

# Searches for new phenomena at Jefferson Lab

(see <http://conferences.jlab.org/boson2010/>)

OK Baker (for Andrei Afanasev)

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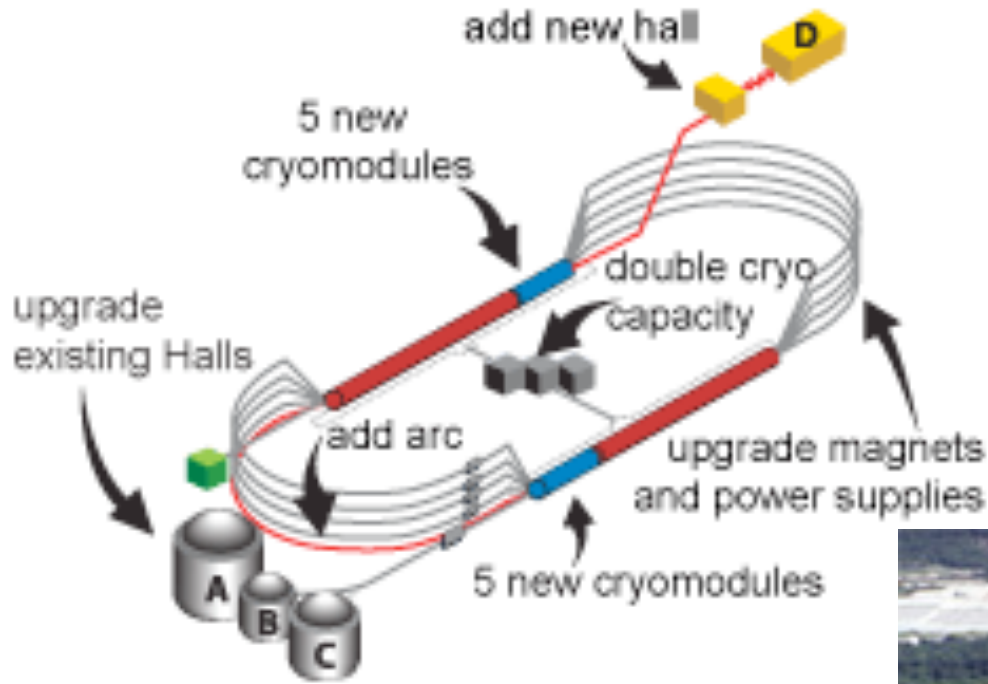
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# overview

- recent and proposed near-term LIPSS searches
- DARKLIGHT search at FEL
- Heavy Photon Search (HPS) in Hall B
- Hall A experiment (APEX)
- summary

# Jefferson Lab



# LIPSS at JLab collaboration

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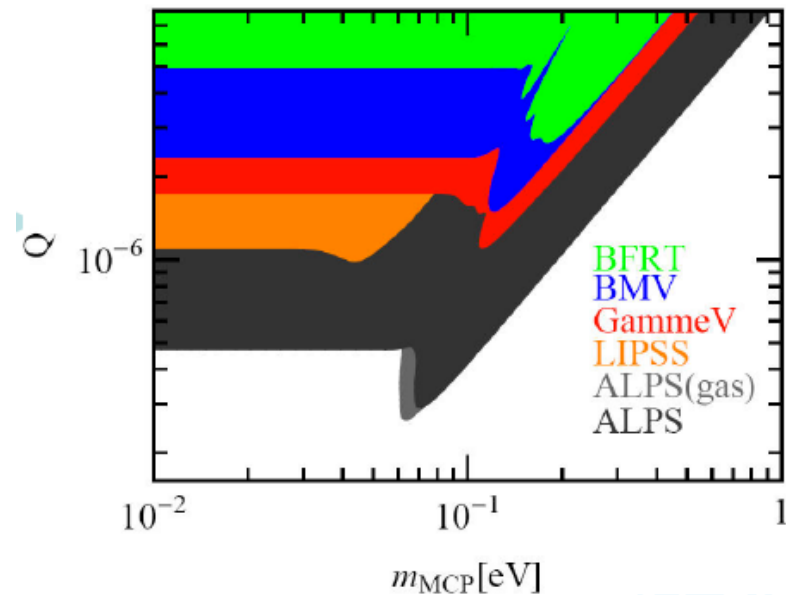
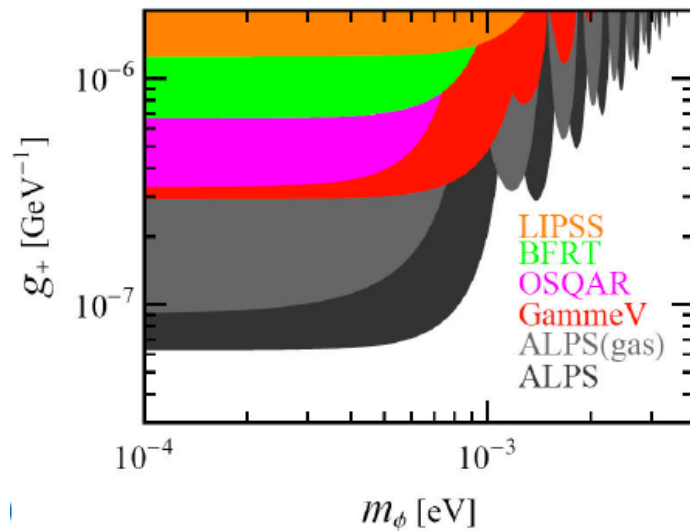
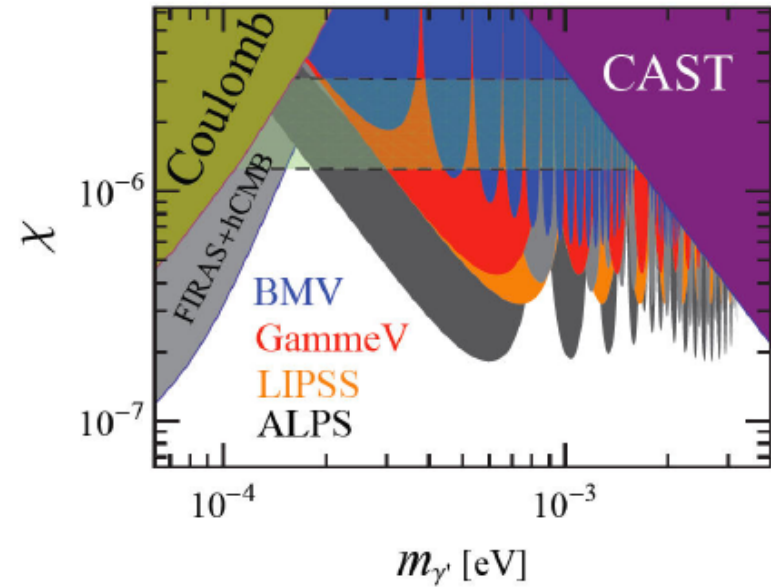
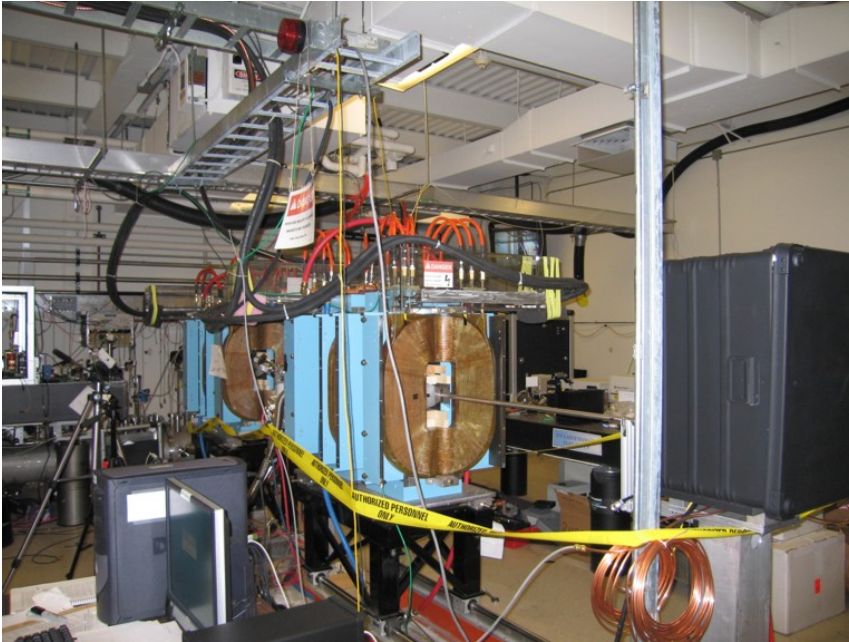
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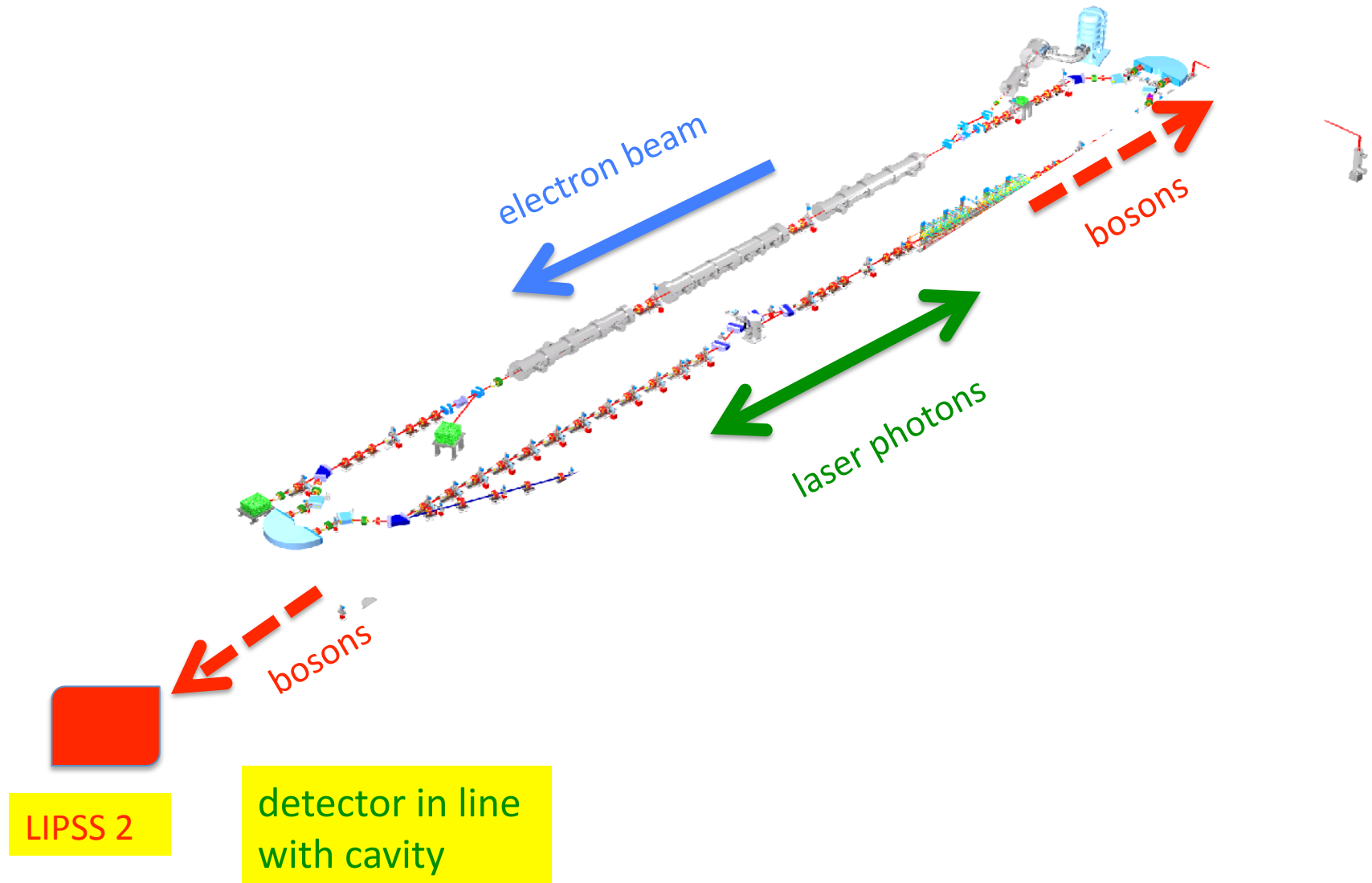
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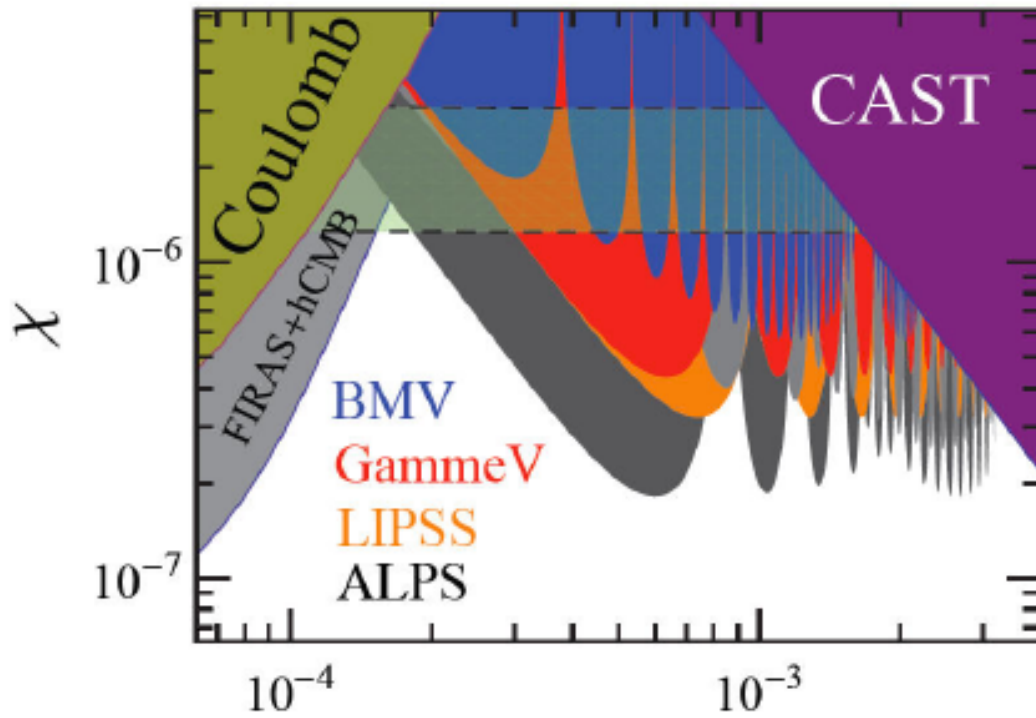


# LIPSS at FEL Lab 1



# photon-boson kinetic mixing; next steps





K. Ehret et al,  
ALPS results  
[arXiv:1004.1313](https://arxiv.org/abs/1004.1313)

predicted LIPSS results

$$L_1 = 25 \text{ m}$$

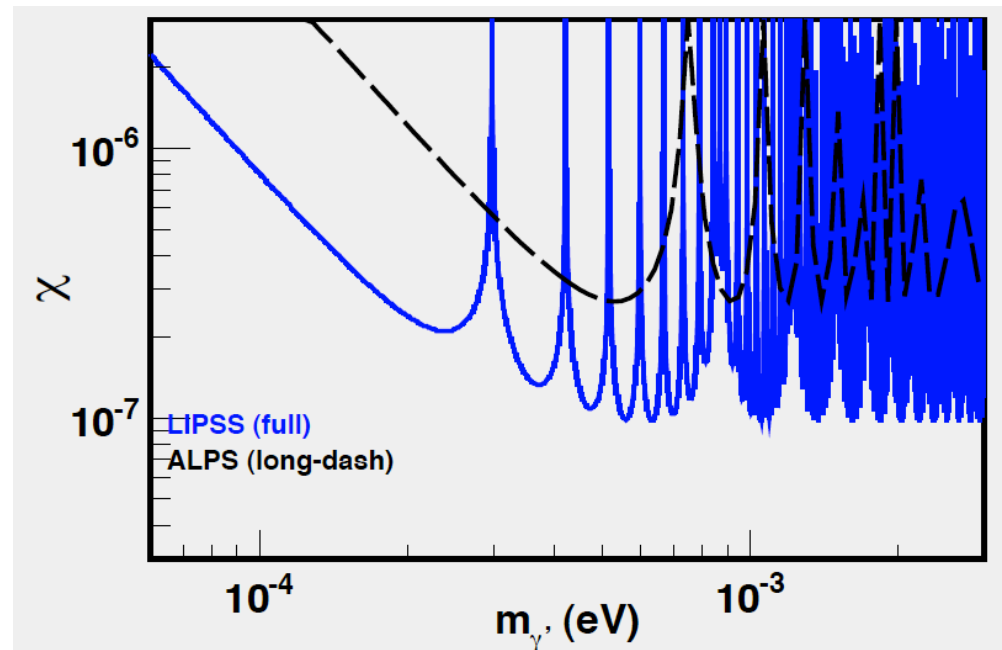
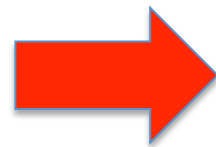
$$L_2 = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda = 1.6 \mu$$

70 KW laser power

$t \sim 10$  days

$m_\gamma$  [eV]



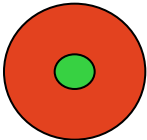
# boson beam dump

- based upon LSW principle of photon regeneration
- Compton scattering at FEL
- long lifetimes
- coupling at vertex enters twice
- limited to  $\sim 25$  keV mass boson production



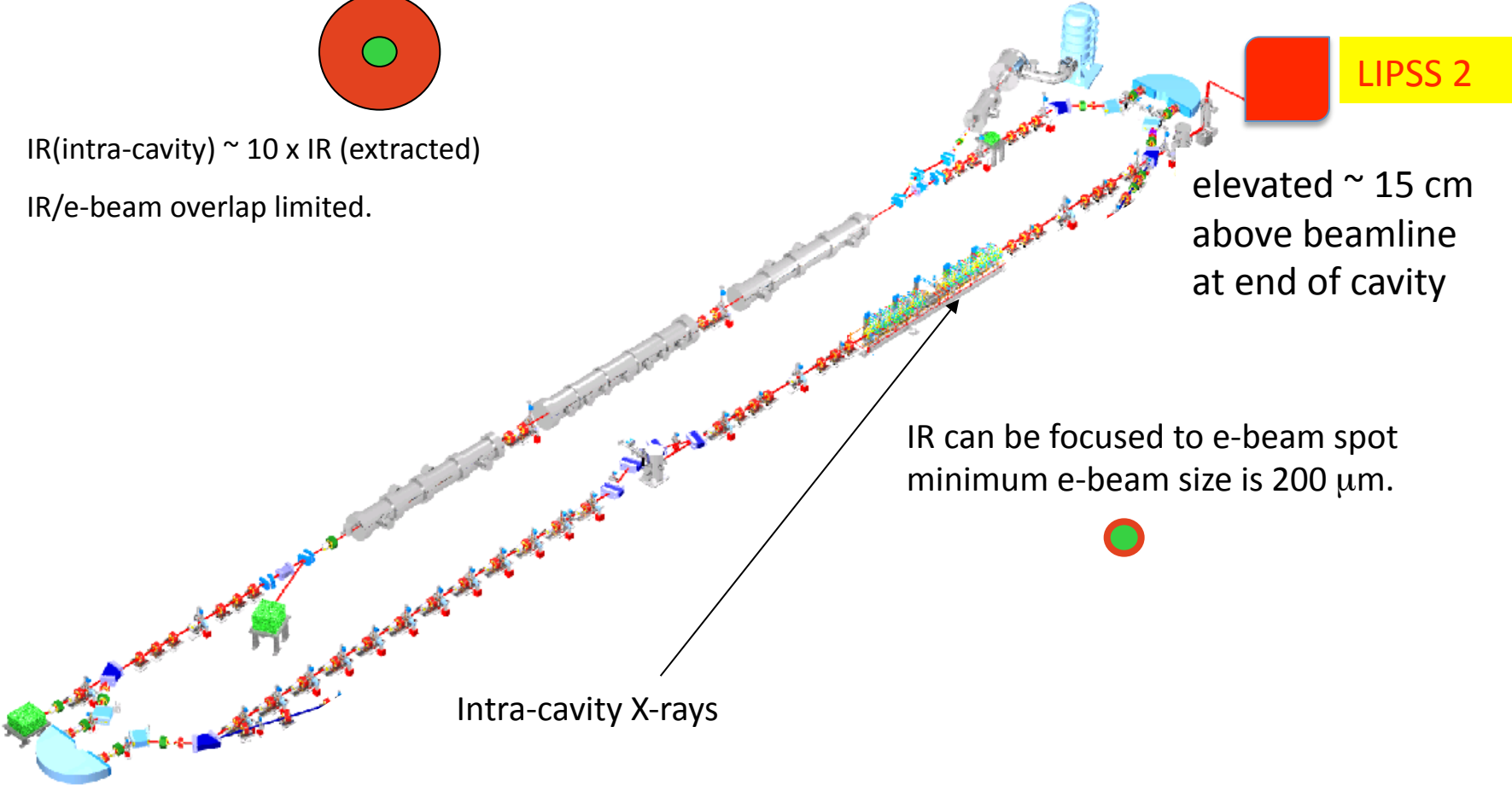
# Compton scattering and high luminosity

from J. Boyce 2003



IR(intra-cavity)  $\sim 10 \times$  IR (extracted)

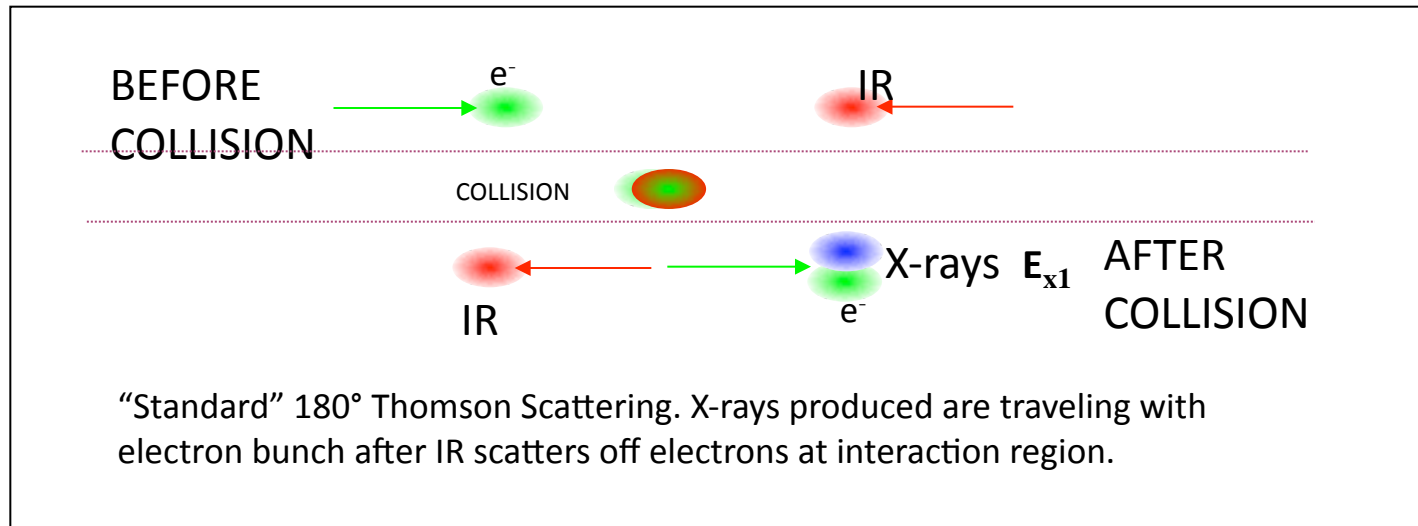
IR/e-beam overlap limited.



elevated  $\sim 15$  cm above beamline at end of cavity

IR can be focused to e-beam spot minimum e-beam size is  $200 \mu\text{m}$ .

Intra-cavity X-rays



$$\ell \sim \frac{n_e \cdot n_\gamma}{\sigma_e \cdot \sigma_\gamma} \sim 2 \times 10^{43} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

luminosity

$$n_e \sim 5 \text{ mA} = 3 \times 10^{16} \text{ Hz}$$

electron current

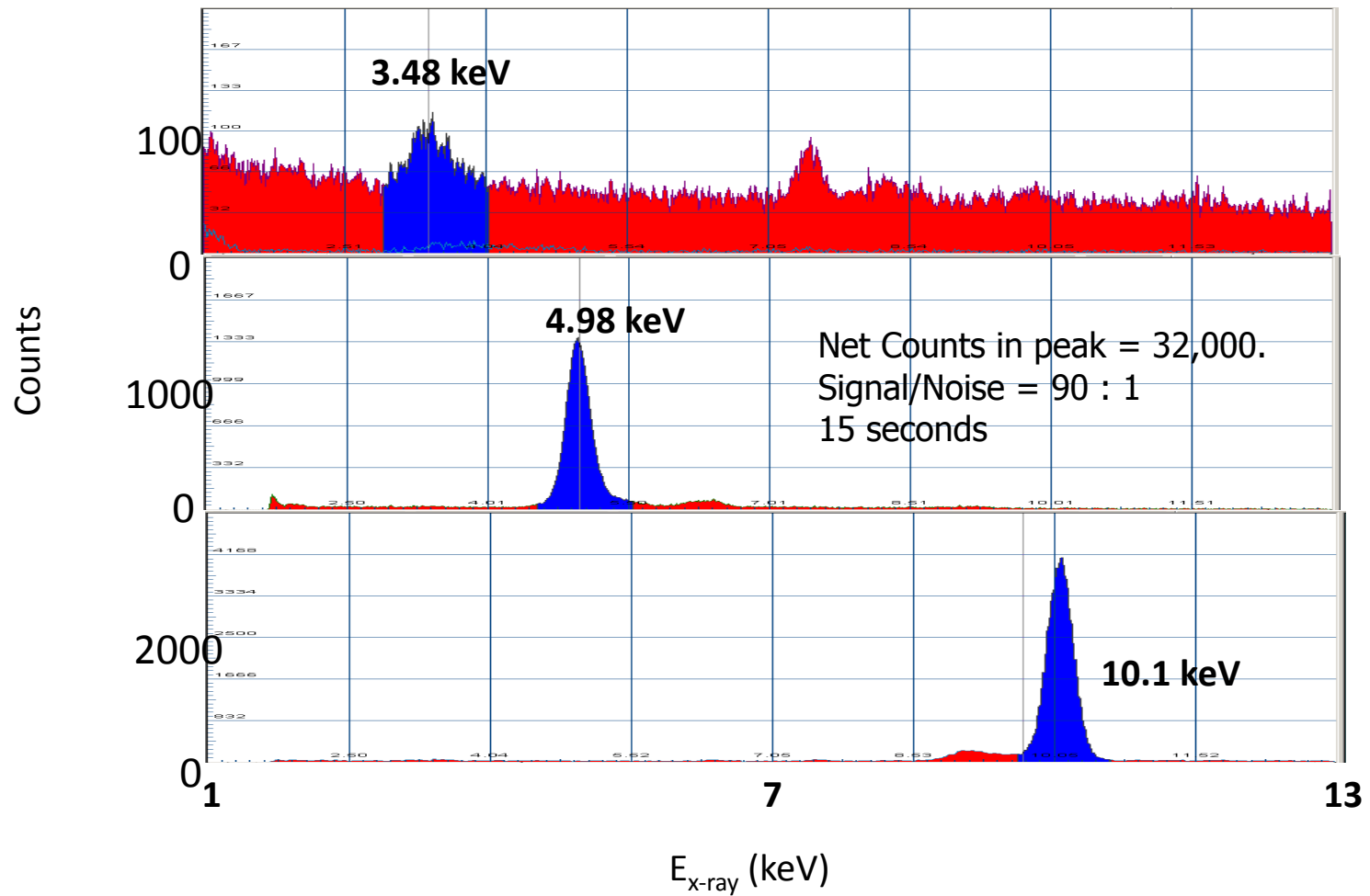
$$n_\gamma \sim (50 \text{ KW} , 1.6 \mu\text{m}) = 3 \times 10^{23} \text{ Hz}$$

photon flux

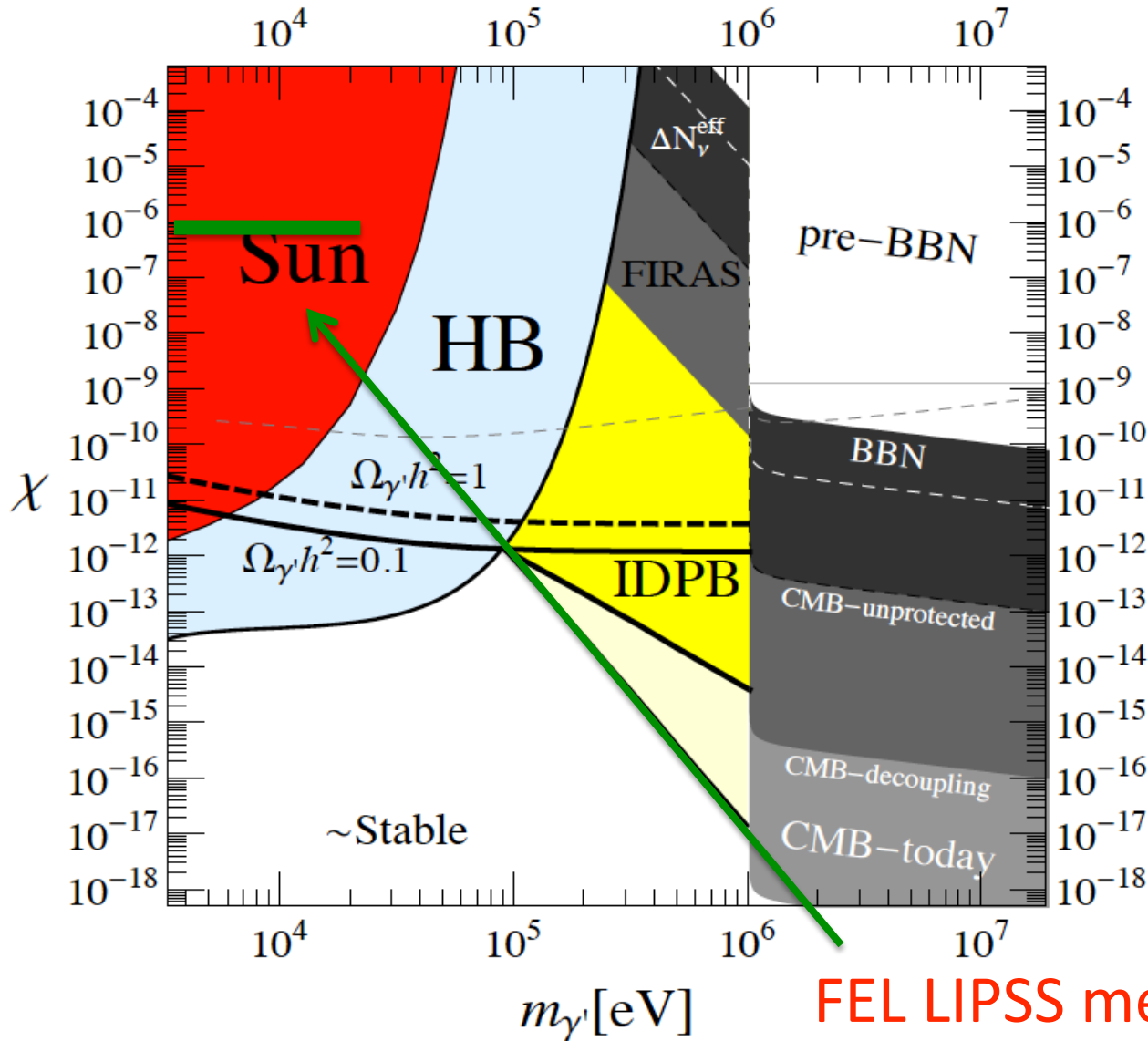
$$\sigma \sim 200 \mu\text{m}$$

beam diameter

# actual typical spectra



# boson beam dump

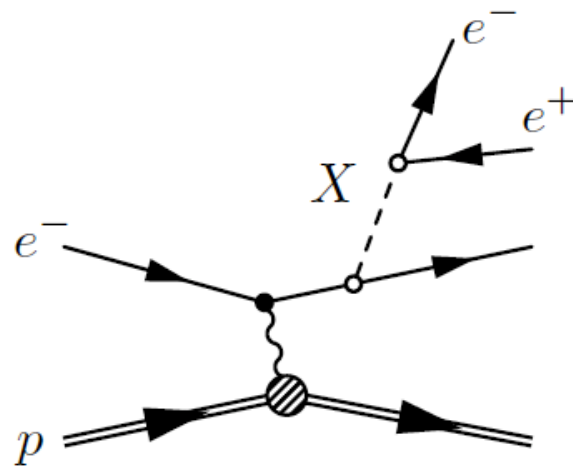
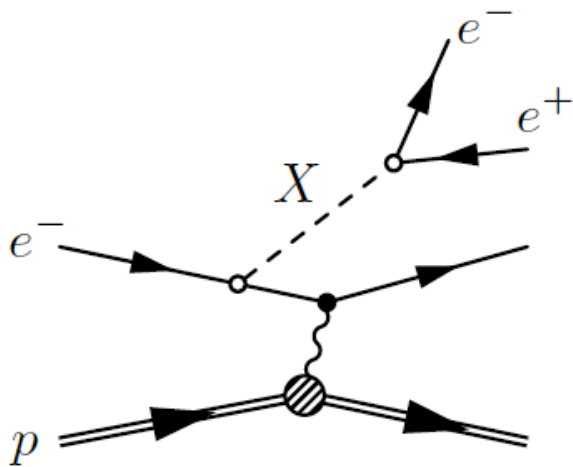


[Marieke Postma,](#)  
[Javier Redondo,](#) JCAP  
0902:005,2009;  
[arXiv:0811.0326](#)

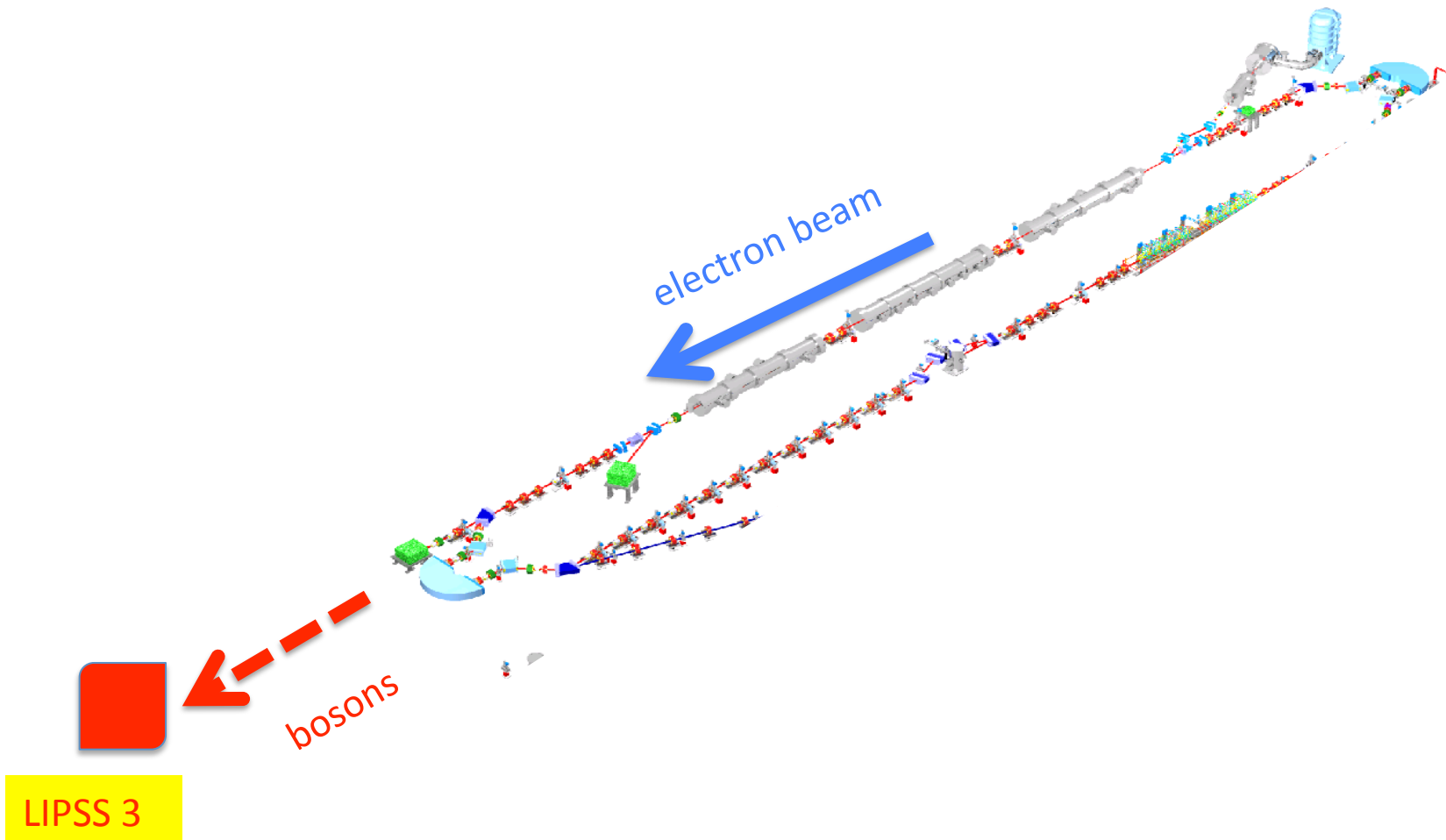
**FEL LIPSS measurement:**  
 **$\sim$  one month**

# electron beam dump

- also based upon LSW principle photon regeneration
- useful for large range of boson lifetimes
- coupling at vertex enters twice

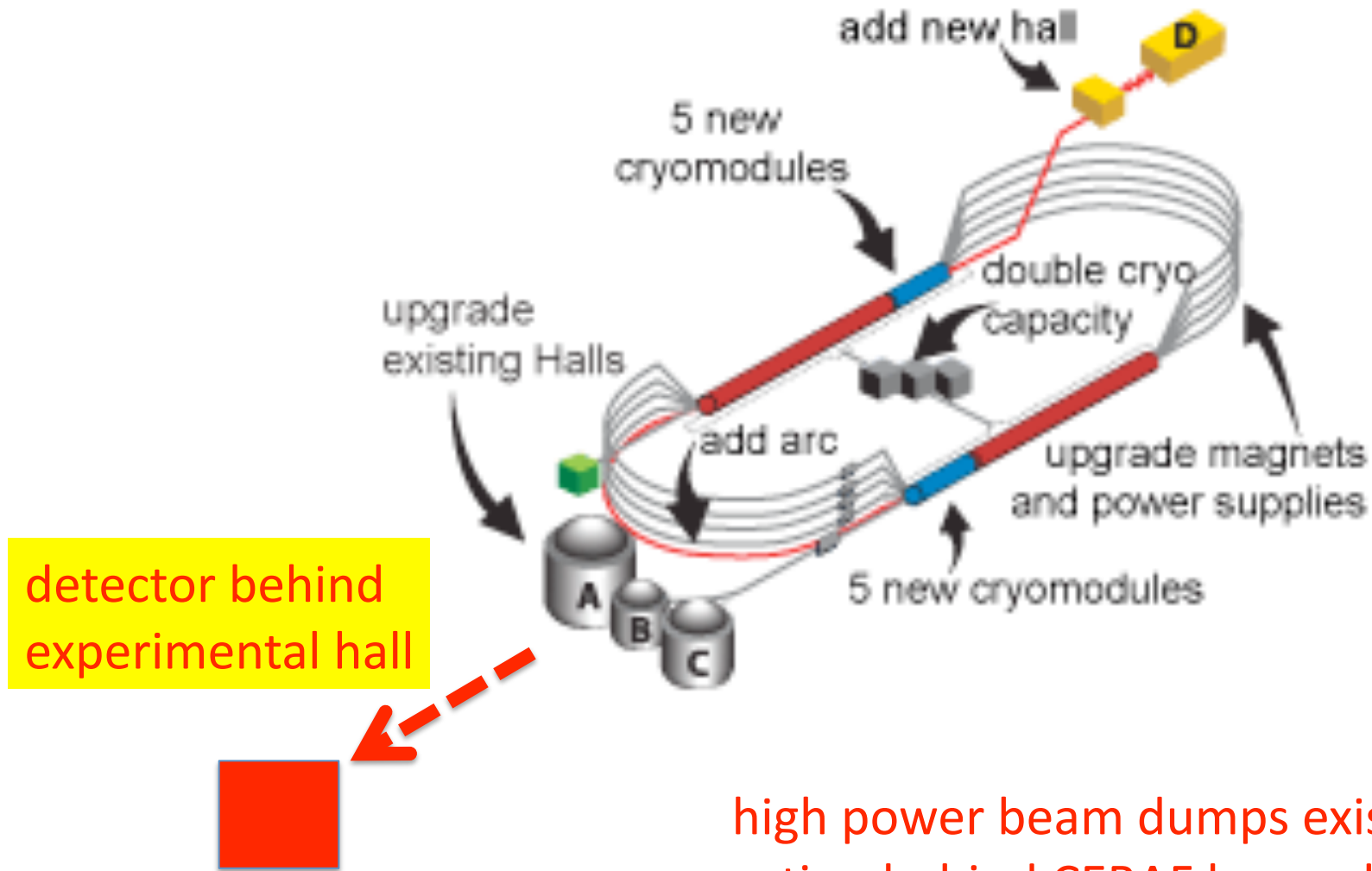


## electron beam dump at FEL



~0.13 MW beam dump exists;  
excavation behind FEL beam dump(?)

# electron beam dump at CEBAF



high power beam dumps exists;  
excavation behind CEBAF beam dumps(?)

## electron beam dump

$$Y_i \sim r_e \cdot n_t \cdot t \cdot \sigma \cdot \varepsilon = 1 \cdot \sigma \cdot \varepsilon \quad \text{experimental yield, Hz}$$

$$r_e(1 \text{ mA}) \sim 6 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$$

$$n_t \sim 2 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$t \sim 100 \text{ cm}$$

$$1 \sim 10^{41} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

→

~ 1 ab/min

FEL beam dump  
luminosity

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$$r_e(100 \mu\text{A}) \sim 6 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

$$n_t \sim 2 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$t \sim 100 \text{ cm}$$

$$1 \sim 10^{40} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

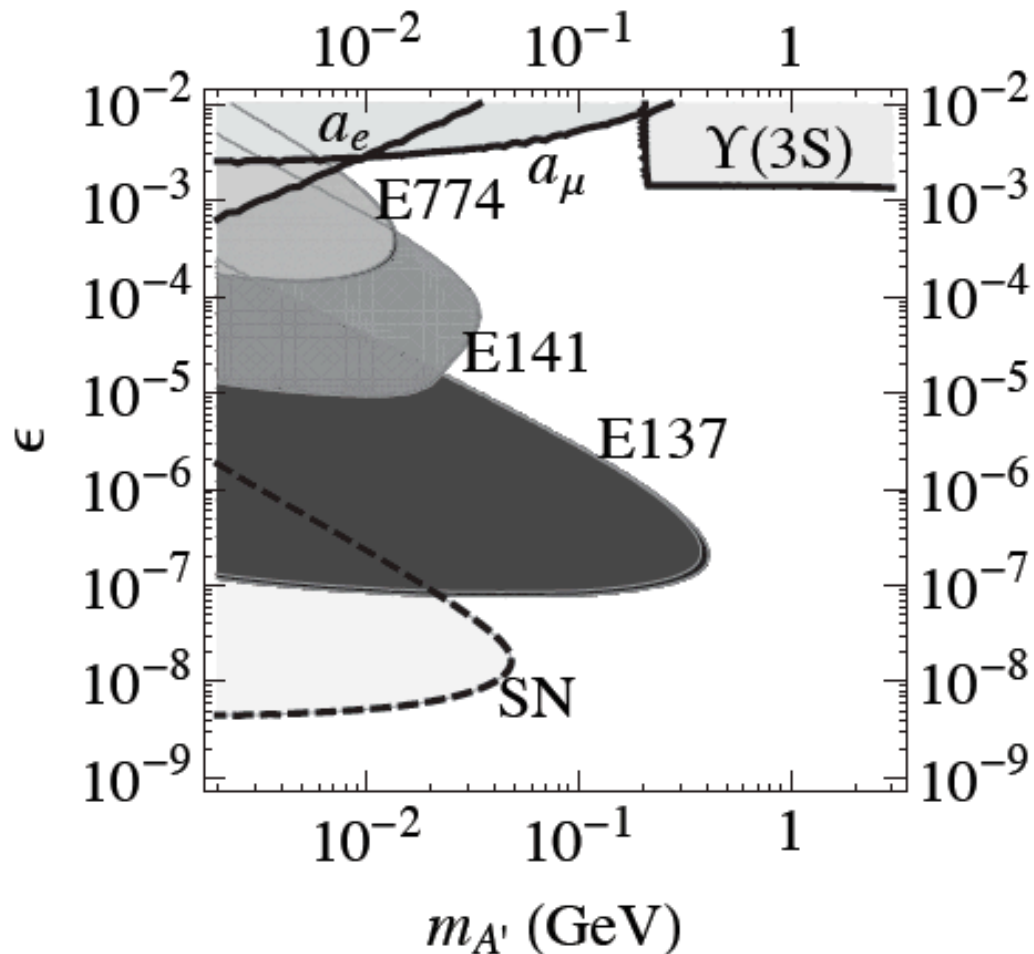
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~ 1 ab/hour

Hall A, C  
beam dump  
luminosity



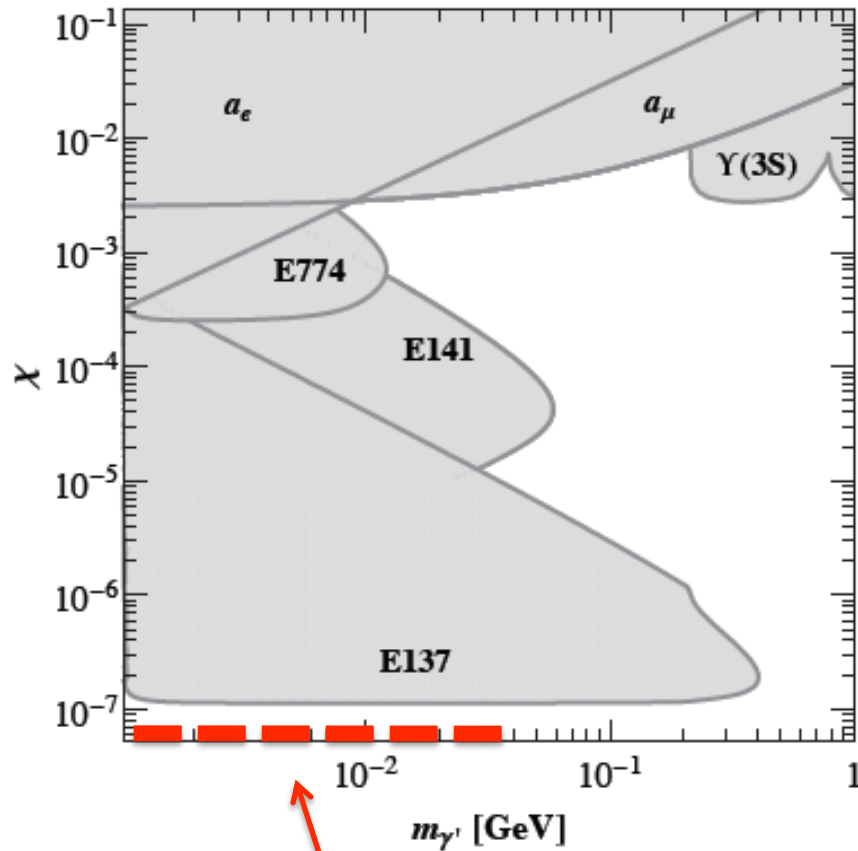
# electron beam dump



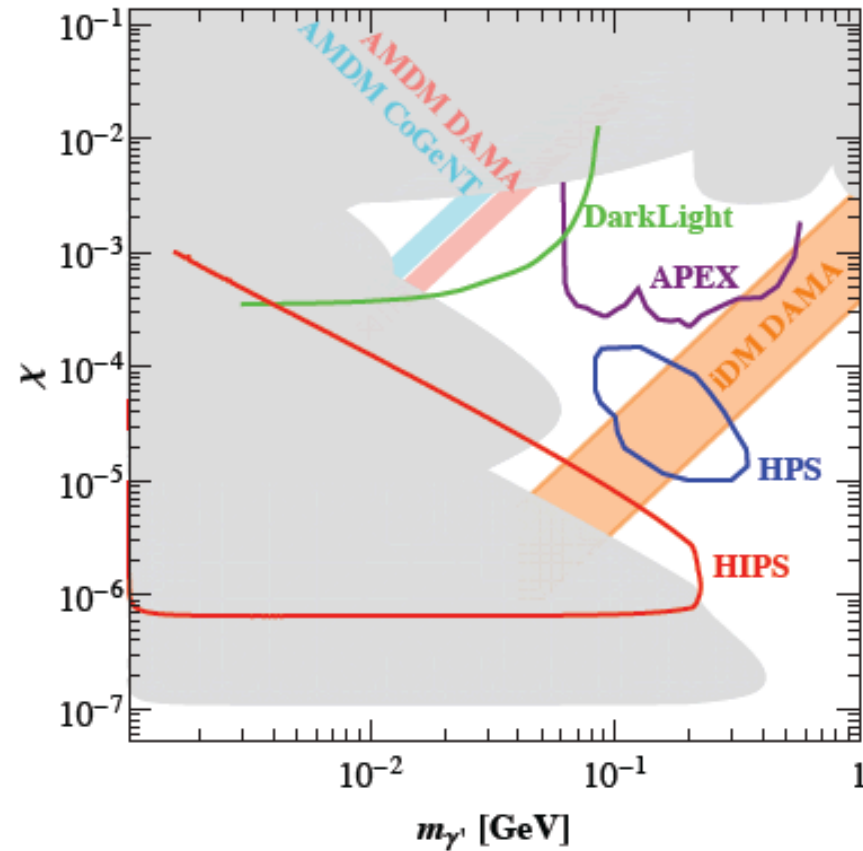
- **SLAC E137**
  - $2 \times 10^{20}$  elec
  - 20 GeV
  - $d \sim 400$  m
- **SLAC E141**
  - $2 \times 10^{15}$  elec
  - 9 GeV
  - $d \sim 35$  m
- **FNAL E774**
  - $5 \times 10^{10}$  elec
  - 275 GeV
  - $t \sim 1$  m

# electron beam dump

S. Andreas, A. Ringwald contribution to 6th Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs and WISPs, Zurich University, Switzerland, 5-9 July 2010 [arXiv:1008.4519](https://arxiv.org/abs/1008.4519)



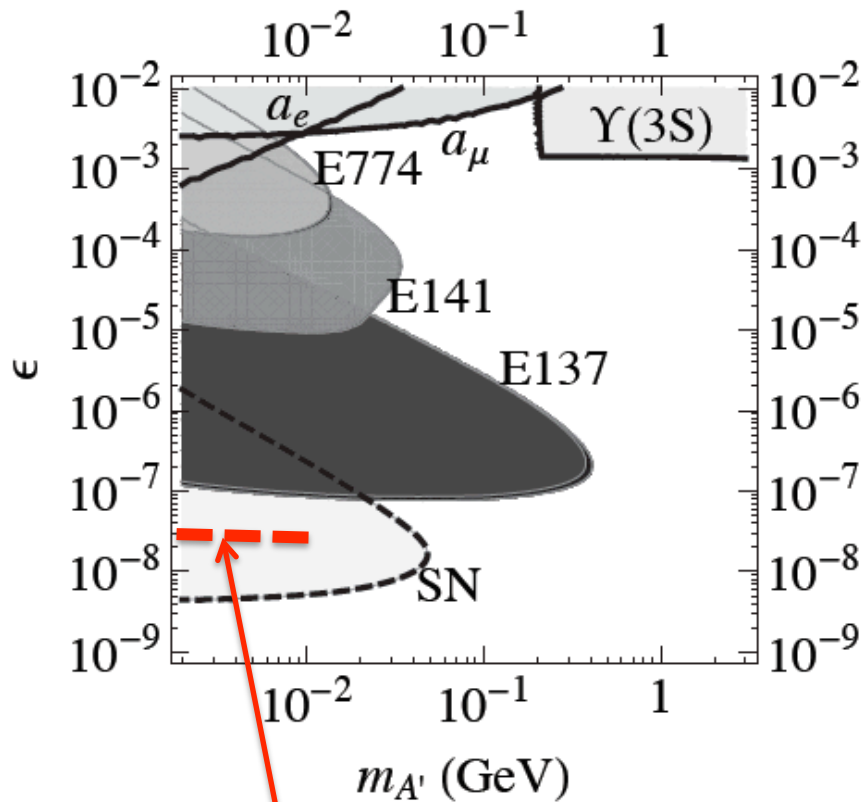
CEBAF LIPSS in  $\sim$  one month



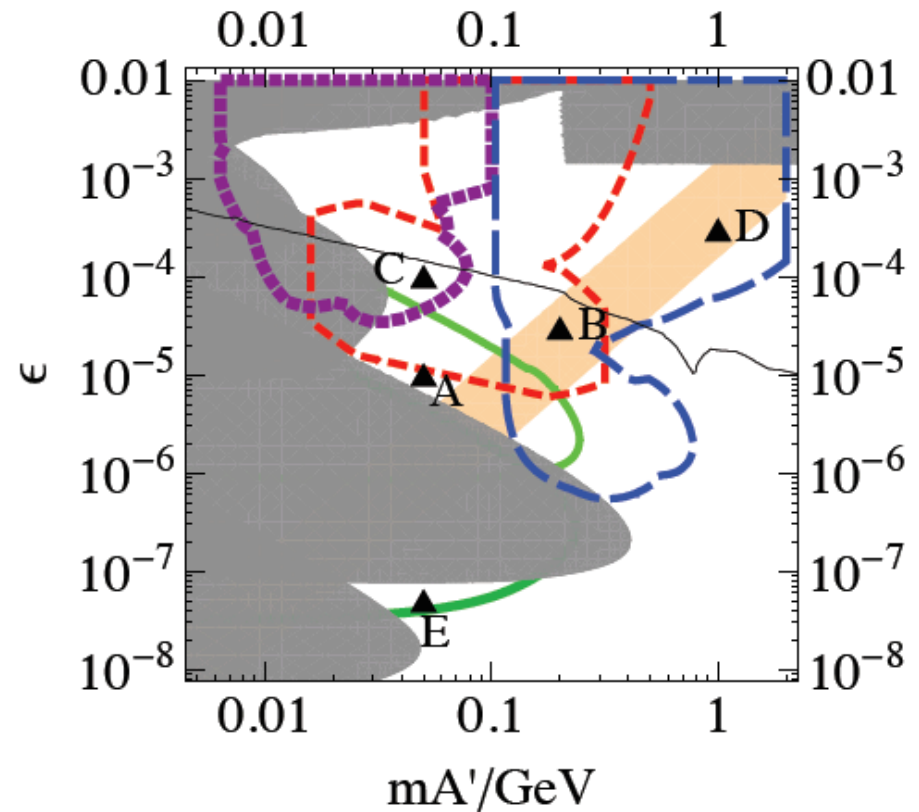
$\chi$  : CEBAF LIPSS  $\sim 2 \times$  E137

# electron beam dump

JD Bjorken et al, [PhysRev D80, 075018 \(2009\)](#);  
[Freytsis](#), [Ovanesyan](#), [Thaler](#) ; [arXiv:0909.2862](#)



FEL LIPSS in  $\sim$  one month

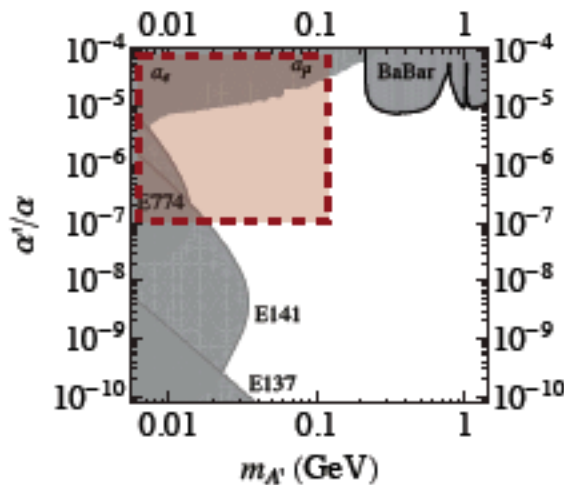


$\epsilon$  : FEL LIPSS  $3 \times$  E137

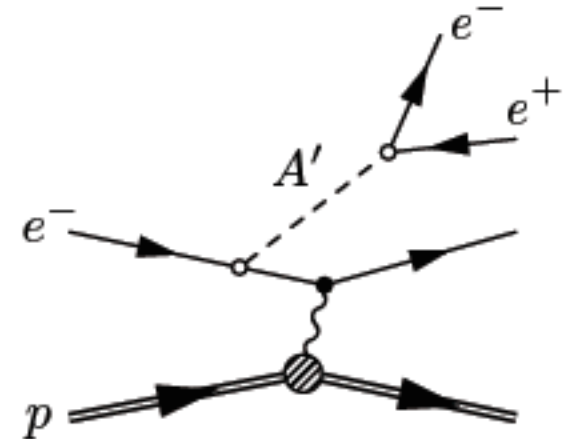
# DARKLIGHT at the Free Electron Laser Facility

# DarkLight Proposal

**D**etecting **A** Resonance **K**inematically with  
**e**lectrons **I**ncident on a **G**aseous **H**ydrogen **T**arget



**DARKLIGHT**



High Intensity, Low Energy Electron Beam (JLab FEL)

on Diffuse Hydrogen Gas Target  $\Rightarrow$  Luminosity:  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1} / \text{month}$

Large Tracking Volume + Pixels  $\Rightarrow$  Full Event Reconstruction

Low  $Q^2$  ep scattering  $\Rightarrow$  Unique Opportunity for Basic Science

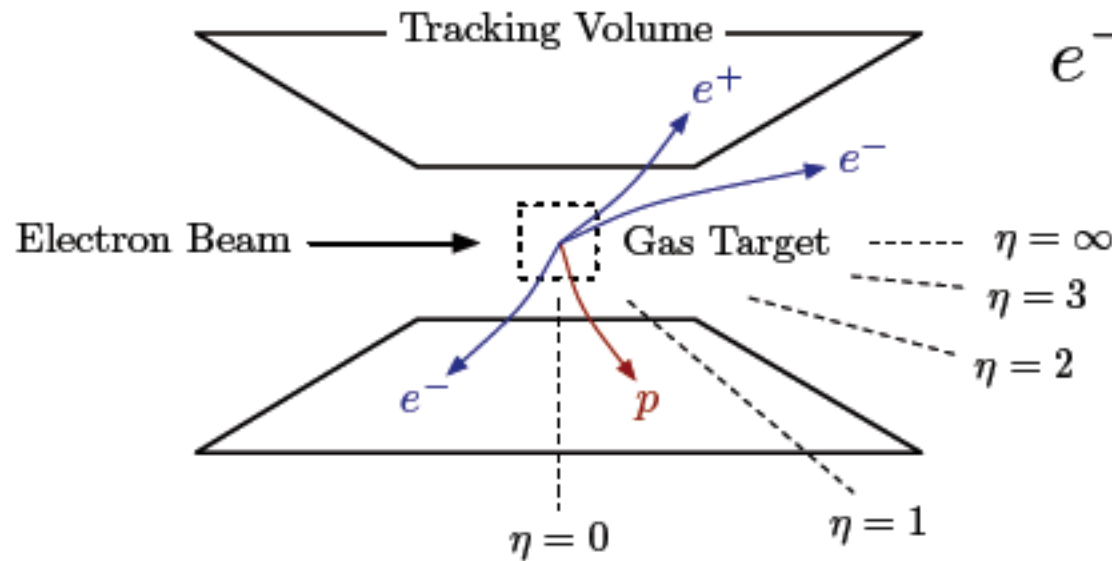


## A Search for New Light Bosons Using the JLab FEL

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Yale **Keith Baker**

“Dark Force Detection in Low Energy e-p Collisions”  
[Freytsis, Ovanesyan, JDT: [arXiv:0909.2862](https://arxiv.org/abs/0909.2862) (JHEP 1001:111)]

# Electron-Proton Collisions



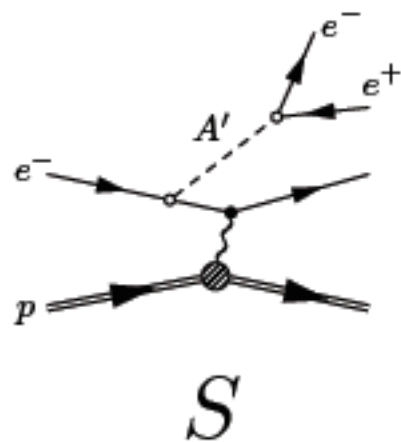
$$e^- p \rightarrow e^- p + A'$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow e^+ e^-$$

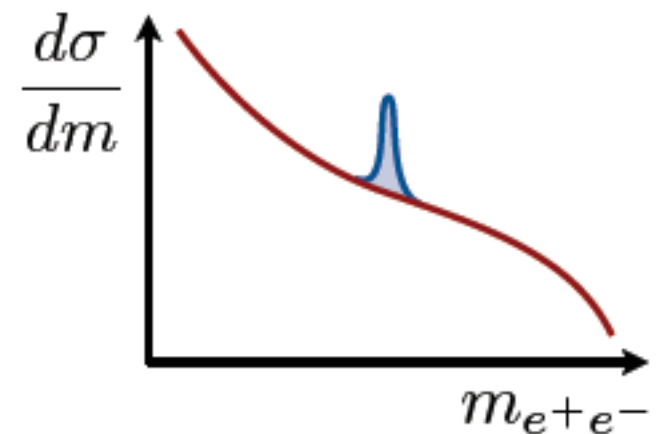
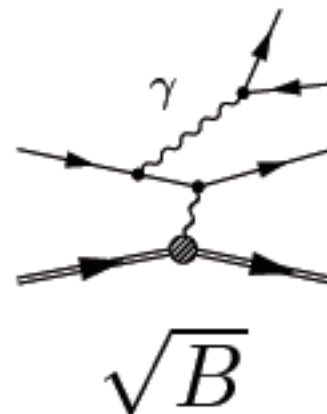
$$E_{\text{beam}} \lesssim 140 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{ab}^{-1} / \text{month}$$

## Narrow Resonance on Huge QED Background



VS.



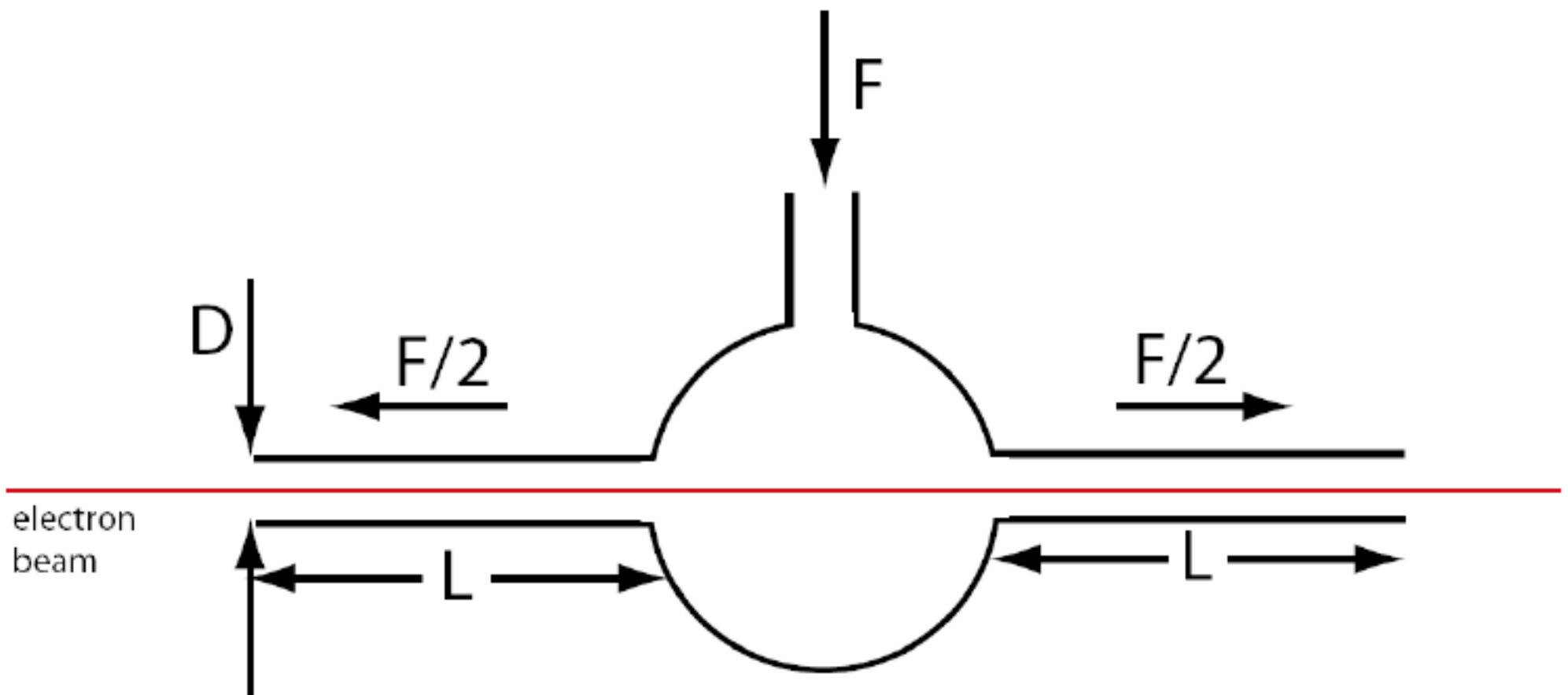
# DarkLight Target design considerations

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- Must accept 1 MWatt beam => gas target
- Searching for rare events => maximize thickness
- Must allow MeV proton to exit => thin container walls
- Beam core has  $\sigma_x \sim 50 \mu\text{m}$  and  $\sigma_\theta \sim 3 \text{ mrad}$
- What about tails?



# DarkLight Gas Target Concept



$T=15 \text{ K}$ ,  $F = 1.5 \times 10^{18} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (100 mTorr-liter per sec),  $L= 10 \text{ cm}$ ,  $D = 2 \text{ mm}$   
Target thickness =  $10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

# Detector layout

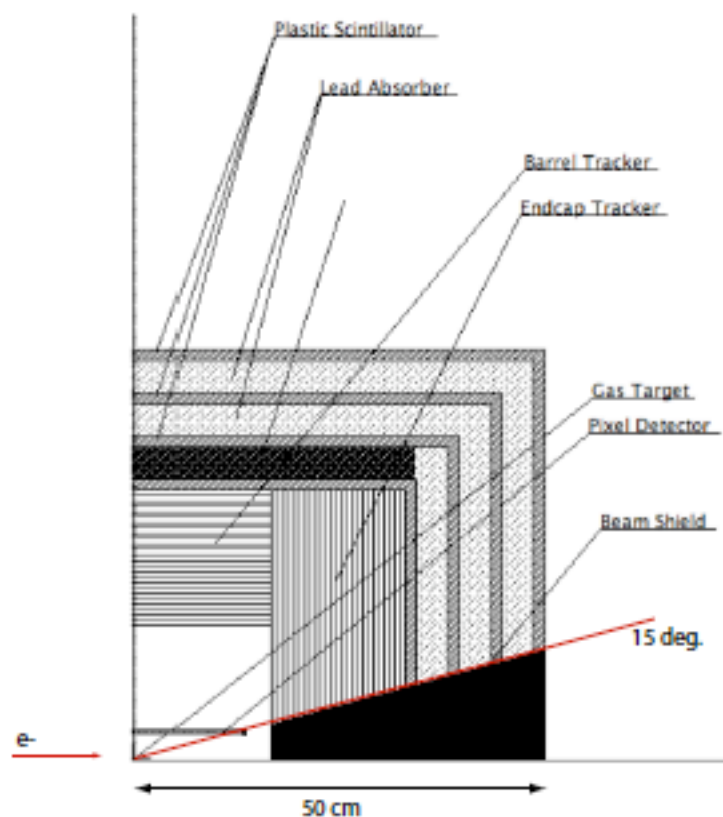
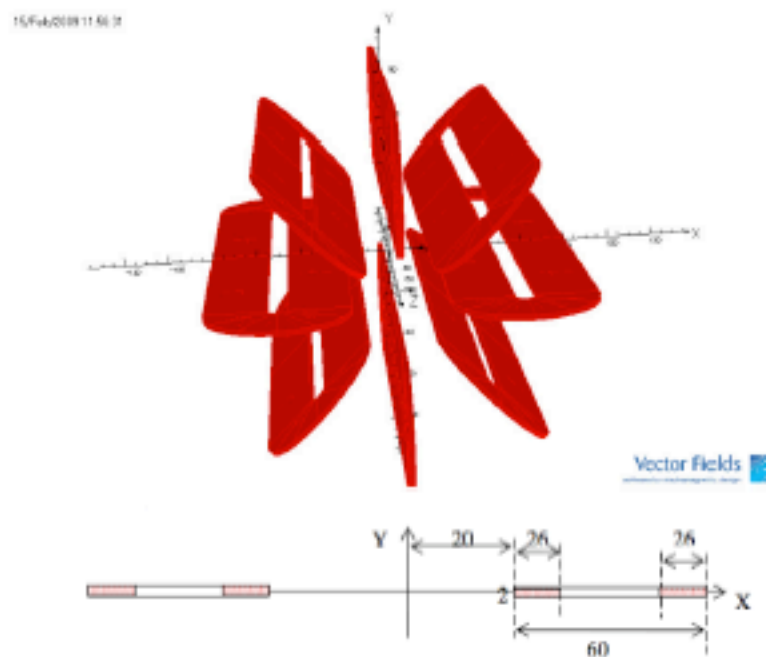


Figure: Detector quadrant.

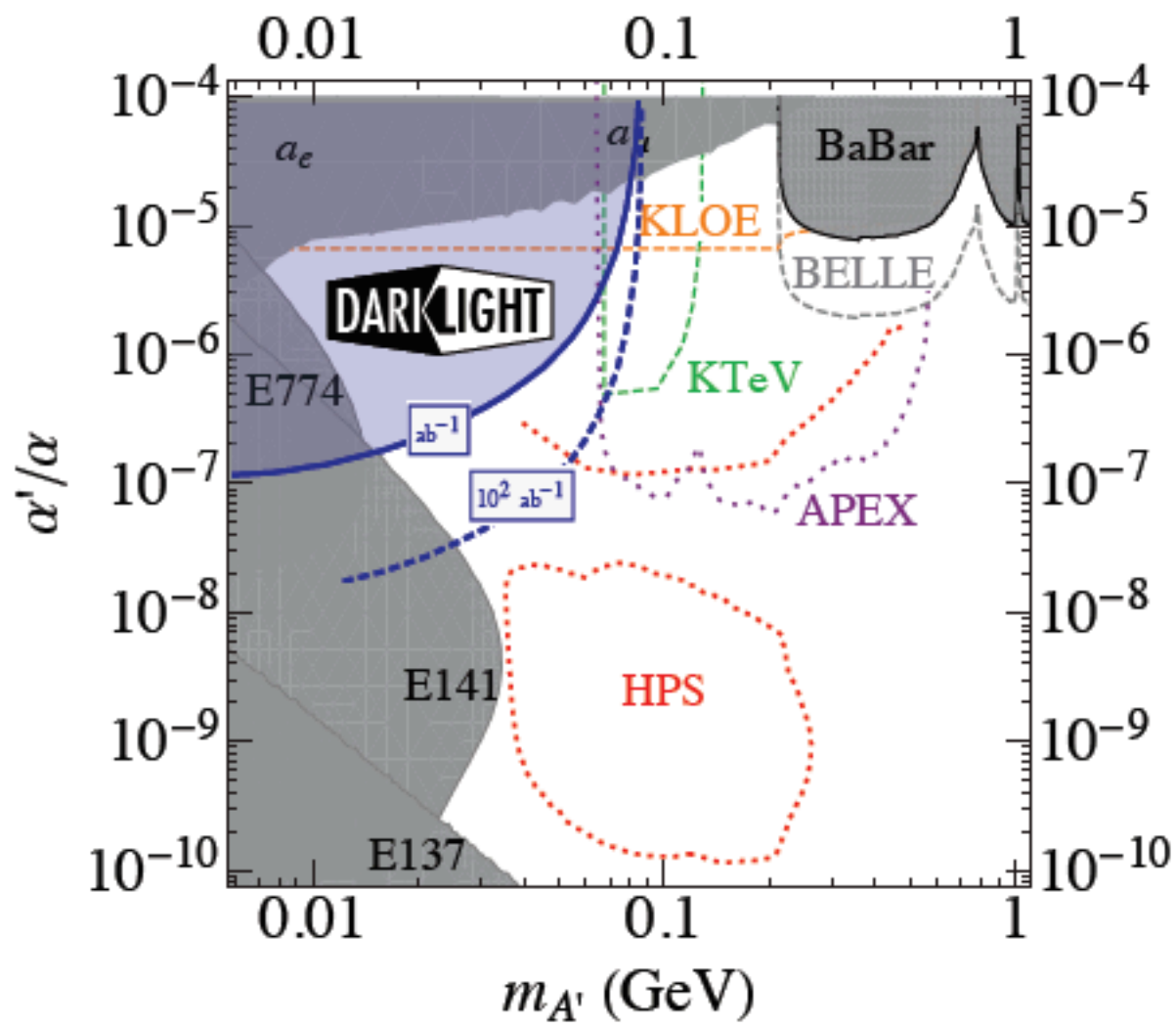
- ▶ Gas target with  $10^{19} \text{ cm}^2$  thickness
- ▶ Be beampipe
- ▶ Pixel detector at 5 cm radius
- ▶ 25 layer open cell drift chamber with  $100 \mu\text{m}$  resolution
- ▶ Scintillator/lead sandwich trigger
- ▶ Toroidal magnet

# Toroidal Magnet

- ▶  $\int \vec{B}_\perp \cdot d\vec{l} = 0.5 \text{ T}\cdot\text{m}$
- ▶ Normal copper conductor requires  $\sim 500 \text{ cm}^2$  of conductor
- ▶ Use of LN<sub>2</sub> cooled copper (80 K) reduces requirement to  $50 \text{ cm}^2$
- ▶ 13% loss of acceptance for single track, geometric acceptance of 66% for three track events



**Figure:** Eight coil toroidal magnet. Upper panel shows perspective drawing, lower shows cross section.



(DarkLight projected  $5\sigma$  vs. other projected  $2\sigma$ )

# Heavy Photon Search in Hall B

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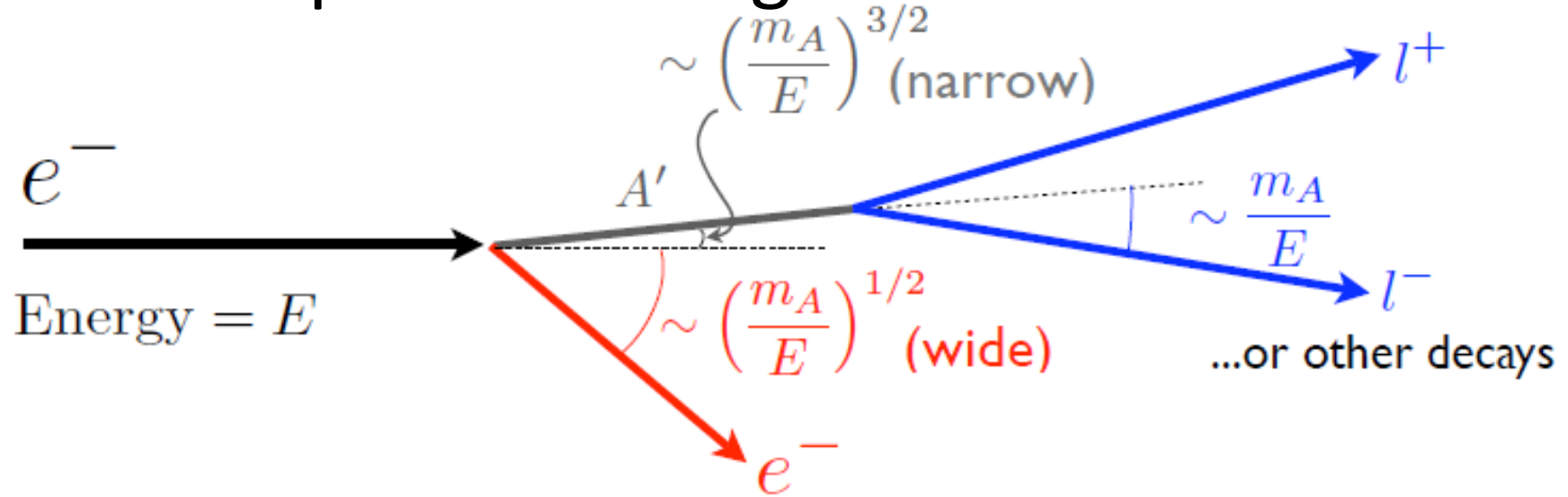
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# Unique Fixed-Target Kinematics

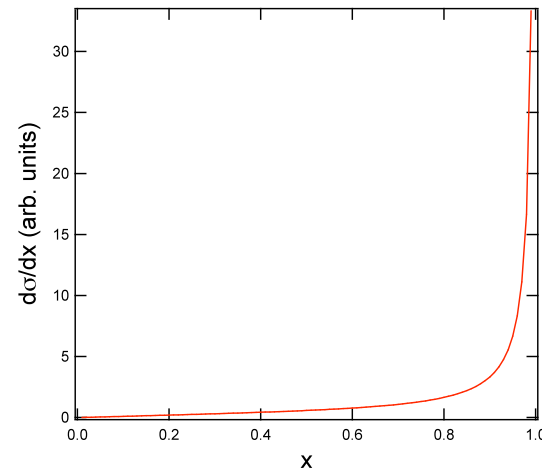


Heavier product (here  $A'$ )  
takes most of beam energy

$$E_A \sim E - m_A$$

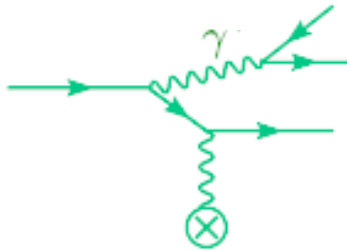
$$E_e \sim m_A$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \approx x \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{3(1-x)} \right)$$

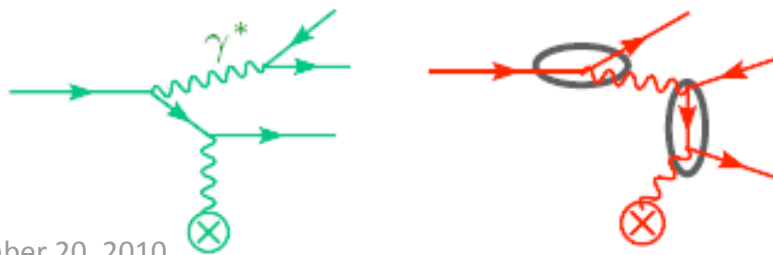


# Backgrounds

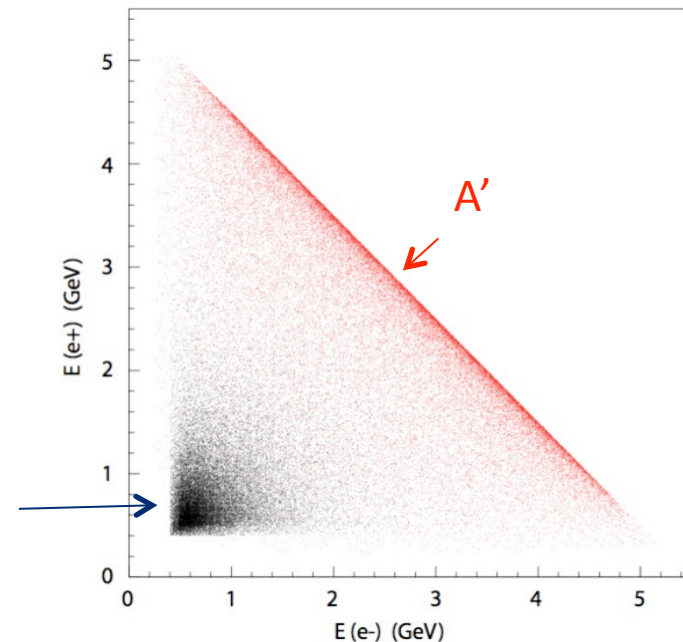
- Multiple Coulomb scattering in the target
- Secondary particle production in the target
  - Bremsstrahlung
  - Delta-rays
- Pair conversion of bremsstrahlung photon
  - Two step process; the rate  $\sim$ (target thickness)<sup>2</sup>



- Virtual photon conversion and Bethe-Heitler processes



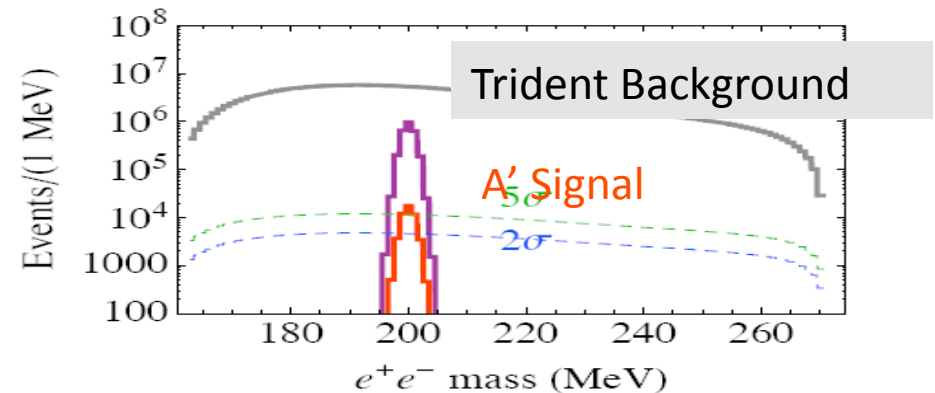
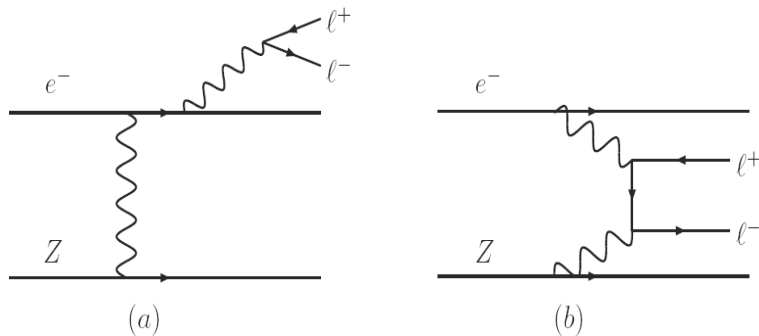
- Thin target to reduce the rate
  - Magnetic field to remove low energy e-
  - Define dead zone
- 
- Target thickness is 0.25%  $X_0$ 
    - $\sigma(\gamma \rightarrow ee) \ll \sigma(\gamma^* \rightarrow ee)$





# Heavy Photon Signatures

- A heavy photon appears as an  $e^+e^-$  resonance on a large background of QED tridents.



- S/B depends on  $\epsilon$  and resolution.

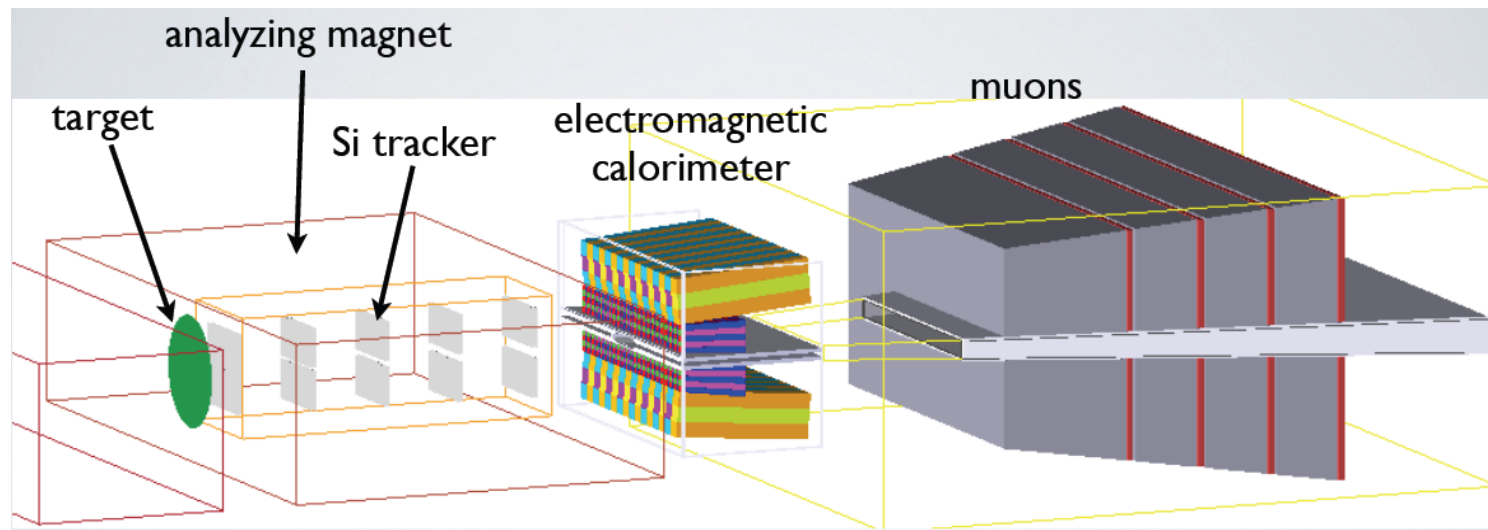
$$\frac{d\sigma(e^- Z \rightarrow e^- Z (A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-))}{d\sigma(e^- Z \rightarrow e^- Z (\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+ e^-))} = \left( \frac{3\pi\epsilon^2}{2 N_{eff} \alpha} \right) \left( \frac{m_{A'}}{\delta m_{A'}} \right) \propto \epsilon^2 / \delta m$$

- The heavy photon lifetime depends on mass and  $\epsilon$ . For suitable values, a secondary decay vertex can be identified, distinguishing the  $A'$  from the trident background.

$$\gamma c\tau \sim 1 \text{ mm } (\gamma/10)(10^{-4}/\epsilon)^2 (100 \text{ MeV}/m_{A'})$$

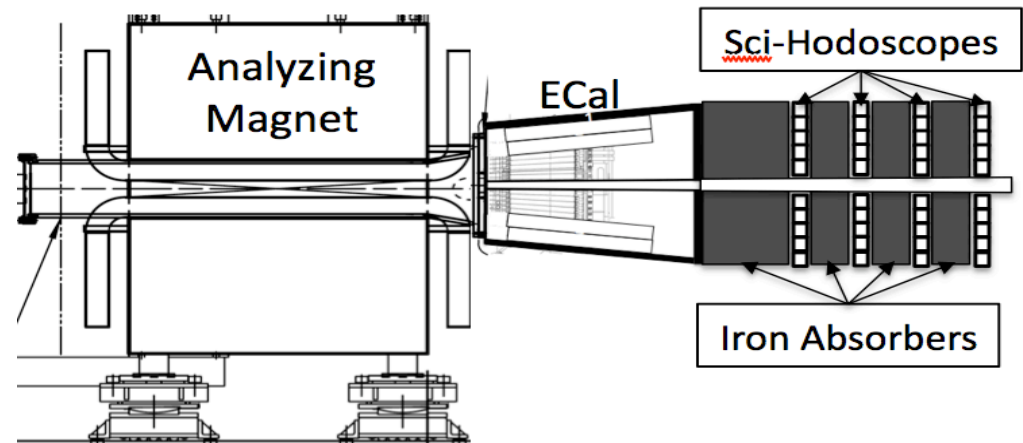
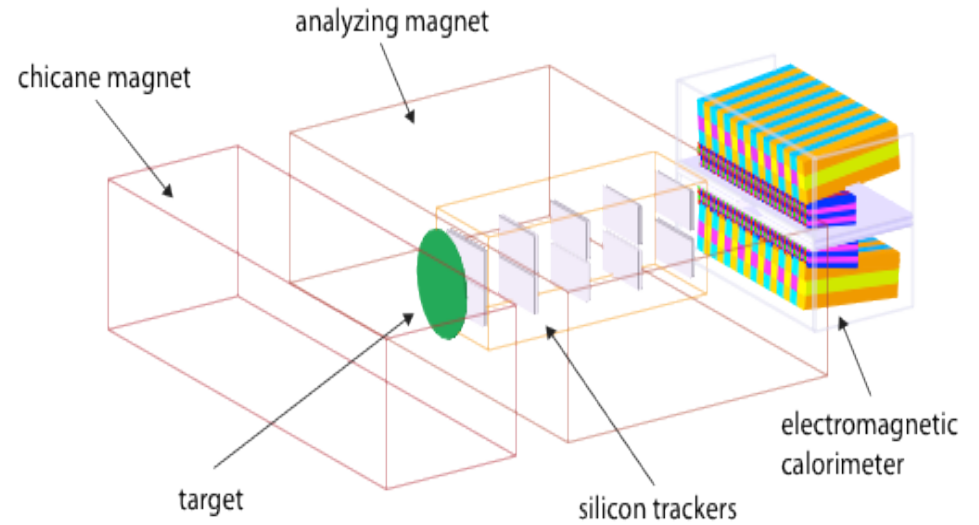
# Full HPS

- Forward, compact spectrometer/vertex detector measures mass and decay length
- EM Calorimeter provides fast trigger and electron ID.
- 100% CEBAF duty cycle and high rate DAQ provide the sensitivity to search for rare processes
- All detectors crowd the hot electron beam and avoid the “wall of flame”.



# HPS Concept

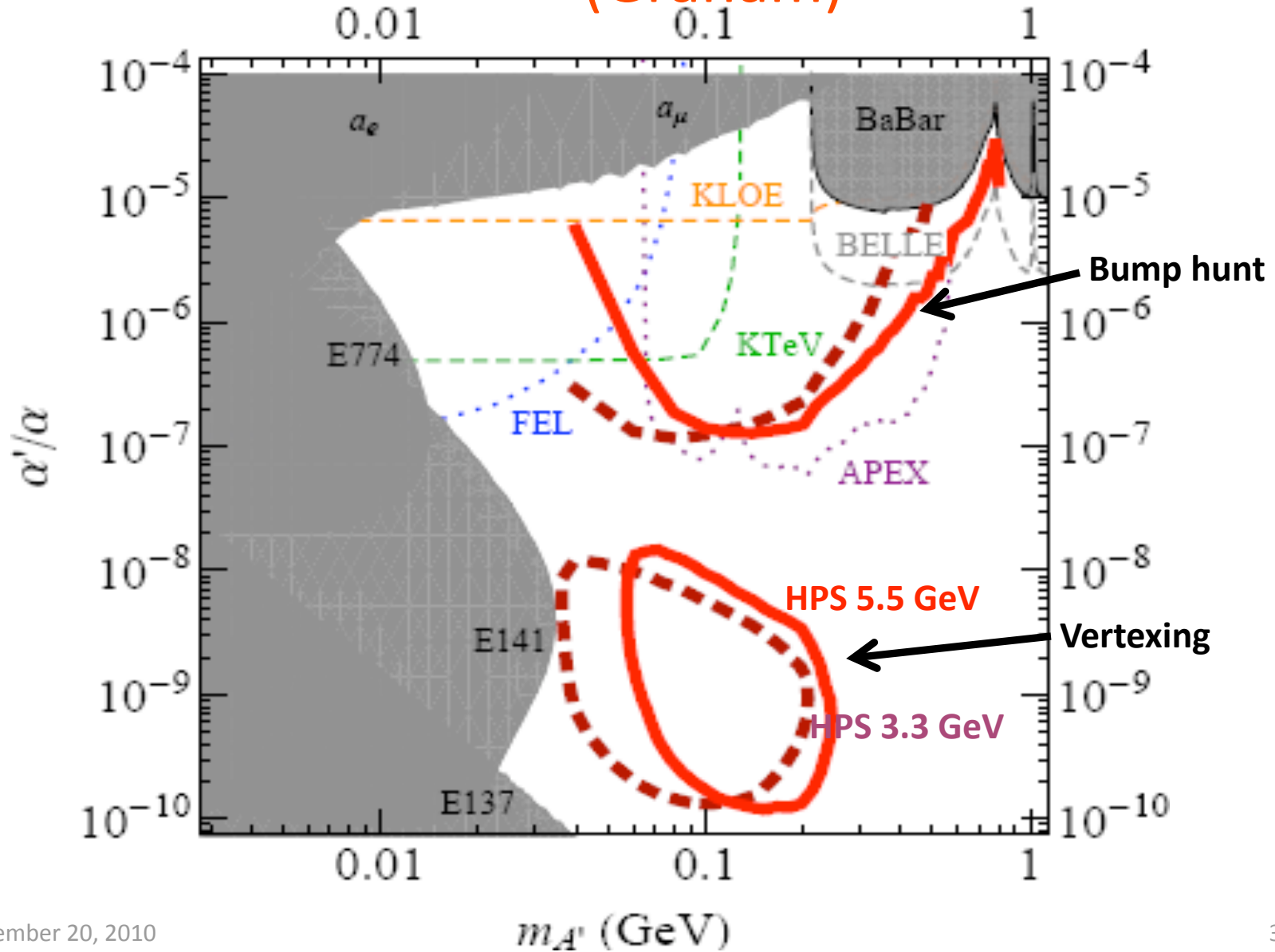
- Thin Target Close to Tracker for vertexing
- Compact Si Tracker/Vertexer in 1T dipole
- Fast, segmented Ecal for triggering, e ID
- Muon detector for alternate trigger, muon ID
- Split detectors vertically to avoid “Dead Zone” occupied by primary beam, brem photons, etc.



# HPS Reach: Bump Hunt and Vertex Search

1 month run @400nA

(Graham)

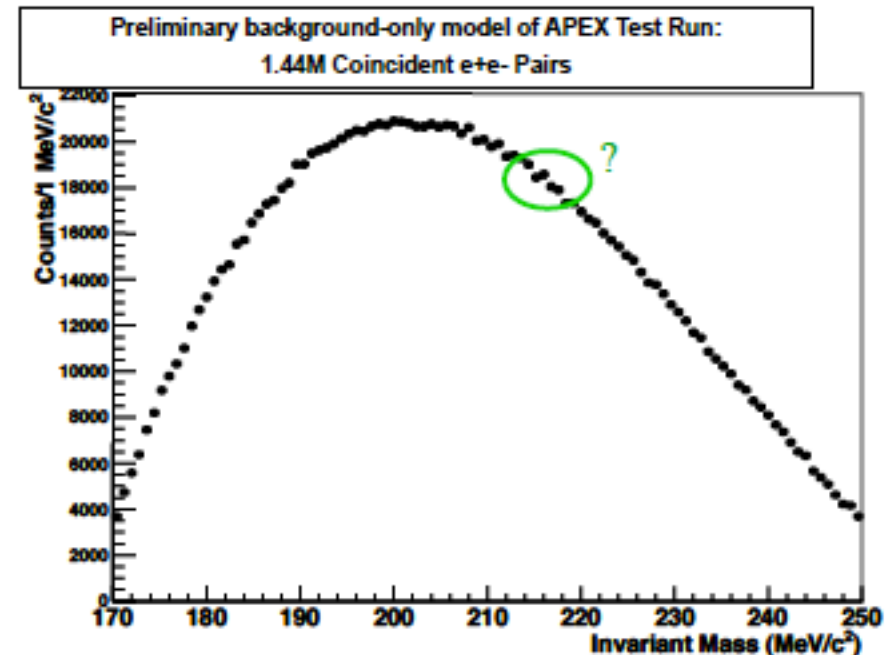
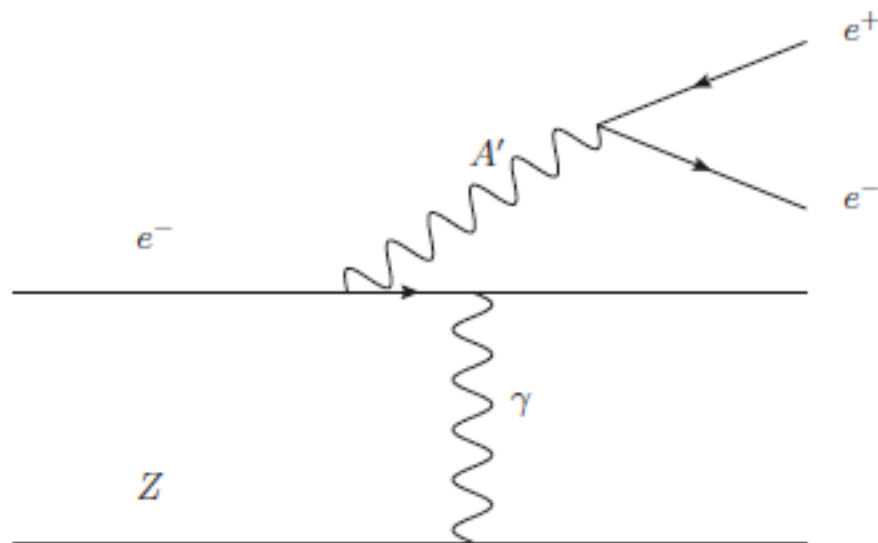


# Heavy Photon Search in Hall A

# APEX Peak Search



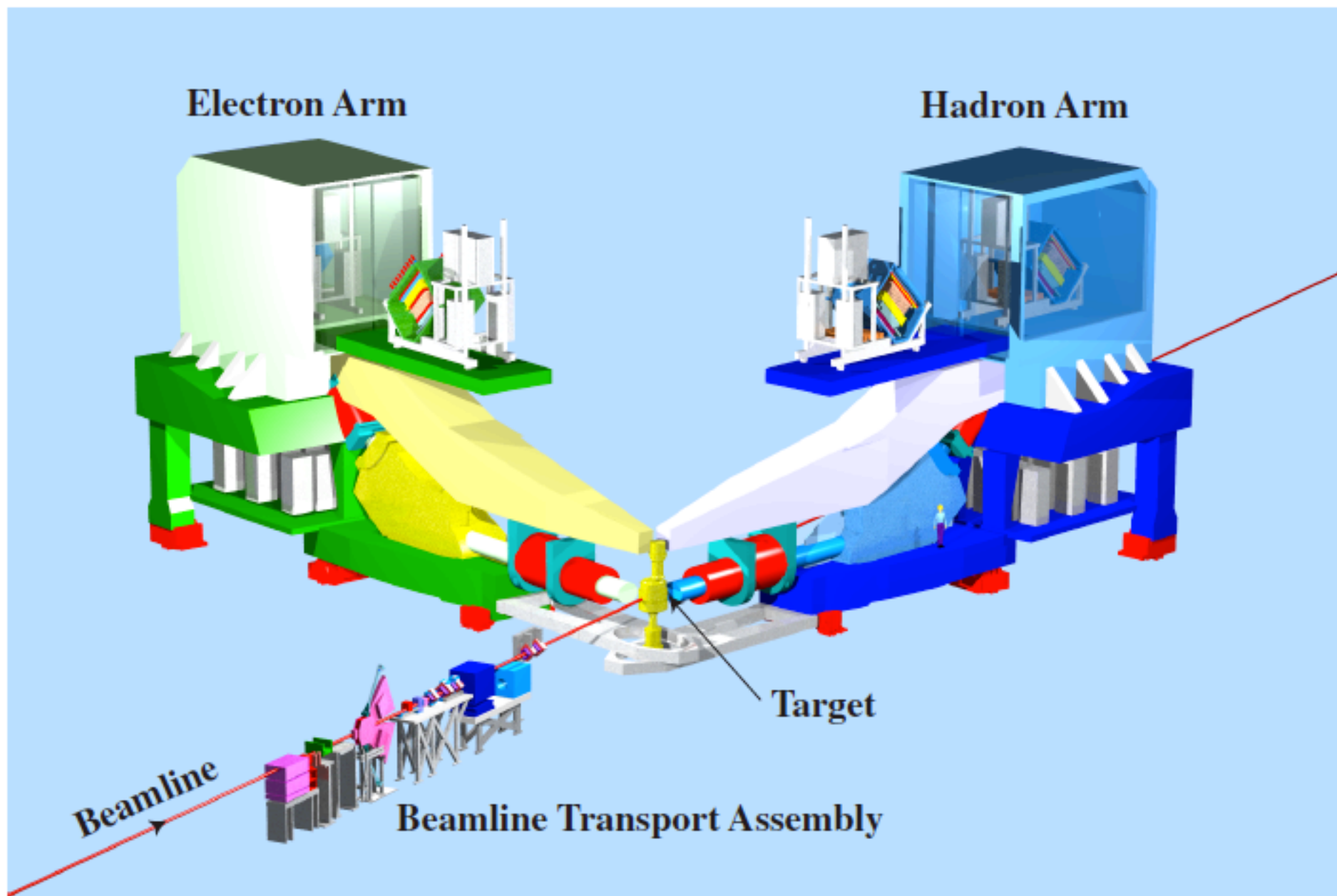
*Looking for a small, narrow resonance in a high-statistics, finely-binned invariant mass spectrum*



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# Hall A



# The APEX Experiment and Test Run

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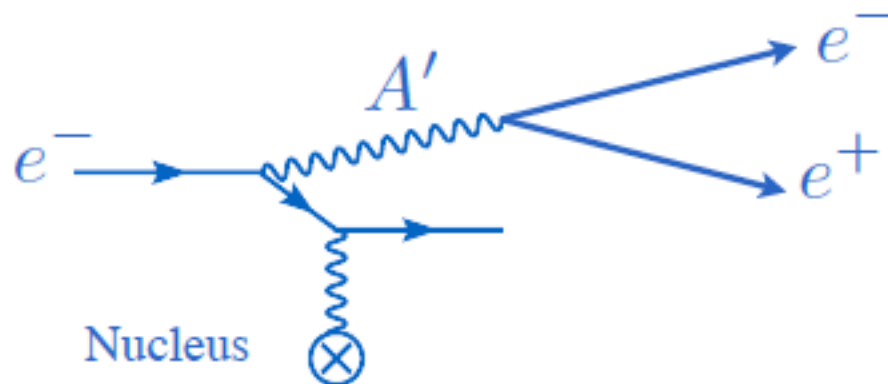
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## A' Properties in APEX Search Region ( $\alpha'/\alpha > 10^{-7}$ )

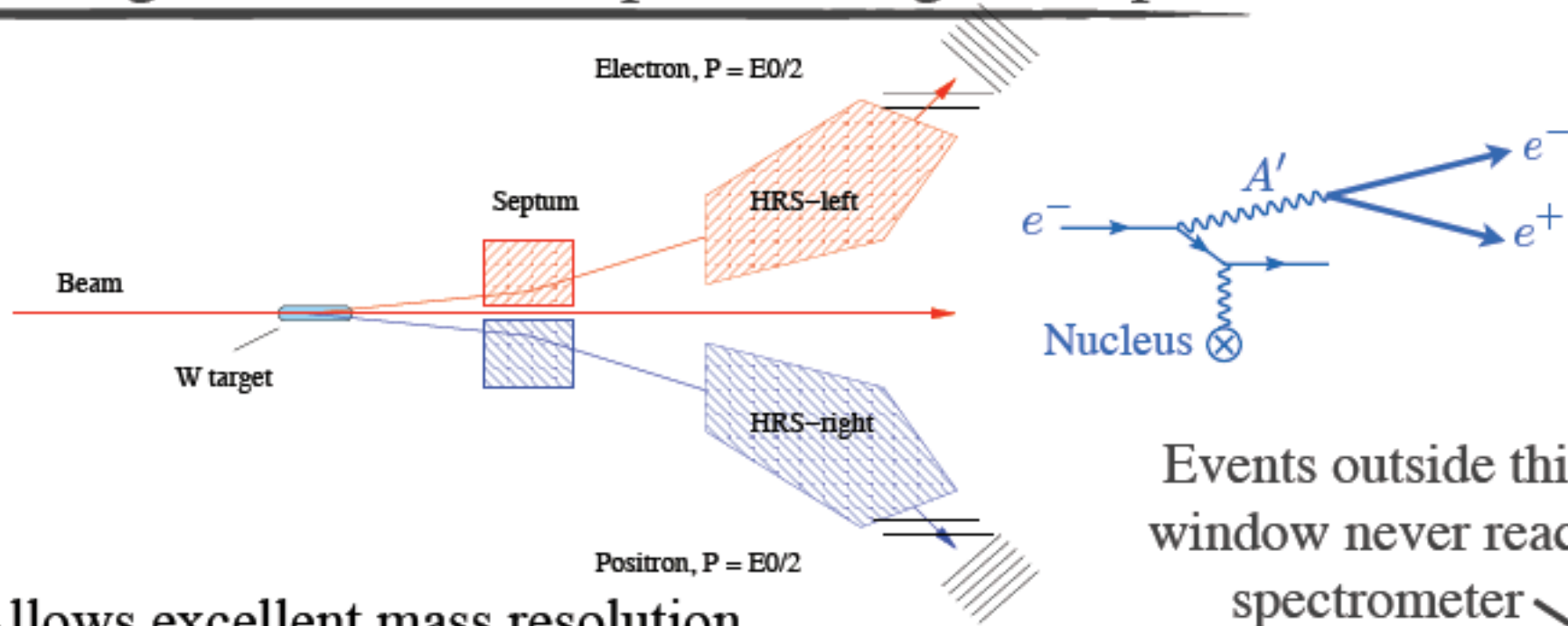
- Produced abundantly through **bremsstrahlung** (e.g.  $>1/\text{second}$  for  $75 \mu\text{A}$  beam,  $0.1 X_0$ )



- $A'$  decays promptly to  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ , or  $\pi^+\pi^-$   
 $\Rightarrow$  large QED background

**Strategy:** measure  $e^+e^-$  mass spectrum **precisely**,  
search for **small peak**  $\Rightarrow$  maximize rate & resolution

# Advantages of small-acceptance magnetic spectrometer



Events outside this window never reach spectrometer

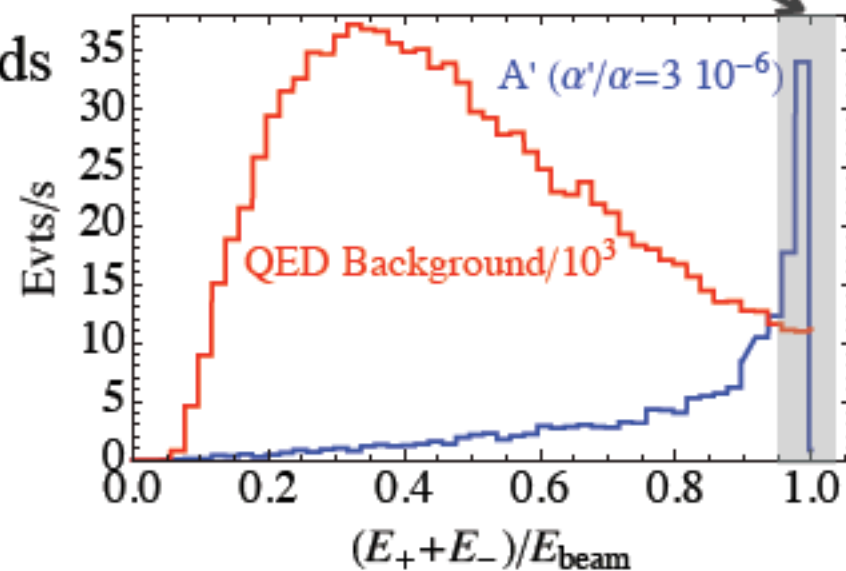
- Allows excellent mass resolution
- Dramatic suppression of large backgrounds

Singles:

- Elastic scattered  $e^-$
- Moller  $e^-$

Coincidence:

- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$
- Radiated  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$

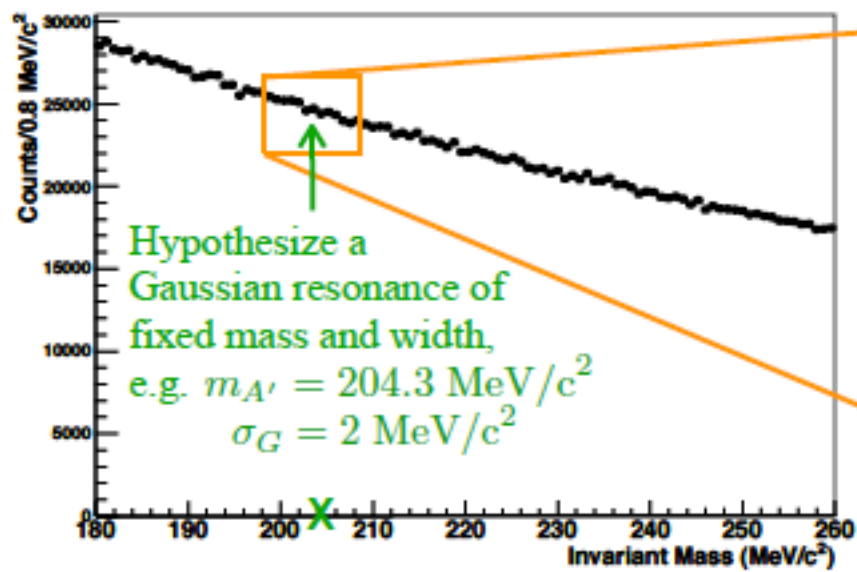


To maximize **angular acceptance**, operate at narrow angles

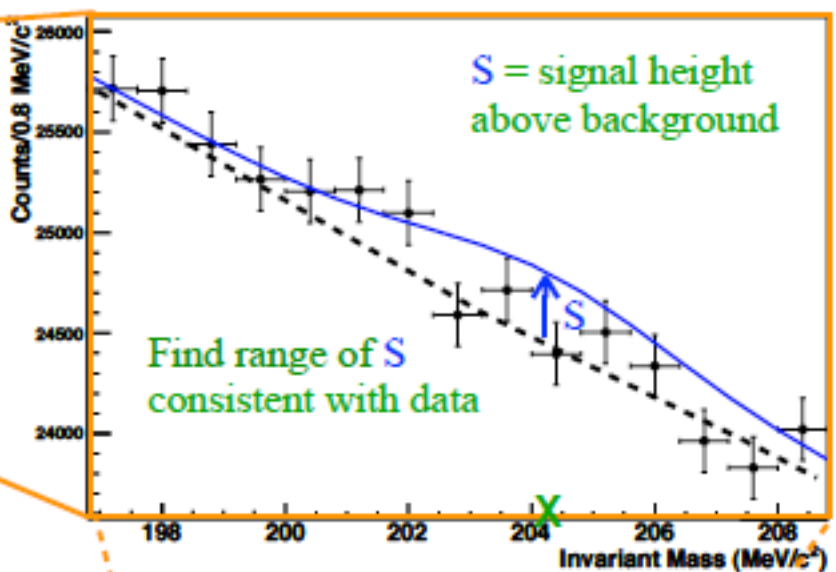
# Setting Limits: General Procedure

**START:**  $S = 0$

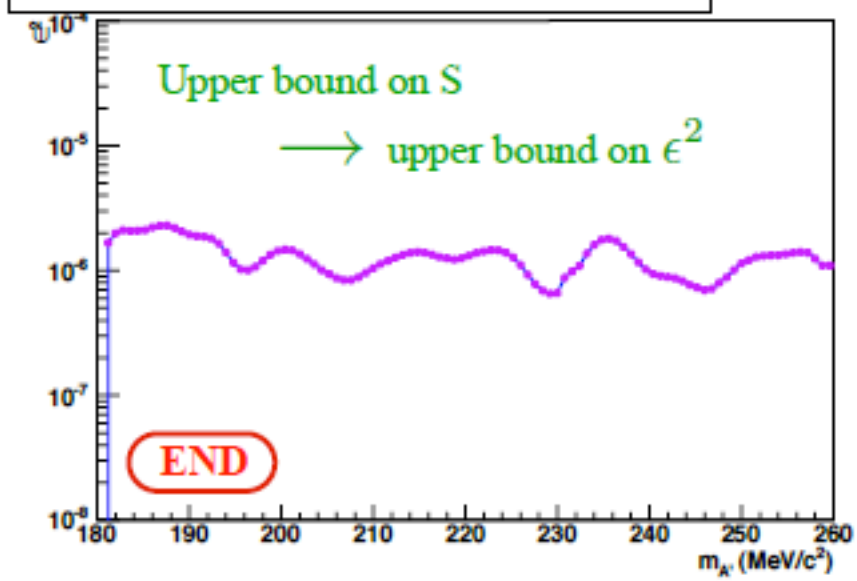
Toy model: Coincident  $e^+e^-$  pairs



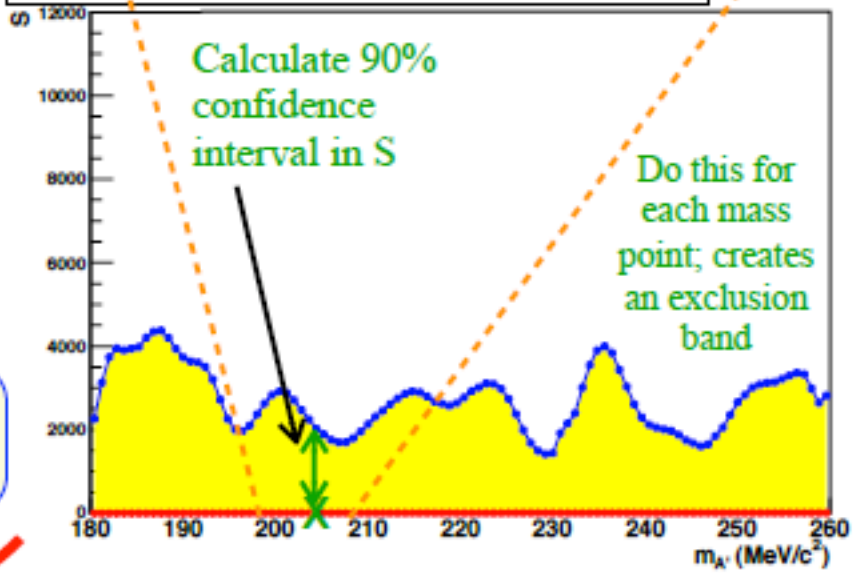
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Toy model: Upper bound on  $\epsilon^2$

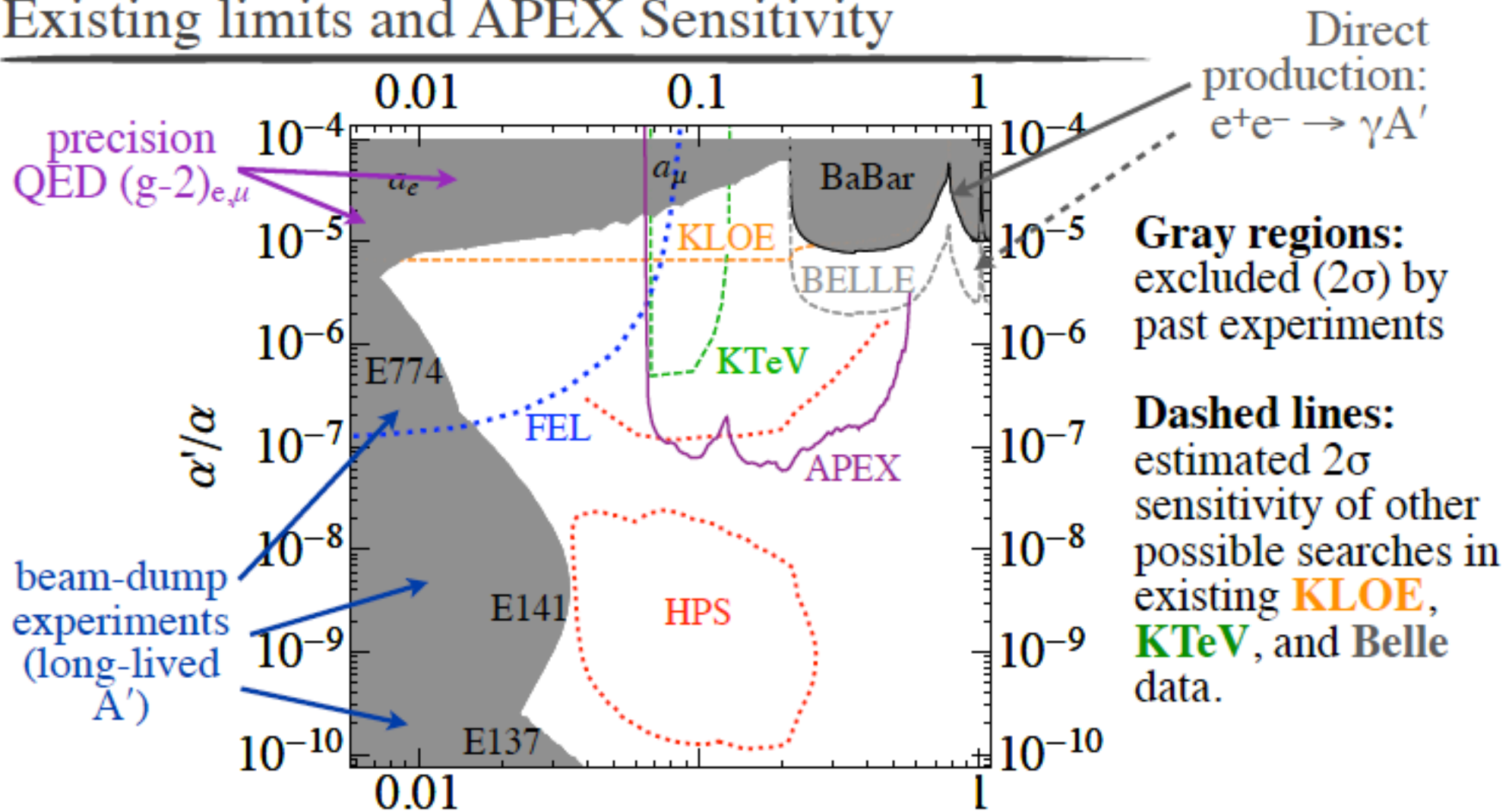


Toy model: confidence intervals



One more step...

# Existing limits and APEX Sensitivity



◆  $(g-2)_\mu$  ◆ dark matter motivation ◆ GUT region of  $\alpha'/\alpha$

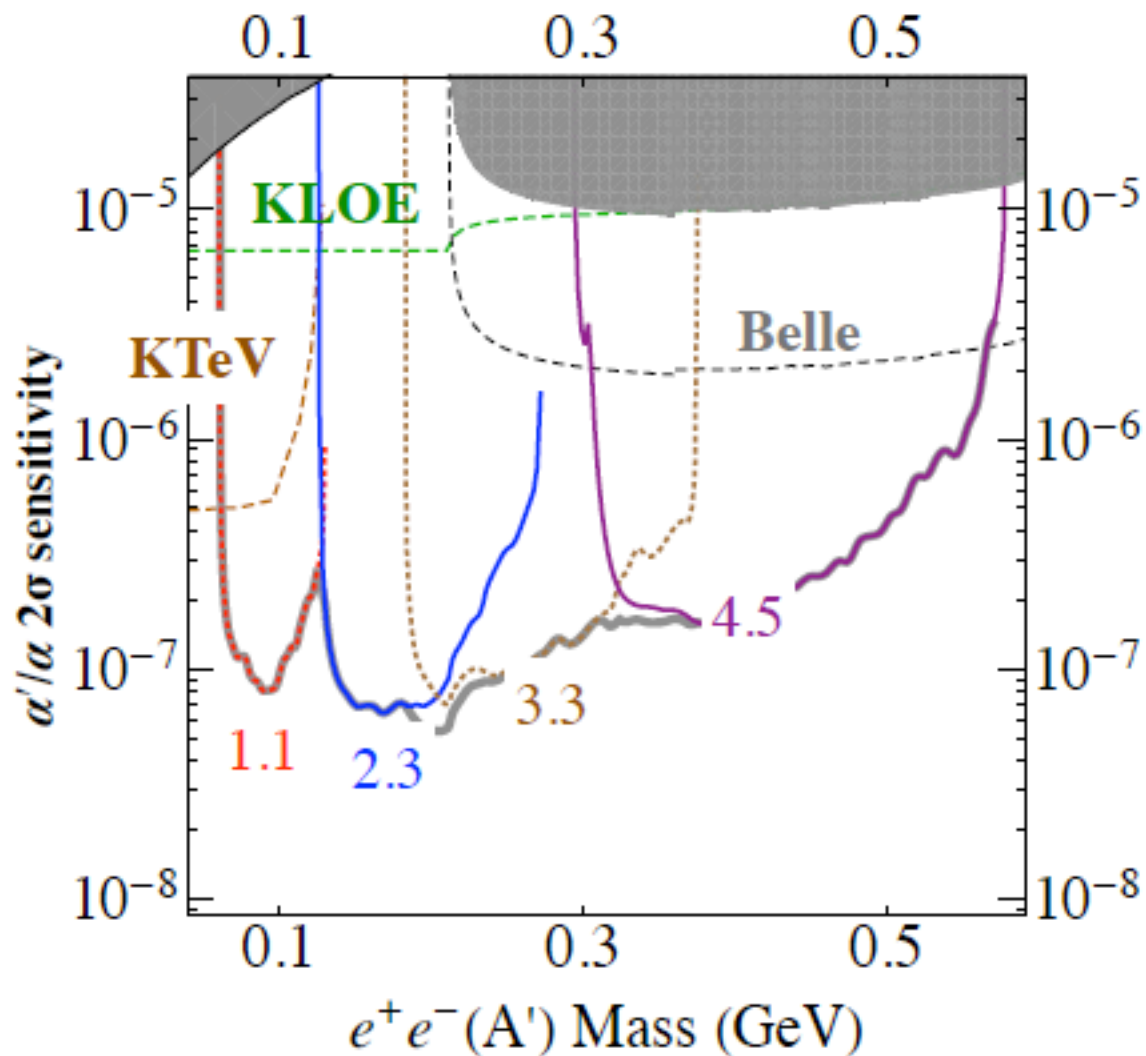
**Wide open range of couplings to explore**

**Timely measurement, ready equipment**

Could be ready with 1-month notice

# APEX sensitivity

Narrow acceptance  $\Rightarrow$  cover mass range from 60 to 600 MeV with separate 6–12 day runs at 4 beam energies



## summary

- LIPSS published results, new plans with high power laser
- DARKLIGHT conditionally approved for running in ~2013
- HPS in Hall B approved for beam time; staged approach
- APEX in Hall A initial running completed