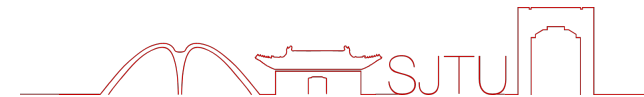




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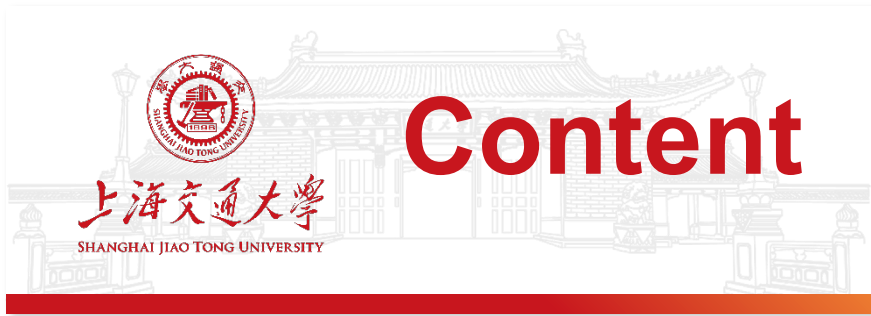


Track and Vertex Reconstruction for Dark Photon Search at DarkSHINE

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❑ Introduction

❑ Tracking

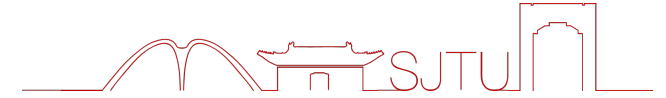
- Traditional method
- GNN method

❑ Vertexing

- Vertexing method
- Application on dark photon search

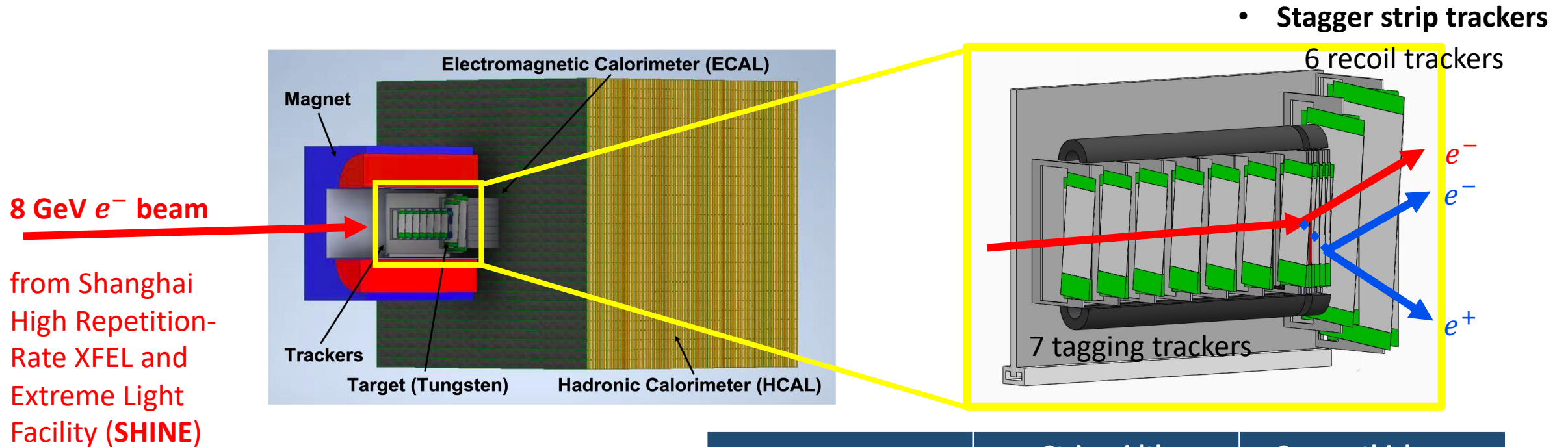
❑ Summary

DarkSHINE Experiment



DarkSHINE is a proposed **fixed-target** experiment that utilizing **electron beam from SHINE** aimed at searching the light dark matter.

The DarkSHINE detector system is consisted of **tagging tracker, recoil tracker, ECAL** and **HCAL**.



Tracker parameter	Strip width	Sensor thickness
	30 μm	150 μm

Dark Photon Search

• Light dark matter search: dark photon

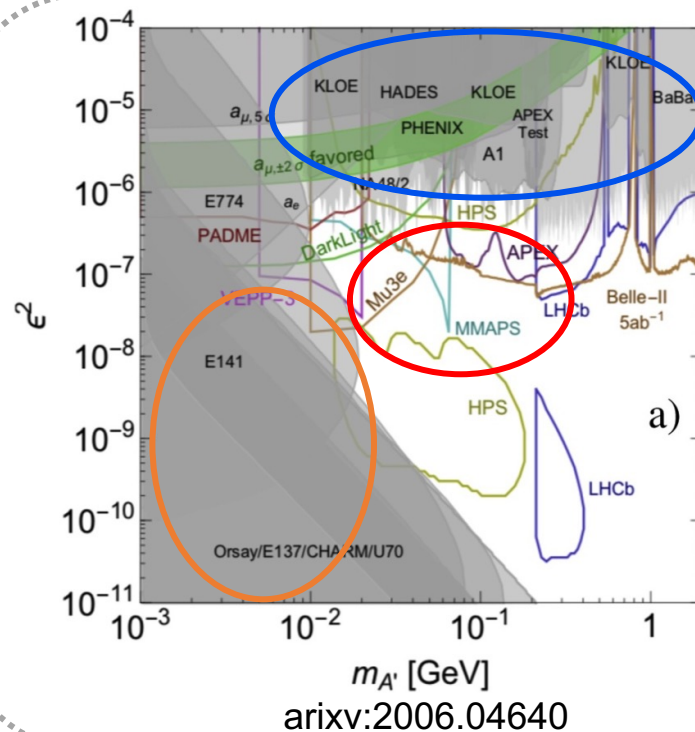
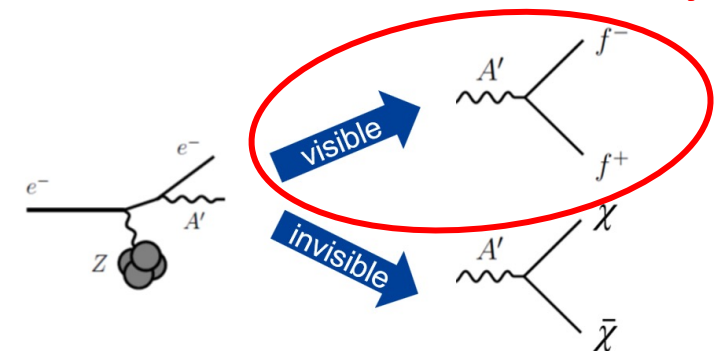
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{\cos \theta_W} F^{Y,\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + m_{A'}^2 A'^2$$

According to the decay channel of dark photon, we have invisible and visible decay.

Two model parameters:

- Coupling constant ϵ
- Dark photon mass $m_{A'}$

We will focus on **visible decay**

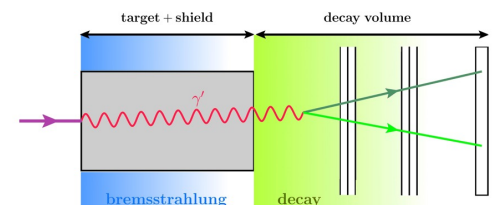


Bump hunting : High production rate

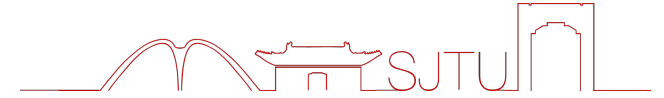
Challenging region :

- Signal rate too low for bump hunting
 - Lifetime too short for beam-dump experiment
- > **Displaced vertex reconstruction needed!**

Beam-dump experiment : Long decay length

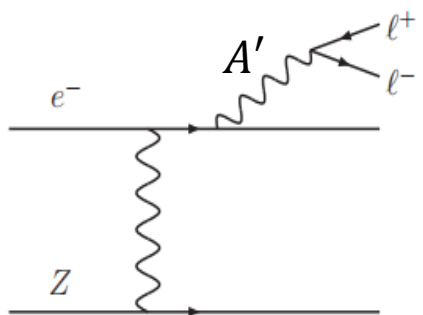


Signal and Background



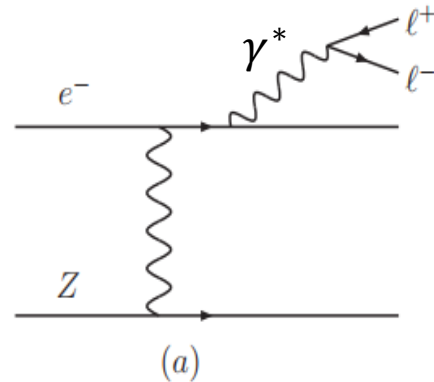
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Signal

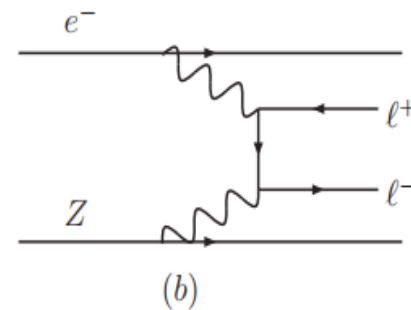


A' production and decay

Main background (both virtual $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$)

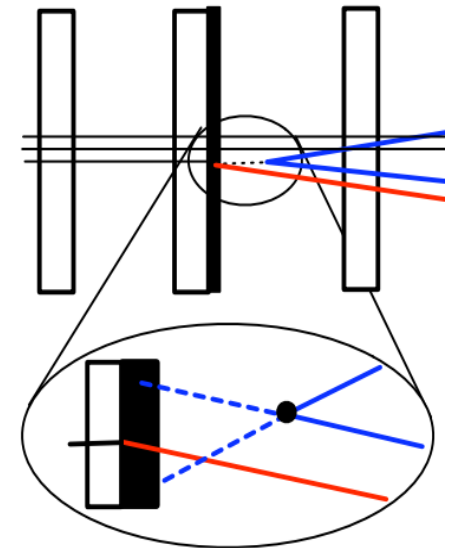


γ^* trident reaction



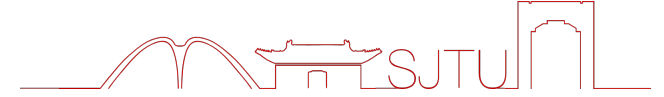
Bethe-Heitler trident reaction

Displaced vertex

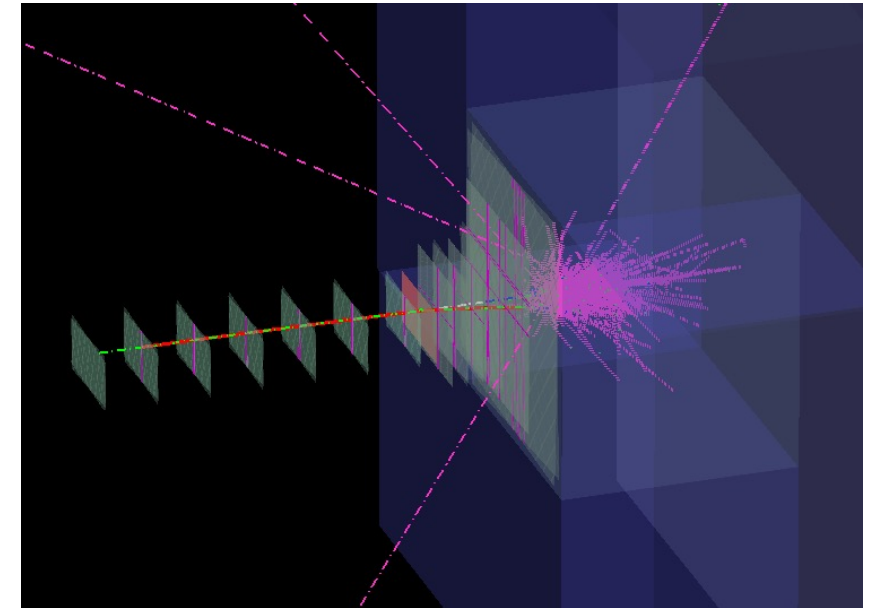
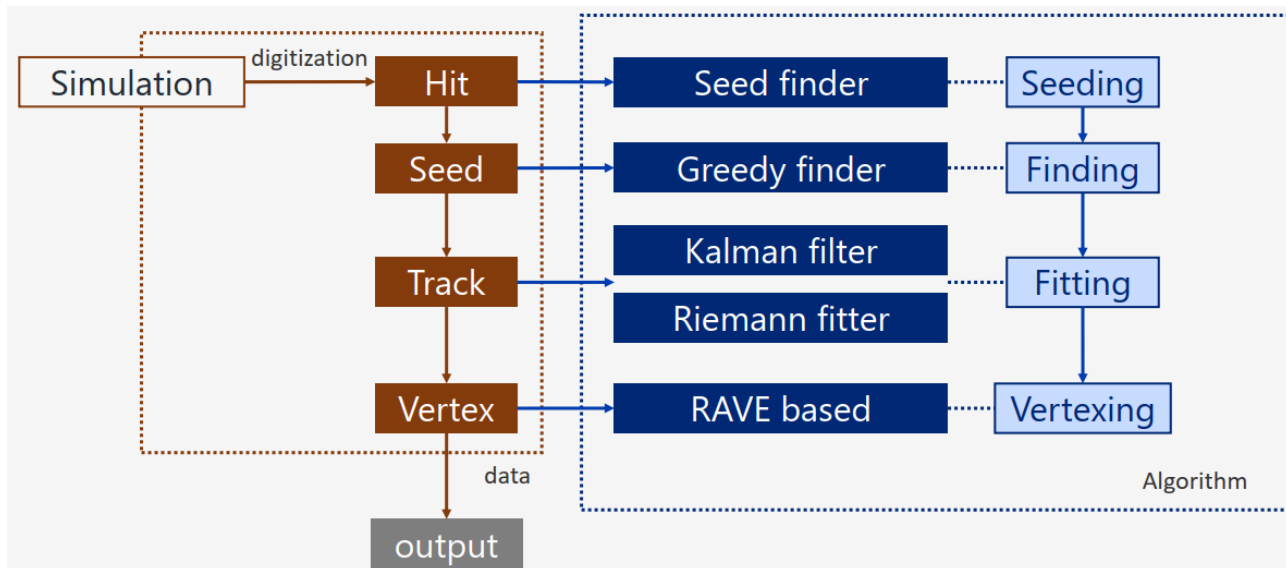


- To differentiate signal from background, the key is to **reconstruct the displaced vertex through tracking and vertexing**.

Tracking and Vertexing



- We apply full chain reconstruction from hits to tracks and to vertexes. We adopt Kalman Filter algorithm for both tracking (**GenFit**) and vertexing (**Rave**).
- The simulation is based on **Geant4**. **CalcHEP** generator is used for signal production.

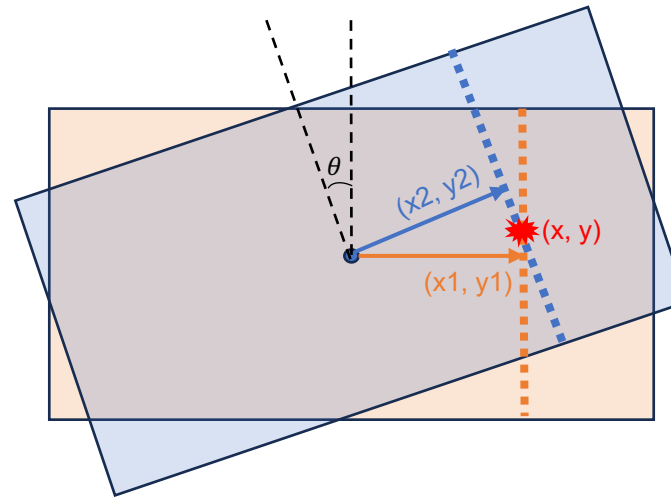


Strip clustering



Merge u, v layer

- Cluster strip hits on single layer.
- Use mean shift clustering, based on the weighted distance (energy deposition of hits) to the center of cluster.



$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \cos \theta_1 - y_1 \sin \theta_1 \\ x_2 \cos \theta_2 - y_2 \sin \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

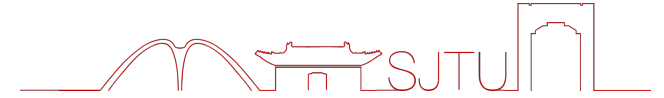
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & -\sin \theta_1 \\ \cos \theta_2 & -\sin \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_{uv} \\ \sigma_{uv} & \sigma_v^2 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$$

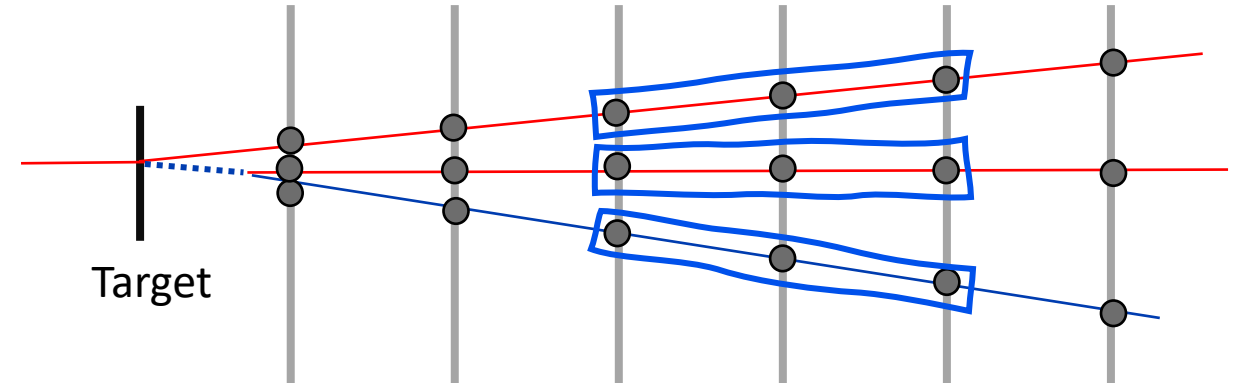
- Use transformation of coordinates, can handle any cases.
- With error propagation.

Track Finding and Fitting



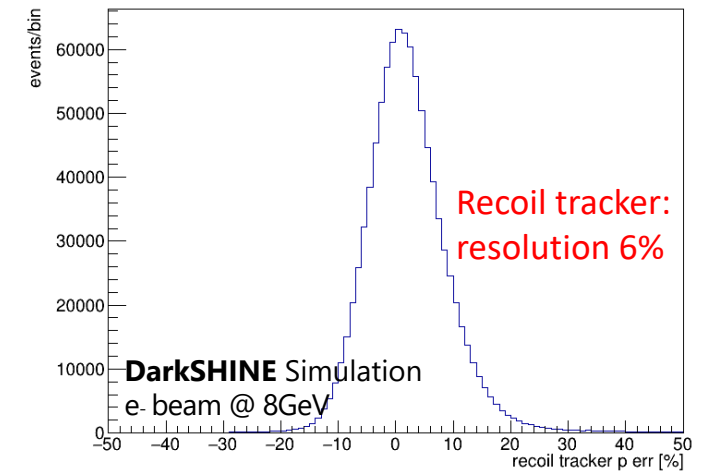
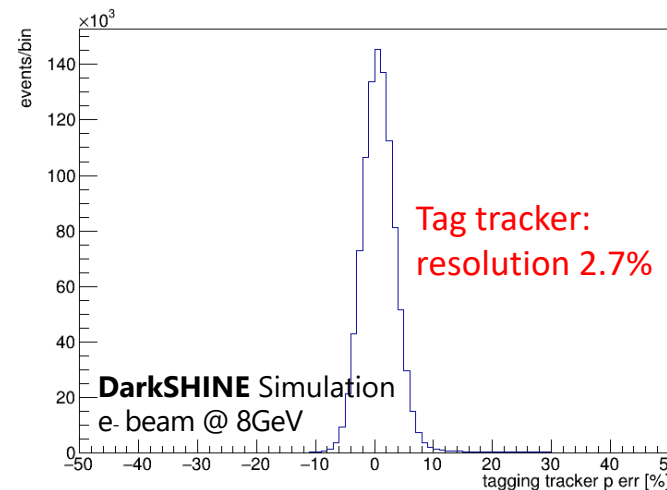
Track finding

- Greedy algorithm + circle fit (Kasa method).
- Good tracking efficiency for single-track
 - 97% in single-track case
 - 70% in 3-track case, improvement needed

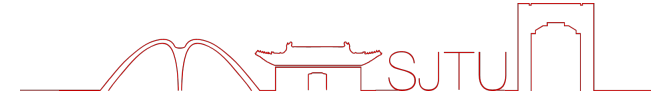


Track fitting

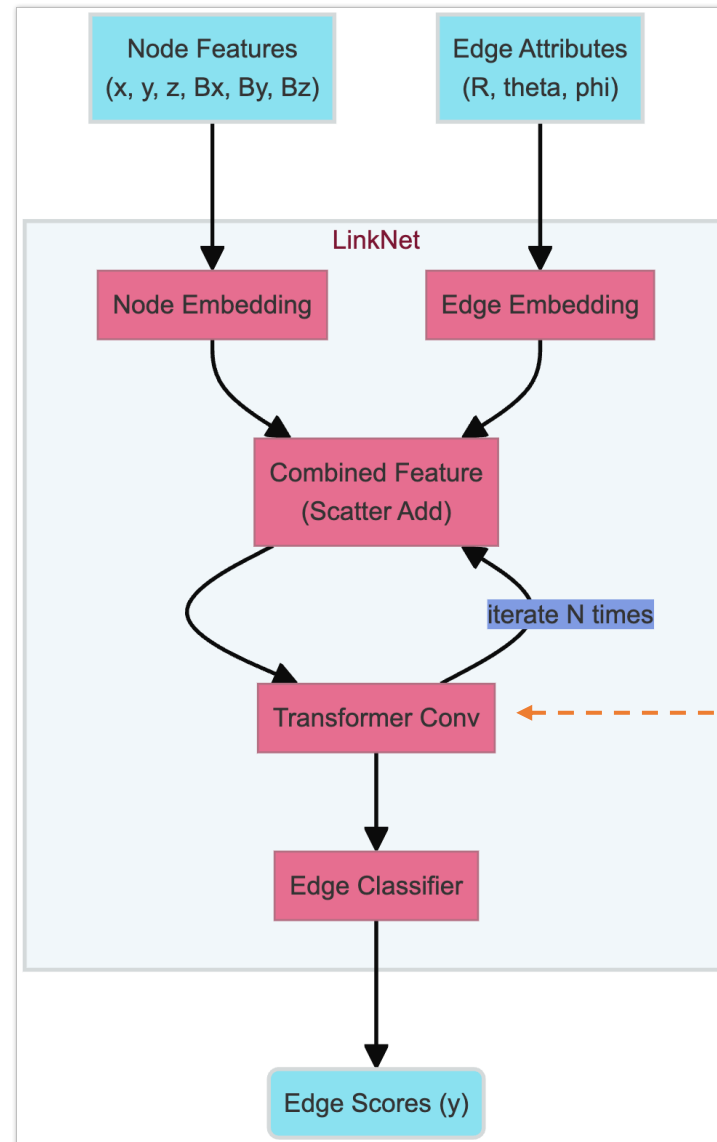
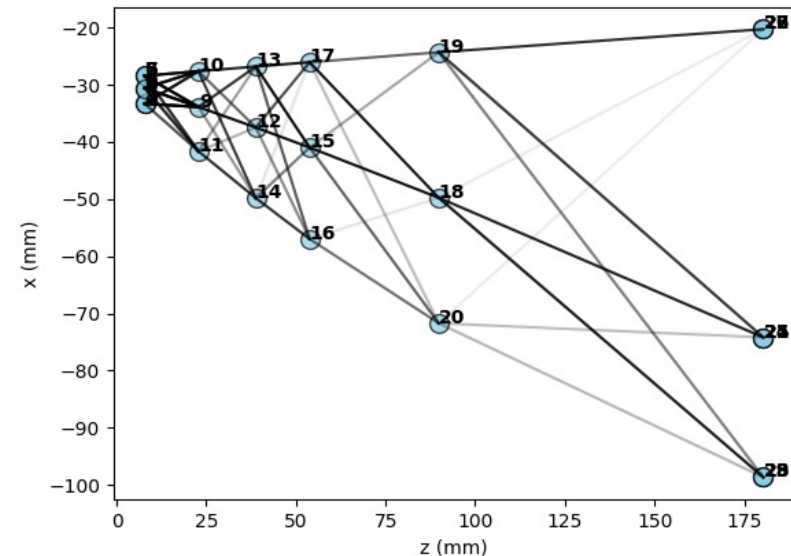
- Kalman filter algorithm based on GenFit.
- Track momentum resolution
 - 3% at tagging tracker
 - 6% at recoil tracker.



GNN Tracking: Build the Network



- ⌚ We connect hits from adjacent tracker module to form a graph for each event.
- ⌚ The task of GNN is to predict the truth edge that connects hits from the same track.

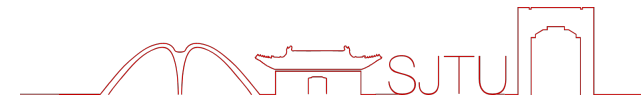


← **LinkNet** (*classification*):

- To predict if an **edge** is a **true particle trajectory** passing through the **two connected node**

Transformer Conv
Combine the strengths of GNN
and transformer model

GNN Tracking: Training



Loss function

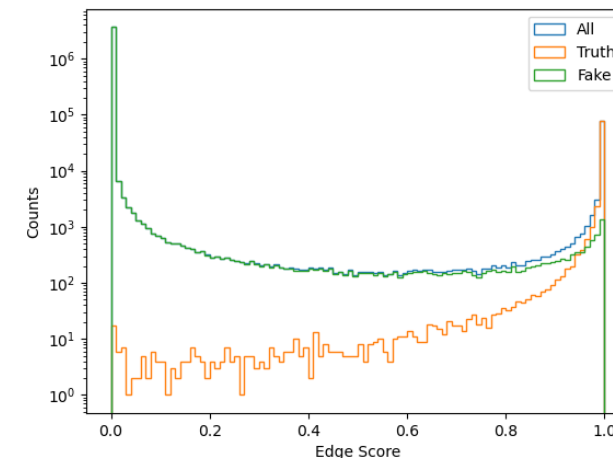
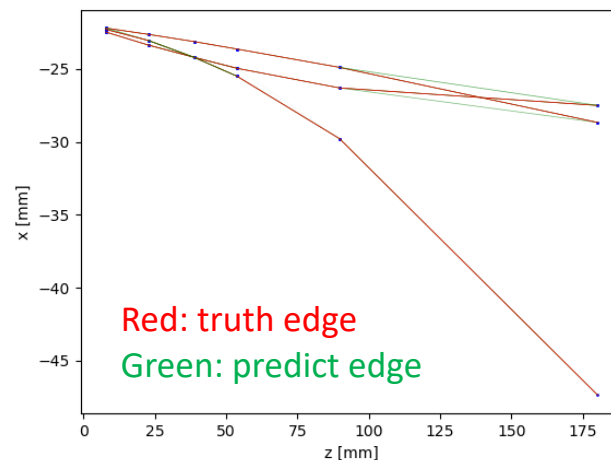
- Binary cross-entropy with logit
- $L = \sum_i [-\hat{y}_i \log(\sigma(y_i)) - (1 - \hat{y}_i) \log(1 - \sigma(y_i))]$

Optimization

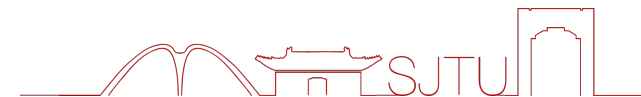
- Adam algorithm

Dataset

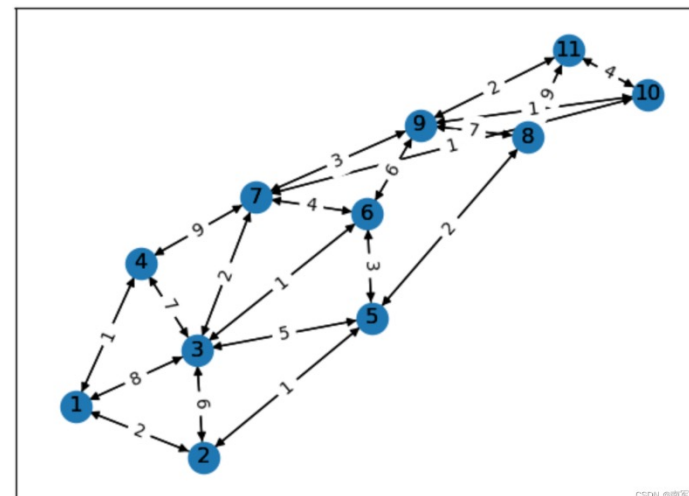
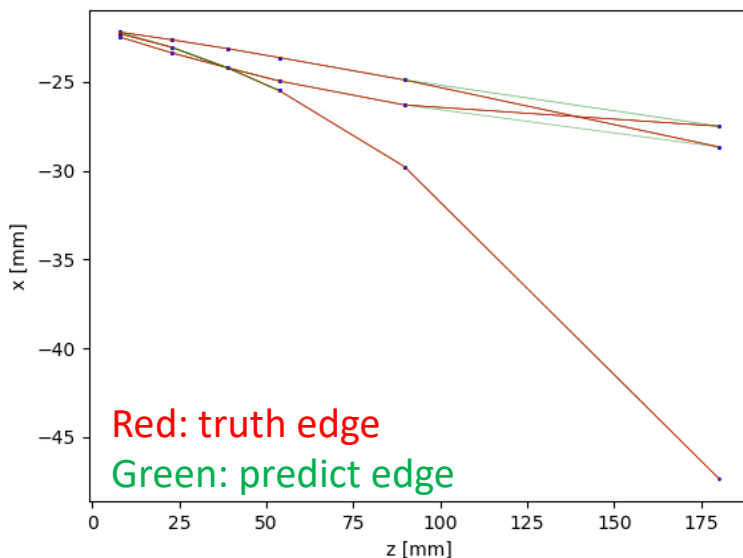
- 10^5 dark photon visible decay events
- train: validation: test = 3: 1: 1



GNN Tracking: Result



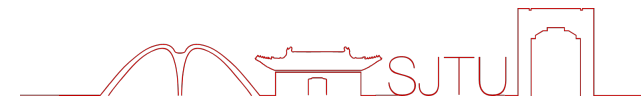
⊗ The output of GNN is the score of each edge. We use the Dijkstra algorithm to cluster the edges into track.



The **3-track** reconstruction efficiency comparison

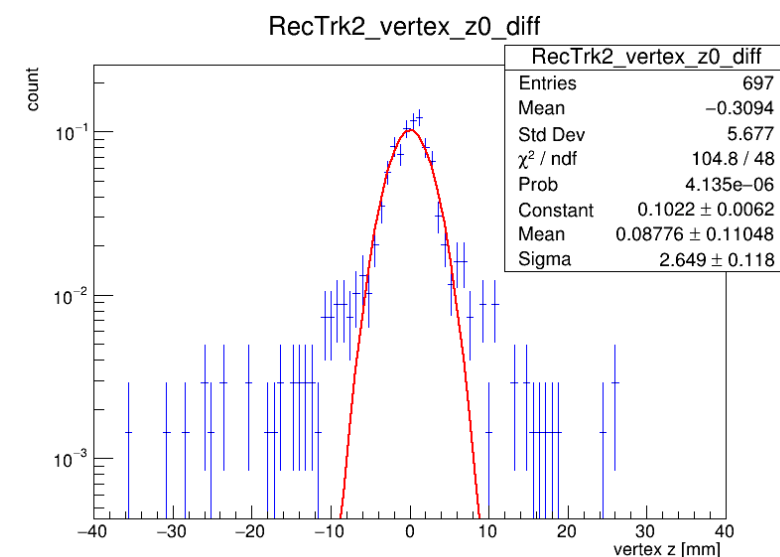
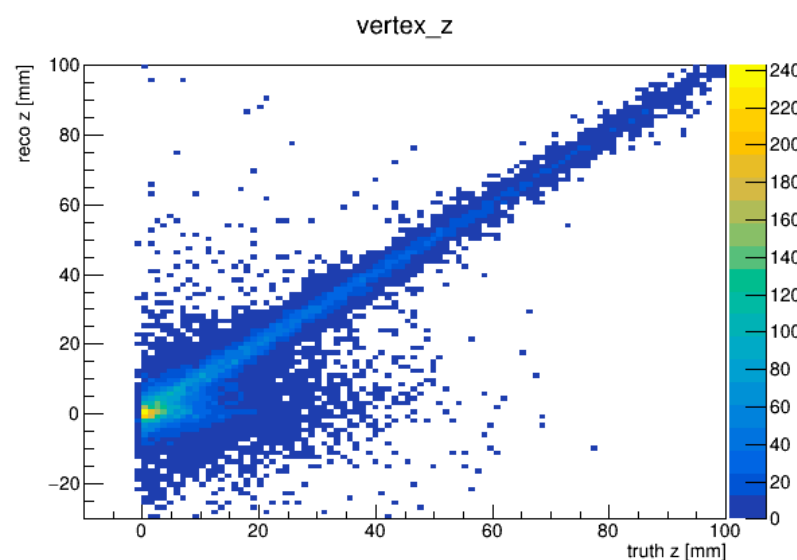
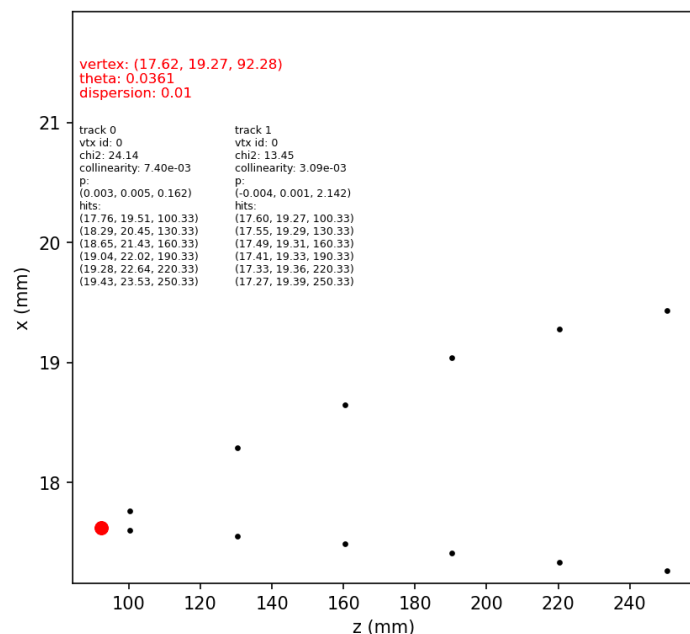
$m_{A'}$ [MeV]	20	50	100	200	500
Greedy + circle fit	60%	75%	77%	75%	69%
GNN + Dijkstra	82%	85%	85%	85%	84%

Vertexing



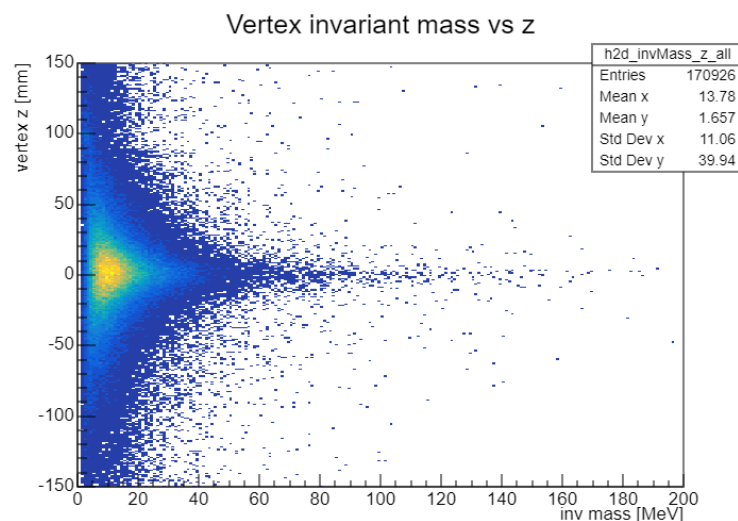
Implemented based on rave (<https://rave.hepforge.org/>)

- Use GenFit track as input (in the preliminary study, we use truth track finding result).
- Several vertexing methods (in Rave):
 - Kalman filter
 - Adaptive Vertex Fitter

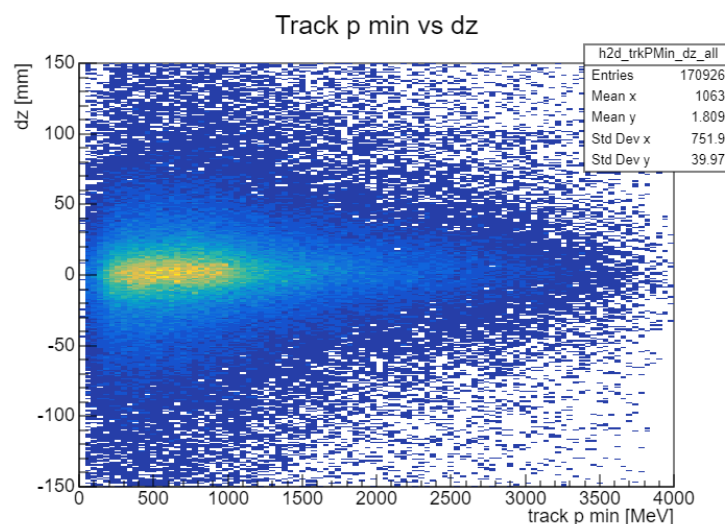


Signal vertex resolution: **2.6 mm**

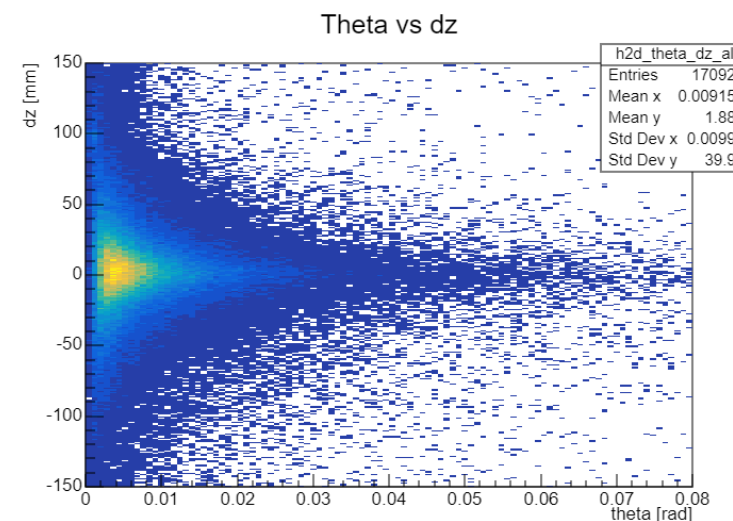
⊗ We select several vertexing parameters to improve the vertex resolution:



Invariant mass



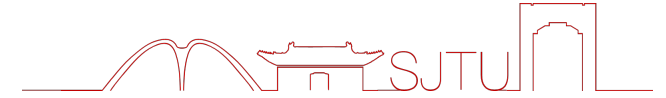
Track momentum



Track intersection angle

- The vertex z resolution is highly dependent on the angle, the momentum of tracks (multiple scattering effect).
- We add cut on these variables to improve the vertex z resolution.

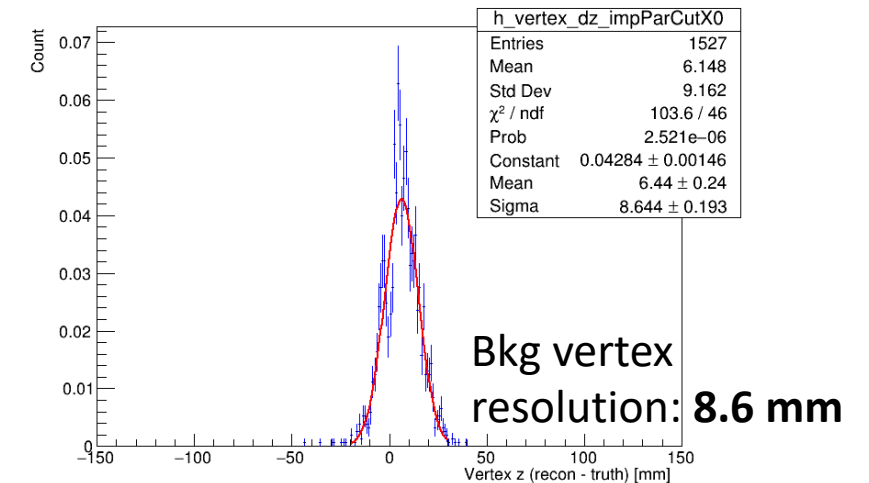
Vertexing Application: Visible Decay Search



🌀 We study the vertex resolution on the main background of visible decay.

Cut summary	
Kinematics cut	Track p > 0.5 GeV
	Invariant mass > 20 MeV
Reconstruction track cut	Shared hit num = 0
	Impact parameter cut
Vertex parameter cut	Recon vertex num >= 1
	Vertex dispersion < 0.4 mm
	Vertex theta > 0.012 rad
	Vertex projection – IP distance < 0.3 mm

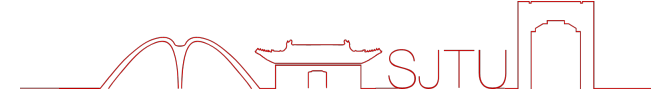
Vertexing result of $e^-N \rightarrow e^-Ne^+e^-$ process:



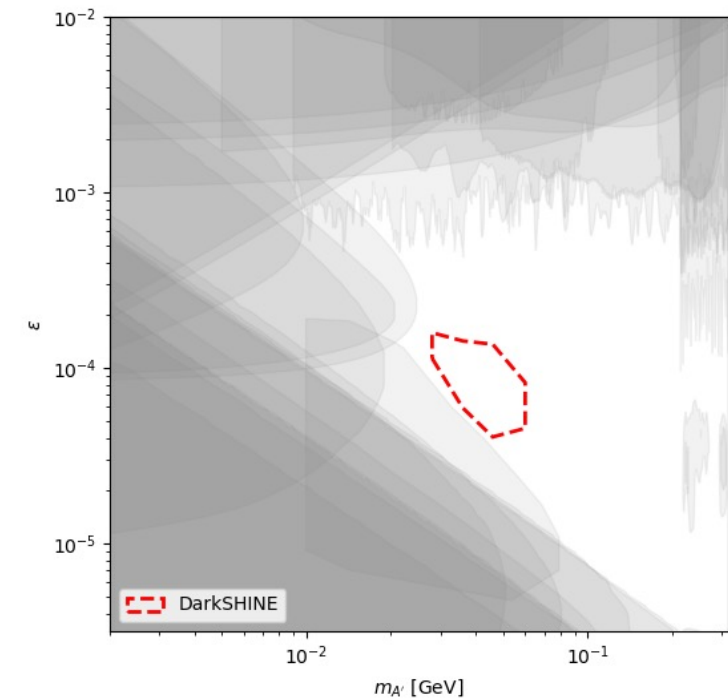
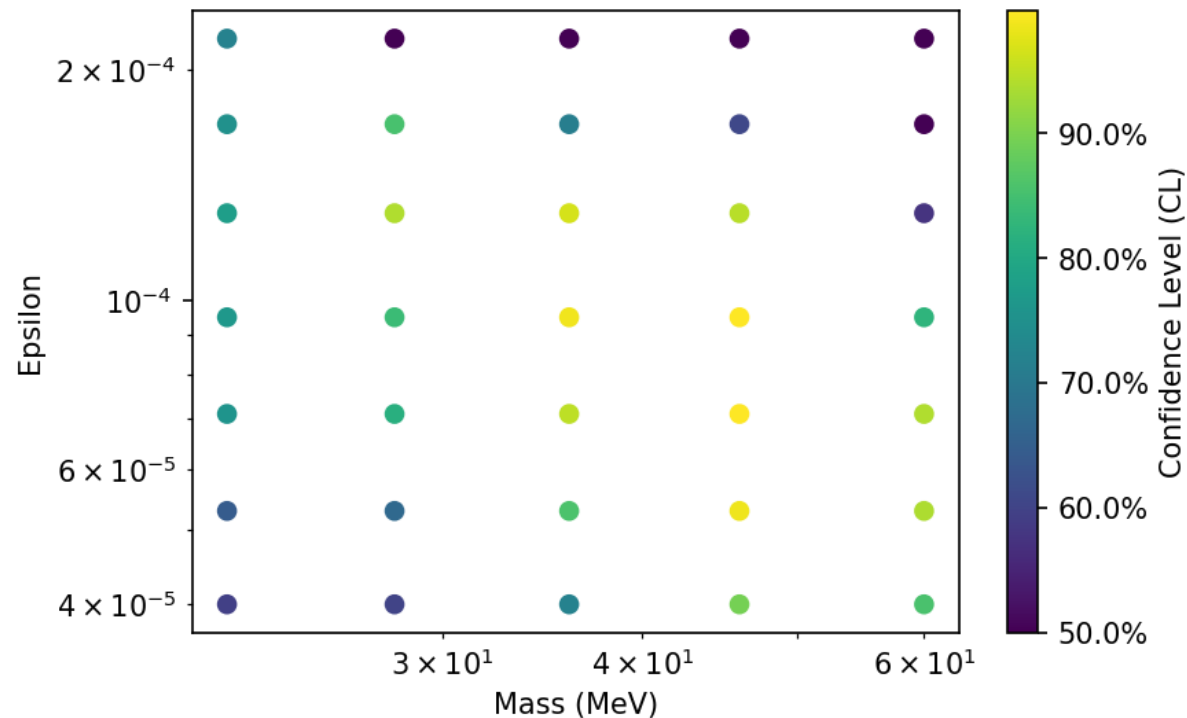
EOT: 3E14

Event type	eBrem + conv	ePairProd
Event num	7.5E12	4.3E11
Event num (after cut)	2.2E10	1.2E9
0.1 background range	> 6.8 sigma (65mm, 99mm)	

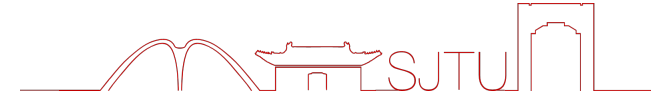
Exclusion Limit



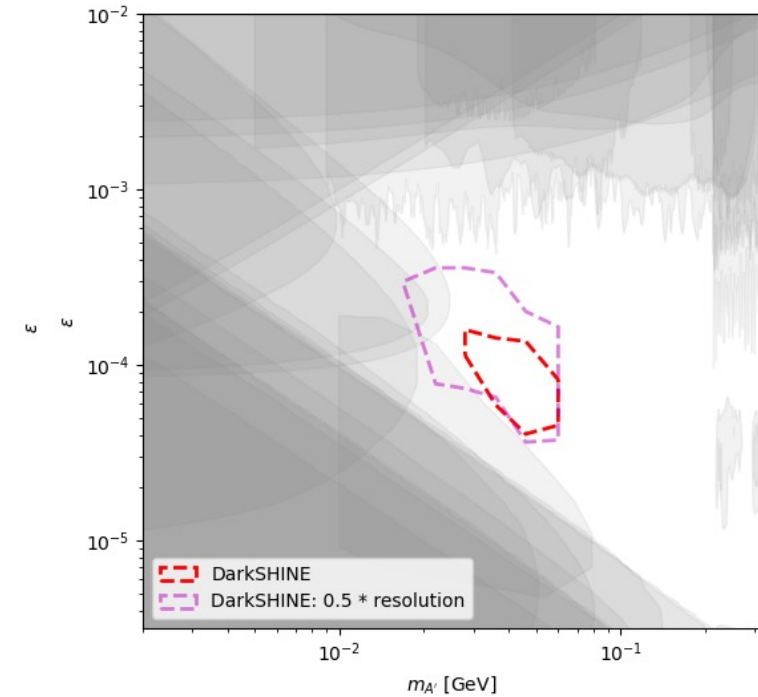
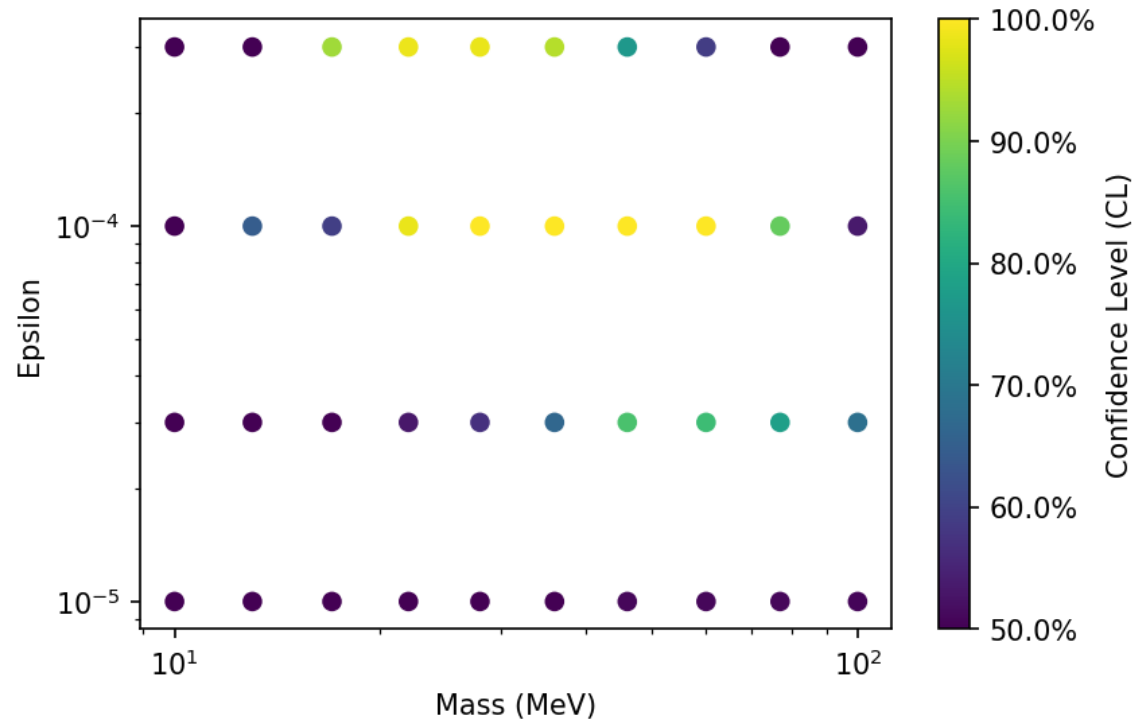
- From the vertex reconstruction result of $e^-N \rightarrow e^-Ne^+e^-$ process, assuming the reconstructed vertex is Gaussian distribution, we define the displaced vertex region at (65, 99) mm from the target.
- The exclusion limit for DarkSHINE (1 year run, $3E14$ EOT) is estimated.



Exclusion Limit



- ⊗ If the vertex resolution can be **improved by a factor of 2** (4.3mm), the signal region can be further extended.



⑧ We have developed the full tracking and vertexing framework at DarkSHINE.

⑧ Tracking

- A simple track finding algorithm (**Greedy find + circle fit**) is implemented with good tracking efficiency (**~97%**) in single track case.
- Track fitting algorithm with **Kalman Filter** based on GenFit is implemented.
- GNN track finding is developed to improved tracking efficiency in 3-track case (**from ~70% to ~85%**).

⑧ Vertexing

- Vertex reconstruction based on **GenFit and Rave** has been developed with mm-level resolution on vertex Z.
- DarkSHINE can reach state-of-art sensitivity for dark photon visible decay search using improved vertex reconstruction.
 - $m_{A'}$ (**30 MeV, 60 MeV**)
 - ϵ (**4e-5, 2e-4**)



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