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Dark sector searches at B-Factories: BaBar and Belle II first results and prospects



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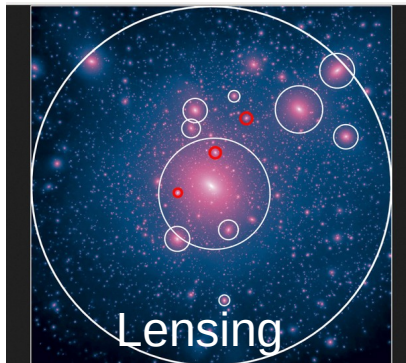
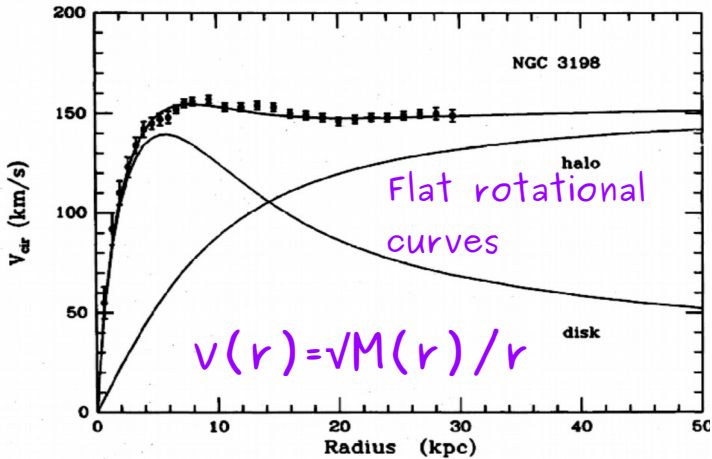
Outline

- Motivations
- B-Factories, first and second generation
- Search for dark matter portals:
 - Dark photon
 - Muonic forces
 - Axion Like Particles
- Summary & Outlook

Dark sector: introduction

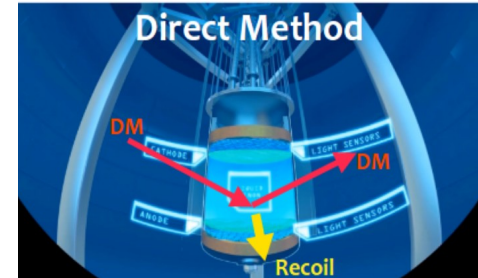
- Many astrophysical observations provide evidence for the existence of a kind of matter that almost does not interact with the Standard Model (SM) particles (*mostly* gravitational interaction) → **Dark Matter (DM)**

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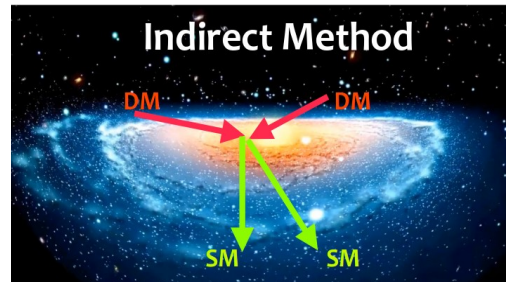


How to search?

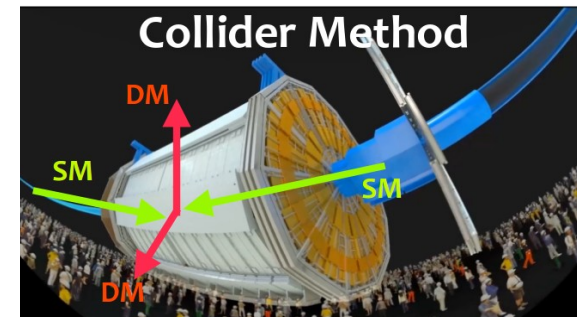
1) Detect the energy of *nuclear recoil*



2) Detect the *flux of visible particles* produced by *DM annihilation and decay*



3) DM weakly couples to SM particles and it can be produced in *SM-particles annihilation at colliders*



→ **In this presentation I will focus on the search at electron-positron colliders**

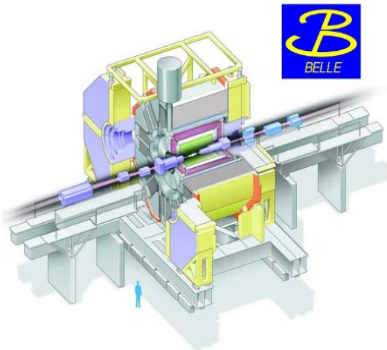
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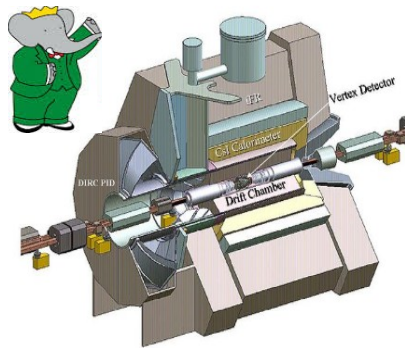
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) [10.58 \text{ GeV}] \rightarrow B\bar{B}$$

$\Upsilon(nS)$ = bound state of b quark and b anti-quark

First generation of B-factories



at the KEKB collider
(KEK, Japan)



at the PEP II collider
(SLAC, California)

- **Clean environment** \rightarrow lower background, high resolution
- **Hermetic detector** with excellent PID capability \rightarrow efficient reconstruction of *neutrals* (π^0 , η , ...), recoiling system and *missing energy* final states

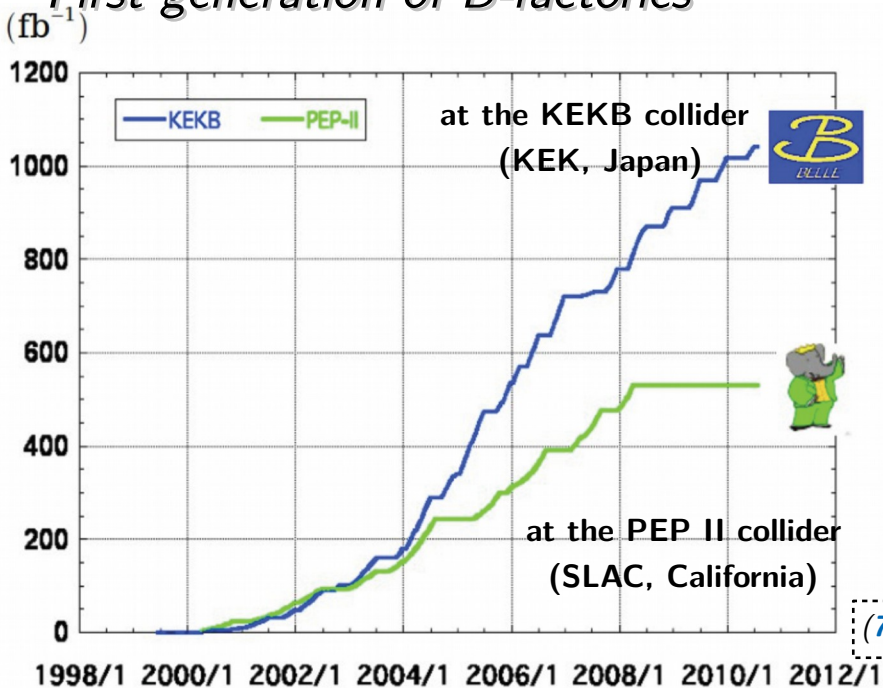
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First generation of B-factories



$> 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

On resonance:

$Y(5S): 121 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$Y(4S): 711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$Y(3S): 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$Y(2S): 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$Y(1S): 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Off reson./scan:

$\sim 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$513.7 \pm 1.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

On resonance:

$Y(4S): 424 \text{ fb}^{-1}, 471 \text{ M}$

$Y(3S): 28 \text{ fb}^{-1}, 122 \text{ M}$

$Y(2S): 14 \text{ fb}^{-1}, 99 \text{ M}$

Off resonance:

48 fb^{-1}

$(772 + 471) \times 10^6 B\bar{B}$

- Clean environment \rightarrow lower background,

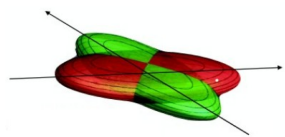
Rich physics program:

- ✓ Discovery of CPV in B mesons
- ✓ SM test, precision flavor physics
- ✓ Rare/suppressed/forbidden processes
- ✓ Search for new particles (quarkonium)
- ✓ Search for light Dark Sector and mediators

Second generation of B-Factories: SuperKEKB

- World highest luminosity, applying the *large crossing angle nano-beam* scheme (P.Raimondi for SuperB, M. Bona et al., arXiv:0709.0451).

KEKB



I (A): $\sim 1.6/1.2$

β_y^* (mm): $\sim 5.9/5.9$

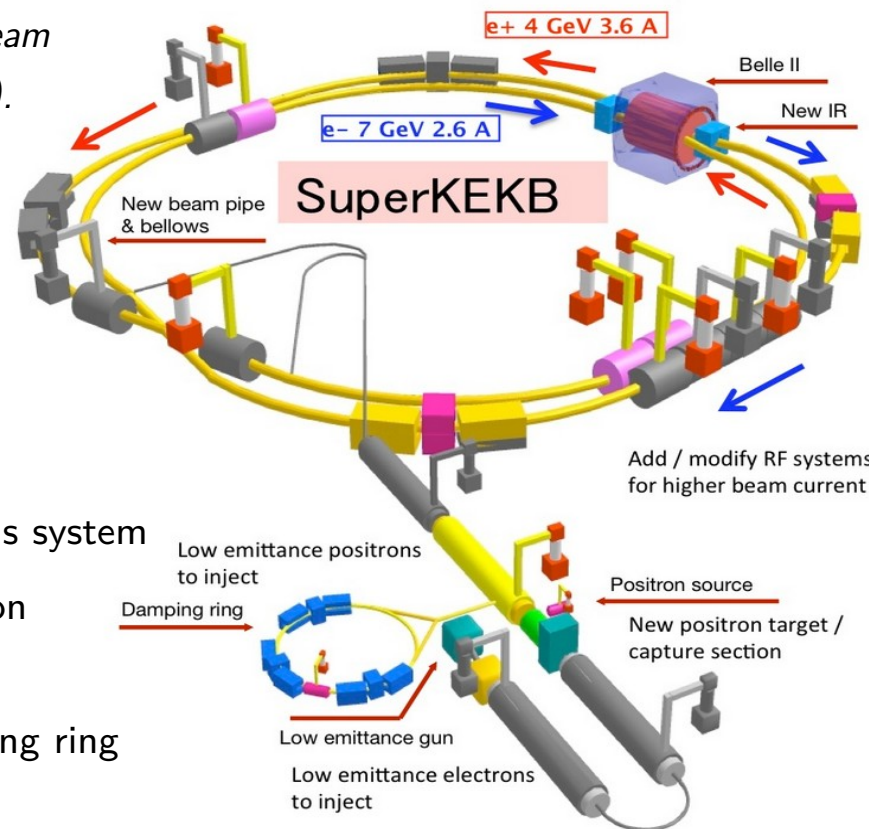
SuperKEKB



I (A): $\sim 3.6/2.6$

β_y^* (mm): $\sim 0.27/0.3$

$$\begin{matrix} I & \uparrow & \times & 2 \\ \beta_y^* & \downarrow & \times & 1/20 \end{matrix}$$



- ✓ New final focus system
- ✓ New Interaction Region
- ✓ New e^+ damping ring

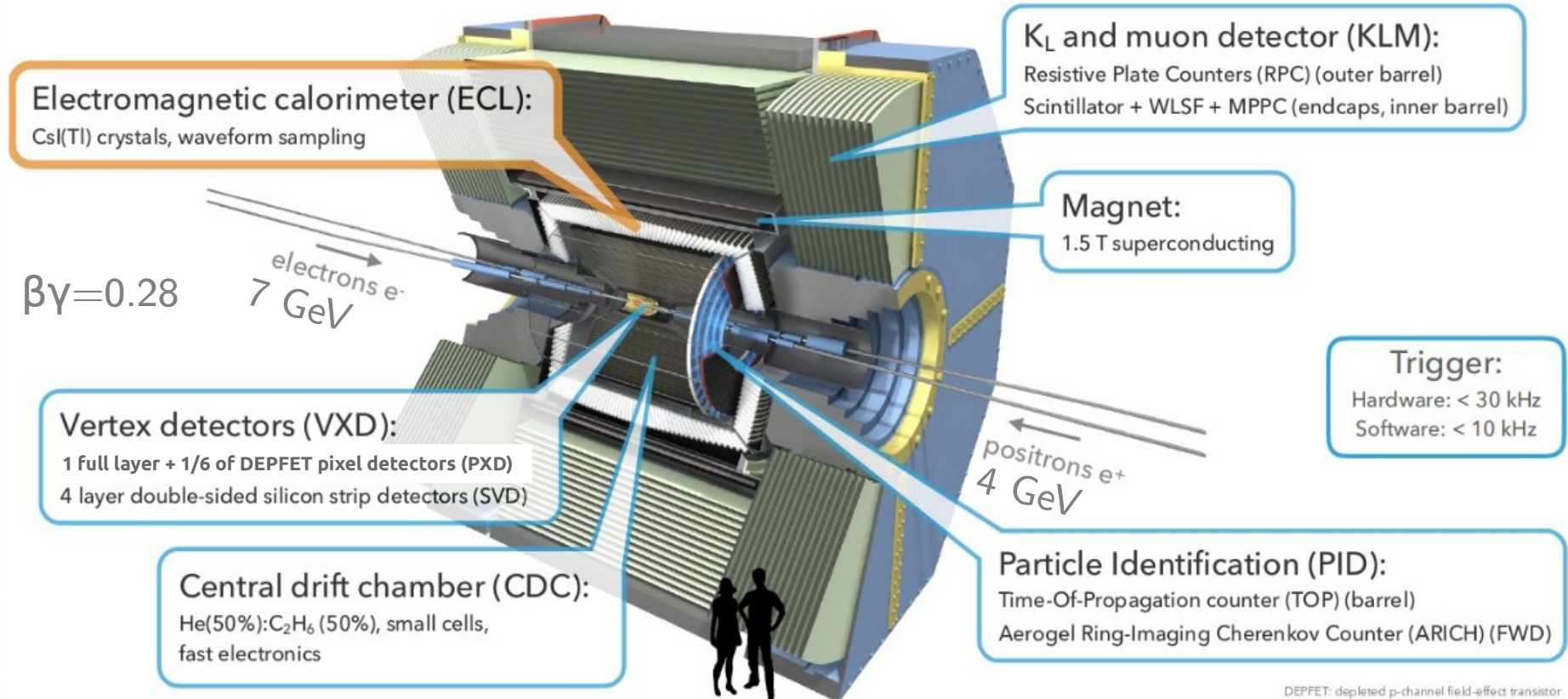
40x KEBB peak luminosity: $\mathcal{L} = 8 \cdot 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

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

Lorentz factor γ_{\pm}
 beam current I_{\pm}
 beam-beam parameter $\xi_{y\pm}$
 beam aspect ratio at the IP $\frac{\sigma_y^*}{\sigma_x^*}$
 vertical beta-function at the IP $\beta_{y\pm}^*$
 geometrical reduction factors $\left(\frac{R_L}{R_{\xi}} \right)$

Belle II detector

- The Belle II detector has better resolution, PID and capability to cope with higher background



Belle II → x50 the data set of its predecessor!

DEPFET: depleted p-channel field-effect transistor
WLSF: wavelength-shifting fiber
MPPC: multi-pixel photon counter

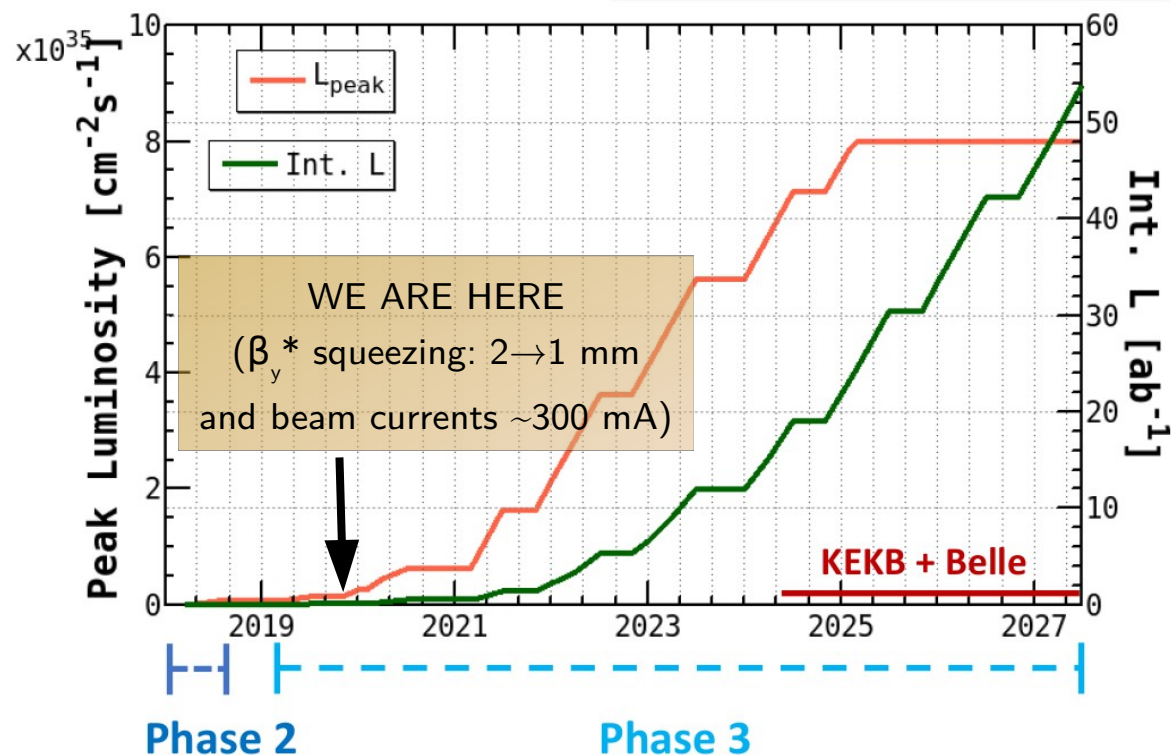
Belle II data taking plan

Phase 2: April 26th– July 17th 2018

- Partial VXD installed (one ladder per each layer)
- Verify nano-beam scheme, commission the detector and the machine
- Lower backgrounds, flexible hardware triggers and passthrough software trigger
- Max peak luminosity $0.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- **0.5 fb^{-1} collected** → suitable for Dark Searches

Phase 3: March 2019 – ...

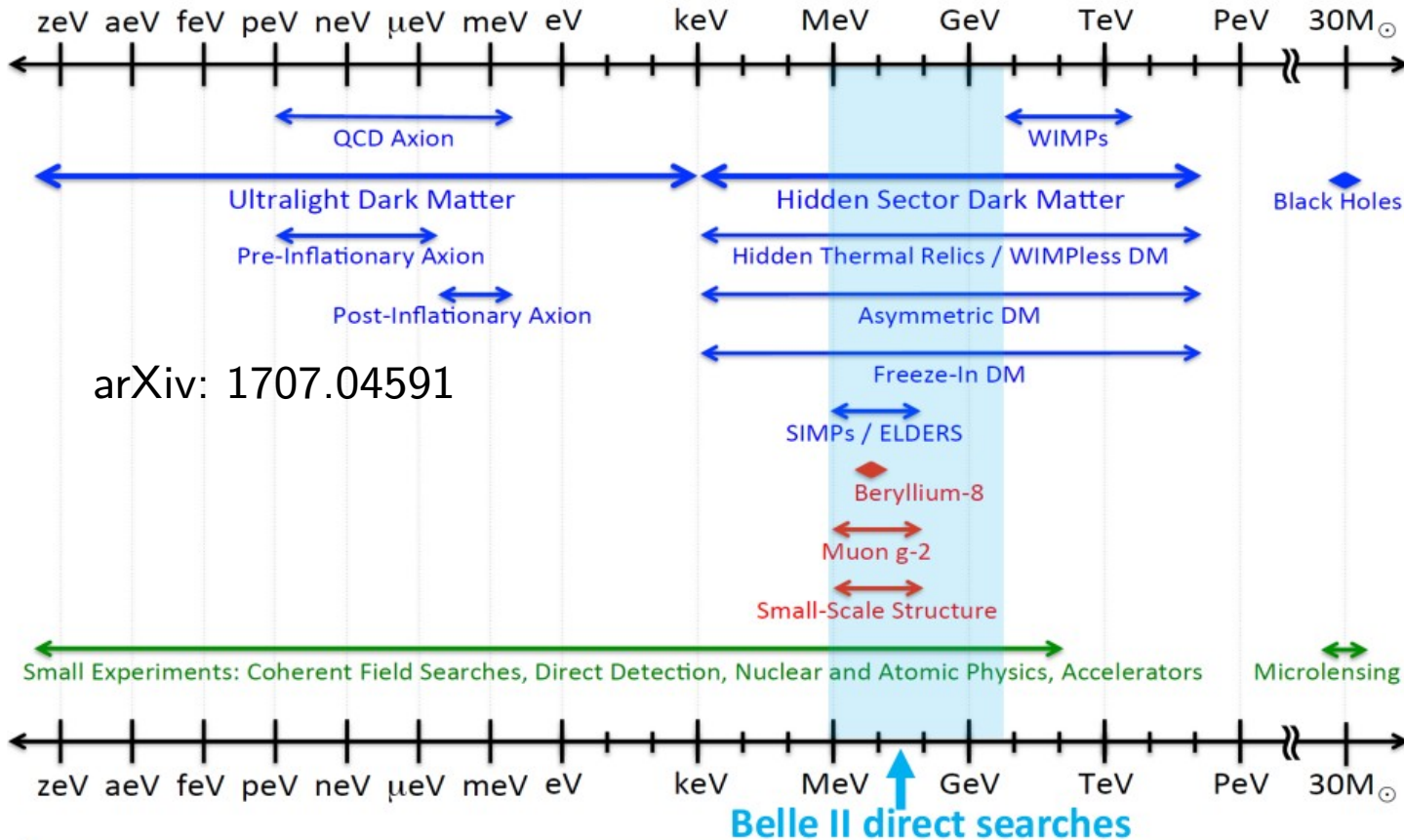
- VXD detector installed
 - 4 full layers of silicon strips
 - 1 full of pixels +1/6
 (installation finalized ~2021)
- **$\sim 6.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ collected** during spring runs



Expected $\leq 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by end of the year, $\leq 200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by summer 2020
 → FINAL GOAL : 50 ab^{-1}

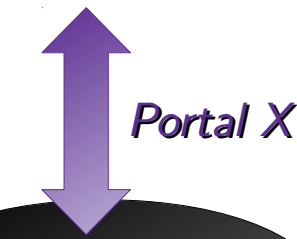
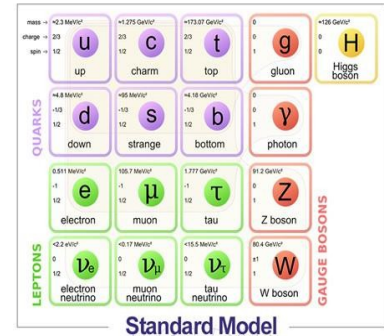
Panoramic view on dark searches

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques



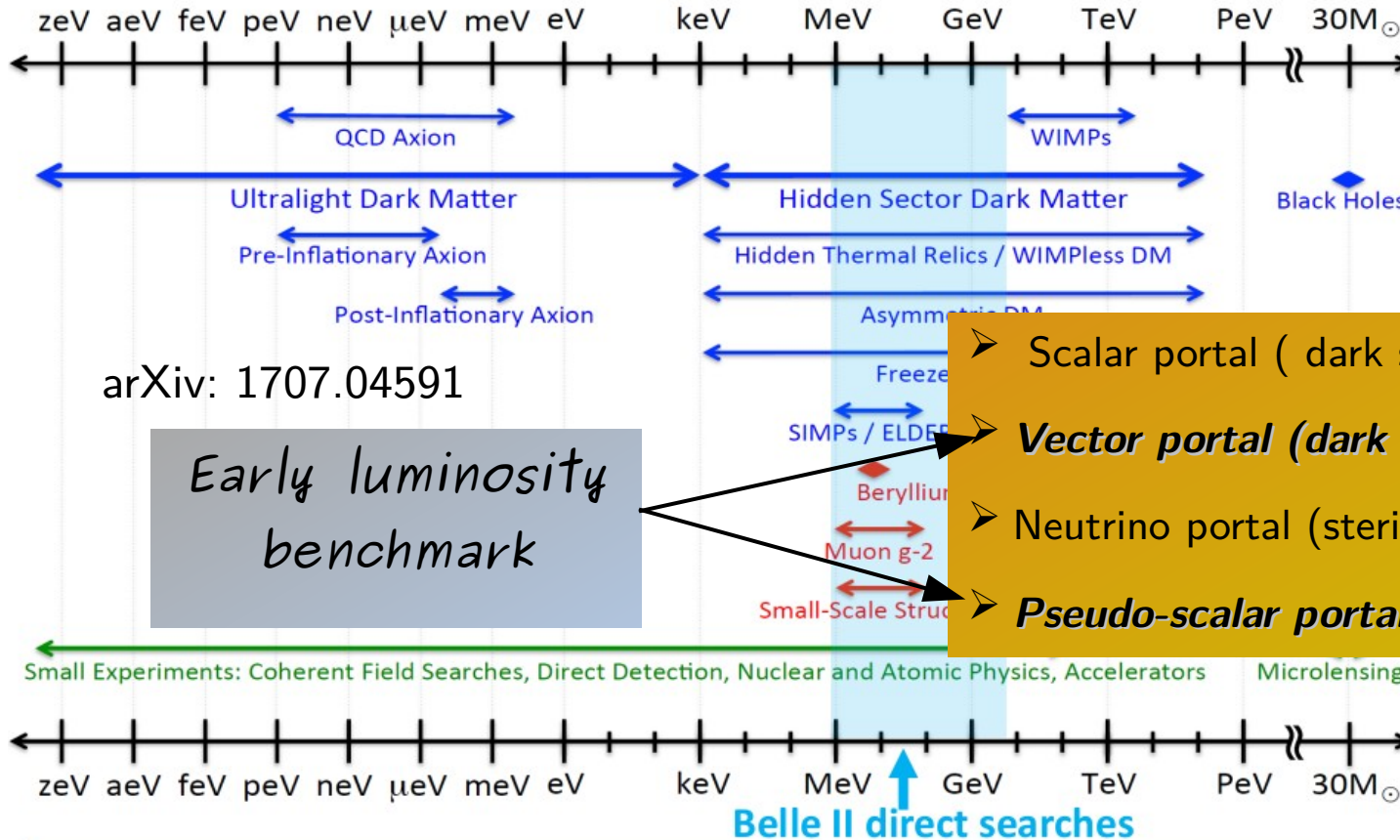
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Possibility of *light dark sector* motivates the search for **DM mediator X**:



Panoramic view on dark searches: dark portals

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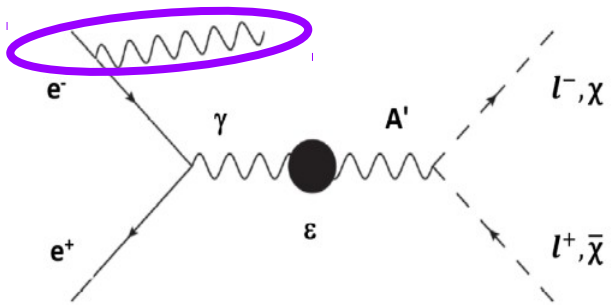
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mass = +129 MeV/c ²	+129 GeV/c ²	+173.37 GeV/c ²	0	+126 GeV/c ²
charge = -2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin = 1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0
u	c	t	g	H
up	charm	top	gluon	Higgs boson
QUARKS				
+4.8 MeV/c ²	+95 MeV/c ²	+4.18 GeV/c ²	0	0
-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0	0
1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0
d	s	b	γ	
down	strange	bottom	photon	
0.511 MeV/c ²	105.7 MeV/c ²	1.777 GeV/c ²	0.511 GeV/c ²	

Hidden Sector

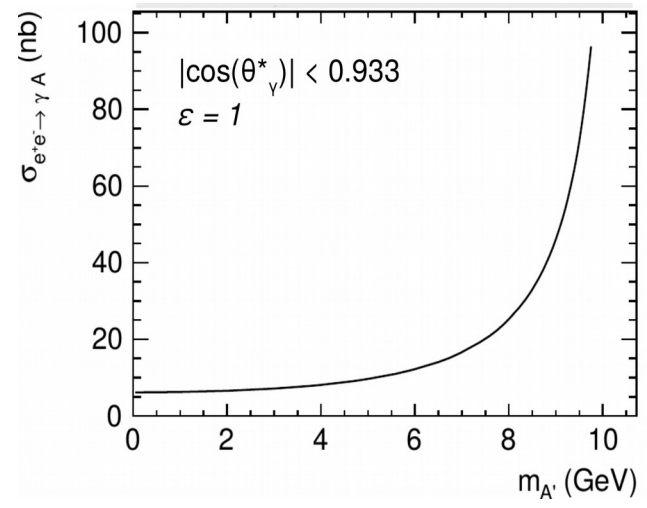
The dark photon

- A possible U(1) extension of the SM include a new massive ($m_{A'}$) gauge boson A' of spin = 1 coupling to the SM through the **kinetic mixing** with strength $\epsilon \rightarrow$ the **dark photon**
- At e^+e^- colliders we investigate the ISR production $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A'$.



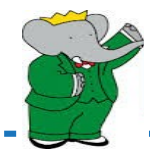
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \epsilon A'_\mu J_{SM}^\mu$$

Batell et al. (2009),
arXiv:0903.0363



MadGraph simulation based on arXiv:1008.0636

- If $m_{A'} < 2m_\chi \rightarrow A'$ decays visibly to SM particle (leptons)
- If $m_{A'} > 2m_\chi \rightarrow A'$ decays 100 % invisibly into DM particle,
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A', A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$



514 fb^{-1}

sensitivity studies

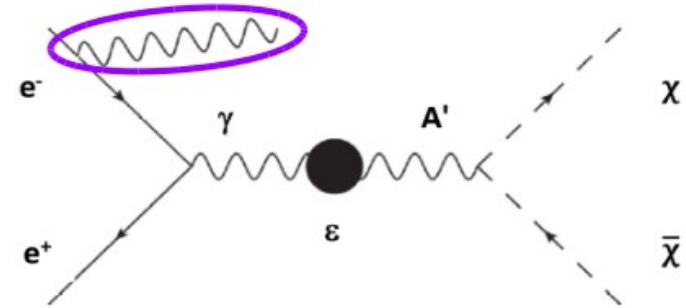
53 fb^{-1}

early Phase 3 benchmark
(~ 20 fb^{-1} good quality data)

Dark photon to invisible

- Signal Signature:

- select events with NOTHING but a single high energetic *ISR photon*
- Look for a bump in the reconstructed photon energy $E_\gamma = (s - m_{A'}^2)/2\sqrt{s}$
 - only one photon in the detector requires a dedicated **single photon trigger** (at Belle was not available, at BaBar was available only on ~10% data)

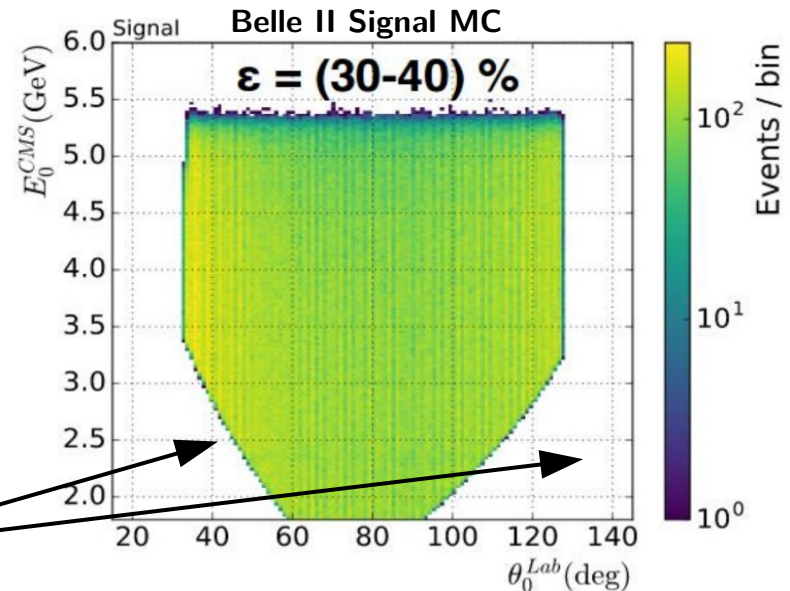


Belle II Phase 3 (Design)

Trigger logic	L1 rate at full luminosity
$E > 1 \text{ GeV}$ (veto clusters above 300 MeV)	4 kHz (barrel) 7 kHz (endcaps)
$E > 2 \text{ GeV}$ Bhabha & $\gamma\gamma$ vetoes	5 kHz (barrel)

Discriminant variables: E_γ^* , θ_γ

Effect of selection on $E^*(\theta)$ for background rejection



Dark photon to invisible: backgrounds

- Background dominated by QED processes:
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$ where one photon is not detected (ECL gaps) or out of acceptance (dominating *low mass* region)
 - radiative Bhabha $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma(\gamma)$ with the electron-positron pair out of acceptance (dominating *high mass* region).

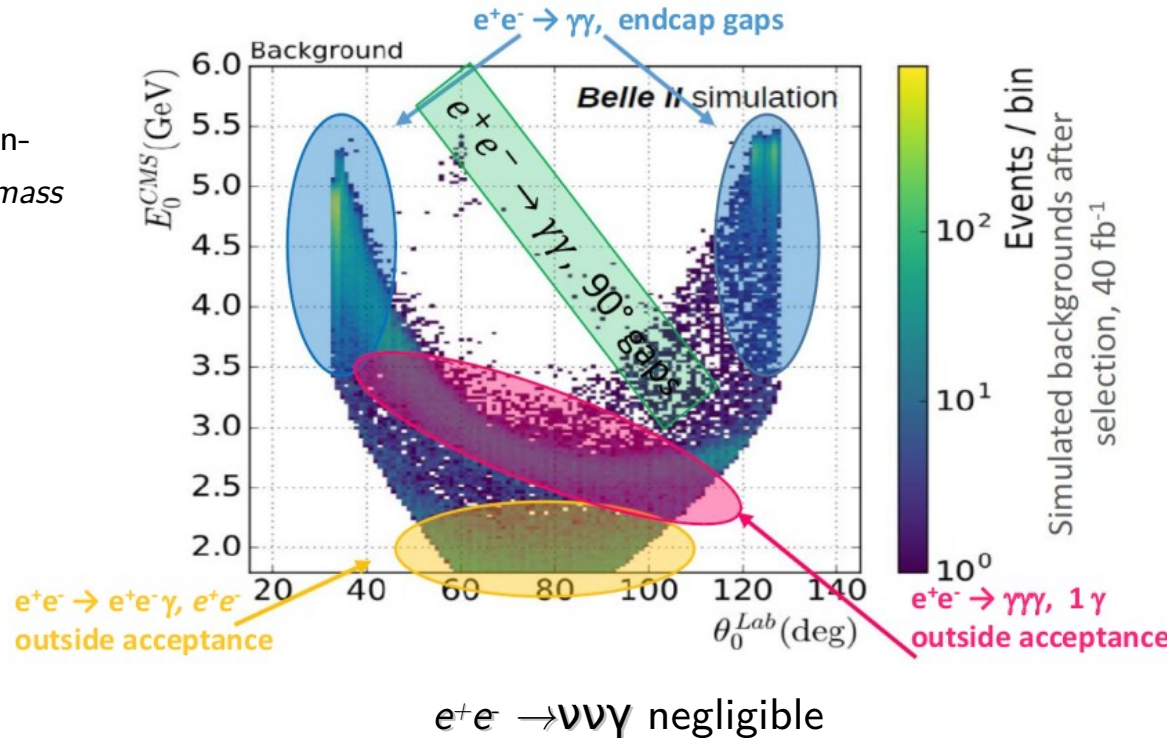


Optimize the analysis separately in the Low Mass region, $M_X^2 < 36 \text{ GeV}^2$, and High Mass region, $24 < M_X^2 < 69 \text{ GeV}^2$.

- *BDT discriminant* trained on 12 variables (signal cluster shape, cluster properties, additional energy deposited in the calorimeter, etc)
- Optimize analysis in model independent approach
- Interpret results for dark photon decay ($\epsilon, M_{A'}$)

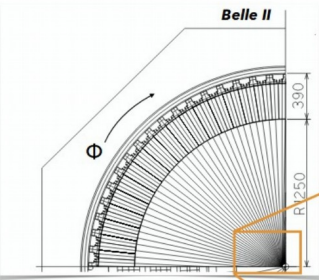
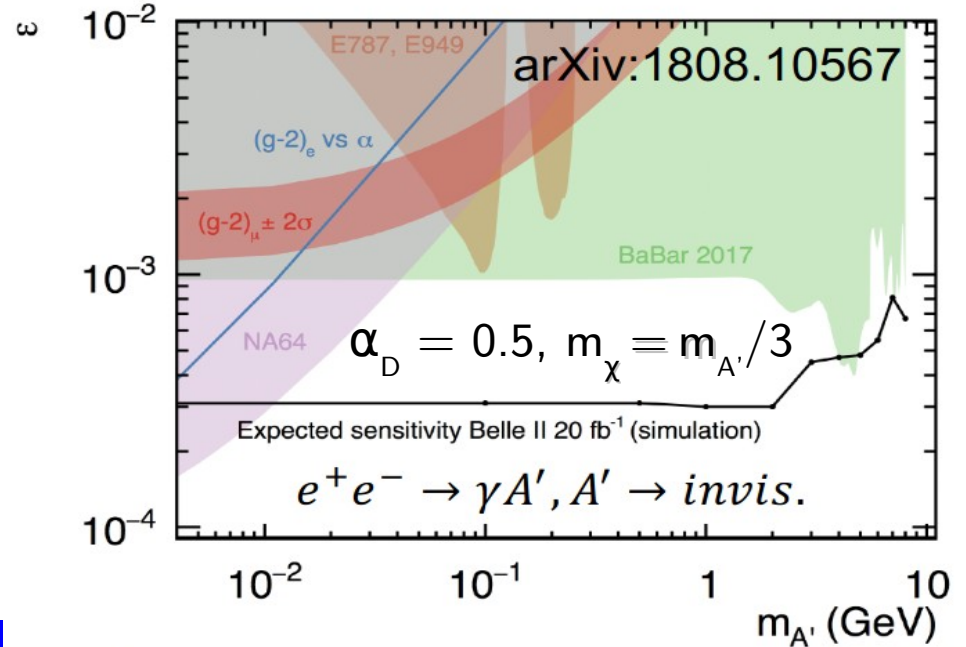
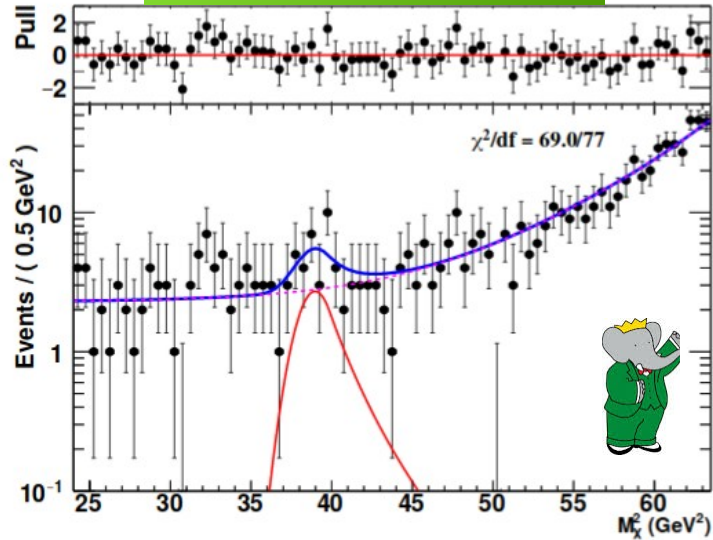


Simulation studies at Belle II

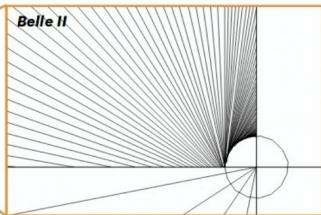


Invisible dark photon sensitivity

Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 131804 (2017)



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



- No ECL cracks pointing to the Interaction region
- KLM can compensate ECL photon detection gap
- Better hermeticity (smaller boost $\beta\gamma=0.28$, larger acceptance)
- Improved L1 trigger lines

Muonic dark forces: $L_\mu - L_\tau$ model

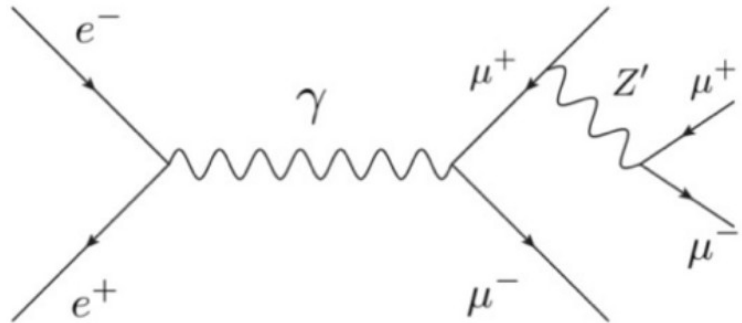
- New gauge boson Z' coupling only to the **2nd and 3rd** generation of leptons ($L_\mu - L_\tau$)
 - *May explain the $(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly*
 - *May solve the light DM puzzle (e.g. sterile neutrinos, Dirac light fermions)*
 - *May explain anomalies observed in rare B decays, $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$, R_{K^*}*

- Search for the process

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-Z', Z' \rightarrow l, \nu, X$$

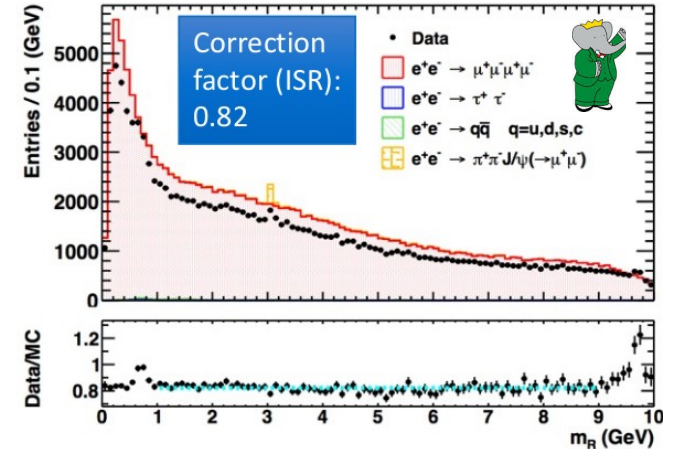


- Muonic dark force at BaBar: visible final state to two muons
- Search for a di-muon invariant mass peak in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$

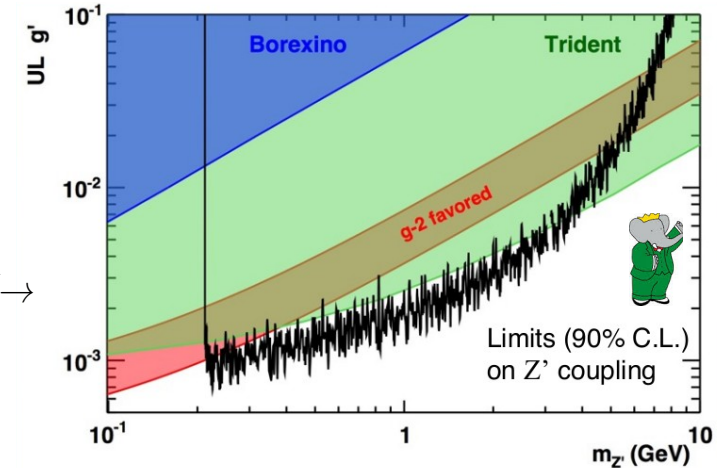


Backgrounds:

- QED combinatorial
- Resonant $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$



Di-muon reduced mass: $m_R = (m_{\mu\mu}^2 - 4m_\mu^2)^{1/2}$



Z' to invisible

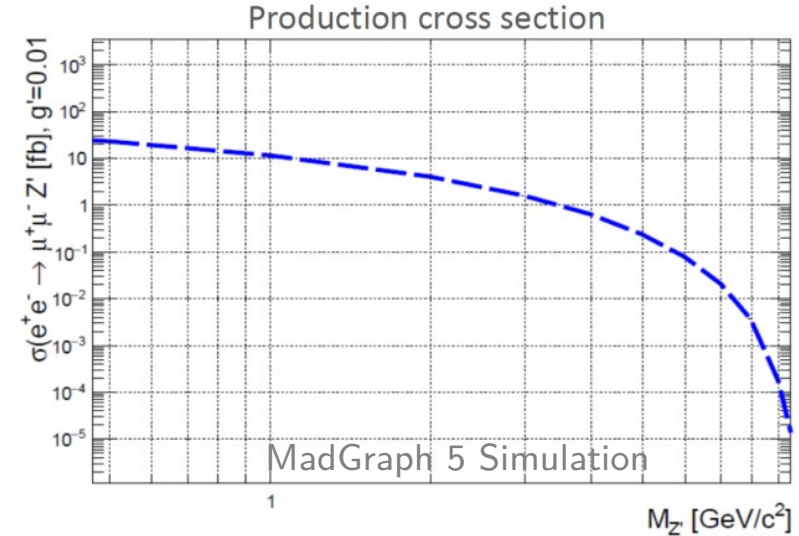
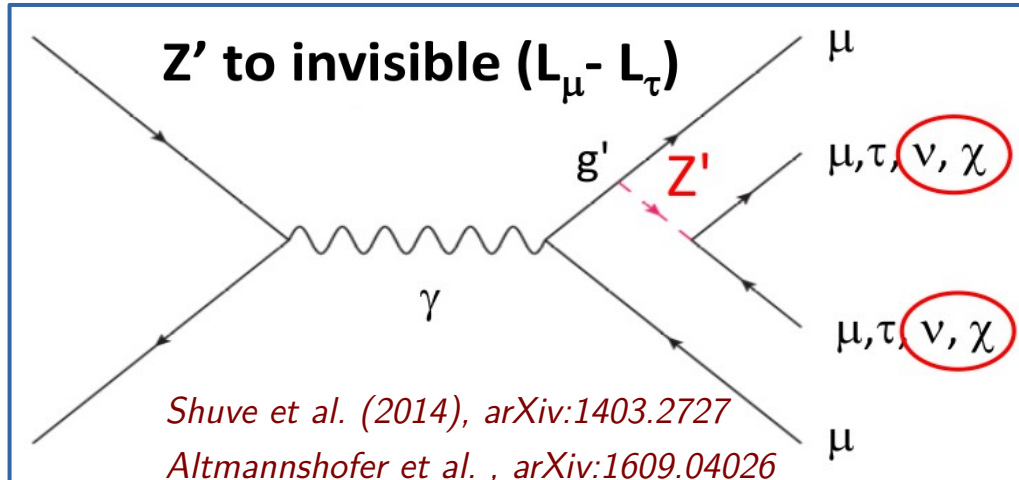


Invisible signature investigated for the first time in the process

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + \text{missing mass}$$

- Search for a peak in the recoil mass spectrum against a $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair in event where *NOTHING* else is detected.
- Background from QED processes that can mimic the final state of 2 muons + missing mass because of acceptance or undetected particles:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- (\gamma), e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- (\gamma), e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- e^+e^-$$



Branching ratios:

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

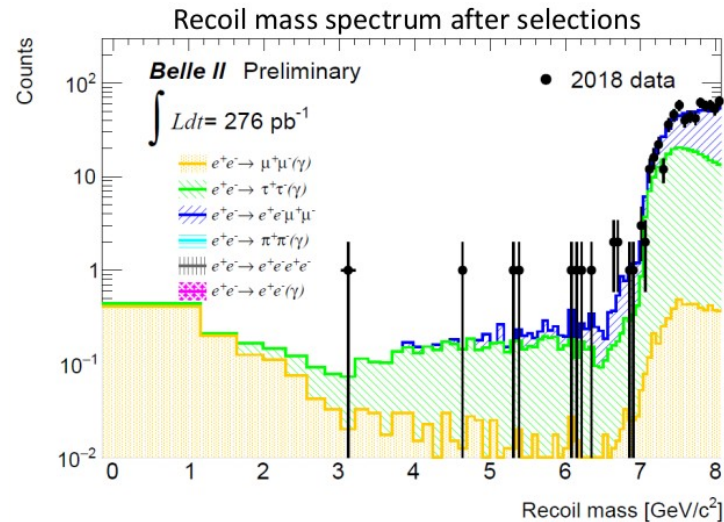
$$2M_\mu < M_Z < 2M_\tau \rightarrow \Gamma(Z' \rightarrow \text{inv.}) \sim 1/2$$

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

If LDMA is accessible, $\text{BR}(Z' \rightarrow \text{DM}) \sim 1$

Z' to invisible: results and prospects

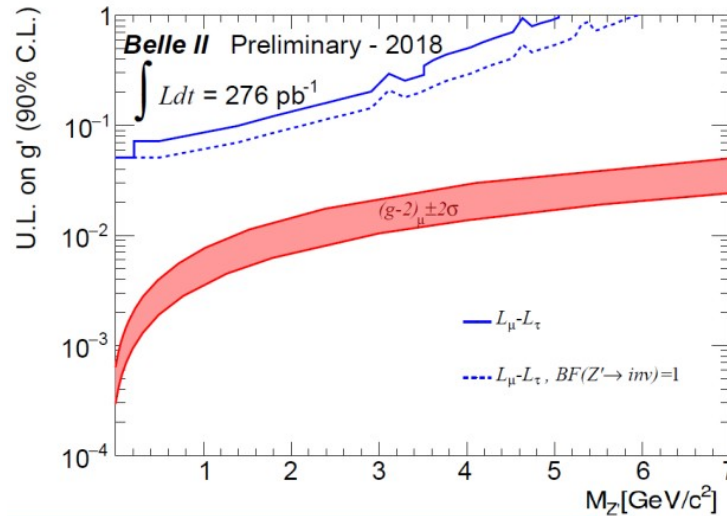
Phase 2 results



→ only 276 pb⁻¹ usable
 due to trigger conditions
 → No excess observed

Paper under collaboration wide review

To be submitted to PRL

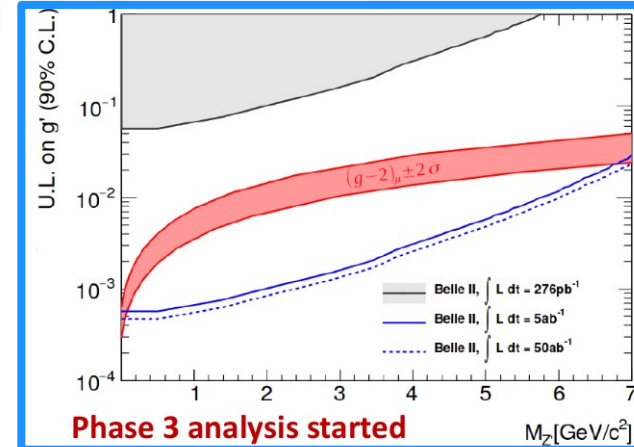


Source	Error
Trigger efficiency	6%
Tracking efficiency	4%
PID	4%
Luminosity	1.5%
Background before τ suppression	2%
τ suppression (background)	22%
Discrepancy in $\mu\mu$ yield (signal)	12.5%

will decrease with new data

Phase 3 prospects

- Reduced systematic uncertainty (3%)
- $L_{\text{int}} = 5, 50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$



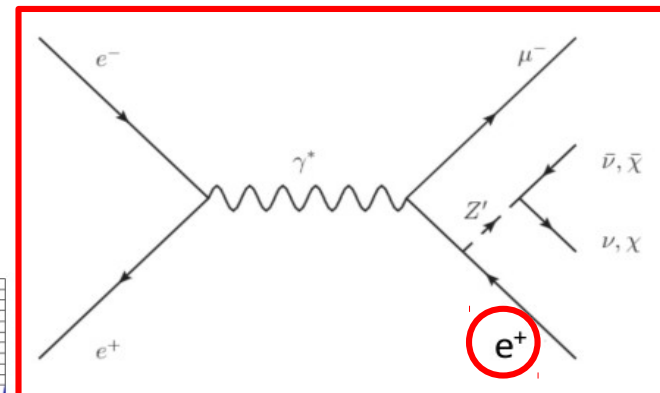
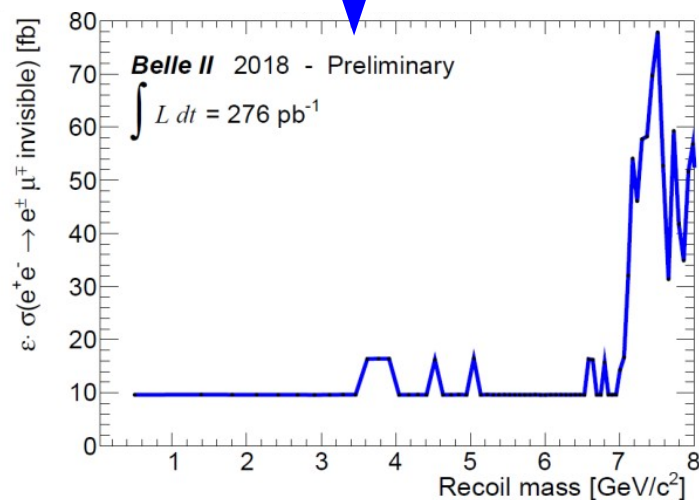
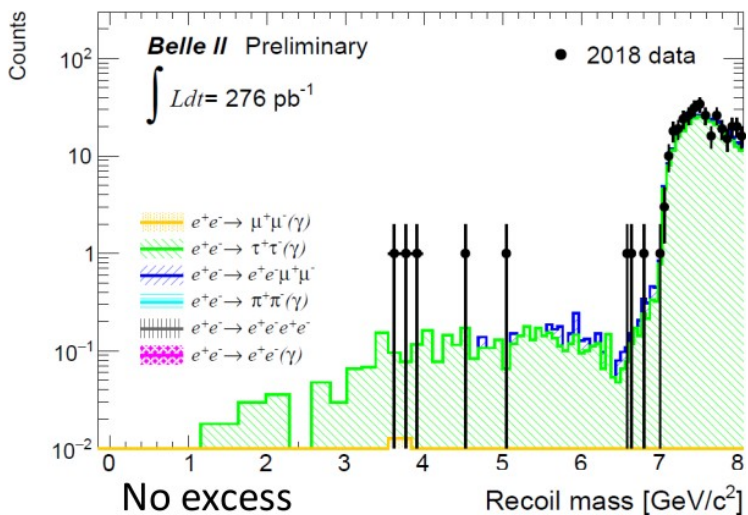
Phase 3 analysis started

LFV Z' to invisible

- Could couple to different families of lepton (only e- μ coupling investigated)
- Look for a peak in the mass distribution of the recoil against a **$e\mu$ pair**
- Byproduct of the standard Z' search, with minimal adjustment
- Model independent search: constrain $(\mathcal{E}x\sigma)$ product with 90% CL upper limit

Galon et al. [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP05\(2017\)083](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP05(2017)083)

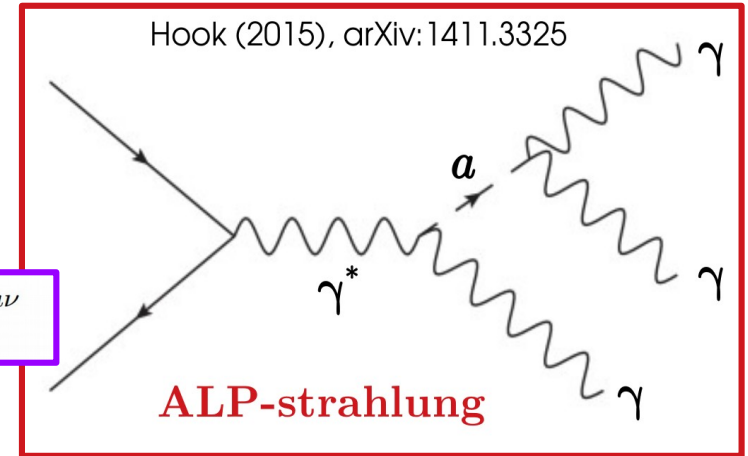
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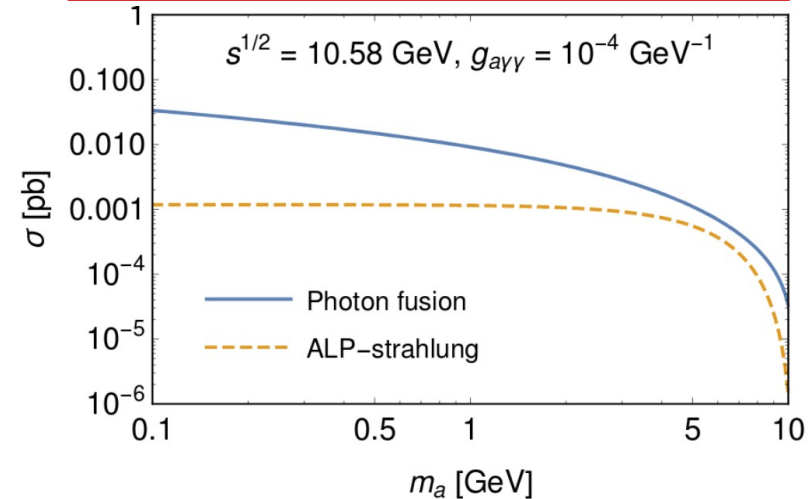
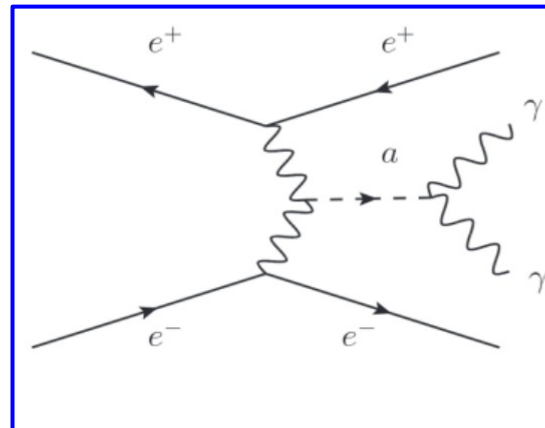
Axion Like Particles (ALPs)

- Axion Like Particles are pseudo-scalars coupling mainly to bosons
- Unlike for QCD Axions, there is no relation between the coupling and the mass
- Explored photon coupling $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ in *ALP-strahlung* processes (*photon fusion*: sensitivity under study)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

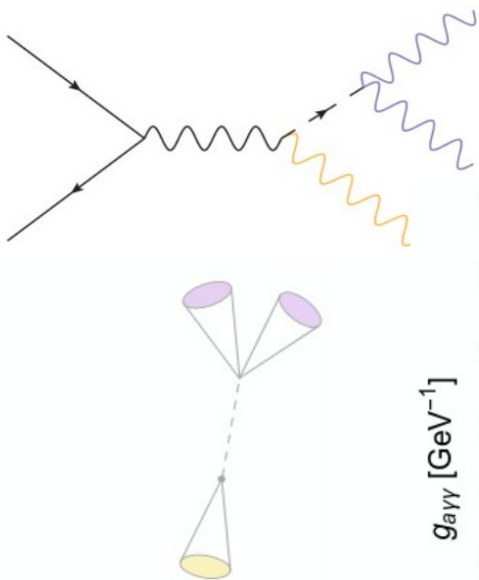


- $\tau \sim 1/m_a^3 g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2$
 - Displaced vertex
 - Long-lived particle



ALPs: experimental signature

- Signal signatures: 3γ final state, several topologies \rightarrow 4 categories
- ALPS may also decay to invisible (DM) \rightarrow single photon topology

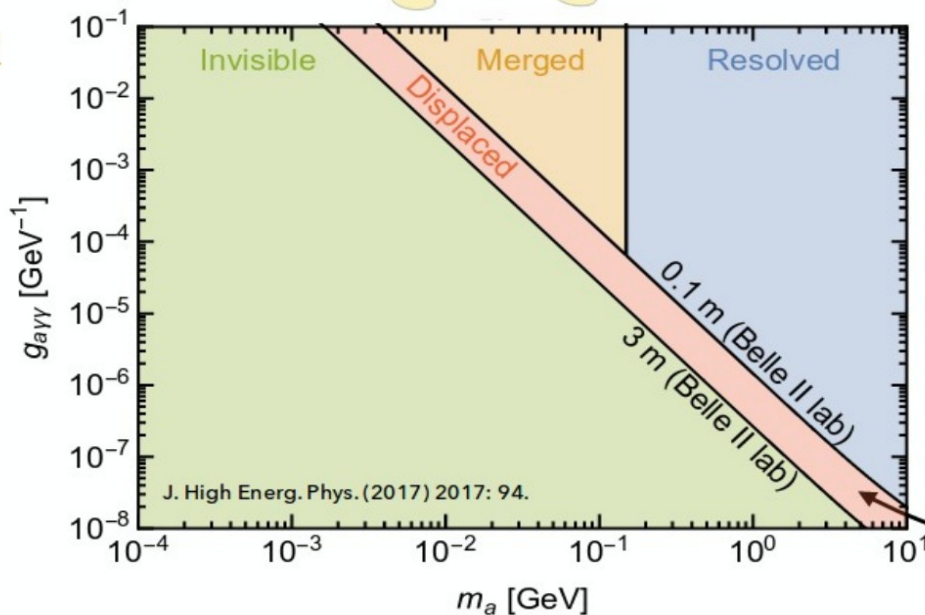


ALP decays outside of the detector or decays into **invisible** particles: Single photon final state.

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



Backgrounds: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$ and pair conversion
 $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ outside the tracking volume



For **resolved** case:

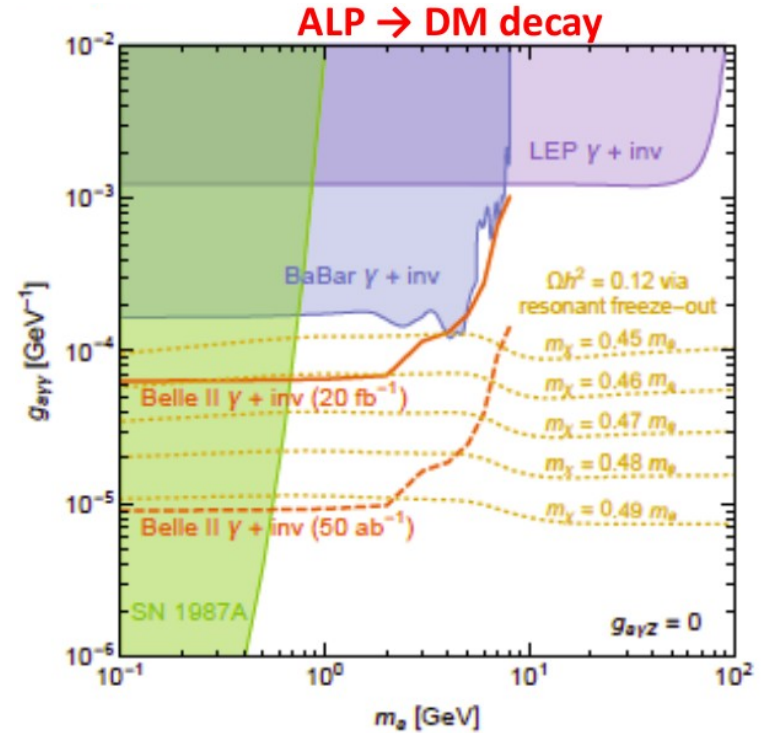
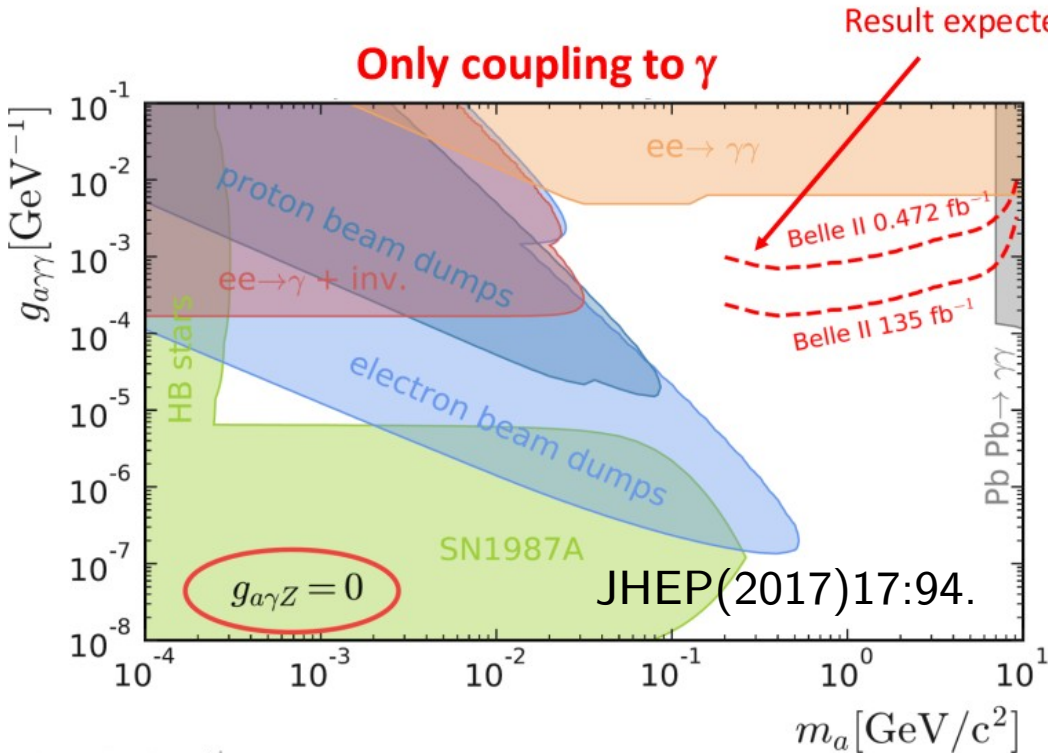
3 clusters with $E_{CM} > 0.25$ GeV
 Peak in $\gamma\gamma$ mass spectrum

Three **resolved**, high energetic photons.



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

ALPs: sensitivity



- No systematic contribution yet in the sensitivity
- Only dominant $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$ background included
- 135 fb⁻¹ assumes no $\gamma\gamma$ veto in the barrel

Summary



- BaBar pioneered missing mass searches at B-Factories (dark photon to invisible), constraining the kinetic mixing strength down to 10^{-4} - 10^{-3} for the mass range < 8 GeV

→ **First Belle II physics results are coming soon!**

- Phase 2 (2018) pilot run showed good results for the machine and detector commissioning. The **0.5 fb⁻¹ collected data have been used for Dark Searches**
- Phase 3 started in March 2019, **6.5 fb⁻¹** available: rediscover resonances, B and charm physics.

→ *New analyses started!*

*A rich dark sector program is under investigation at Belle II which has a unique potential for **searches never done before.***

*→ **Interplay with theory is crucial to connect with direct searches and effectively constrain dark sector models.***

*More references in **The Belle II Physics Book**, [arXiv:1808.10567](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.10567)*

Phase 2

- (LFV) Z' to invisible search to be submitted soon to PRL
- ALPs search ready for box opening

Phase 3

- Invisible dark photon (high priority with ~ 20 fb⁻¹ good data)
- Expected by 2020

- Visible Dark Photon
- $\Upsilon(1S)$ to invisible
- Muonic dark forces
- Dark scalars / Higgstrahlung
- Magnetic monopoles
- Long-lived particles
- ...

Backup

First generation B-Factory: BaBar experiment

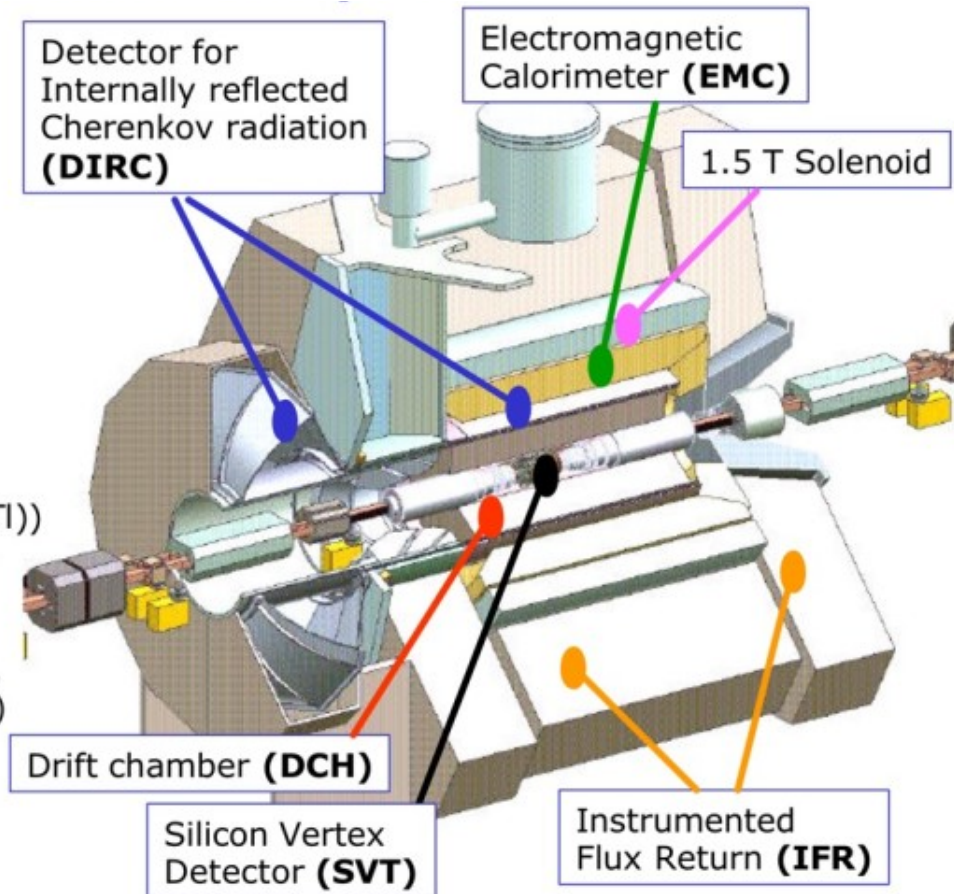
SVT: 5 layers double-sided Si.
Crucial for measuring Δt .

DCH: 40 layers in 10 super-layers, axial and stereo.

DIRC: Array of precisely machined quartz bars.
Excellent Kaon identification.

EMC: Crystal calorimeter (CsI(Tl))
Very good energy resolution.
Electron ID, π^0 and γ reco.

IFR: Layers of RPCs within iron.
Muon and neutral hadron (K_L)



Production cross section at $\Upsilon(4S)$

Table 18: Total production cross section from various physics processes from collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$ GeV. $W_{\ell\ell}$ is the minimum invariant secondary fermion pair mass.

*The Belle II Physics
Book, arXiv:1808.10567*

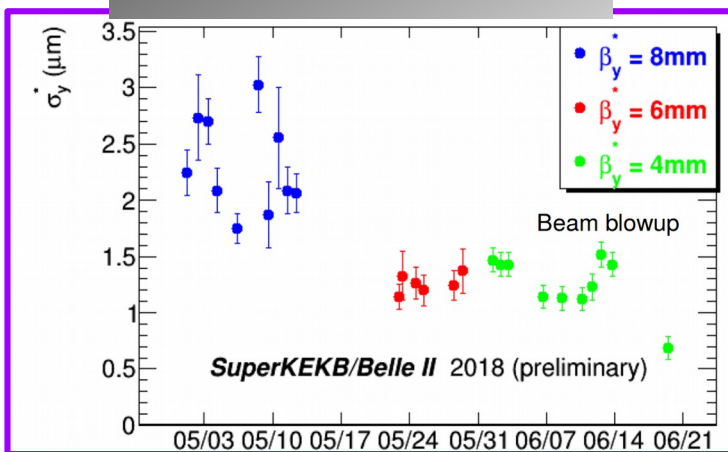
Physics process	Cross section [nb]	Selection Criteria	Reference
$\Upsilon(4S)$	1.110 ± 0.008	-	[2]
$u\bar{u}(\gamma)$	1.61	-	KKMC
$d\bar{d}(\gamma)$	0.40	-	KKMC
$s\bar{s}(\gamma)$	0.38	-	KKMC
$c\bar{c}(\gamma)$	1.30	-	KKMC
$e^+e^-(\gamma)$	300 ± 3 (MC stat.)	$10^\circ < \theta_e^* < 170^\circ,$ $E_e^* > 0.15$ 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

SuperKEKB Numbers

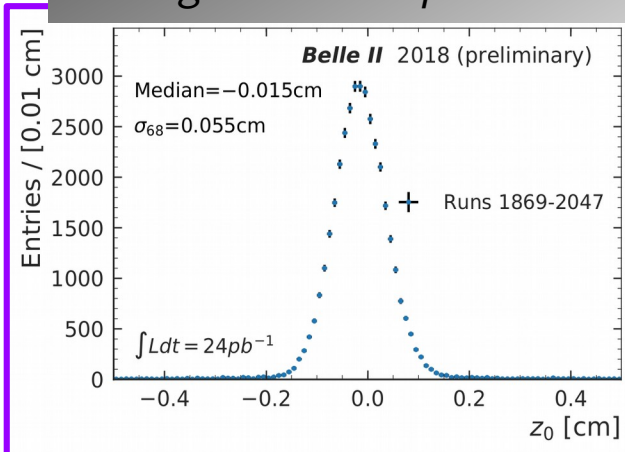
2017/September/1	LER	HER	unit	
E	4.000	7.007	GeV	
I	3.6	2.6	A	
Number of bunches	2,500			
Bunch Current	1.44	1.04	mA	
Circumference	3,016.315		m	
ϵ_x/ϵ_y	3.2(1.9)/8.64(2.8)	4.6(4.4)/12.9(1.5)	nm/pm	():zero current
Coupling	0.27	0.28		includes beam-beam
β_x^*/β_y^*	32/0.27	25/0.30	mm	
Crossing angle	83		mrاد	
α_p	3.20×10^{-4}	4.55×10^{-4}		
σ_δ	$7.92(7.53) \times 10^{-4}$	$6.37(6.30) \times 10^{-4}$		():zero current
V_c	9.4	15.0	MV	
σ_z	6(4.7)	5(4.9)	mm	():zero current
v_s	-0.0245	-0.0280		
v_x/v_y	44.53/46.57	45.53/43.57		
U_0	1.76	2.43	MeV	
$\tau_{x,y}/\tau_s$	45.7/22.8	58.0/29.0	msec	
ξ_x/ξ_y	0.0028/0.0881	0.0012/0.0807		
Luminosity	8×10^{35}		$\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	

Belle II Performances in Phase 2

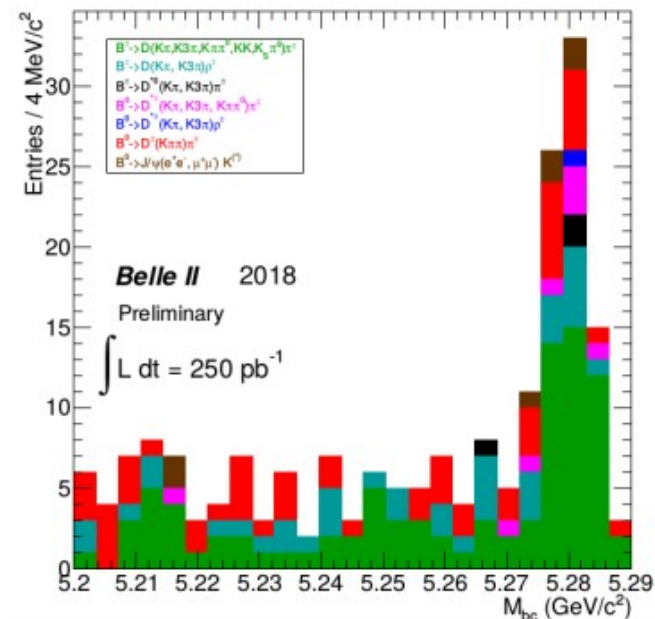
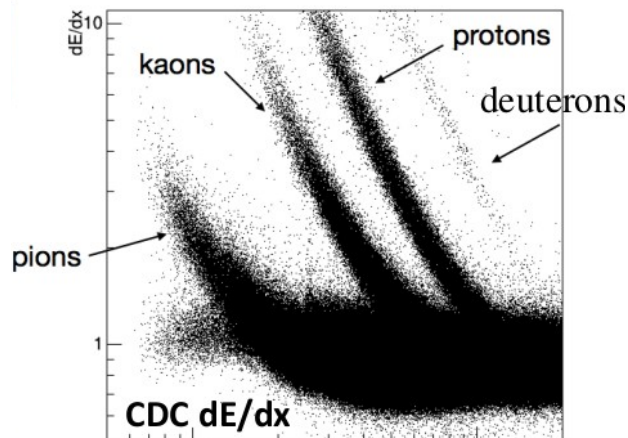
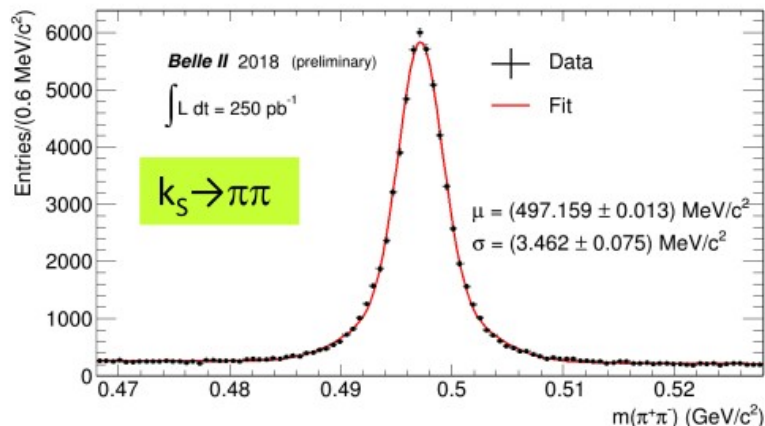
Vertical beam size



Longitudinal IP position

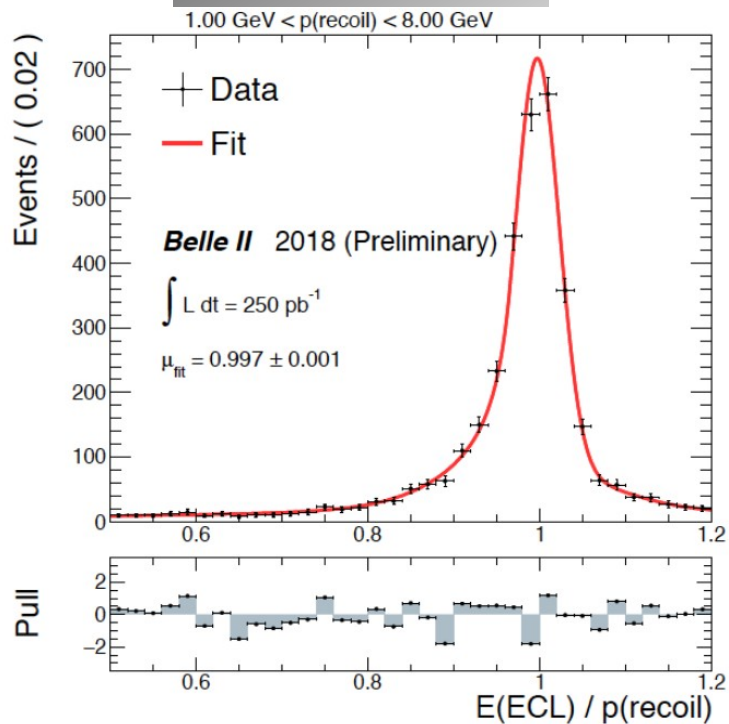


- ✓ Nano-beam scheme works
- ✓ $L = 5.5 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- ✓ Collected 0.472 fb^{-1}

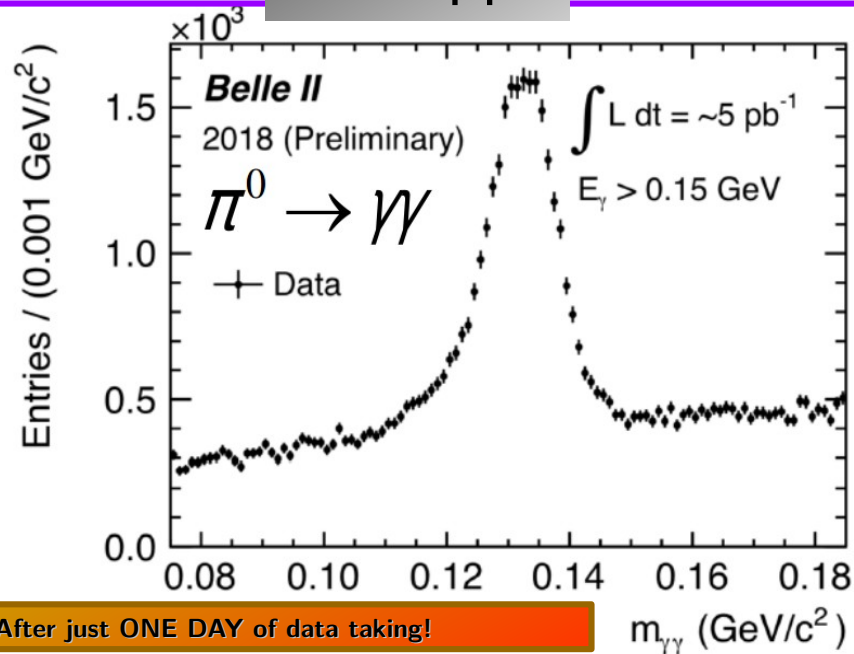


Belle II Performances in Phase 2: photon reconstruction

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$$



$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

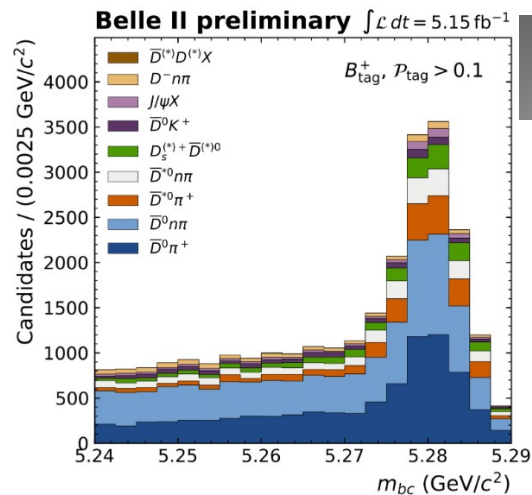
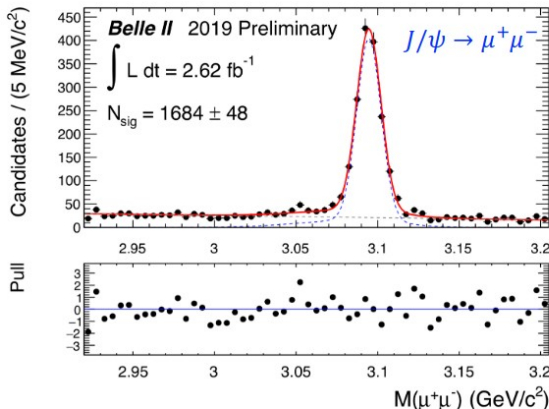
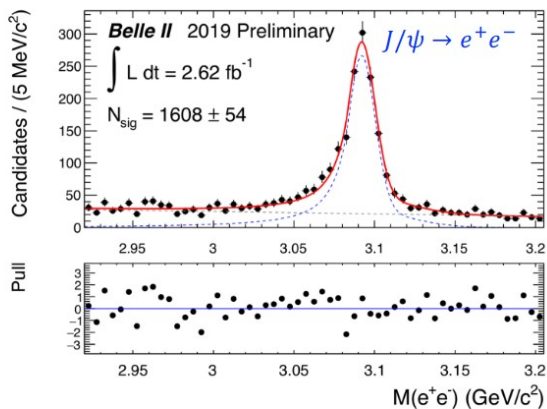
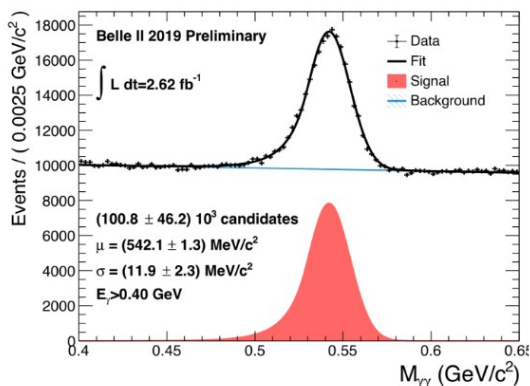
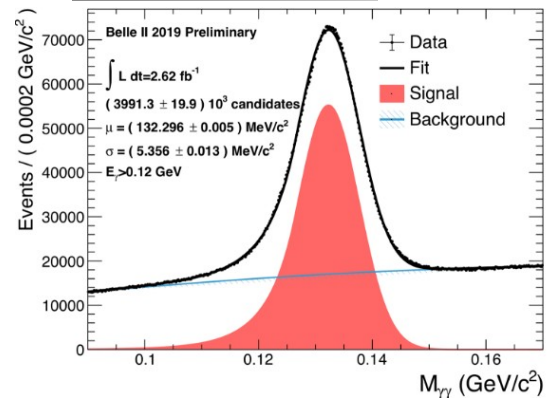


$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \text{ ALPS} \rightarrow \gamma(\gamma\gamma)$$

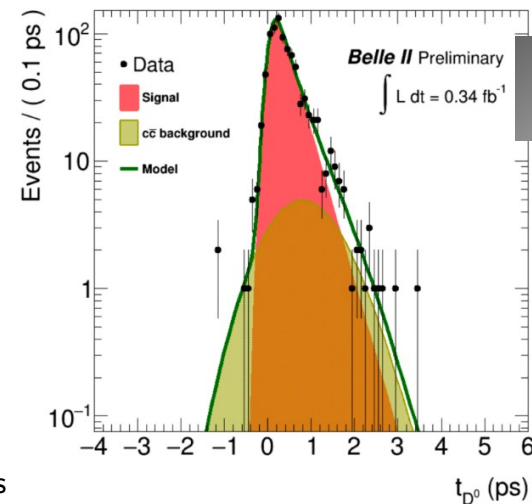
Belle II Phase 3 snapshot

$\pi^0, \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



FEI, B tagging

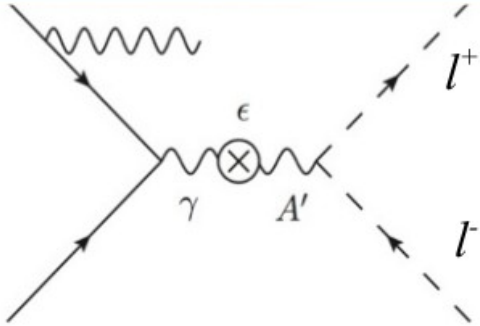
- Important B factory techniques to reconstruct decay with neutrinos and do inclusive searches



D^0 lifetime

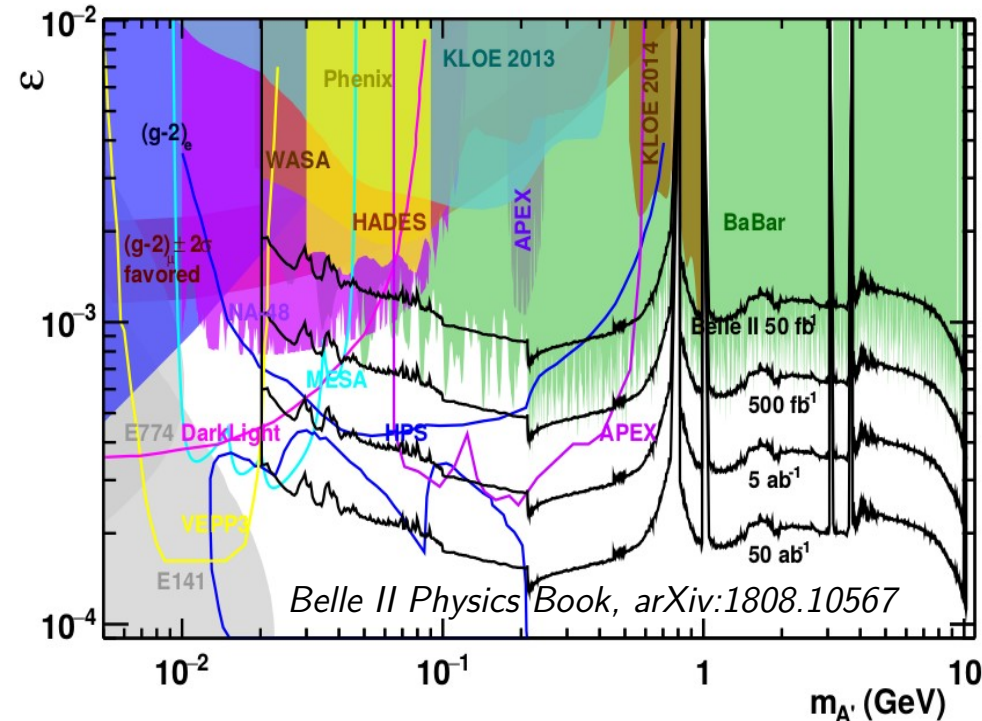
$\tau = (370 \pm 40) \text{ fs}$
 PDG average:
 $(410.1 \pm 1.5) \text{ fs}$

Dark Photon to visible



- Search for a peak in the dilepton ($l = e, \mu$) invariant mass, in the range $0.02 < M_{A'} < 10.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (all available CM energies used)
- Select two oppositely charge tracks and a photon with energy $E_\gamma > 200 \text{ MeV}$

- QED backgrounds: $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- (\mu^+\mu^-) \gamma$, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma (\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-)$
 \rightarrow neural network optimized selection (angular variables, electron flight length)
- Use simulated templates to model the signal shape
- Extract the signal yield by fitting the dielectron (muon reduced mass, $m_R = \sqrt{(m_{\mu\mu}^2 - 4m_\mu^2)}$, easier to model at threshold) \rightarrow obtain 90% CL exclusion limits



Expected improvement of BaBar limits ($\sim 10^{-4}$ mixing strength) due to better mass resolution (factor 2) and L1 trigger performances on two-track events (factor 1.1-2.2).

Invisible Dark Photon at BaBar

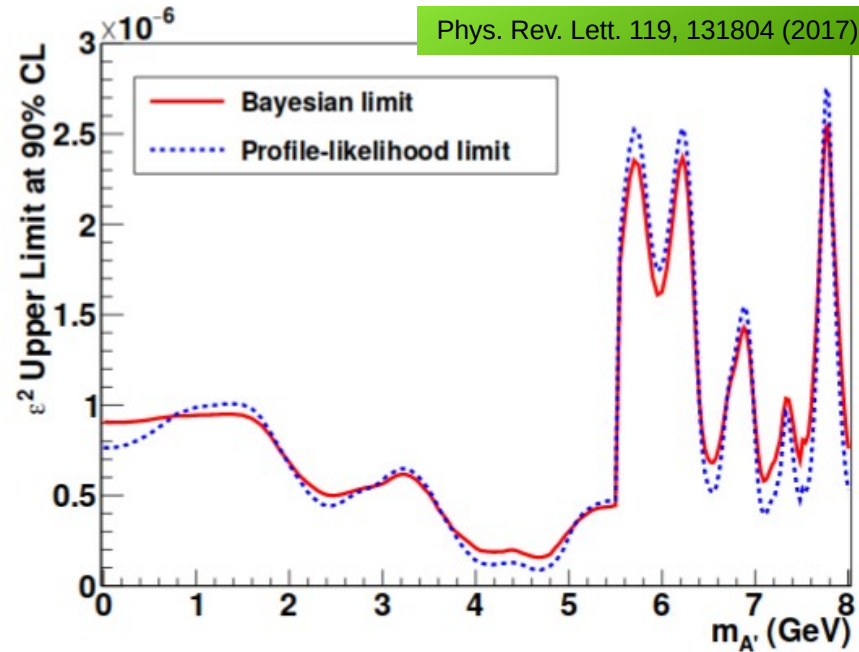


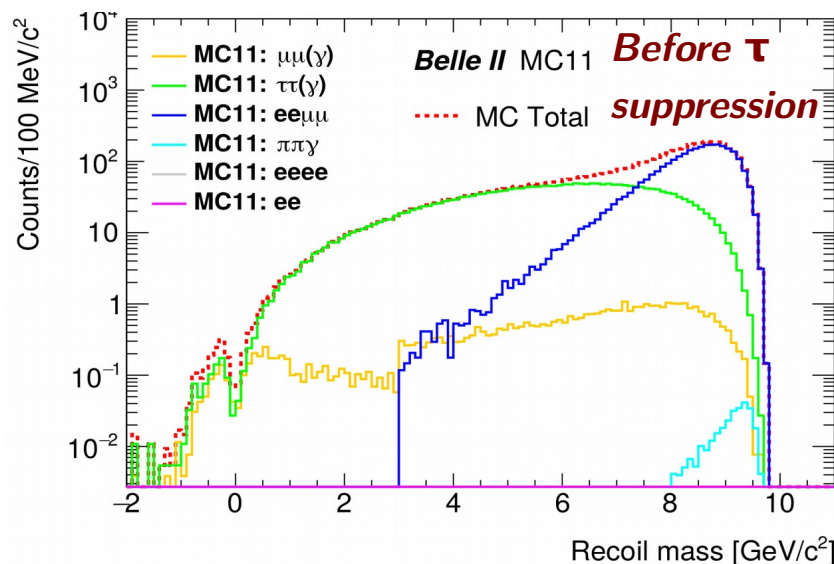
FIG. 4: Upper limits at 90% CL on A' mixing strength squared ε^2 as a function of $m_{A'}$. Shown are the Bayesian limit computed with a uniform prior for $\varepsilon^2 > 0$ (solid red line) and the profile-likelihood limit (blue dashed line).

Z' to invisible: analysis overview

- Look for a peak in the recoil mass spectrum against a $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair (dimuon candidate) in event where nothing else is detected.
- Reject *QED background* by applying a signal-like selection on the distribution of the transverse momentum of the dimuon candidate $p_{T_{\mu\mu}}$
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau\tau(\gamma)$ is the main source of background contamination:
 - dedicated τ suppression optimized by maximizing *Punzi Figure Of Merit*

$$FOM_{Punzi} = \epsilon(t)/(a/2 + \sqrt{B(t)})$$

$$a = 1.64 \text{ (90\% CL)}$$



- Intense program of **data validation** studies and systematic effects evaluation on 2018 data (Phase 2, 0.5 fb^{-1}) + estimation of sensitivities
- Extract the signal yield by applying a Poisson counting experiment technique for each recoil mass bin
- Compute 90% CL upper limit in each mass bin defined for the simulated Z' masses.

Z' to invisible: τ suppression procedure

- Z' production is a final state radiation from a μ leg
- τ background is generated from undetected ν 's from both legs
- Different asymmetry in the event topologies
- Discriminant variables which can quantify this different level of asymmetry:
 - Projection of the transverse recoil momentum onto the direction of the maximum/minimum lepton momentum

