

Dark Sector Searches at B-Factories

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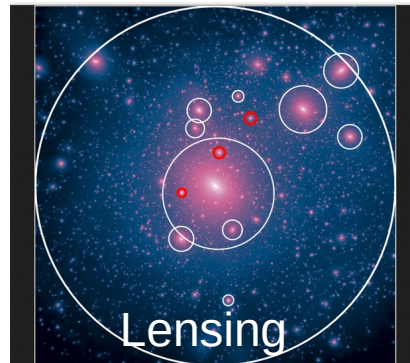
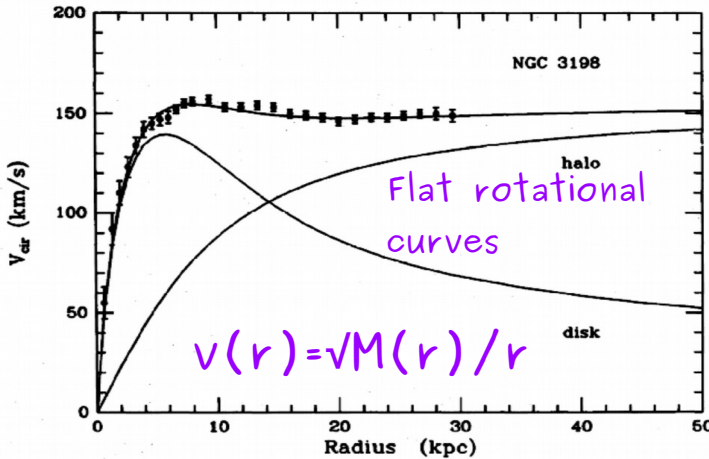
Outline

- Motivation
- B-Factories, first and second generation
- Bottomonium and dark matter:
 - $\Upsilon(1S)$ invisible decays
 - $\chi_{b0} \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- Summary

Dark Sector: Introduction

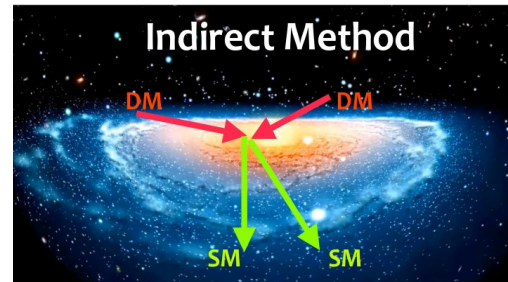
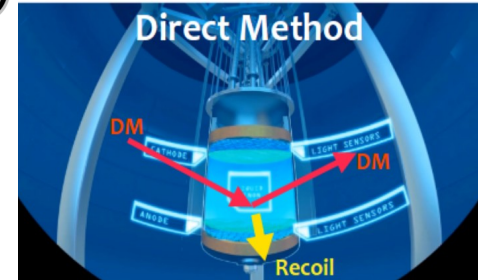
- Many astrophysical observations provide evidence for the existence of a kind of matter that almost does not interact with the Standard Model (SM) particles (*mostly* gravitational interaction) → **Dark Matter (DM)**

DISTRIBUTION OF DARK MATTER IN NGC 3198



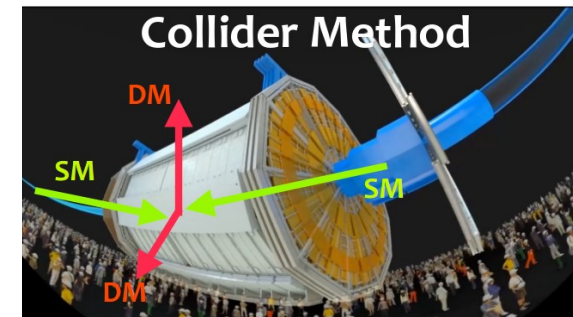
How to search it?

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**

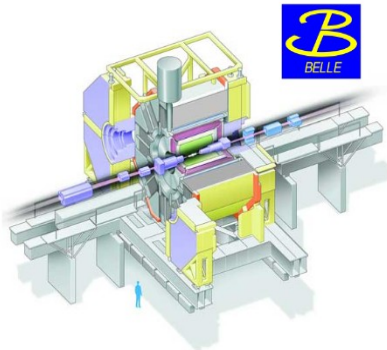
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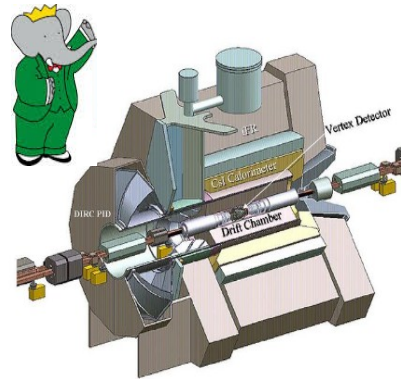
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) [10.58 \text{ GeV}] \rightarrow B\bar{B}$$

$\Upsilon(nS)$ = 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

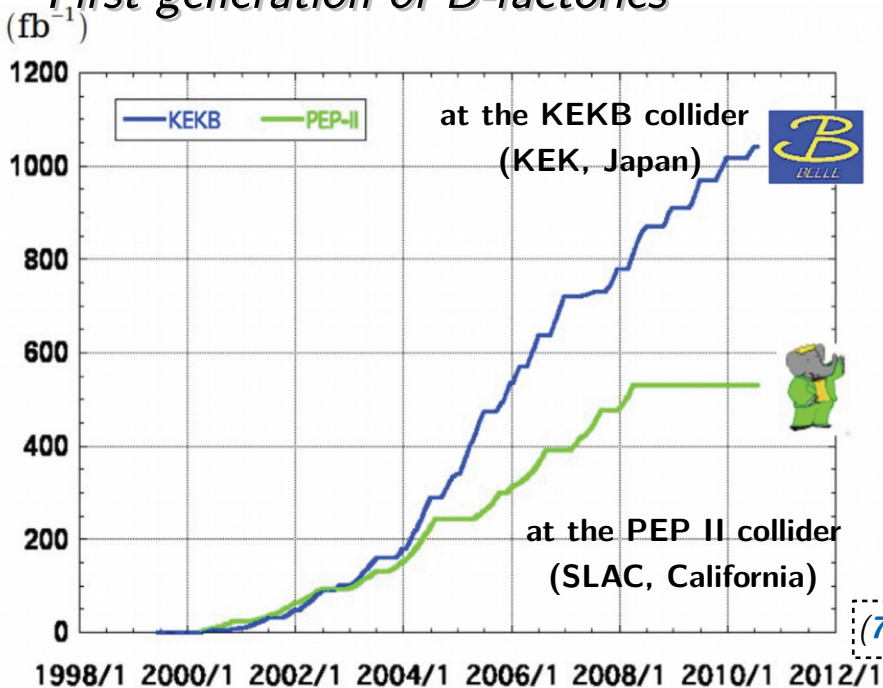
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$> 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

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}

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

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Rich physics program:

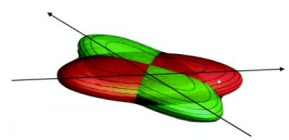
- ✓ Discovery of CPV in B mesons
- ✓ SM test, precision flavor physics
- ✓ Rare/suppressed/forbidden processes
- ✓ *Search for new particles (quarkonium)*
- ✓ *Search for light Dark Sector and mediators*

Second Generation: SuperKEKB

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

KEKB

SuperKEKB



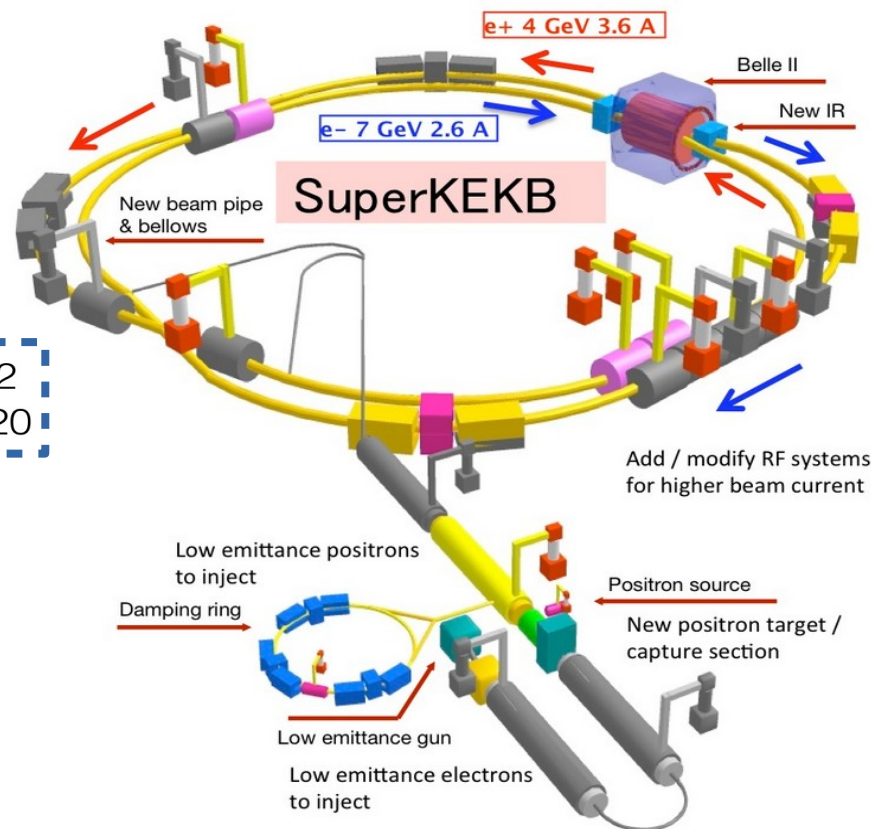
I (A): $\sim 1.6/1.2$
 β_y^* (mm): $\sim 5.9/5.9$

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 β_y^* (mm): $\sim 0.27/0.3$

$I \uparrow \times 2$
 $\beta_y^* \downarrow \times 1/20$

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

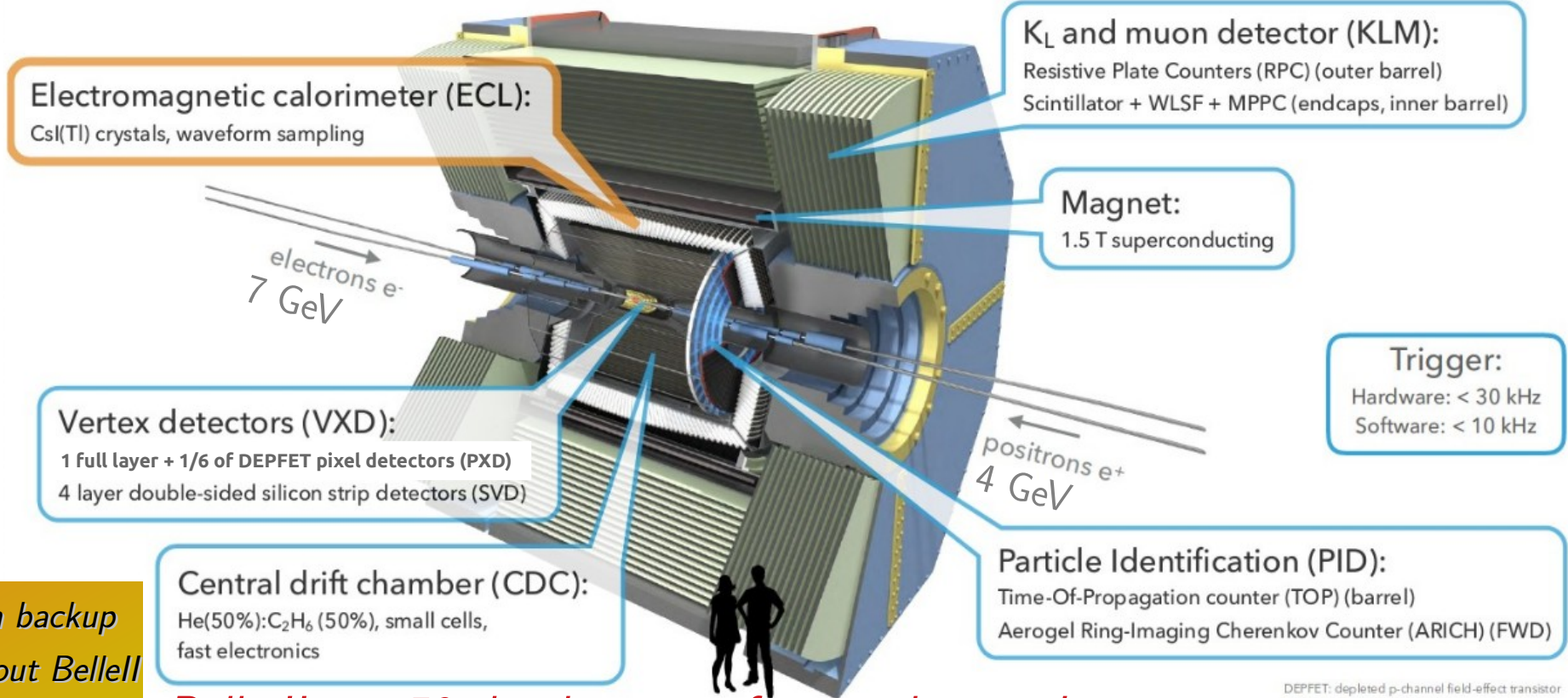
Lorentz factor γ_{\pm}
 beam current I_{\pm}
 beam-beam parameter $\xi_{y\pm}$
 beam aspect ratio at the IP $\frac{\sigma_y^*}{\sigma_x^*}$
 vertical beta-function at the IP $\beta_{y\pm}^*$
 geometrical reduction factors $\left(\frac{R_L}{R_{\xi}} \right)$



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

Belle II Detector

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



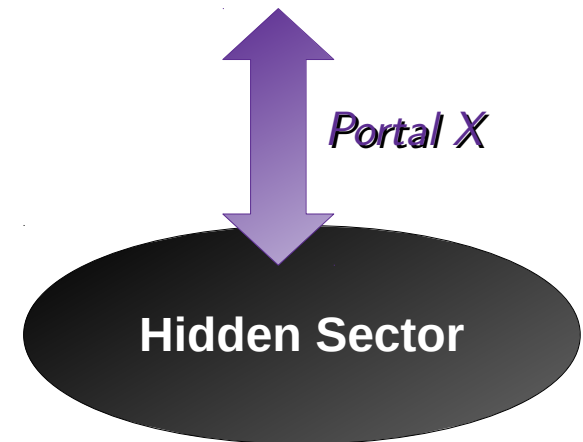
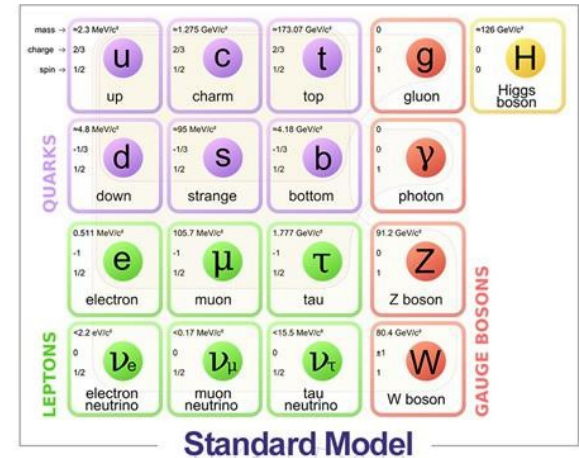
More in backup slides about Belle II data taking

Belle II \Rightarrow x50 the data set of its predecessor!

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

Dark Sector at B-Factories

- Possible sub-GeV scale scenario: light dark sector weakly coupled to SM through a light *mediator X*
 - Scalar portal → Dark Higgs/Scalars
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 - Pseudo-scalar portal → Axion Like Particles (ALPs)
 - Neutrino portal → Sterile Neutrinos



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Invisible final state
+ single photon

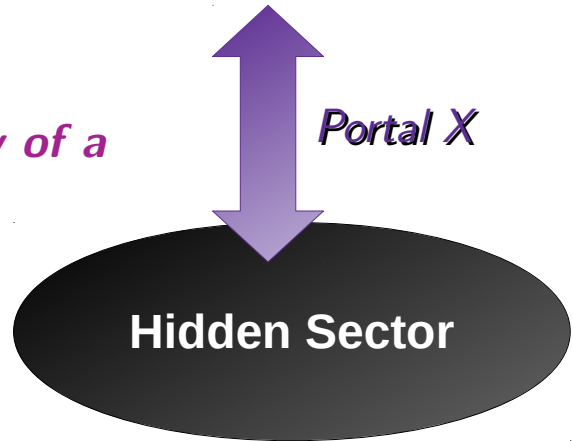
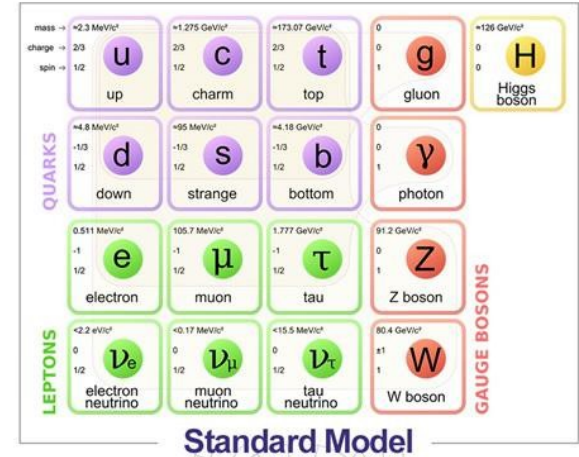
→ **Search for CP-odd light Higgs at dipion transition $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$**

- BaBar 2011 (PRL107,021804)
- Belle 2019 (PRL122, 011801)
- *Belle II prospects*

See K.Chilikin's talk on Friday

→ **Search for invisible decay of a Dark Photon**

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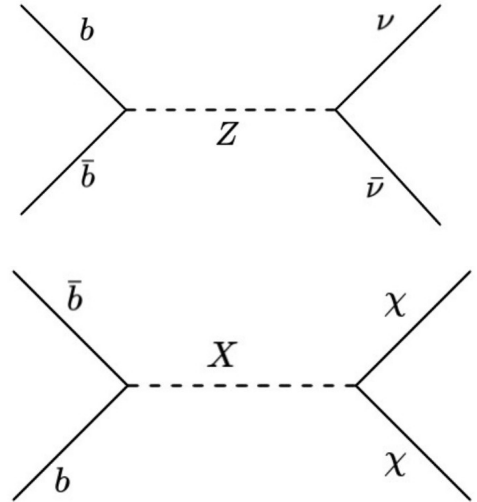


$\Upsilon(1S)$ invisible decays

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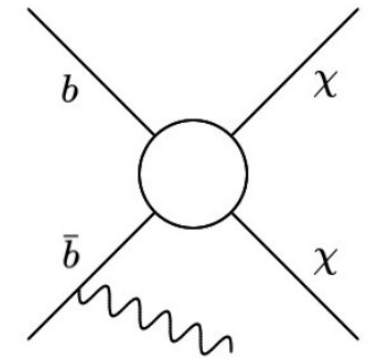
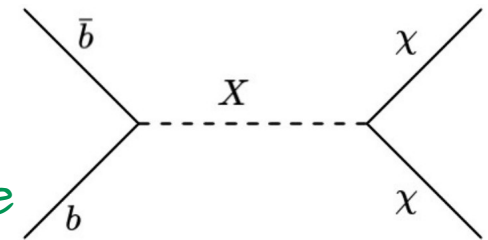
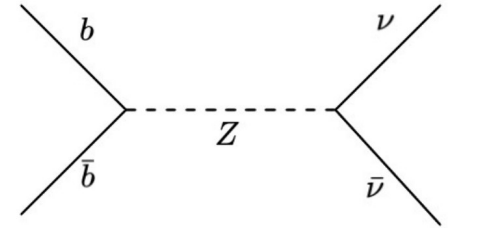
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Adding one photon



- $\text{BR}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \text{ inv})^{\text{SM}} \sim 10^{-9}$ out of current experimental sensitivity
- Searches for processes $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \chi\chi$ (expected BR $\sim 10^{-5}$ - 10^{-4})
 - investigate also **Wilzcek production for on-shell scalar** $\text{BR}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma A^0) \times \text{BR}(A^0 \rightarrow \chi\chi)$
- Limit NP models involving light Higgs bosons and light DM states *

* Fernandez, Seong, Stengel, PRD93, 054023, (2016)

$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \text{ DM DM}$: Analysis Strategy

- Tag a clean sample of $\Upsilon(1S)$ exploiting *bottomonium* transitions with 2 soft pions
- Select events with **2 tracks + one single photon + missing energy (nothing else in the detector)**


→ **Experimental challenges:**

- 1) **low-momentum pions (CDC information only, ~10% contamination)**
- 2) **dedicated hardware trigger lines for low-multiplicity events (efficiency depends on the mass region)**

- Define the squared recoil mass of the dipion system as:

$$M_r^2 = s + M_{\pi^+\pi^-}^2 - 2\sqrt{s}E_{\pi^+\pi^-}^{CMS}$$

- Extract the signal from an *extended unbinned maximum likelihood scan* in m_χ , m_{A0} of the 2D distributions :

 M_r^2 Vs M_{miss}^2 , with M_{miss}^2 the square missing mass of the system $M_{\text{miss}}^2 = (P_{e^+e^-} - P_{\pi^+\pi^-} - P_\gamma)^2$

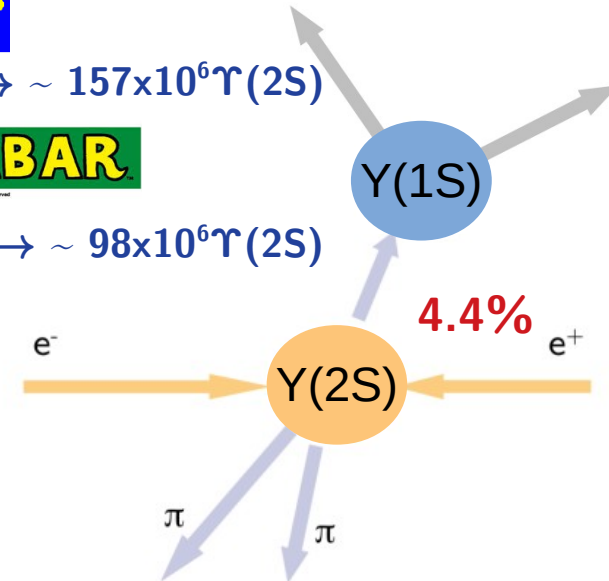


25 fb⁻¹ → ~ 157x10⁶ $\Upsilon(2S)$



BABAR

14.4 fb⁻¹ → ~ 98x10⁶ $\Upsilon(2S)$



Signal: excess of events peaking in the M_r distribution at $\Upsilon(1S)$ mass, 9.460 GeV



M_r Vs E_γ^*

$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \text{ DM DM}$: Background

Continuum

- Bremsstrahlung contamination
- QED background with charged escaping detection: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Neutral hadron radiative decays (not detected in EM calorimeter): $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma K_L K_L$

Suppression



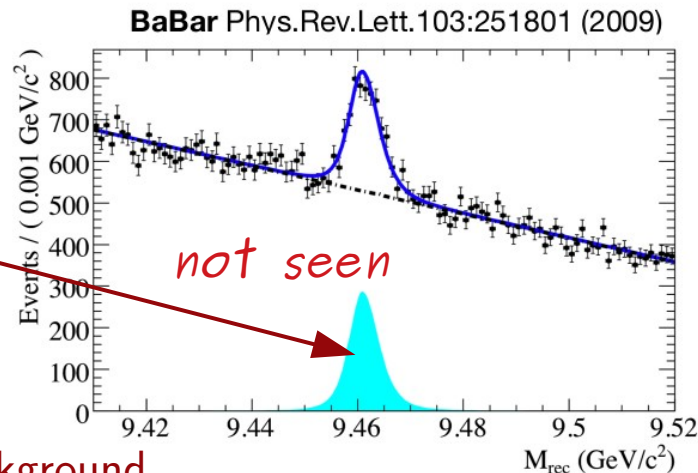
- Multivariate method to reject **continuum** using dipion system kinematics variables
- Angular isolation: minimum angle between photon direction and the charged tracks/dipion system
- Require clean 20° cone in the direction opposite to the primary photon



Peaking

- 2-photon events, $e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+ e^- \eta', \eta'$
 $\rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$
- $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \tau \tau (\rightarrow \pi \nu_\tau)$
- $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \text{I}^+ \text{I}^-$
- $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \text{hh}$

\rightarrow Estimated from MC simulation, irreducible background



selection optimization

Maximized figure of merit:

Signal efficiency:

$\epsilon/1.5 + \sqrt{B}$

2-11% (MVA method)

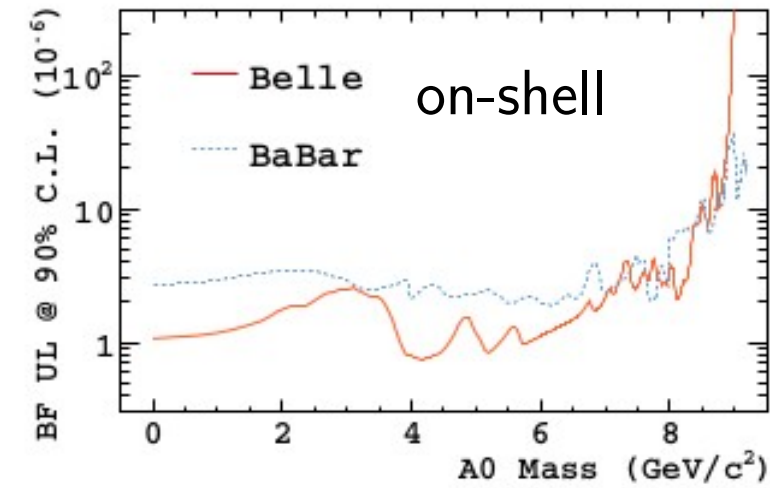
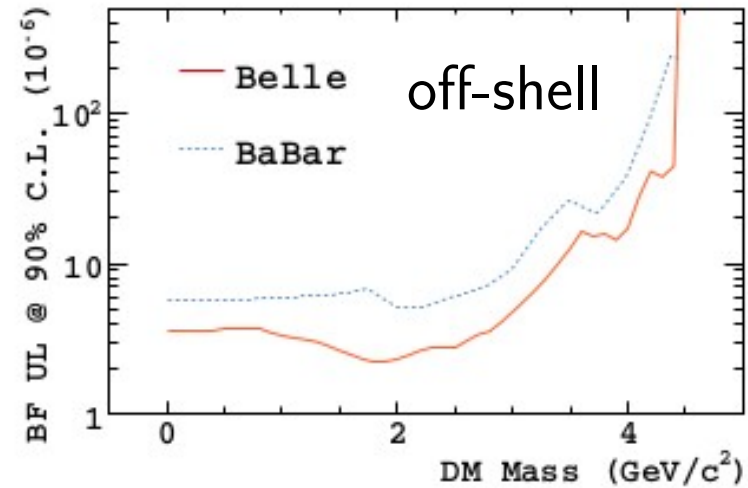
S/\sqrt{B}

0.001-14% (linear cuts)



Lower trigger efficiency at high masses due to low energy photons

$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma$ DM DM: Results



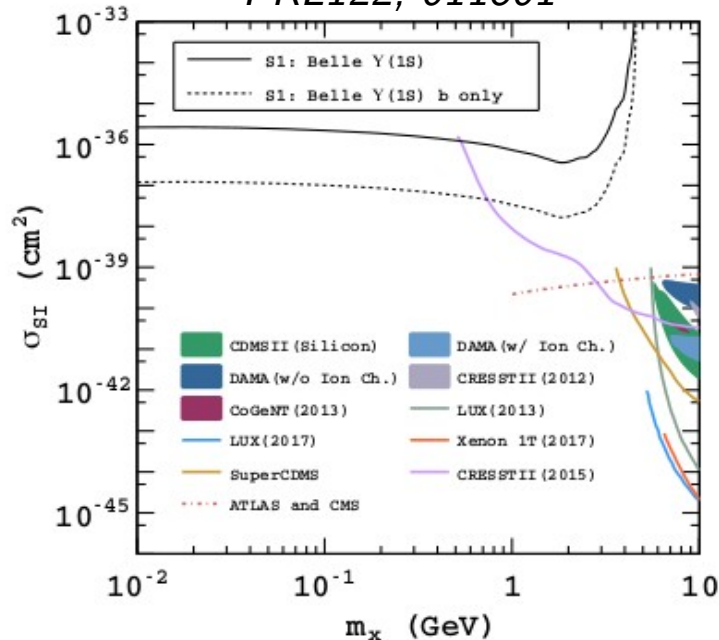
Searched range:

$$0 \leq m_\chi \leq 4.5 \text{ GeV}, 0 \leq m_{A0} \leq 9.2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0 \leq m_\chi \leq 4.44 \text{ GeV}, 0 \leq m_{A0} \leq 8.97 \text{ GeV}$$

Statistically limited!

PRL122, 011801



$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma$ DM DM: Belle II prospects

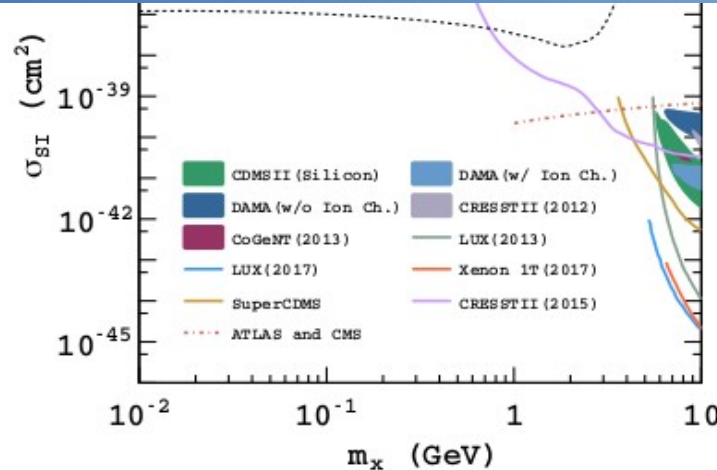
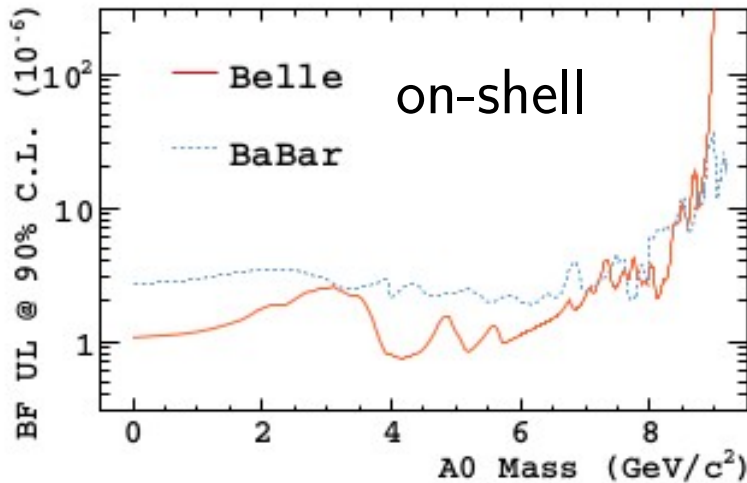
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Process	$L_{int}(ab^{-1})$	ϵ	$N(\Upsilon(1S))$	$N_{\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}}$	N_{NP}
$\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$	0.2, $\Upsilon(2S)$	0.1-0.2	2.3×10^8	230-460	6900-13800
$\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$	0.2, $\Upsilon(3S)$	0.1-0.2	3.2×10^7	32-64	945-1890
$\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$	50.0, $\Upsilon(4S)$	0.1-0.2	5.5×10^6	5.5-11	165-310
$\Upsilon(5S) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$	5.0, $\Upsilon(5S)$	0.1-0.2	7.6×10^6	7.6-15.2	228-456
$\gamma_{ISR}\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow (\gamma_{ISR})\pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$	50.0, $\Upsilon(4S)$	0.1-0.2	1.5×10^8	150-300	4500-9000
$\gamma_{ISR}\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow (\gamma_{ISR})\pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$	50.0, $\Upsilon(4S)$	0.1-0.2	3.5×10^7	35-70	1050-2100

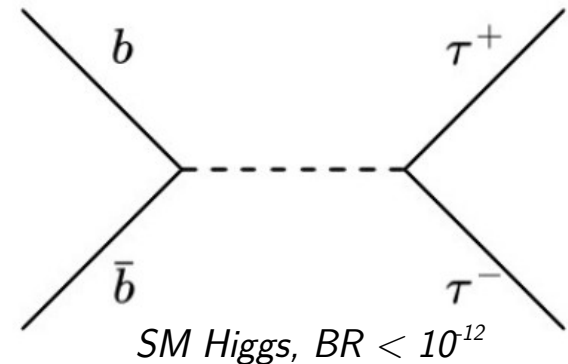
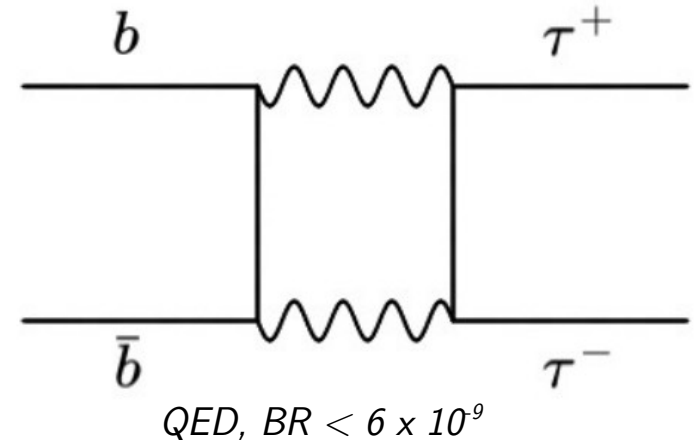
→ Belle II would expect to collect $>200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ @ $\Upsilon(3S)$

- Statistics
- Better background rejection by exploiting **MVA method for peaking background-signal separation**



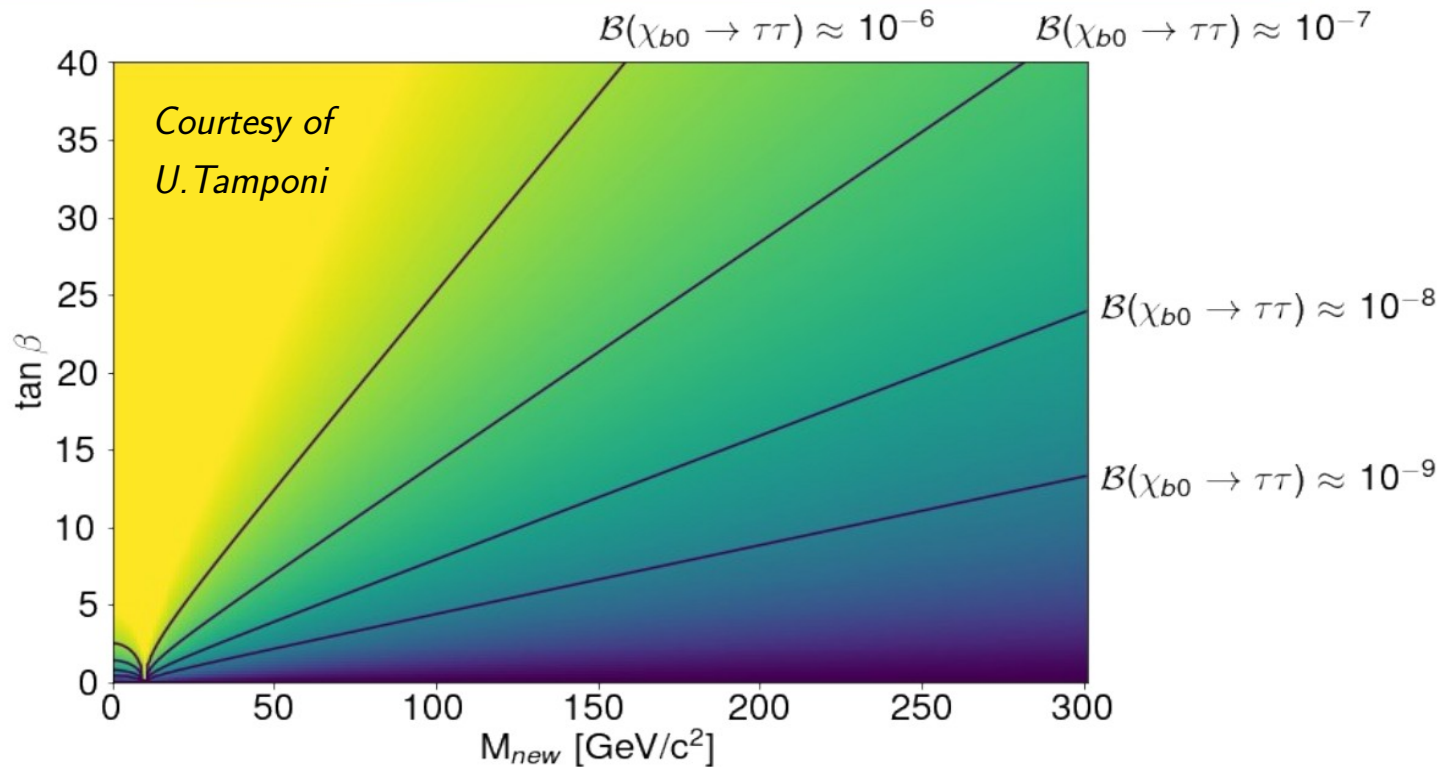
Other possibilities at $\Upsilon(3S)$...

- The decay to third generation leptons of the scalar bottomonium $X_{b0} \rightarrow \tau\tau$ is highly suppressed in the SM
- Sensitive to s -channel exchange of CP-even neutral Higgs bosons via $\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \Upsilon X_{b0} \rightarrow \Upsilon\tau\tau$



Rare leptonic decays

- BR depends on M_{NEW} and $\tan\beta$
- Its measurement can constrain type-II 2-Higgs-Doublet-Model*



$$\Gamma^H(\chi_0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) = \frac{M_{\chi_0}}{8\pi} \left[1 - \frac{4m_\ell^2}{M_{\chi_0}^2} \right]^{3/2} \left(\frac{m_q m_\ell}{v^2 M_H^2} \right)^2 f_{\chi_0}^2 \times \left[1 + \frac{M_H^2}{M_{\text{new}}^2 - M_{\chi_{b0}}^2} \tan^2 \beta \right]^2$$

* *Phys. Rev. D* 93, 055014

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- BR depends on M_{NEW} and $\tan\beta$
- **95%CL sensitivity curve, assuming to reject all reducible background**

$$\text{BF}[\Upsilon 3S \rightarrow \gamma X_{b0} (\text{nP})] \sim 5.9 \%$$

$$\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X_{b0} (\text{nP})] \sim 0.2 \text{ nb}$$

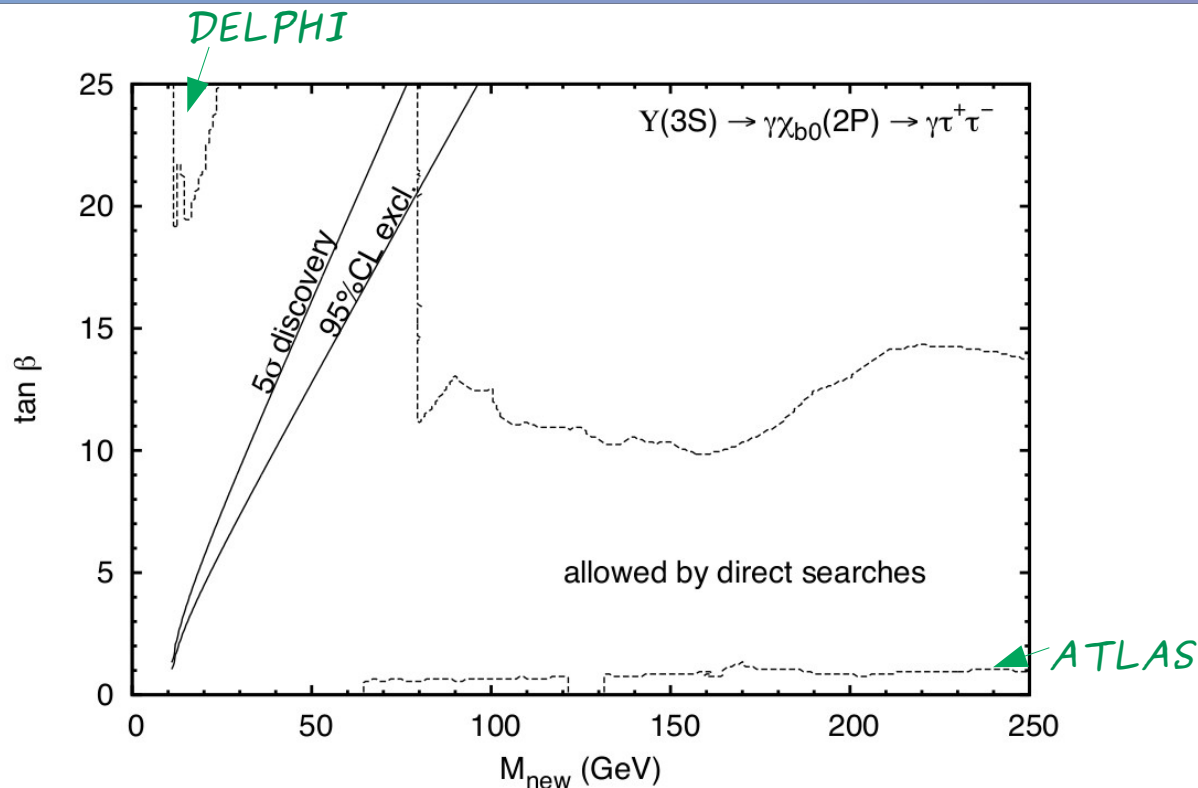
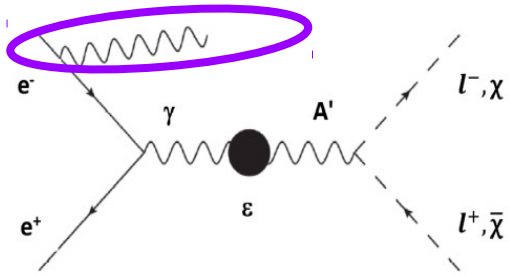


Fig. 212: 5σ discovery and 95% confidence level (CL) exclusion reach in the Type-II 2HDM from 250 fb^{-1} of data on the $\Upsilon(3S)$. The sensitivity is to the regions to the left of the solid

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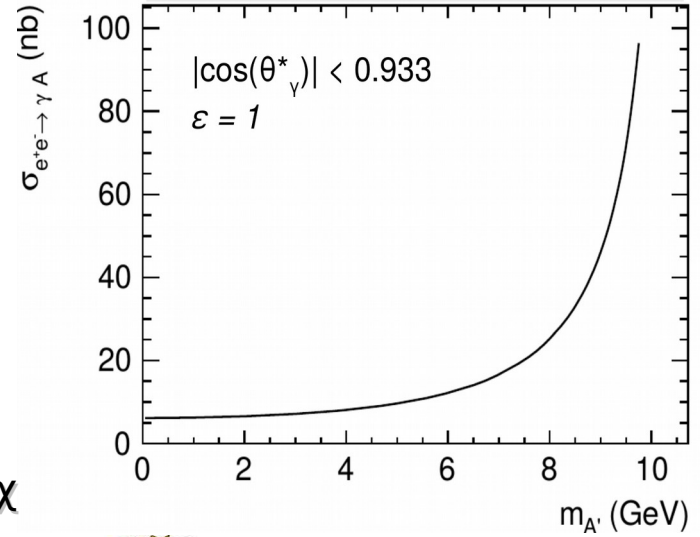
...and in the continuum: Dark Photon

- A possible 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



- If $m_\chi < 1/2 m_{A'}$, $\rightarrow A'$ decays into DM particle, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma + A'$, $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$

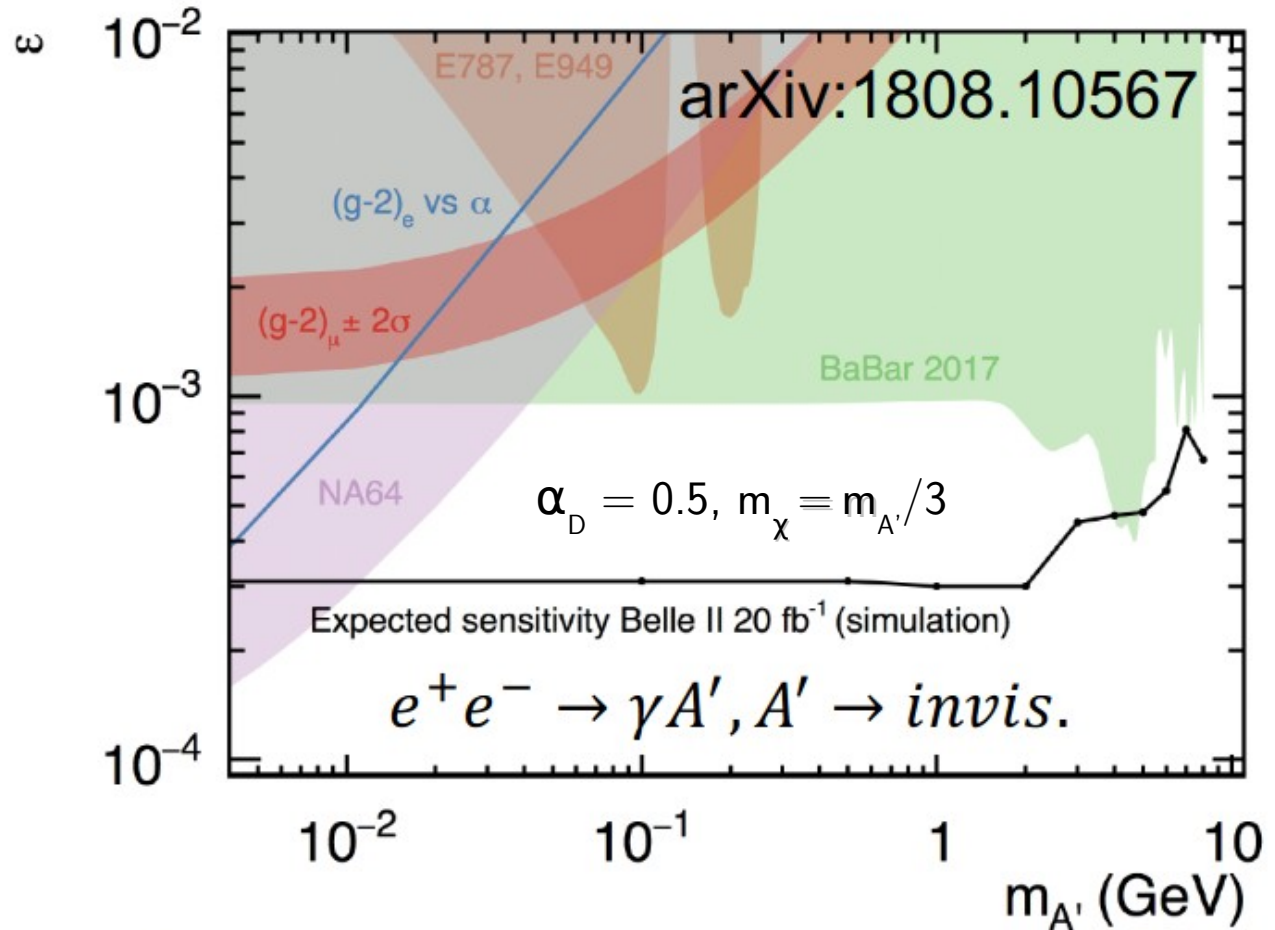
ANALYSIS STRATEGY:

- Nothing in the event but a single high energetic **ISR photon**
- Look for a bump in the recoil mass spectrum $M_x^2 = s - 2E_\gamma^* \sqrt{s}$
- Background contribution from $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma(\gamma)$, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$

53 fb⁻¹ **~10 fb⁻¹ good quality data**

Dark photon: Results

- Belle II advantages:
 - ✓ No ECL cracks pointing to the Interaction region
 - ✓ KLM can compensate ECL photon detection gap
 - ✓ Better hermeticity
 - ✓ Improved L1 trigger lines
- Complementary to dark searches in *bottomonium*:
 - Different mediator type (spin)
 - Different contaminating backgrounds
 - Different experimental challenges



Summary



First generation B-factories still can provide competitive results constraining light dark matter models, involving dark sector Higgs mediators, through the search for ***invisible decays of bottomonium***



Main limit is ***statistics*** → currently upper limits only



>200 fb⁻¹ collected at $\Upsilon(3S)$ **@Belle II** may lead to observation of 30-300 events of $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \text{invisible}$
(assuming 10^{-5} (SM) < BR($\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \text{invisible}$) < 10^{-4} (NP) + Belle efficiencies)

→ ***Interplay with theory needed to connect direct and indirect searches and effectively constrain dark sector models!***

A rich dark sector program is under investigation @Belle II, both at bottomonium resonances and in continuum (Invisible Dark Photon, Invisible Z', ALPs and much more... The Belle II Physics Book, arXiv:1808.10567)

- Magnetic monopole
- Muonic dark forces
- Dark Higgs/Higgstrahlung
- Dark scalars
- Inelastic Dark Matter
- Long-lived particles
- ...

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→ *Interplay w*
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Now collecting data

@Belle II.

Data analysis is starting!

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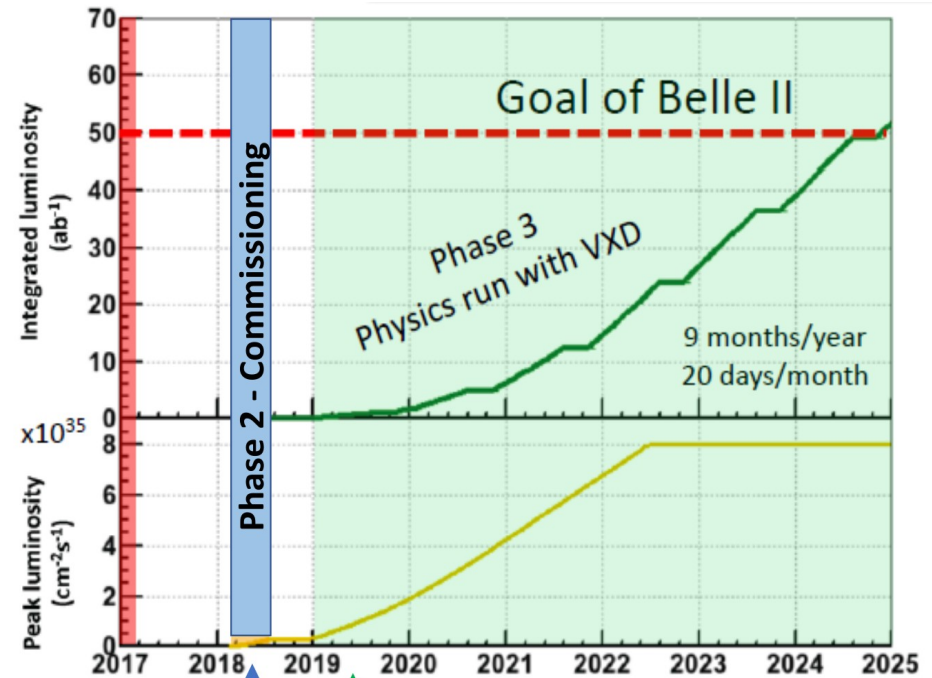
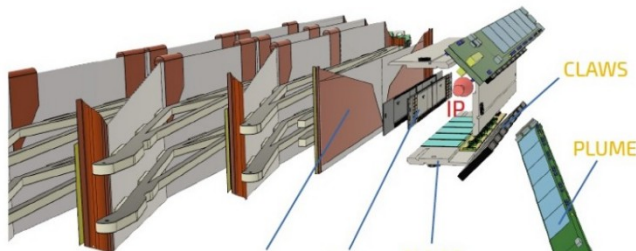
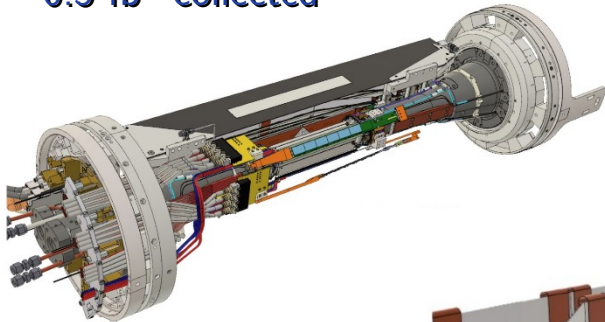
SuperKEKB Numbers

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 Data Taking: Phase 2

Phase 2 (April 26th– July 17th 2018)

- Pilot run with only 1/8th VXD
- Verify nano-beam scheme, commission the detector and measure the background level
- **Max peak luminosity $0.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$**
- **0.5 fb^{-1} collected**



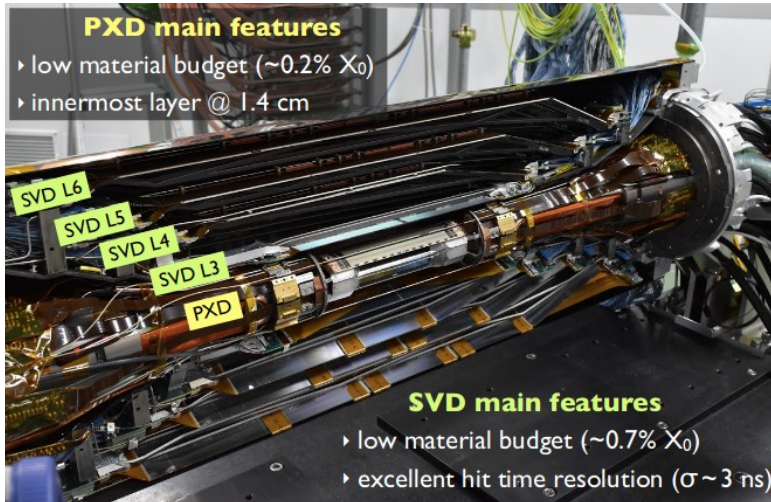
- Lower backgrounds
- Flexible hardware triggers
- Pass-through software trigger

*Good conditions
for Dark Sector
Searches*

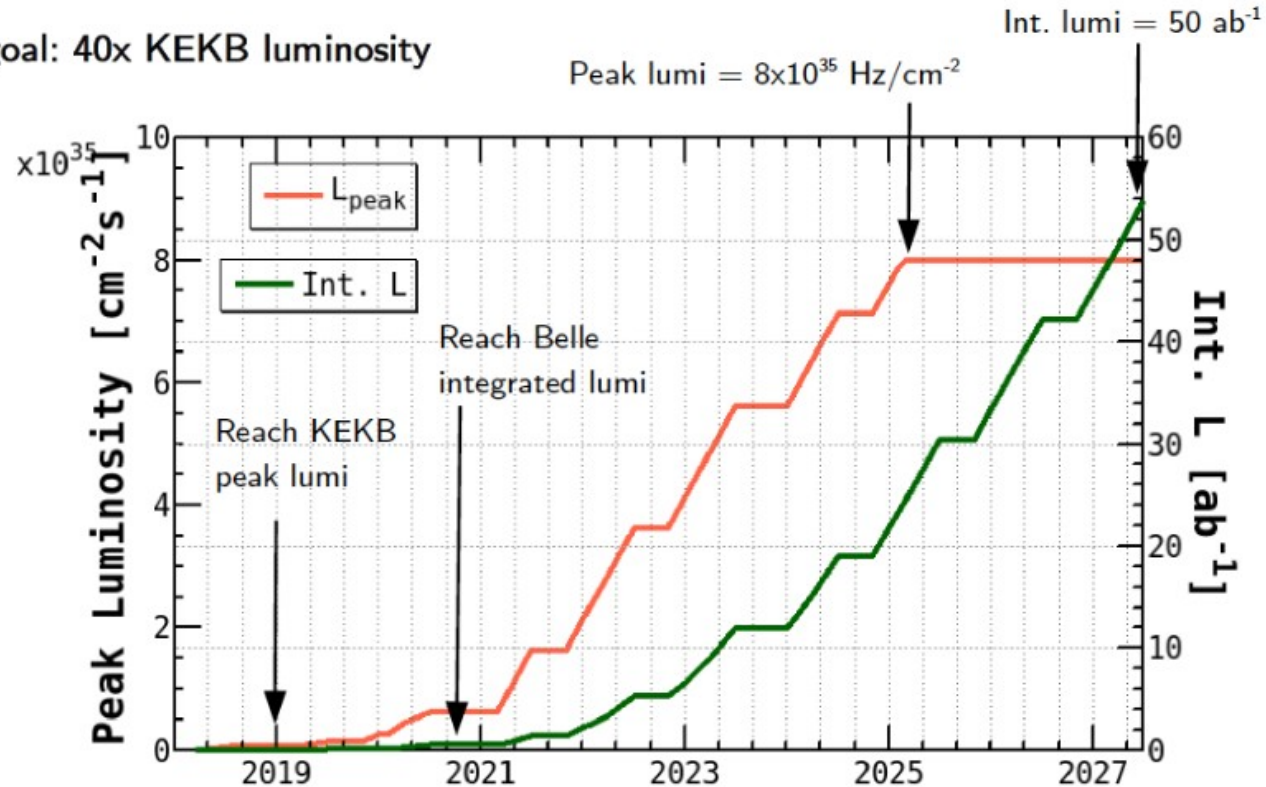
Belle II Data Taking: Phase 3

Phase 3 (March 2019 –)

- VXD detector installed
 - 4 full layers of silicon strips
 - 1 + 1/6 full layers of pixels (complete installation ~2020)
- 20 fb⁻¹ by summer 2019



Final goal: 40x KEKB luminosity

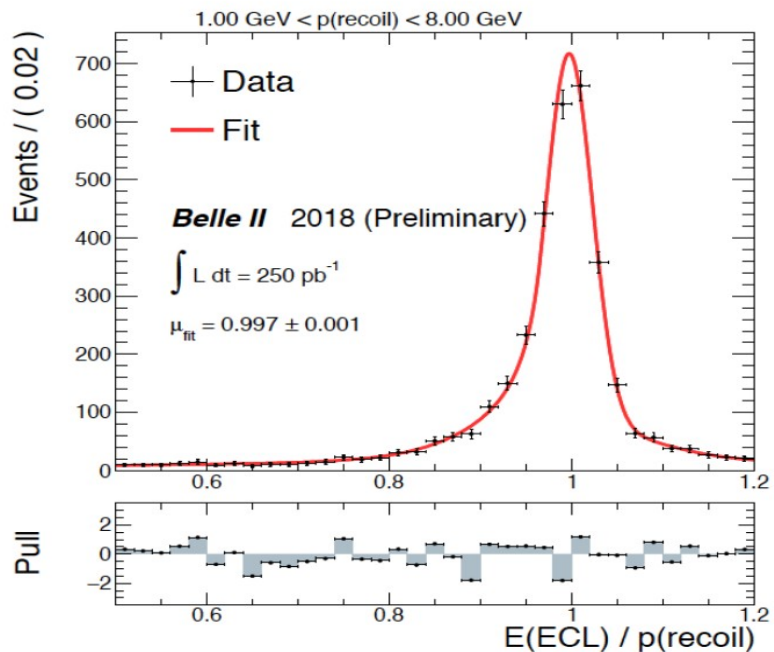


Phase 3: Run with full detector at peak luminosity, $L = 8 \cdot 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

GOAL: collect 50 ab⁻¹

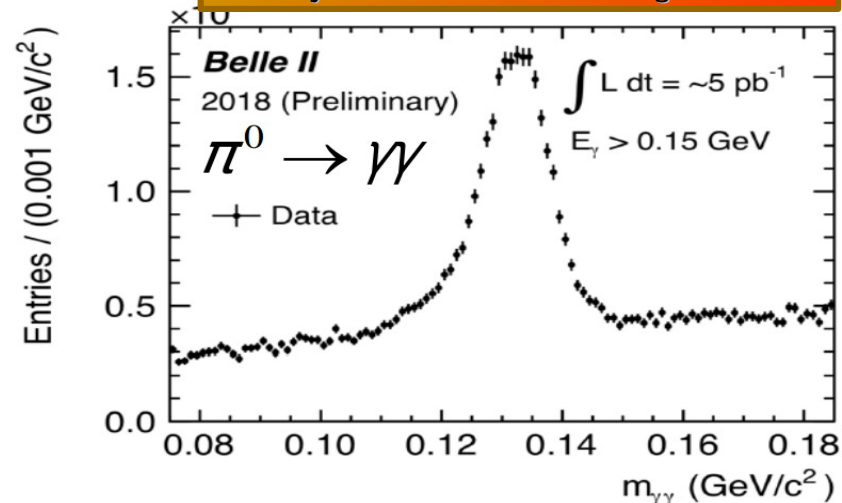
Belle II Performances: photon reconstruction

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



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

After just ONE DAY of data taking!



GOOD CONDITIONS for DARK SEARCHES

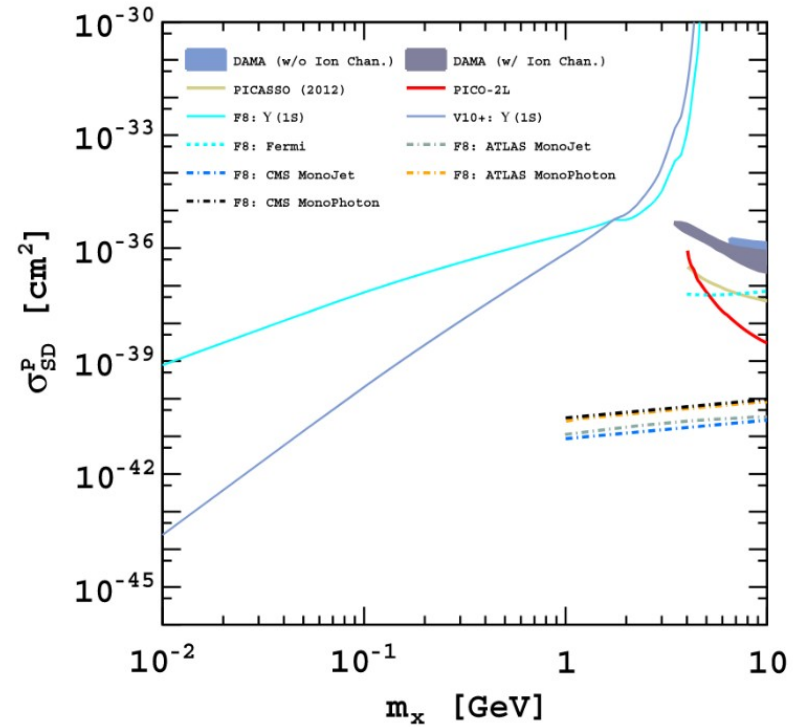
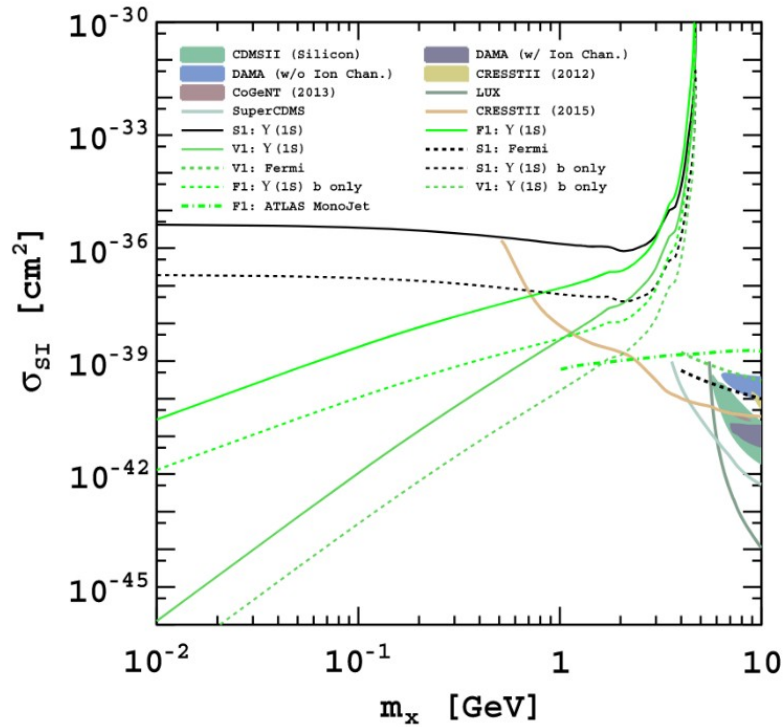
- ✓ Tracking and cluster L1 trigger
- ✓ Bhabha veto L1
- ✓ Single Photon L1 trigger

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

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

$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \text{ DM DM}$

ArXiv: 1511.03728, 1404.6599



$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \gamma \text{ DM DM}$: BaBar Constraint

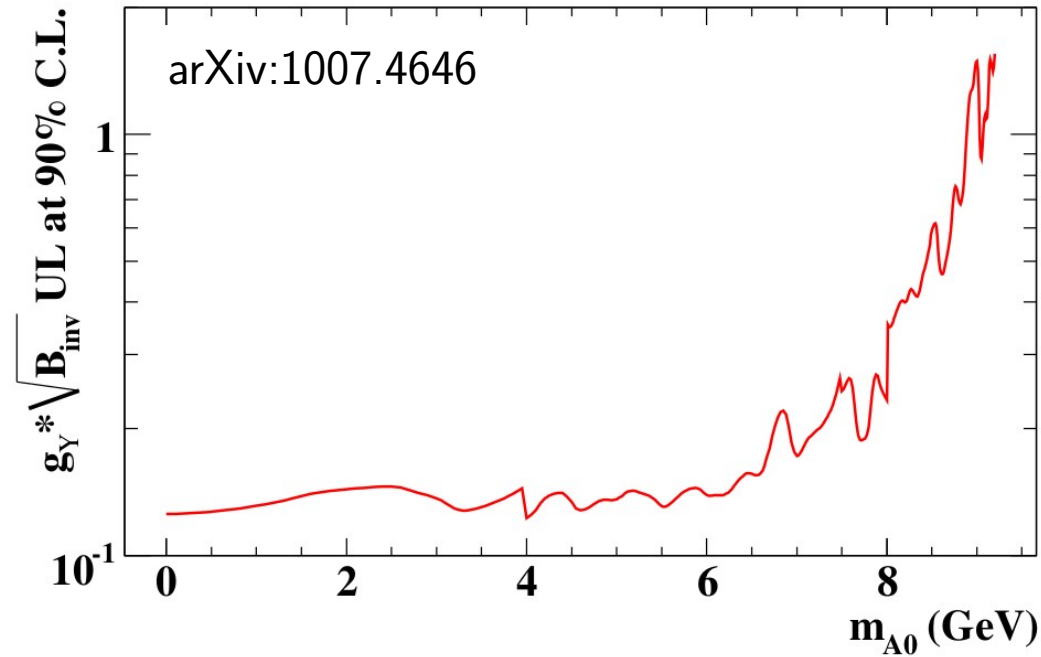
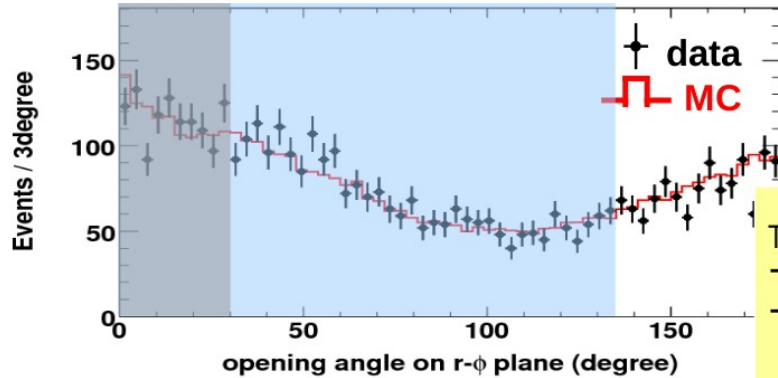
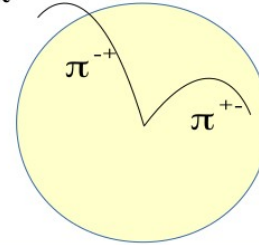


FIG. 5: Upper limits on the product $g_Y \times \sqrt{\mathcal{B}(A^0 \rightarrow \text{invisible})}$ at 90% C.L. as a function of m_{A^0} . The parameter g_Y is an effective coupling of the CP-odd Higgs A^0 to bound state $\Upsilon(1S)$; in NMSSM, $g_Y = \tan \beta \cos \theta F_Y$, where $\cos \theta$ is the fraction of non-singlet component in A^0 , $\tan \beta$ is the ratio of Higgs vacuum expectation values, and F_Y is the effective form-factor (including the QCD and QED corrections). The theoretically preferred region in NMSSM [13] is $g_Y > 1$.

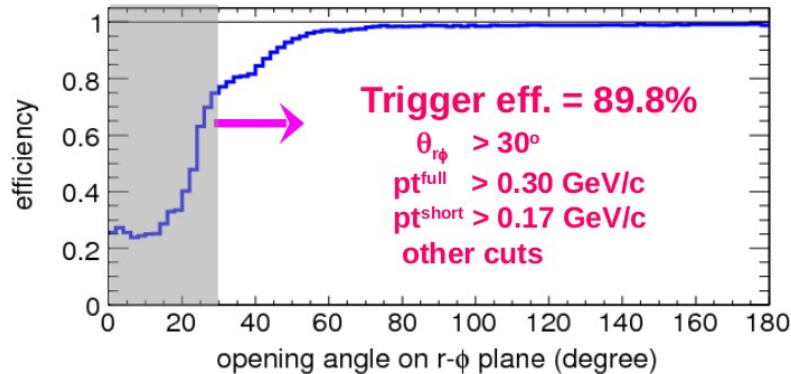
Trigger Considerations

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

$$Y(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$$



Too low efficiency with usual condition ($>135^\circ$)
 → Higher efficiency with looser condition
 → Special trigger condition was implemented
 (~850 Hz, twice as usual condition)



Single track trigger was implemented, too
 with 1/500 pre-scale rate ($pt > 250 \text{ MeV}/c$)
2-track trigger & 1-track trigger
 1-track trigger
 for efficiency monitoring

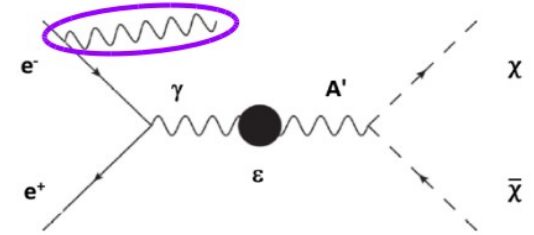


Dark Photon to Invisible

- Signal Signature:

- select events with a single, monochromatic, 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**.

(@Belle was not available, ~10% BaBar data)



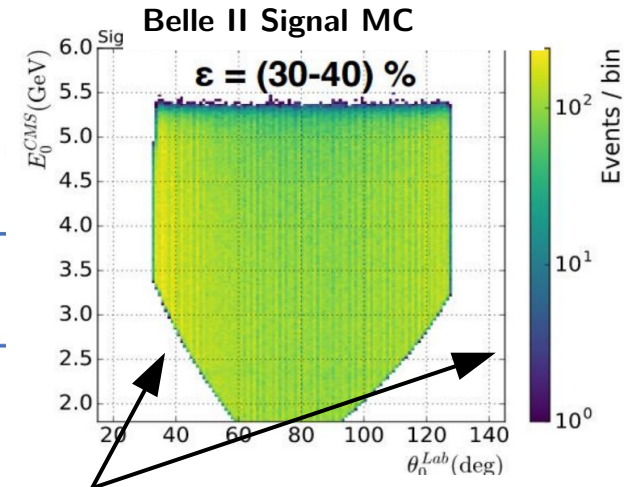
Discriminant variables: $E_\gamma^*, \theta_\gamma$

BaBar

L1 trigger	L3 trigger
$E_\gamma^{\text{LAB}} > 0.8 \text{ GeV}$	$E_\gamma^* > 2 \text{ GeV}$ && no tracks from IP
$E_\gamma^{\text{LAB}} > 0.8 \text{ GeV}$	$E_\gamma^* > 1 \text{ GeV}$ && no tracks from IP

Belle II Phase 3 (Designed)

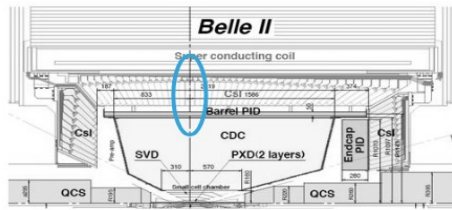
Trigger logic	L1 rate at full luminosity
$E > 1 \text{ GeV}$ + 2 nd cluster $E < 300 \text{ MeV}$	4 kHz (barrel) 7 kHz (endcaps)
$E > 2 \text{ GeV}$ + Bhabha & $\gamma\gamma$ vetoes	5 kHz (barrel)



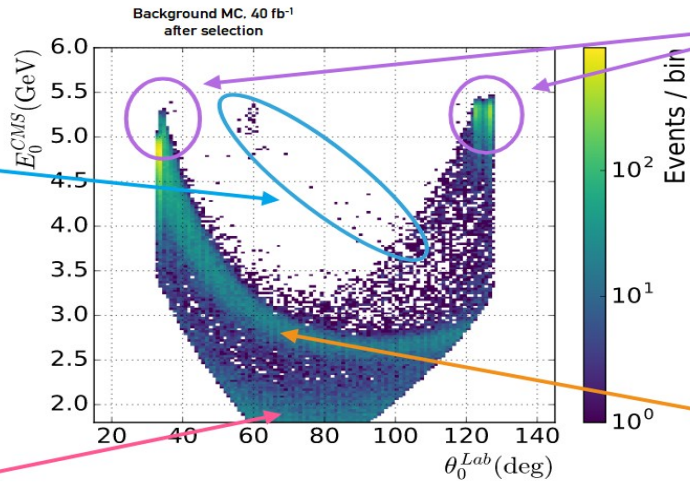
Effect of selection on $E^*(\theta)$ for background rejection

Dark Photon to Invisible: Backgrounds

- Background dominated by QED processes:
 - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$ where one photon is not detected (ECL gaps) and the second out of acceptance
 - radiative Bhabha $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma(\gamma)$ with the electron-positron pair out of acceptance.

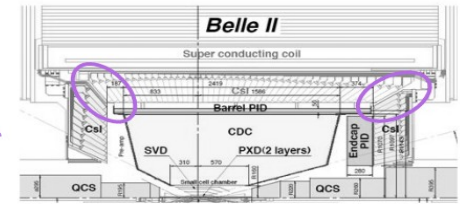


$ee \rightarrow 2\gamma$ and 3γ
 1 γ in ECL 90° gap
 1 γ out of ECL acceptance

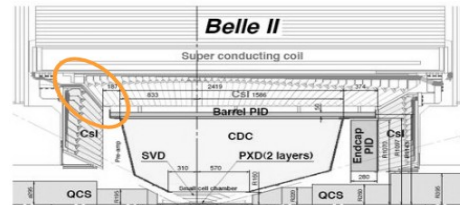


$ee \rightarrow eey$
 both electrons
 out of tracking acceptance

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\nu\gamma$ negligible



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



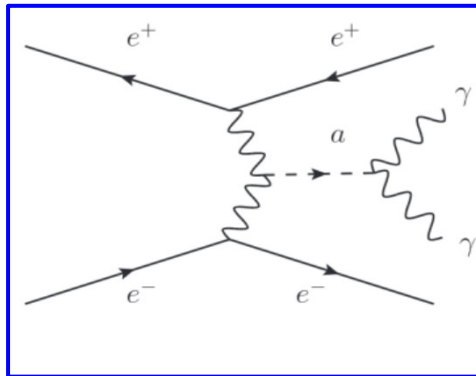
$ee \rightarrow 3\gamma$
 1 γ in ECL BWD gap
 1 γ out of ECL acceptance

Axion Like Particles (ALPs)

- Axion Like Particles are pseudo-scalars coupling 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

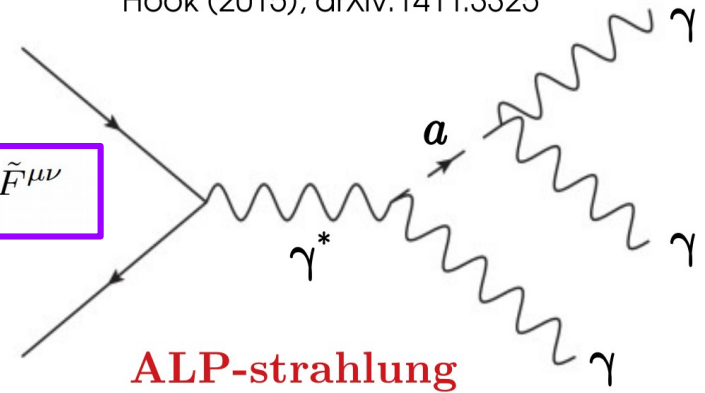
(*photon fusion*: sensitivity under study)

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

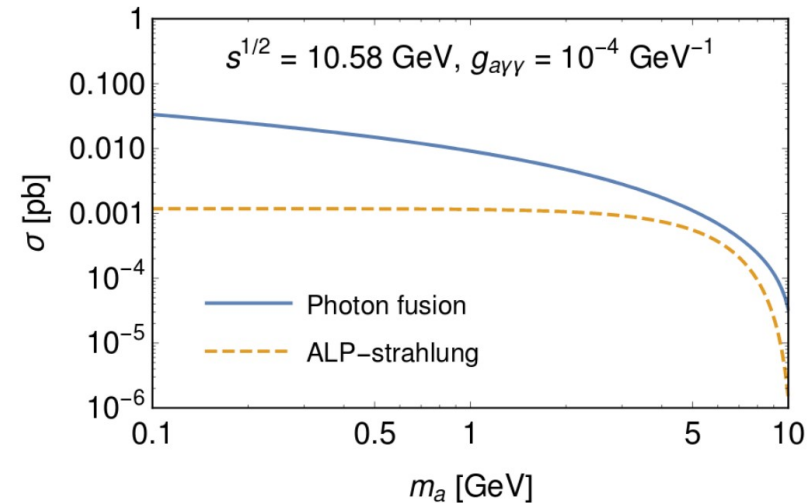


$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Hook (2015), arXiv:1411.3325

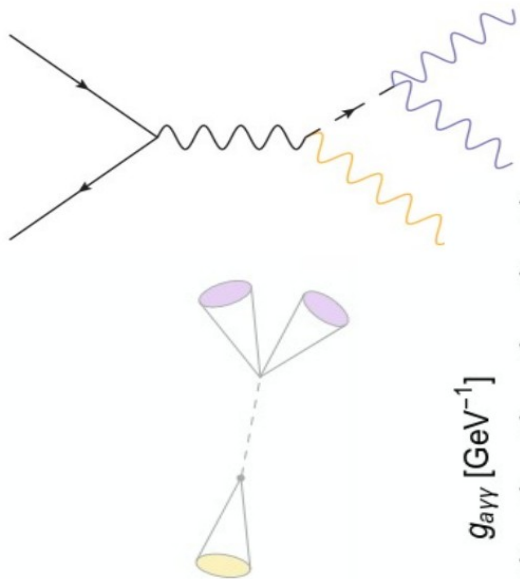


ALP-strahlung

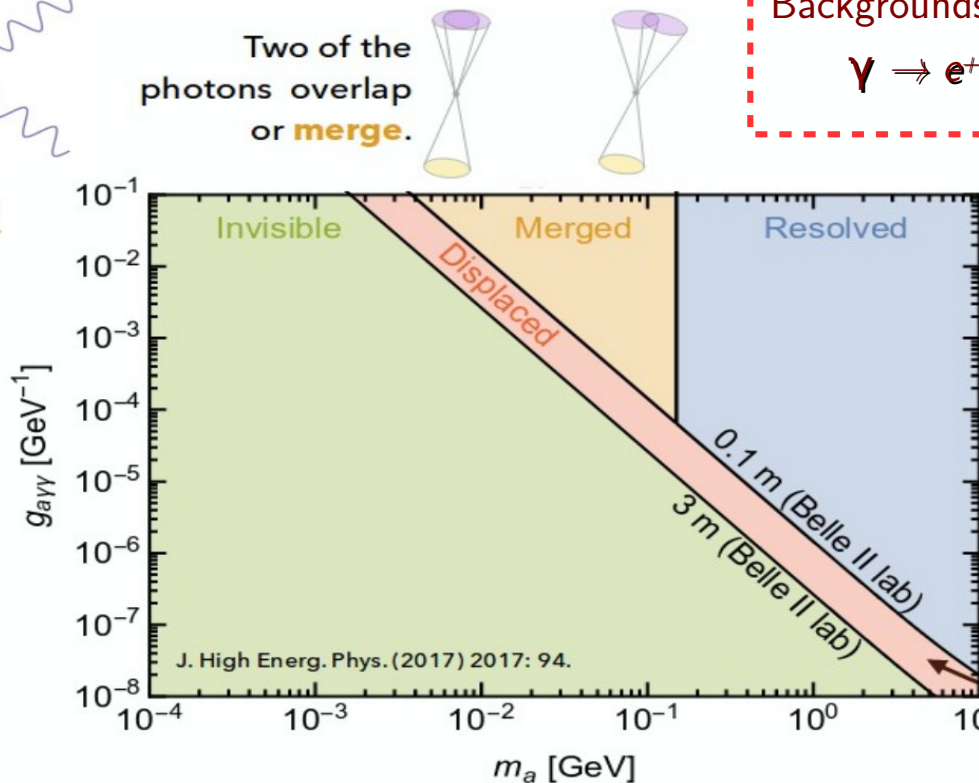


ALPs: Experimental Signature

- 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.



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

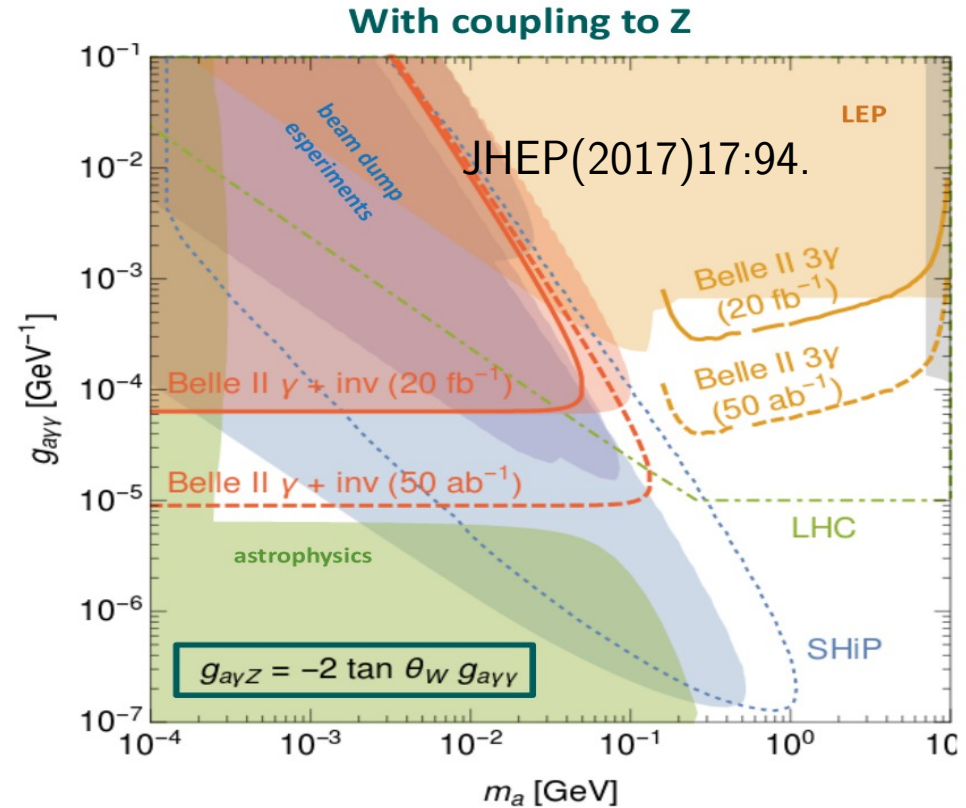
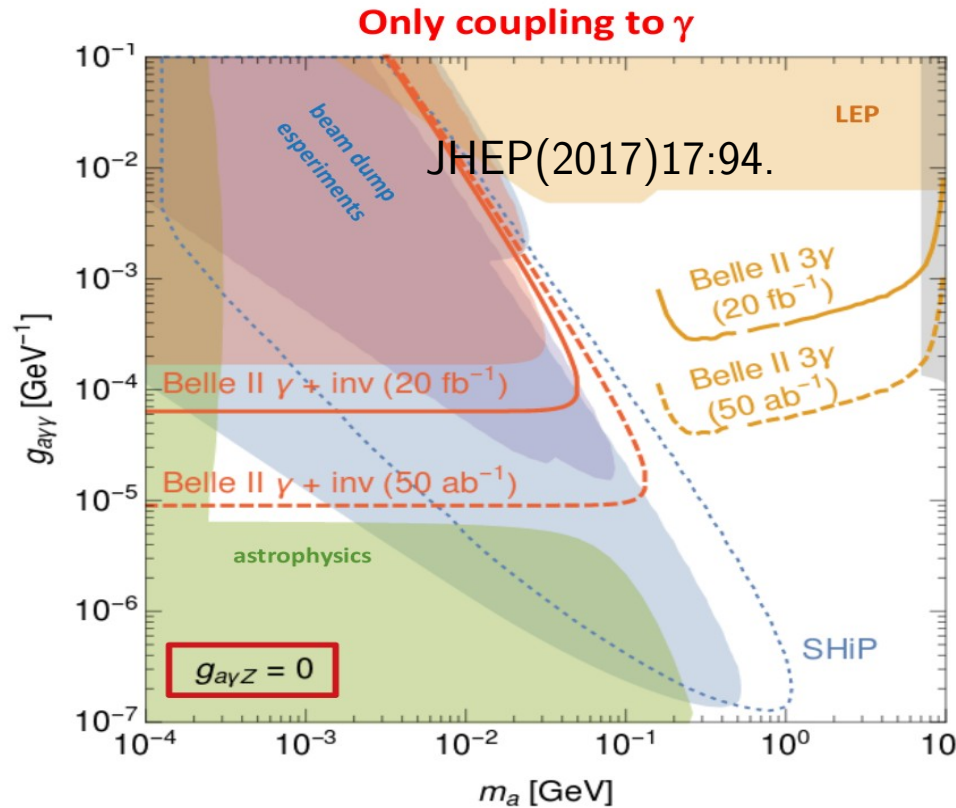
For **resolved** case:
 3 clusters with $E_{CM} > 0.25$ GeV
 Peak in $\gamma\gamma$ mass spectrum

Three **resolved**, high energetic photons.

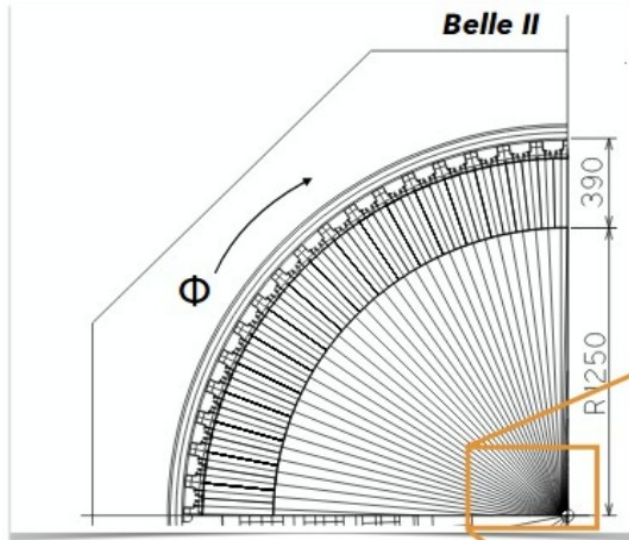


The searches for invisible and visible ALP decays veto this region.

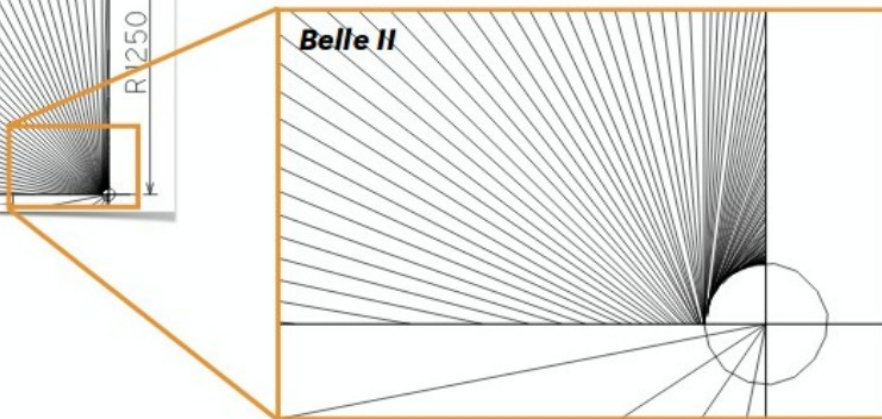
ALPs: Sensitivity



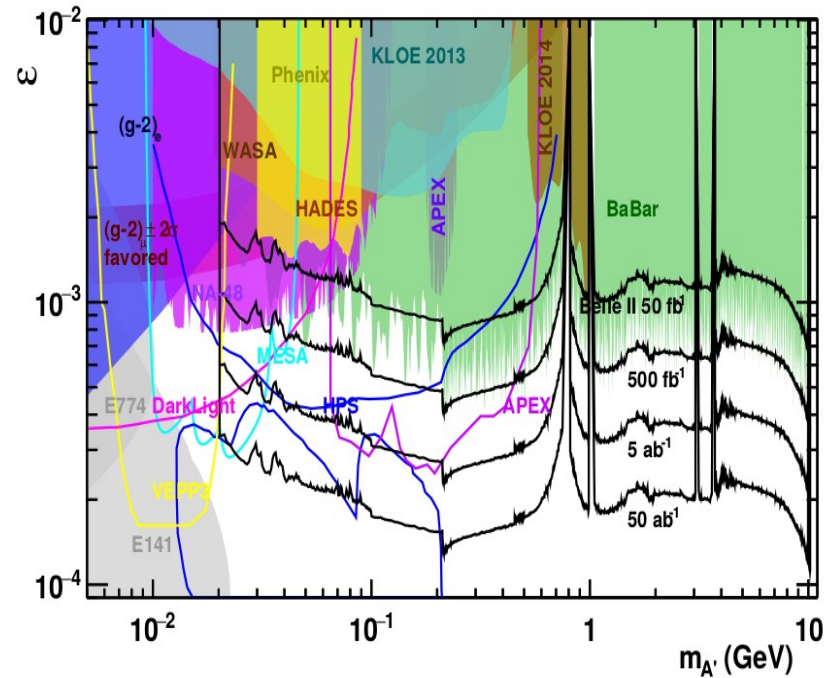
Belle II Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECL)



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



Dark Photon to leptons: Sensitivity



From Belle II Physics Book,
arXiv:1808.10567

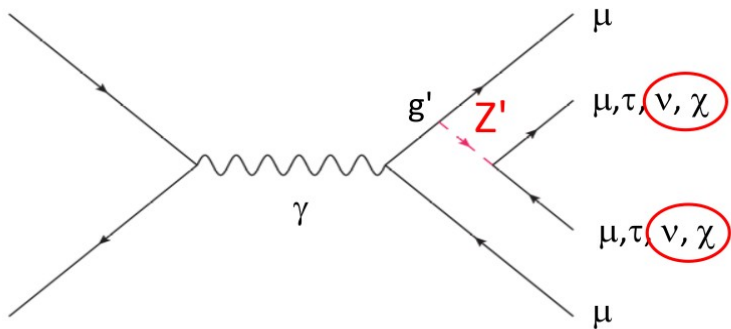
Fig. 211: Existing exclusion regions (90% CL) on the dark photon mixing parameter ϵ and mass $M_{A'}$ (solid regions) for $A' \rightarrow \ell\ell$, with projected limits for Belle II and other future experiments (lines) (Figure reproduced from [1820]).

Z' to Invisible: $L_\mu - L_\tau$ model

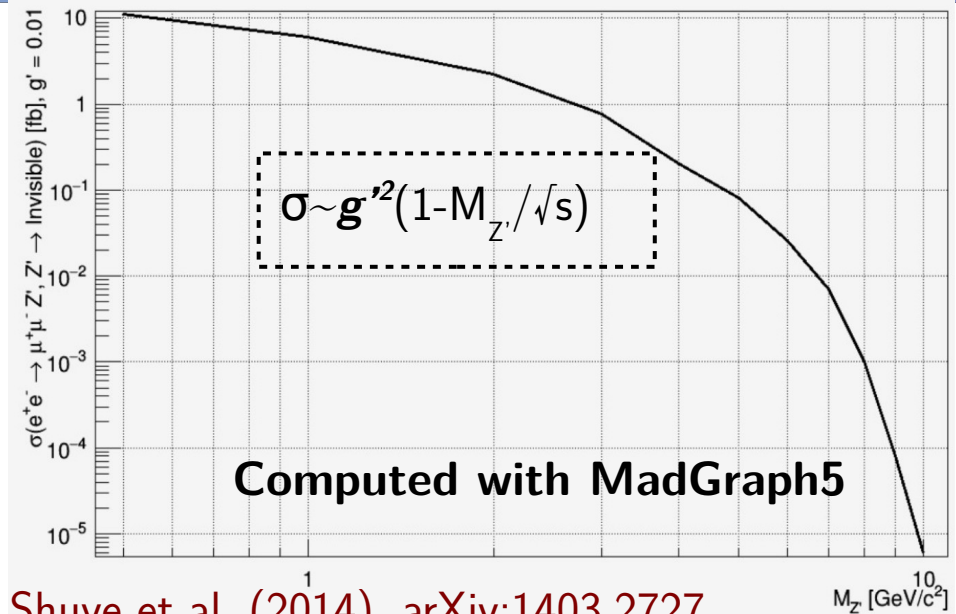
- New gauge boson Z' coupling only to the **2nd and 3rd** generation of leptons ($L_\mu - L_\tau$)

Detecting the $L_\mu - L_\tau$ gauge boson at Belle II, arXiv:1702.01497

- Invisible signature investigated for the first time in the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-Z' + \text{missing energy}$
- May explain the $(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly
- $BR(Z' \rightarrow \text{inv})$ may be enhanced by the presence of kinematically accessible DM (e.g. sterile neutrinos)



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



Shuve et al. (2014), arXiv:1403.2727

Branching ratios:

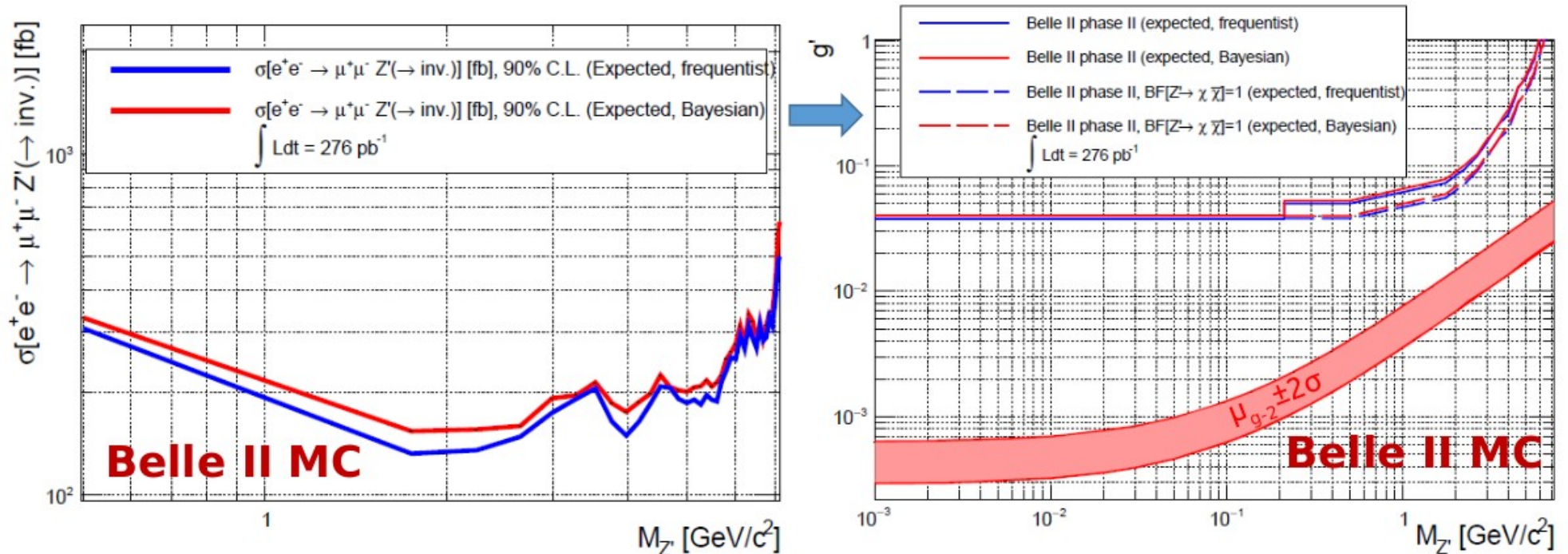
$$M_{Z'} < 2M_\mu \rightarrow \Gamma(Z' \rightarrow \text{inv.}) = 1$$

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

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

Z' to Invisible @Belle II

- Data validation and analysis optimization under finalization on Phase 2 samples, $L=276/\text{pb}$
- Results from simulation studies



LFV Z' : invisible and visible channel

What if symmetries of SM are not kept in the Dark Sector?

What if DM violates Lepton Flavour?

One can imagine, for example, $e\mu$ coupling

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

Dominant background: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- (\gamma)$, $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm, e^\pm \nu$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+\mu^-Z'$; $Z' \rightarrow e^+\mu^- + \text{c.c.}$

no SM background

