

Search for Dark Matter at Belle II

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SuperKEKB and the Belle II experiment

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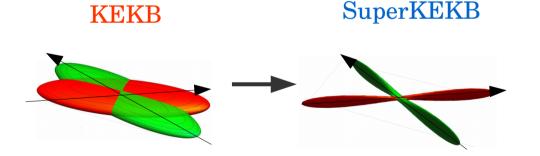
SuperKEKB collider

Super-B factory, successor of KEKB (Tsukuba, Japan)

• e^+/e^- asymmetric collider, $E^* \sim 10.58 \text{ GeV} (\Upsilon(4S))$

• It will provide the **highest world luminosity** applying the **Nano-beam scheme**

— Squeeze beams → increase probability of interaction



Higher currents and smaller beams than KEKB

I(A): ~ 1.6/1.2 I(A): ~ 3.6/2.6 (
$$\uparrow$$
 x 2)
 β^*_{y} (mm)~ 5.9/5.9 β^*_{y} (mm)~ 0.27/0.3 (\downarrow x 1/20)

e- source

x40 higher luminosity than KEKB

e+ 4 GeV 3.6 A

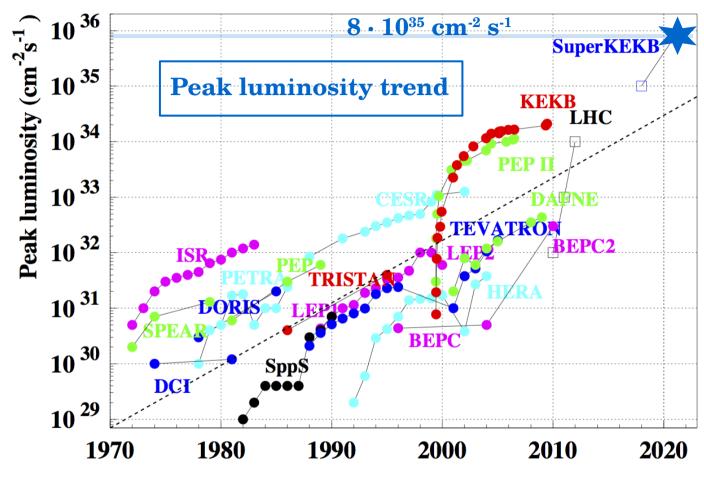
e-7 GeV 2.6 A

e+/e-

Belle II

e+ damping ring

Physics program



Flavor physics and SM Test:

- CKM parameters
- CPV in *B* decays
- $B/D/\tau$ physics

BSM physics:

 rare or suppressed or forbidden processes in the SM

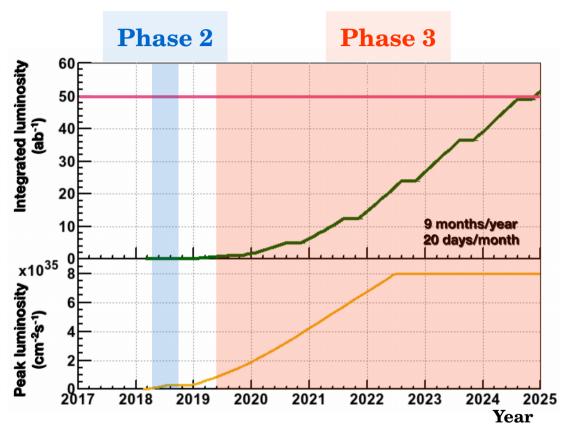
Search for:

- new light particles
- Light Dark Sector

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Belle II detector **Magnet:** Belle II covering > 90% of 4π K_r and μ detector (KLM): 1.5 T, superconducting Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC) (outer barrel) E.M. calorimeter (ECL): Scintillators + SiPM (endcaps, inner barrel) CsI(Tl) crystals Coordinate system **Particle Identification:** Time-of-Propagation (TOP) (barrel) $\sim 7 \text{ m}$ Aerogel Ring Cherenkov (ARICH) (FWD) center of **e+ 4 GeV** the ring e-7 GeV Beam pipes: beryllium, 2 cm of diameter $\sim 7.5 \text{ m}$ **Central Drift Chamber (CDC): VerteX Detector (VXD):** $He(50\%)C_{2}H_{6}(50\%)$ 2 layer DEPFET pixel detectors (PXD)*** 4 layer DSSD silicon vertex detectors (SVD) ***second layer not complete

SuperKEKB plans



Phase 2:

- commissioning of the machine, detector and software
- collected data: ~ 0.5 fb⁻¹
- $\sim 1/8$ of VXD in φ
- flexible hardware trigger



pass-through software trigger (HLT)

Phase 3:

• Goal \rightarrow 50 ab⁻¹ with the full detector

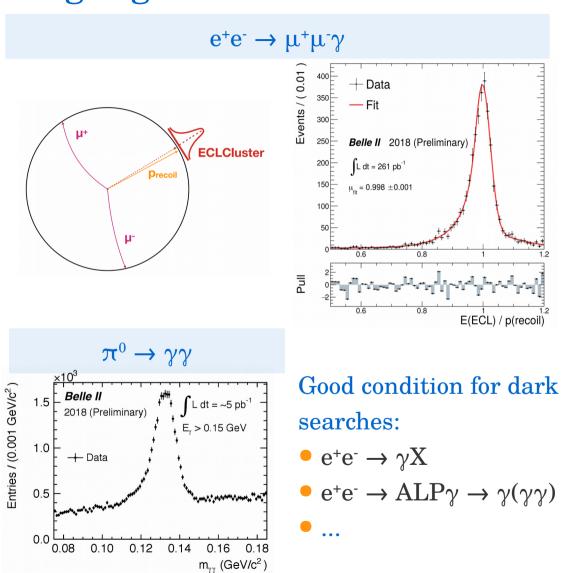


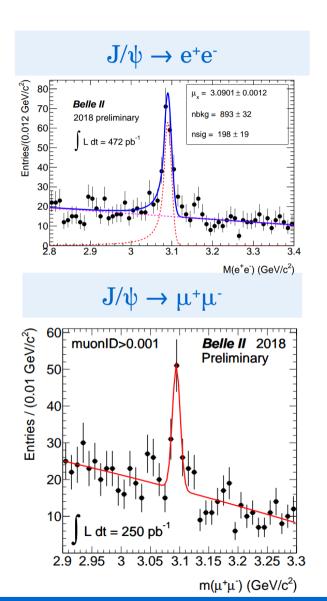
Phase 2 → rediscoveries, Dark Sector physics

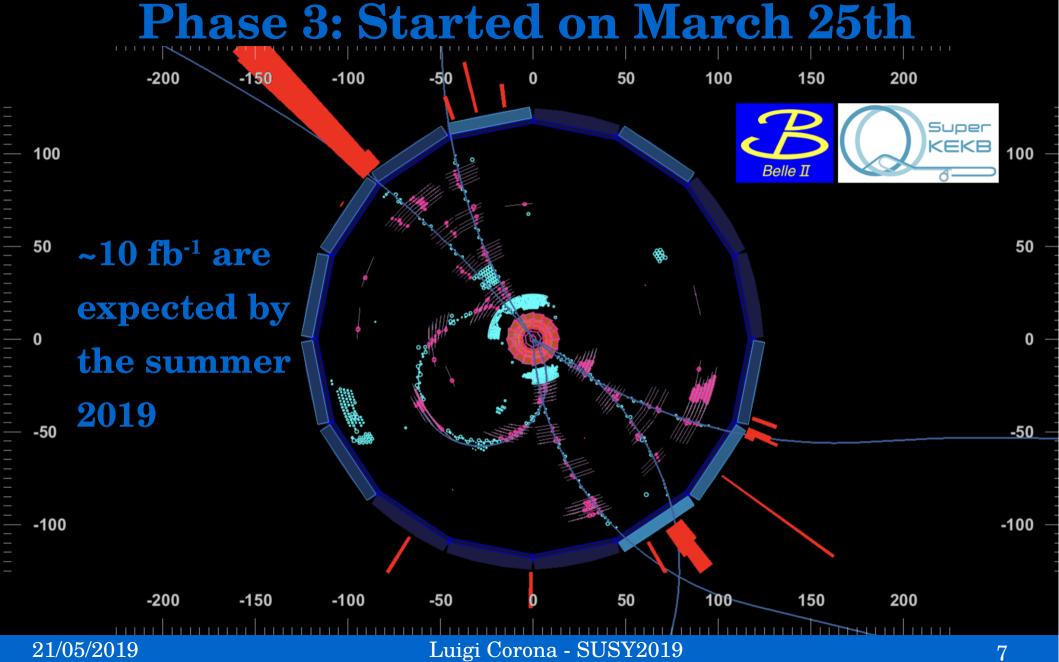


x50 data set of its predecessor

Highlights from Phase 2







Dark Matter at Belle II

Dark Matter (DM)-SM Interactions

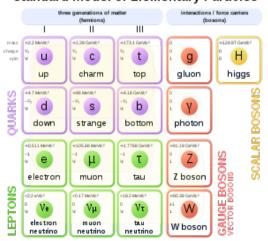
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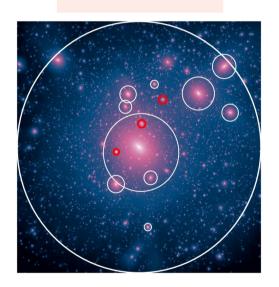
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Standard Matter

Standard Model of Elementary Particles



Dark Matter



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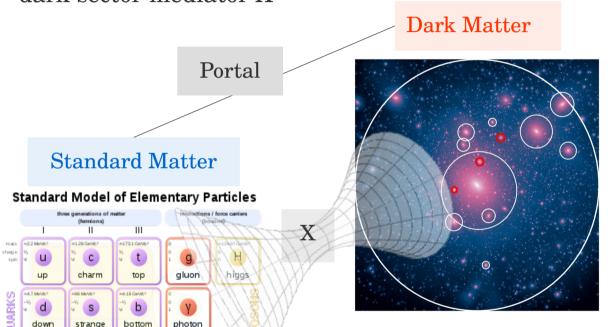
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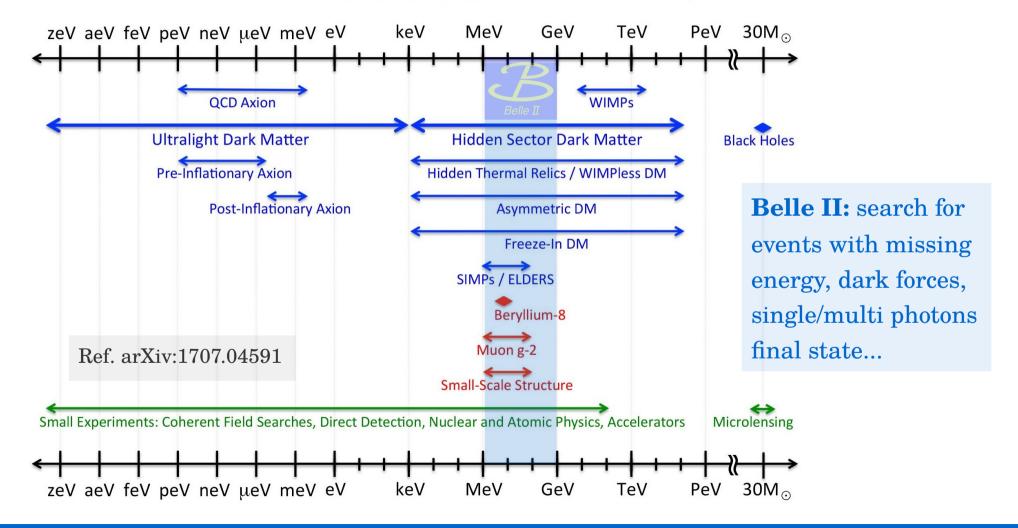
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Search for Dark Matter

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques



Dark Photons

Dark photons A'

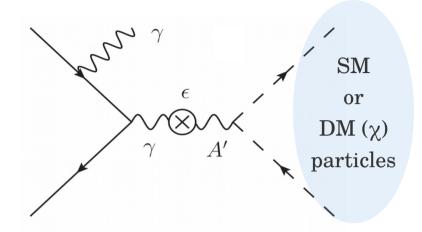
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- Massive dark photon that mixes with the photon with strenght ϵ

$$e\varepsilon J^\mu_{SM} A'_\mu$$

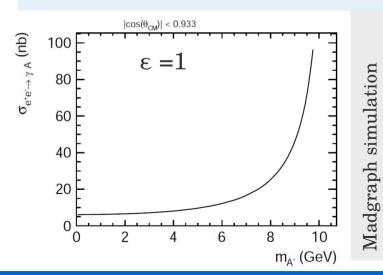
- $m_{\chi} > 0.5 m_{A'} \rightarrow A'$ visible decays to SM particles
- $m_{\chi} < 0.5 m_{A'} \rightarrow A'$ invisible decays to Light-DM particles

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Production cross section



Invisible dark photon searching strategy

Signal signature:

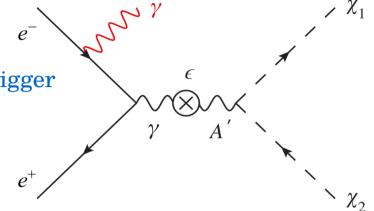
- Single photon final state → Needs a single photon trigger
- Look for a bump in the variable:

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

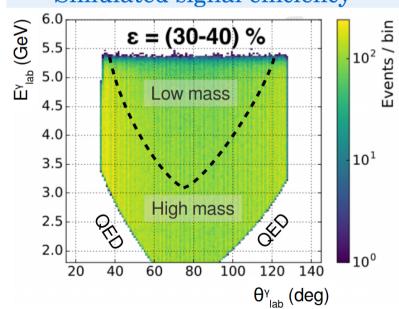
ullet Selection criteria: $E_{\scriptscriptstyle \gamma}^{} * ext{ vs } hinspace hinspace hinspace_{\scriptscriptstyle \gamma}^{}$

Belle II single photon trigger logic:

- E > 1 GeV and 2nd cluster E < 300 MeV
- E > 2 GeV and Bhabha veto and $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ veto

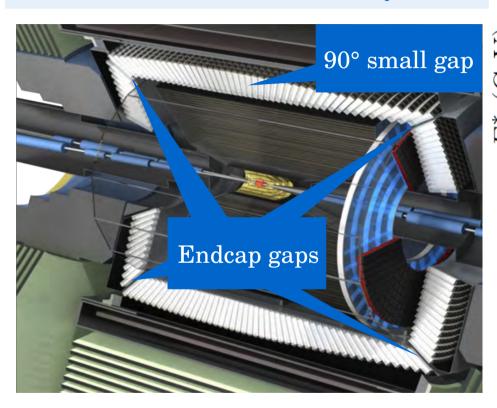


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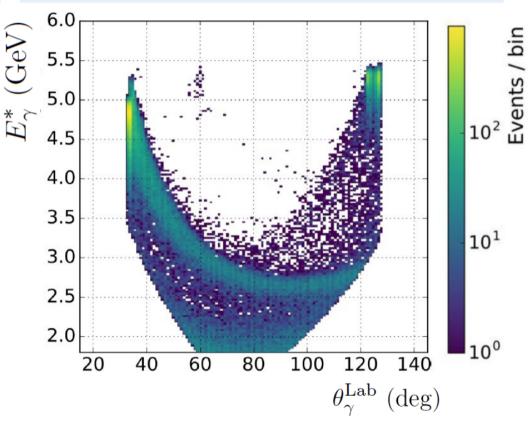
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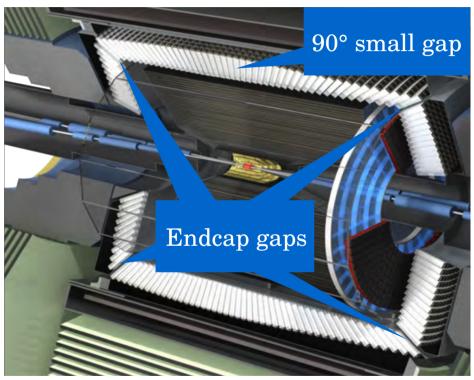
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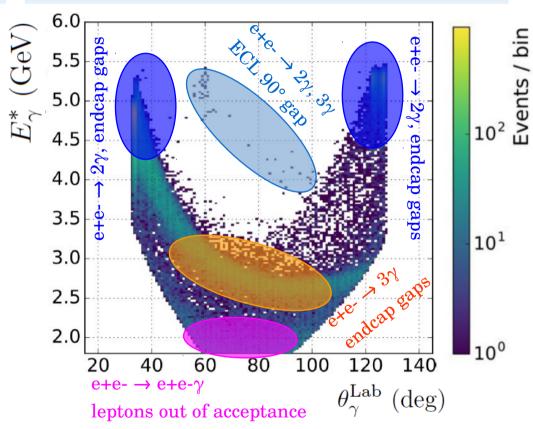
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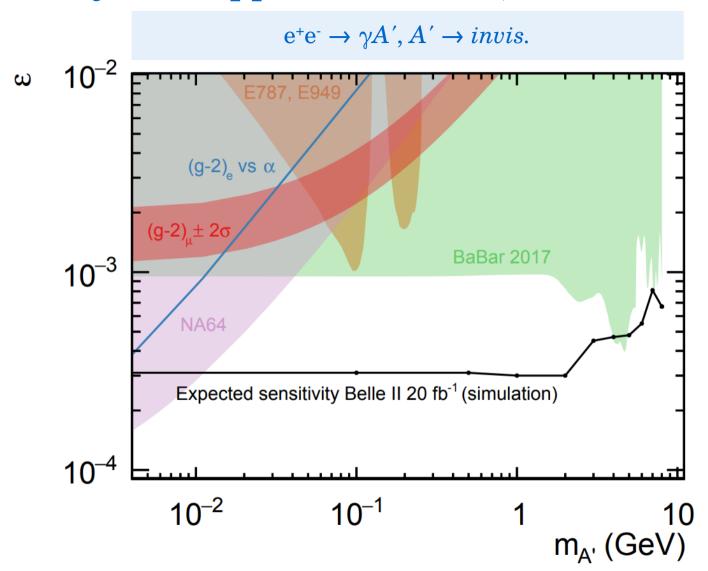
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Peaking $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$ dominates the analysis

Projected upper limits on ε , invisible dark photon



• Significantly better than BaBar (53 fb⁻¹) due to better hermeticity of the ECL and the efficiency of the KLM

BaBar: arXiv:1702.03327

Belle II Physics book: arXiv:1808.10567

Search for Z'

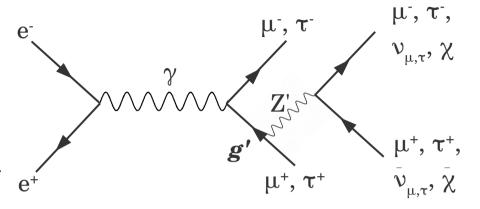
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Invisible Branching Ratios

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$L_{_{\mu}}-L_{_{\tau}}\ model$

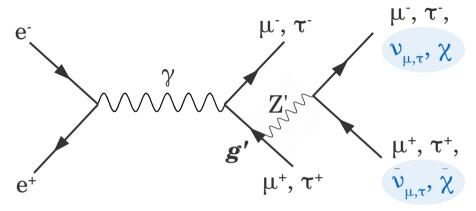
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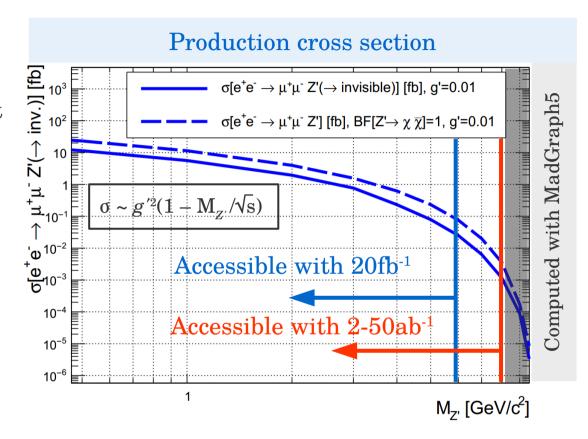
Z' to invisible search

Signal events:

- look for bumps in recoil mass against a $\mu^+\mu^-$ pair (+ nothing in the rest of event)
- simulated and reconstructed several Z' masses from 0.1 to 10 GeV/ c^2

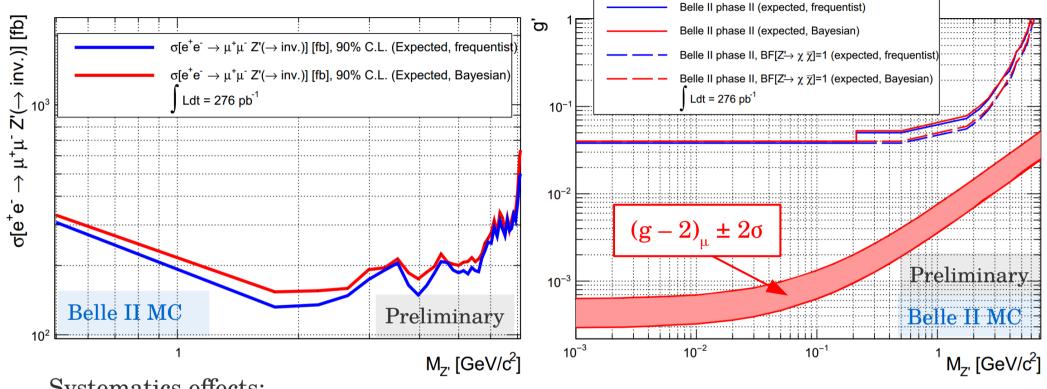
Main background events:

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



No sensitivity to the parameter space region for $M_{Z'} > 8 \text{ GeV/c}^2$

Expected upper limits on Phase 2 data



- Systematics effects:
- some systematics included, trigger + tracking + PID + mass resolution (~10%)
- possible additional systematics on background estimate not included (0-30%)
- analysis optimisation still ongoing

Axion-Like Particles

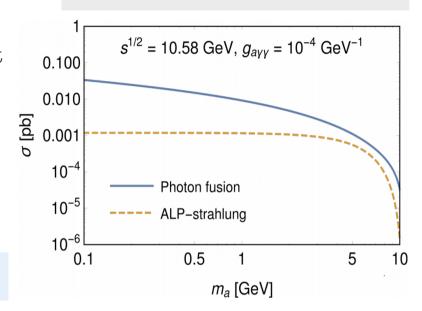
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- No relation between mass and coupling → different from QCD axions
- $m_a < MeV \rightarrow excellent DM candidates$
- $m_a \sim GeV \rightarrow mediator of interaction between SM$ and yet undiscovered DM particle
- Focus on coupling to photons $\rightarrow -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$
- Two production processes possible:
 - Focus on ALP-strahlung

$$-e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma + inv.$$

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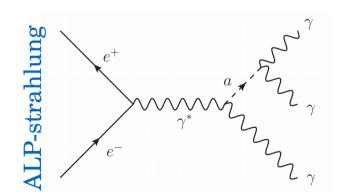
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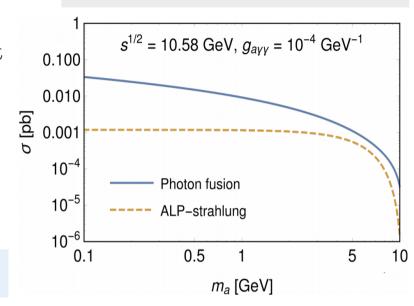
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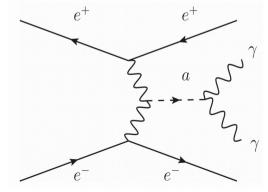
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Sensitivity under study



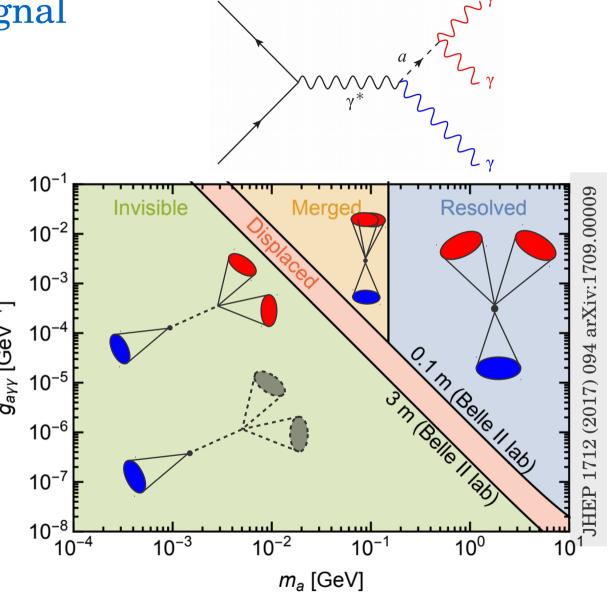
Axion-like particles: signal

Parameters $(m_a,g_{a\gamma\gamma})$ determine the displacement and the θ angle between the 2γ

$$\bullet \tau = 1/m_a^2 g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2$$

Four Signatures:

- Resolved: prompt decay, large θ
- Merged: prompt decay, small θ
- Invisible: *a* decays outside the detector or *a* decays to invisible particles, as DM particles
- Displaced: veto this region (indistinguishible from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)



Axion-like particles: sensitivity

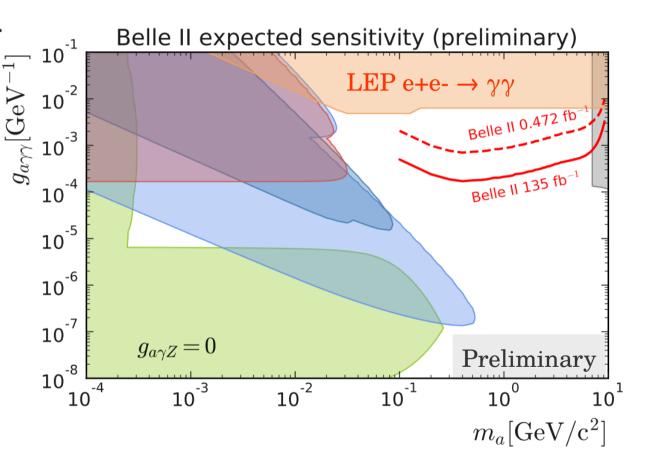
- Focus on: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma a$, $a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
- Observable: Invariant mass of the two photons
- Main SM background:

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

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

$$- e^+e^- \to P\gamma(\gamma), P = (\pi^0, \eta, \eta')$$

- Belle II expected limits
 - No systematics included
- beam background negligible



Conclusions

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- Belle II Phase 2 finished in 2018 \rightarrow Successful SuperKEKB commissioning and collected 0.472 fb⁻¹ of data \rightarrow b and charm physics rediscoveries, but also search for DM
- Many searches are ongoing, A', Z', ALPs, and there is possibility to explore many more Dark Sector models
- **A'** → **inv**., expected sensitivity: ε ~ 8 · 10⁻³ with L_{int} = 20 fb⁻¹, better than the current limits set by BaBar
- **Z'** → *inv*., expected sensitivity: $g' \sim 10^{-1}$ with Phase 2 data → with Phase 3: possibility to exclude the parameter region that explain $(g-2)_{\mu}$
- **ALPs**, $a \to \gamma \gamma$, expected sensitivity: $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-3}$ with Phase 2 data, better than current limits
- Phase 3 is starting with full detector and ~10 fb⁻¹ are expected by the end of July

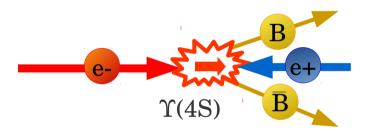
Thank you!

BFactories

B-factory: asymmetric e+/e- collider (SuperKEKB: E(e-) = 7 GeV, E(e+) = 4 GeV) optimized for the production of B mesons (but also charm physics, tau physics...)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S)[bb] (10.58 \text{ GeV/c}^2)$$

B.R.(\Tau(4S) \rightarrow BB) > 96\%,



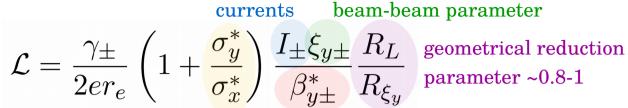
Process	Cross Section [nb]			
$e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-$	1.148 ± 0.005 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \to \tau^+\tau^-$	0.919 ± 0.003 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-(\gamma)$	$294 \pm 2 \ (10\text{-}170 \ \text{deg})$			
$e^+e^- \to \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$	$4.96 \pm 0.02 \; (10\text{-}170 \; \deg)$			
$e^+e^- \to e^+e^-e^+e^-$	39.74 ± 0.03 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$18.87 \pm 0.02 \text{ (full angle)}$			
$e^+e^- \to u\bar{u}(\gamma)$	1.605 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \to d\bar{d}(\gamma)$	0.401 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \to s\bar{s}(\gamma)$	0.383 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \to c\bar{c}(\gamma)$	1.329 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \to \Upsilon(4S) \to B^+B^-$	0.5346 (full angle)			
$e^+e^- \to \Upsilon(4S) \to B\bar{B}^0$	0.5654 (full angle)			

First generation of B-factories:

- BaBar at the PEP II collider (SLAC California)
- Belle at the KEKB collider (KEK, Japan)

Some features: well known initial state, high signal / noise ration, detector with high angular acceptance and composed of several subdetectors

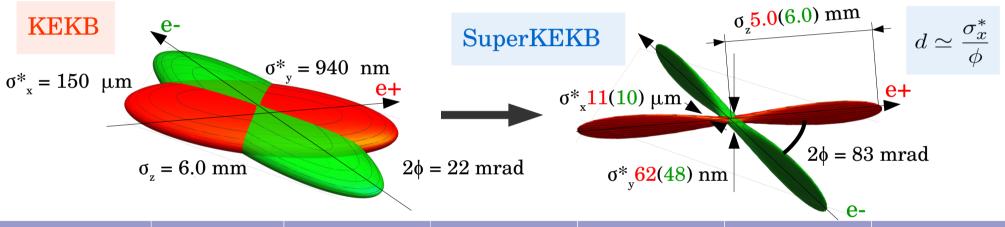
Nano-beam scheme and luminosity



Ratio between the y and x

vertical beta function at IP

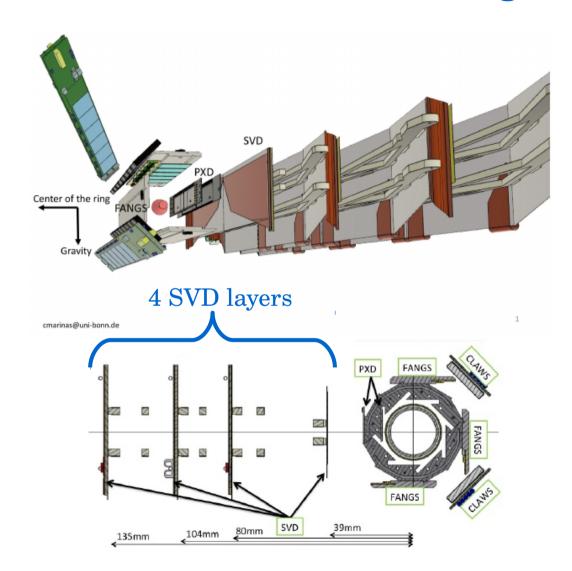
dimension of the beam 0.01 - 0.02



currents

	E (GeV) LER/HER	β* _y (mm) LER/HER	β* _x (cm) LER/HER	φ (mrad)	I(A) LER/HER	L(cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)
KEKB	3.5/8.0	5.9/5.9	120/120	11	1.6/1.2	$2.1\cdot 10^{34}$
SuperKEKB	4.0/7.0	0.27/0.30 x1/20	3.2/2.5	41.5	3.6/2.6 x2	$80 \cdot 10^{34}$

Phase 2 and Phase 3 VXD geometry (1/2)



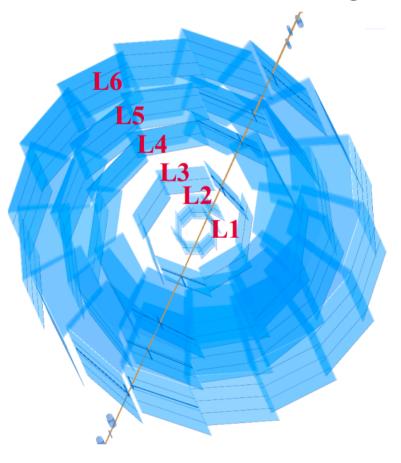
Phase 2

CLAWS, FANGS,
PLUME and diamond
sensors → study and
monitor the beam
background levels

Phase 2 and Phase 3 VXD geometry (2/2)

- SVD L3,4,5,6 \rightarrow Low material budget, precise hit time resolution ($\sigma \sim 3$ ns)
- PXD L1,2 \rightarrow Low material budget, innermost layer at 1.4 cm

Phase 3



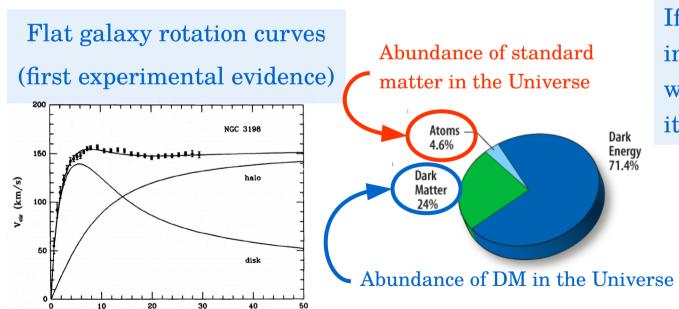


Belle II single photon trigger

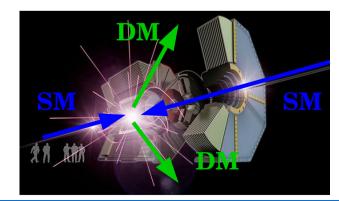
Trigger logic	L1 rate at full lominosity
E > 1 GeV $2^{\text{nd}} \text{ cluster } E < 300 \text{ MeV}$	4 kHz (barrel) 7 kHz (endcaps)
$E > 2 \ GeV$ Bhabha and $\gamma\gamma$ veto	5 kHz (barrel)

Dark Matter (DM): Introduction

- Massive → gravitational interation with Standard Model (SM) matter
- **Dark** → does not interact with SM matter thorugh any other interaction
- Many astrophysical observations in agreement with DM existance: flat galaxy rotation curves, gravitational lensing, galaxy velocity dispersion...



If DM exists as particles and interact with SM, although very weakly, it is possible to produce it in colliders



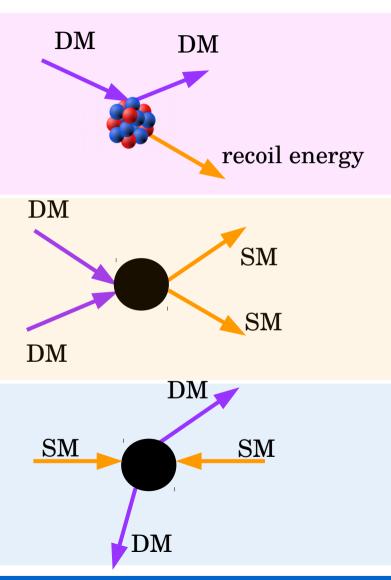
Radius (kpc)

Detection of DM as particles

Direct detection: interaction of DM particles with atomic nuclei → detection of the recoil of the nucleus

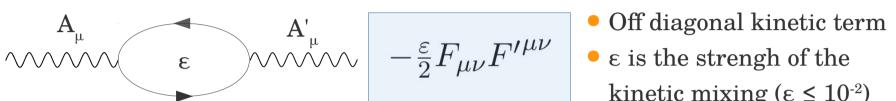
Indirect detection: DM particlesannihilate or decay in SM particles→ detection of the product of theannihilation or decay

Detection at colliders: DM production in SM particles interactions → the interation could involve dark sector mediators



Kinetic mixing

• Extension of the SM: \rightarrow additional U(1)' symmetry that mix with the photon



$$-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\prime\mu\nu}$$

- kinetic mixing ($\varepsilon \le 10^{-2}$)

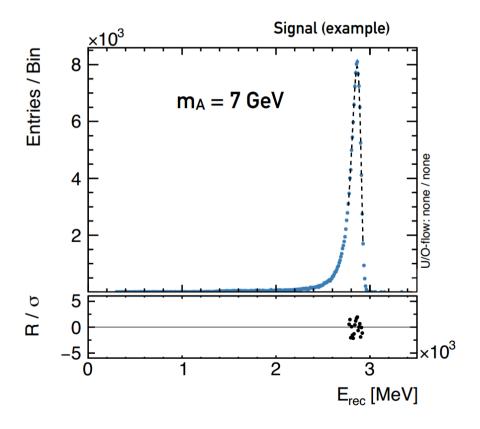
- After the ridefinition of fields ($A_{\mu} \rightarrow A_{\mu}$ $\varepsilon A'_{\mu}$) the diagonal kinetic term is restored and the interaction term ${
 m e} \epsilon J^{\mu}_{~{
 m SM}} {
 m A'}_{\mu}$ arises in the theory
- The symmetry U(1)' can be broken spontaneously by a dark Higgs mechanism that gives mass to the dark photon

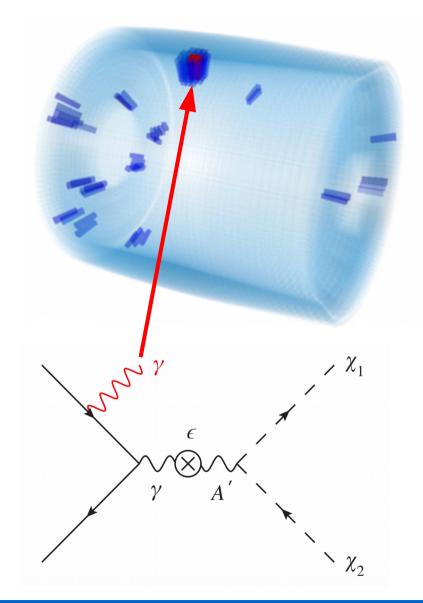
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Dark photon to invisible

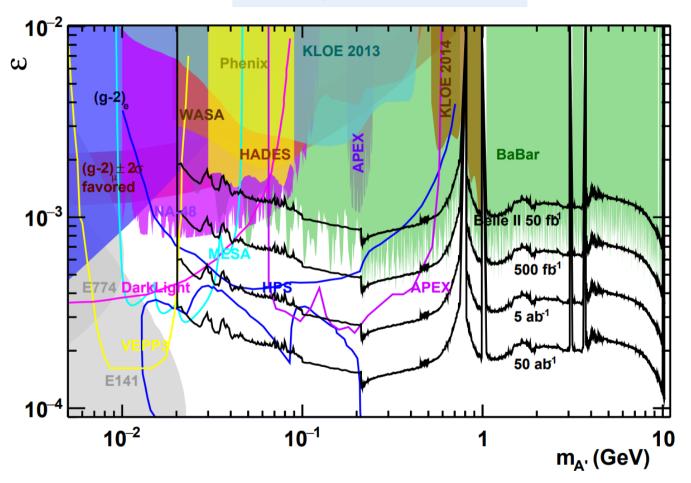
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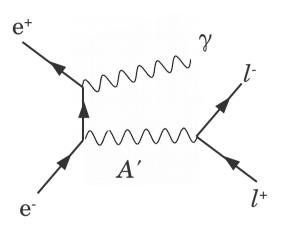




Projected upper limits on ε , visible dark photon

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A', A' \rightarrow l^+l^-$$

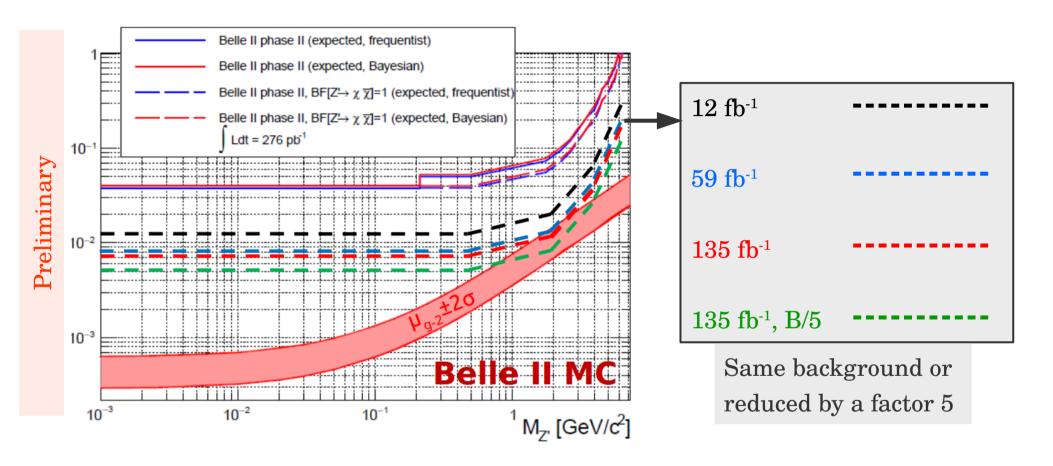




Belle II is competitive only in Phase 3

Belle 2 physics book arXiv:1808.10567

Projected upper limits on Phase 3 data



Some possible factors of improvement: PID, vertex fit (full VXD), Multivariate Analysis

LFV Z': invisible and visible channel

What if symmetries of SM are not kept in the dark sector, or if DM violates Lepton Flavour symmetry?

• For example: eμ coupling

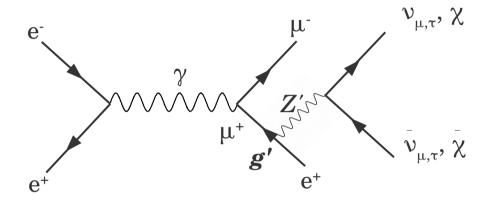
• $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+\mu^- Z', Z' \rightarrow inv.$

• $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+\mu^-Z'$, $Z' \rightarrow e^+\mu^- + c.c$

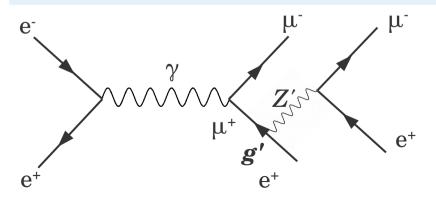
Low background from SM processes

See arXiv:1610.08060, arXiv:1701.08767

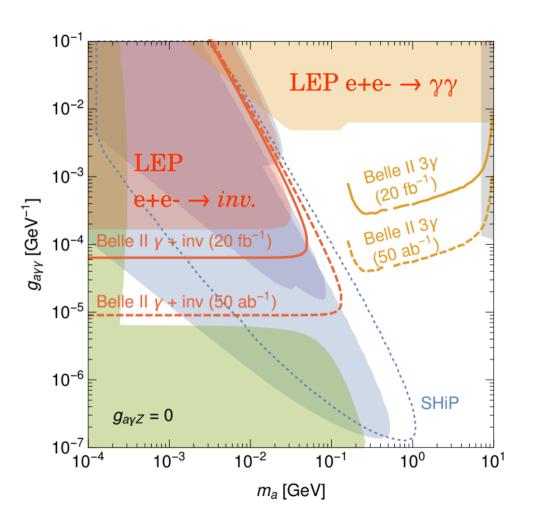
Final state: $e^+\mu^- + c.c + missing energy$

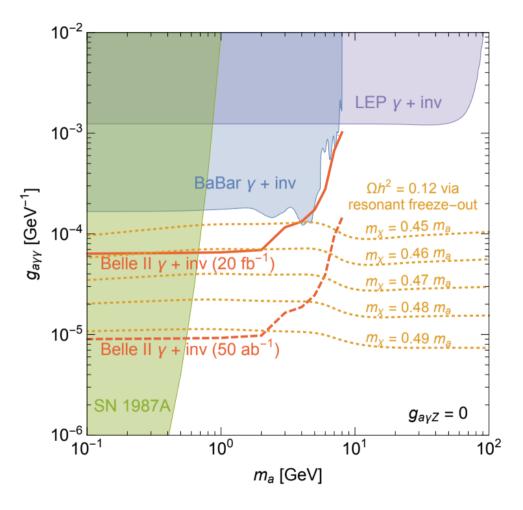


Final states: $e^+e^+\mu^-\mu^-$, $e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$



ALPs expected limits





Other planned dark sector and exotic searches

- Visible dark photon decays
- Off-shell dark photon decays***
- Muonic dark force: $e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^- Z'$, $Z' \to \mu^+\mu^-$ BaBar: arXiv:1606.03501 (514 fb⁻¹)
- Dark sector with Lepton Flavor Violation: Z'
- Dark scalar: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-S$, $S\rightarrow l^+l^-$
- Magnetic monopoles with small magnetic charges***
- Invisible $\Upsilon(1S)$ decays via $\Upsilon(3S) \to \Upsilon(1S)\pi^+\pi^-$ (Requires beam energies at $\Upsilon(3S)$)
- Dark Higgs/Higgstrahlung

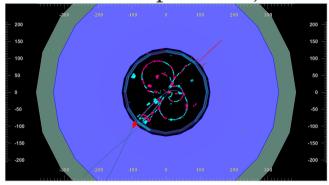
For further details: arXiv:1808.10567

***Possible with Phase 2 data

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Highlights from Phase 2

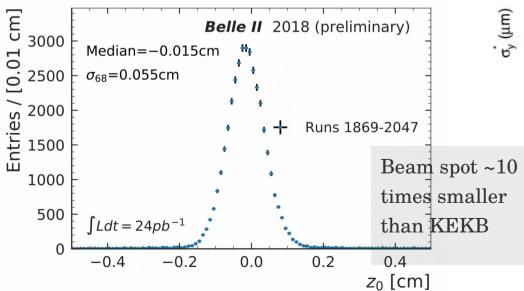
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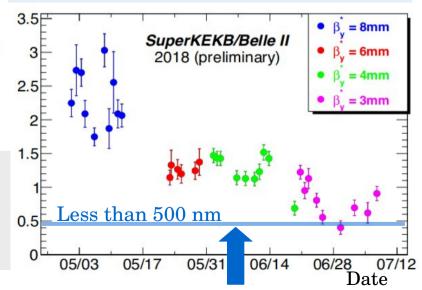
Ended on July 7th, 2018

- $L \sim 5.5 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 0.472 fb⁻¹ collected
- Nano-beam scheme works
- $\beta_y^* = 3$ mm, $\sigma_y \sim 400$ nm (target: $\beta_y^* = 0.3$ mm, $\sigma_y \sim 50$ nm)

Measured longitudinal IP position



Measured vertical beam size



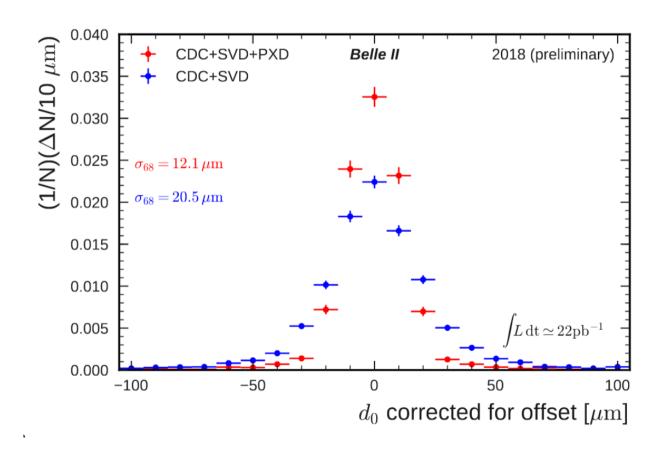
Vertexing: impact parameter resolution

Measured: 12.1 μm,

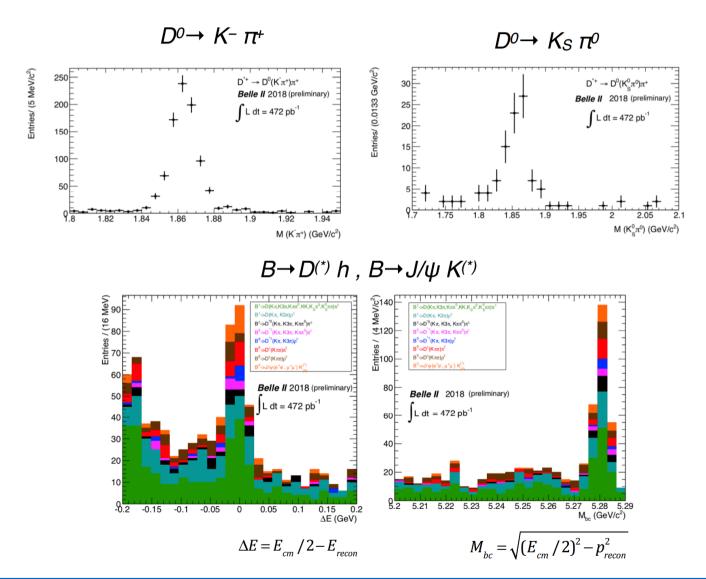
Expected: $\sim 10 \ \mu m$

PXD contribution is crucial

Belle II data: bhabha events



Phase 2: hadronic *D* and *B* reconstruction



Magnetic monopoles

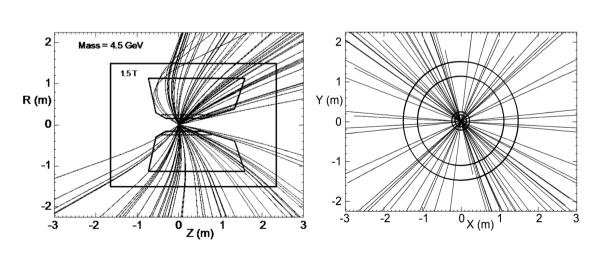
Particle carrying magnetic charge

Distinct signature in drift chamber:

- Tracks are strainght in (x,y) plane
- Tracks are curved in (r,z)

They need a dedicated tracking system

Detection efficiency is high: 40-97%, depending on magneton mass



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