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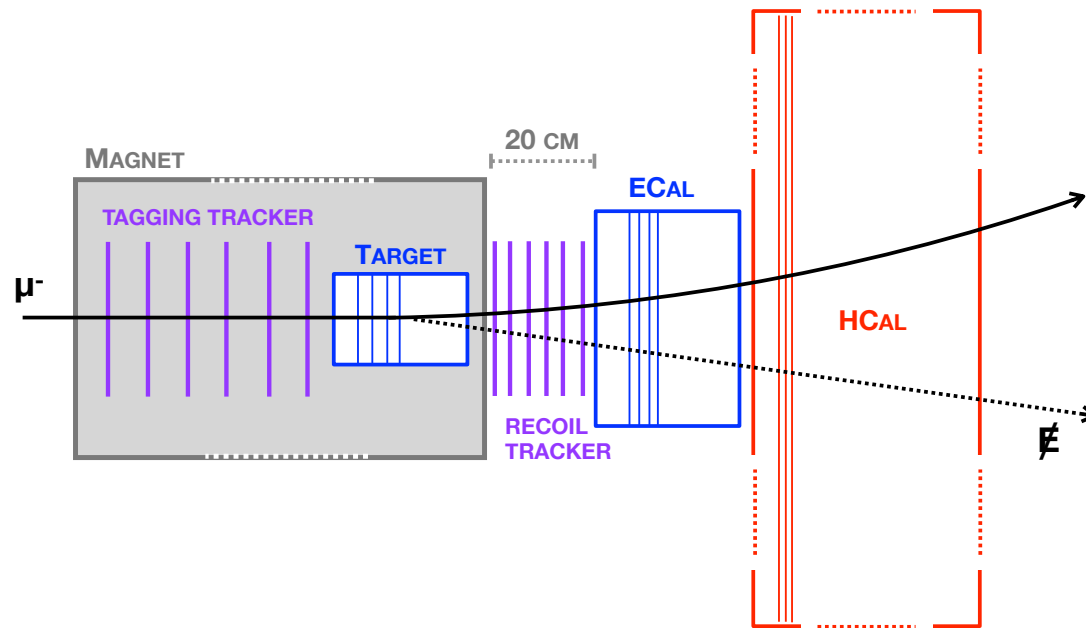
# Muon Missing Momentum

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# Muon missing momentum



You heard about missing momentum with electrons — now with muons!  
Could be “LDMX but with muons”, or more substantial differences  
in ECAL/HCAL ← will focus on “LDMX with muons”

Main differences from LDMX: **thicker active target**  
(muon is a MIP, loses less energy per unit length than an electron),  
and outgoing muon momentum measured **exclusively by recoil tracker**  
(ECAL and HCAL for veto only)

# Why muons?

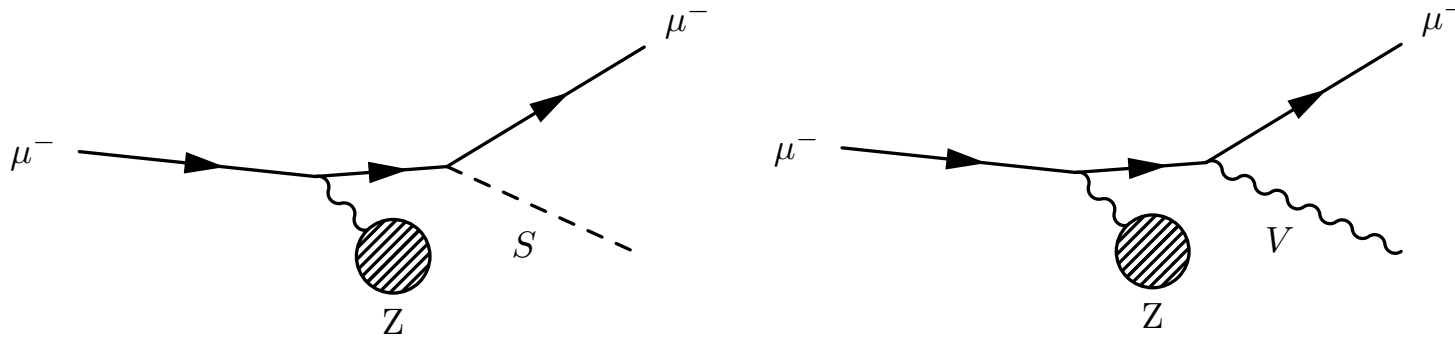
## Theoretical:

- Longstanding anomaly in  $g-2$ , Brookhaven result will be tested very shortly; new light particles could contribute
- Dark matter which only couples to muons could explain null results in direct and indirect detection

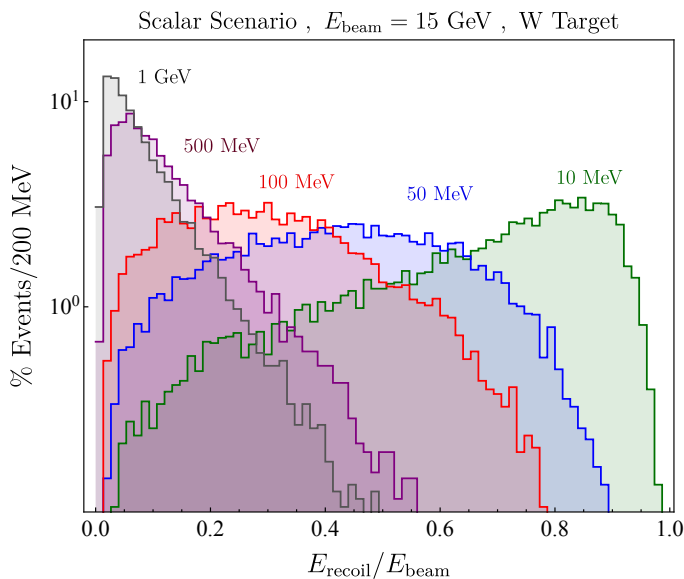
## Practical:

- Heavier than electrons, brem less (lower QED-related backgrounds); better reach than electron beam for high-mass invisibles
- Only a few labs in the world have a sufficiently intense GeV-scale muon beam, and Fermilab is one of them!

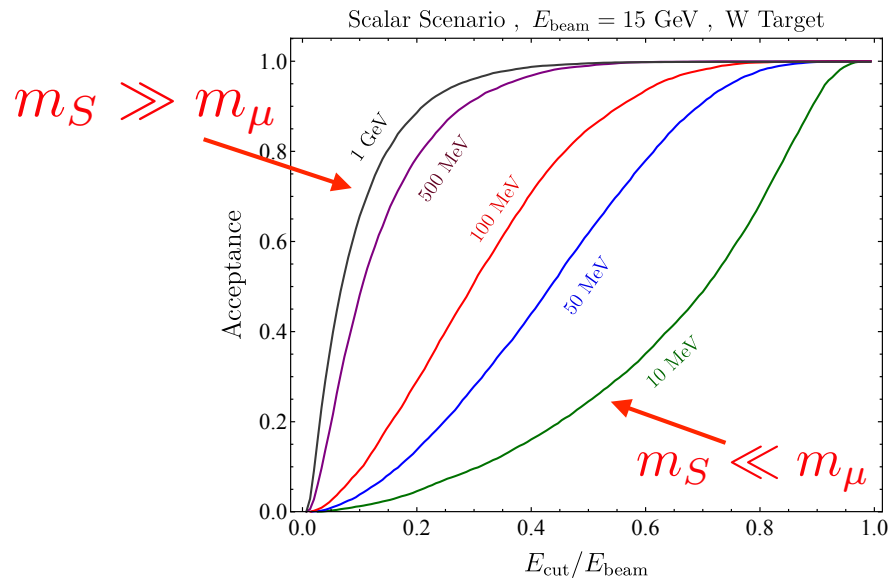
# Setup



some new particle which couples to muons: scalar or vector  
 $Z$  = some thick target, e.g. tungsten with  $50 X_0$  thickness



outgoing energy distribution



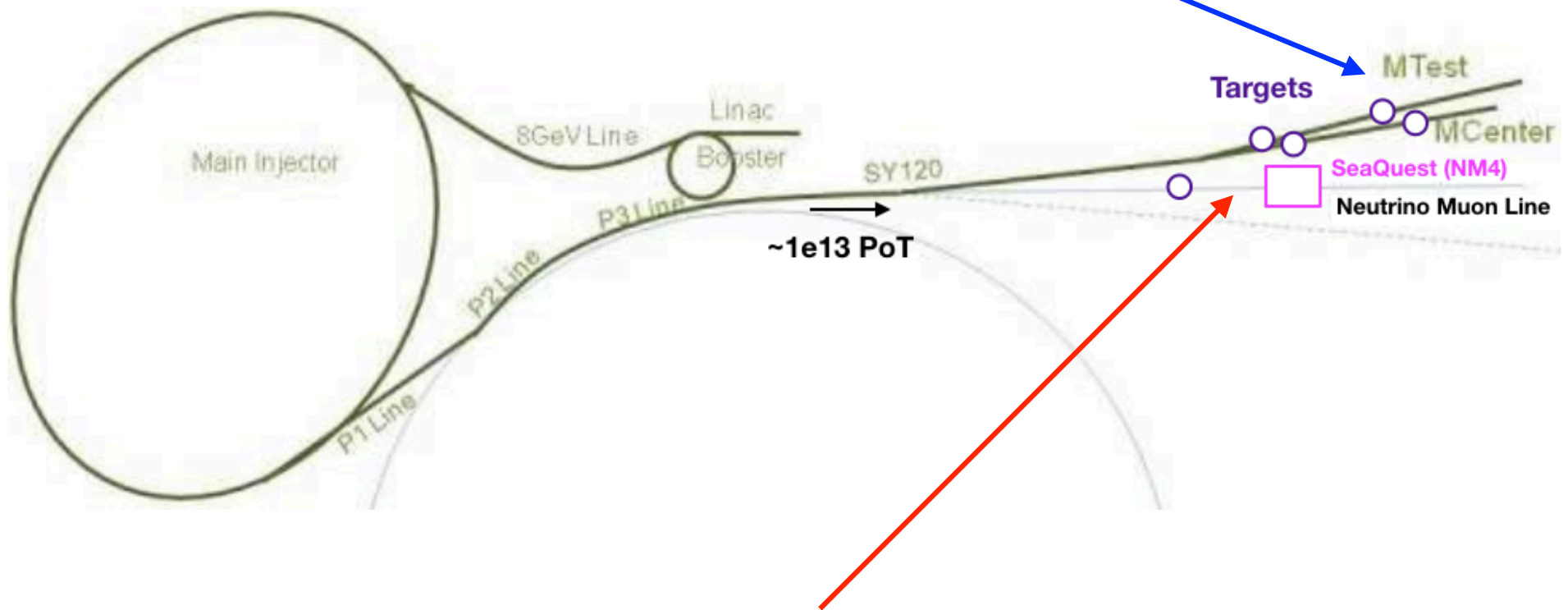
acceptance

Unlike electron beam, invisible particle doesn't take all the beam energy:  
**low-mass invisibles are QED-like** (and hard to distinguish from background)

# Fermilab beam facilities

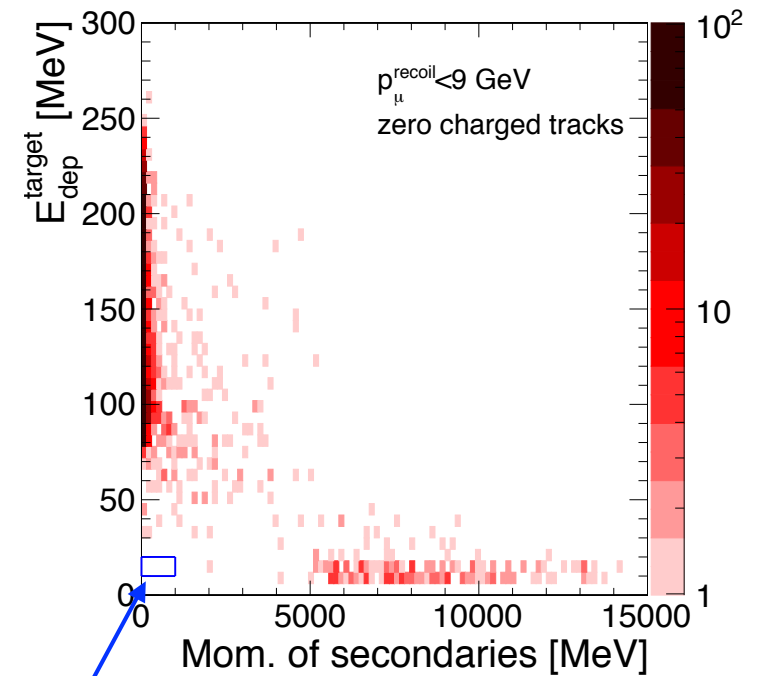
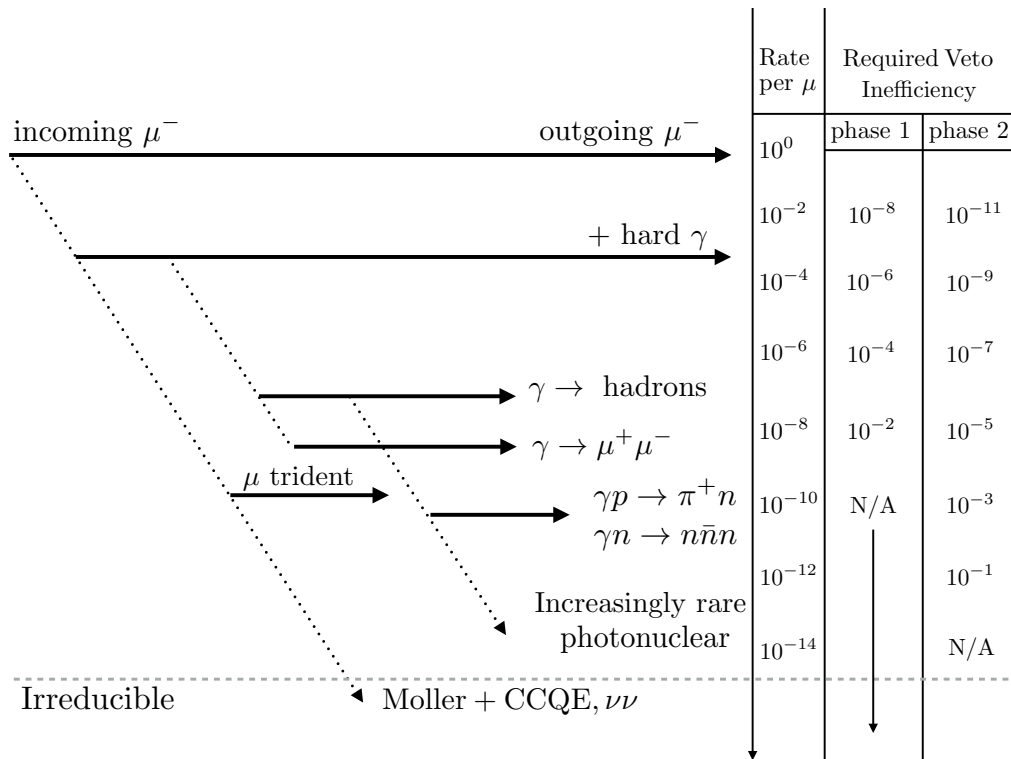
(At least) two possibilities for a 15 GeV muon beam:

Phase 1:  $10^{10}$  MOT at MTest (“out of the box”)



Phase 2:  $10^{13}$  MOT (NM4 beam line with modifications)

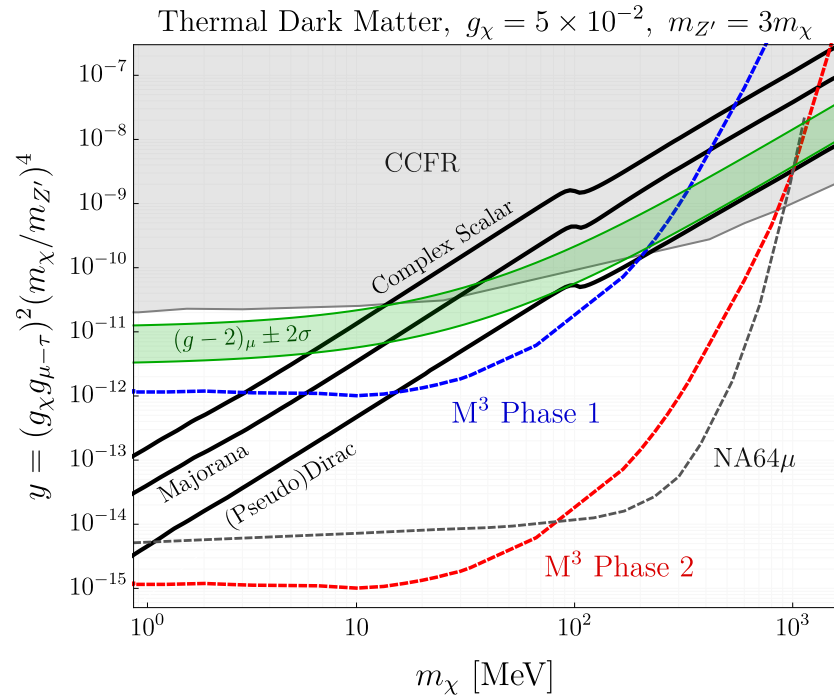
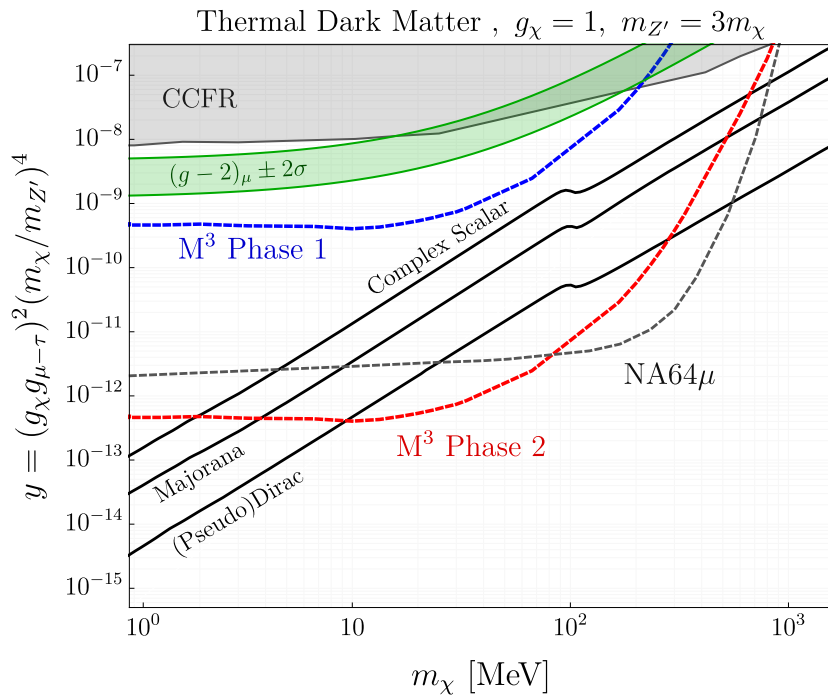
# Backgrounds and signal selection



signal region

Key takeaway: phase 1 is **QED backgrounds only** (zero events in signal region for  $10^7$  MOT GEANT simulation)

# Reach



Phase 1: **complete coverage of g-2 region** for any invisibly-decaying particle lighter than the muon

Phase 2: can probe large parts of well-motivated DM parameter space

NA64 is a potential competitor at CERN:  
**let's do this experiment at Fermilab!**