# The Dark Matter motivation for LLP searches at Belle II



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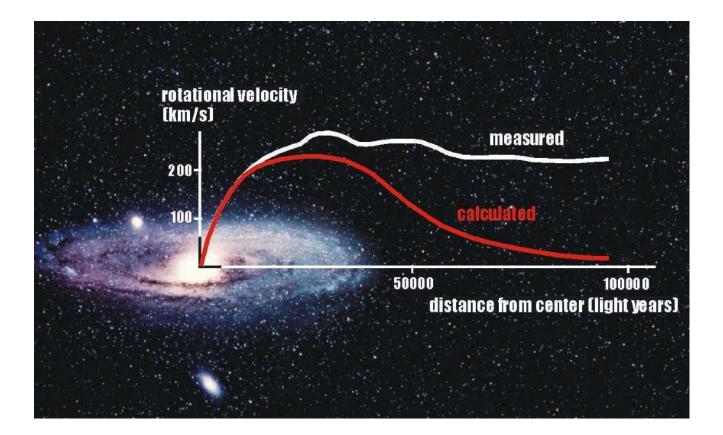
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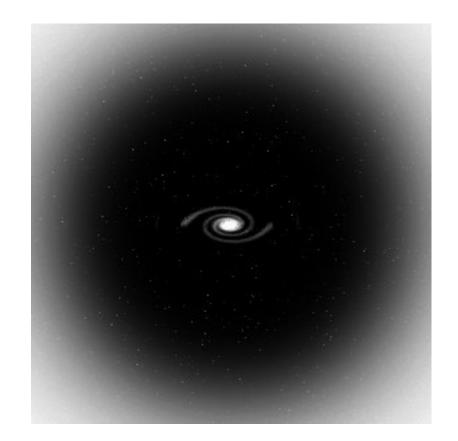
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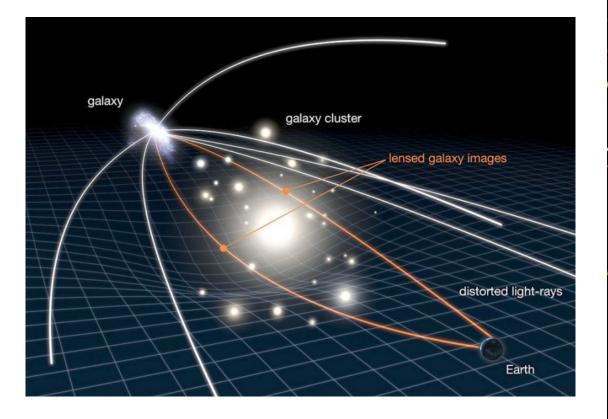
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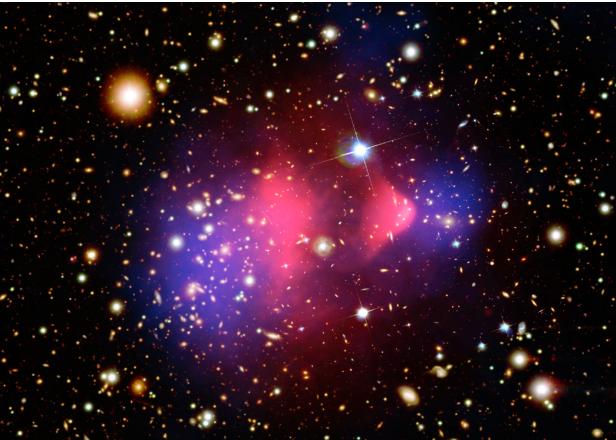




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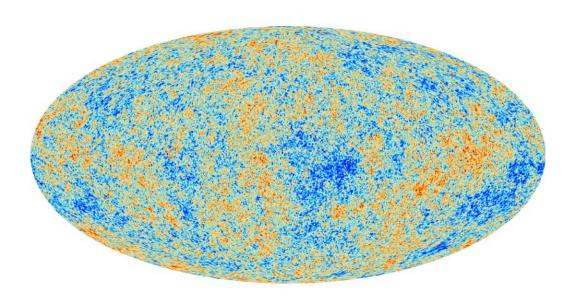
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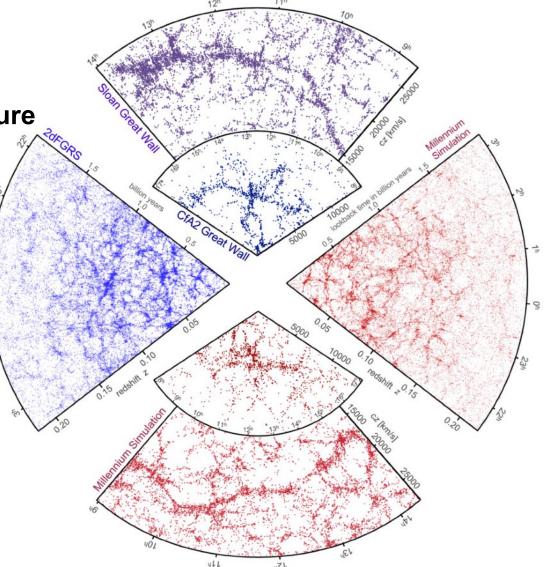




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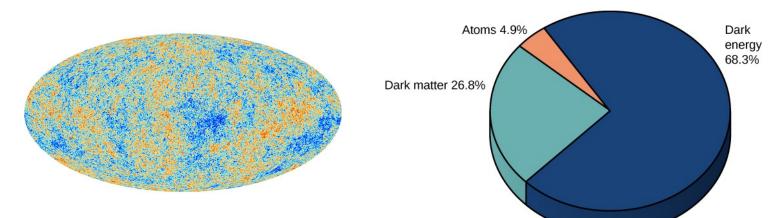
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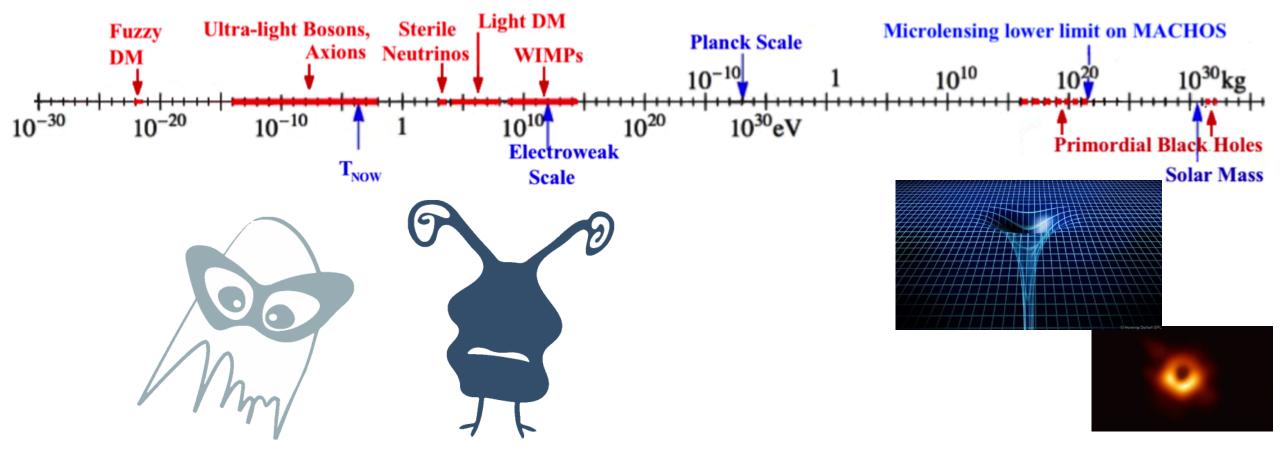
#### What do we know?

- How much:  $\Omega \simeq 0.26$
- Dark
  - almost electrically neutral
  - probably colour neutral
- Stable
  - sufficiently long-lived
- Cold
  - non-relativistic (structure formation)
- Non-baryonic



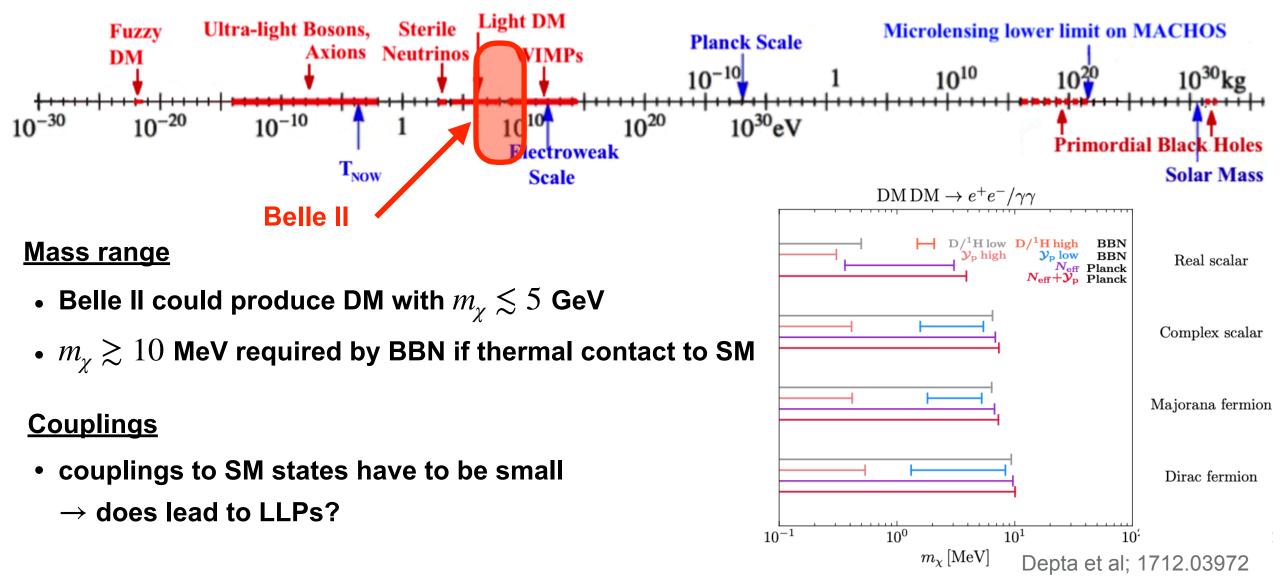
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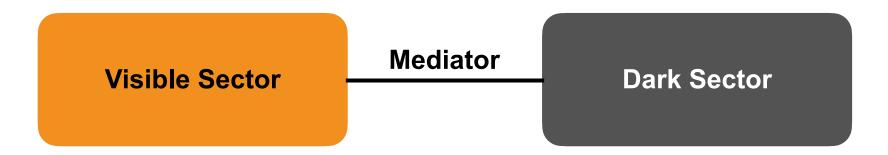


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#### Where does DM live?

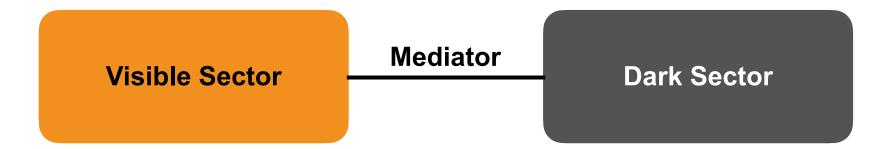


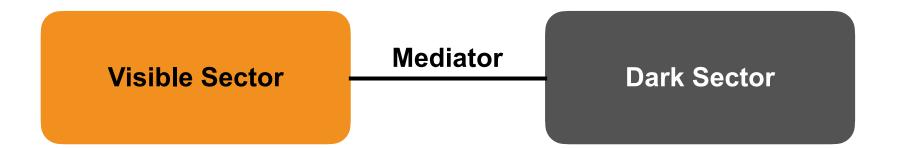
#### different possibilities to couple the two sectors

- empty dark sector: DM an exotic QCD bound state? ٠
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- leave the SM as is and couple to HS fields (not necessarily DM) as allowed by the symmetries •

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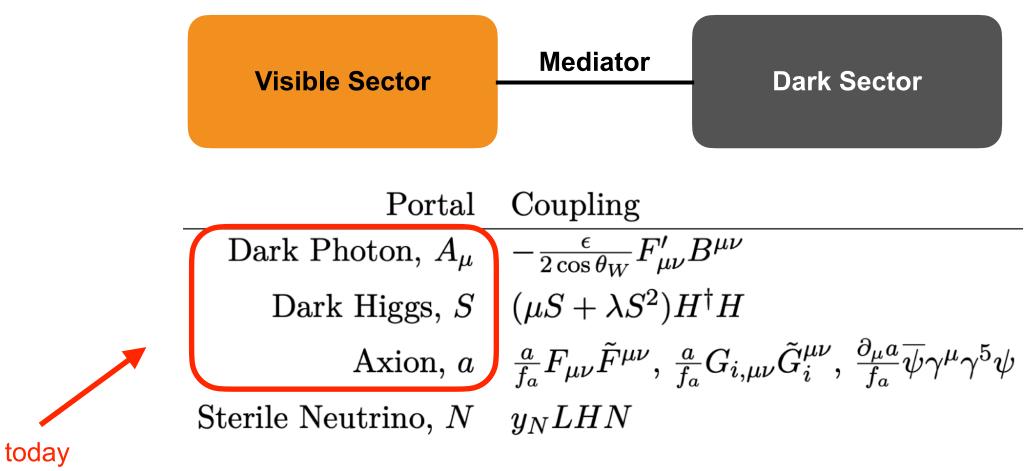
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{portal}} = \sum O_{\text{SM}} \times O_{\text{DS}}.$$





 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Portal Coupling} \\ \mbox{Dark Photon, } A_{\mu} & -\frac{\epsilon}{2\cos\theta_W}F'_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} \\ \mbox{Dark Higgs, } S & (\mu S + \lambda S^2)H^{\dagger}H \\ \mbox{Axion, } a & \frac{a}{f_a}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, \ \frac{a}{f_a}G_{i,\mu\nu}\tilde{G}_i^{\mu\nu}, \ \frac{\partial_{\mu}a}{f_a}\overline{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5\psi \\ \mbox{Sterile Neutrino, } N & y_NLHN \end{array}$ 

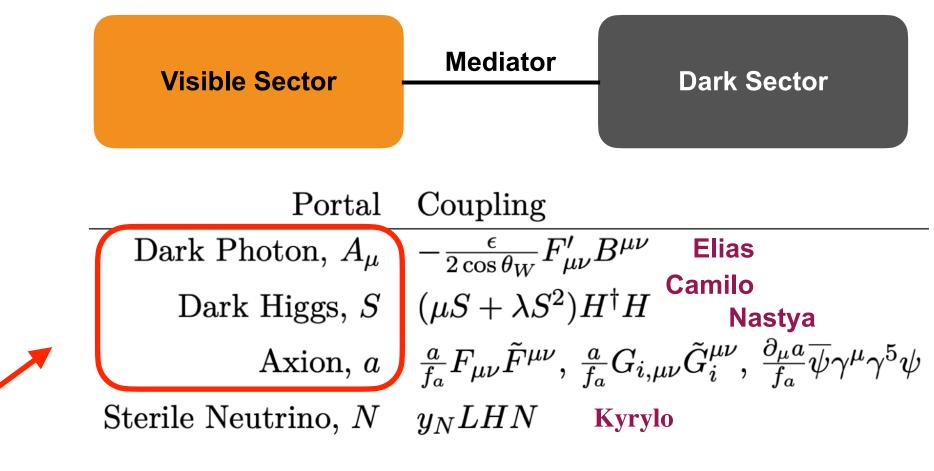
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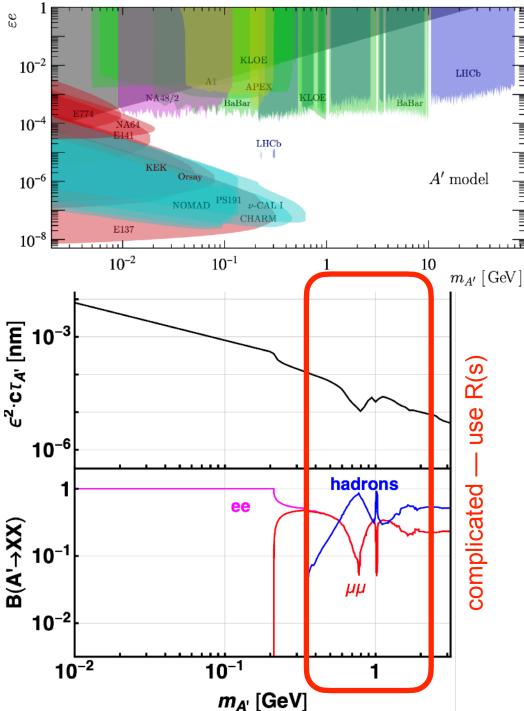
- Dark photons appear in many BSM constructions
- Kinetic mixing: photon-like couplings

 $(A' \to e^+ e^-, \mu^+ \mu^-, \dots)$ 

- Naive GUT expectation:  $\epsilon \sim 10^{-3} 10^{-6}$
- Could mediate the interactions with DM
- If kinematically allowed: decays into DS often dominate

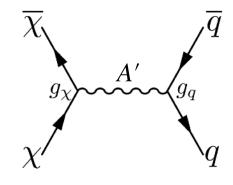
LLPs? Need small coupling or phase space suppression (small mass splitting)

Even for visible final state decays still rather prompt for  $\epsilon$  relevant to Belle II



#### **The DM connection**

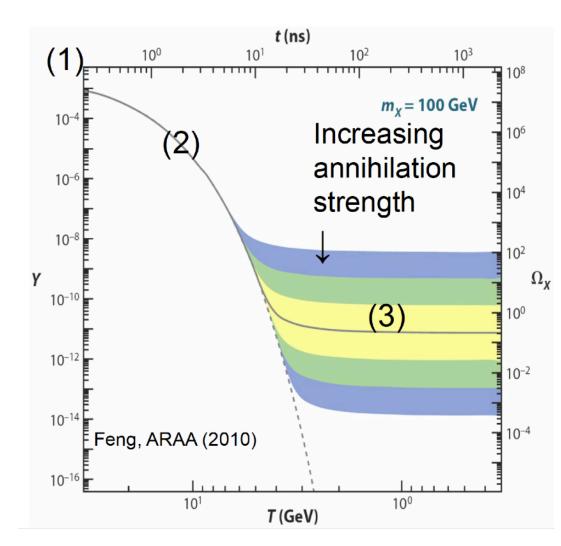
- Production of dark matter in the early universe via the  $A^\prime$ 



- vanilla thermal freeze out
  - 1. for relevant  $\epsilon$  DM  $\chi$  in thermal equilibrium

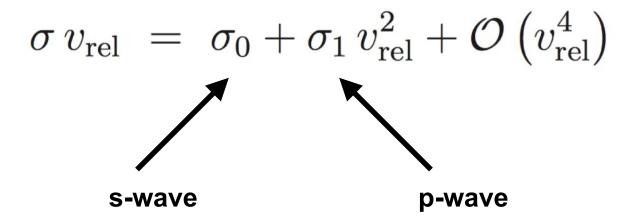
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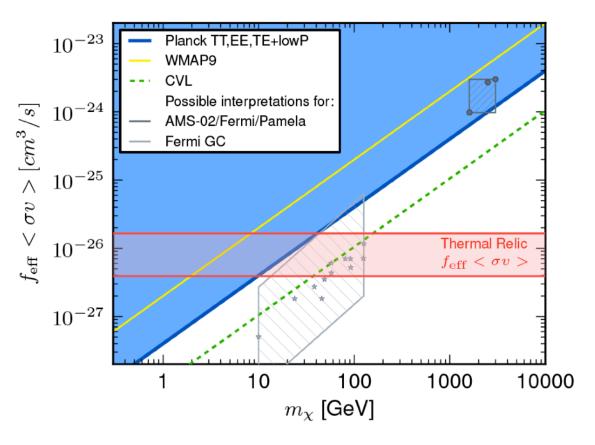
 $\chi \chi \rightarrow SM SM$ 3. Universe expands  $\chi \chi \not\rightarrow SM SM$ 



#### **Light dark matter**

- Residual annihilations also later for  $v_{rel} \ll 1$
- inject electromagnetic energy
- strong constraints from the CMB:  $v_{rel} \sim 10^{-8}$

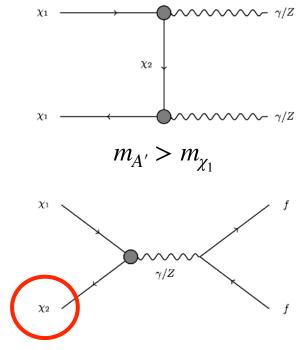




- For  $m_{\chi} \lesssim 10 \, {\rm GeV}$  vanilla A' does not work (s-wave annihilation)
- need p-wave (or some other trick...)

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-- hadronic

 $10^{-1}$ 

 $\epsilon = 10^{-3}$ 

 $\alpha_D=0.1$ 

 $m_{\chi_2}$  (GeV)

 $m_{A'}=4m_{\chi}$ 

 $10^{0}$ 

• now  $\chi_2$  often long-lived (3-body decay and potentially small  $\Delta$ )

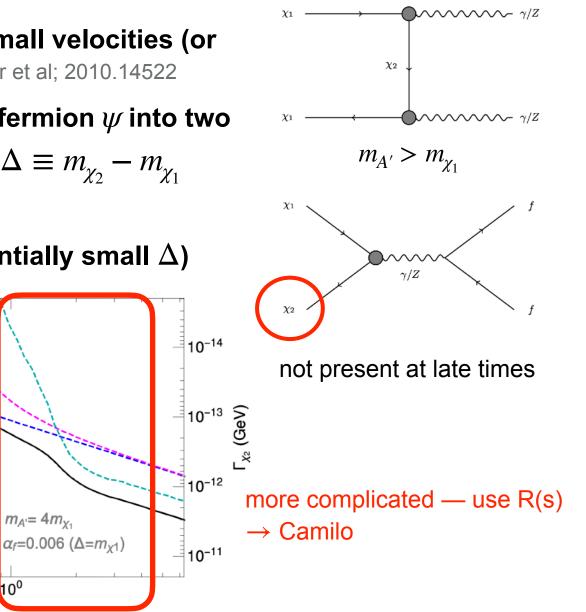
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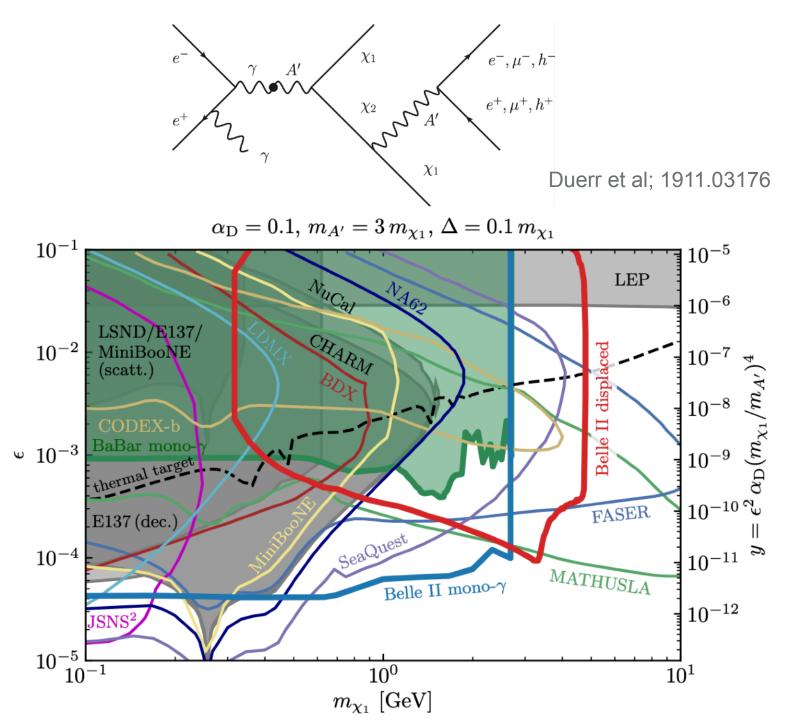
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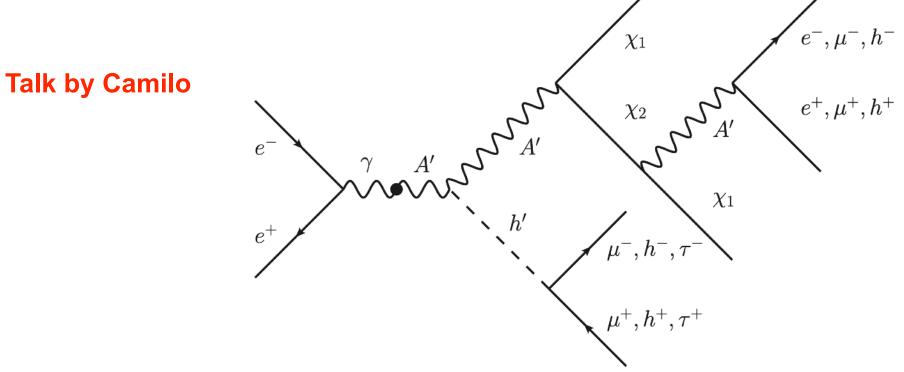
#### **Inelastic dark matter**

- displaced signature in Belle II (single photon, displaced pair of electrons, missing energy)
- need displaced vertex trigger to achieve full sensitivity



#### **Dark Higgs**

- how does the mass splitting  $\Delta$  arise in the underlying model?
  - $\rightarrow$  dark Higgs field...
- also naturally present to give mass to  $A^\prime$
- cannot be too heavy due to unitarity considerations
- two portals!

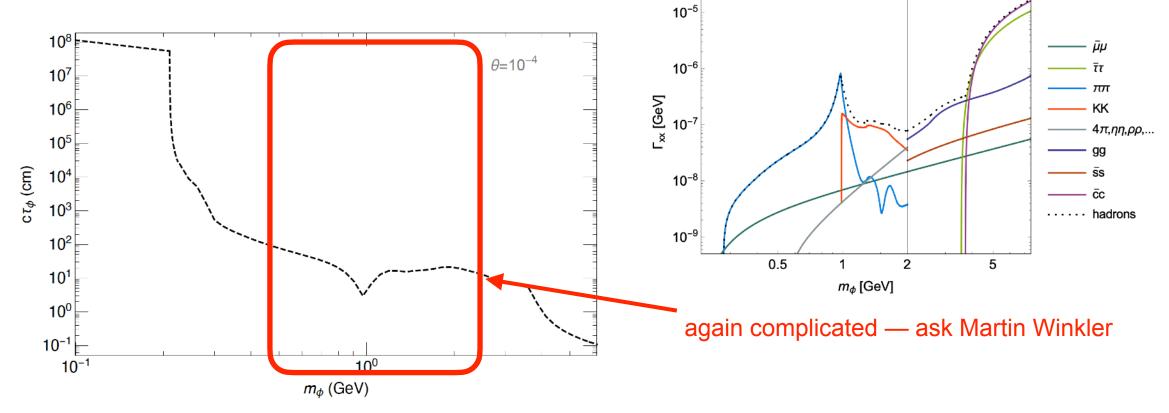


#### **Scalar portal**

Talk by Nastya

Winkler; 1809.01876

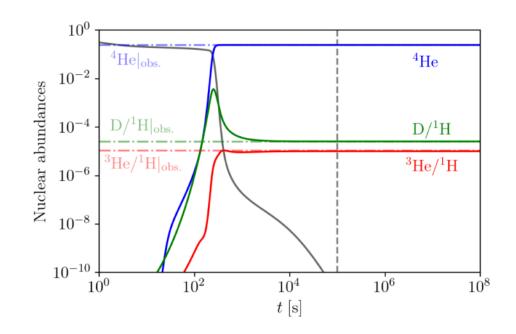
- a scalar coupled to DM naturally results in p-wave annihilation
- additional Yukawa suppression of the couplings leads to sizeable lifetimes: basically always displaced...

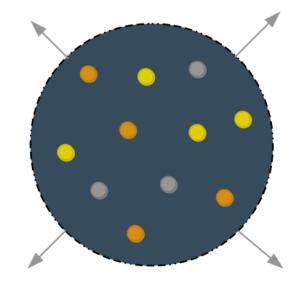


• can be very long-lived (missing energy)  $\rightarrow$  BBN?

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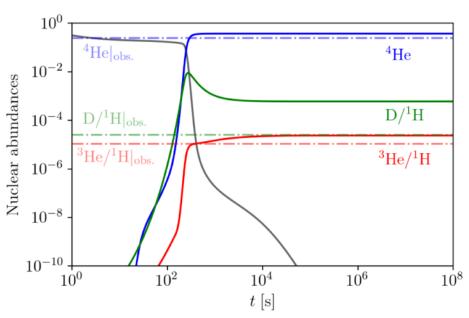
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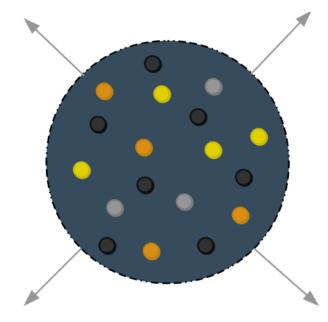


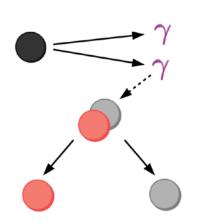


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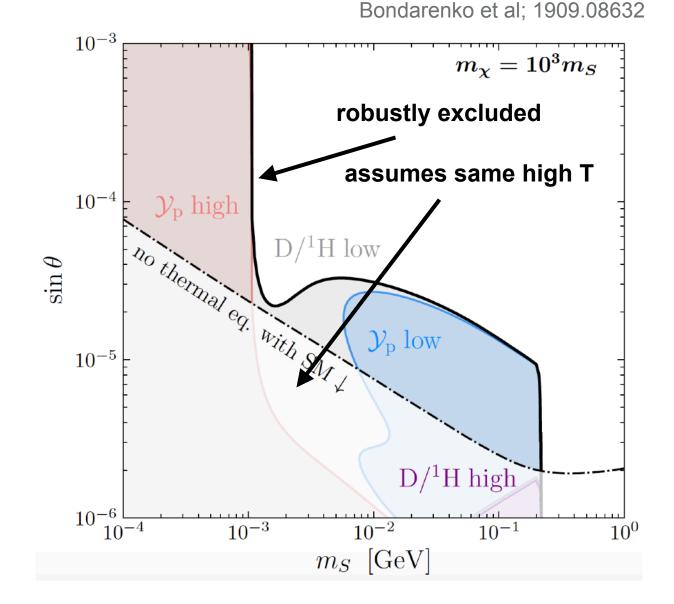






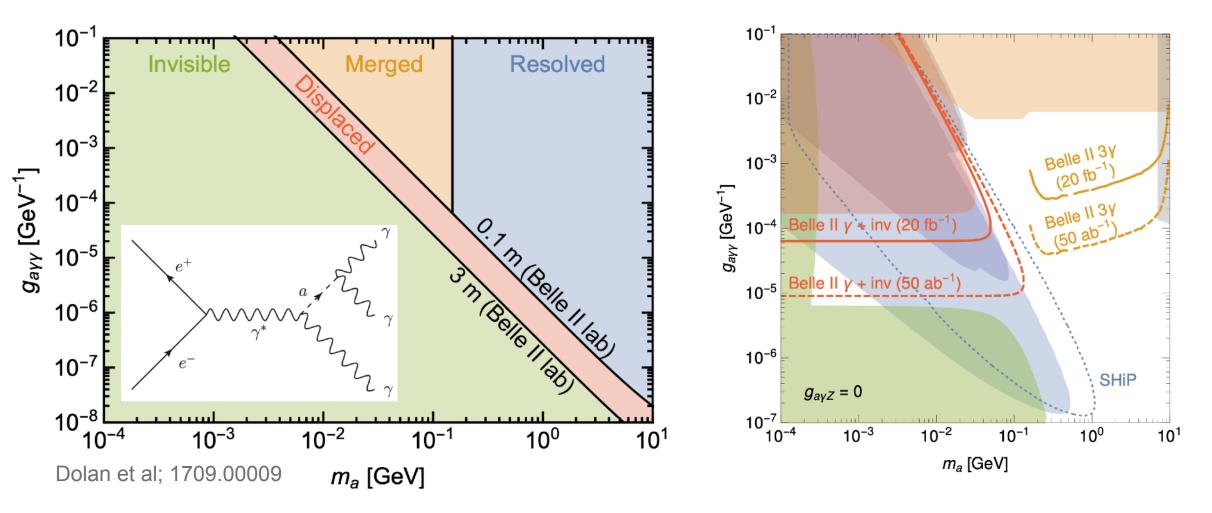
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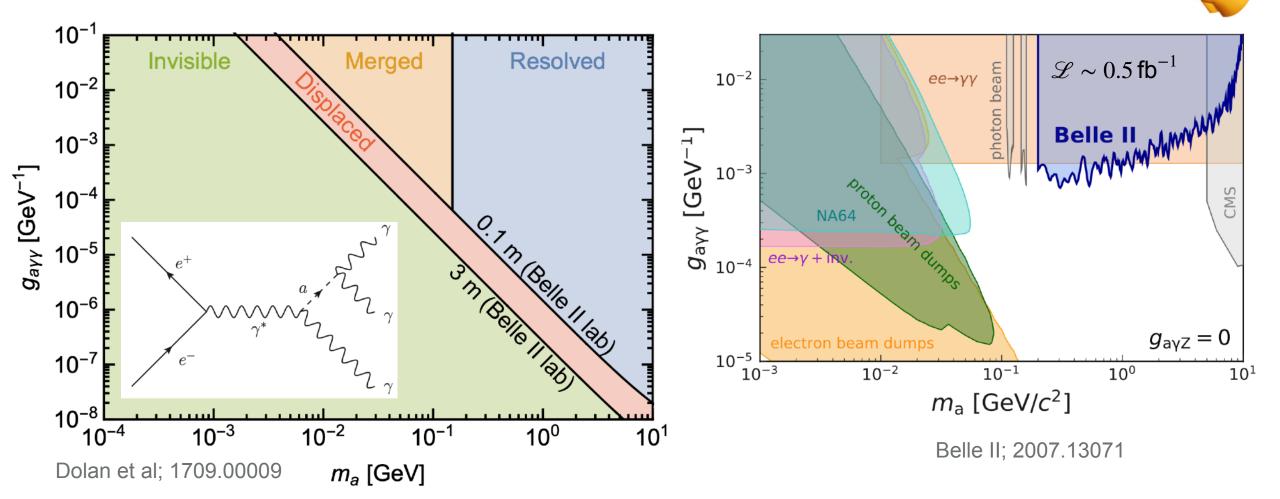
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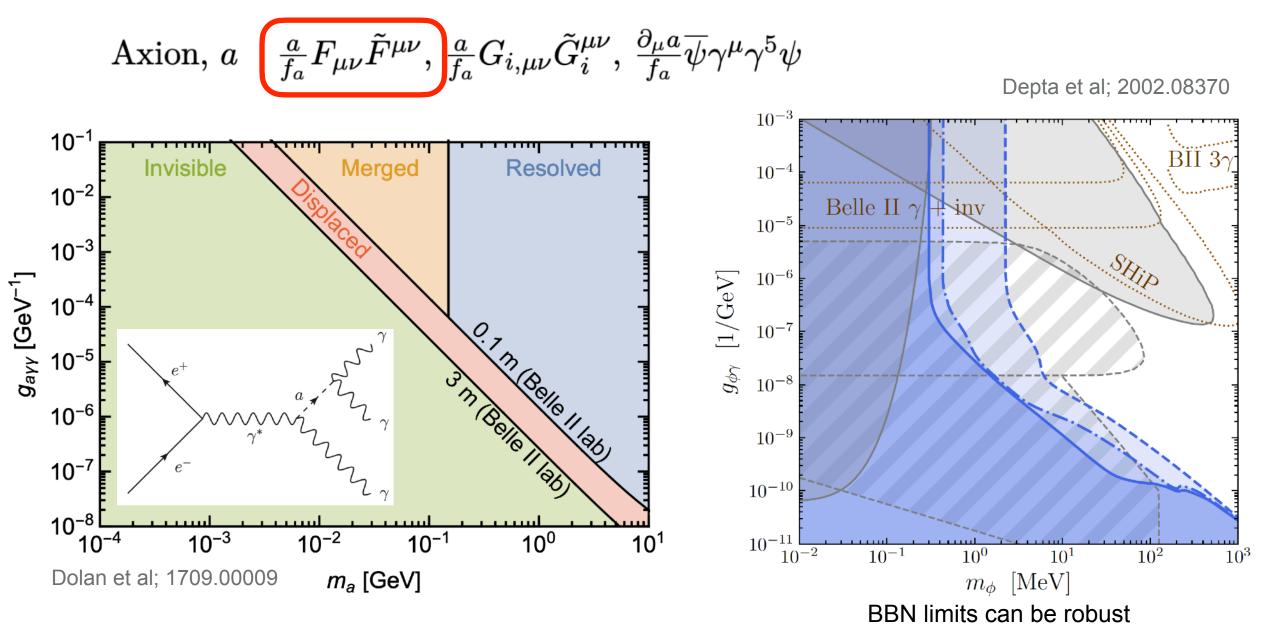


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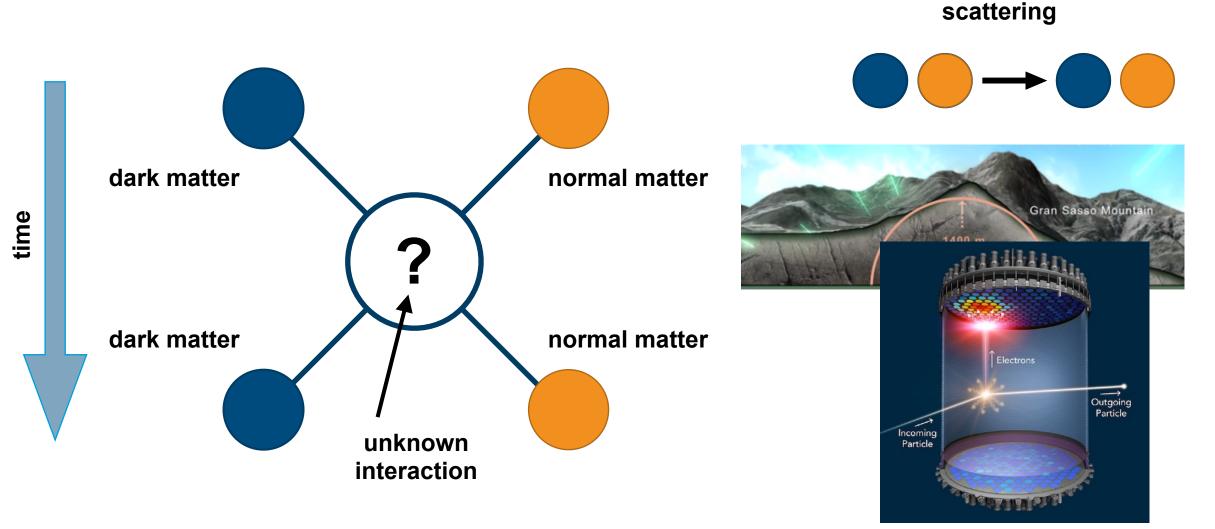




- Light dark sectors naturally require small couplings to be viable
- LLPs naturally emerge when assuming couplings to light dark matter and requiring consistent cosmology
- very long lifetimes: need to check BBN limits (but not relevant for small displacements)

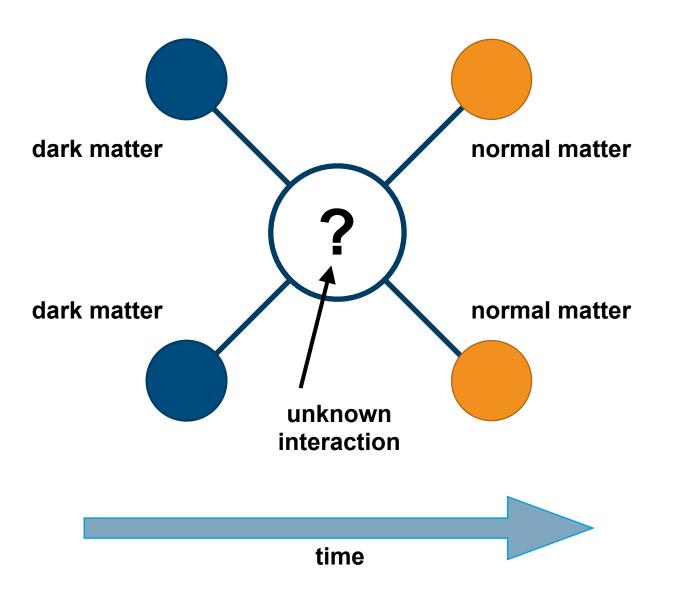
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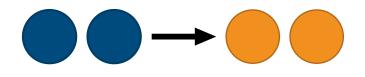


- Searches deep underground to minimise background
- very rare event (~ less than 1 event per kg per year)

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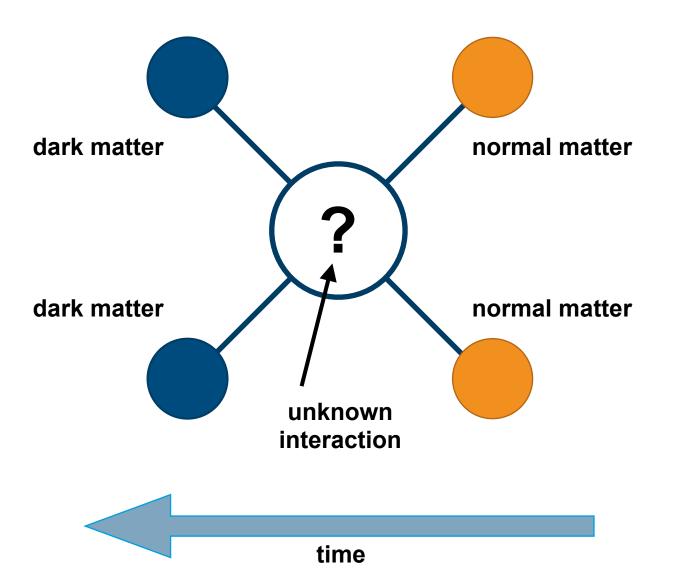


annihilation





#### **Searches for dark matter - colliders**



#### **DM** production

