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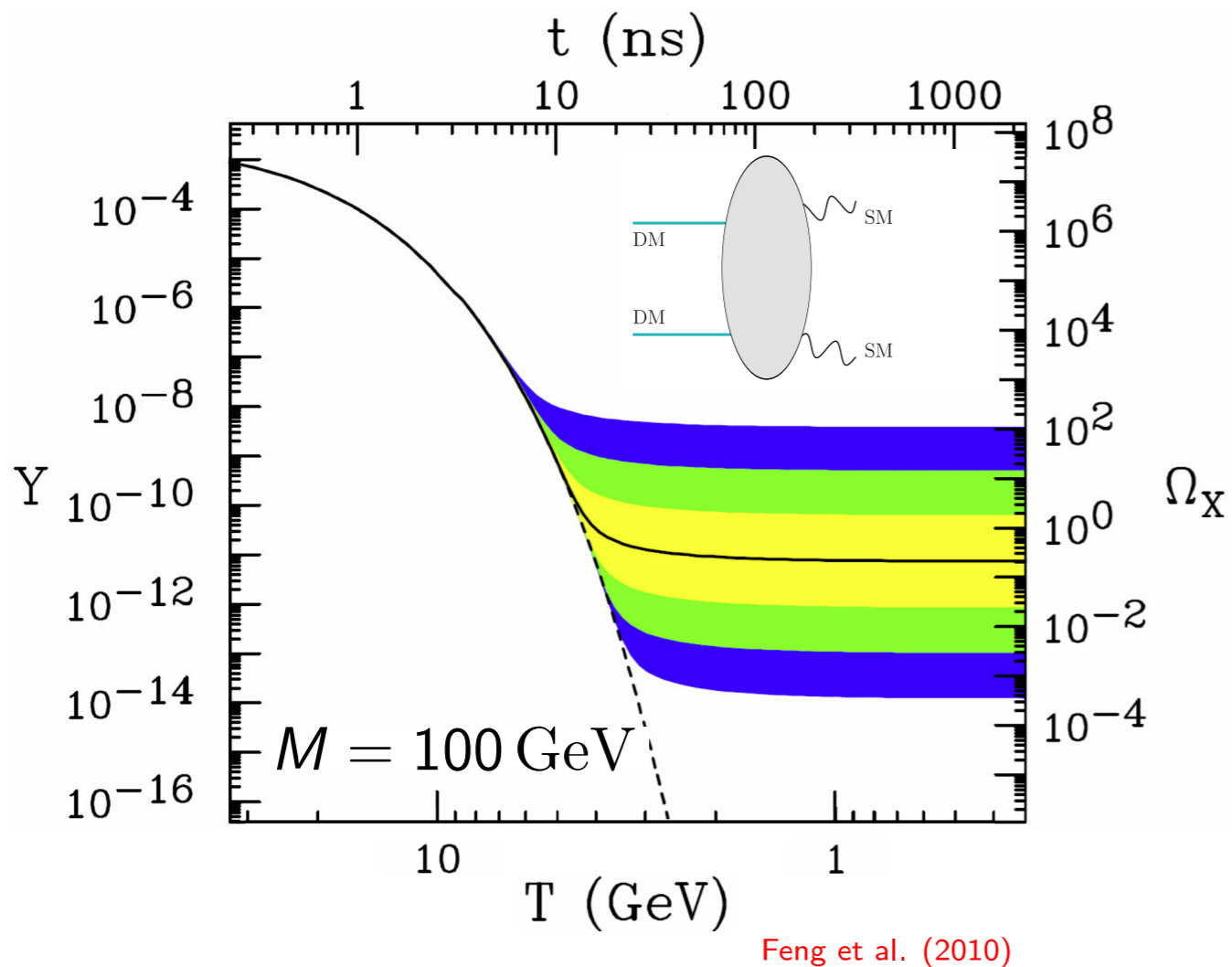
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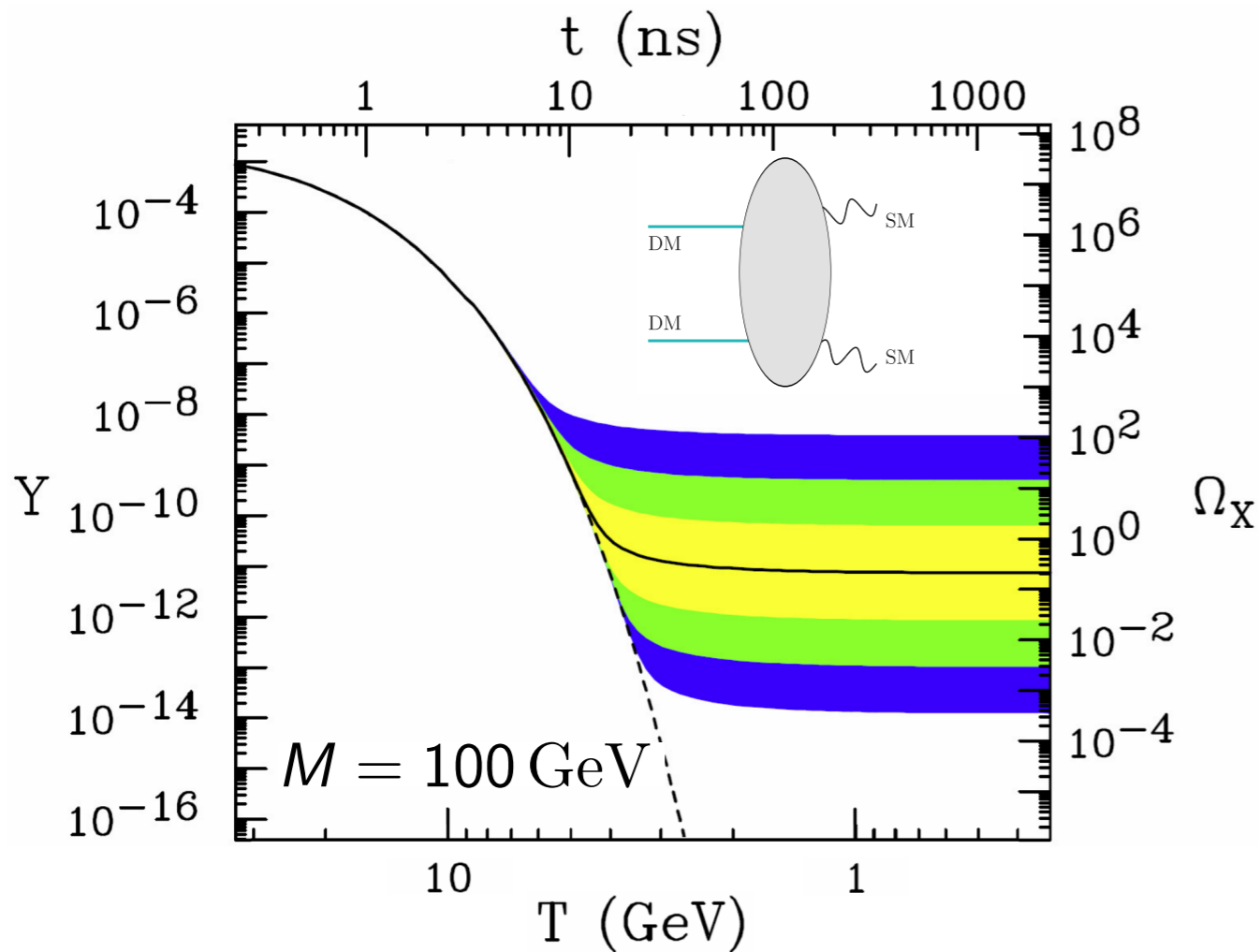
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Feng et al. (2010)

$\sigma v \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
 $\sigma \sim 1 \text{ pb}$
 m from subGeV to 100TeV

Griest and Kamionkowski (1990).

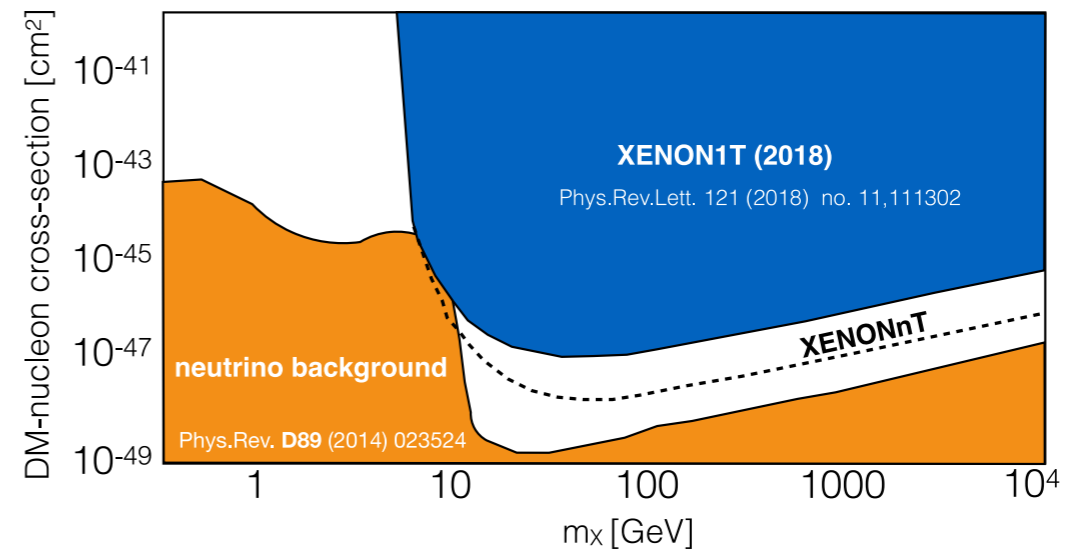
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Direct searches

Light dark matter does not have enough momentum to kick heavy nuclei

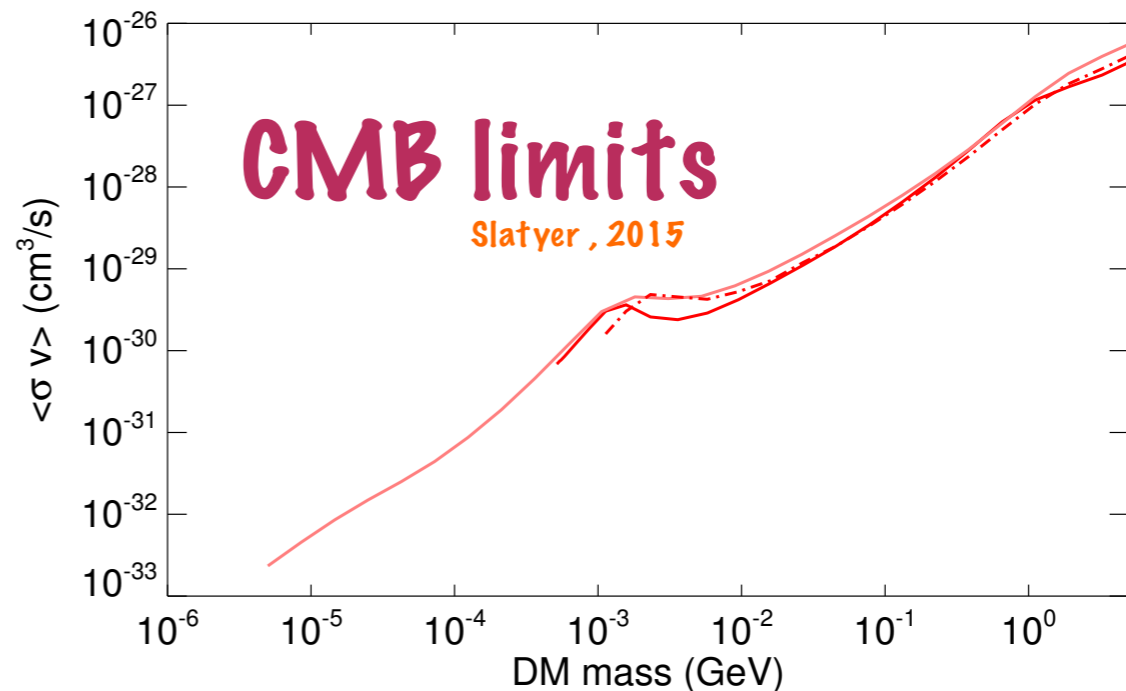
Loss of sensitivity mass for SubGeV masses.



Borrowed from Tien-Tien Yu

Indirect searches

S-wave thermal cross sections are excluded by CMB observations



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start with ψ a Dirac fermion charged under a $U(1)$ symmetry.

After $U(1)$ symmetry breaking

$$\chi_1 = \frac{\psi - \psi^c}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_2 = \frac{\psi + \psi^c}{\sqrt{2}}.$$



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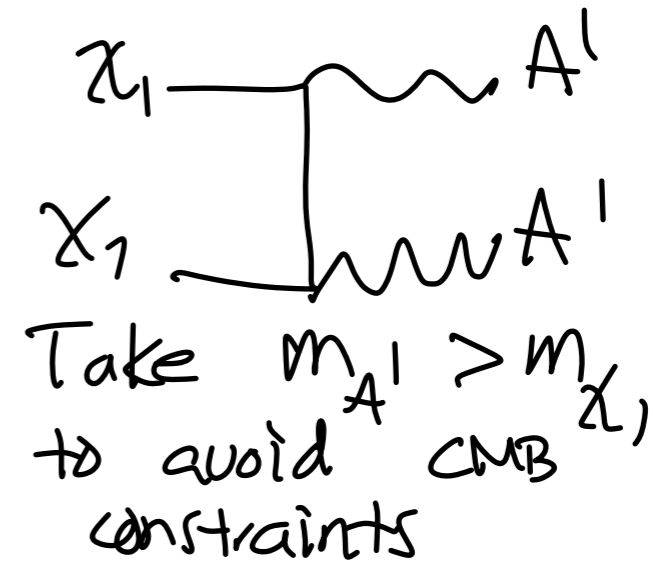
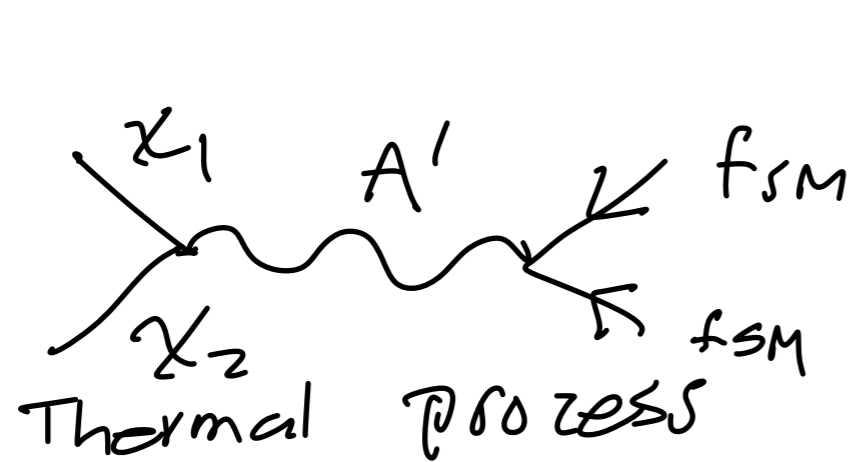
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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} \hat{X}_{\mu\nu} \hat{X}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2c_W} \hat{X}_{\mu\nu} \hat{B}^{\mu\nu}$$



A' inherits the coupling structure of the photon to the SM fermions where the electric charge is multiplied by a common factor ϵ .

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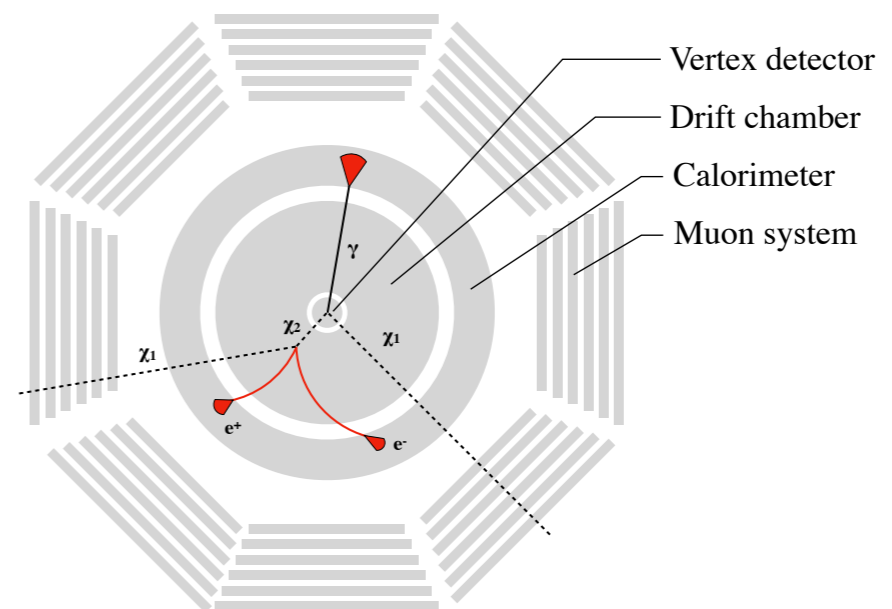
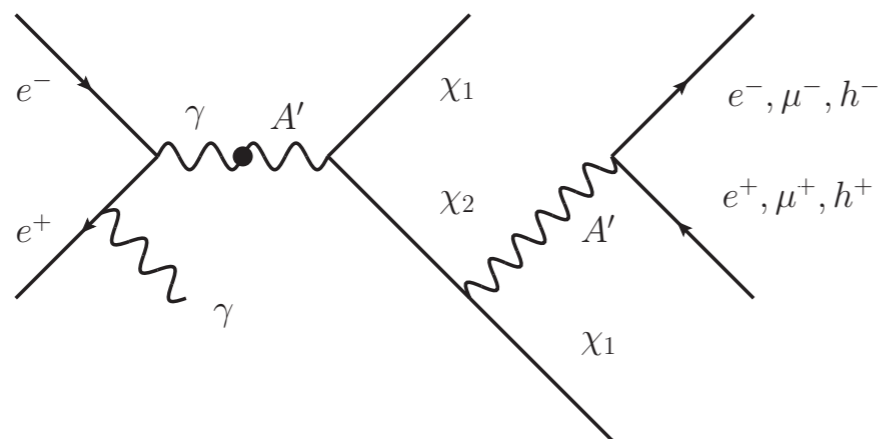


Collider signatures displaced vertices

Izaguirre, Krnjaic, Shuve (2016)

Izaguirre, Kahn, Krnjaic, Moschella (2017)

Duerr, Ferber, Hearty, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg (2019)



Open questions

This talk

Duerr, Ferber, Garcia-Cely, Hearty, Schmidt-Hoberg

Preliminary

What process generates the dark photon mass?

What induces the mass splitting $\Delta = m_{\chi_2} - m_{\chi_1}$?

Does it affect the phenomenology?

Invoke the dark Higgs mechanism:

$$V(\phi, H) = \lambda_H \left(H^\dagger H - \frac{v_H^2}{2} \right)^2 + \lambda_\phi \left(\phi^* \phi - \frac{v_\phi^2}{2} \right)^2 + \lambda_{\phi H} \left(H^\dagger H - \frac{v_H^2}{2} \right) \left(\phi^* \phi - \frac{v_\phi^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\phi = \frac{v_\phi + \hat{h}'}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$H = \left(0 \quad (v_H + \hat{h})/\sqrt{2} \right)^T$$

ϕ has two units of charge

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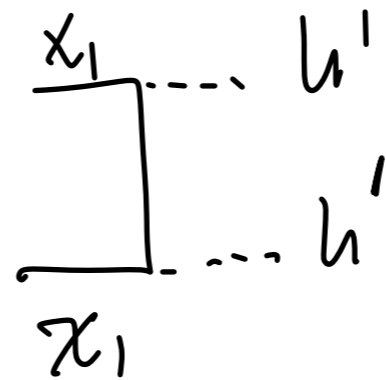
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Elastic interactions

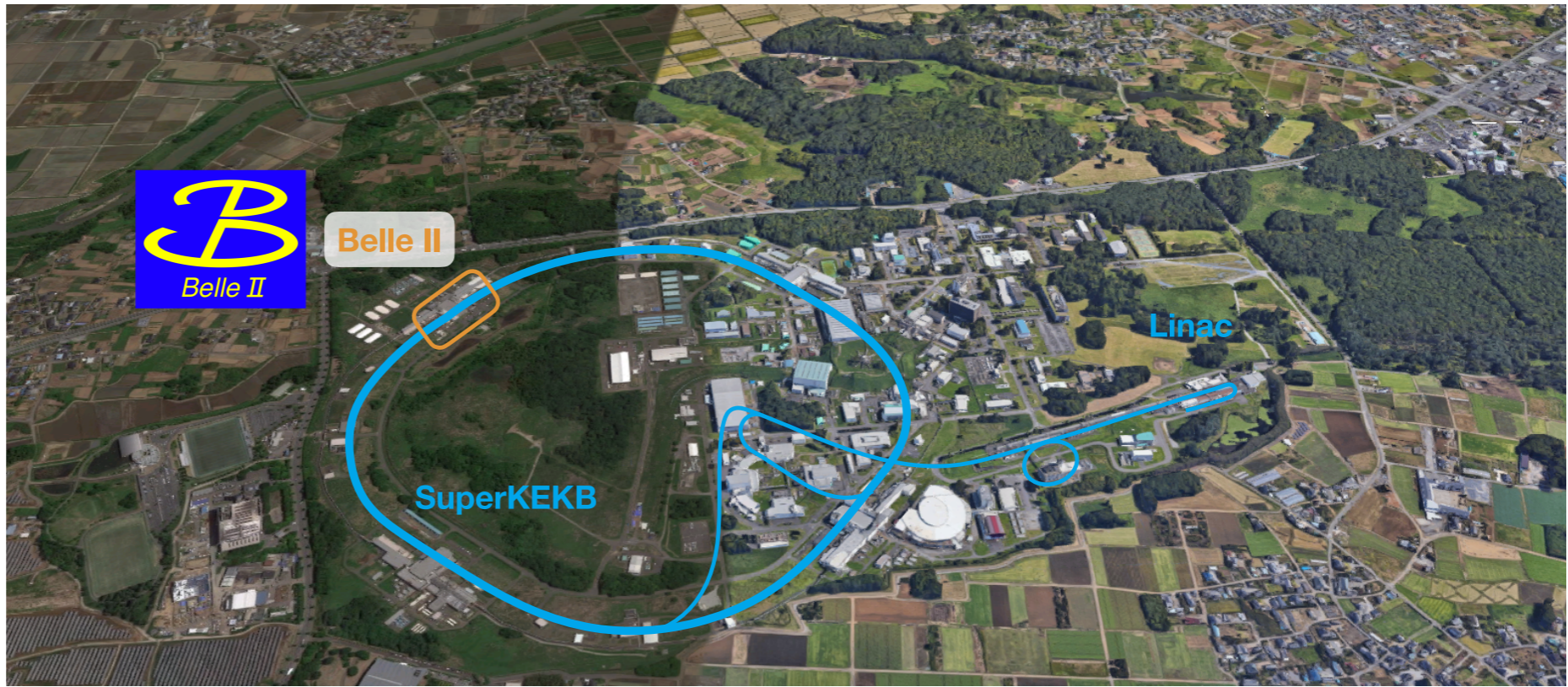
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Relic density via
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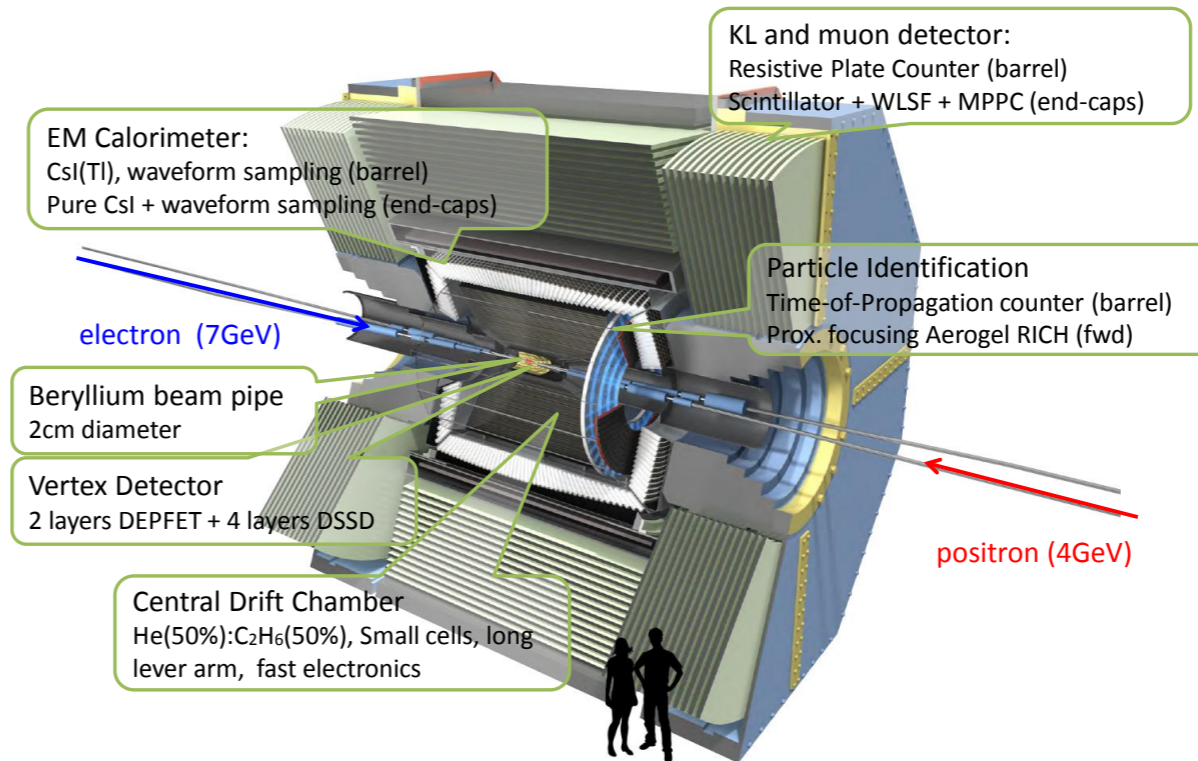
KEK in Tsukuba (Japan)



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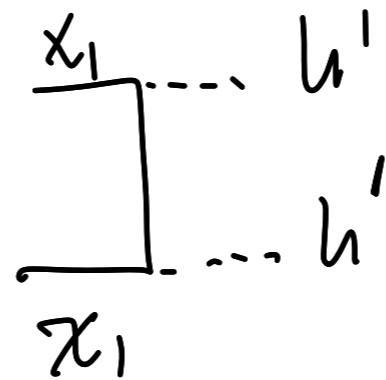
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Belle II Detector



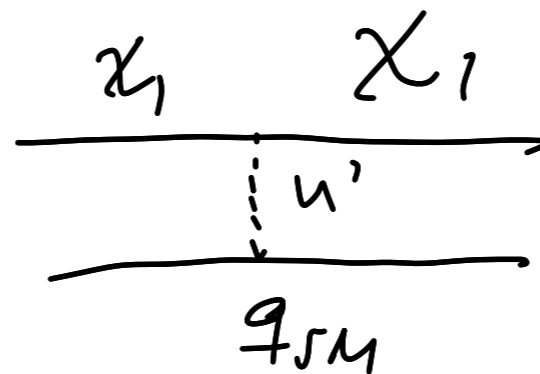
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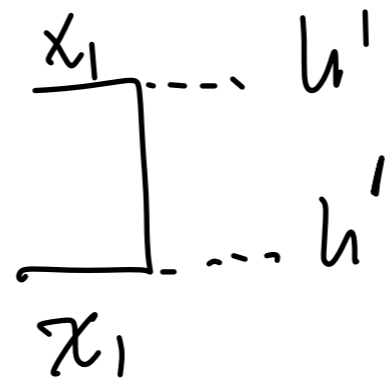
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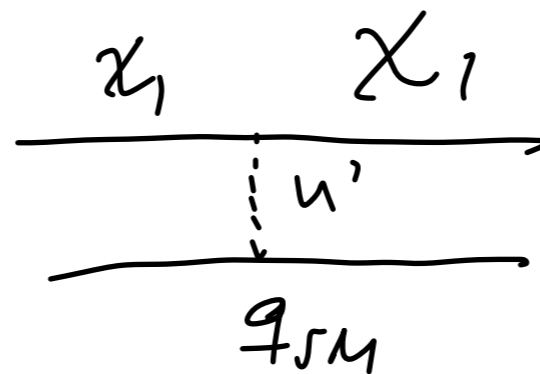
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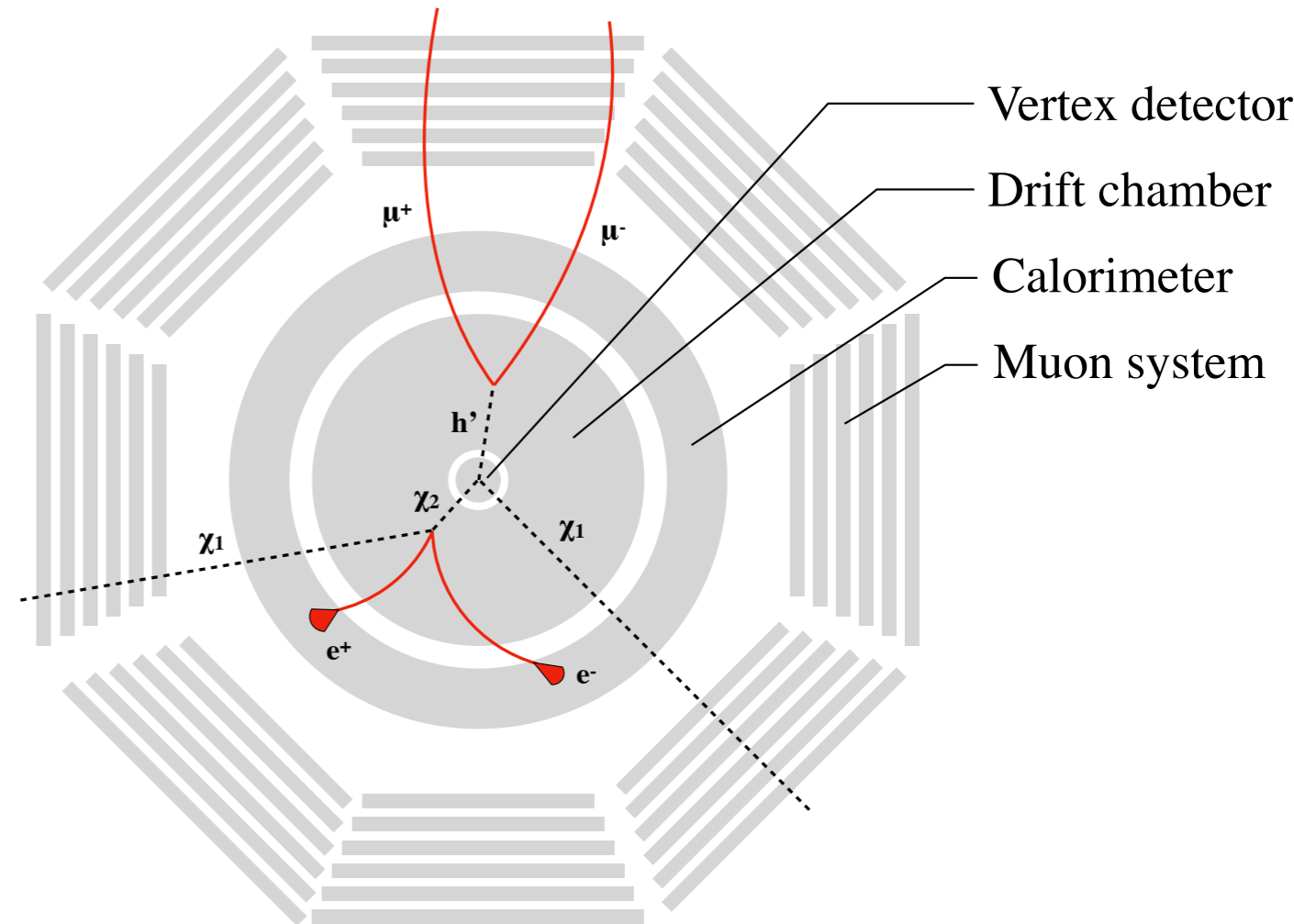
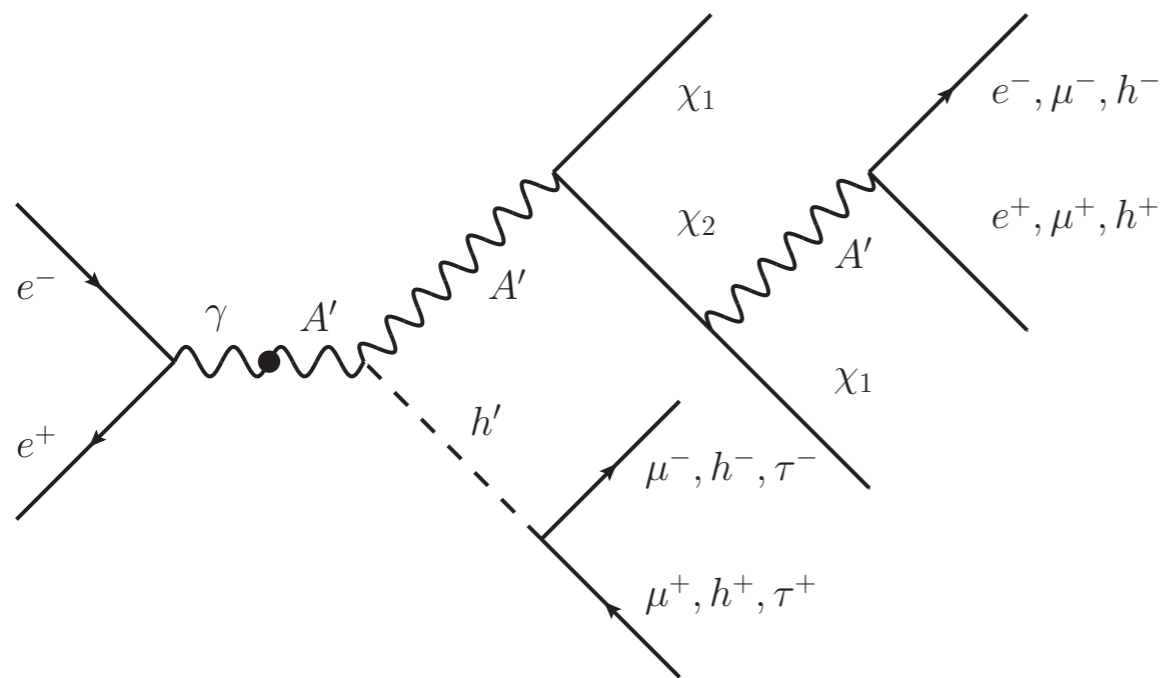


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More parameter space

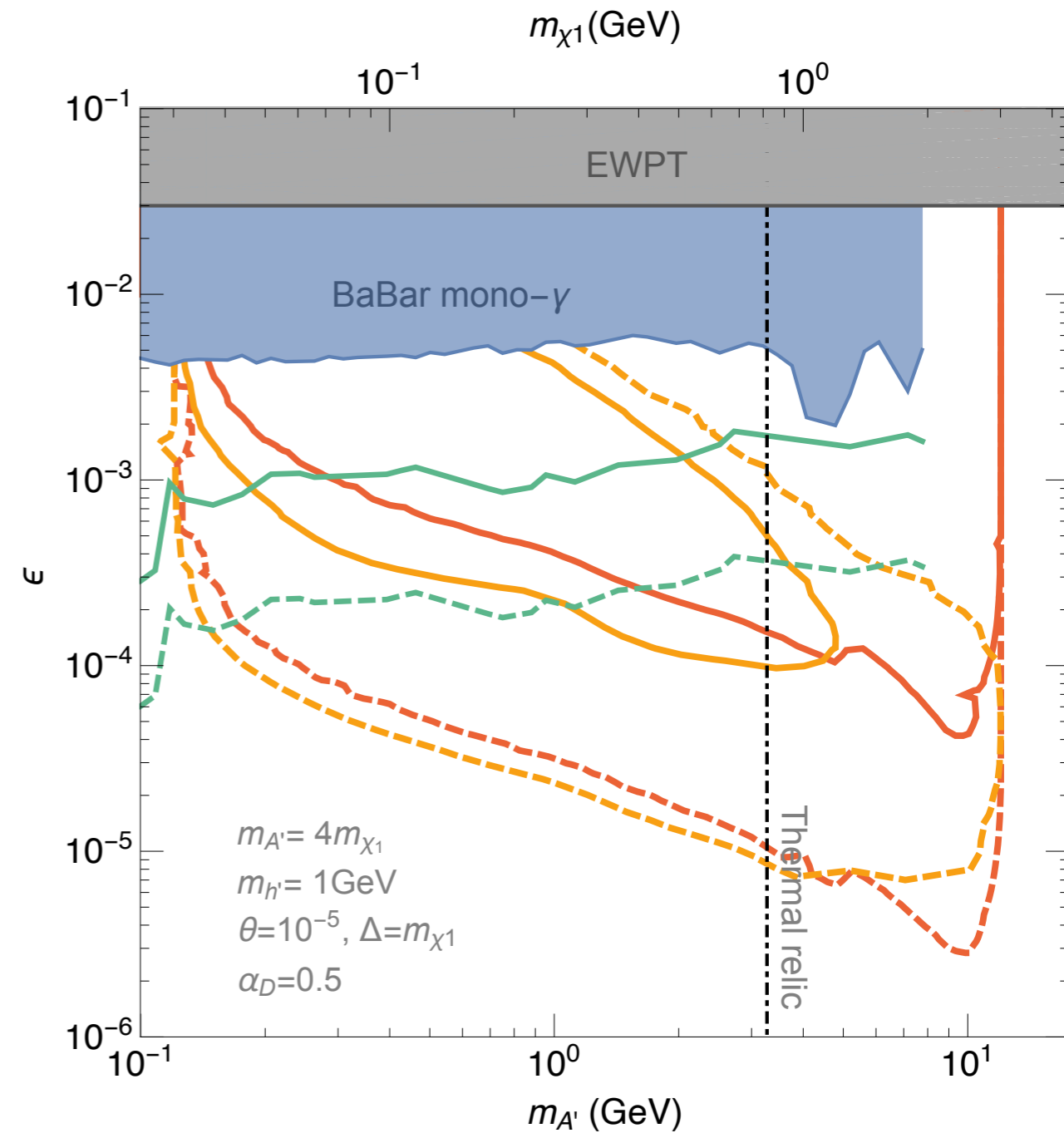
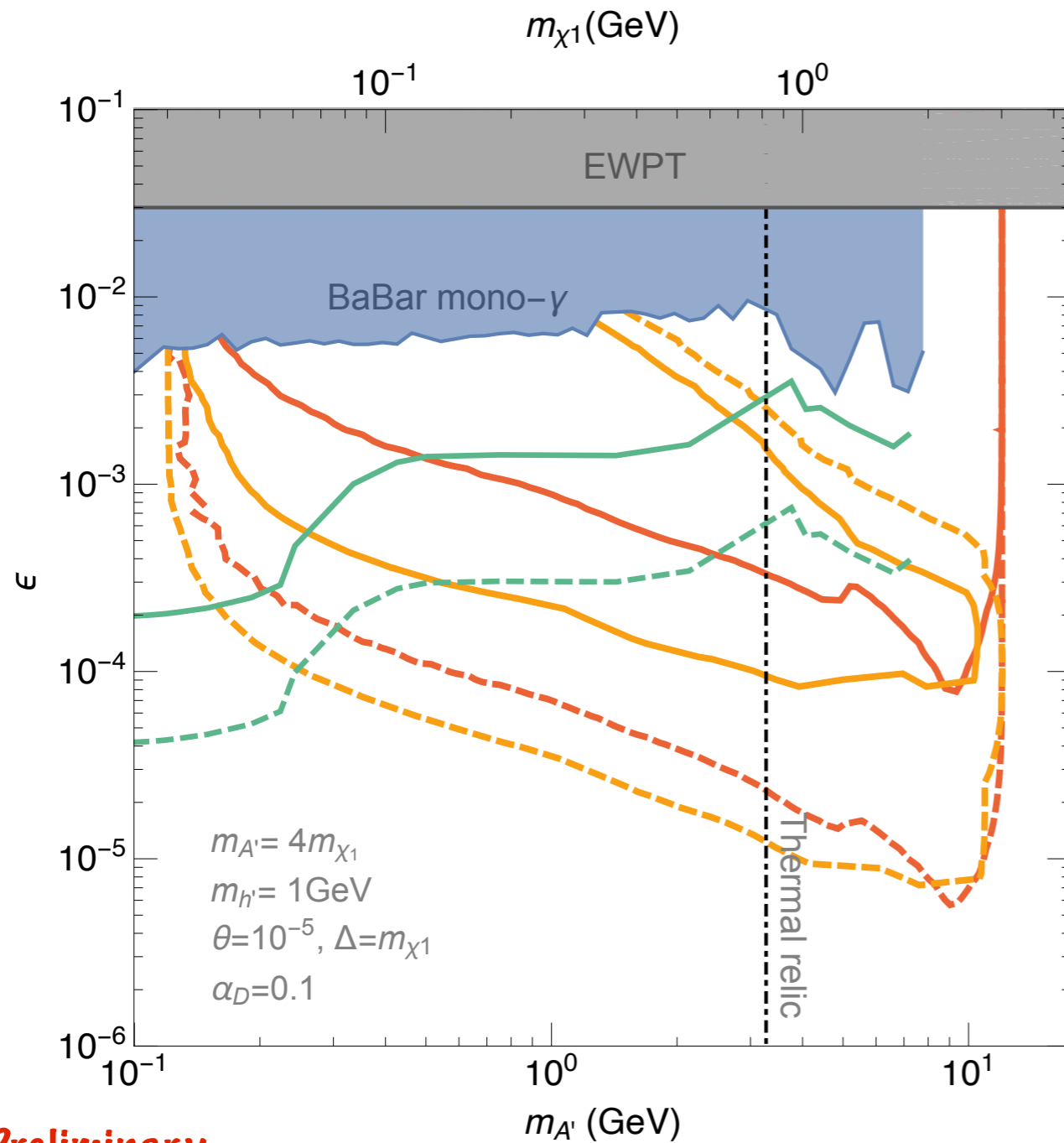
Rich phenomenology

Displaced Vertices involving the Higgs



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Dark Photon Plane

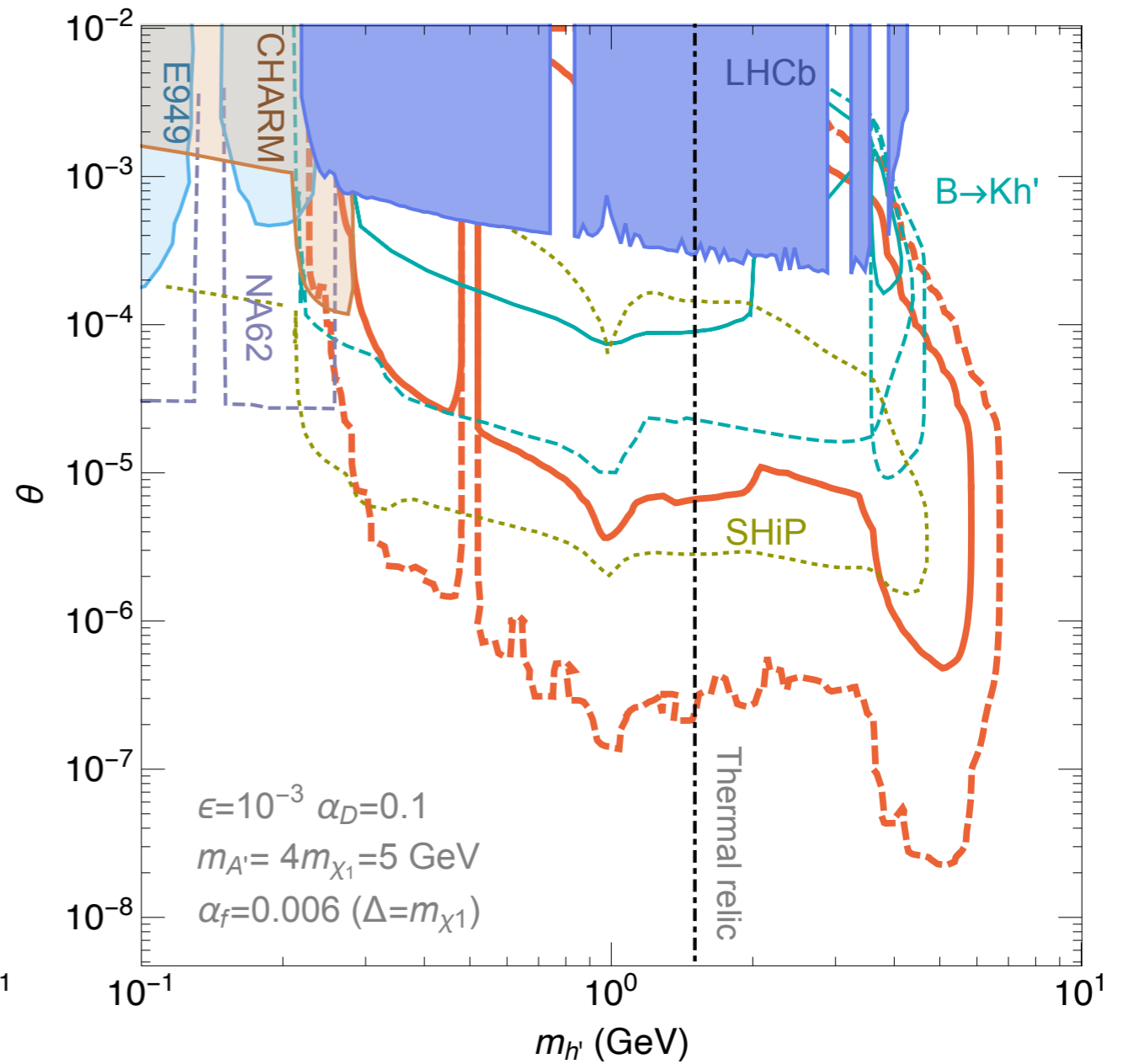
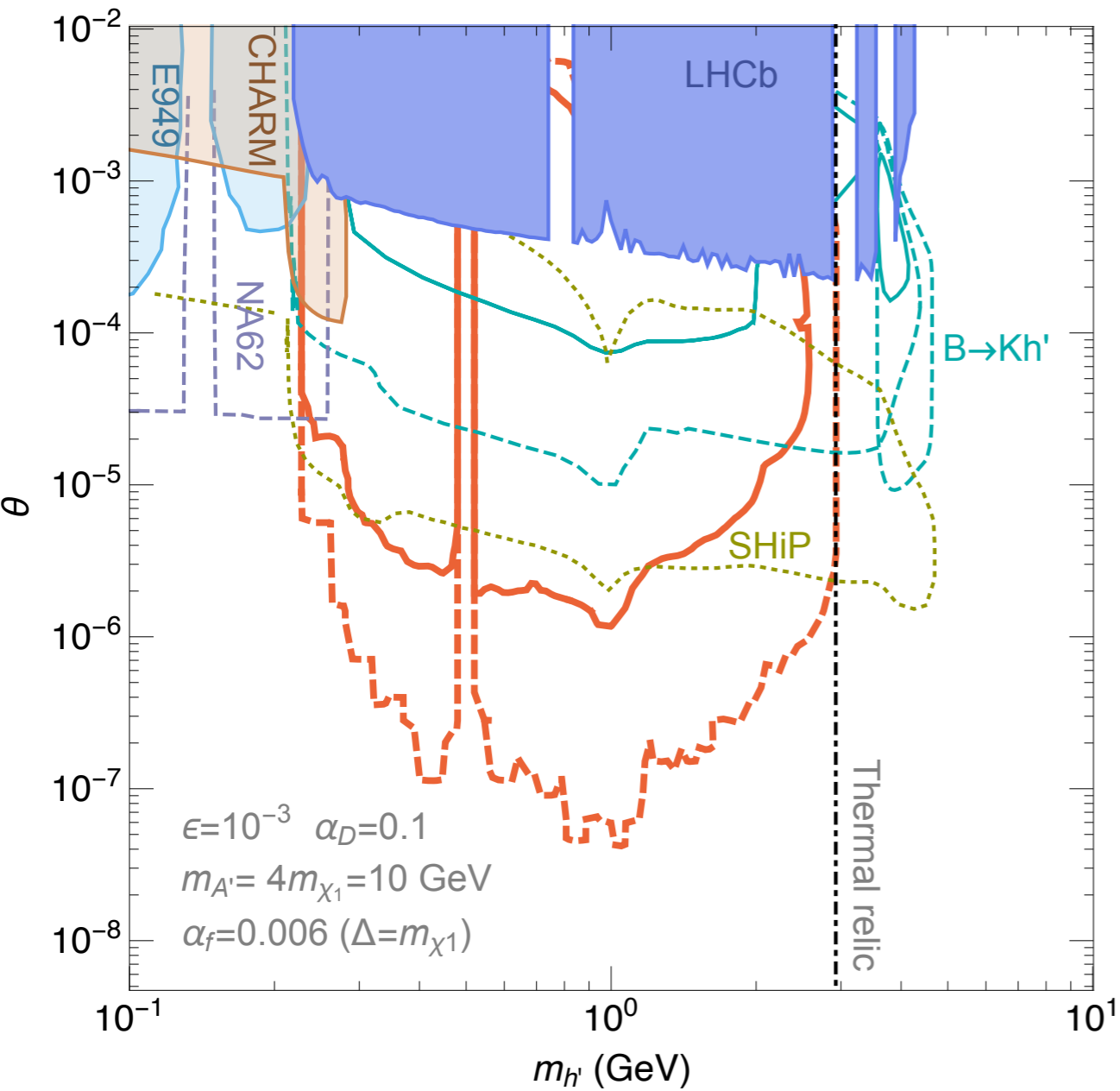


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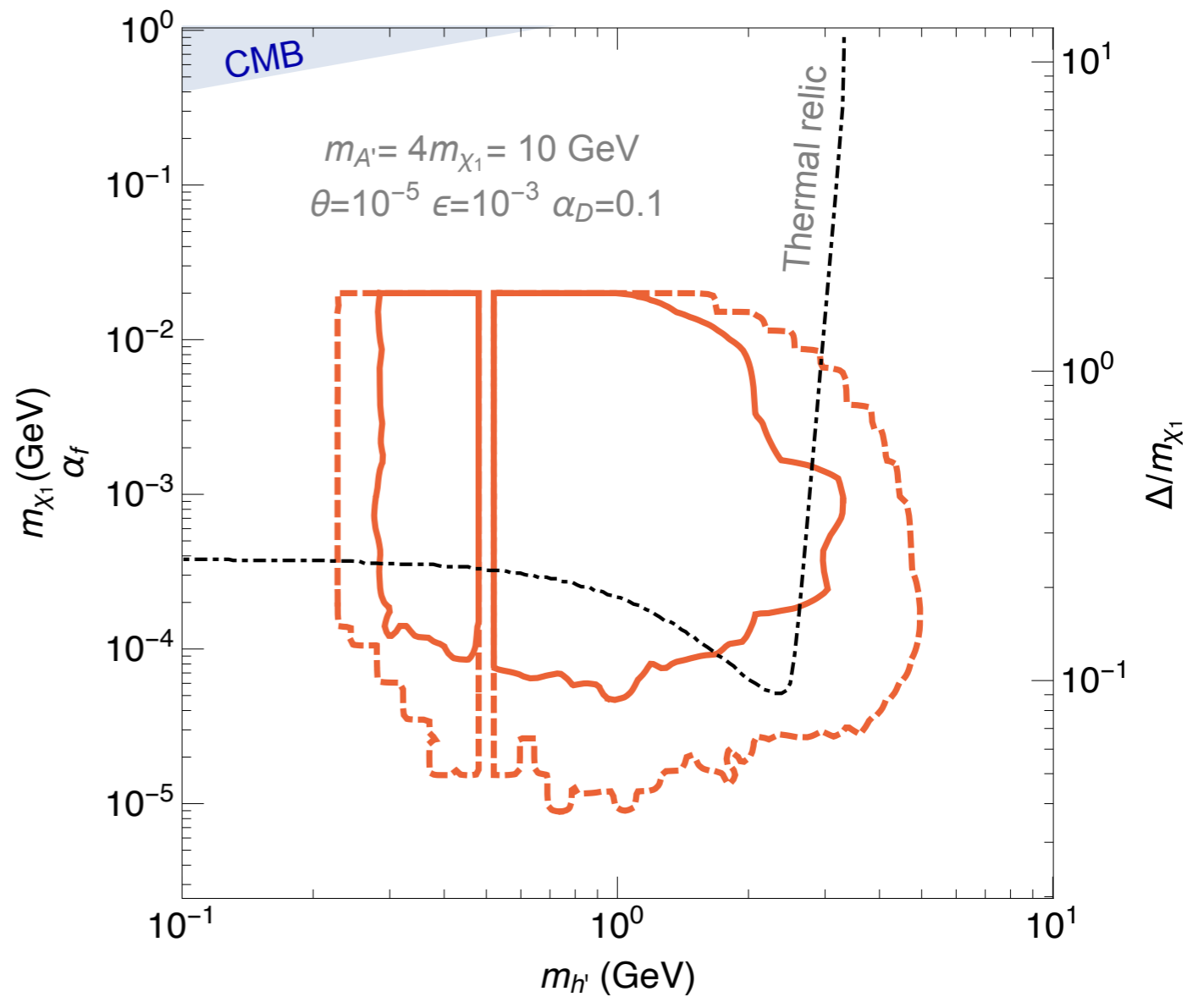
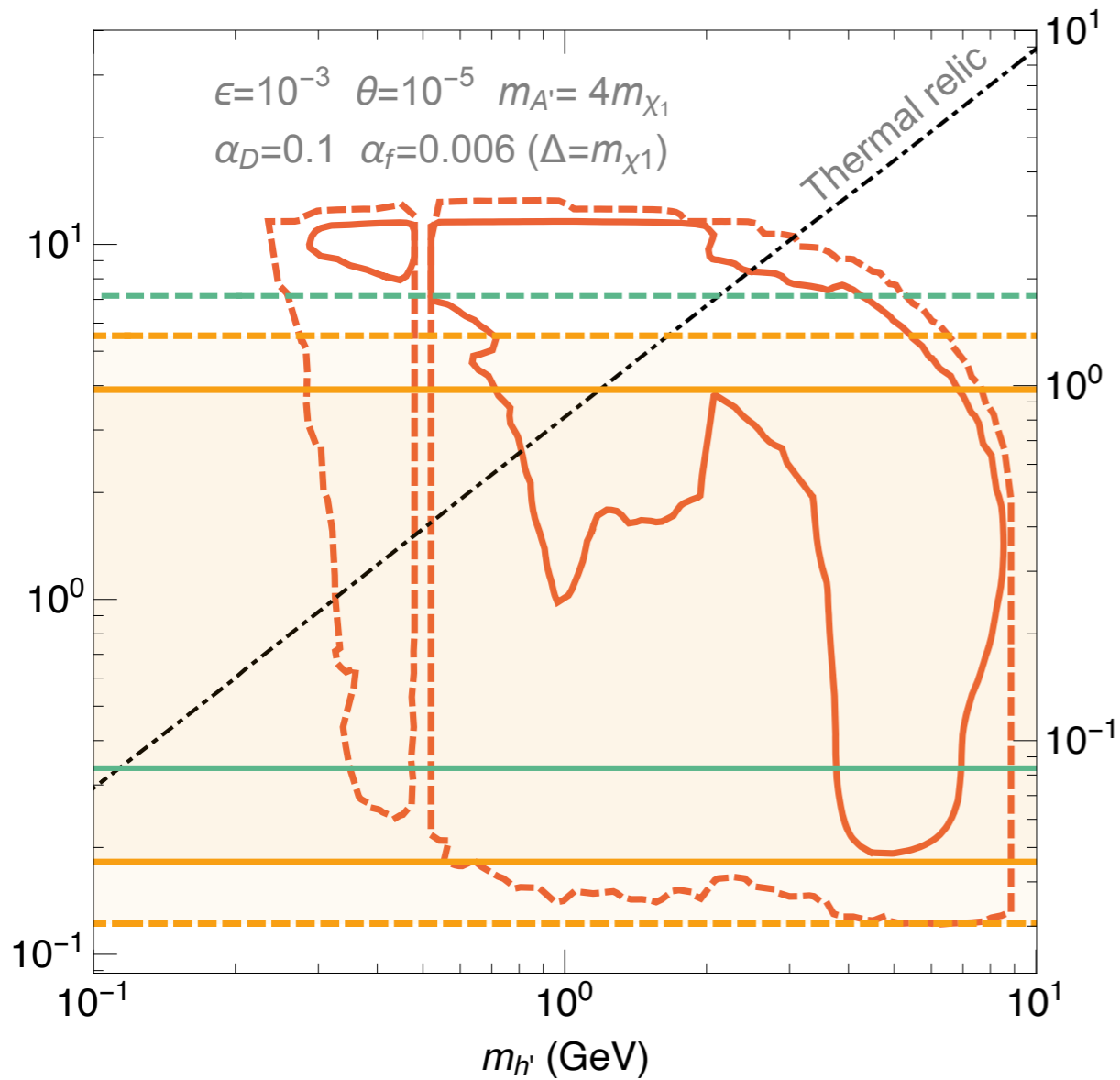
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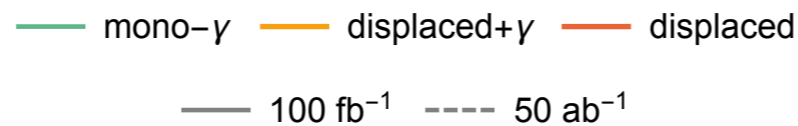
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Conclusions

Inelastic DM is a well-motivated thermal DM candidate at the subGeV scale, in which a mass splitting between dark matter and its excited state allows to evade stringent CMB bounds and direct detection limits.

I discussed the phenomenological impact of including a dark Higgs to generate the mass splitting and the dark photon mass.

I have investigated the sensitivity of Belle II for the key signature of this model: a lepton pair originating from a displaced vertex in association with a single photon as well as with a dark Higgs.

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