Direct Detection



enhancement at very low momentum transfer χ χ λ' A' e e e

$$\sigma(\chi e \to \chi e) \propto \frac{1}{q^4} \sim \frac{1}{(\alpha_{\rm em} \, m_e)^4}$$

For sub-MeV freeze-in DM, independent bounds imply light mediator/millicharge-like long-range force

$$m_{A'} \lesssim 10^{-9} \text{ eV} \sim \frac{1}{100 \text{ m}}$$

DM is "millicharged" on lab-scales

What about even lower momentum transfers?

(take advantage of the macroscopically long-ranged interaction)

Direct Deflection (Berlin et al. 1908.06982)



Strength/Complementarity

No kinematic barrier at small masses (signal exploits/collective effects, not scattering).

Detector Requirements

A deflector driven at ~10 kV/cm and 100 kHz (achievable without major R&D).

A high Q-factor LC circuit (similar to that used in DM Radio), optimized for electric-field pickup (requires R&D).



Reach

New parameter space within reach (ultimate sensitivity) for $0.1 (10) \text{ m}^3$ volumes, $10^3 (10^7) Q$ -factors, and 4 K (100 mK) temperatures.