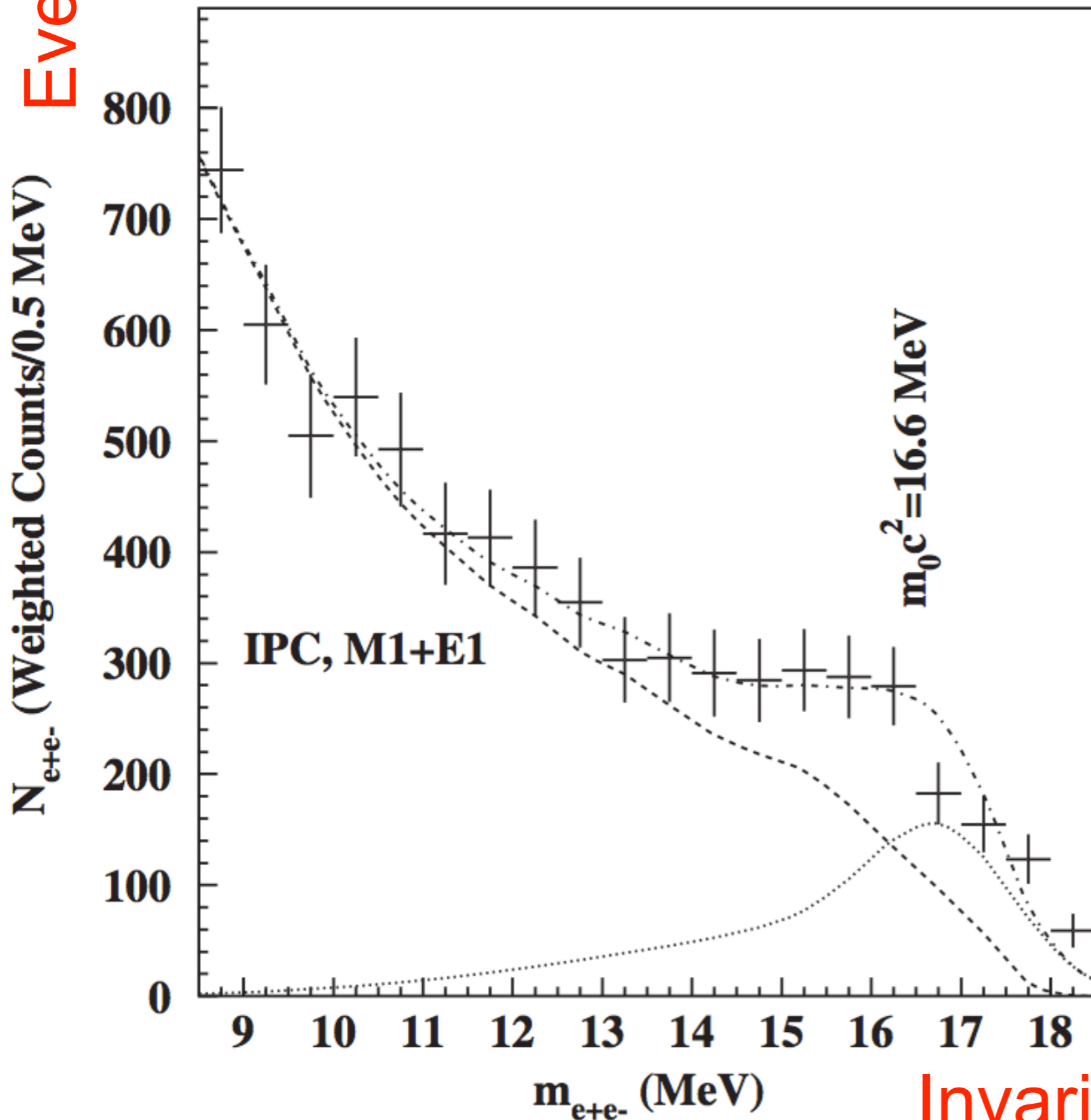
$|y| < 0.5$  (closed circles)

$|y| > 0.5$  (open circles)

$$y = \frac{E_{e^-} - E_{e^+}}{E_{e^-} + E_{e^+}}$$

Events

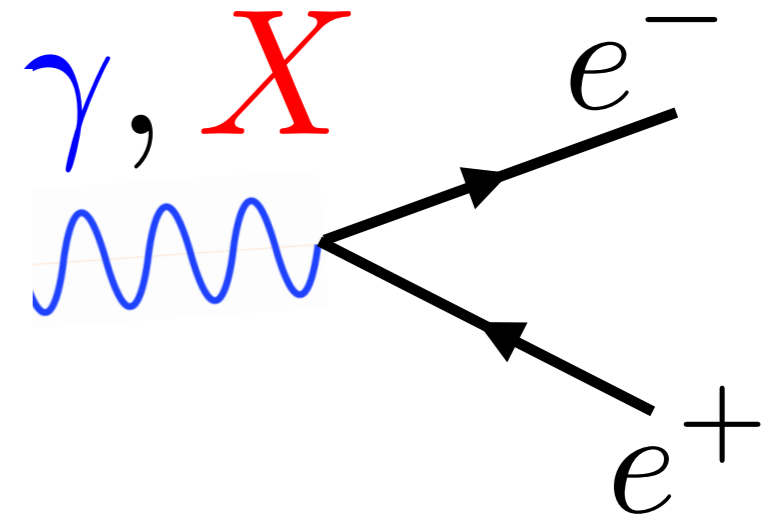
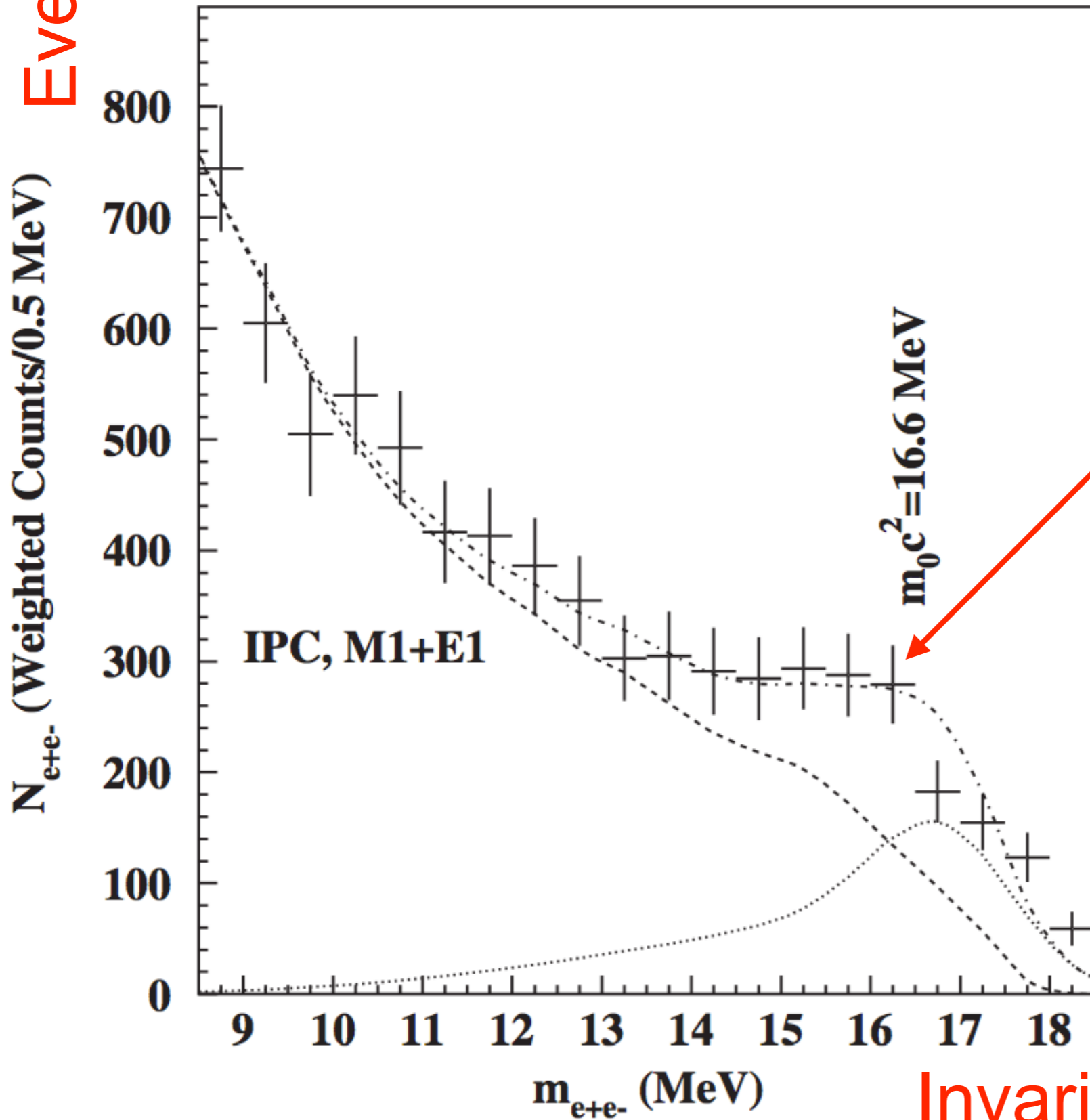
# Invariant mass



Invariant mass

Events

# Invariant mass

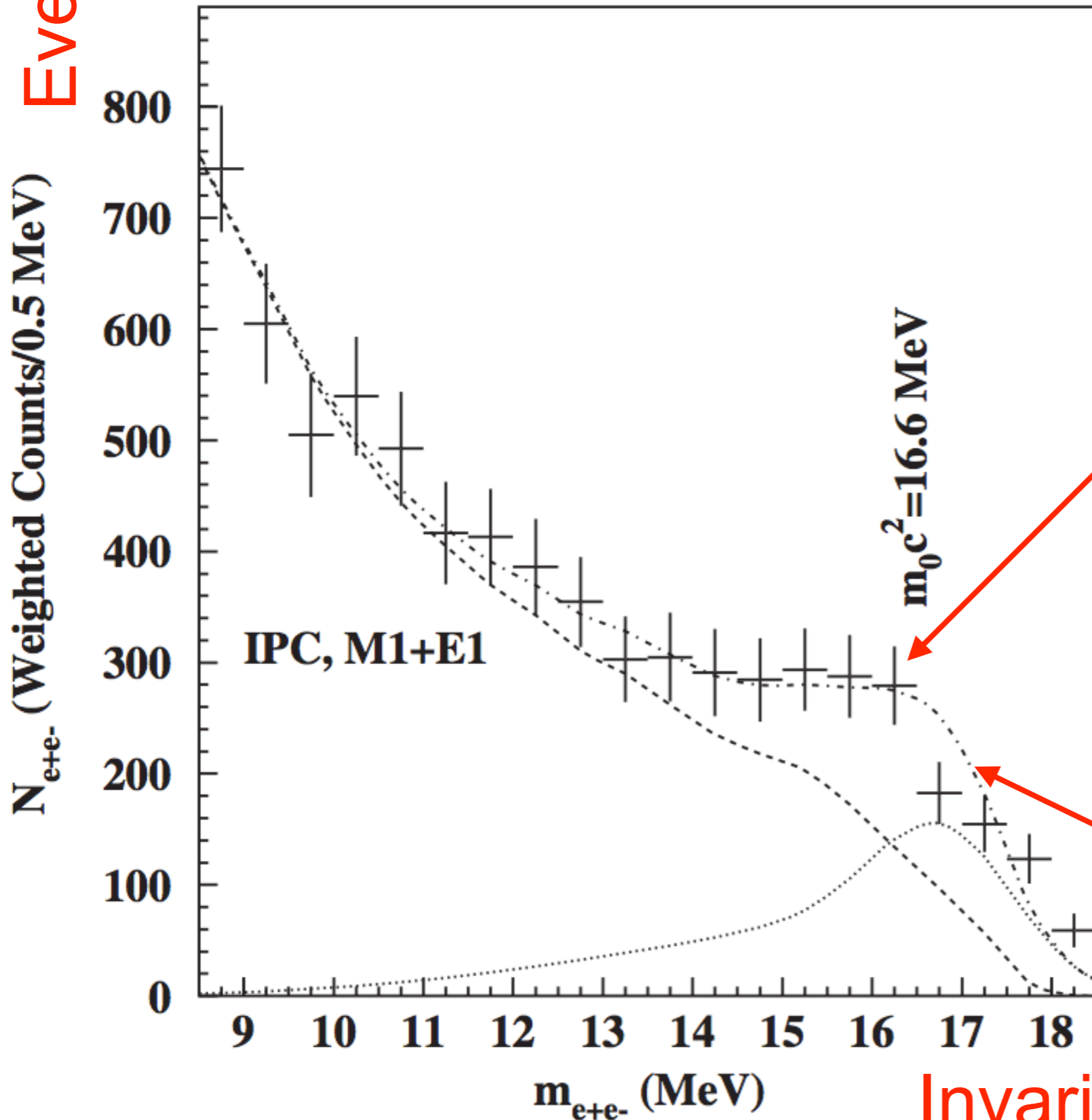
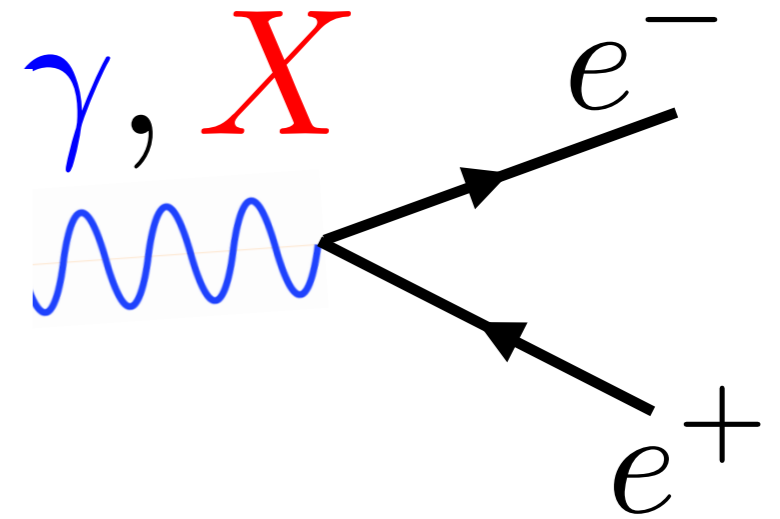


excess

Invariant mass

Events

# Invariant mass



excess

Simulation w/ 16.6 MeV boson fits data

Invariant mass

Krasznahorkay et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 042501 (2016)

# Best-fit model

Excess events occur at both angular and invariant mass distributions which point to the same mass.

Krasznahorkay et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 042501 (2016)

$$m_X = 16.7 \pm 0.35 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (sys)} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} X)}{\text{BR}({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be} \gamma)} = 5.8 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{assuming } \text{BR}(X \rightarrow e^+e^-) = 1$$

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 1.07$$

Atomki Collab.



# Summary

- **A number of interesting new physics searches can be studied with the Nanjing Proton Source (NPS), including cLFV, muon g-2, mu-p scattering, and new gauge boson search.**
- **You are welcome to collaborate with us.**

**Thank you!**