



Probes of the Dark sector from the Belle II experiment

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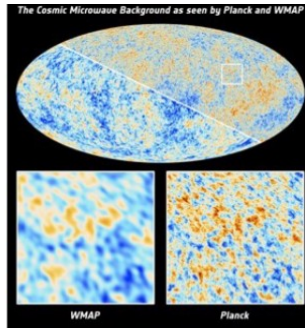
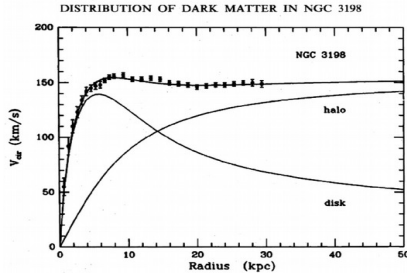
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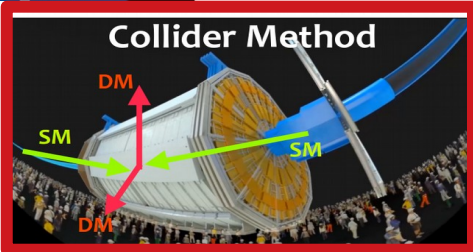
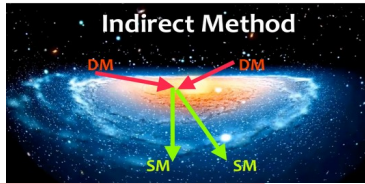
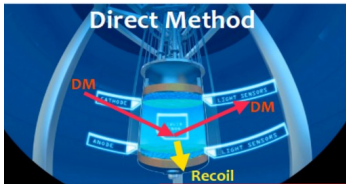
Dark matter puzzle

- **Dark Matter (DM)** is one of the most compelling reasons for NP searches



It exists...

...how to search for it?



Possible sub-GeV scale DM scenario: *light dark sector weakly coupled to SM through a light mediator X*

- Vector portal → **Dark Photons (A'), Z' bosons**
- Pseudo-scalar portal → **Axion Like Particles (ALPs)**
- Scalar portal → **Dark Higgs/Scalars**
- Neutrino portal → **Sterile Neutrinos**

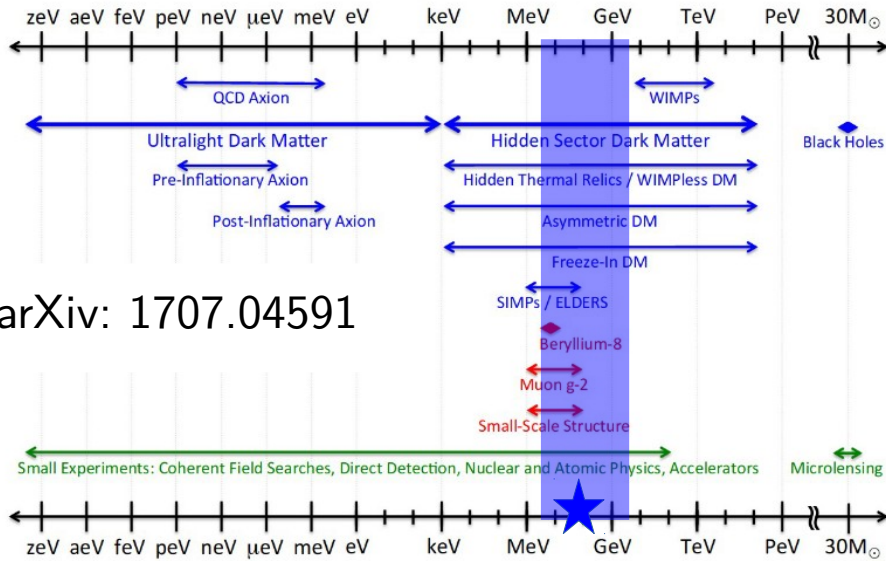
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	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H Higgs boson
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	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson	GAUGE BOSONS



→ *focus on dark sector searches at e⁺e⁻ colliders*

Light dark sectors

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

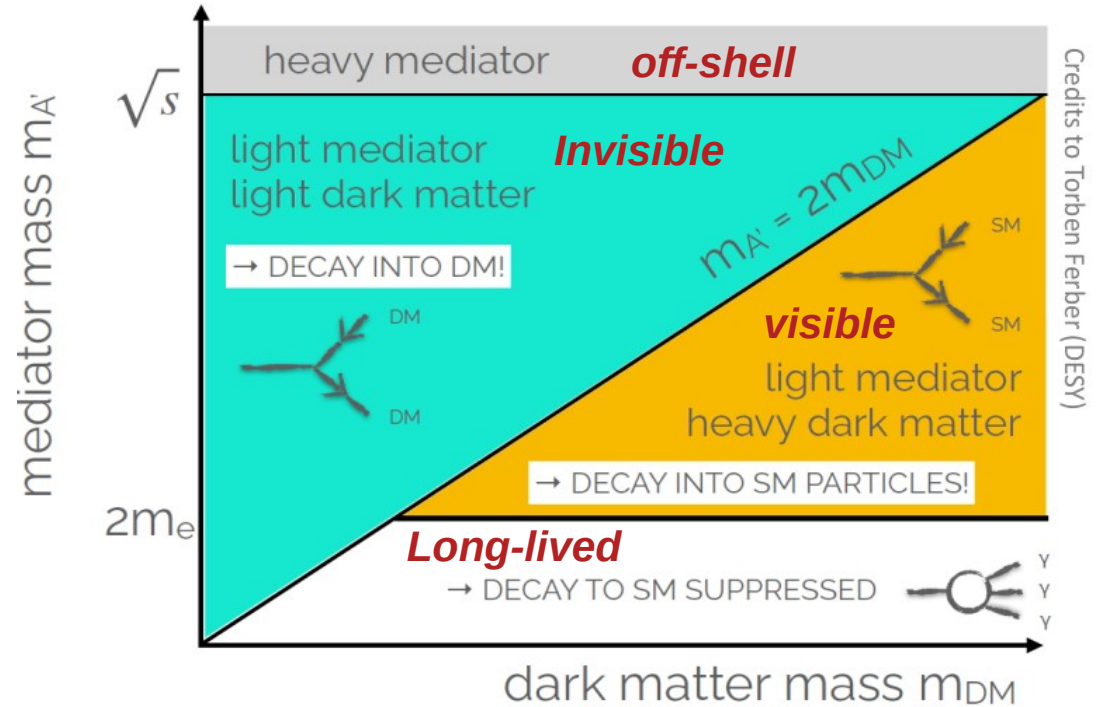


arXiv: 1707.04591



→ different topologies leading to different kinds of **DM searches**

★ B-factories can access the mass range naturally favored by **light dark sectors**



Credits to Torben Ferber (DESY)

Key ingredients

- No leading model, possibly very small couplings:

1) Be signature-based

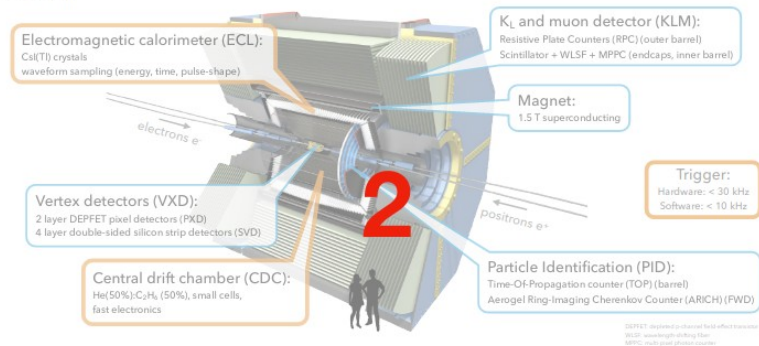
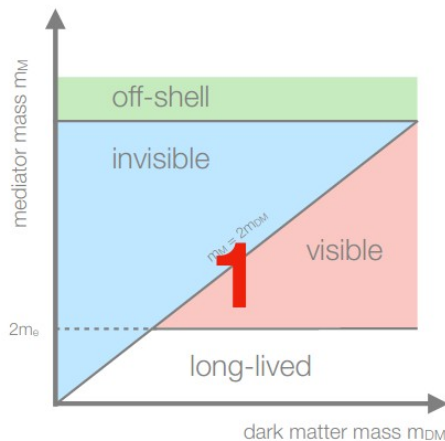
2) Profit of **clean environment** at lepton colliders + **hermetic detector** → *known initial state*

3) Devise specific *low-multiplicity triggers*

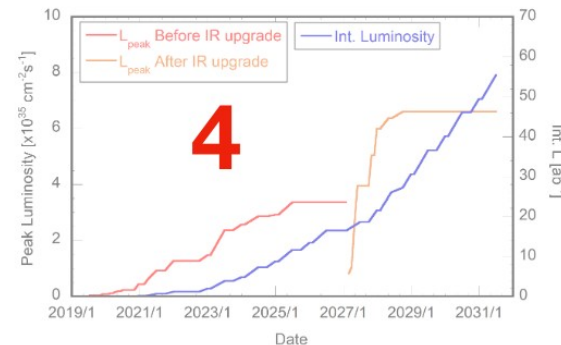
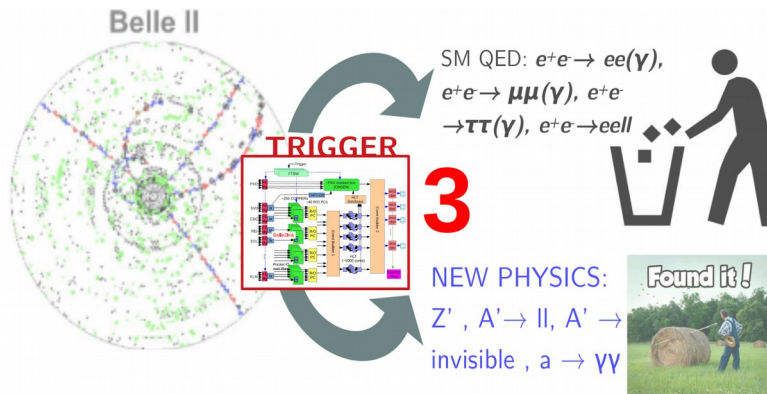
→ Suppress high-cross section QED processes BUT NOT KILL the signal

→ Requires detailed knowledge of the detector efficiencies

4) Collect largest statistics



Signature first!



SuperKEKB accelerator

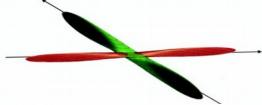
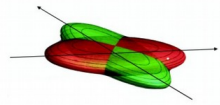
- Asymmetric-energy e^+e^- colliders + 4π detectors \rightarrow efficient reconstruction of neutrals (π^0, η), recoiling system and missing energy

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

- B & τ factory ($\sigma_{bb} \sim \sigma_{\tau\tau} \sim 1 \text{ nb}$) + light dark sectors

KEKB

SuperKEKB



$I \text{ (A)}: \sim 1.6/1.2$

$\beta_y^* \text{ (mm)}: \sim 5.9/5.9$

$\times 1.5$
 $\times 1/20$

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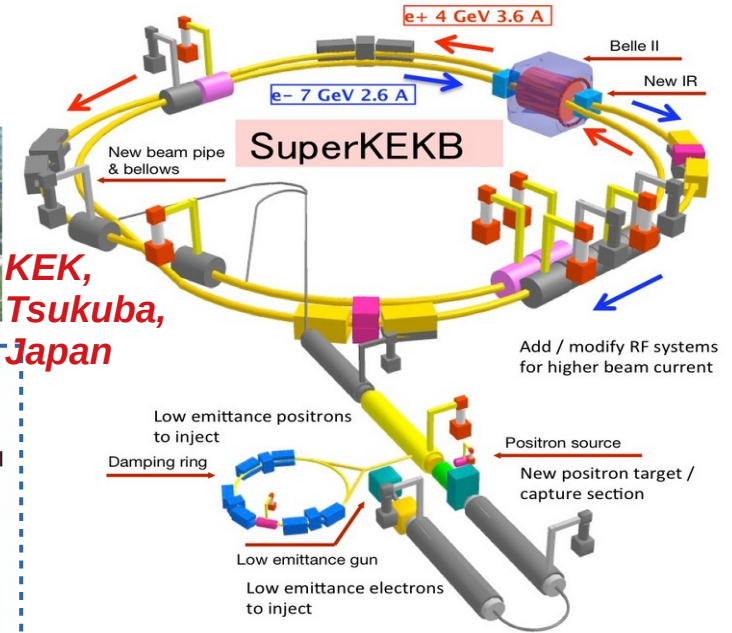
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$$L = \frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2e r_e} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_y^*}{\sigma_x^*} \right) \frac{I_{\pm} \xi_{y\pm}}{\beta_{y\pm}^*} \left(\frac{R_L}{R_{\xi}} \right)$$

Lorentz factor γ_{\pm}
 beam current I_{\pm}
 beam-beam parameter $\xi_{y\pm}$
 beam aspect ratio at the IP σ_y^*/σ_x^*
 vertical beta-function at the IP $\beta_{y\pm}^*$
 geometrical reduction factors R_L/R_{ξ}



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Tsukuba,
Japan



- GOAL:** 30 x KEKB peak luminosity, $\mathcal{L} = 6 \cdot 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (nano-beam scheme technique*)
 \rightarrow Peak luminosity record $4.14 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ on May 17th

*<https://arxiv.org/abs/0709.0451>

SuperKEKB and BelleII

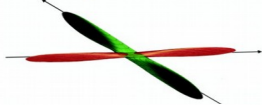
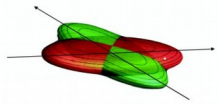
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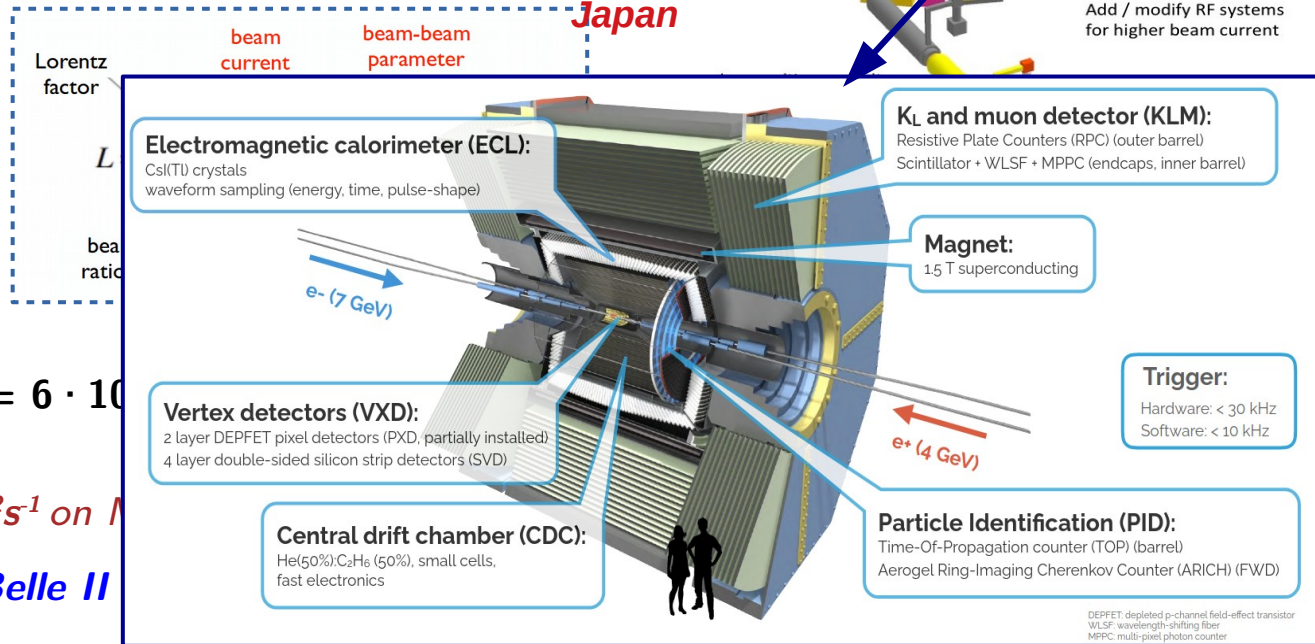
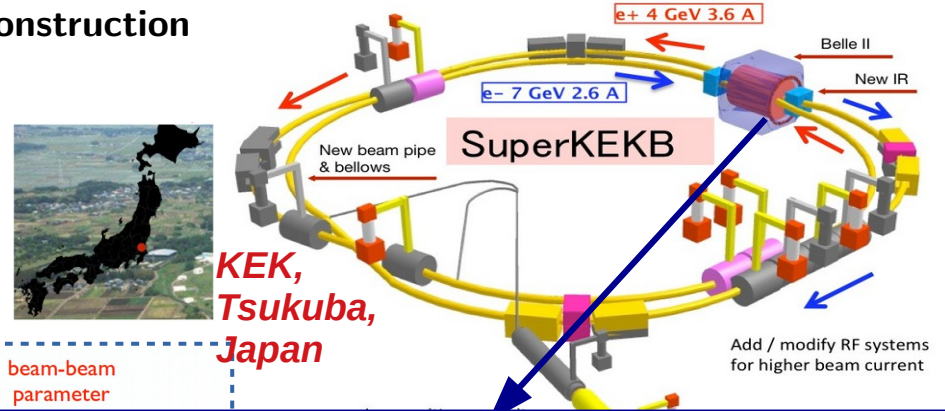


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- Final target \rightarrow **50 x Belle, 50 ab^{-1} @Belle II**

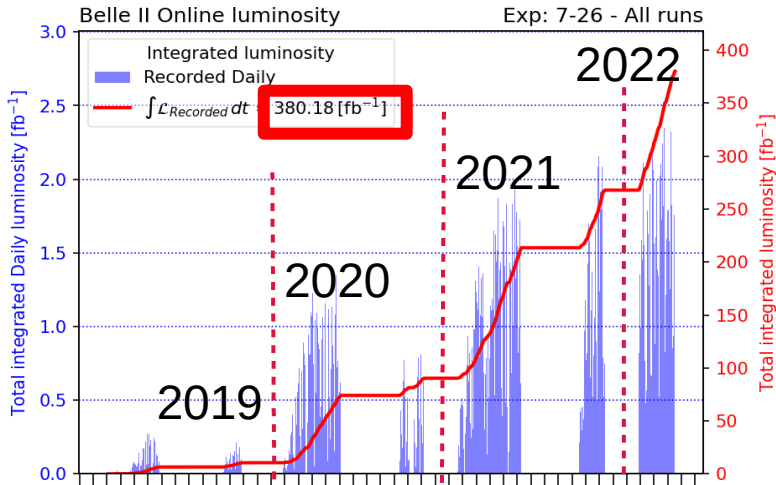
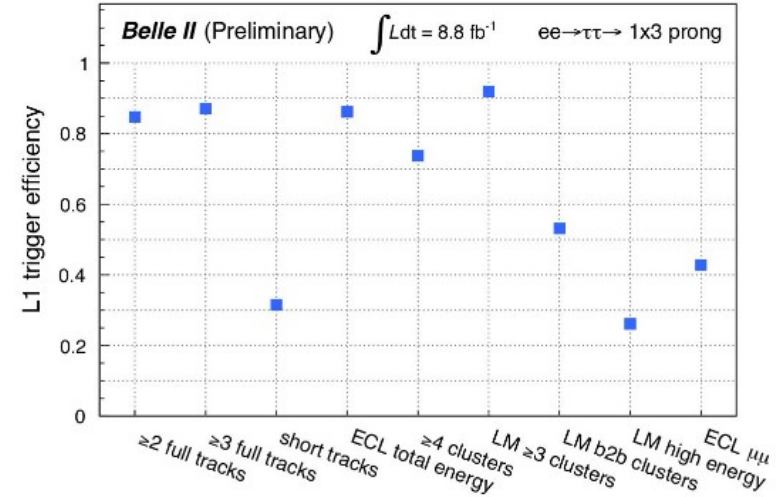


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Belle II triggers and data sets

- Hardware-based trigger (**L1**) combines information from several sub-detectors (*CDC, ECL, TOP* and *KLM*)
 - **Novel menu of low multiplicity triggers** unavailable at Belle (*single photon, single muon, single track with neural network reconstruction*)

Main challenge: trigger on two-track + missing energy signal processes $< O(10 \text{ fb})$ without being saturated by QED processes $O(1-300 \text{ nb})$

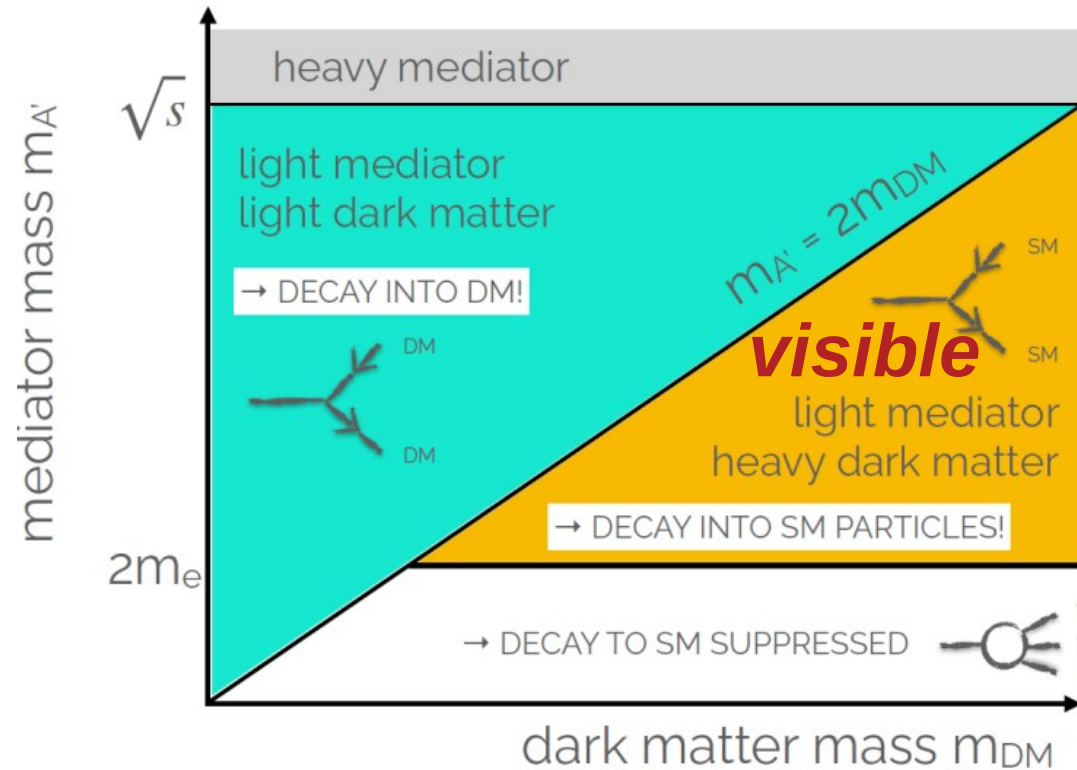


- collected **0.5 fb⁻¹** during the **2018 pilot run** (without vertex detector):
 $Z' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ **PRL 124 (2020) 141801**, $ALPs \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ **PRL 125 (2020) 161806**
- On data > 2019 : **Dark Higgsstrahlung, Z' update**

talk by Huw Haigh in the parallel session

Shut-down from July 2022, resuming operation in 2023
 Accumulated **0.4 ab⁻¹** (40% of Belle) \rightarrow many analyses in the pipeline

Searches for visible decays



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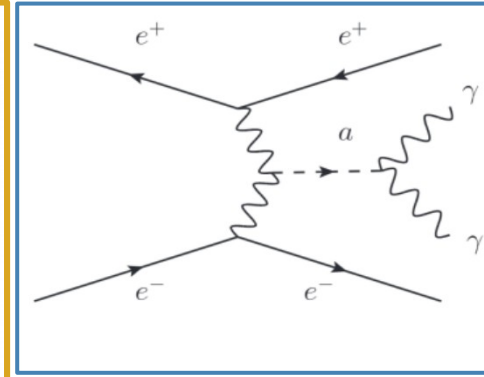
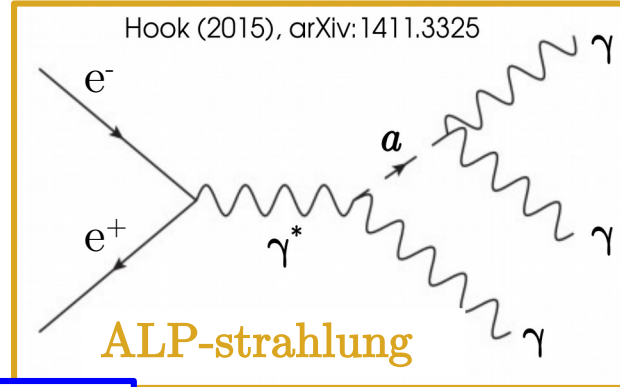
- ALPs to photons
- Visible Z'

Axion-like particles

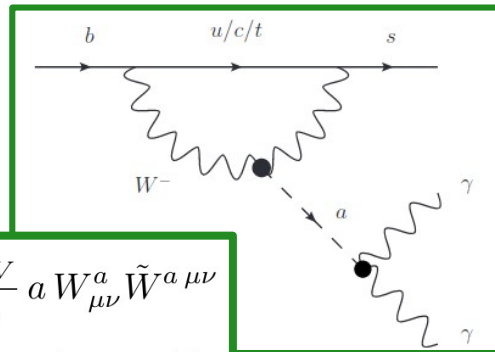
- Axion-like particles (ALPs) are pseudo-scalars coupling mainly to bosons, with non-renormalizable coupling constants $[g_{aV}] \sim 1/M$
- Explored photon coupling $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ in *ALP-strahlung* processes

(*photon fusion*: sensitivity under study)

- Exploit flavor changing neutral current and rare meson decays to investigate g_{aW} coupling **ongoing studies for $B \rightarrow Ka$**

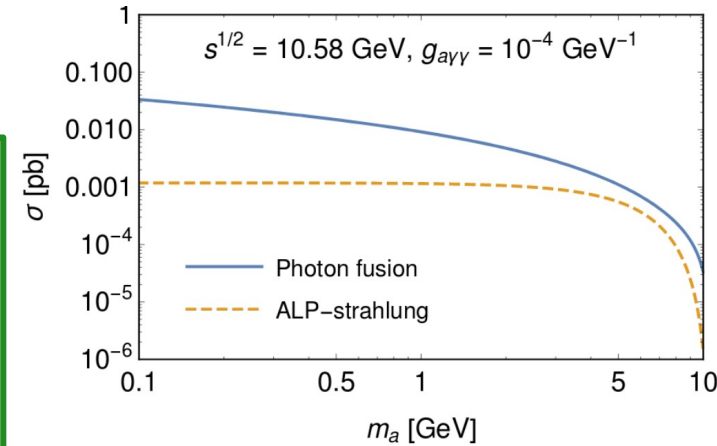


$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$



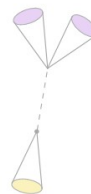
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g_{aW}}{4} a W_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{W}^{a\mu\nu}$$

$$BF(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 100\%$$

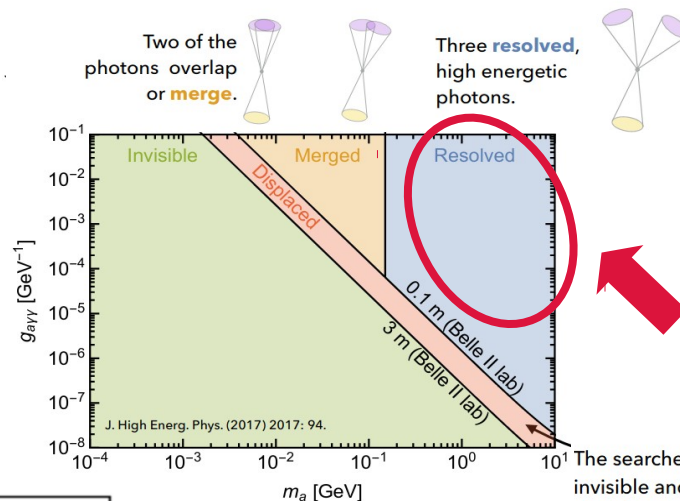


ALPs: $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Select fully neutral events consisting of **3 isolated photons** with a total invariant mass consistent with center of mass energy
 → use calorimeter trigger (*ECL efficiency almost 100%*)
- Optimize to maximize ALP sensitivity
- Signal yield extracted with binned extended max likelihood fits in sliding ranges (half mass resolutions step) to:

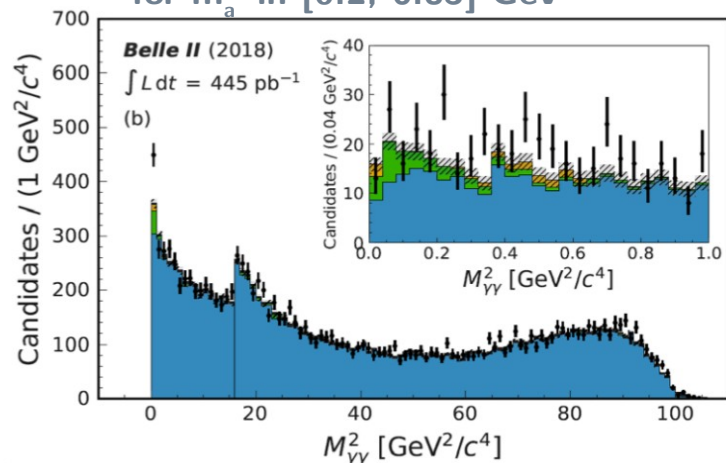


ALP decays outside of the detector or decays into **invisible** particles: Single photon final state.

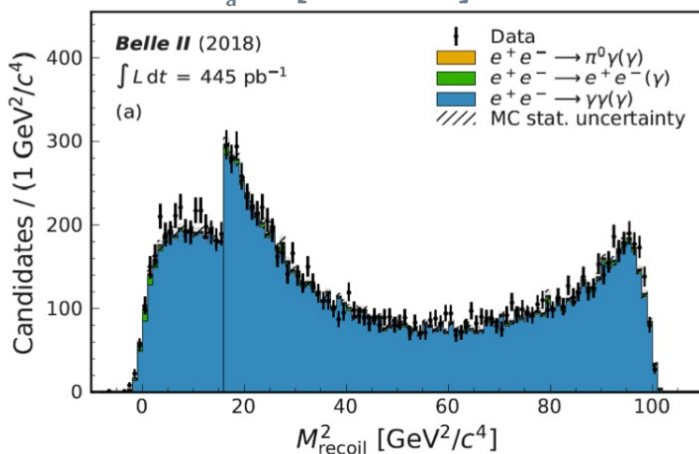


The searches for invisible and visible ALP decays veto this region.

Diphoton invariant mass
for m_a in [0.2, 6.85] GeV



Recoil invariant mass
for m_a in [6.85, 9.7] GeV



no excess found (highest local significance of 2.8σ)

Data set: **445 pb⁻¹**
from 2018 pilot run

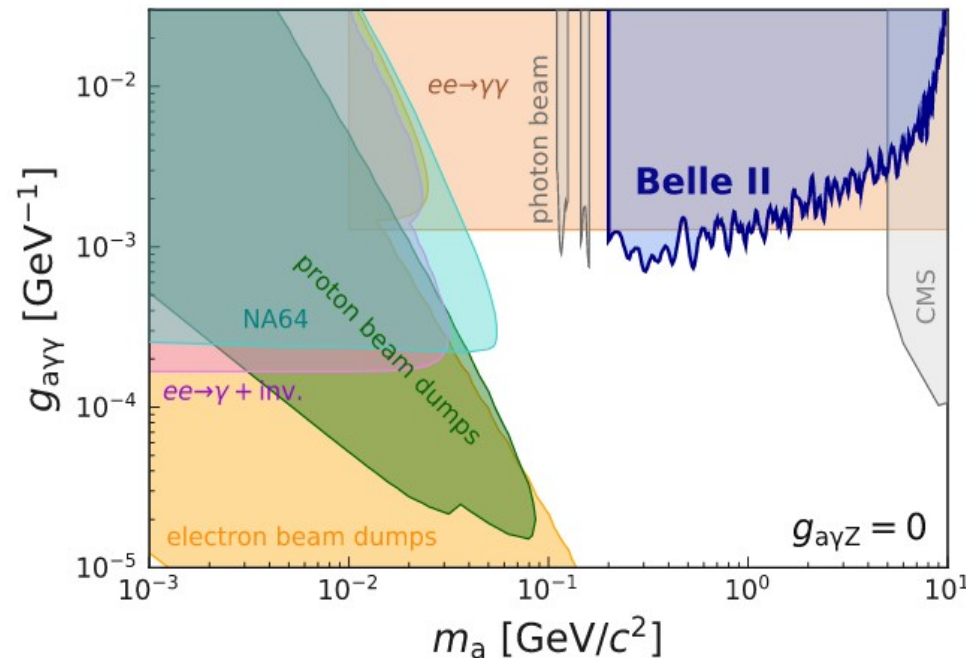
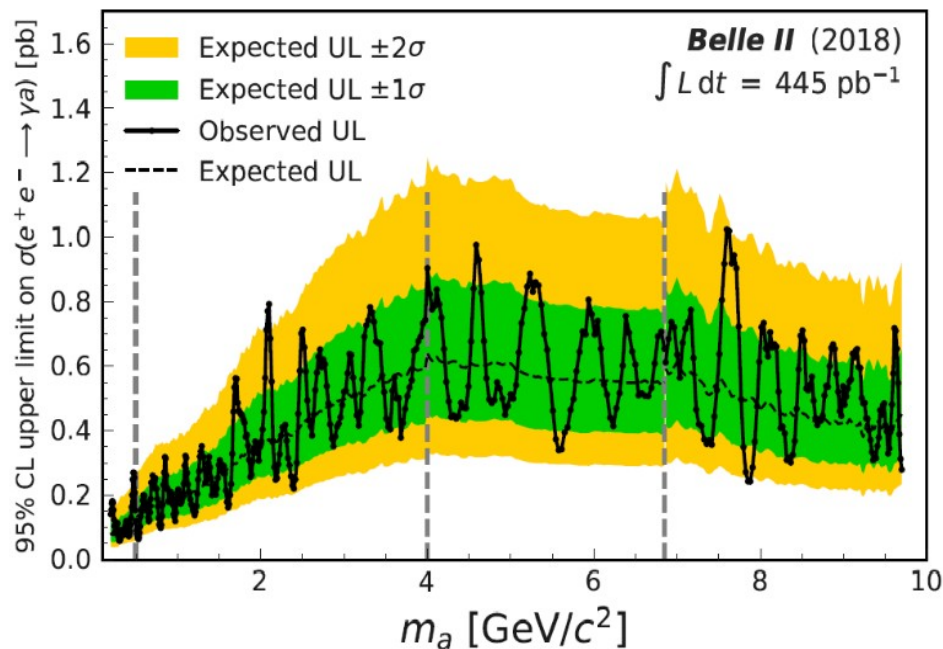
ALPs: $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ results

- Set 95% CL upper limits on the signal cross section and translated in $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ limits

$$\sigma_a = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \alpha_{\text{QED}}}{24} \left(1 - \frac{m_a^2}{s}\right)^3$$

→ 1/100 000th of final target data set

→ **World's best limit around 500 MeV!**

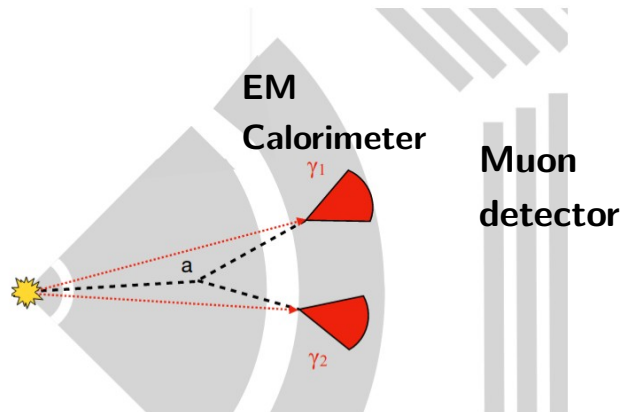


ALPs in meson decays

*E. Izaguirre, T. Lin, B. Shuve, PRL 118 (2017)

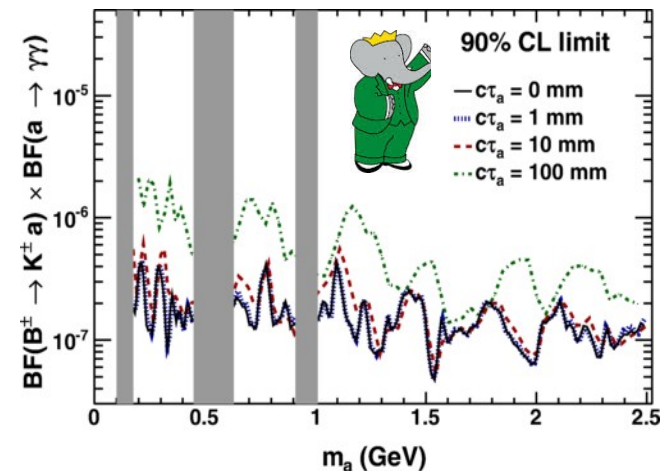
$b \rightarrow s \gamma \gamma$ is extremely rare in the SM and uniquely sensitive to very small **ALP-W coupling** g_{aW} *

- For $m_a \ll m_W$ naturally *long-lived* ALPs mainly decay into photons
- Search for $B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm a$, $a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ as narrow peaks in the **diphoton invariant mass** vetoing peaking background regions, both *prompt* and *long-lived* searches.

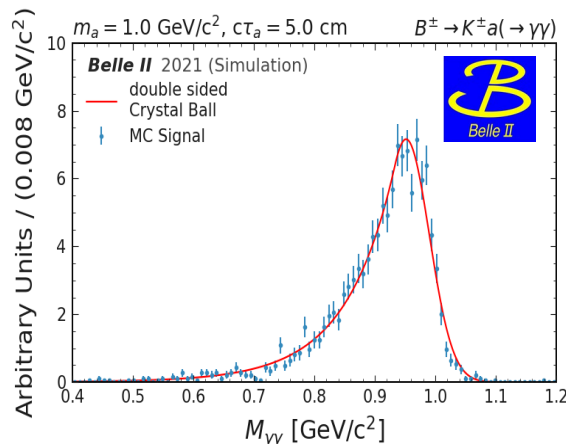


Previous results from Babar on **424/fb at Y(4S)**,
 $g_{aW}^{UL} < 10^{-5}$

[PhysRevLett.128.131802](https://arxiv.org/abs/1208.4074)



Belle II ongoing studies



- Belle II will extend the searched range to $m_a > 2.5$ for larger lifetimes (up to $c\tau_a \sim 40$ cm)
 → Competitive sensitivity with 100/fb

- Also studies for *heavy QCD axion* ongoing, search for $a \rightarrow \eta \pi \pi$, $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Z' boson: $L_\mu - L_\tau$ model

- New gauge boson Z' coupling only to the **2nd and 3rd** generation of leptons ($L_\mu - L_\tau$) may explain:

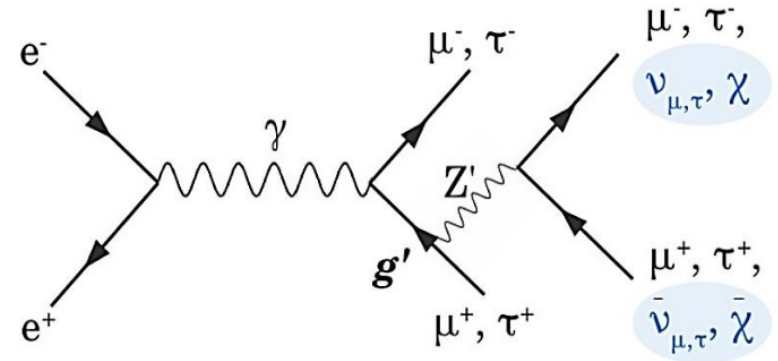
- DM puzzle
- *long-standing* $(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly!
- Anomalies observed in rare B decays, $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$, $R_{K^{(*)}}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\ell} \theta g' \bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu Z'_\mu \ell$$

*B. Shuve and I. Yavin (2014) Phys. Rev. D 89, 113004.
Altmannshofer et al JHEP 1612 (2016) 106.*

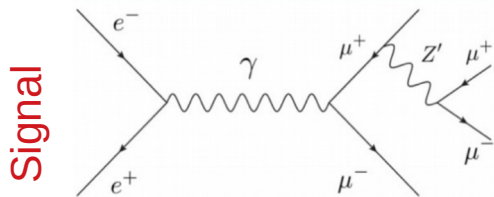
- Search for the process:

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

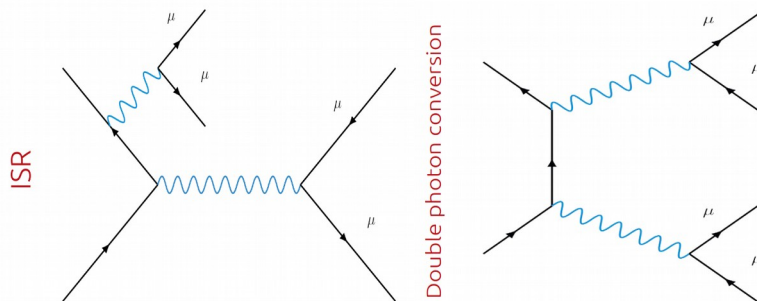


$Z' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Search for a di-muon invariant mass peak in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$ events



- Main backgrounds from QED processes: $\mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$, *ISR*, *double photon conversion*, *combinatorial*



Competitive with early data set ($\sim 200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) **due to aggressive background suppression!**

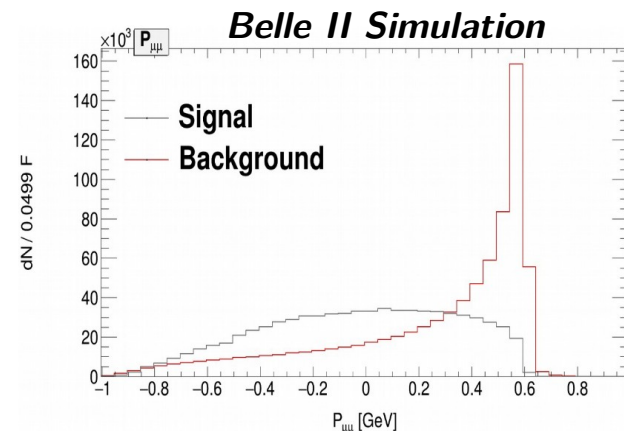
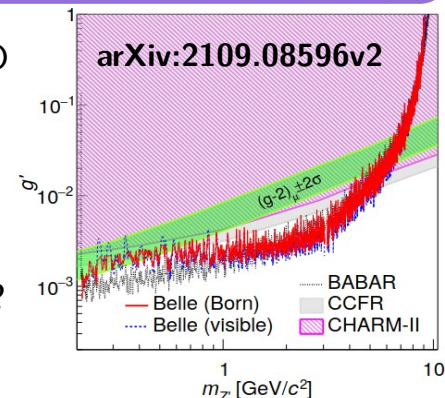
- Neural Network (*MLP, MultiLayer Perceptron*) exploiting dimuon momentum ($P_{\mu\mu}$) and other 14 discriminating variables in 4 different mass ranges to reject background \rightarrow **suppression factor between 2-14 on the searched di-muon mass range**



Babar: 514 fb^{-1} , PRD 94, 011102 (2016)



Belle: 643 fb^{-1} , arXiv:2109.08596v2

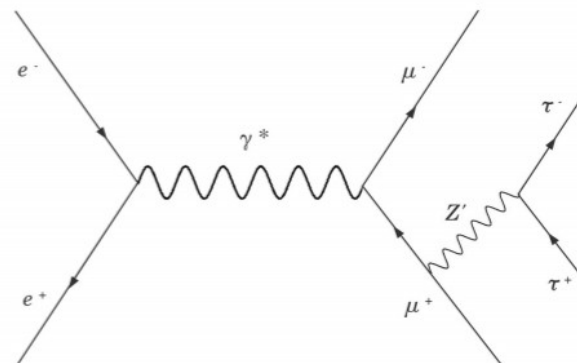


$Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$

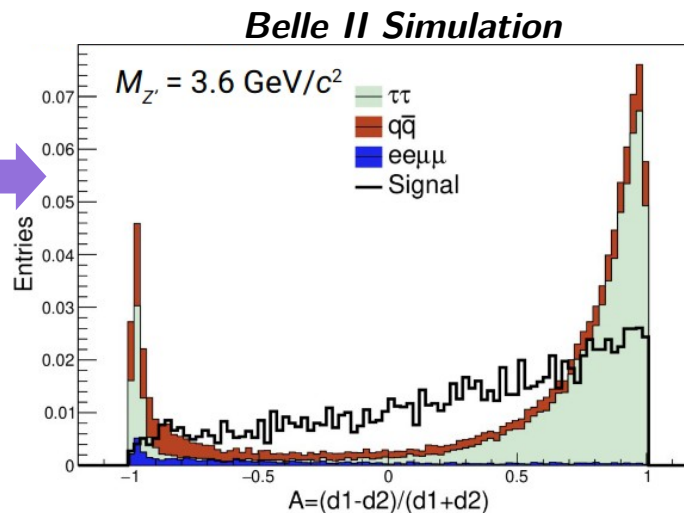
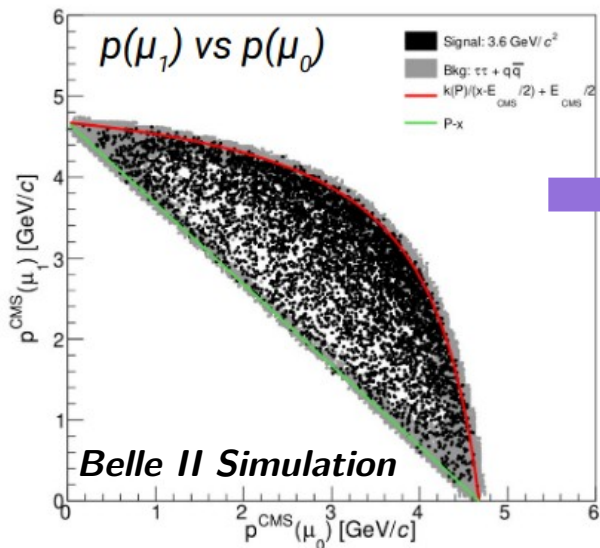
- Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-Z'$, $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$

First search!

- Almost model independent analysis
- Selection optimized for the final state $\mu\mu\tau\tau$ ($\tau \rightarrow l/h$, 1-prong decays)
- Sensitive to any di-tau resonance in the searched final state



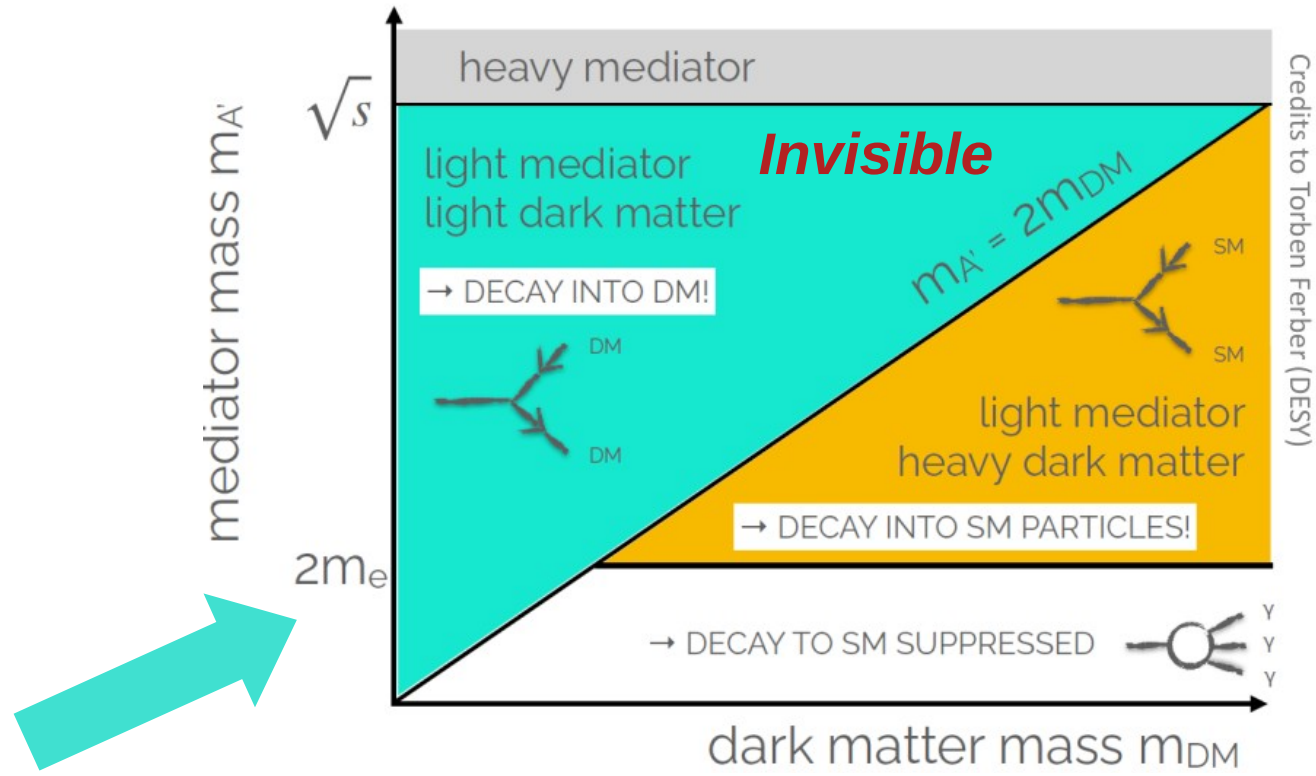
Challenging due to high background and neutrinos \rightarrow MVA techniques based on *transformed variables* to optimize discriminating power



- Compute upper limits on the product $\sigma \cdot B(X \rightarrow \tau\tau) \rightarrow$ *could be re-interpreted by different models*

\rightarrow *Expected sensitivity to $\sigma \sim 1$ fb from pseudo-data simulation*

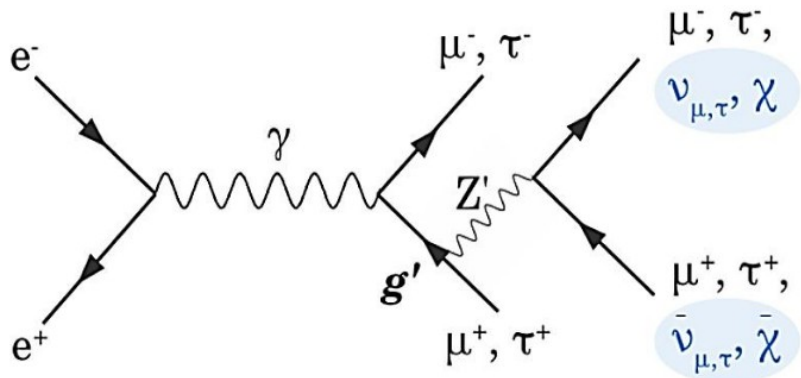
Searches for invisible decays



- $Z' \rightarrow$ invisible
- Dark higgstrahlung
- Single photon search

Search for Z' to invisible

- Search for a peak in the mass spectrum of the recoil against a $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair in events where **nothing** else is detected.
- **Only 276 pb⁻¹** of 2018 pilot run data usable due to trigger conditions.



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

**Invisible signature investigated
for the first time!**

Branching ratios:

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

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

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

**More in H.
Haigh's talk**

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

- Dominant backgrounds radiative QED processes:

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

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

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

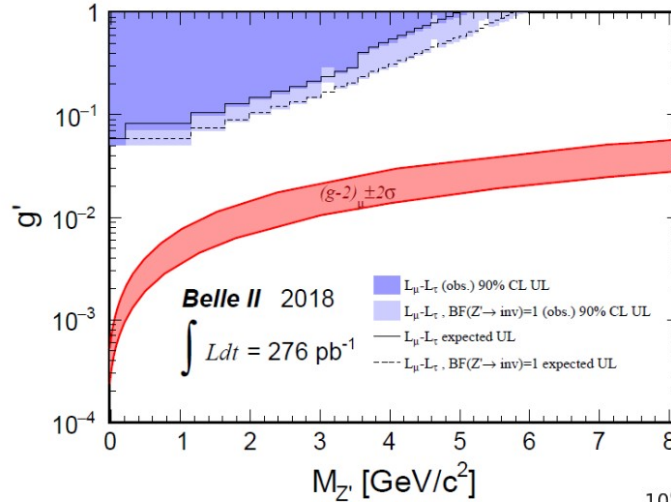
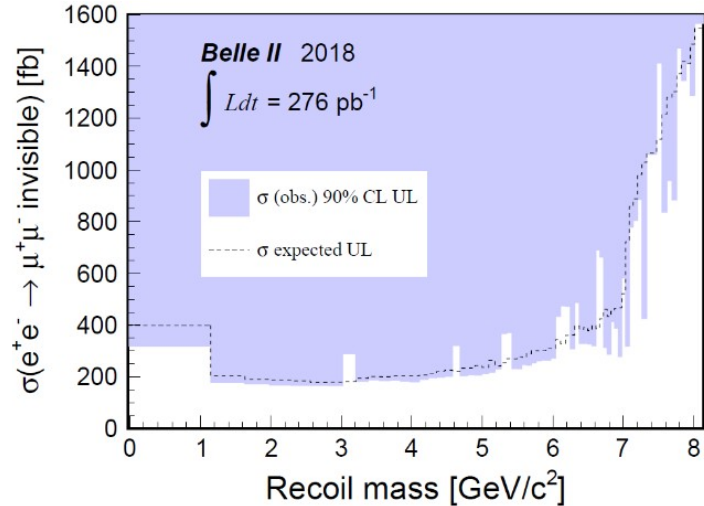
→ Rejected by exploiting pT_{rec} and FSR properties of the emitted Z' candidate

Search for Z' to invisible

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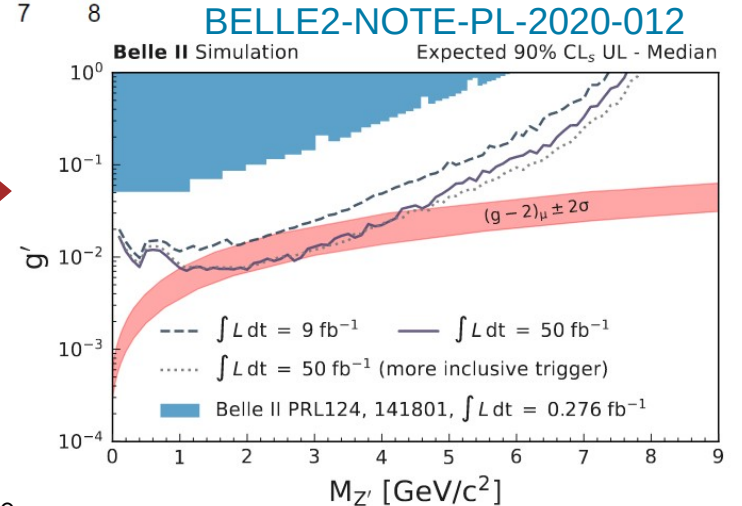
- No significant excess found, first limits set on $m_{Z'} < 2m_\mu$

More in H. Haigh's talk



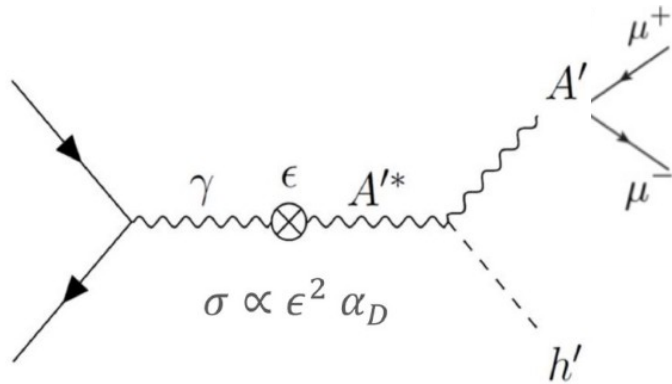
Updated results on 2019-2020 data coming soon

- $\sim \times 300$ data set
- Analysis improvements (muon identification, MVA background suppression, new fitting strategy)
- more inclusive trigger



Dark Higgsstrahlung

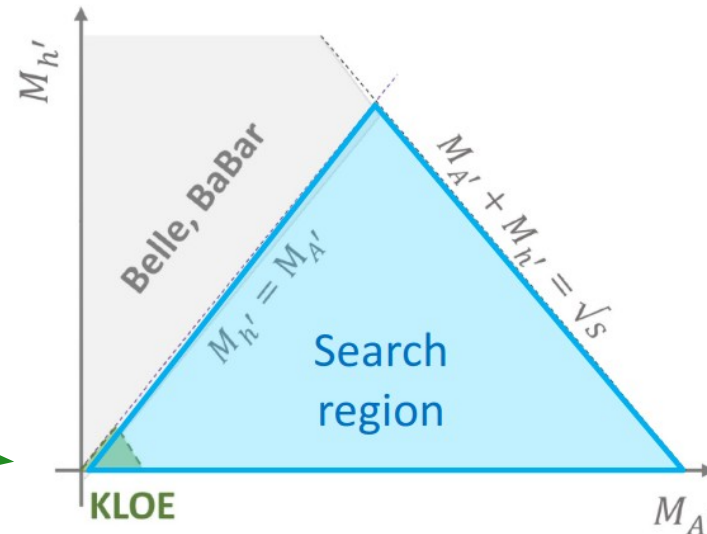
- Dark photon (A') mass can be generated via a spontaneous symmetry breaking^(*) mechanism, by adding a dark Higgs boson (h'): *dark Higgsstrahlung* process, $e^+e^- \rightarrow A'^* \rightarrow h' A'$



- 4 parameters (no mixing with SM Higgs assumed): $m_{h'}$, $m_{A'}$, ϵ , α_D
- $M_{h'} > M_{A'}$: *visible dark higgs, already searched by Belle, Babar*
- $M_{h'} < M_{A'}$: *invisible decays of h'*

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- Belle II has unique capability to probe the **invisible h' decay** ($m_{h'} < m_{A'}$) with A' decaying to a muon pair
- Previously constrained only by **KLOE^(**)**

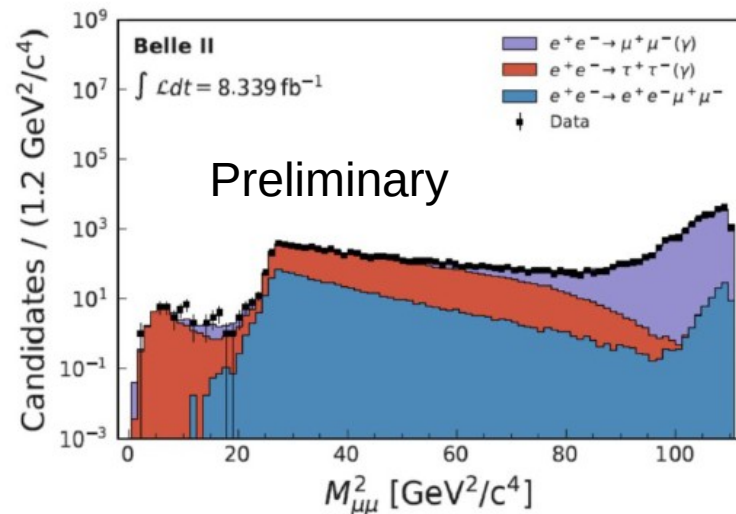
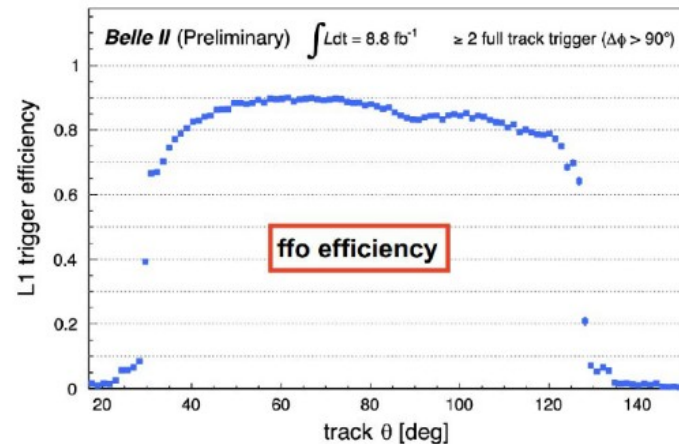
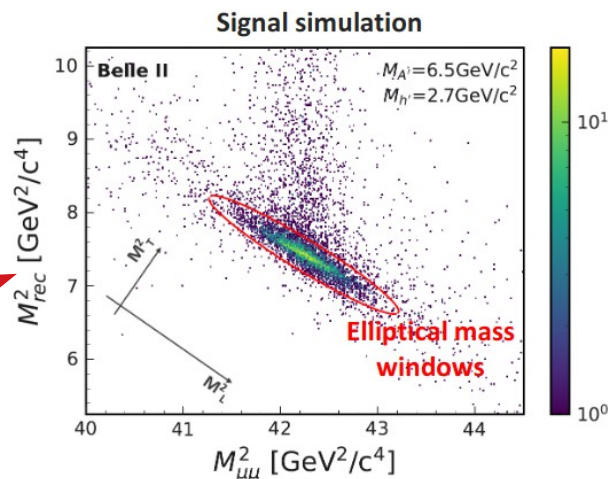
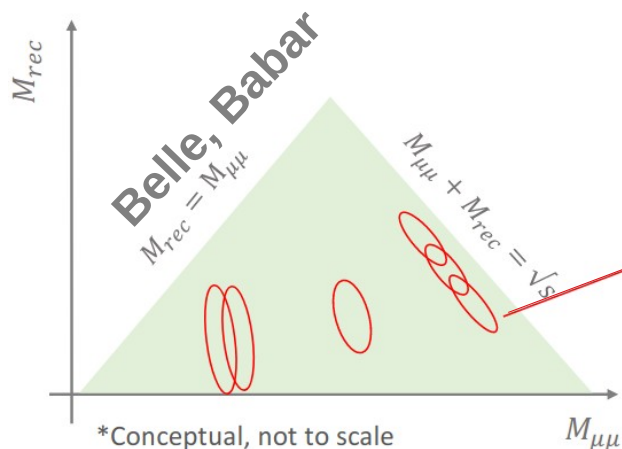


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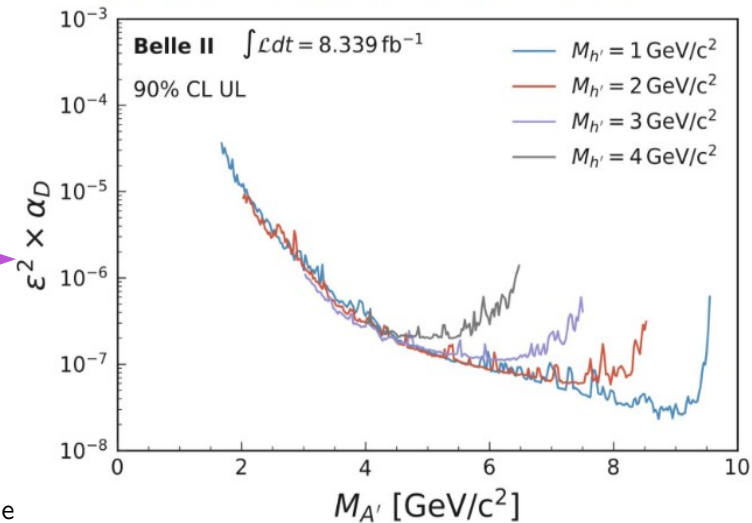
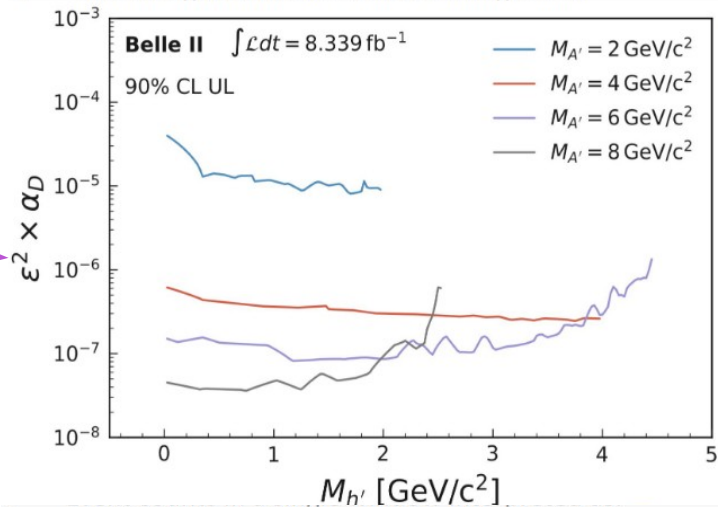
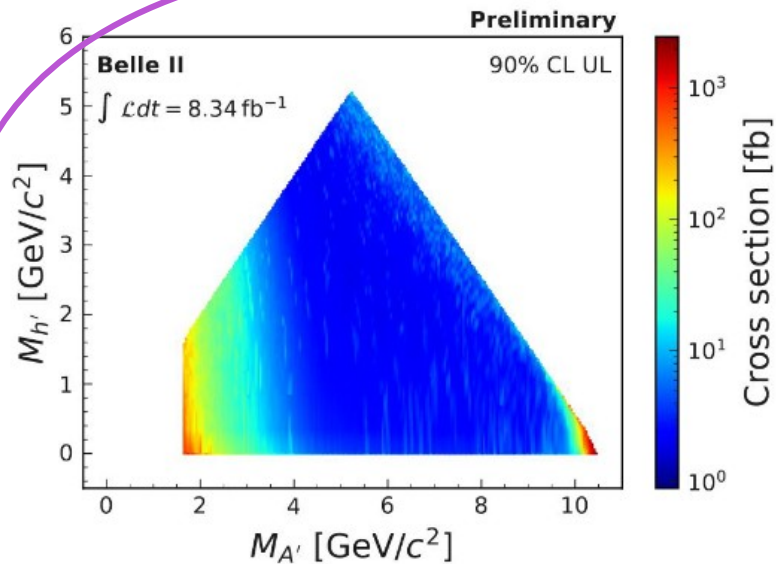
Dark Higgsstrahlung: analysis strategy

- Search in 8.34/fb data (2019)
- A' reconstructed as muon pairs, $M_{\mu\mu} > 1.65$ GeV for trigger requirements (two track+ opening angle trigger from the CDC, *ffo*)
 - *same final state as for the invisible Z' , similar backgrounds*
- Scan dimuon and recoil mass searching for peaks in 9000 sliding elliptical windows
- Apply Bayesian counting technique (challenging look-elsewhere effect)



Dark Higgsstrahlung results

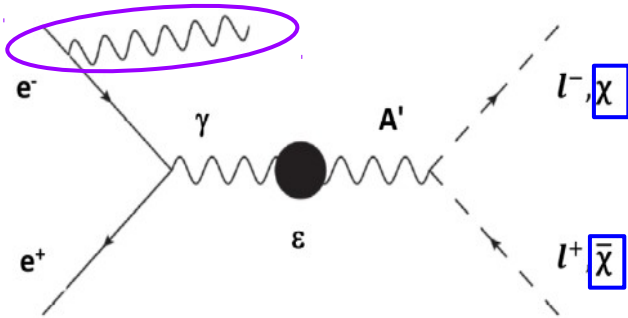
- With no signal excess found, Belle II provides world leading results in unexplored phase space region → **probe non-trivial $\epsilon^2 \alpha_D$ couplings**



World leading results for $1.65 < M_{A'} < 10.51 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 → can be interpreted in a wider class of theoretical models
 (e.g., long-lived higgs mixing with h_{SM})

$A' \rightarrow$ invisible: single photon search prospects

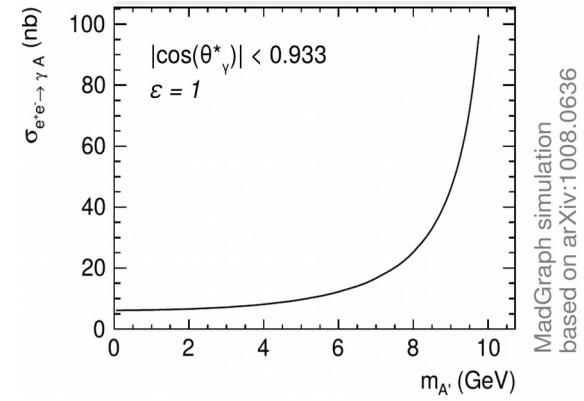
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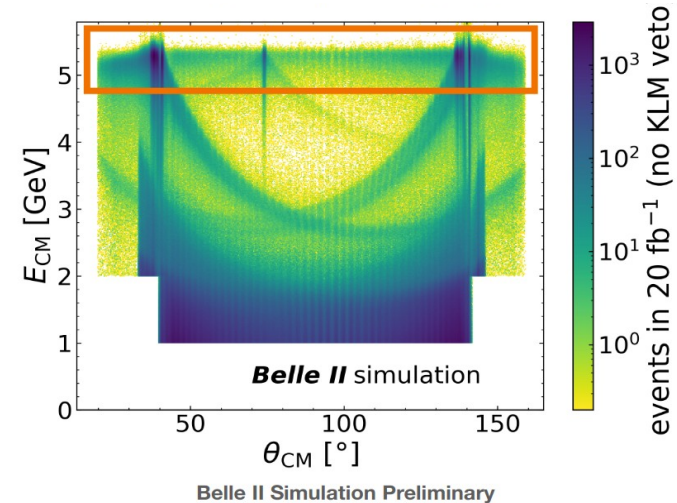
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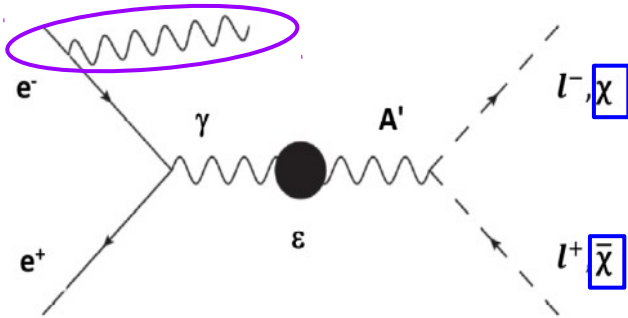


- Select events with **nothing** but a single high energetic **ISR photon**. Look for a bump in the reconstructed photon energy $E_\gamma = (s - m_{A'}^2)/2\sqrt{s}$
- Background:** QED processes $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$ (*low mass region*) and radiative Bhabha $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma(\gamma)$ (*high mass region*) + cosmics



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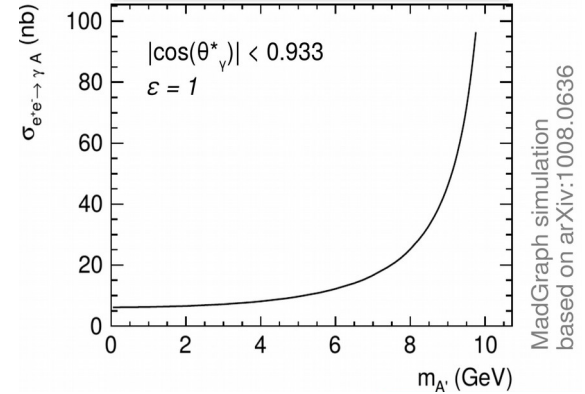
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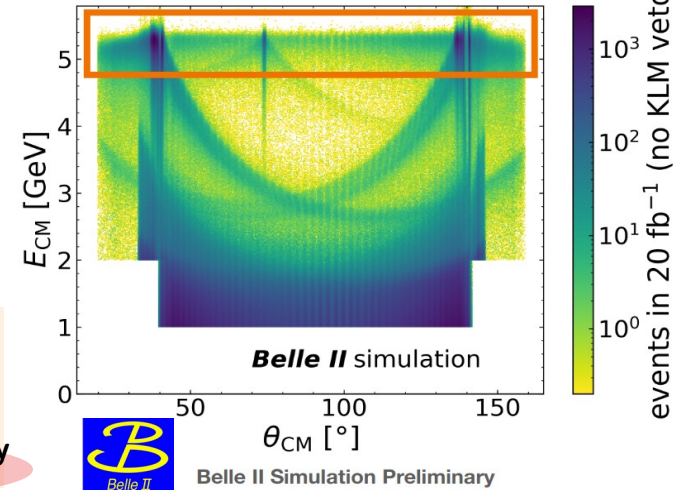
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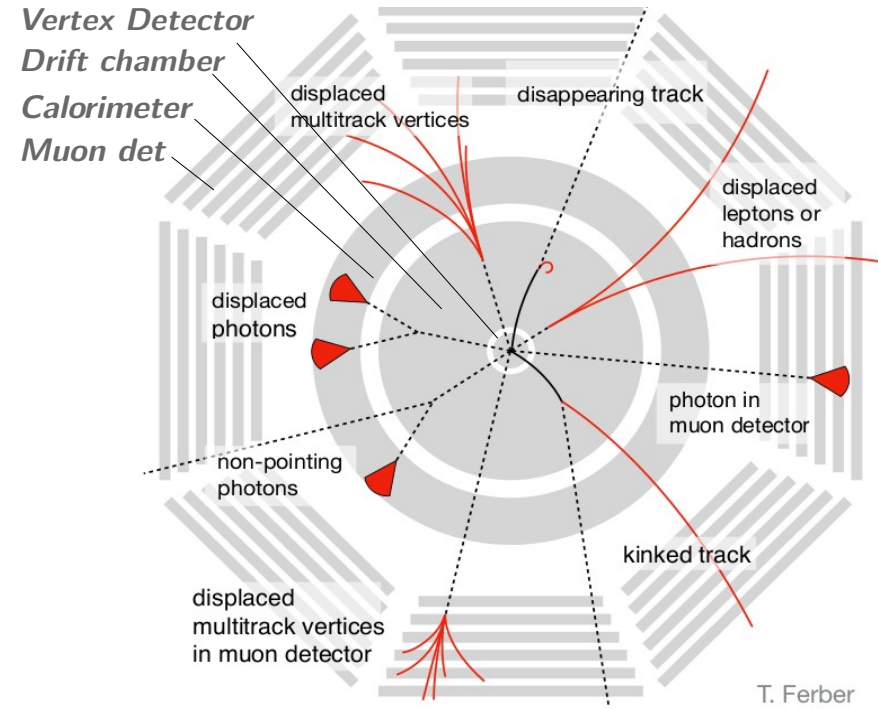
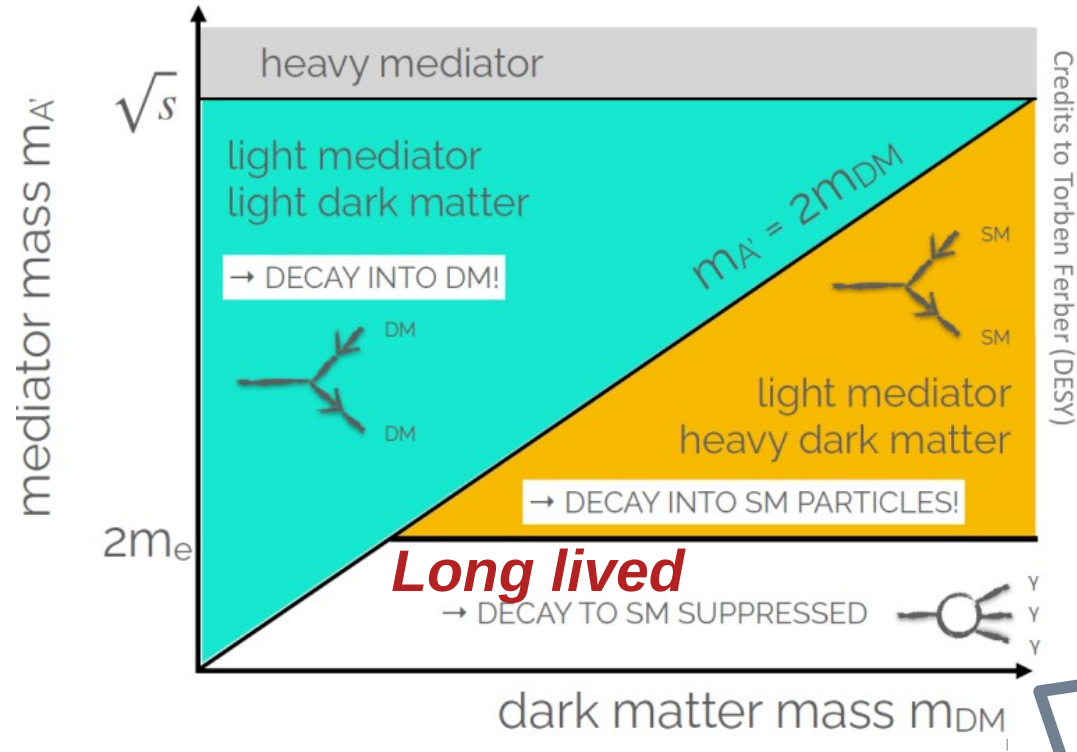
(un)holy grail



\rightarrow Dedicated **single photon trigger** (none at Belle, at Babar on 10% of the data)

Crucial for Belle II to be competitive to exploit **KLM as veto, currently missing** \rightarrow detector studies ongoing

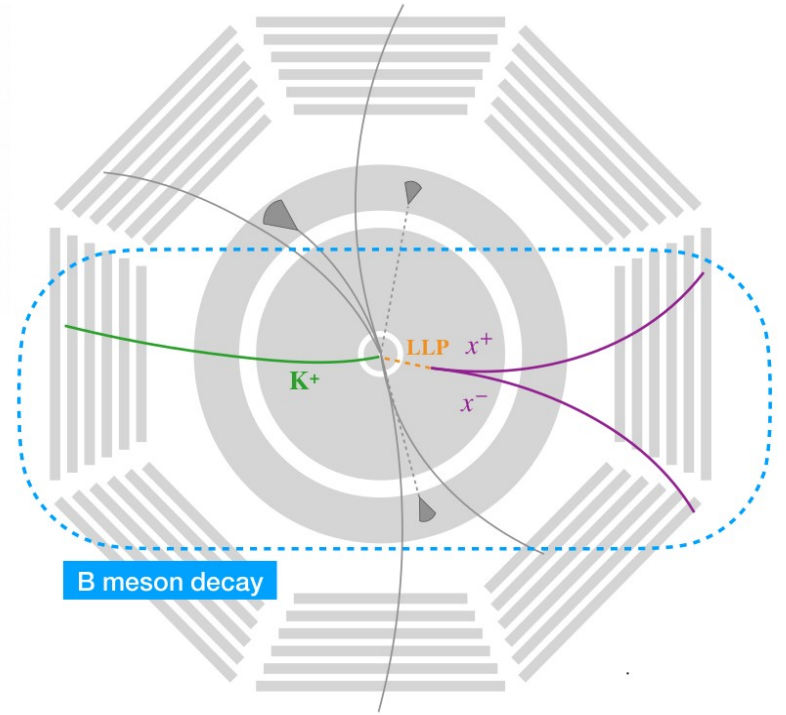
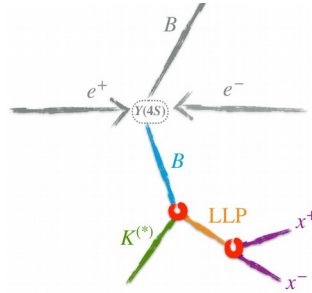
Displaced vertices at Belle II



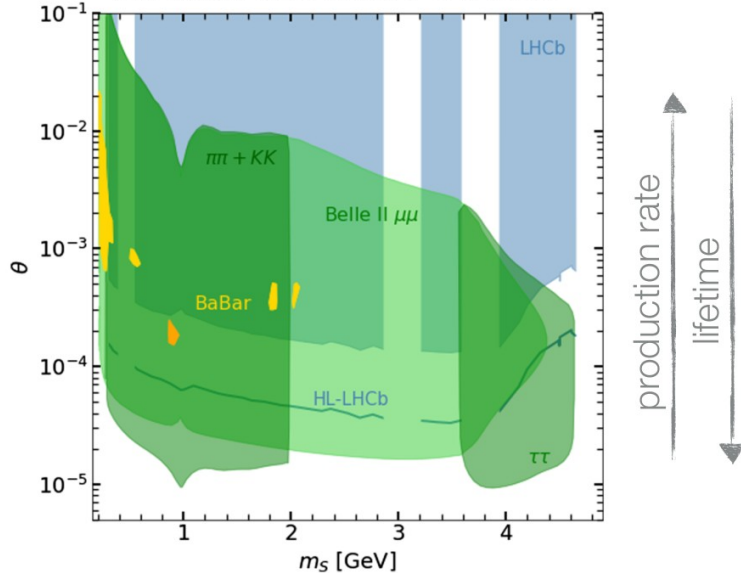
- Long-lived particles in $b \rightarrow s$ transitions:
 - displaced vertex (*scalar*, Dark Higgs)
 - displaced photons (*pseudo-scalar*, ALPs)
- Inelastic Dark Matter

Long-lived (scalar) particles at Belle II

- Reconstruct B meson decay
 - prompt Kaon + two opposite-sign tracks forming a displaced vertex (LLP)
 - Exploit B-factory closed kinematics constraint to reject background, look for a bump in the LLP invariant mass
 - Dominant background: SM long-lived, K_S and Λ



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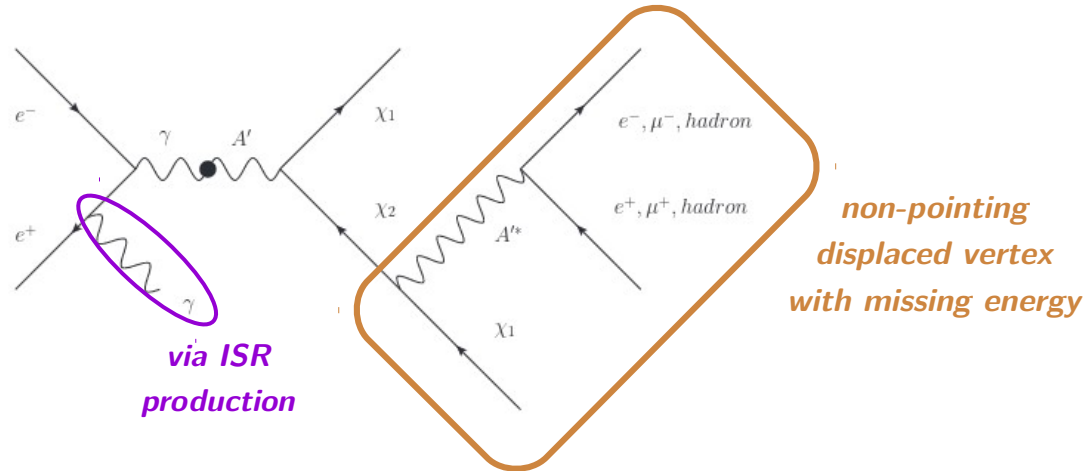


- Compute limits on cross-sections $\sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow [B \rightarrow KLLP] \bar{B})$ for different lifetimes and translate into model dependent limits on m_s & θ_s , where $c\tau_s = f(m_s, \theta_s)$

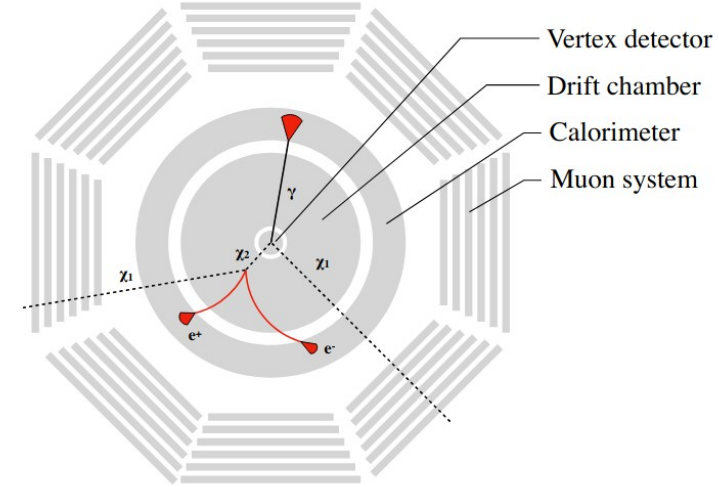
Inelastic Dark Matter

Dark photon A' and dark matter states χ_1 and χ_2 with a small mass splitting:

- χ_1 is stable (relic)
- χ_2 is long-lived at small values of kinetic-mixing coupling (ϵ)
- unconstrained by direct detection experiments, both inelastic and elastic scattering suppressed
- focus on $m_{A'} > m_{\chi_1} + m_{\chi_2}$, such that $A' \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_2$ is dominant decay



*non-pointing
displaced vertex
with missing energy*



5 parameter model:
 $m_{A'}$ (fixed relative to m_{χ_1})
 m_{χ_1} (scan)
 mass difference $\Delta = m_{\chi_2} - m_{\chi_1}$ (categorical)
 dark coupling α_D (fixed to benchmarks)
 kinetic mixing parameter ϵ (limit)

- **Mandatory to implement new trigger for displaced vertex detection**
- Belle II could constrain the kinetic mixing $\epsilon < 10^{-4}$ with $\sim 100/\text{fb}$

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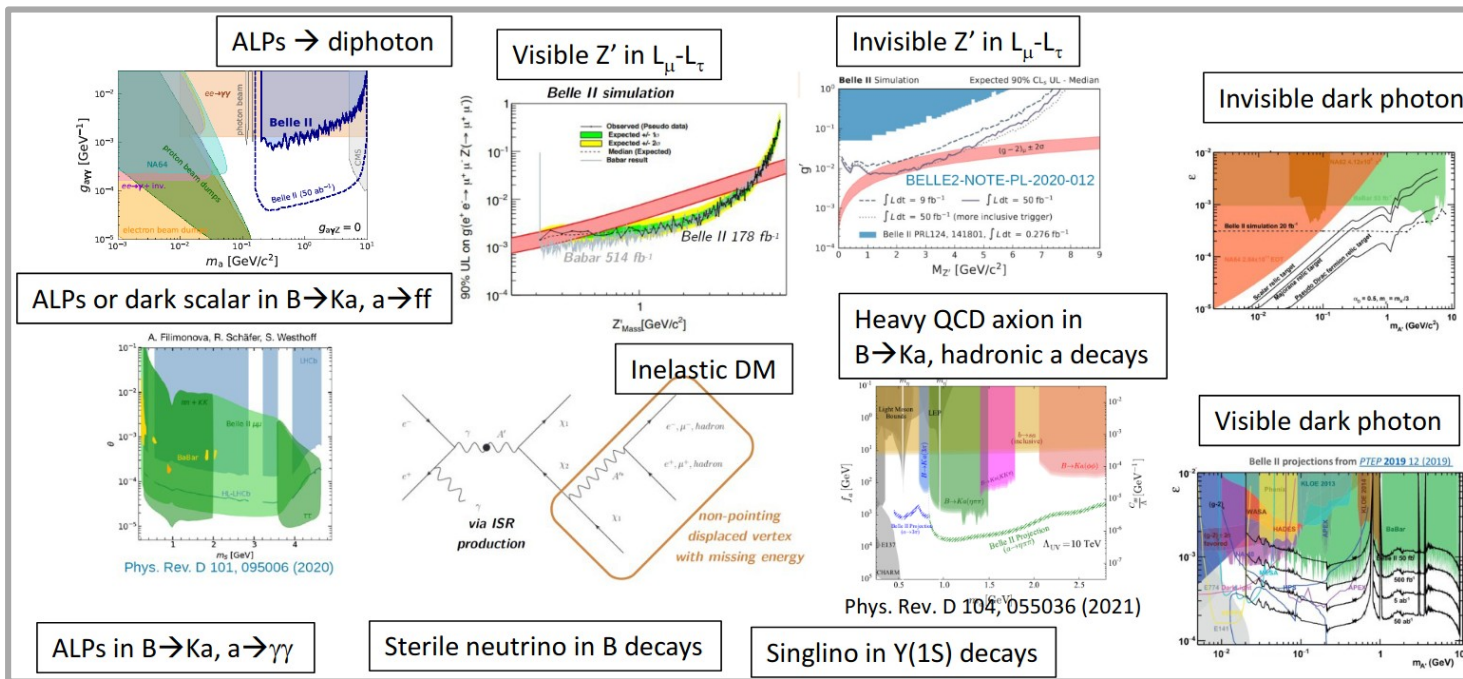
Conclusions

Very active and wide-ranging program of searches for dark sectors at lepton colliders → *competitive limits on several models to probe the DM puzzle*

- Belle II proved already its capability to produce *world leading results* even on a minimal data set
→ *with increasing luminosity, improved performance/strategies more searches to come*



$Z' \rightarrow \text{inv}$ PRL 124 (2020) 141801
 $a \rightarrow \Upsilon\Upsilon$ PRL 125 (2020) 161806



Dark Higgs (preliminary)
Z' update

Latest results also shown
in the parallel session,
H Haigh's talk

The Belle II Physics book

Thank you!

Thanks for your attention.



Backup

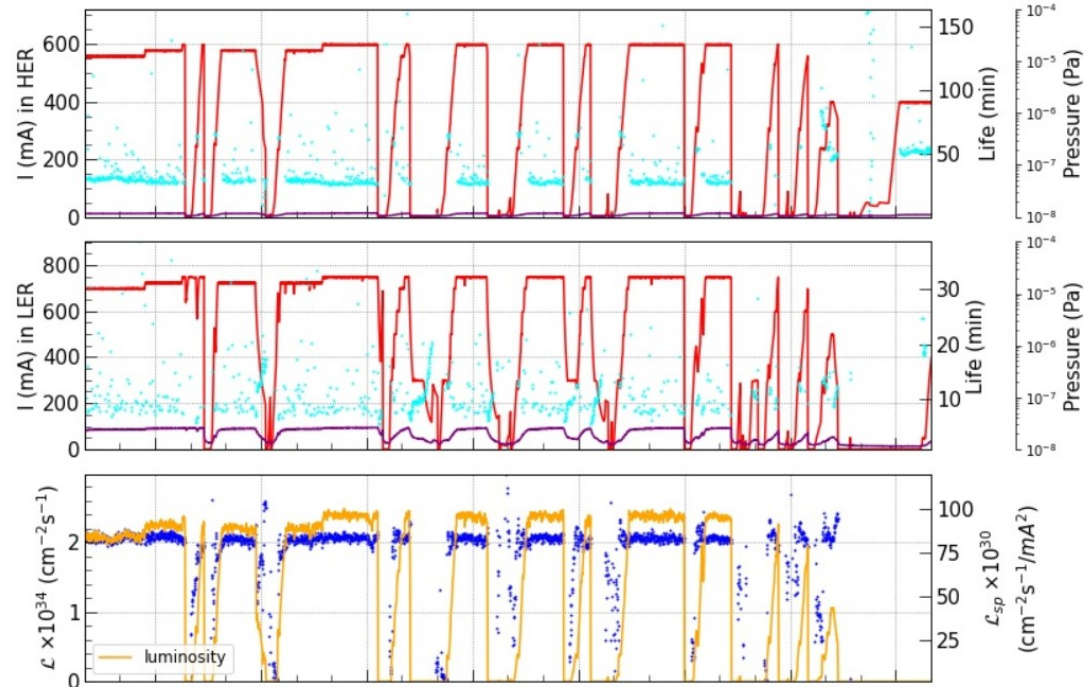
Peak luminosity record at SuperKEKB

<https://www-linac.kek.jp/skekb/snapshot/dailysnap.html>

SuperKEKB 24-Hour Operation Summary

New peak luminosity 4.14×10^{34} (cm²s⁻¹), May 17, 2022.

05/22 16:00:38 - 05/23 16:00:38, 2022 JST
 \mathcal{L}_{peak} 2.491×10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹ @ 23:20:47 05/22 HER I_{peak} 600 mA n_b 1565 β_x^*/β_y^* 60 / 8 mm
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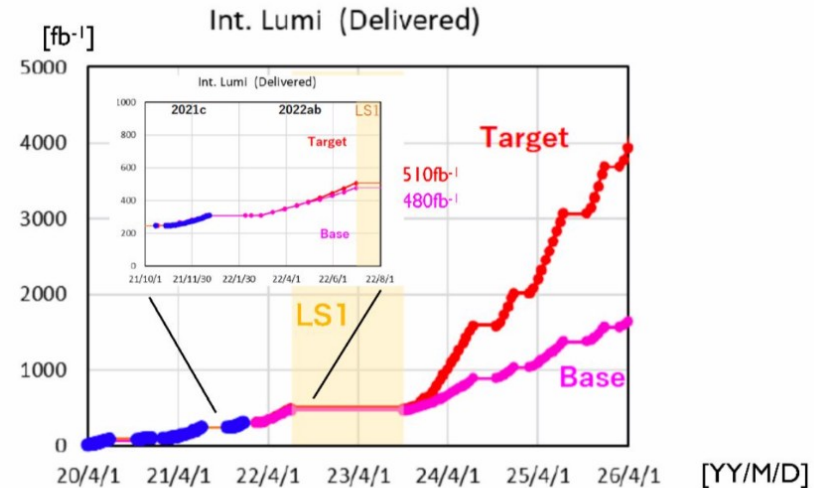


Belle II prospects

Projection of integrated luminosity delivered by SuperKEKB to Belle II

Target scenario: extrapolation from 2021 run including expected improvements.

Base scenario: conservative extrapolation of SuperKEKB parameters from 2021 run



- We start long shutdown I (LS1) from summer 2022 for 15 months to replace VXD. There will be other maintenance/improvement works of machine and detector.
- We resume physics running from Fall 2023.
- A SuperKEKB International Taskforce (aiming to conclude in summer 2022) is discussing additional improvements.
- An LS2 for machine improvements could happen on the time frame of 2026-2027

Cross section in e^+e^- collision at 10.58 GeV

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.)	$10^\circ < \theta_e^* < 170^\circ,$ $E_e^* > 0.15 \text{ GeV}$	BABAYAGA.NLO
$e^+e^-(\gamma)$	74.4	$p_e > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ and e in ECL	-
$\gamma\gamma(\gamma)$	4.99 ± 0.05 (MC stat.)	$10^\circ < \theta_\gamma^* < 170^\circ,$ $E_\gamma^* > 0.15 \text{ GeV}$	BABAYAGA.NLO
$\gamma\gamma(\gamma)$	3.30	$E_\gamma > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ in ECL	-
$\mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$	1.148	-	KKMC
$\mu^+\mu^-(\gamma)$	0.831	$p_\mu > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ in CDC	-
$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma(\gamma)$	0.242	$p_\mu > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ in CDC, $\geq 1 \gamma (E_\gamma > 0.5 \text{ GeV})$ 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.)	$W_{\ell\ell} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	AAFH
$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$	18.9 ± 0.1 (MC stat.)	$W_{\ell\ell} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	AAFH

The Belle II Physics Book [arXiv:1808.10567]

- Low multiplicity event cross sections rapidly diverge compared to hadronic ones
- Selections applied at MC generator level to reduce the effective cross section (acceptance, particle momentum selections)
- W_{\parallel} is the minimum invariant secondary fermion pair mass

Triggers

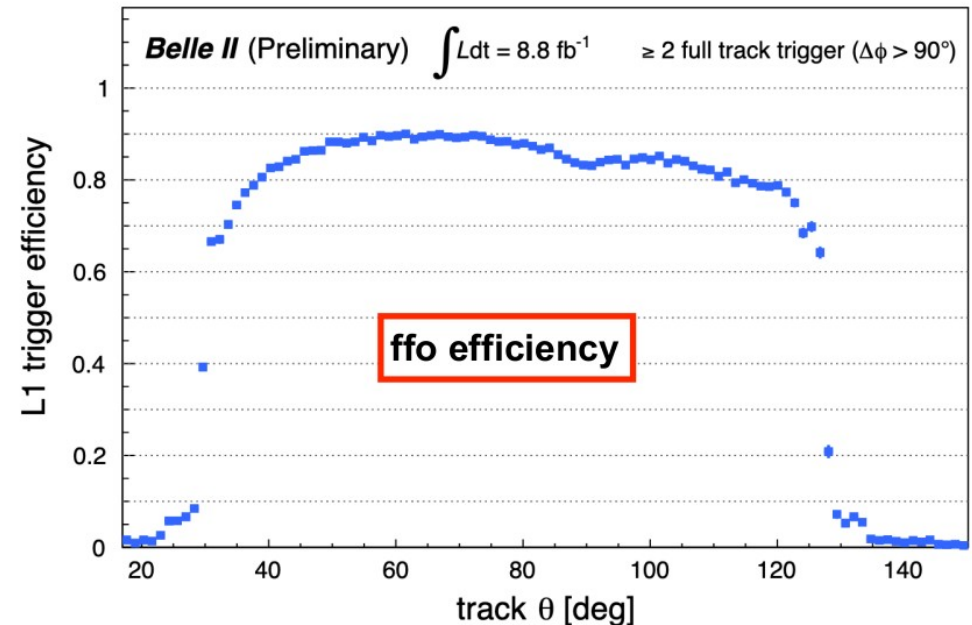
- Belle II hardware-based (Level 1) trigger combines information from CDC, ECL, TOP and KLM.
 - ▶ Designed to reduce rate to at most 30 kHz, while delivering ~100% efficiency for $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ events
 - ▶ **Novel menu of triggers unavailable in Belle enable a compelling low-multiplicity program!**

- Main trigger types for Tau & Dark Sector physics:

- CDC number of full tracks
- CDC number of short tracks
- ECL total energy threshold
- ECL number of isolated clusters
- ECL low multiplicity
- ECL di-muon

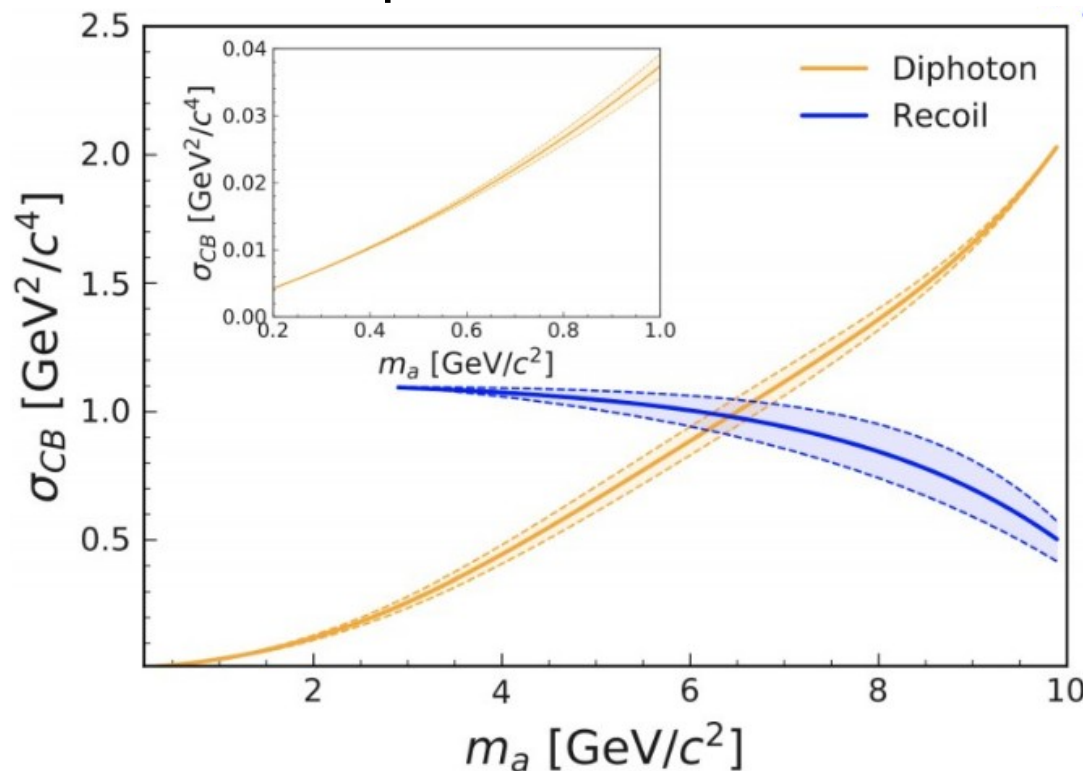
- In the **dark Higgsstrahlung** analysis events are required to fire the so-called “**ffo**” trigger:

≥ 2 full tracks, pair with $\Delta\phi > 90^\circ$, **bhabha-veto**



ALPs at Belle II: resolutions

- Signal resolutions for di-photon and recoil masses



$B \rightarrow Ka, a \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

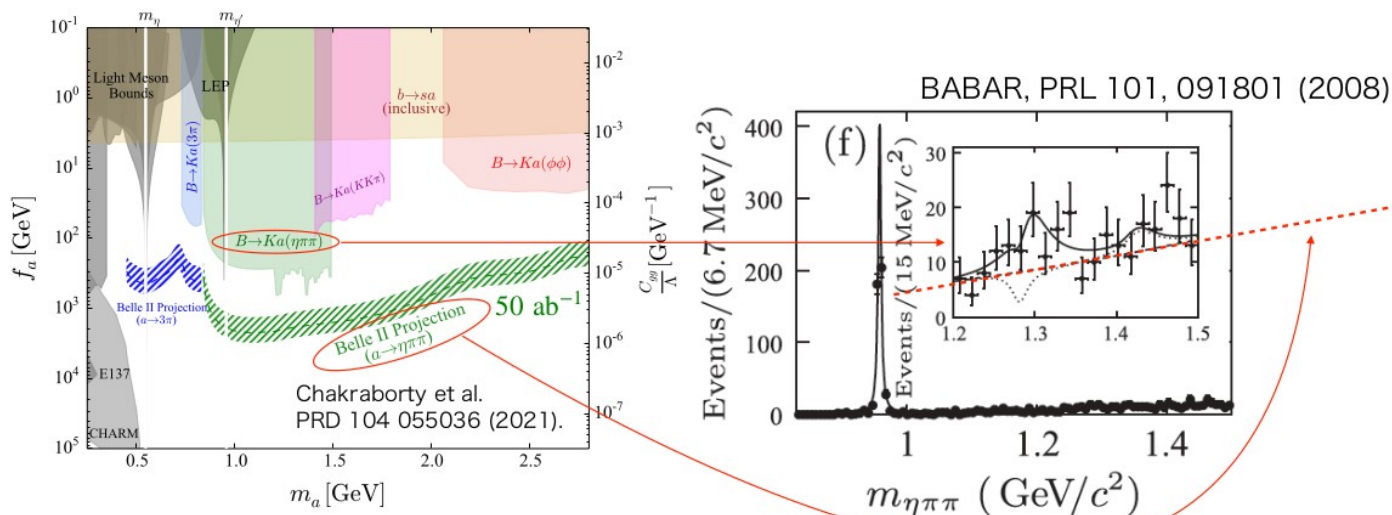
- Chakraborty et al. (PRD 104 055036 (2021)) estimated sensitivity of heavy QCD axion using some (not DM search) experimental data.

- $a \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$: BABAR, PRL 101, 091801 (2008),

$$B^+ \rightarrow \eta_X K^+, \eta_X \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-, \sim 400 \text{ fb}^{-1}.$$

- $a \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$: Belle, PRD 90, 012002 (2014),

$$B^+ \rightarrow \omega K^+, \omega \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-, \sim 700 \text{ fb}^{-1}.$$



$$BF(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a) \sim 10^{-5} (100 \text{ GeV}/f_a)^2$$

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Extrapolation

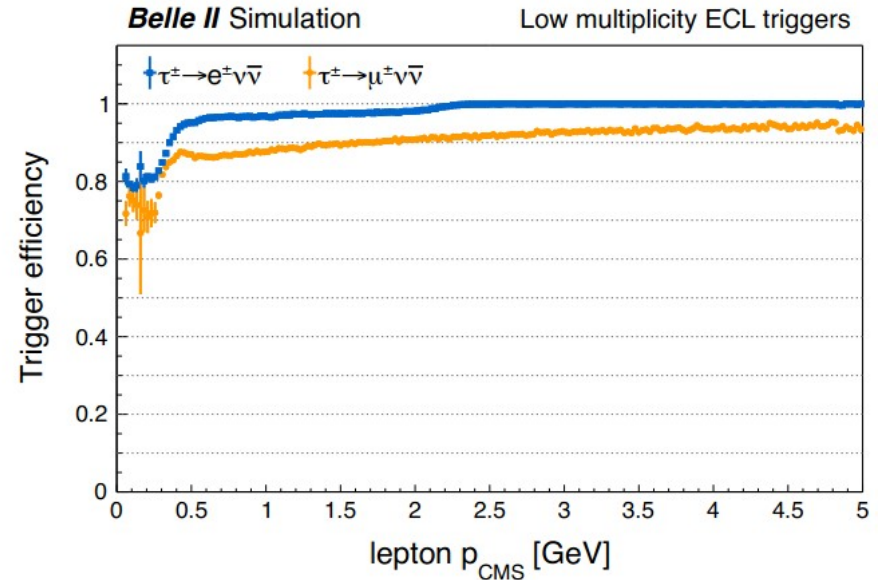
Low multiplicity triggers

- Events are required to fire the logical OR of several unrescaled low-multiplicity (**lml**) ECL triggers

- **lml0** : ≥ 3 clusters with at least one having $E^* > 300$ MeV, $1 < \theta_{ID} < 17$ (corresponding to $12.4^\circ < \theta < 154.7^\circ$, full ECL) and not an ECL Bhabha.
- **lml1** : exactly 1 cluster with $E^* > 2$ GeV and $4 < \theta_{ID} < 14$ ($32.2^\circ < \theta < 124.6^\circ$)
- **lml2** : ≥ 1 cluster with $E^* > 2$ GeV, $\theta_{ID} = 2, 3, 15, \text{ or } 16$ ($18.5^\circ < \theta < 32.2^\circ$ or $124.6^\circ < \theta < 139.3^\circ$) and not an ECL Bhabha.
- **lml4** : ≥ 1 cluster with $E^* > 2$ GeV, $\theta_{ID} = 1$ or 17 ($12.4^\circ < \theta < 154.7^\circ$) and not an ECL Bhabha.
- **lml6** : exactly 1 cluster with $E^* > 1$ GeV, $4 < \theta_{ID} < 15$ ($32.2^\circ < \theta < 128.7^\circ$, full ECL barrel) and no other cluster with $E > 300$ MeV anywhere.
- **lml7** : exactly 1 cluster with $E^* > 1$ GeV, $\theta_{ID} = 2, 3$ or 16 ($18.5^\circ < \theta < 31.9^\circ$ or $128.7^\circ < \theta < 139.3^\circ$) and no other cluster with $E > 300$ MeV anywhere.
- **lml8** : cluster pair with $170^\circ < \Delta\phi < 190^\circ$, both clusters with $E^* > 250$ MeV and no 2 GeV cluster in the event.
- **lml9** : cluster pair with $170^\circ < \Delta\phi < 190^\circ$, one cluster with $E^* < 250$ MeV with the other having $E^* > 250$ MeV, and no 2 GeV cluster in the event.
- **lml10** : cluster pair with $160^\circ < \Delta\phi < 200^\circ$, $160^\circ < \sum\theta < 200^\circ$ and no 2 GeV cluster in the event.
- **lml12** : ≥ 3 clusters with at least one having $E^* > 500$ MeV, $2 < \theta_{ID} < 16$ (corresponding to $18.5^\circ < \theta < 139.3^\circ$, full ECL) and not an ECL Bhabha. (θ_{ID} values have to be double checked).

- Absolute trigger efficiency in MC (TSIM, release-05-02-00):

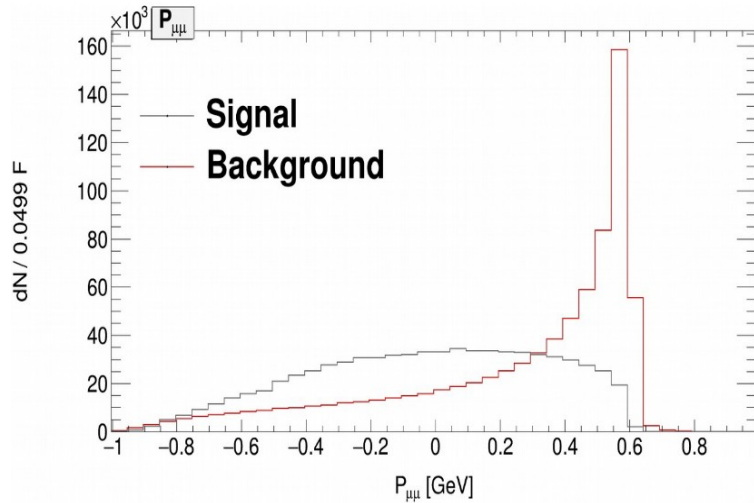
$$\epsilon_{L1} = \frac{\text{lml0 or lml1 or lml2 or lml4 or lml6 or lml7 or lml8 or lml9 or lml10 or lml12}}{\text{all events}}$$



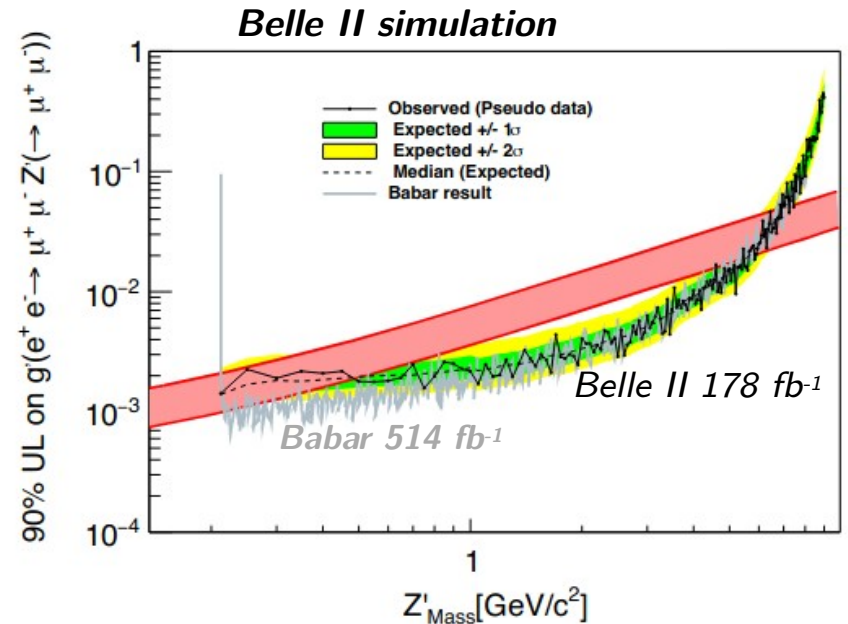
- For this trigger configuration, TSIM has been shown to reproduce data efficiency within $\sim 1\%$.

$Z' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: background rejection

- Neural Network (*MLP, MultiLayer Perceptron*) exploiting dimuon momentum ($P_{\mu\mu}$) and other 14 discriminating variables in 4 different mass ranges to reject background



→ Background suppression factor between 2-14 on the searched di-muon mass range

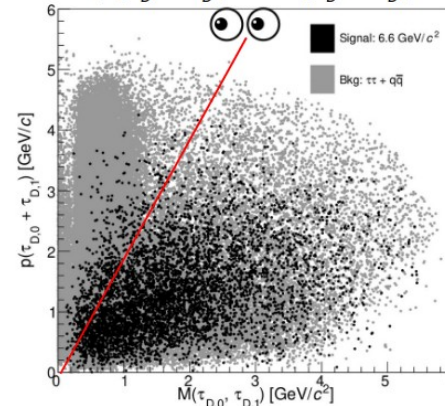
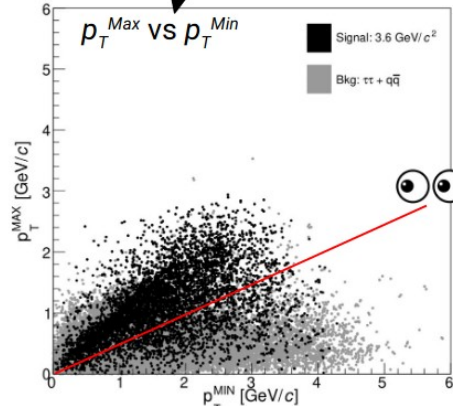
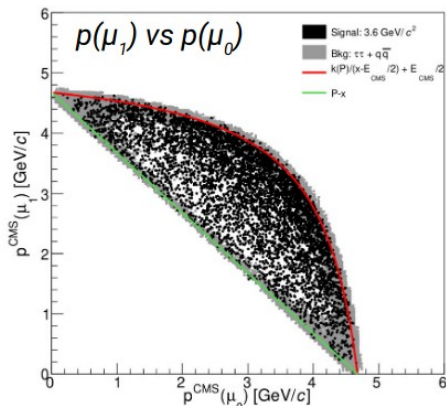
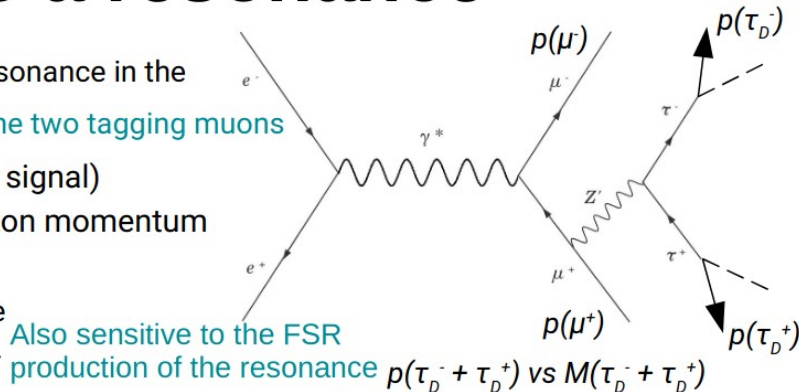


$Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$: background rejection (I)

Class-1) Sensitive to a resonance

Credit to Luigi Corona

- Discriminant variables sensitive to the presence of a resonance in the recoil system
 - $p(\mu^+) vs p(\mu^-)$
 - $p_T^{MAX} vs p_T^{MIN}$: transverse component of recoil (Z' for signal) momentum along the direction of the max/min lepton momentum
 - $p(\tau_D^- + \tau_D^+) vs M(\tau_D^- + \tau_D^+)$
- All momenta are expressed in the center of mass frame
- Signal and background in mass bins $M_{Z'} \pm 5\sigma_{peak}$



Dark Sector Meeting. $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$. Luigi Corona

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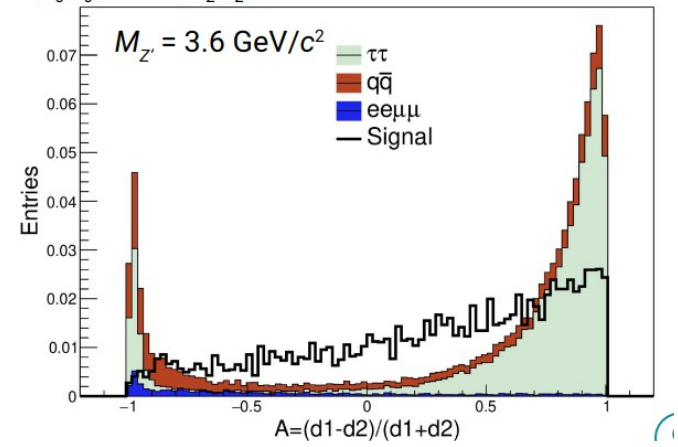
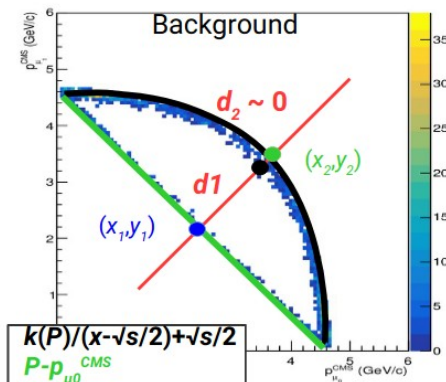
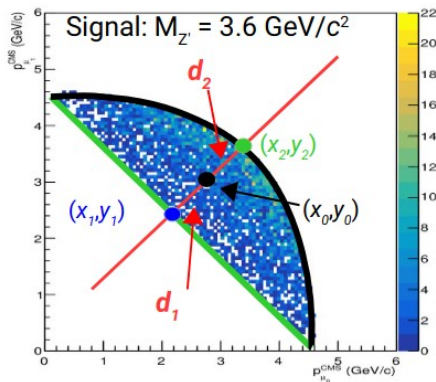
$Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$: background rejection (II)

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Class-1) for MVA: $p(\mu_1)$ vs $p(\mu_0)$

- Momentum P : the maximum Z' momentum that corresponds to a final state with a Z' and a particle of mass $2m_\mu$
- $p(\mu_1)$ vs $p(\mu_0) \rightarrow$ background accumulates around a straight line (green) and a hyperbole (black), whose analytical expressions depend only on P and $\sqrt{s}/2$
- $A = (d_1 - d_2)/(d_1 + d_2) \rightarrow$ considering the red line perpendicular to the green line passing for a generic point (x_0, y_0) of the scatter plot:
 - $\rightarrow d_1$ is the distance of (x_0, y_0) from (x_1, y_1) , and d_2 is the distance of (x_0, y_0) from (x_2, y_2)

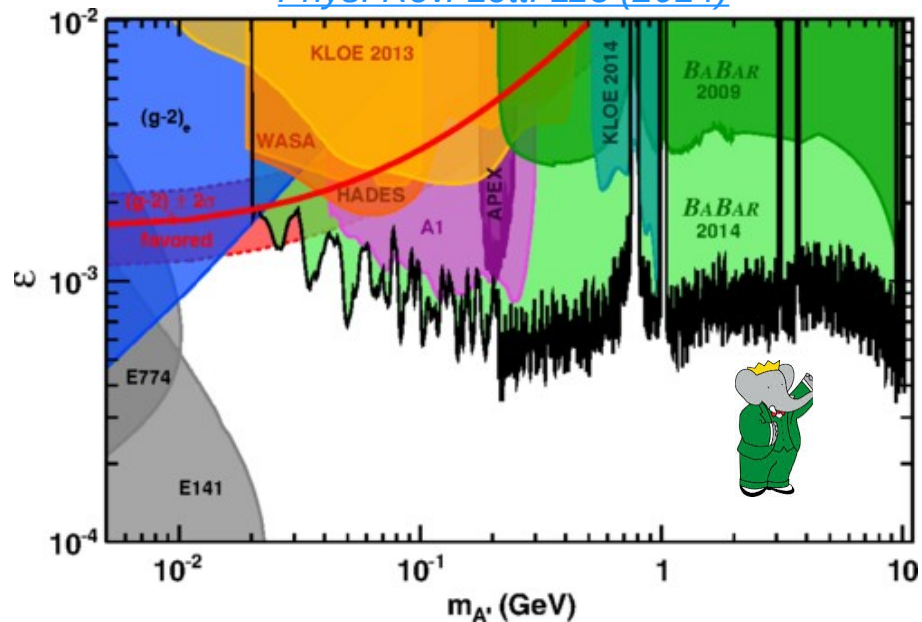
$$P = \frac{\sqrt{(s + M_{Z'}^2 - (2m_\mu)^2) - 4sM_{Z'}^2}}{2\sqrt{s}}$$



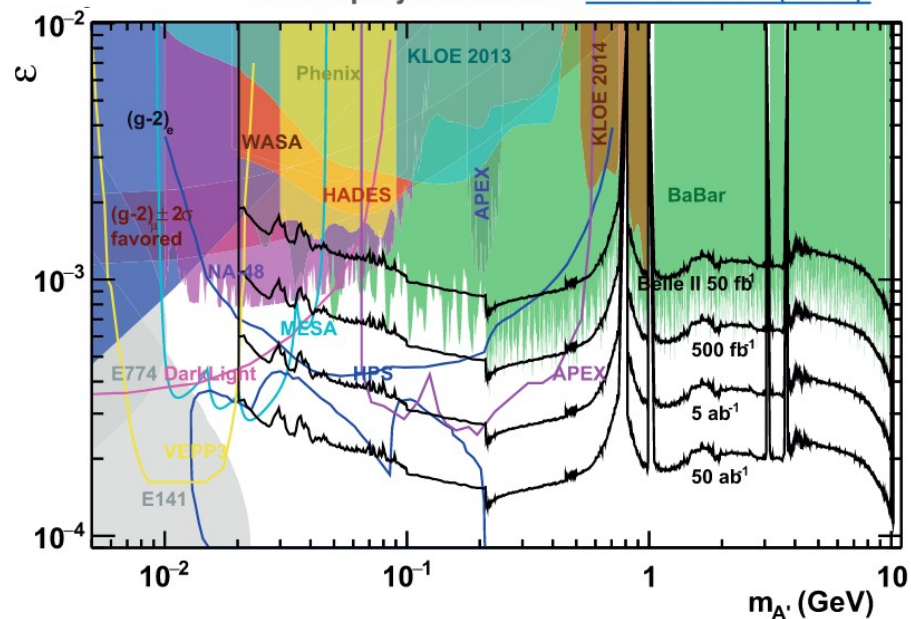
Visible dark photon

- Existing results by BaBar, currently the best limits in all the GeV range:
 - bump search in the reconstructed di-lepton spectrum from the full data set (514 fb^{-1})
- Belle II will lead the sensitivity with the final data set of 50 ab^{-1}

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 \(2014\)](#)



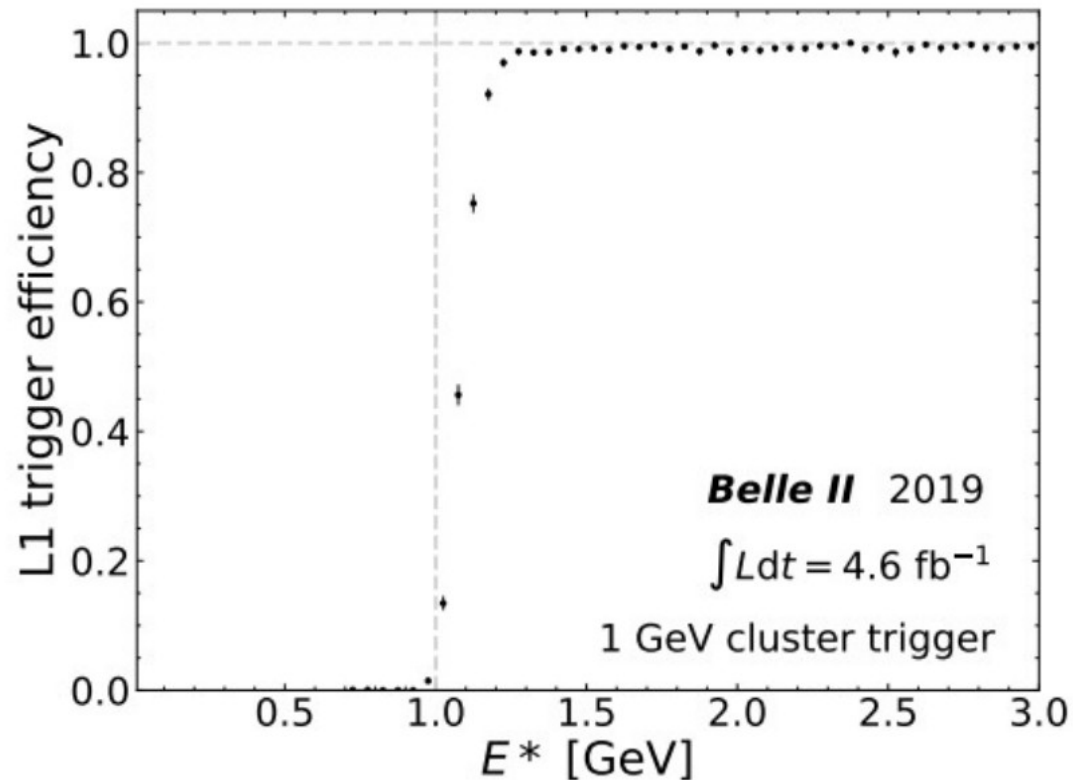
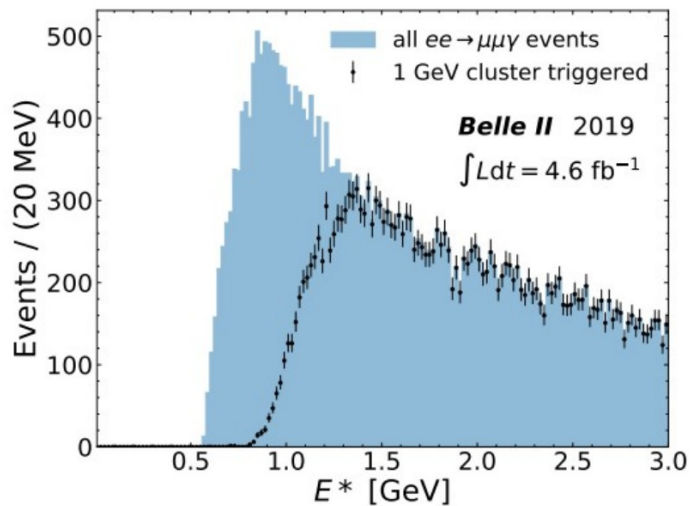
Belle II projections from [PTEP 2019 12 \(2019\)](#)



Dark photon to invisible: single photon trigger

Belle II Phase 3 (Design)

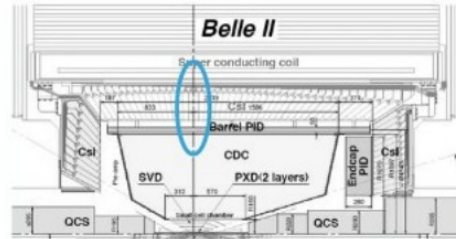
Trigger logic	L1 rate at full luminosity
$E > 1$ GeV (veto clusters above 300 MeV)	4 kHz (barrel) 7 kHz (endcaps)
$E > 2$ GeV Bhabha & $\gamma\gamma$ vetoes	5 kHz (barrel)



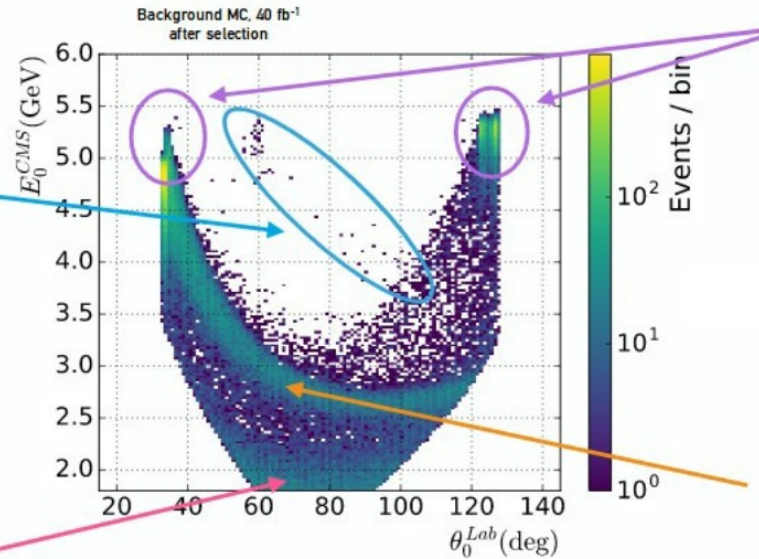
Dark photon to invisible: backgrounds

Discriminant variables:

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

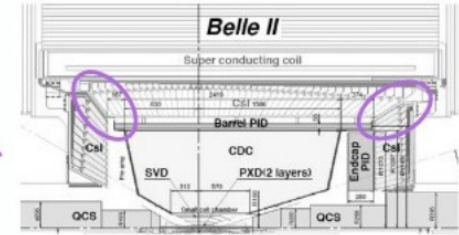


$ee \rightarrow 2\gamma$ and 3γ
 1 γ in ECL 90° gap
 1 γ out of ECL acceptance

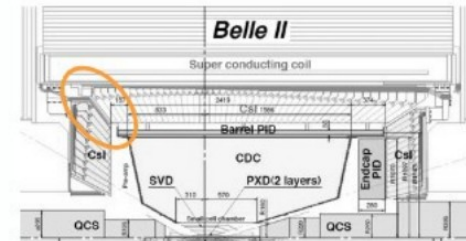


$ee \rightarrow eey$
 both electrons
 out of tracking acceptance

Signal signature:
 peak in E_{CMS} (horizontal band)



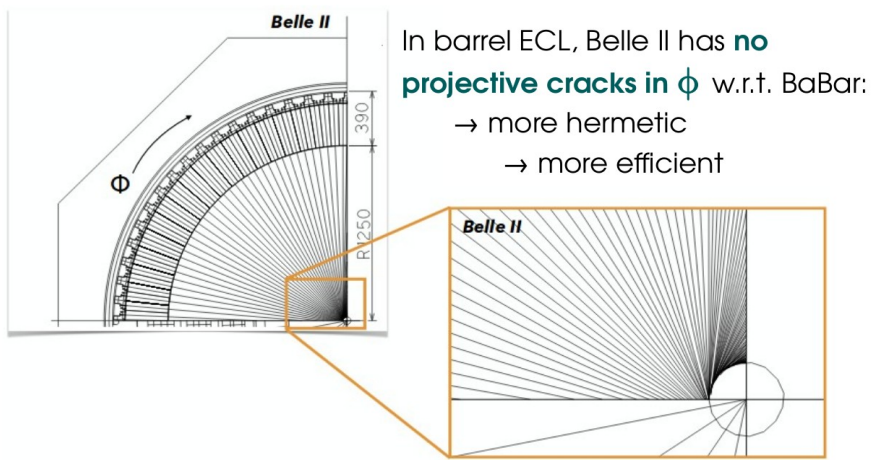
$ee \rightarrow 2\gamma$
 1 γ in ECL BWD or FWD gap



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

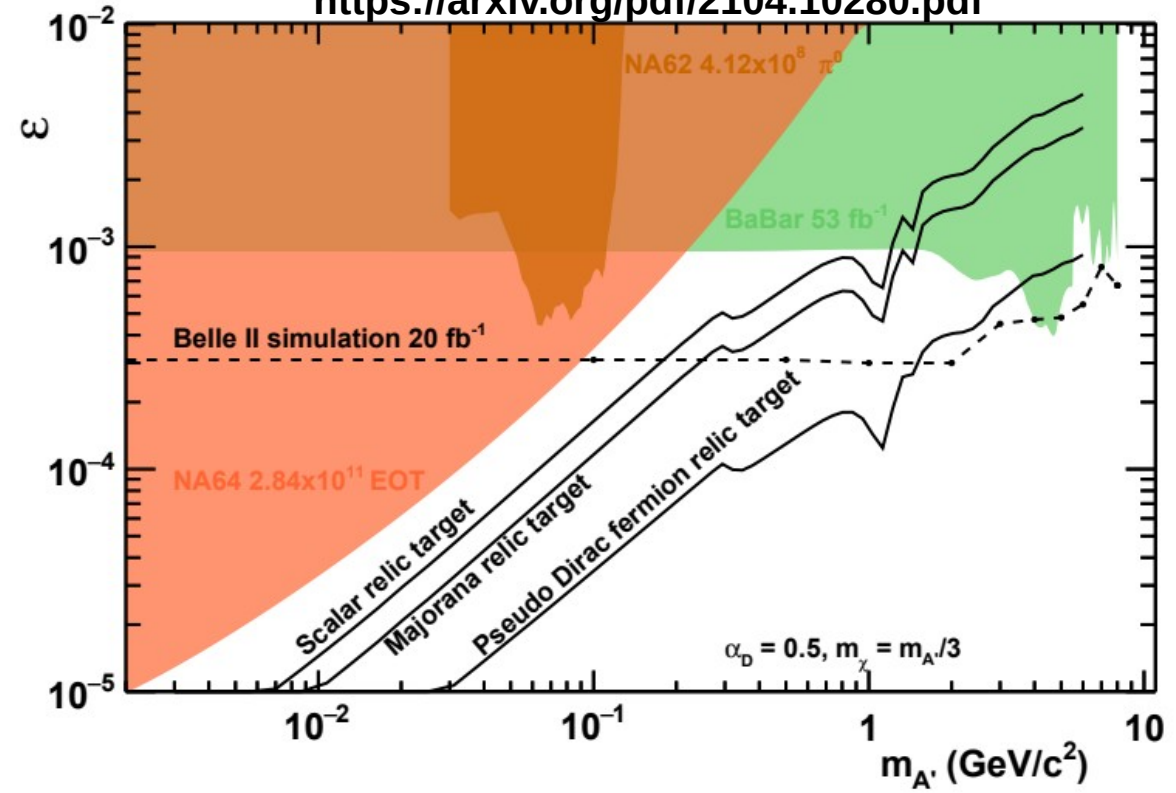
Invisible dark photon sensitivity at Belle II

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2104.10280.pdf>



- No calorimeter cracks pointing to the interaction region and possibility to compensate for photon detection gap with **KLM veto**
- Better hermeticity (smaller boost $\beta\gamma=0.28$, larger acceptance)
- Improved hardware trigger lines

→ dedicated **single photon trigger**
 → *not available at Belle, at BaBar only for ~10% data (53 fb⁻¹)*



IDM sensitivity at Belle II

- Belle II can explore a large region of new IDM parameter space, constraining with $\sim 100/\text{fb}$ the kinetic mixing parameter down to 10^{-4}

