

Dark sector and Axion-like Particles @ Belle-II

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LHCb and Belle II Opportunities for Model Builders @ Mainz
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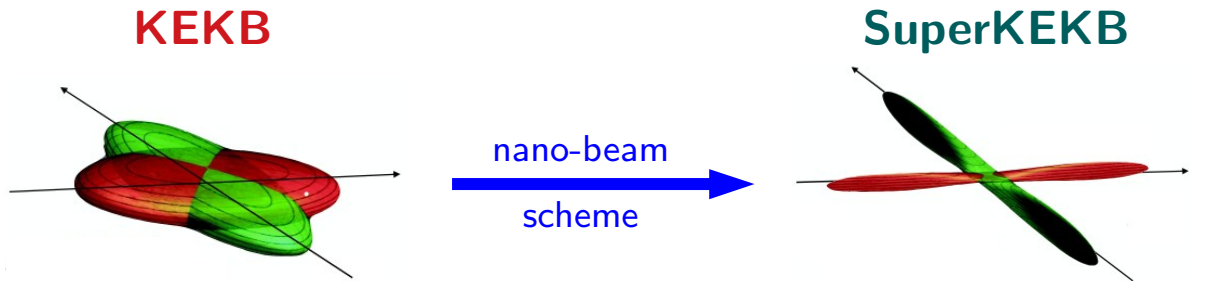
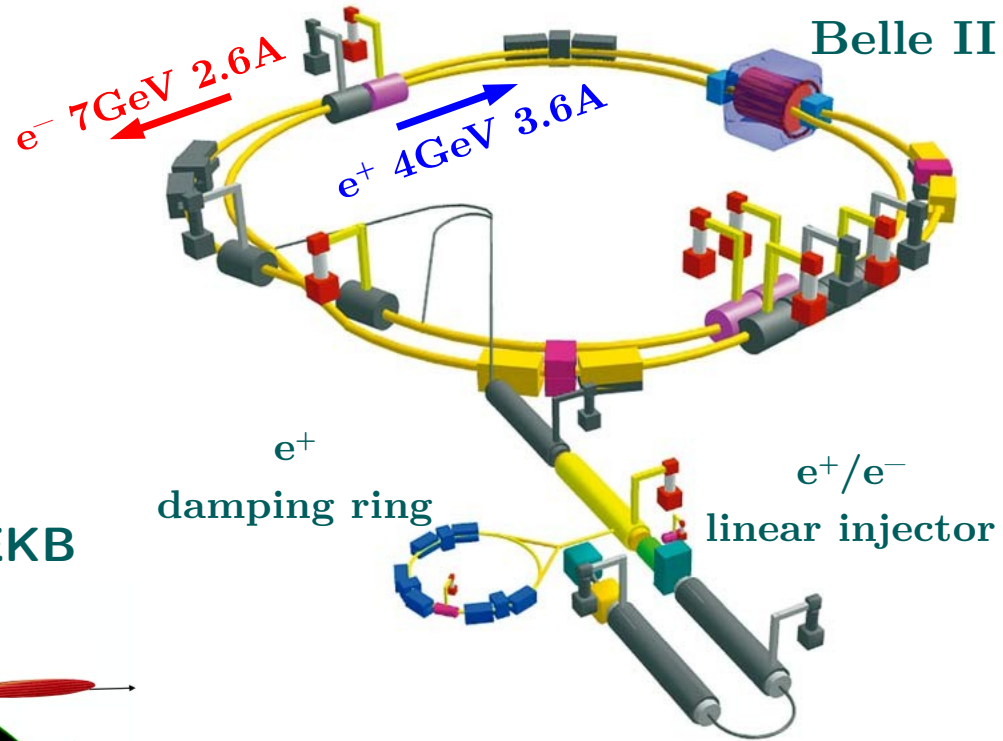


**SuperKEKB
and
Belle II**

SuperKEKB is a super B-factory located at KEK (Tsukuba, Japan)

It's an asymmetric e^+e^- collider operating mainly at **10.58 GeV**

($\Upsilon(4S)$, but possible runs from $\Upsilon(2S)$ to $\Upsilon(6S)$)



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40x peak luminosity:

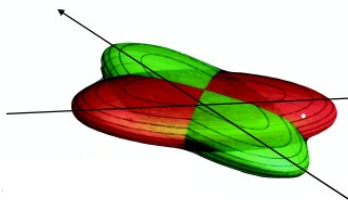
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SuperKEKB: an Intensity Frontier machine

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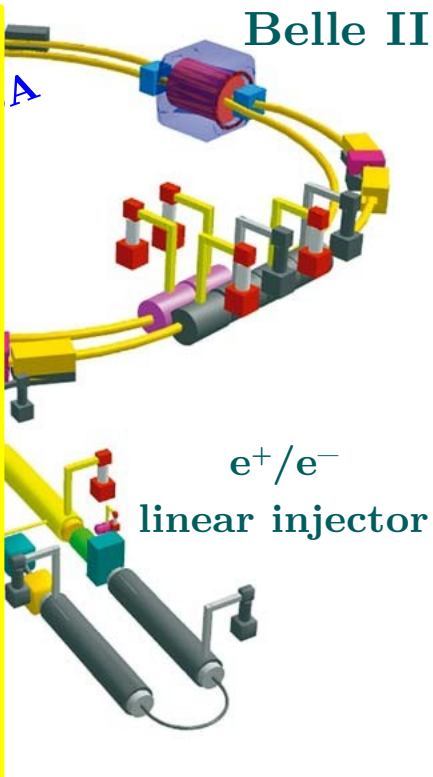
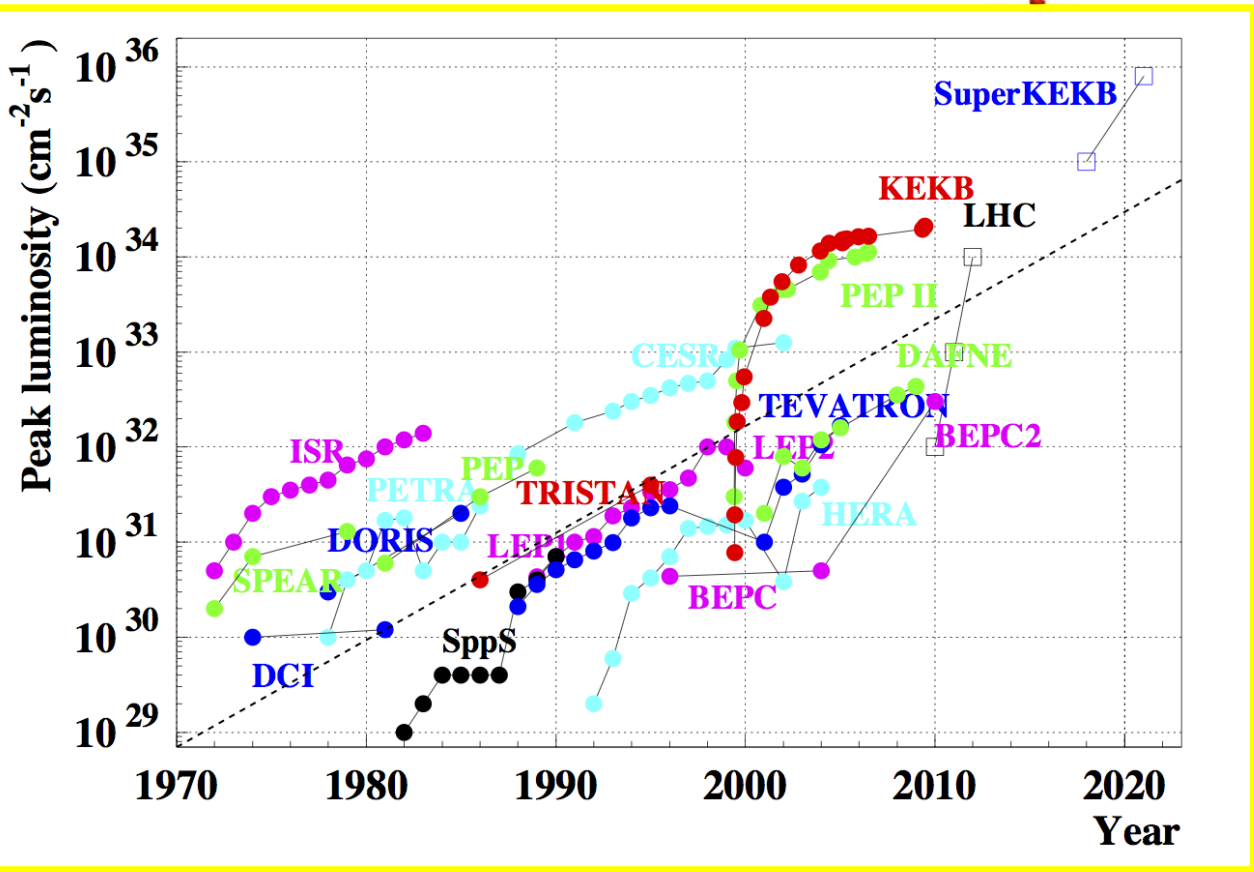


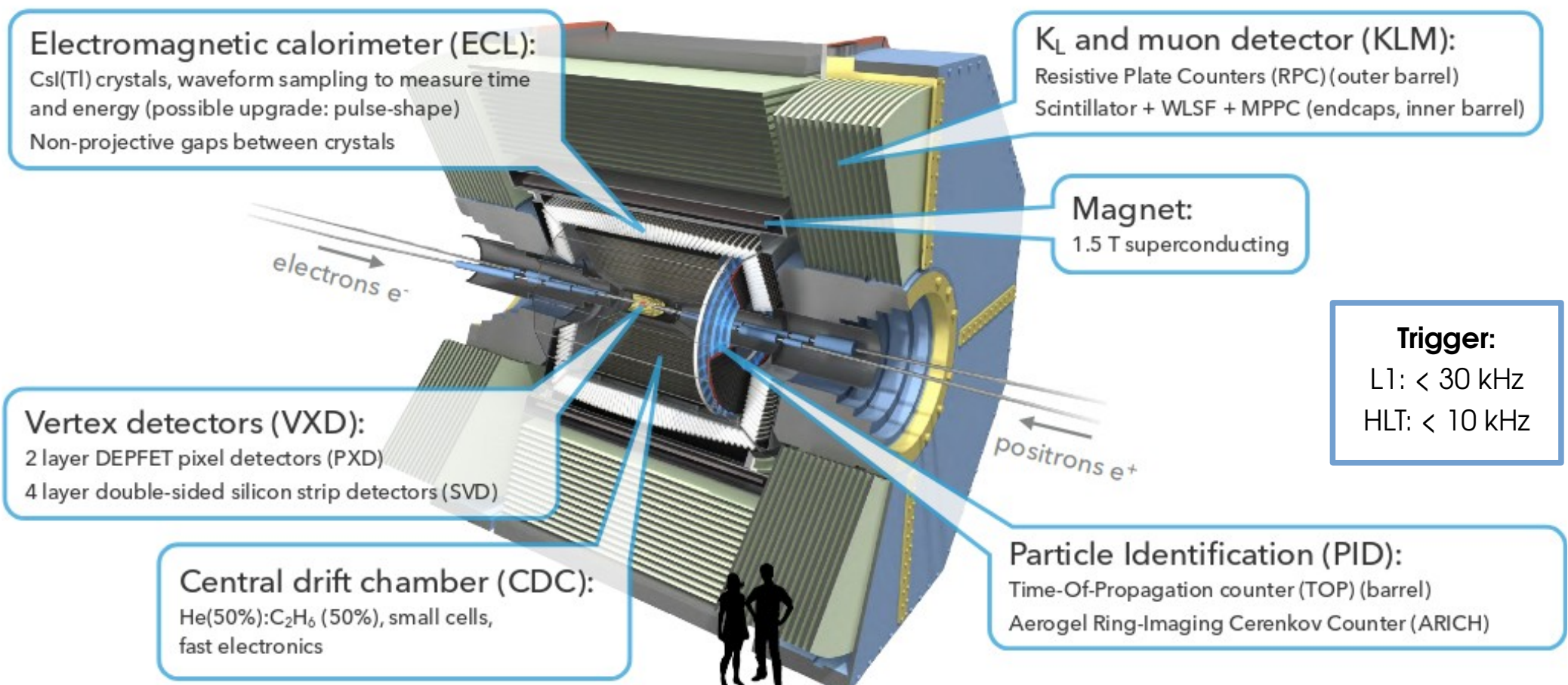
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Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL):

CsI(Tl) crystals, waveform sampling to measure time and energy (possible upgrade: pulse-shape)
Non-projective gaps between crystals

K_L and muon detector (KLM):

Resistive Plate Counters (RPC) (outer barrel)
Scintillator + WLSF + MPPC (endcaps, inner barrel)

Magnet:

1.5 T superconducting

Trigger:

L1: < 30 kHz
HLT: < 10 kHz

Vertex detectors (VXD):

2 layer DEPFET pixel detectors (PXD)
4 layer double-sided silicon strip detectors (SVD)

Central drift chamber (CDC):

He(50%):C₂H₆ (50%), small cells,
fast electronics

Particle Identification (PID):

Time-Of-Propagation counter (TOP) (barrel)
Aerogel Ring-Imaging Cerenkov Counter (ARICH)

Physics process	Cross section [nb]	Selection Criteria	Reference
$\Upsilon(4S)$	1.110 ± 0.008	-	[1]
$u\bar{u}(\gamma)$	1.61	-	KKMC
$d\bar{d}(\gamma)$	0.40	-	KKMC
$s\bar{s}(\gamma)$	0.38	-	KKMC
$c\bar{c}(\gamma)$	1.30	-	KKMC
$e^+e^-(\gamma)$	300 ± 3 (MC stat.)	$10^\circ < \theta_e^* < 170^\circ$, $E_e^* > 0.15$ GeV	BABAYAGA.NLO
$e^+e^-(\gamma)$	74.4	$p_e > 0.5$ GeV/c and e in ECL	-
$\gamma\gamma(\gamma)$	4.99 ± 0.05 (MC stat.)	$10^\circ < \theta_\gamma^* < 170^\circ$, $E_\gamma^* > 0.15$ GeV	BABAYAGA.NLO
$\gamma\gamma(\gamma)$	3.30	$E_\gamma > 0.5$ GeV in ECL	-
$\mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$	1.148	-	KKMC
$\mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$	0.831	$p_\mu > 0.5$ GeV/c in CDC	-
$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma(\gamma)$	0.242	$p_\mu > 0.5$ GeV in CDC, $\geq 1 \gamma$ ($E_\gamma > 0.5$ GeV) in ECL	-
$\tau^+\tau^-(\gamma)$	0.919	-	KKMC
$\nu\bar{\nu}(\gamma)$	0.25×10^{-3}	-	KKMC
$e^+e^-e^+e^-$	39.7 ± 0.1 (MC stat.)	$W_{\ell\ell} > 0.5$ GeV/c ²	AAFH
$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$	18.9 ± 0.1 (MC stat.)	$W_{\ell\ell} > 0.5$ GeV/c ²	AAFH

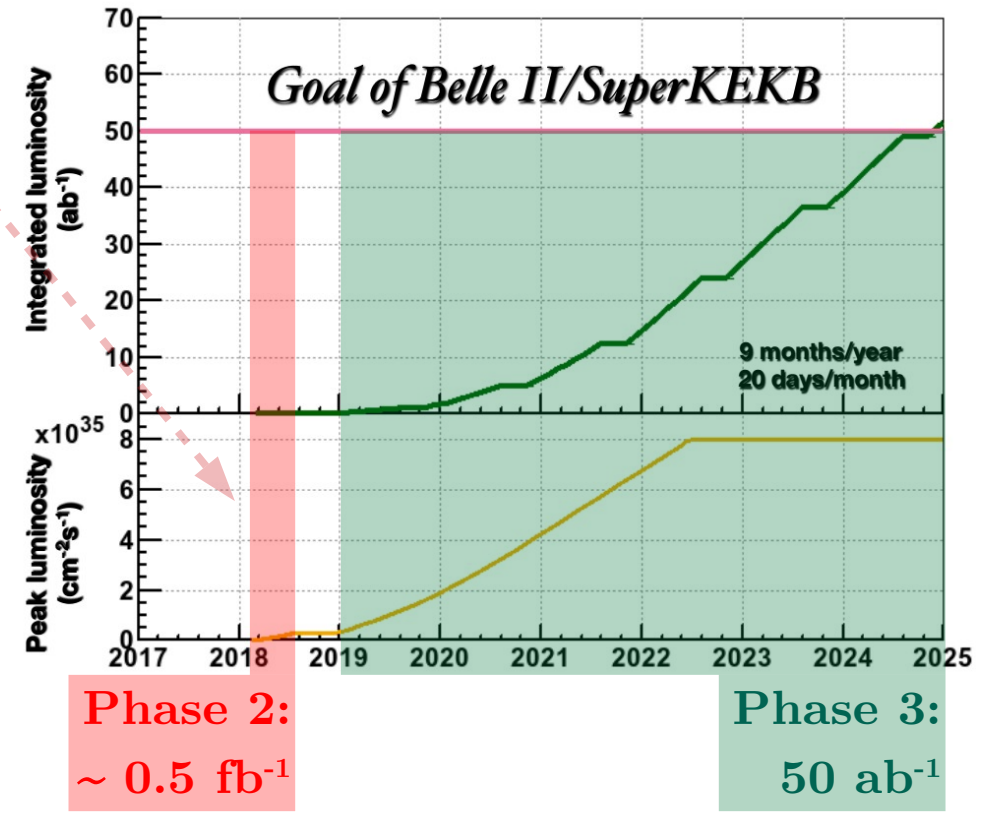
Values from
"The Belle II Physics Book"
 arXiv:1808.10567

During the Phase 2 run (**2018**)
 Belle II had partial **VXD detector**

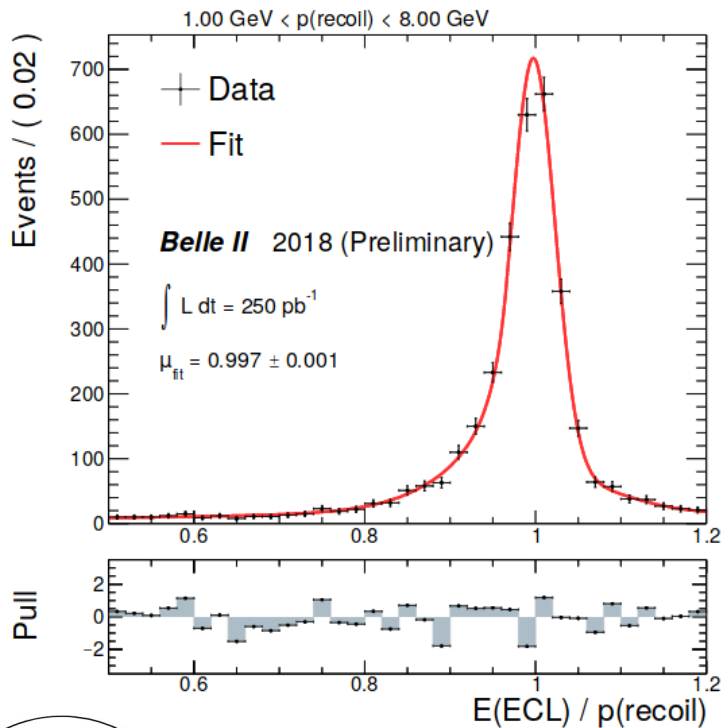
Main goals:

- accelerator commissioning
- measure beam background
- detector commissioning
- **(some) dark sector physics**

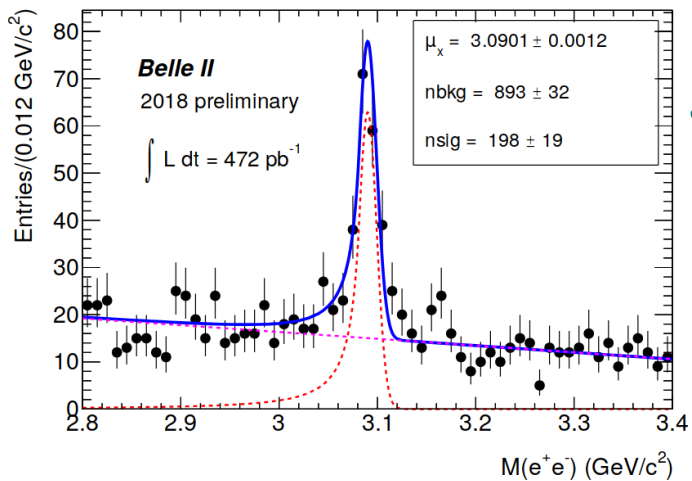
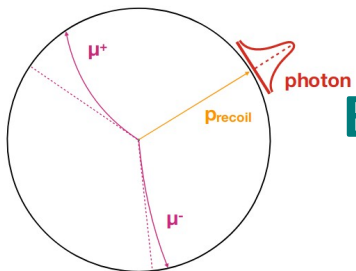
Collected $\sim 490 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



Achieved $5.5 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

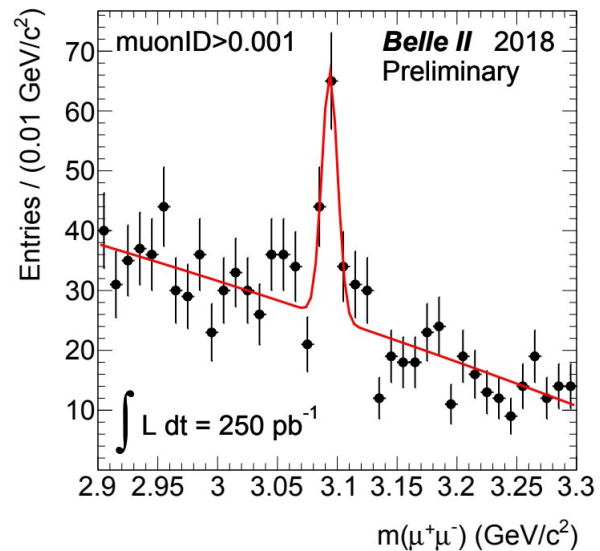


Excellent photon resolution

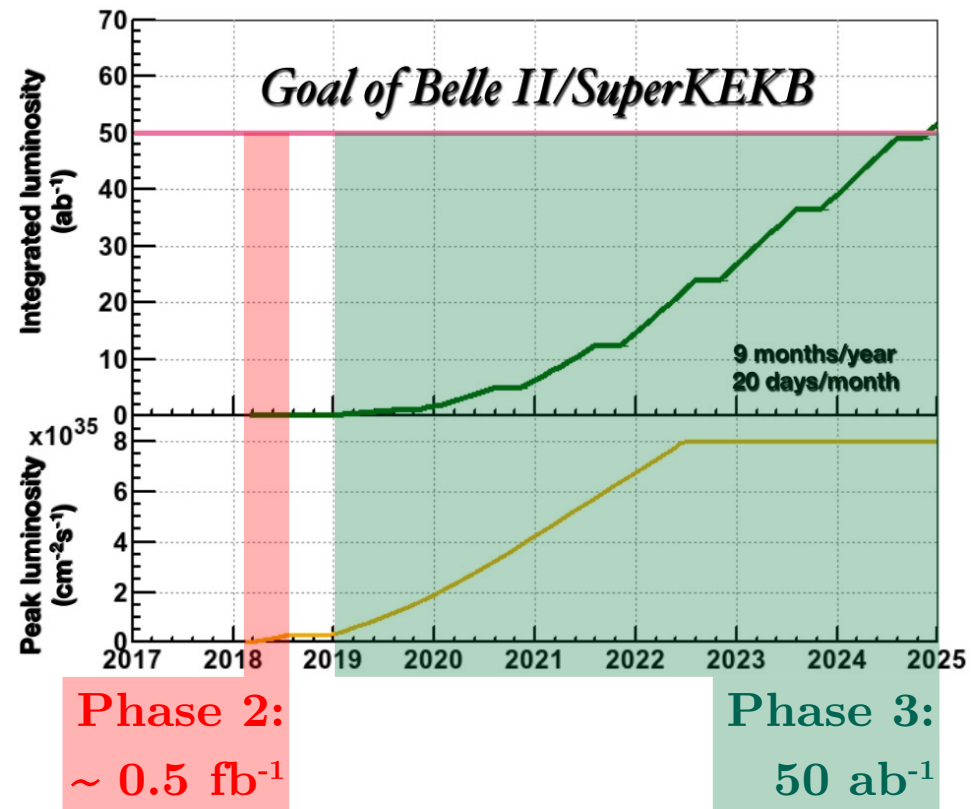
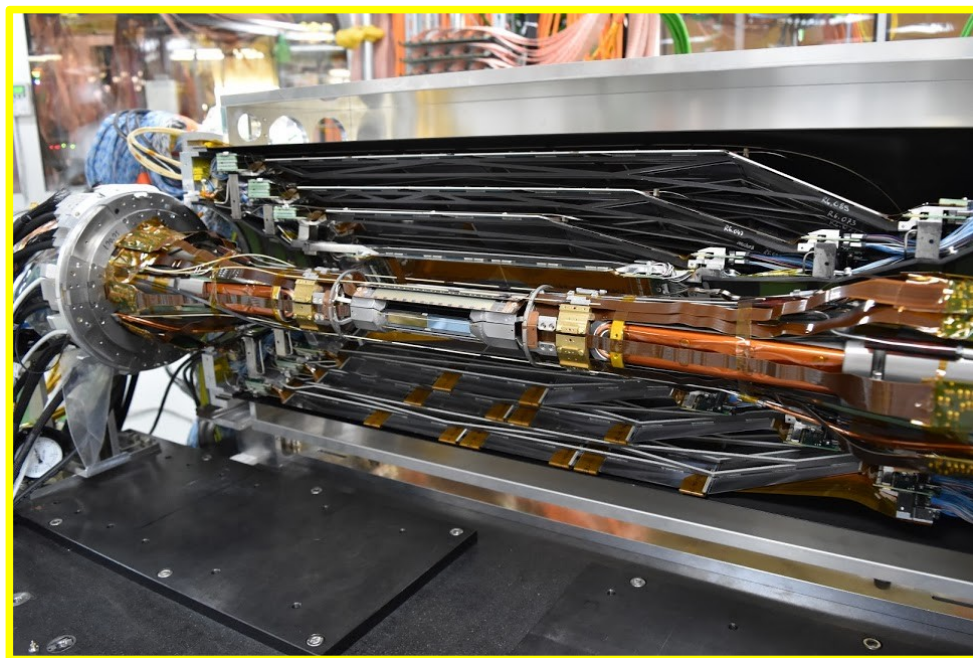


$J/\Psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$

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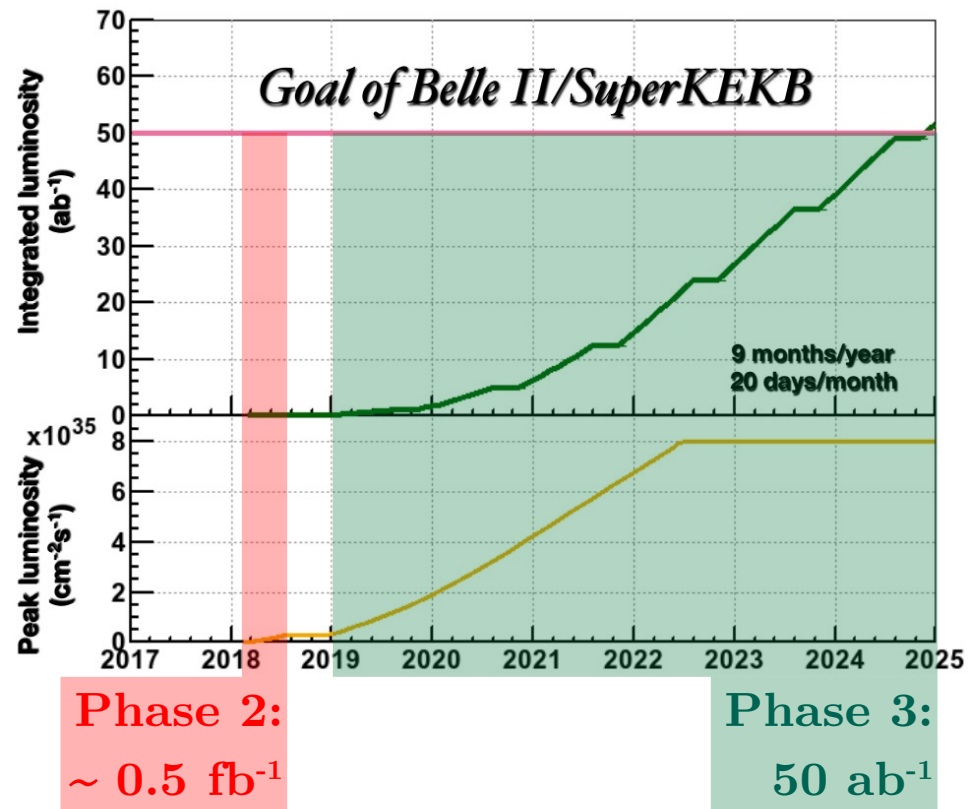
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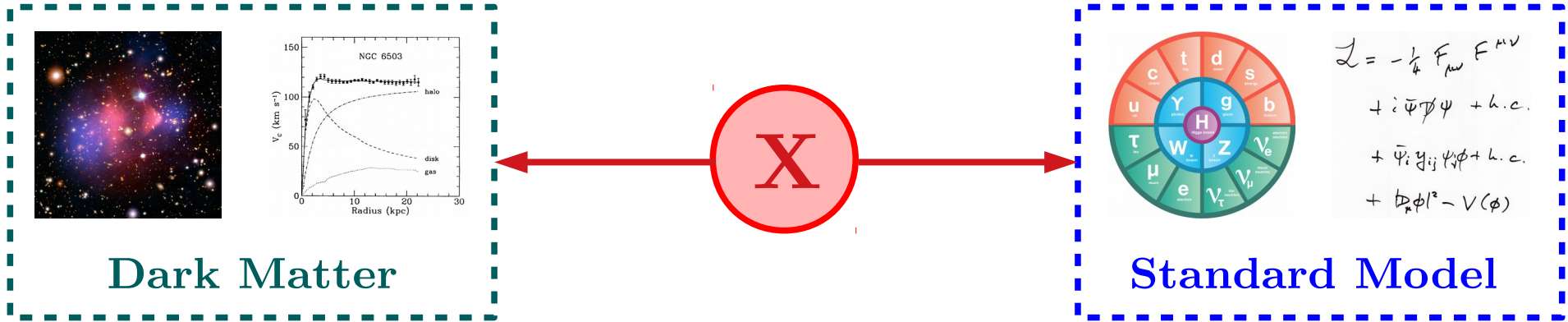
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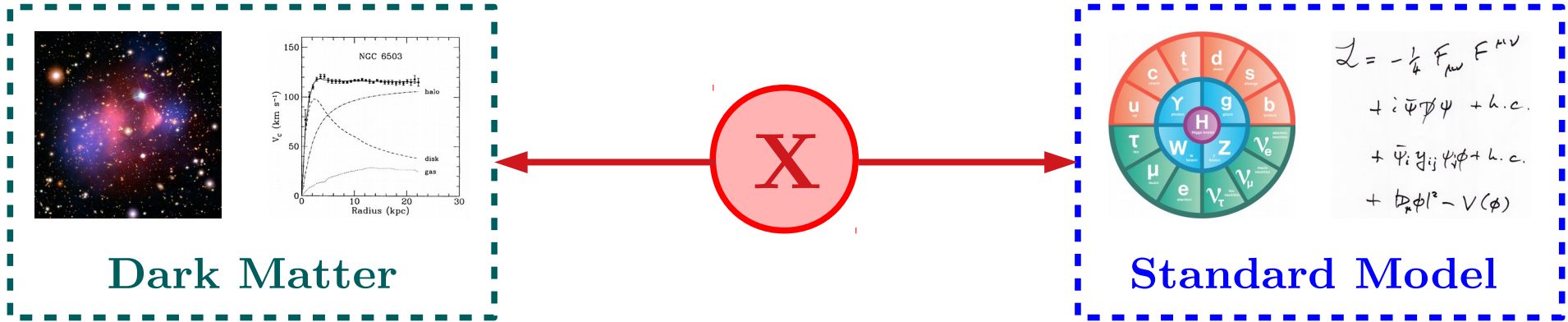
- collect 50 ab^{-1}
- flavour physics
- **a lot of dark sector physics**



Dark Matter coupling to SM

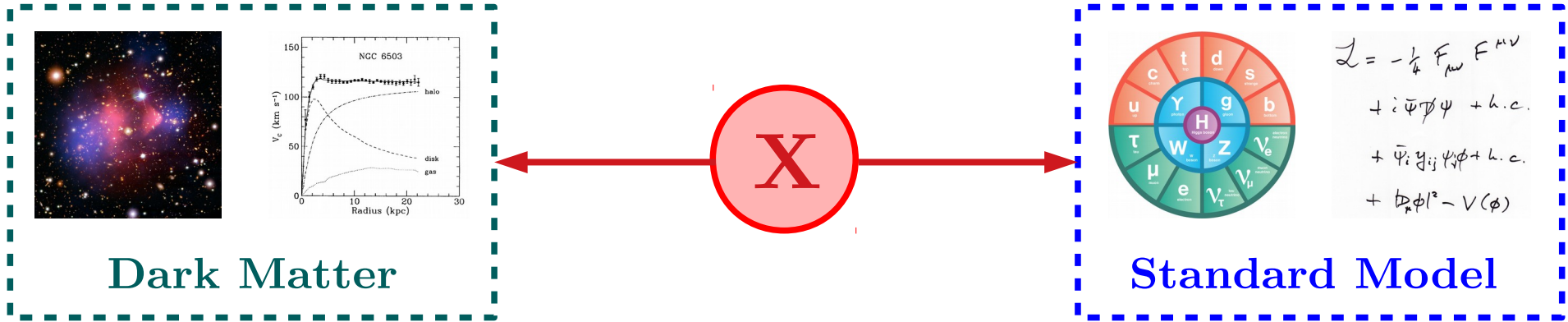


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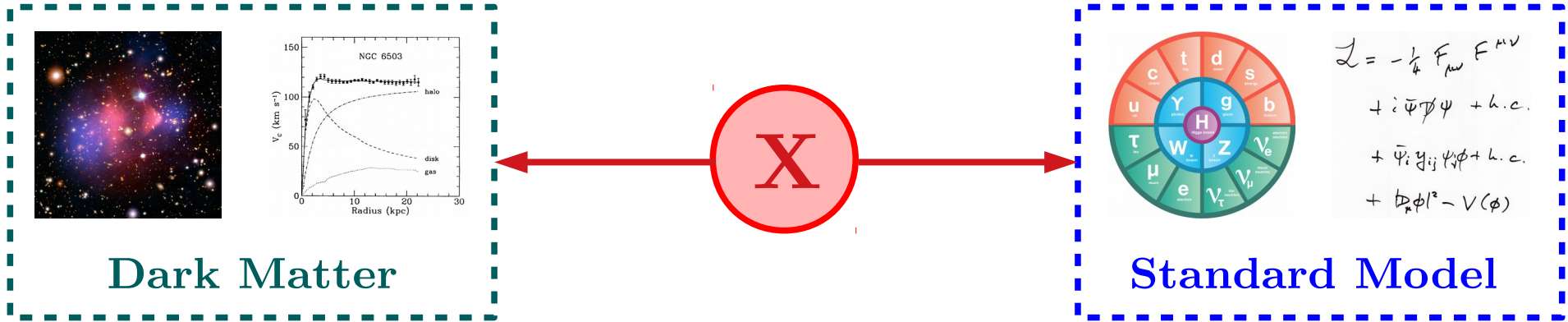
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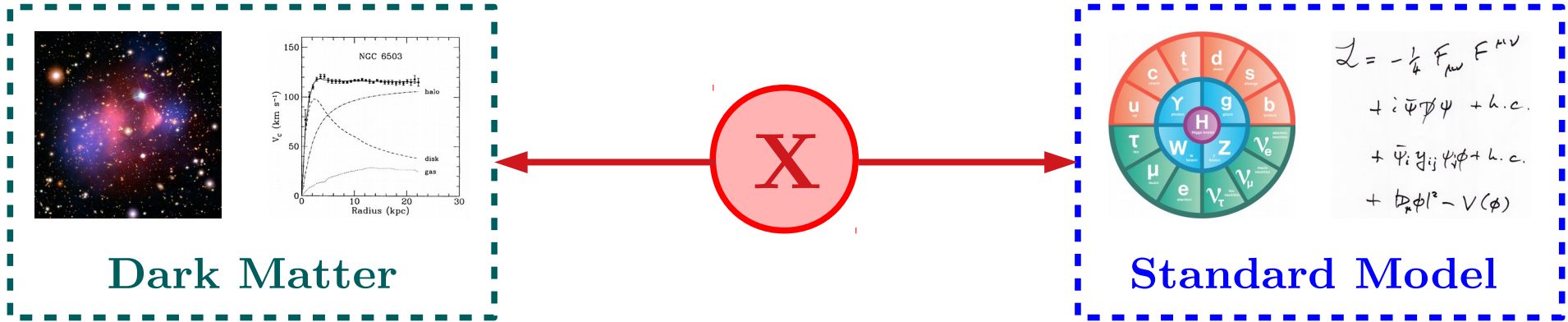


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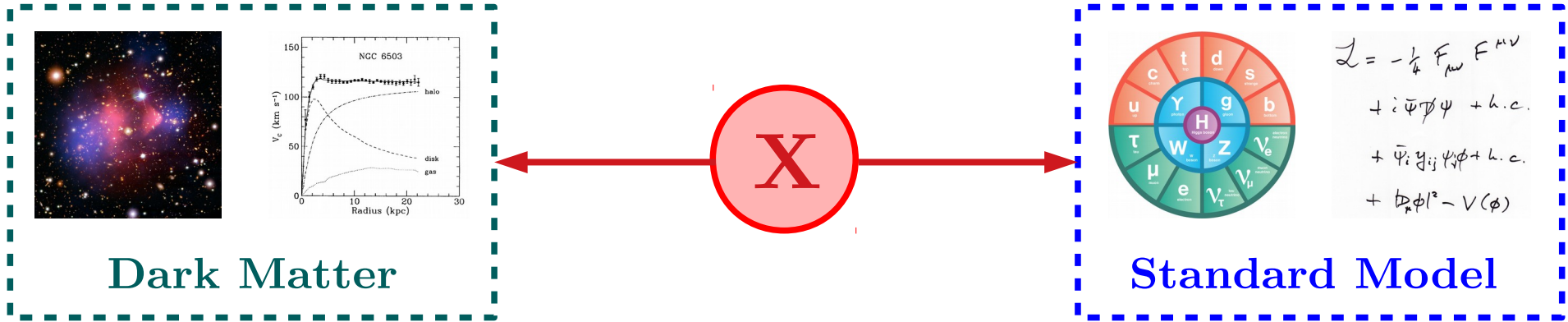
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Competitive studies
with low statistics!



Dark Photons

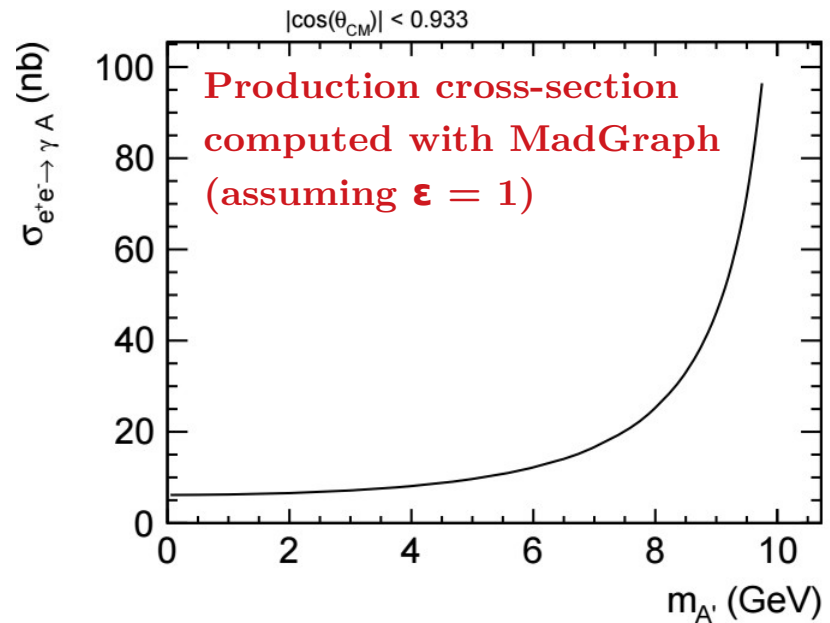
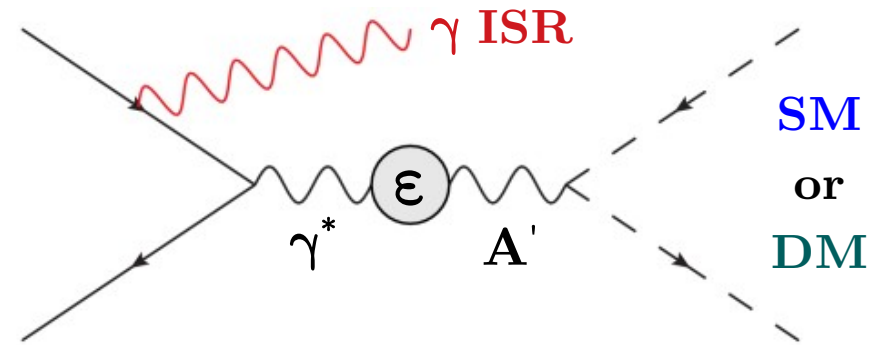
A massive Dark Photon \mathbf{A}' can mix with SM
with coupling strength ε :

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \varepsilon A'_\mu J_{\text{SM}}^\mu$$

Batell et al. (2009),
arXiv:0903.0363

Depending on DM mass,
a dark photon decays to:

DM (if $m_{\text{DM}} < \frac{1}{2} m_{\mathbf{A}'}$) \rightarrow invisible decay
SM (if $m_{\text{DM}} > \frac{1}{2} m_{\mathbf{A}'}$) \rightarrow visible decay



Signal signature:

- a single, mono-chromatic, high-E photon (**ISR photon**)
- a bump in the recoil mass:

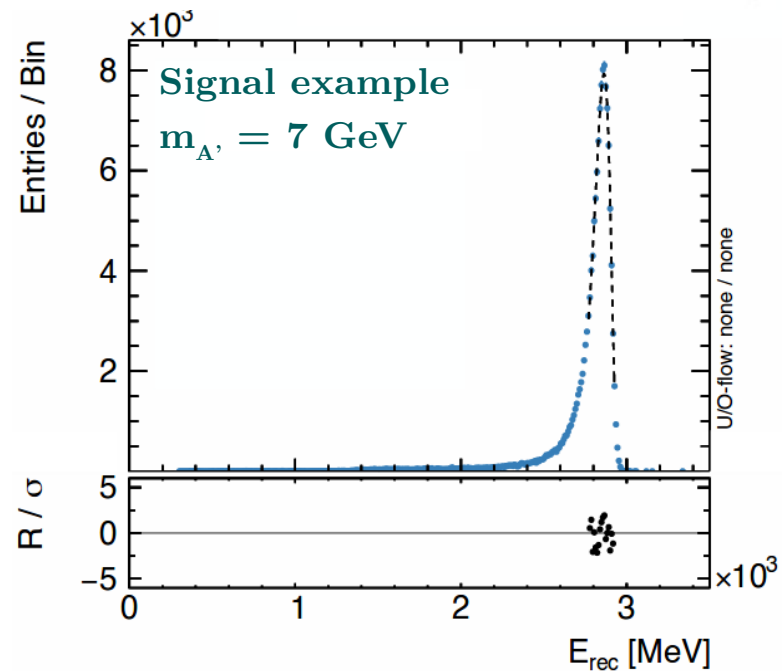
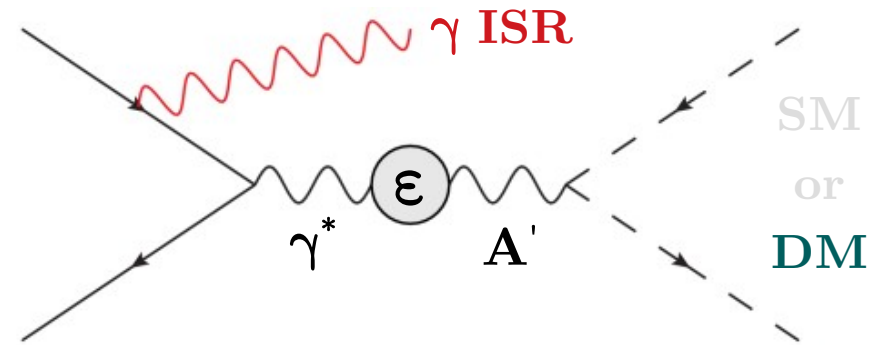
$$E_\gamma = \frac{s - m_{A'}^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

Needed a special **single photon trigger**

(not available in Belle, only ~10% of all data in BaBar)

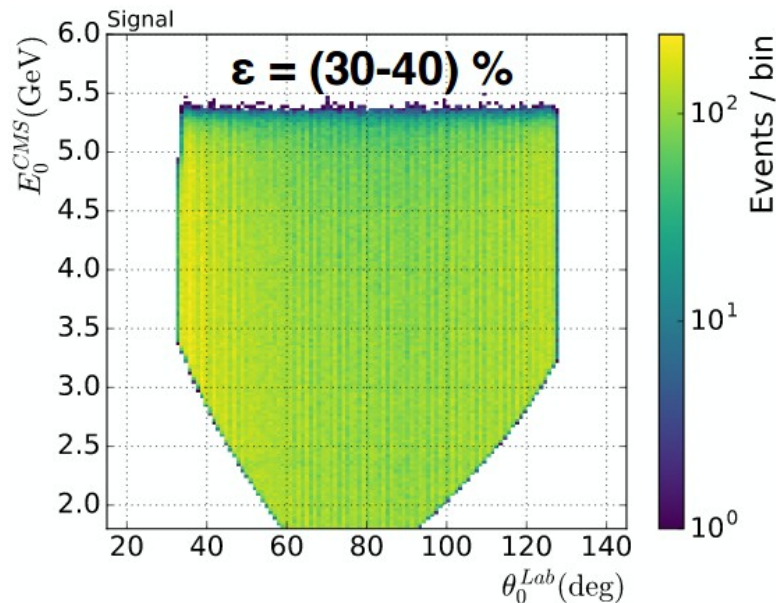
Trigger logic	L1 rate at full luminosity
$E > 1 \text{ GeV}$	4 kHz (barrel)
+ 2 nd cluster $E < 300 \text{ MeV}$	7 kHz (endcaps)
$E > 2 \text{ GeV}$	5 kHz (barrel)
+ Bhabba & $\gamma\gamma$ vetoes	

Max. L1 rate:
 $< 30 \text{ kHz}$
Sustainable
for entire
Phase 3?



Discriminant variables:

E_{CMS} vs. polar angle of "single photon"



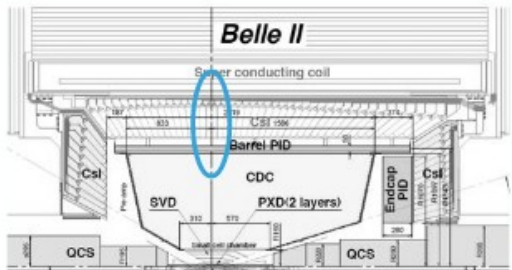
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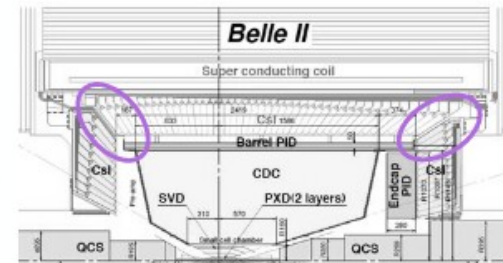
Dark Photon: invisible decay (background)

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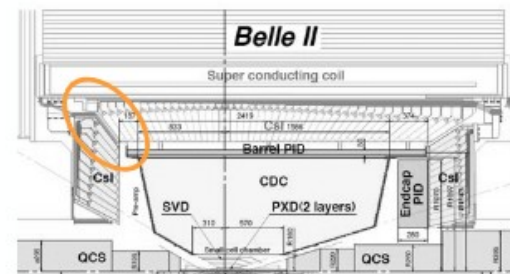
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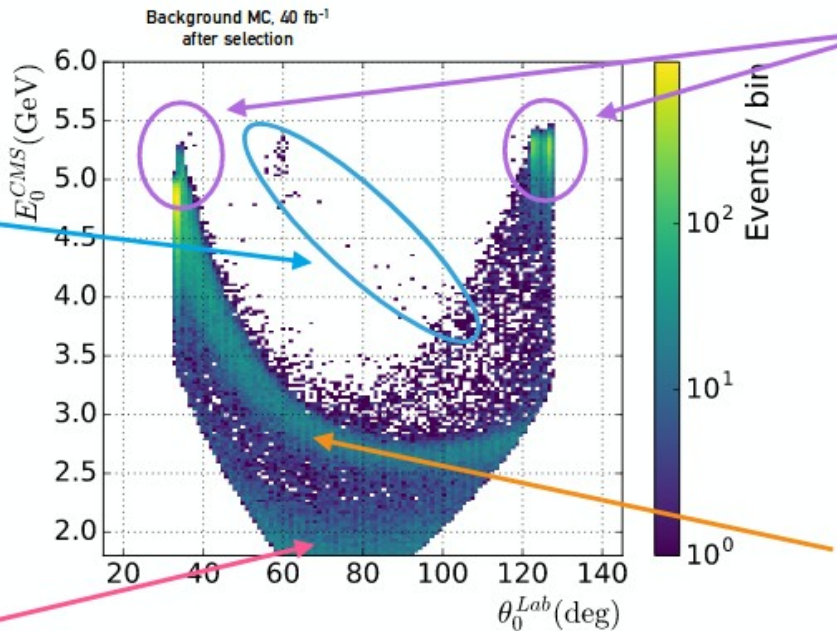
$ee \rightarrow 2\gamma$ and 3γ
 1 γ in ECL 90° gap
 1 γ out of ECL acceptance



$ee \rightarrow 2\gamma$
 1 γ in ECL BWD or FWD gap



$ee \rightarrow 3\gamma$
 1 γ in ECL BWD gap
 1 γ out of ECL acceptance

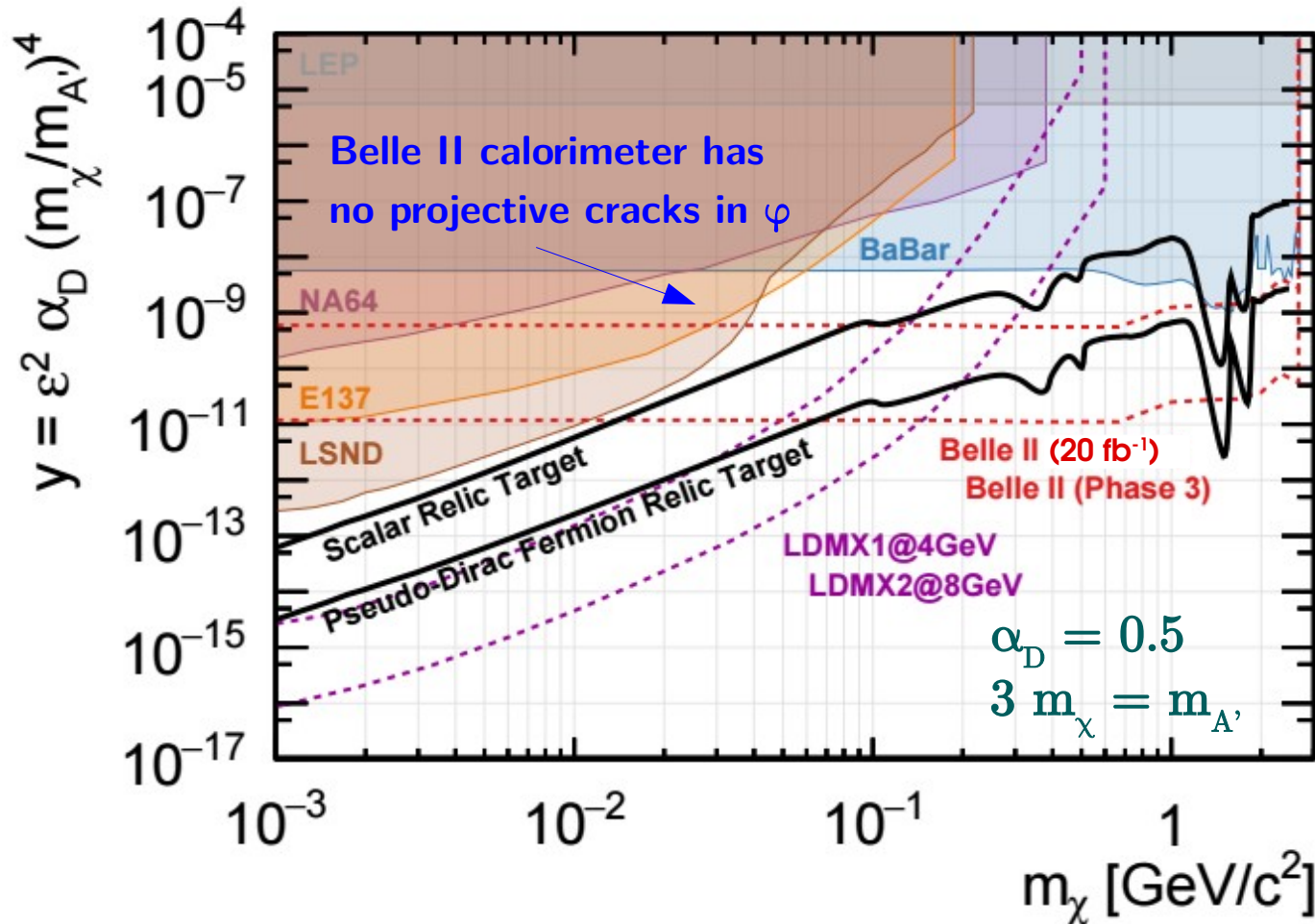


$ee \rightarrow eey$

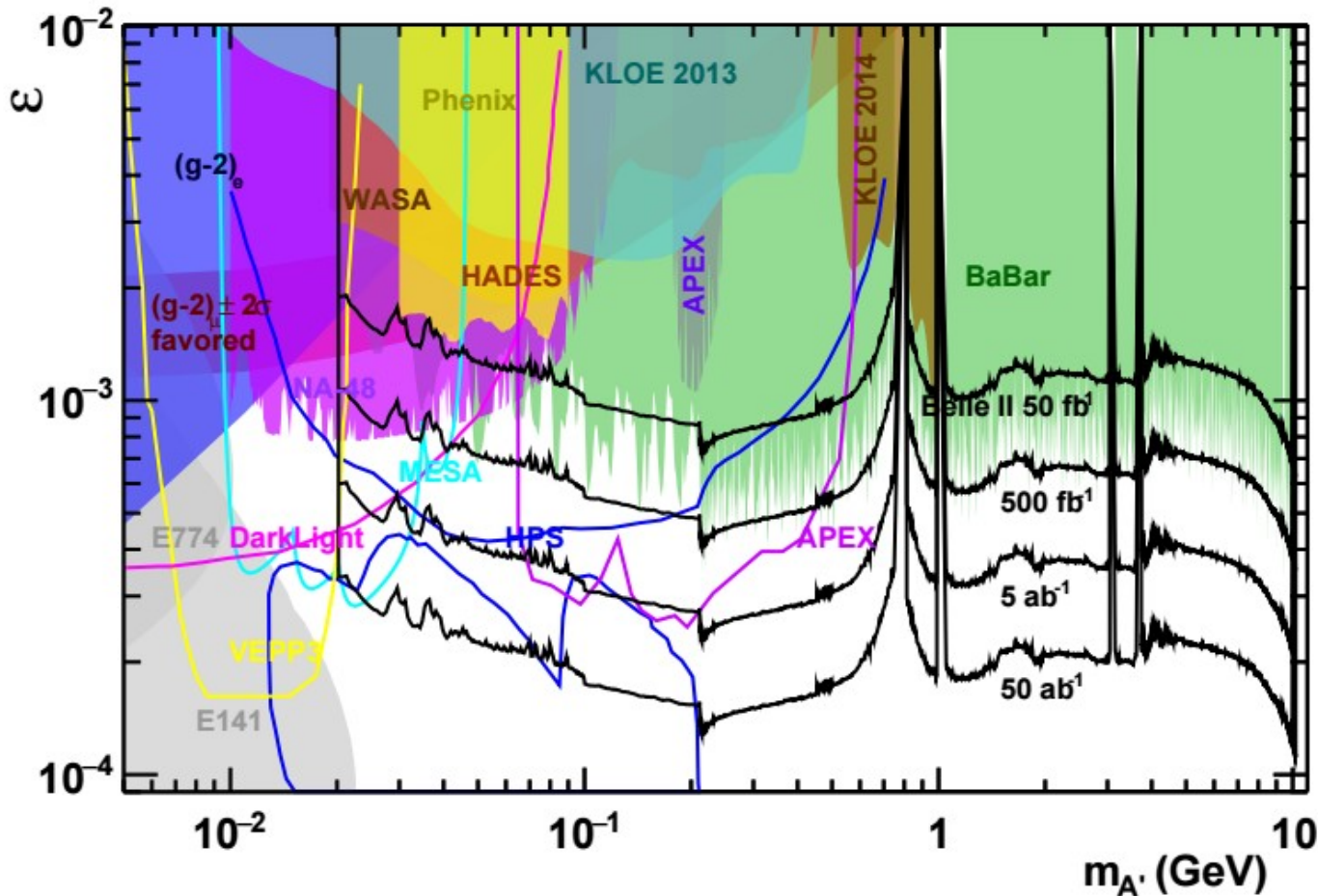
both electrons
 out of tracking acceptance

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J. Alexander et al. (2016),
arXiv:1608.08632
 N. Toro,
 private communication (2017)
 J. P. Lees et al., BaBar (2017),
arXiv:1702.0332
 The Belle II Physics Book,
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Look for a bump in the e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass over a (large) QED background

Belle II sensitivity is obtained by scaling the BaBar measurement:

- expected better invariant mass resolution
- expected better triggers

Very interesting final state...

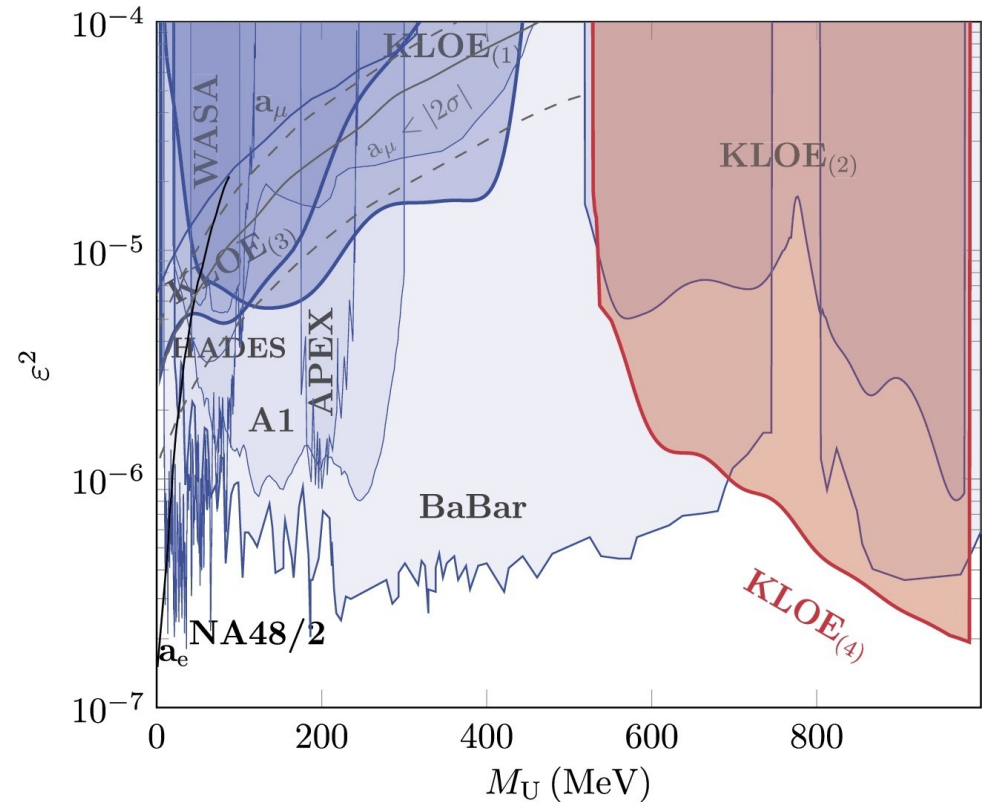
- searched only by KLOE

$$(A' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$$

- covered only the region $m_{A'} < 1$ GeV

... but quite challenging!

- due to large available phase space + hadronization, many final states must be considered
- background from hadronic events



We aim to cover

$$m_{A'} > 1 \text{ GeV}$$



Axion-like Particles

Axion-Like Particles (ALPs) are pseudo-scalars and couple to bosons.

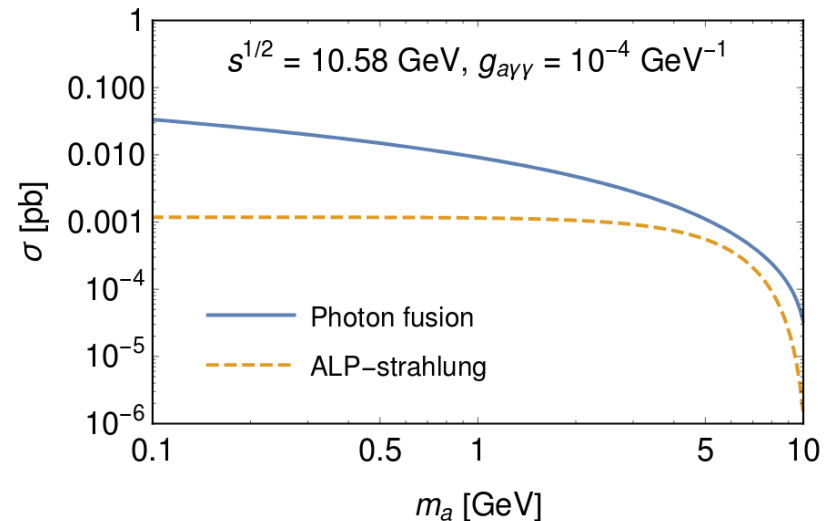
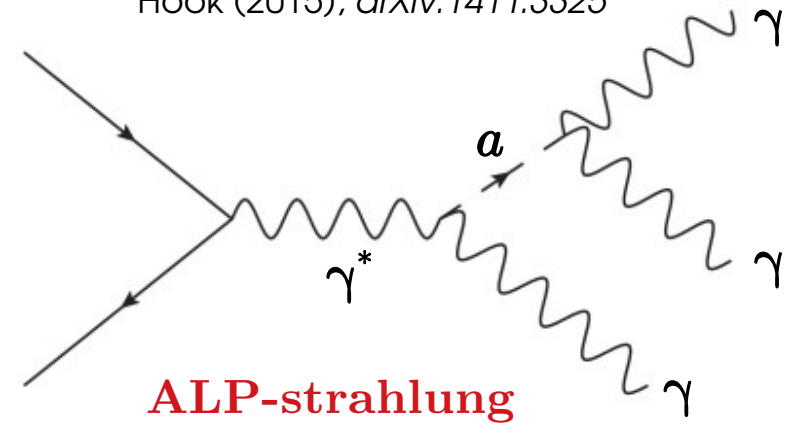
Unlike QCD Axions, ALPs have no relation between mass and coupling.

I will focus on the **coupling to photons**:

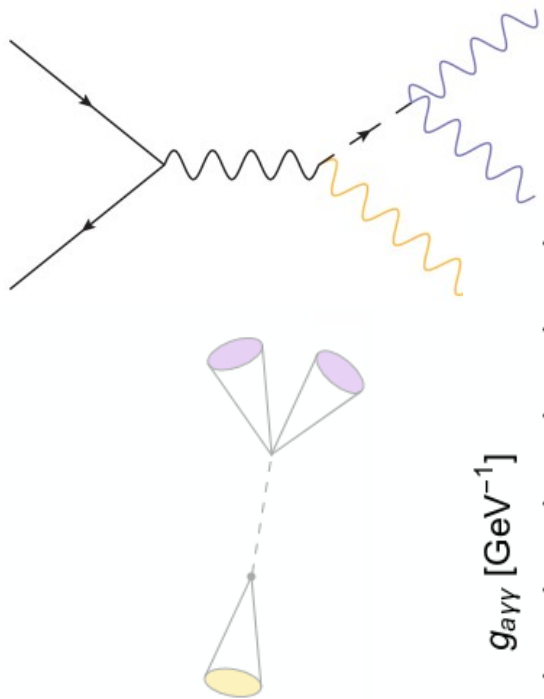
$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{N.B. } \tau \sim 1 / g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 M_a^3$$

Belle II will study the **ALP-strahlung** case (low sensitivity to photon fusion production)

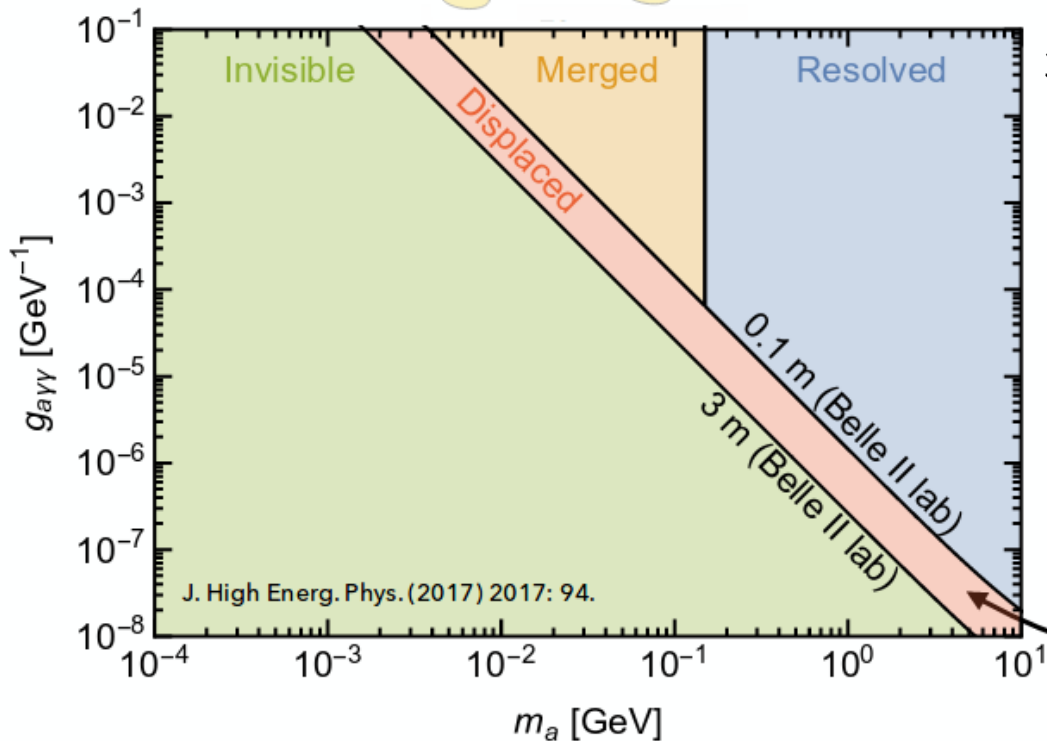
Hook (2015), arXiv:1411.3325



Axion-Like Particles (signal)



Two of the photons overlap or **merge**.



For **resolved** case:

3 clusters with $E_{CM} > 0.25$ GeV

Peak in $\gamma\gamma$ mass spectrum

Three **resolved**, high energetic photons.

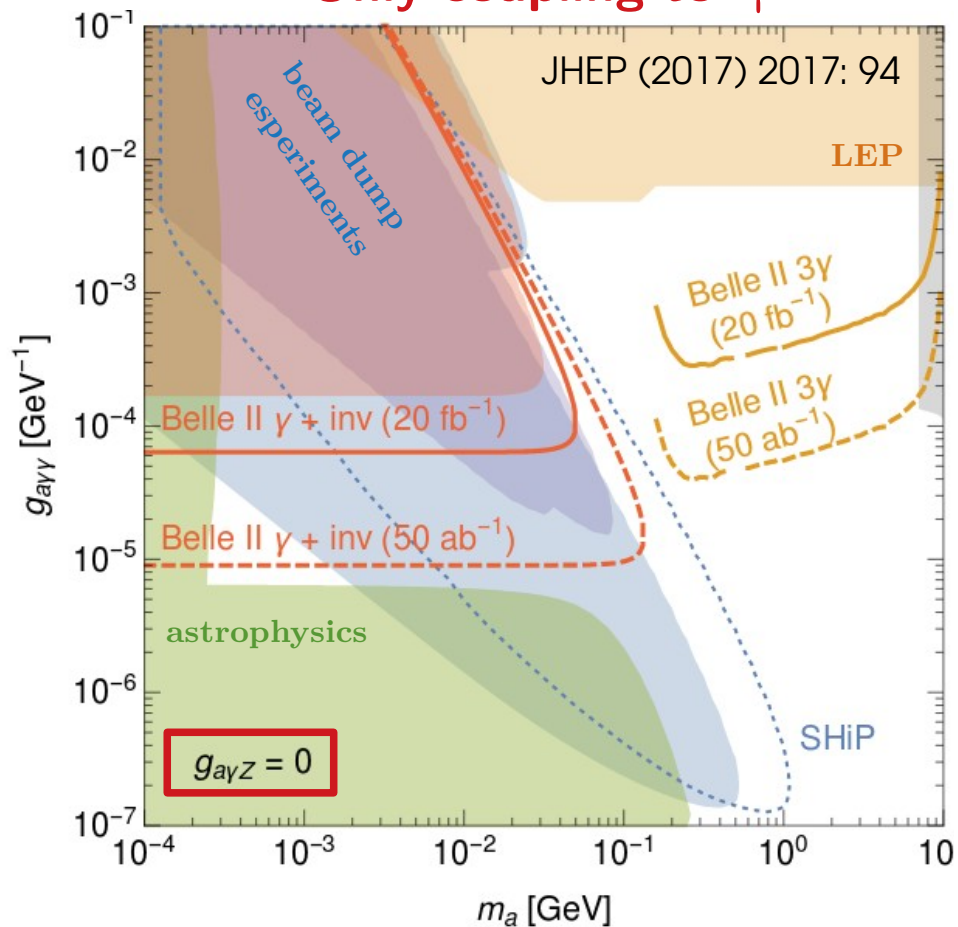


The searches for invisible and visible ALP decays veto this region.

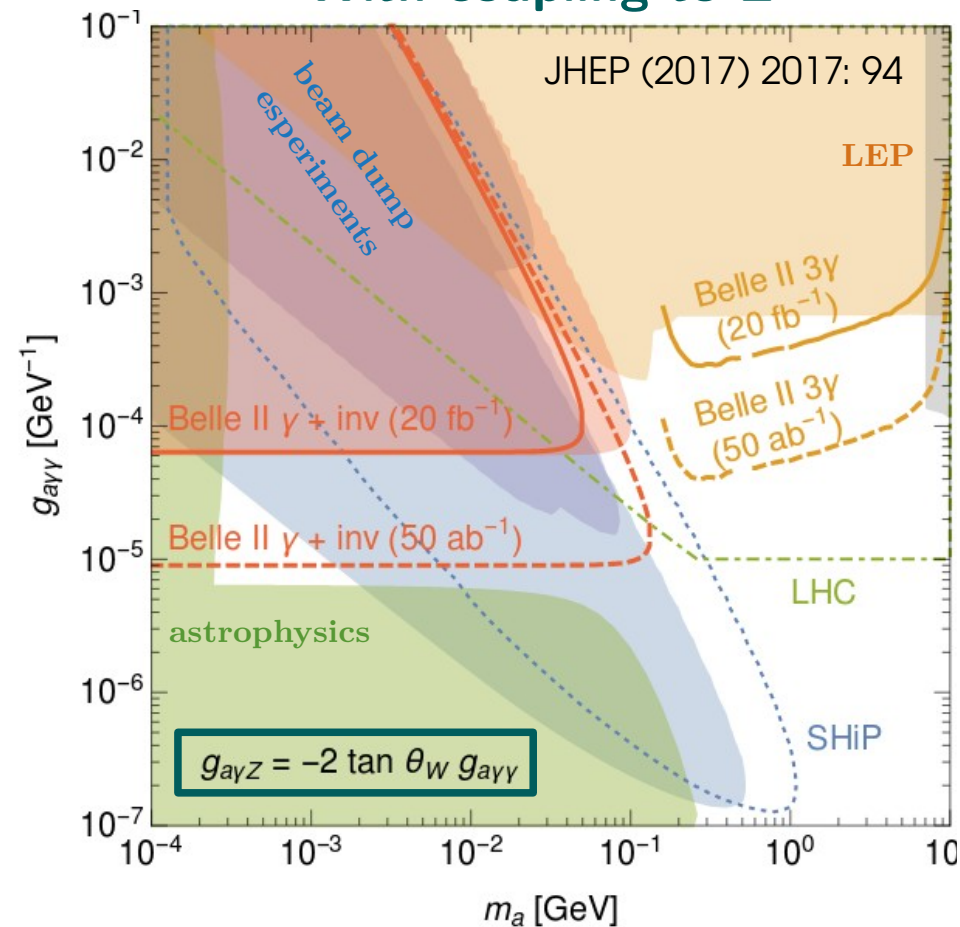
ALP decays outside of the detector or decays into **invisible** particles: Single photon final state.

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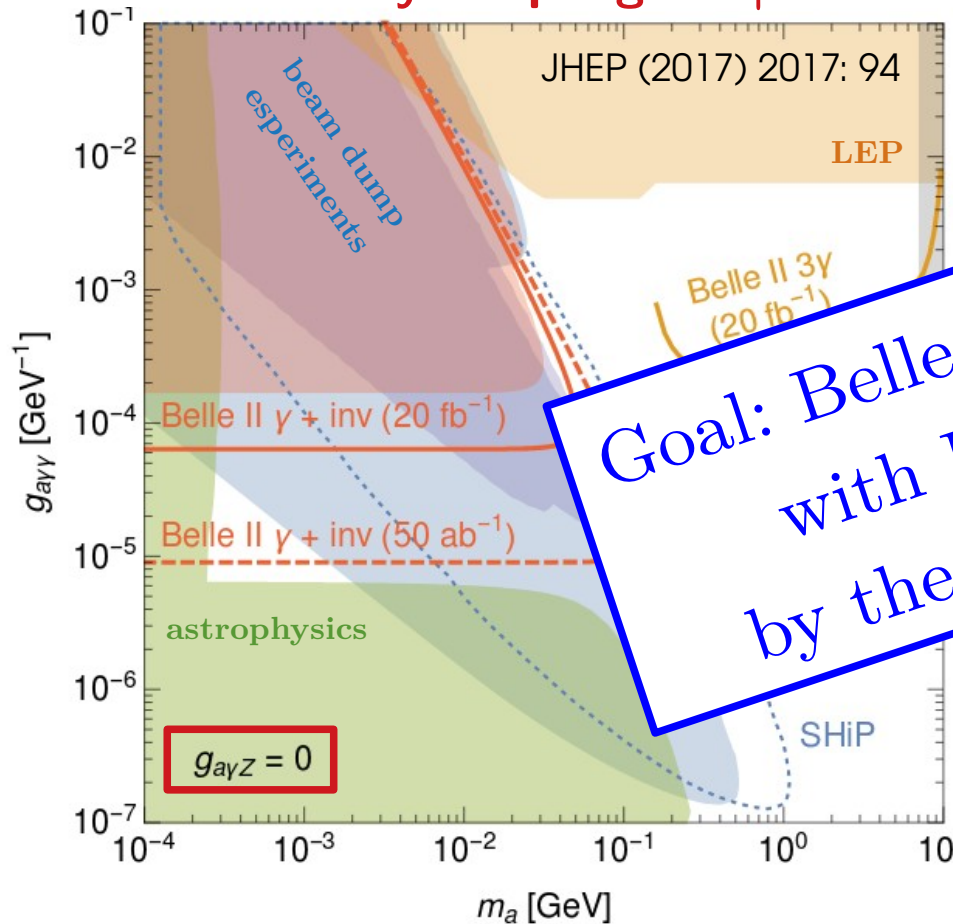


With coupling to Z

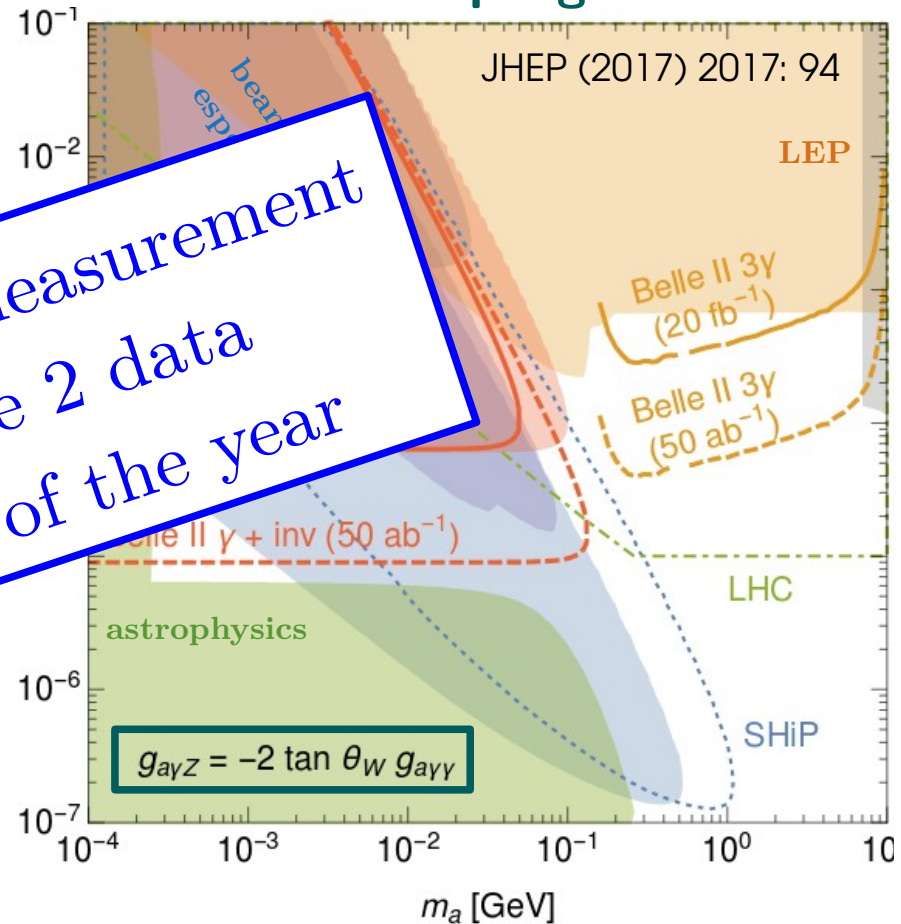


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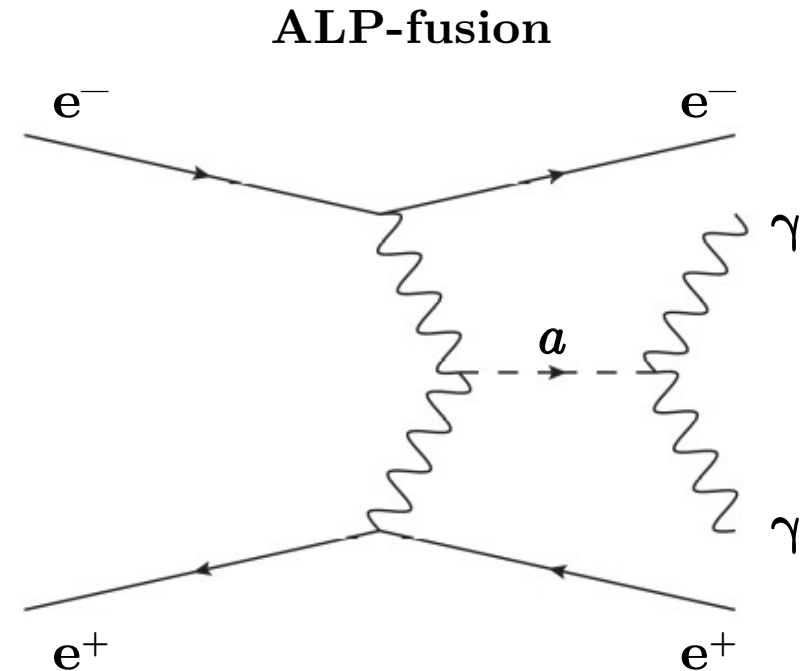
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Goal: Belle II measurement
with Phase 2 data
by the end of the year

Belle II: ALPs below 200 MeV?

- ▶ For ALP masses below ~ 200 MeV, the decay photons are reconstructed as one ECL cluster even in offline analysis. Currently under study:
 - ▶ Untagged (electrons not seen) ALP fusion production has a much higher cross section and produces ALPs with less boost (difficult to trigger).
 - ▶ Shower shapes for merged cluster are different, MVA based reconstruction has better separation power (but events have to pass L1 trigger).
 - ▶ Pair conversion of one decay photon costs statistics, but yields a distinctive four particle final state.



Pro: resolved clusters

Con: very low energetic photons

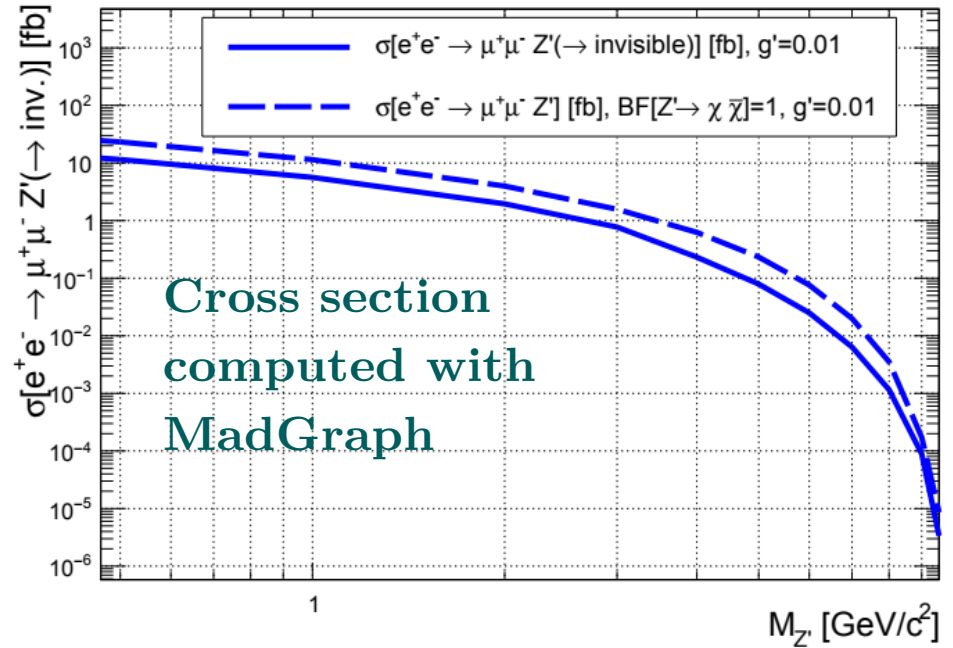
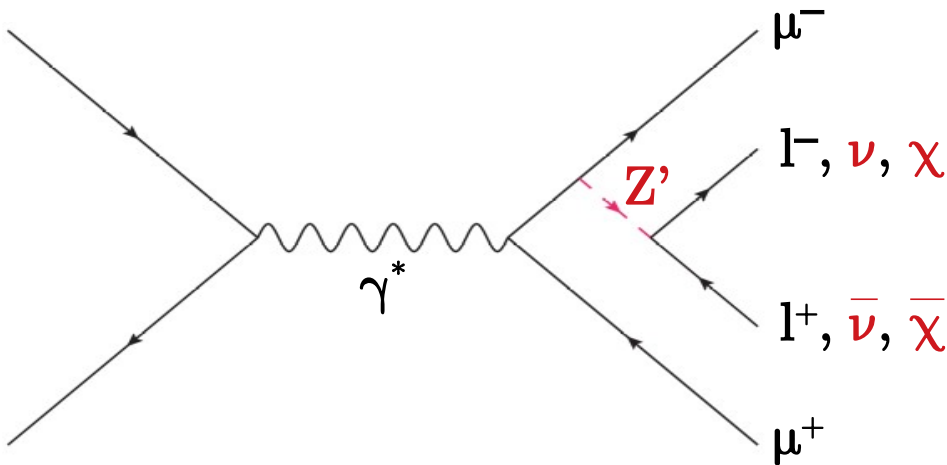


Other
exotic
searches

It's possible to consider a gauge boson Z' that couples only to **2nd and 3rd** leptonic generation (**$L_\mu - L_\tau$ model**)

$$\mathcal{L} = -g' \bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu Z'_\mu \mu + g' \bar{\tau} \gamma^\mu Z'_\mu \tau - g' \bar{\nu}_{\mu,L} \gamma^\mu Z'_\mu \nu_{\mu,L} + g' \bar{\nu}_{\tau,L} \gamma^\mu Z'_\mu \nu_{\tau,L}$$

Shuve et al. (2014), arXiv:1403.2727



Branching ratios:

$$M_{Z'} < 2M_\mu \rightarrow \Gamma(Z' \rightarrow \text{inv.}) = 1$$

$$2M_\mu < M_{Z'} < 2M_\tau \rightarrow \Gamma(Z' \rightarrow \text{inv.}) \sim 1/2$$

$$M_{Z'} > 2M_\tau \rightarrow \Gamma(Z' \rightarrow \text{inv.}) \sim 1/3$$

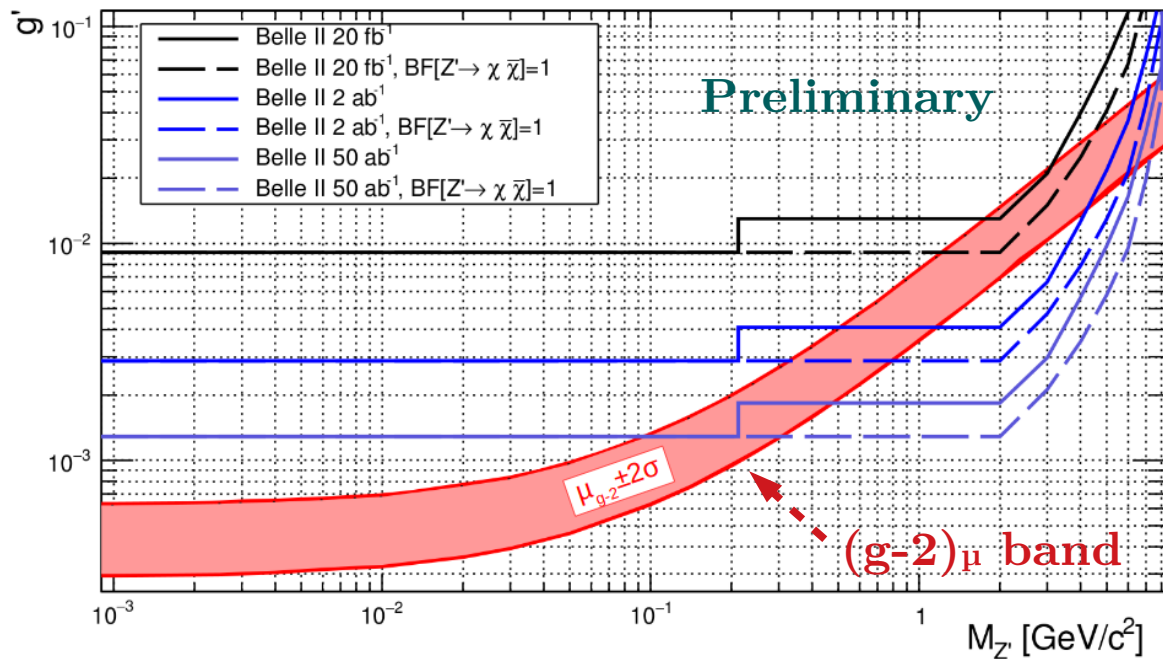
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Considered the **main backgrounds:**
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 $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
 $e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$



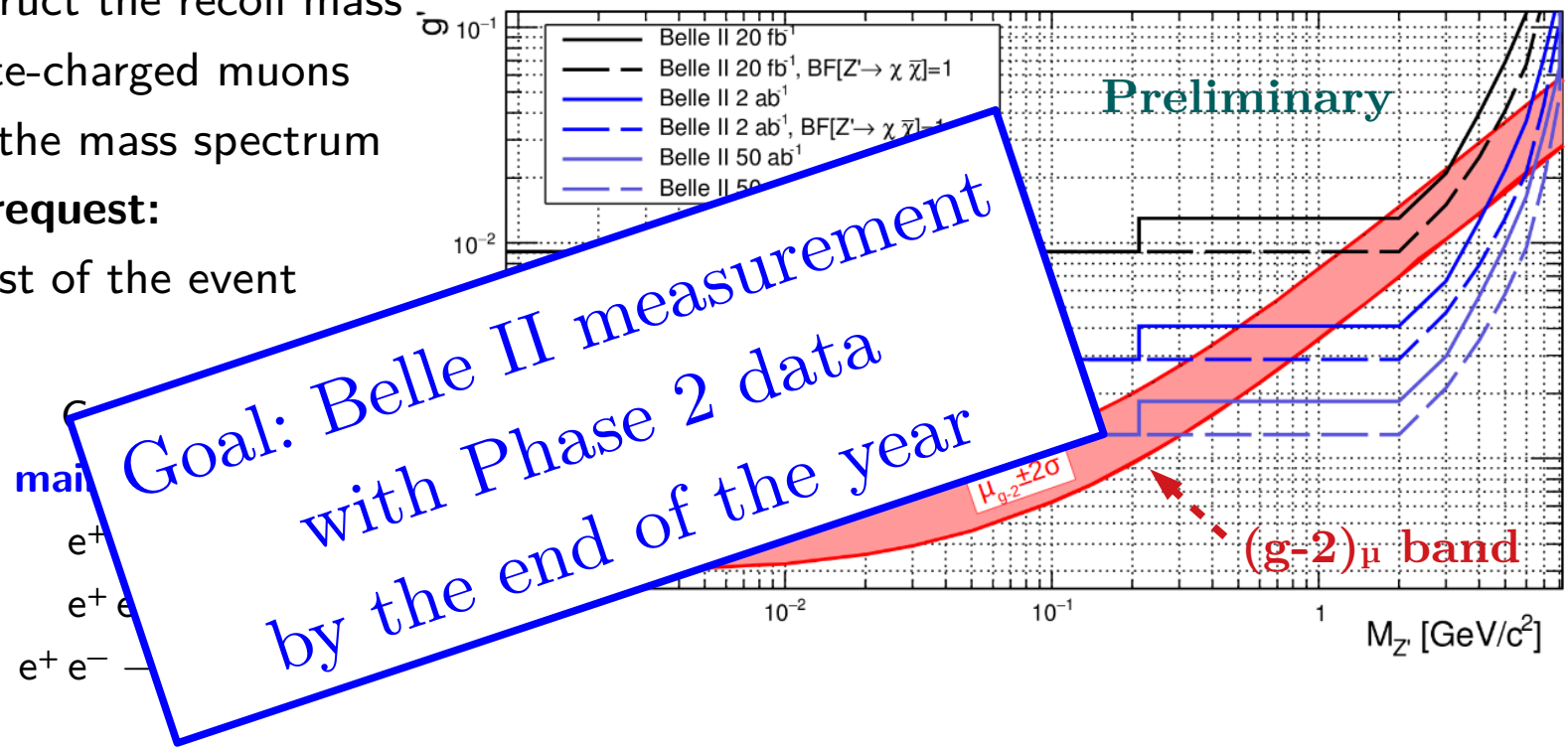
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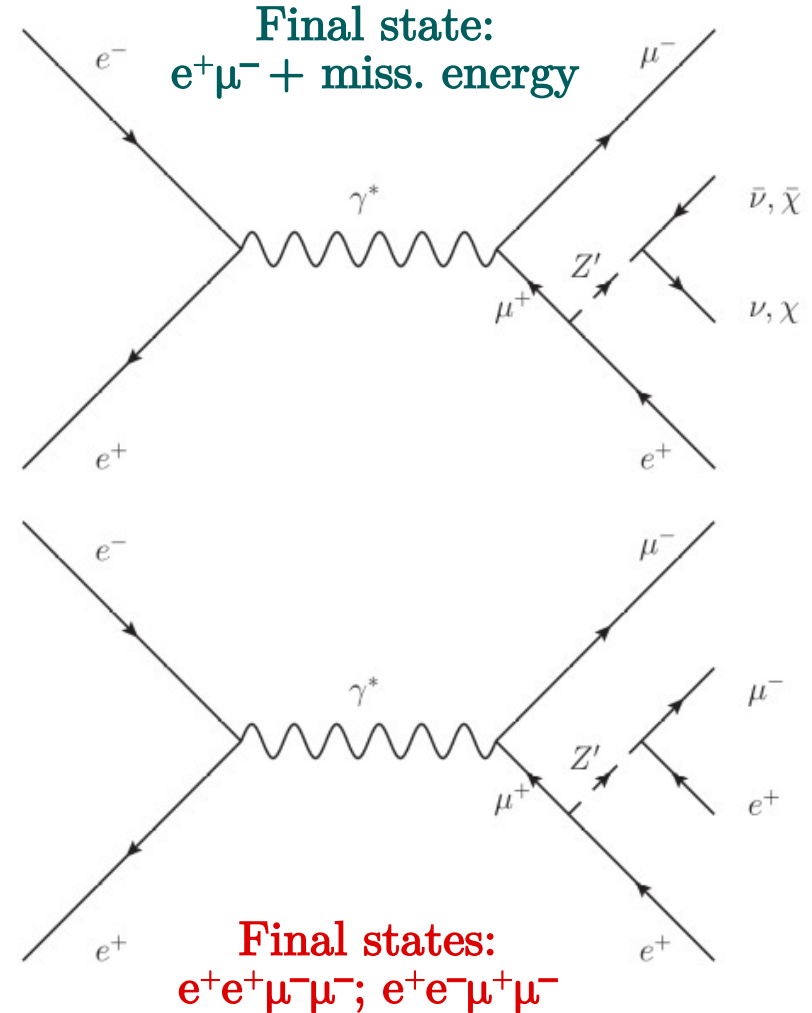
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See *arXiv:1610.08060*, *arXiv:1701.08767*

Complementarity with searches for:

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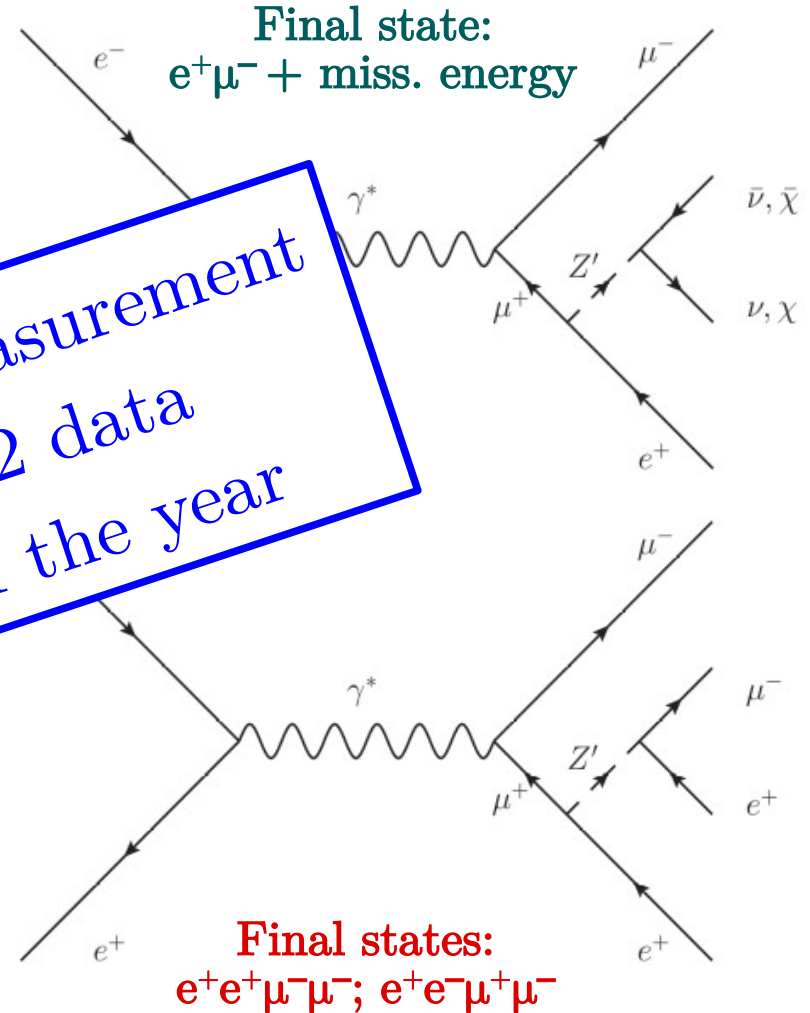
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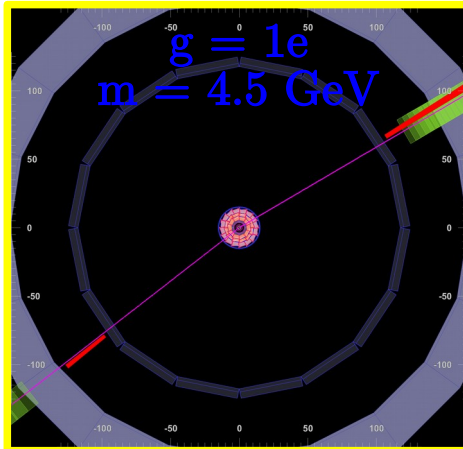
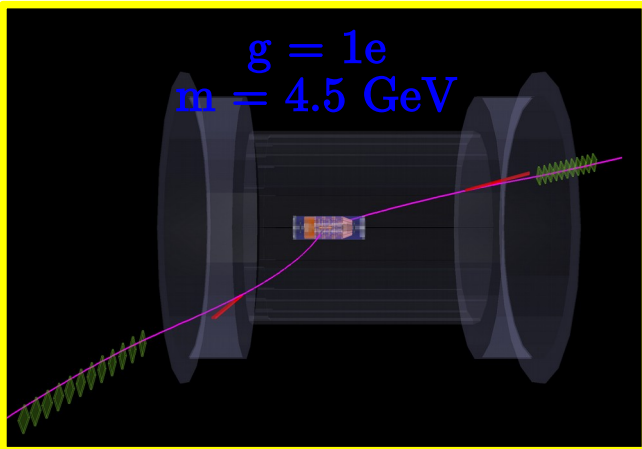
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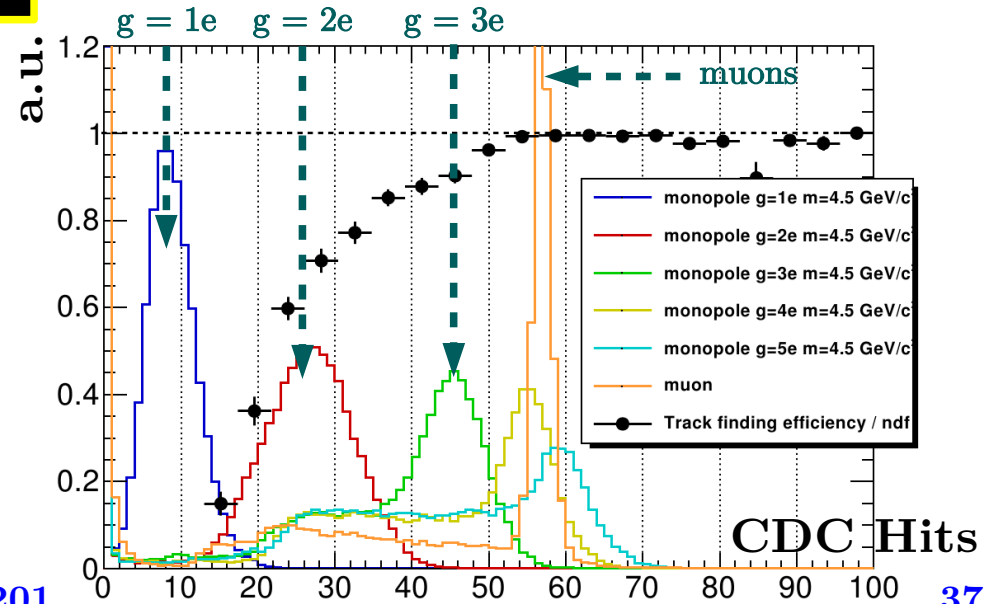
Interesting predictions ([arXiv:1707.05295](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.05295)) for monopoles with $g \sim 1e$ and $m = 4.5 \text{ GeV}$...

... but not-relativistic at Belle II:

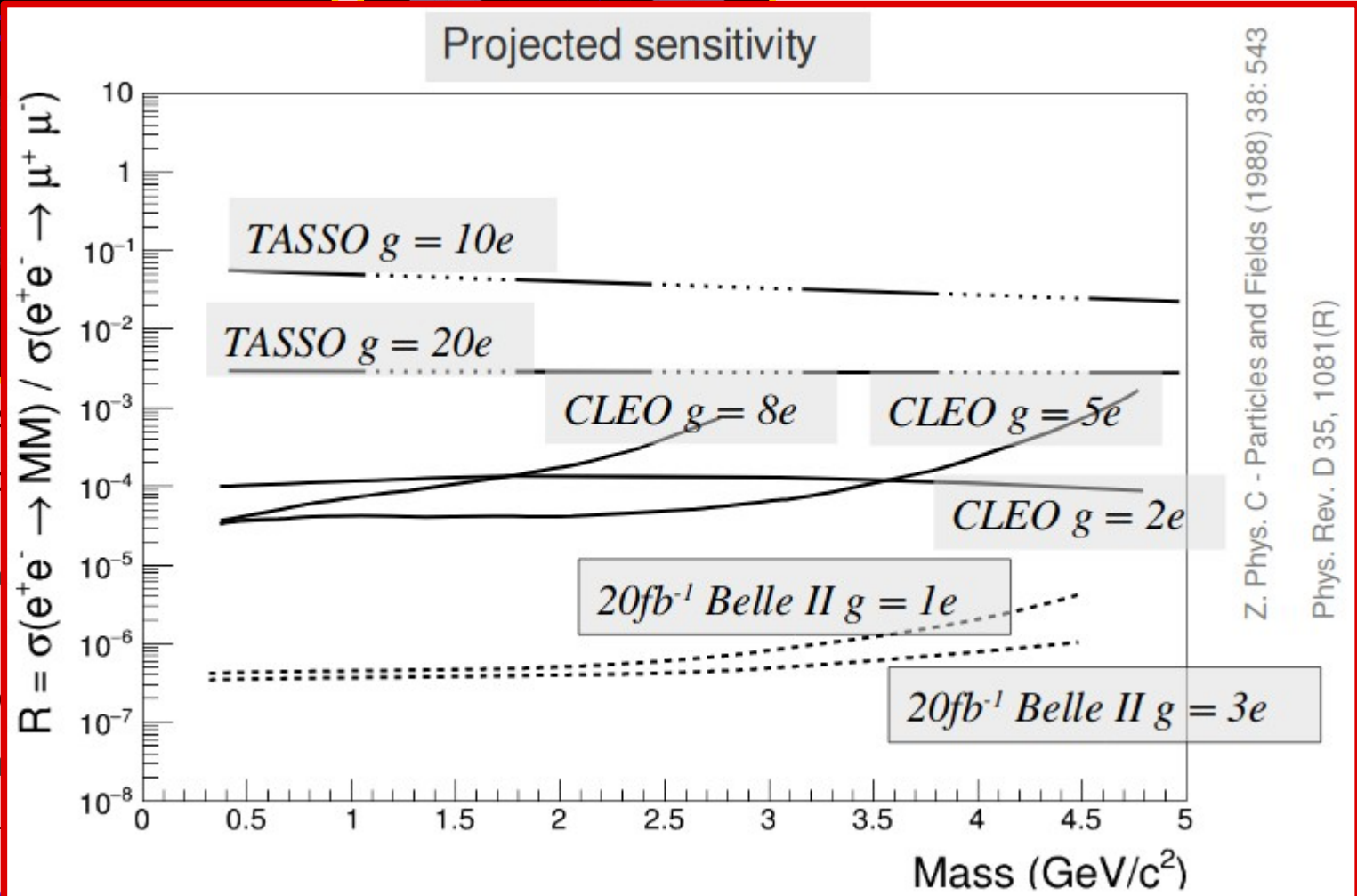
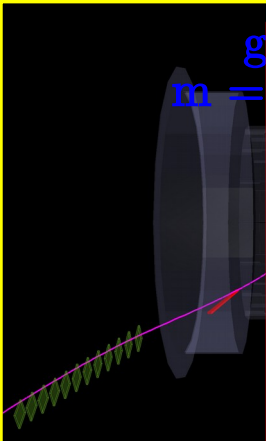
- no $1/\beta^2$ term in dE/dx for magnetic charges
- few hits in the CDC
- **needed a dedicated tracking**
(+ parabolic tracks)

Minimal magnetic charge
from Dirac quantization: $g_D = 68.5e$

Lower magnetic charge not ruled out
(and not covered at $\sim \text{GeV}$ scale)

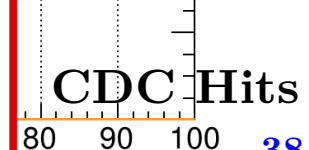
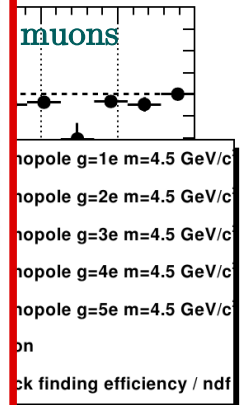


Magnetic monopoles



charge
 $g_D = 68.5e$

not ruled out
 (GeV scale)



Interested in
 magnetic monopoles
 ... but no
 → no 1
 → few
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Visible Dark Photon decays

also $\tau^+ \tau^-$ final state!

Off-shell Dark Photon decays

Long-lived neutral particle decays

Dark Scalar:

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- S ; S \rightarrow l^+ l^-$$

Invisible $\Upsilon(1S)$ decays via:

$$\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) \pi^+ \pi^-$$

Muonic Dark Force:

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- Z' ; Z' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

... and many others!

More details in The Belle II Physics Book

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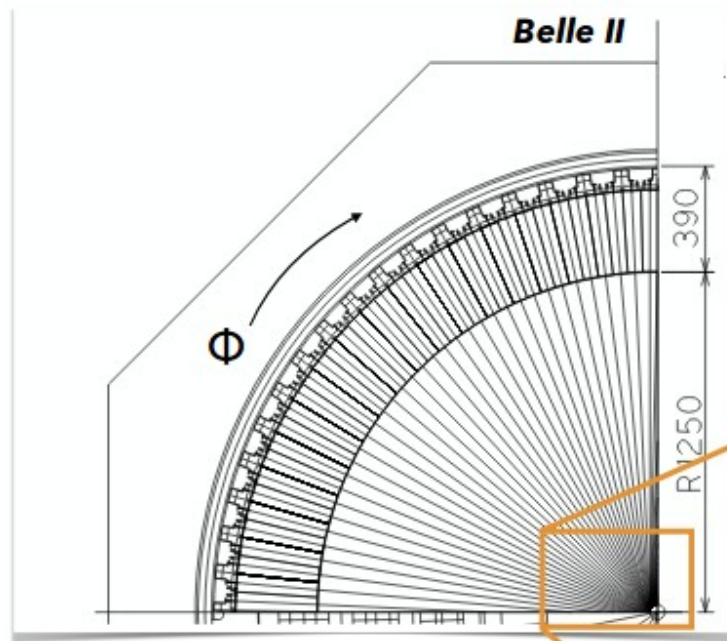
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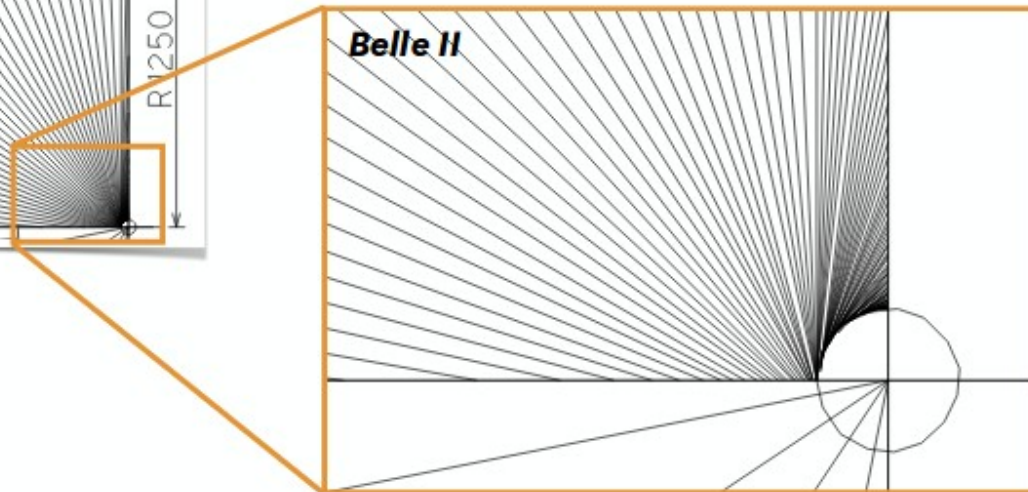
Backup
slides

Parameter	KEKB Design	KEKB Achieved	SuperKEKB Design
Energy (GeV) (LER/HER)	3.5/8.0	3.5/8.0	4.0/7.0
β_y^* (mm)	10/10	5.9/5.9	0.27/0.30
β_x^* (mm)	330/330	1200/1200	32/25
ϵ_x (nm)	18/18	18/24	3.2/5.3
$\frac{\epsilon_y}{\epsilon_x}$ (%)	1	0.85/0.64	0.27/0.24
σ_y (μm)	1.9	0.94 $\xrightarrow{1/20}$	0.048/0.062
ξ_y	0.052	0.129/0.090	0.09/0.081
σ_z (mm)	4	6/7	6/5
I_{beam} (A)	2.6/1.1	1.64/1.19 $\xrightarrow{\times 2}$	3.6/2.6
$N_{bunches}$	5000	1584	2500
Luminosity ($10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	1.0	2.11 $\xrightarrow{\times 40}$	80

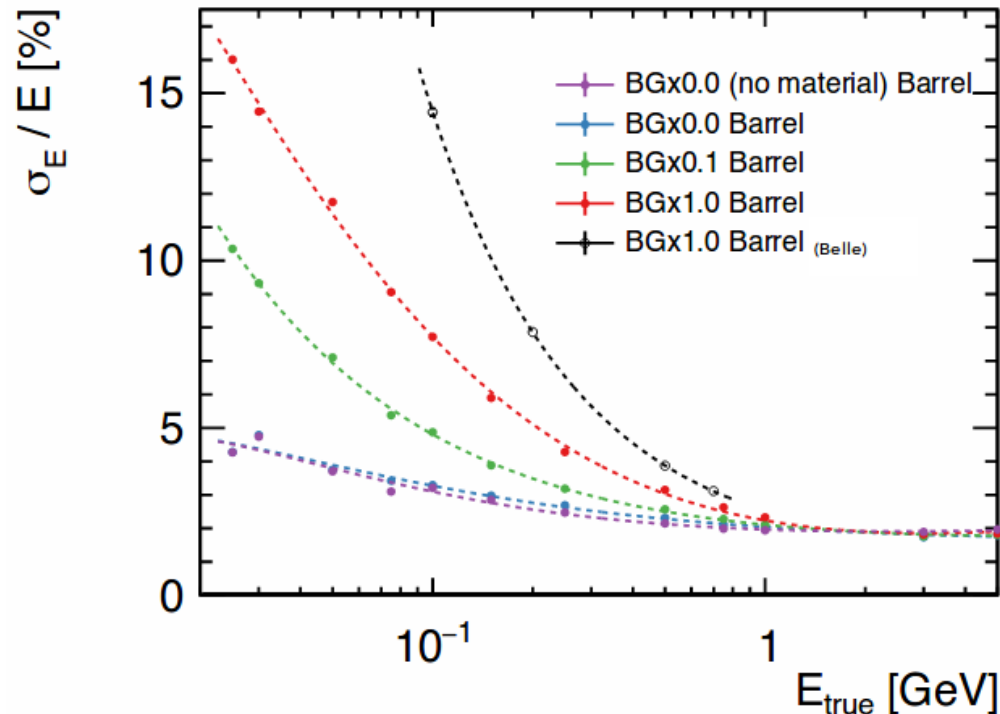
$$L = \frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2er_e} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_y^*}{\sigma_x^*} \right) \left(\frac{I_{\pm} \xi_{y\pm}}{\beta_y^*} \right) \left(\frac{R_L}{R_{\xi_{y\pm}}} \right)$$



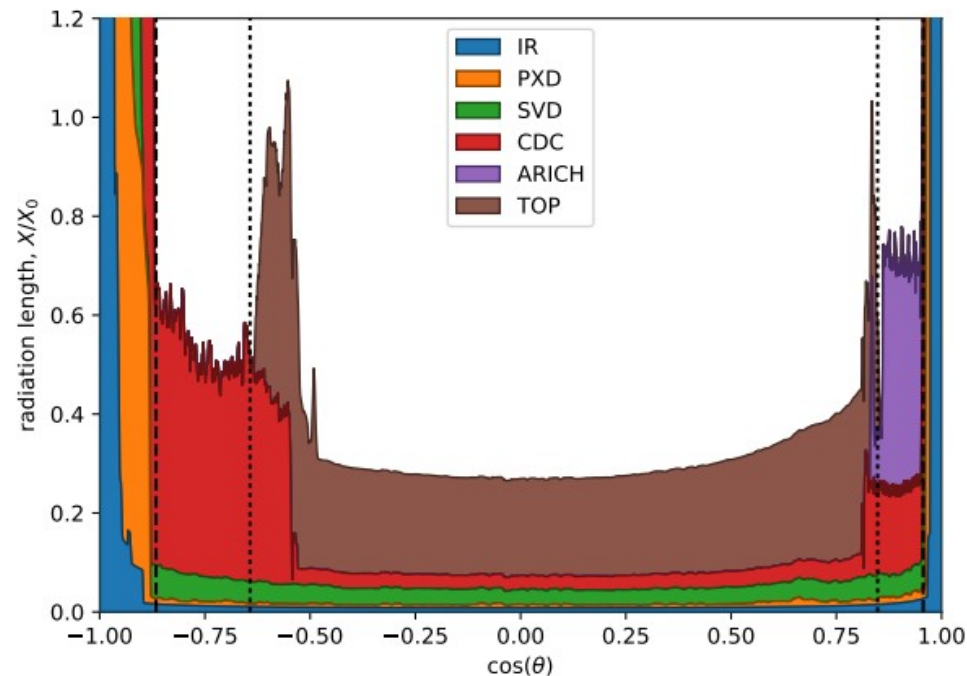
In barrel ECL, Belle II has **no projective cracks in ϕ** w.r.t. BaBar:
 → more hermetic
 → more efficient

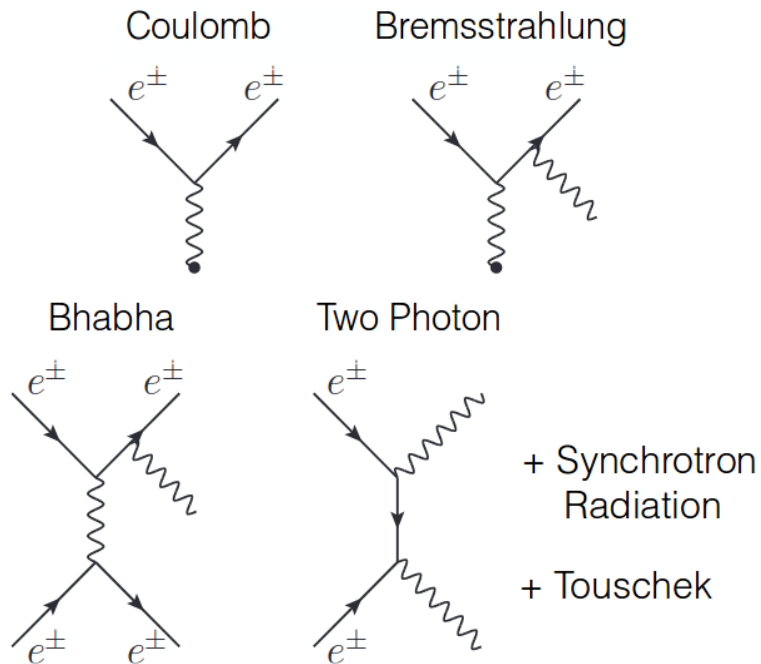


Energy resolution in Belle II barrel:



Material budget in front of ECL:

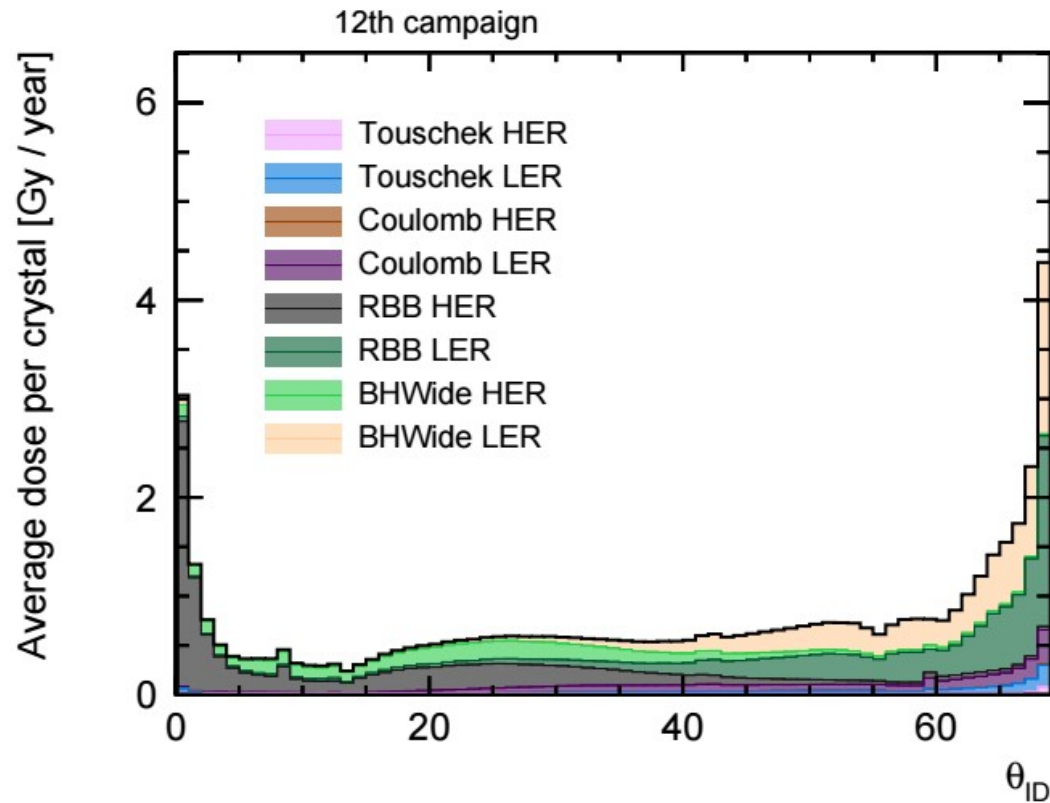




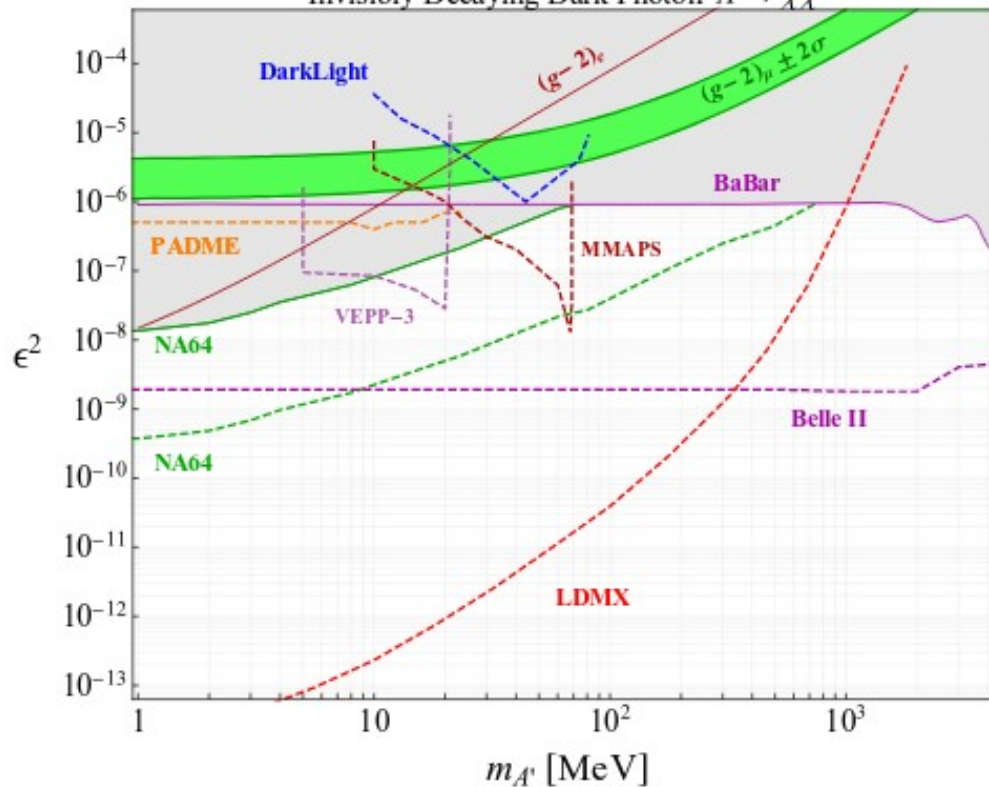
+ Synchrotron Radiation
+ Touschek

Effects from beam background:

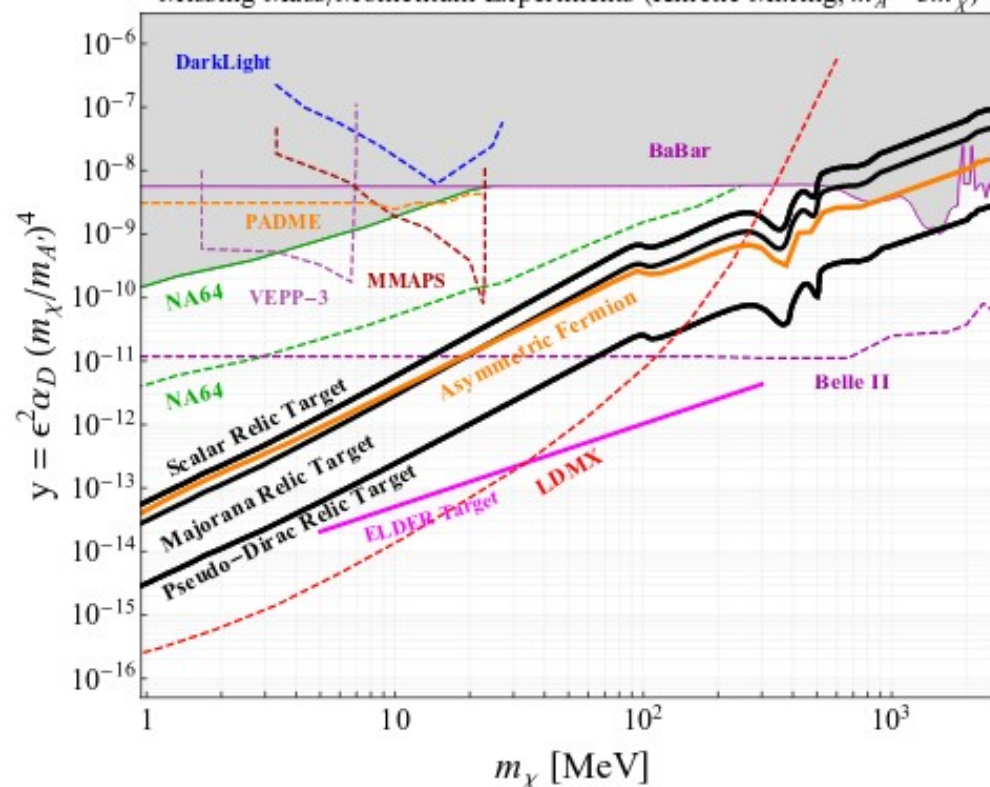
- degrades calorimeter resolution.
- radiation damage.
- pile-up and event size.
- physics background



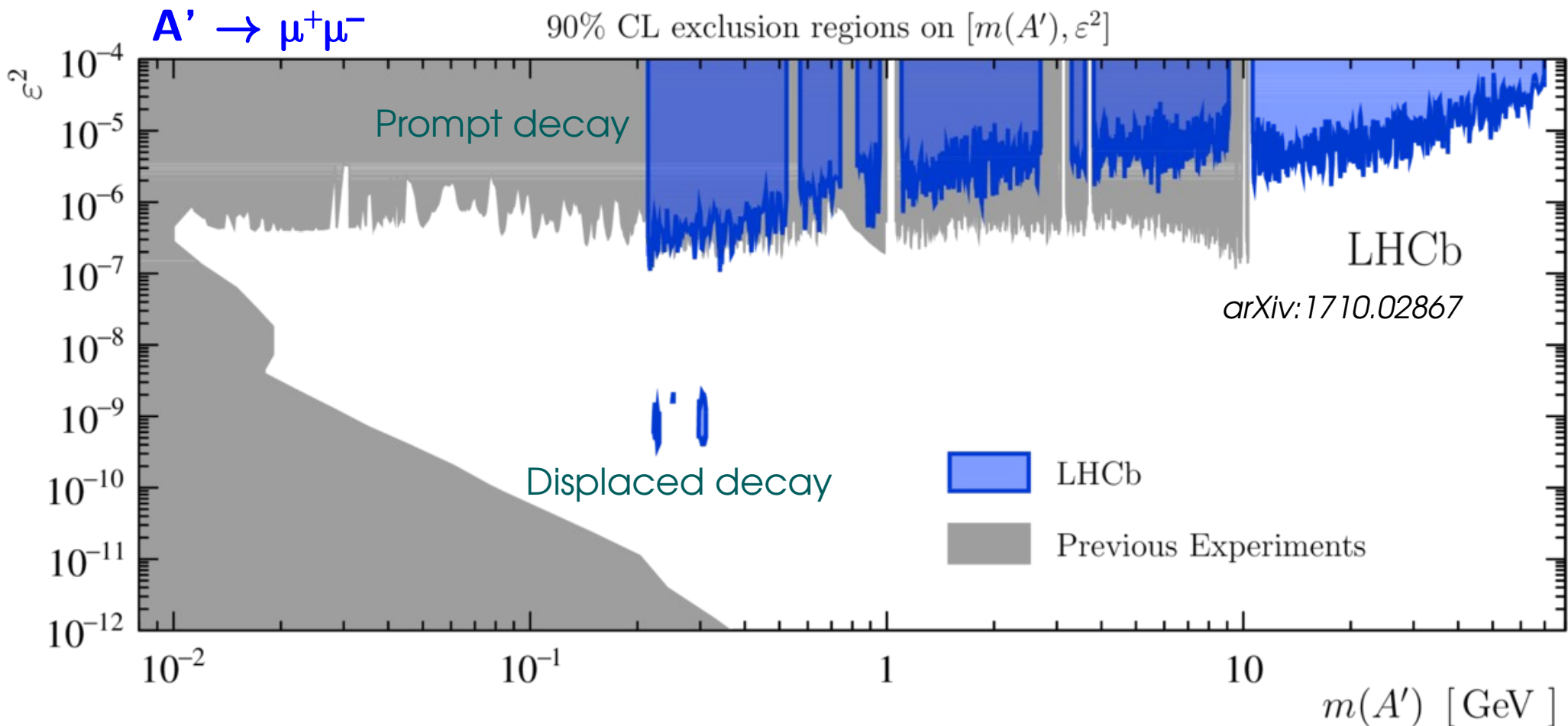
Invisibly Decaying Dark Photon $A' \rightarrow \bar{\chi}\chi$

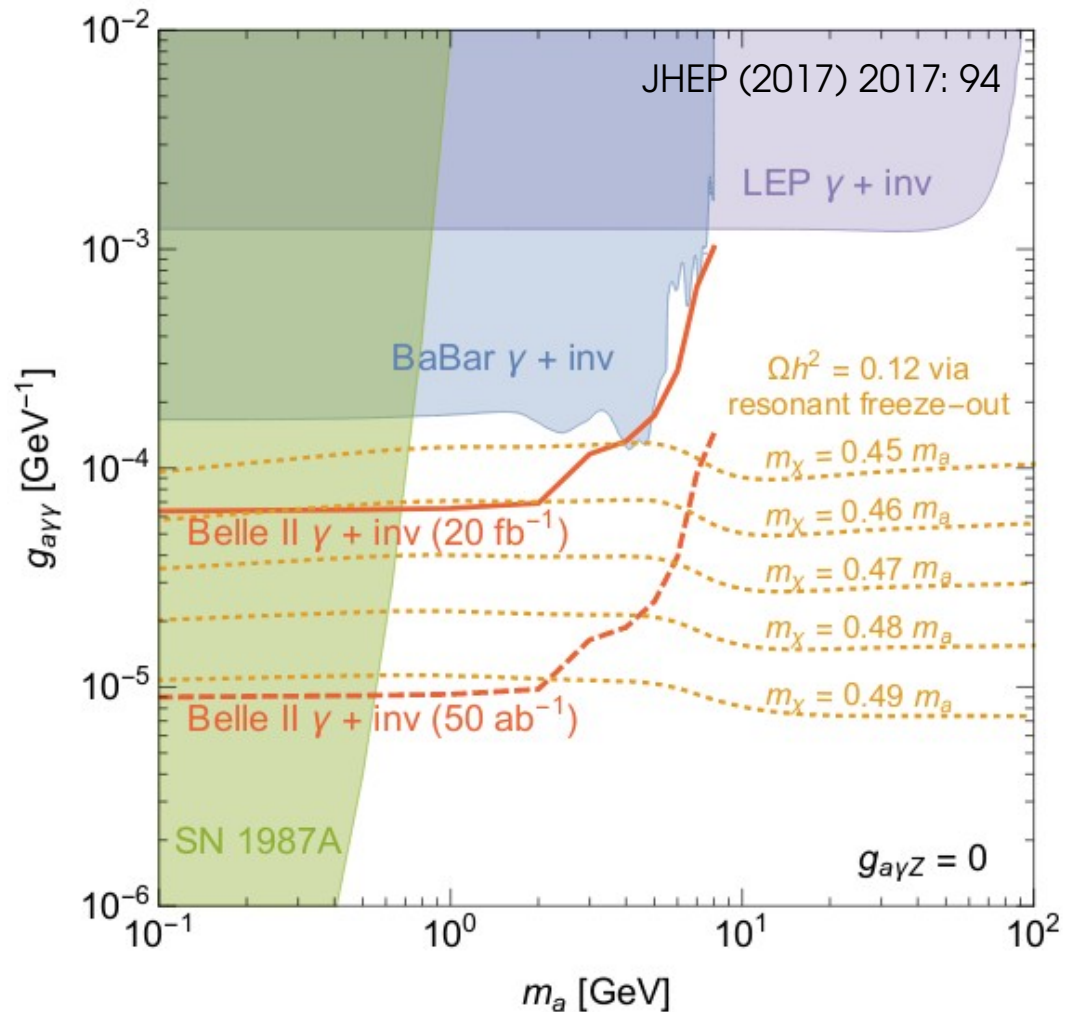


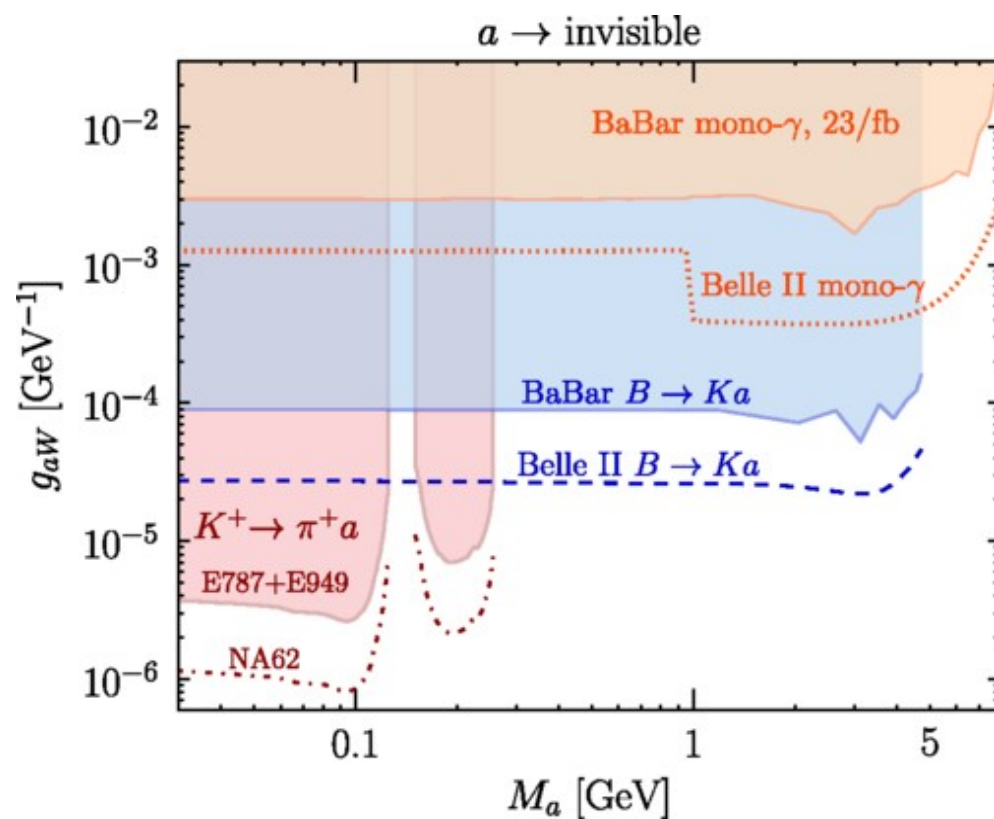
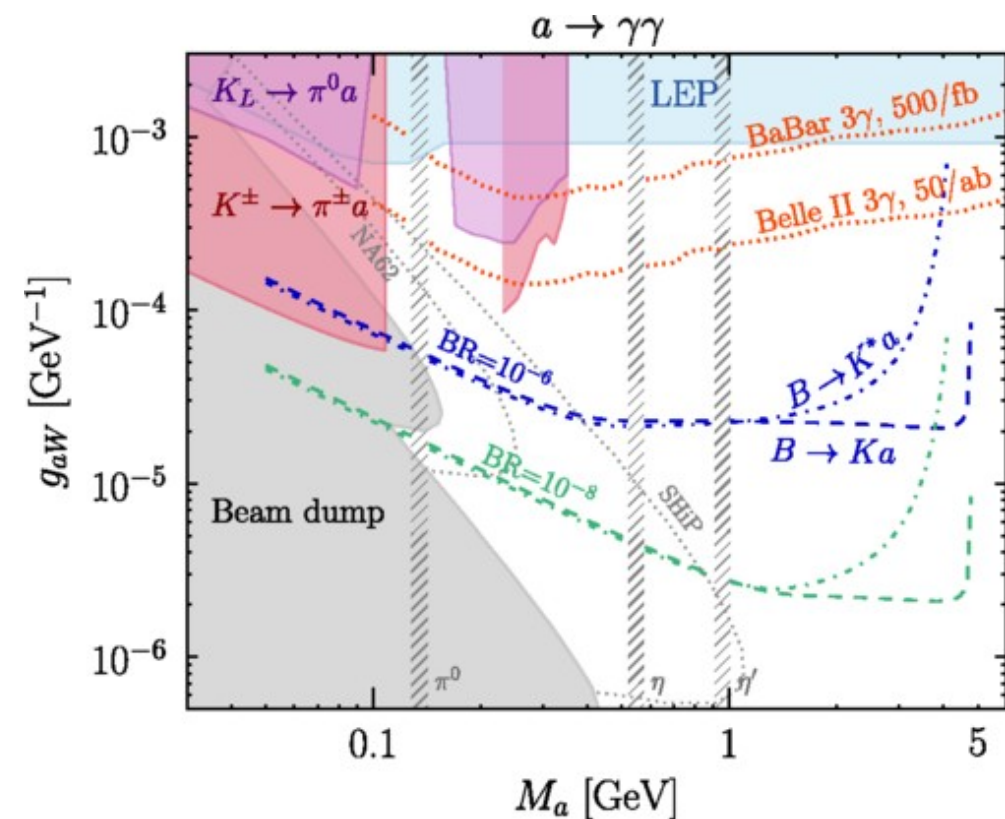
Missing Mass/Momentum Experiments (Kinetic Mixing, $m_{A'} = 3m_\chi$)



Battaglieri et al. (2017), *arXiv:1707.04591*







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