

# RECENT RESULTS FROM THE BELLE II EXPERIMENT

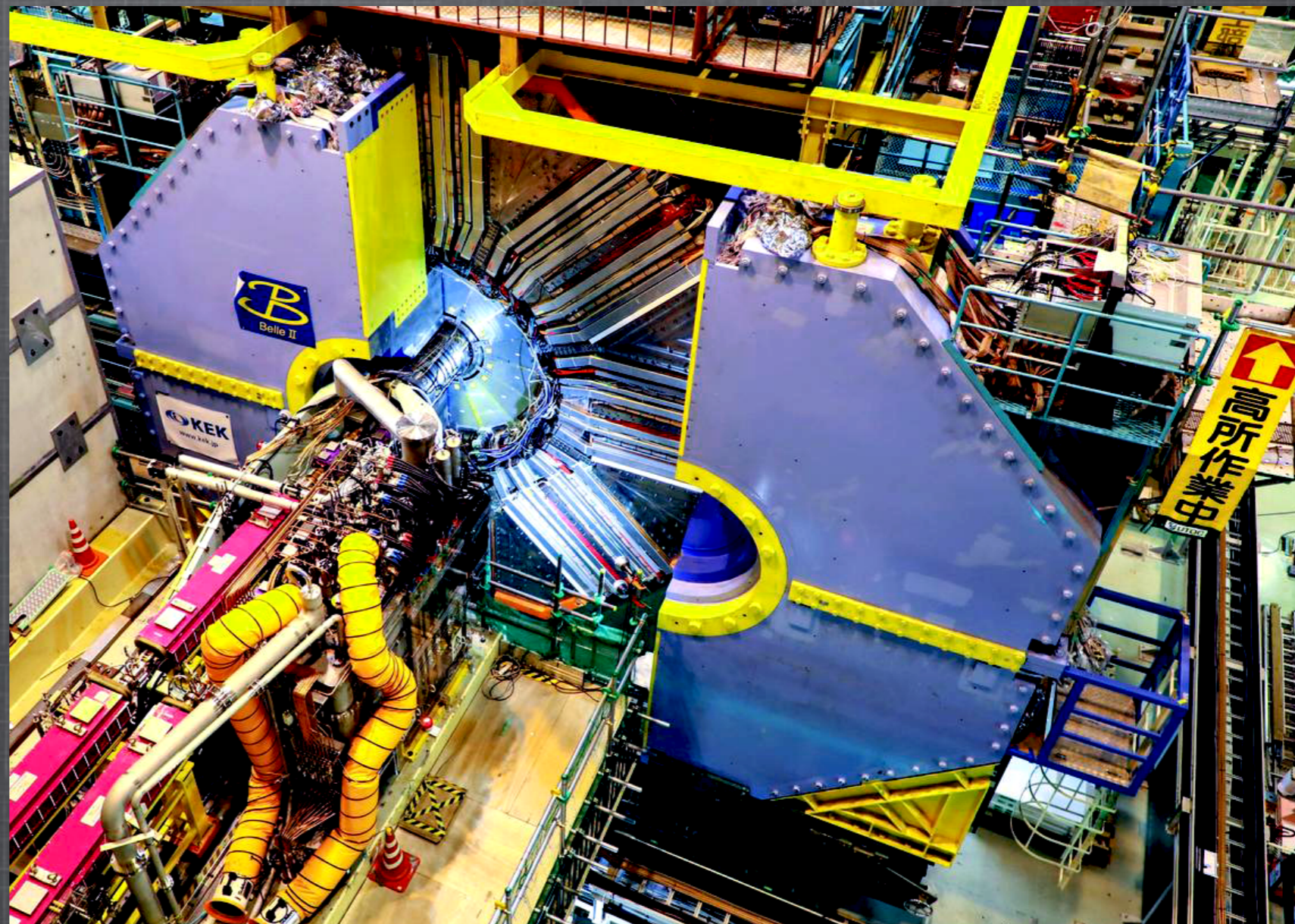
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## Summary

- > The SuperKEKB collider.
- > The Belle II detector.
- > Search for:
  - >  $Z'$  in invisible,
  - >  $\tau^+\tau^-$  resonances,
  - > long lived particles in  $b \rightarrow s$  transitions.
- > Conclusions

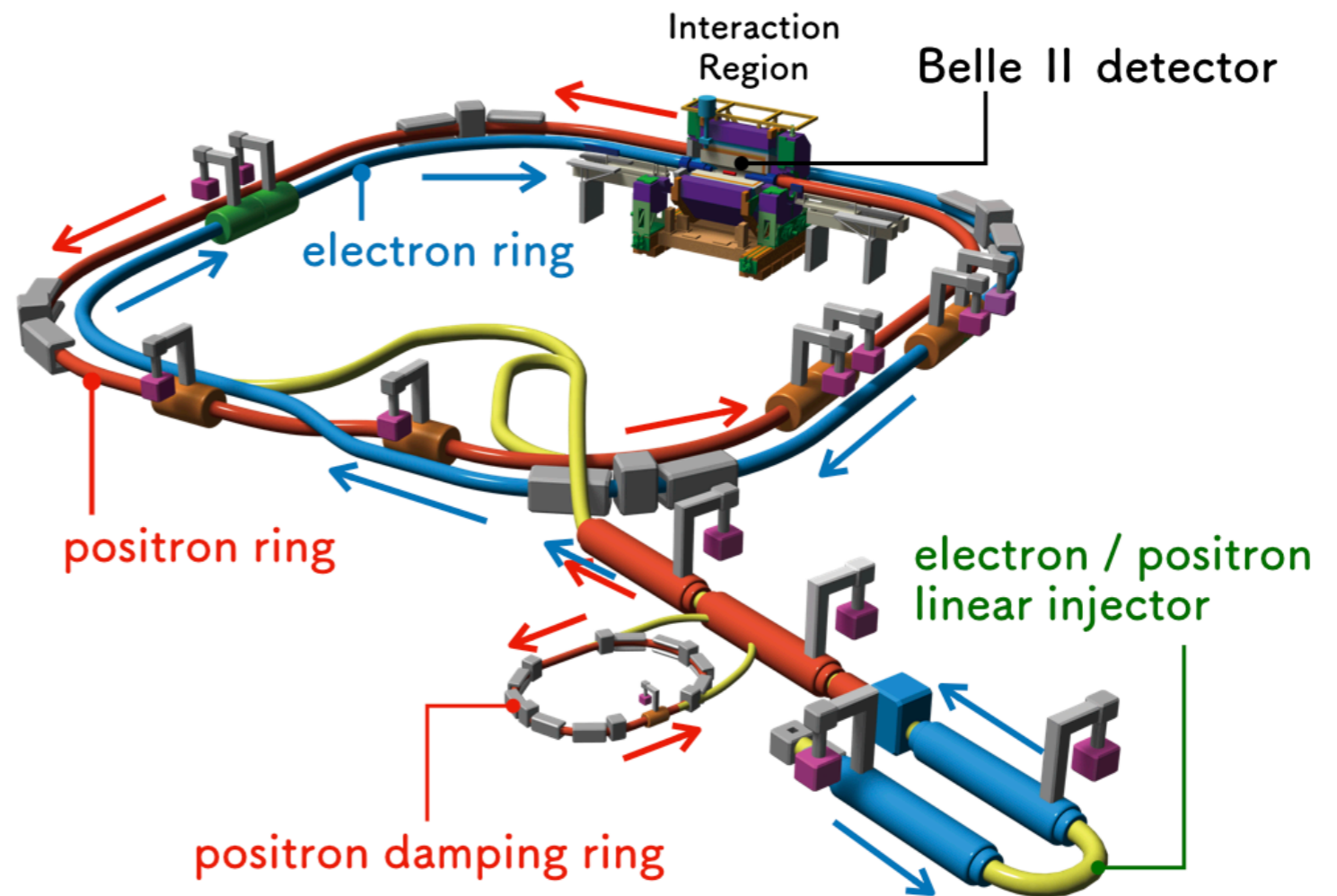
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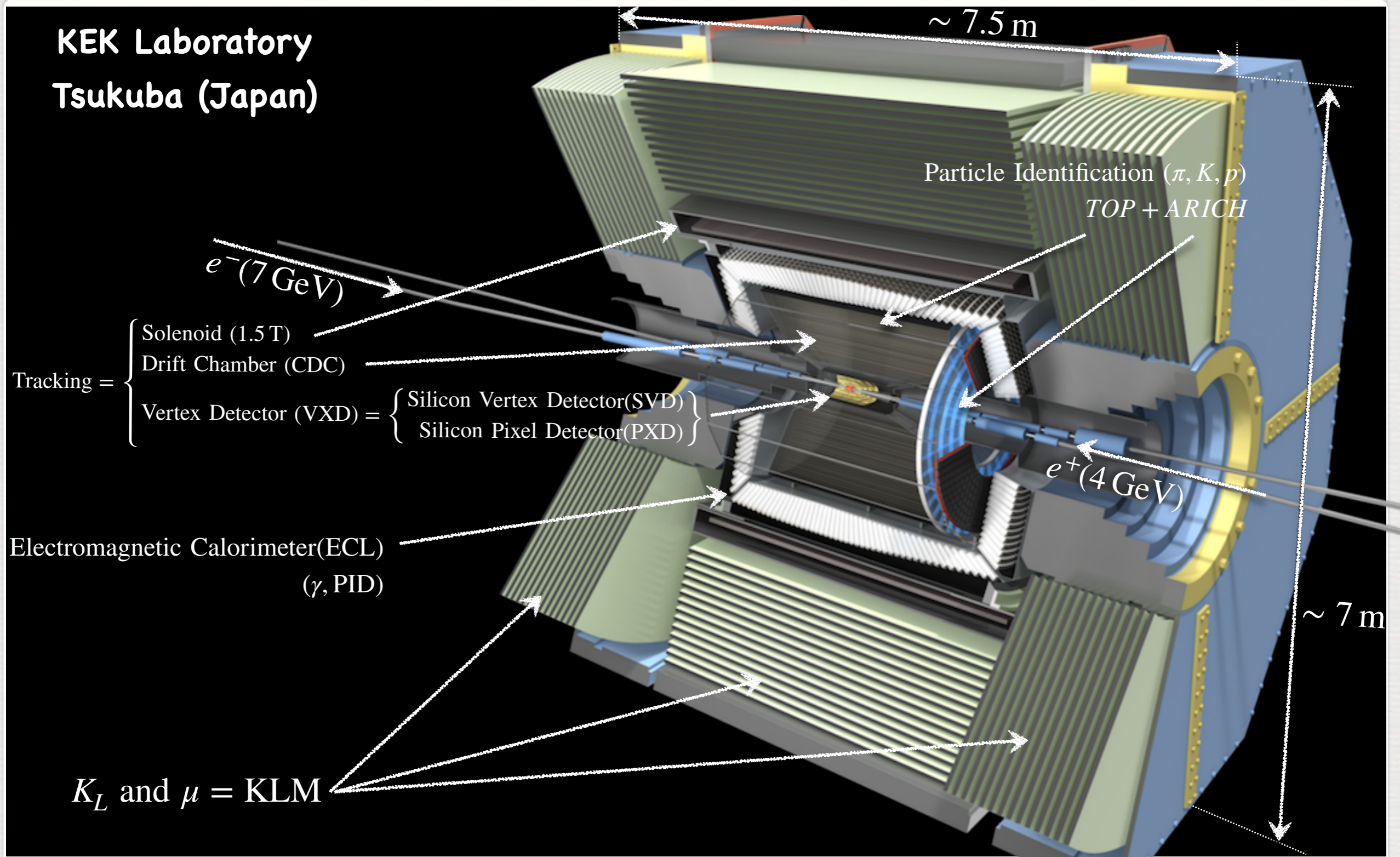
# THE SUPERKEKB COLLIDER

- ◆ Asymmetric  $e^+(4\text{ GeV})e^-(7\text{ GeV})$  collider operating close to the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  peak (10.58 GeV)
- ◆ Center of mass frame boost  $\beta\gamma = 0.28$
- ◆ World record luminosity:  $4.65 \times 10^{34}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  ( $4.71 \times 10^{34}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  w/o Belle II data taking)
- ◆ Luminous region size:  
 $250\text{ nm} \times 25\text{ }\mu\text{m} \times 250\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- ◆ Integrated luminosity:  $427\text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ◆ In long shut-down till fall 2023
  - ◆ Installation of the full PXD
  - ◆ Machine improvements to reduce the machine bkg. and improve luminosity.
- ◆ Aiming for:  
 $\mathcal{L} > 6 \times 10^{35}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} = 600\text{ nb}^{-1}/\text{s}$   
 $\int \mathcal{L} dt > 50\text{ ab}^{-1}$



# THE BELLE II DETECTOR

KEK Laboratory  
Tsukuba (Japan)



# BELLE II & SUPERKEKB KEY POINTS

- ◆ Initial state kinematic extremely well defined:
  - ◆ initial energy and momentum, interaction point (IP)
- ◆ Small cross sections for the main Physics searches  $\mathcal{O}(1\text{nb})$ 
  - ◆ very mild requirements on the L1 trigger event selection, e.g.:
    - ◆ single muon trigger using KLM
    - ◆ single photon trigger
  - ◆ negligible pile-up.
    - ◆ Bunch crossing  $\sim 250$  MHz, L1 trigger rate  $\sim 10^4$  cps.

# SEARCH FOR $Z'$ IN INVISIBLE

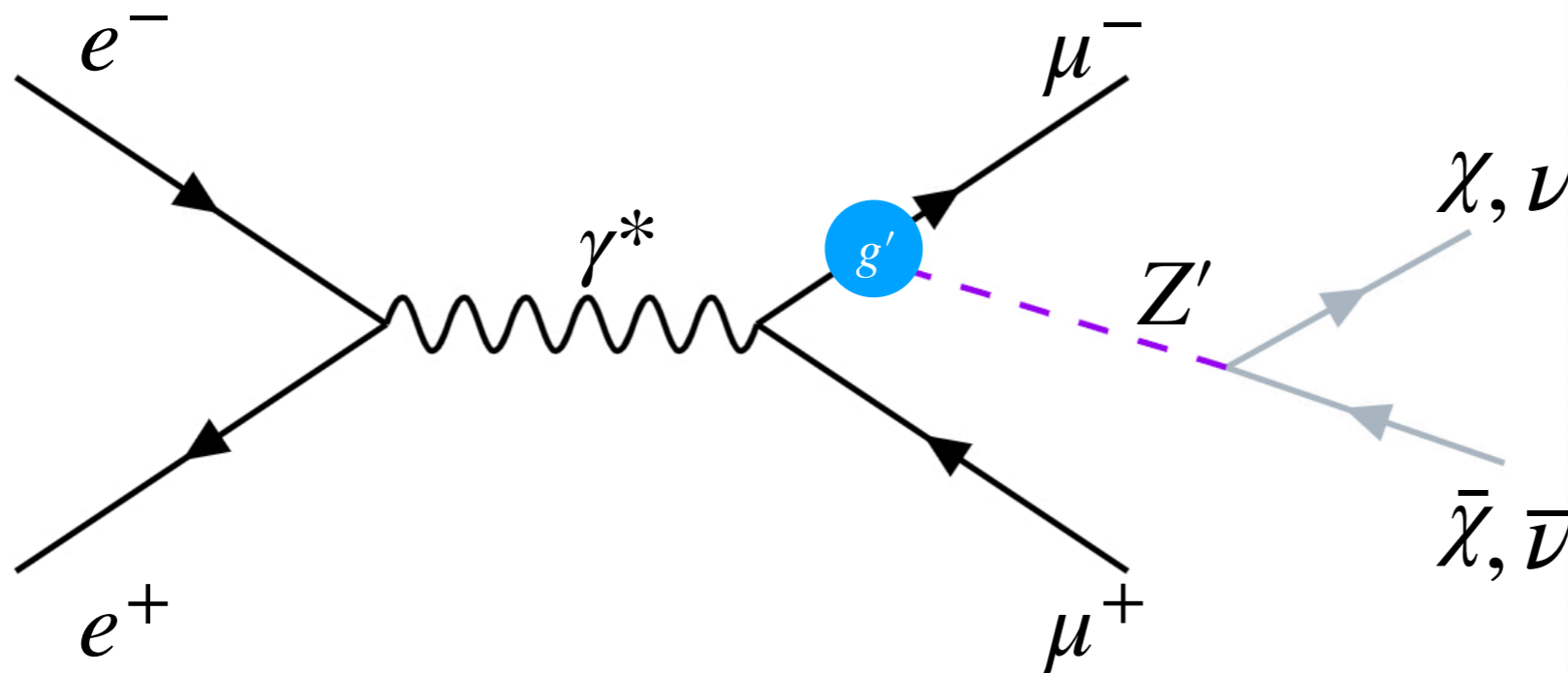
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 231801 \(2023\)](#)

- ◆ Our  $Z'$  candidate is a massive neutral vector boson mediating a new force associated to  $L_\mu - L_\tau$
- ◆ The interaction is described by the interaction lagrangian density <sup>(1)</sup>:

$$\mathcal{L}_I = -\frac{1}{4} \left( \partial_\mu Z'_\nu - \partial_\nu Z'_\mu \right) \left( \partial^\mu Z'^\nu - \partial^\nu Z'^\mu \right) + \frac{1}{2} m_{Z'}^2 Z'_\mu Z'^\mu +$$

$$+ g' Z'^\mu \left( \bar{\mu}_R \gamma_\mu \mu_r - \bar{\tau}_R \gamma_\mu \tau_r + \dots \right) + g'_D \text{ (Dark Sector Particles)}$$

1. cfr: Phys. Rev. D 89, 113004 (2014), Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 091801 (2014), J. High Energy Phys. 12 (2016) 106.



- ◆  $\text{BF}(Z' \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) \sim 33 - 100\%$  (Vanilla model)
- ◆  $\text{BF}(Z' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) \sim 100\%$  if kinematically allowed

# EVENT SIGNATURE AND MAIN BACKGROUNDS

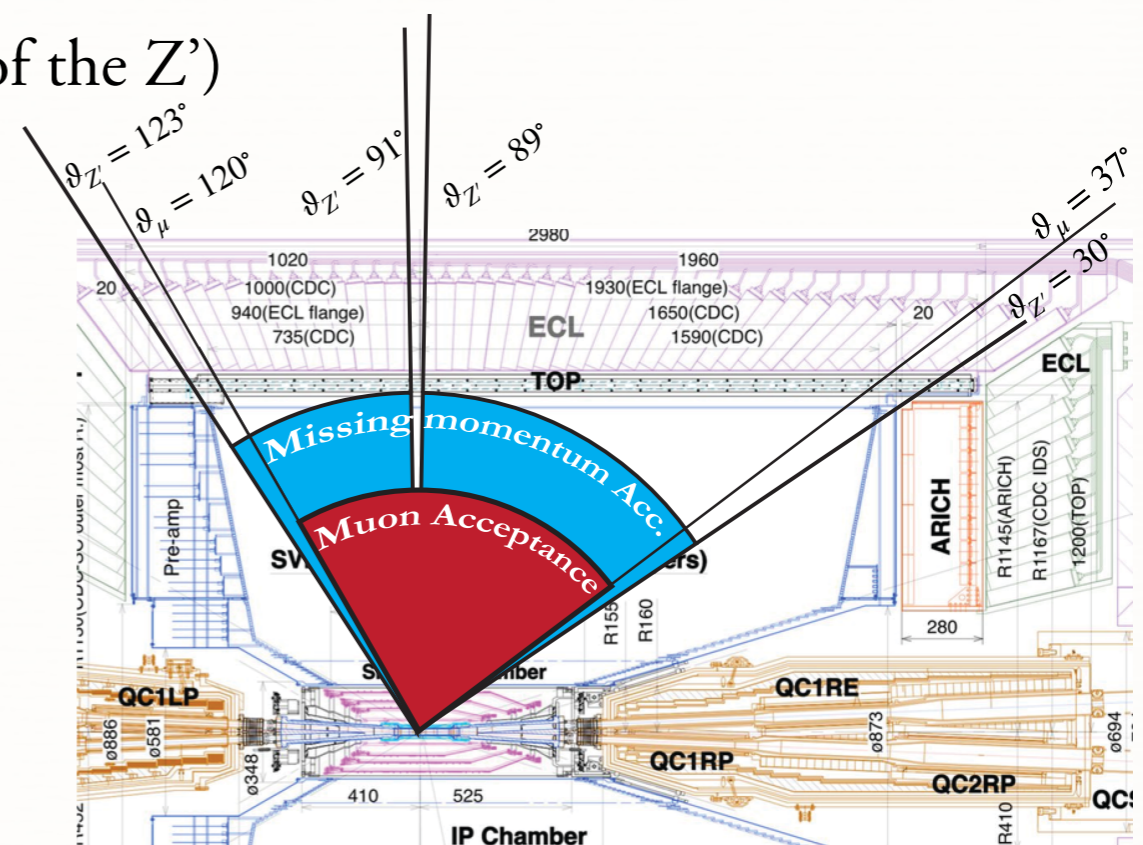
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- ◆ Event signature: two oppositely charged muons.
  - ◆ Negligible activity in the calorimeter
  - ◆ Missing momentum squared =  $M_Z^2$  (unknown)
- ◆ Dominant background sources:
  - ◆  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$  with the final  $e^+e^-$  pair undetected
  - ◆  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-(\gamma)$  with leptonic  $\tau$  decays and missing neutrinos
  - ◆  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-n(\gamma)$  with undetected gammas
  - ◆ Key quantity: missing four momentum

# ANALYSIS STRATEGY

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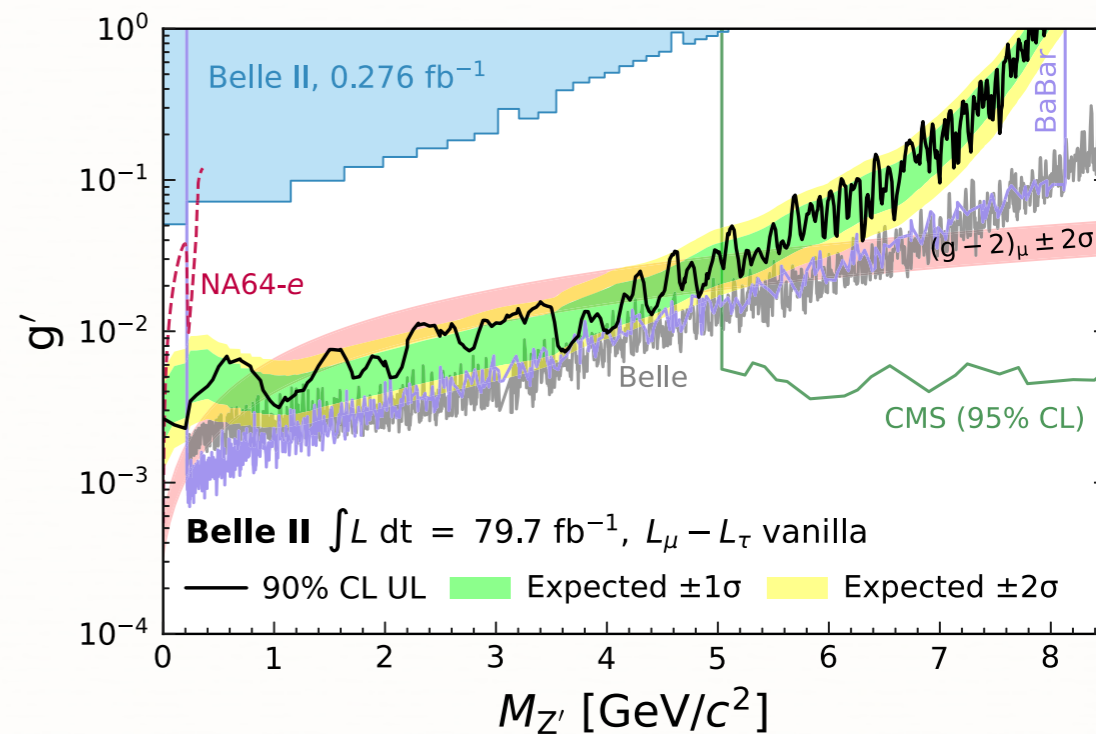
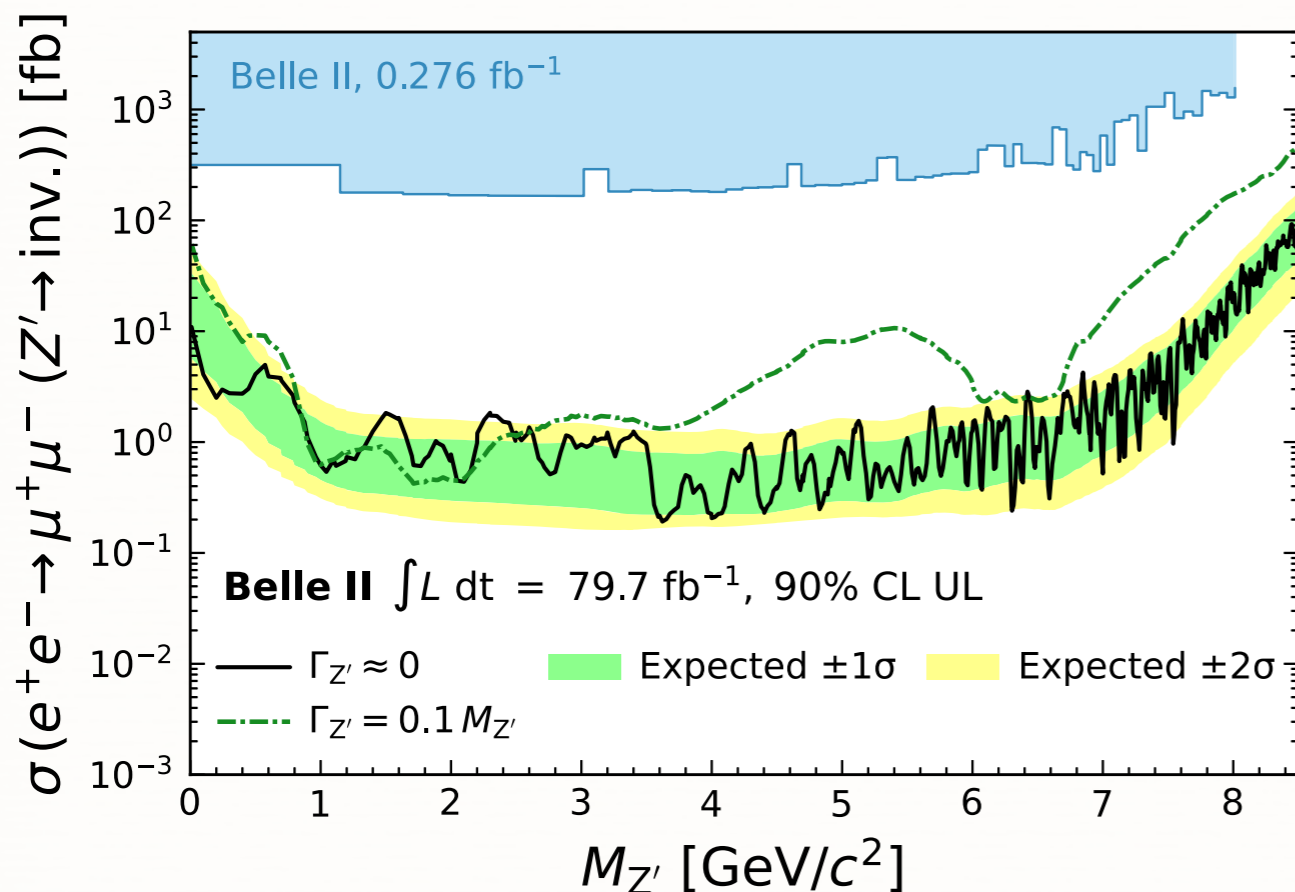
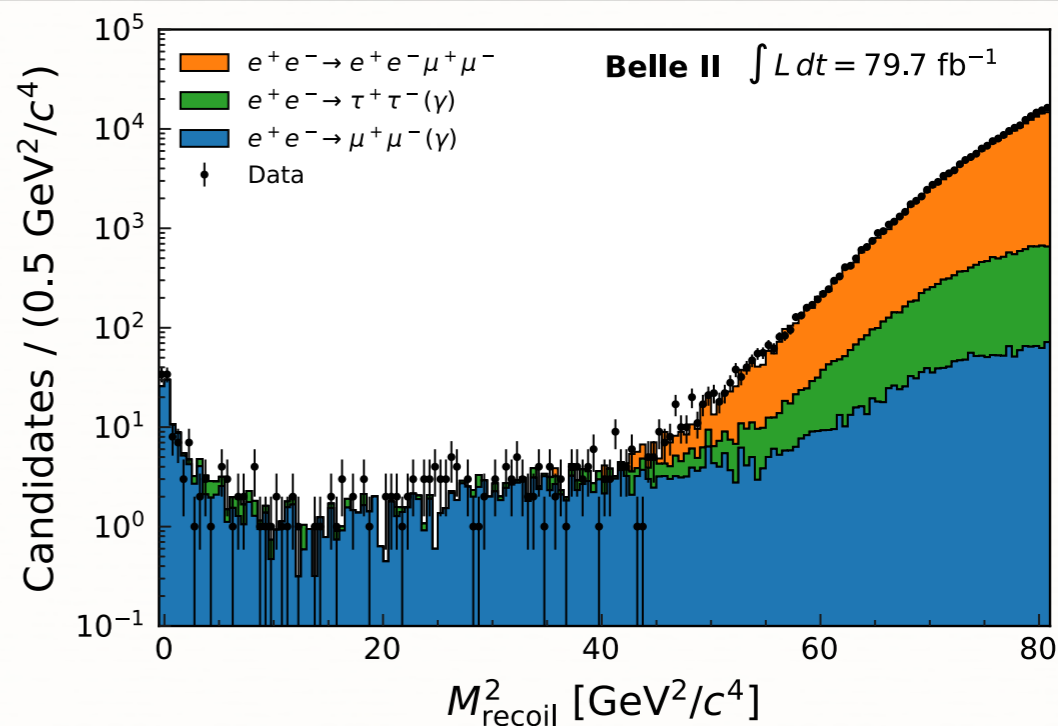
- ◆ Online trigger:
  - ◆ at least two charged tracks in the region  $120^\circ > \vartheta > 37^\circ$
  - ◆ transverse opening angle of the two muon candidates  $> 90^\circ$ , 2019 ( $30^\circ$ , 2020)
- ◆ Offline event selection:
  - ◆ exactly two oppositely charged tracks identified as muons
  - ◆ photon veto: ECL energy of neutral particles  $< 500$  MeV
  - ◆ missing momentum  $\vec{p}_{\text{miss.}}$  (i.e. momentum of the  $Z'$ ) well within the barrel ECL acceptance:
    - ◆  $|\vec{p}_{\text{miss.}}^t| > 500$  MeV/c
    - ◆ no ECL detected photons within  $15^\circ$  from the missing momentum



# ANALYSIS RESULTS

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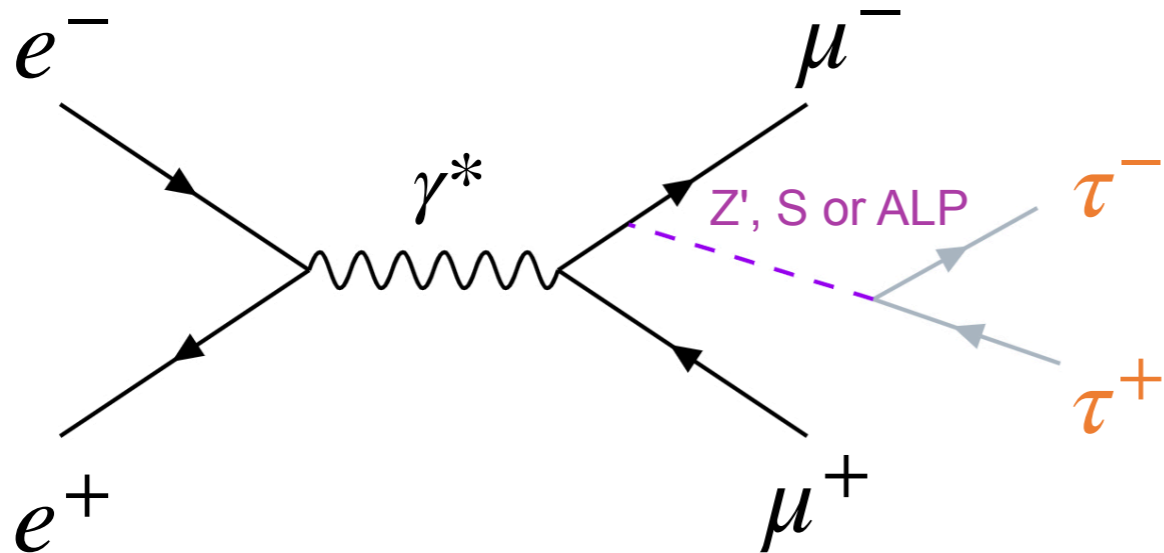
- ◆ Data-set 2019-2020:  $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 79.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ◆ Neural network to further suppress tau bkg.
- ◆ Overall efficiency  $\sim 5\%$
- ◆ No excess observed for  $M_{\text{recoil}}^2 < 80 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$





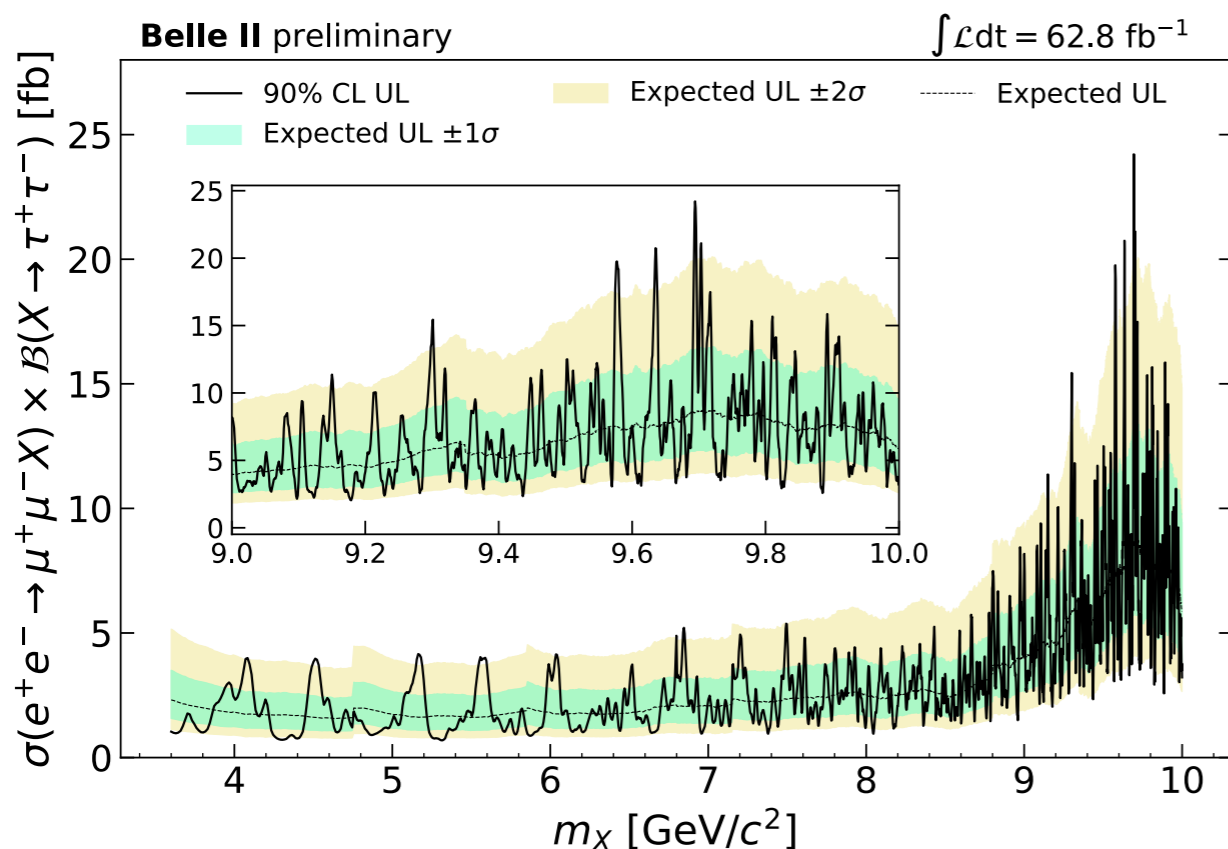
# SEARCH FOR $\tau^+\tau^-$ RESONANCE IN $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\tau^+\tau^-$

Accepted for publication by PRL, [arXiv:2306.12294](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.12294)



- ◆ A pair of oppositely charged muons
- ◆ A pair of oppositely charged tau  $\rightarrow$  1 prong
- ◆ Missing energy and missing momentum from the neutrinos
- ◆ The four momentum of the  $X$  ( $Z', S$  or ALP) is:  

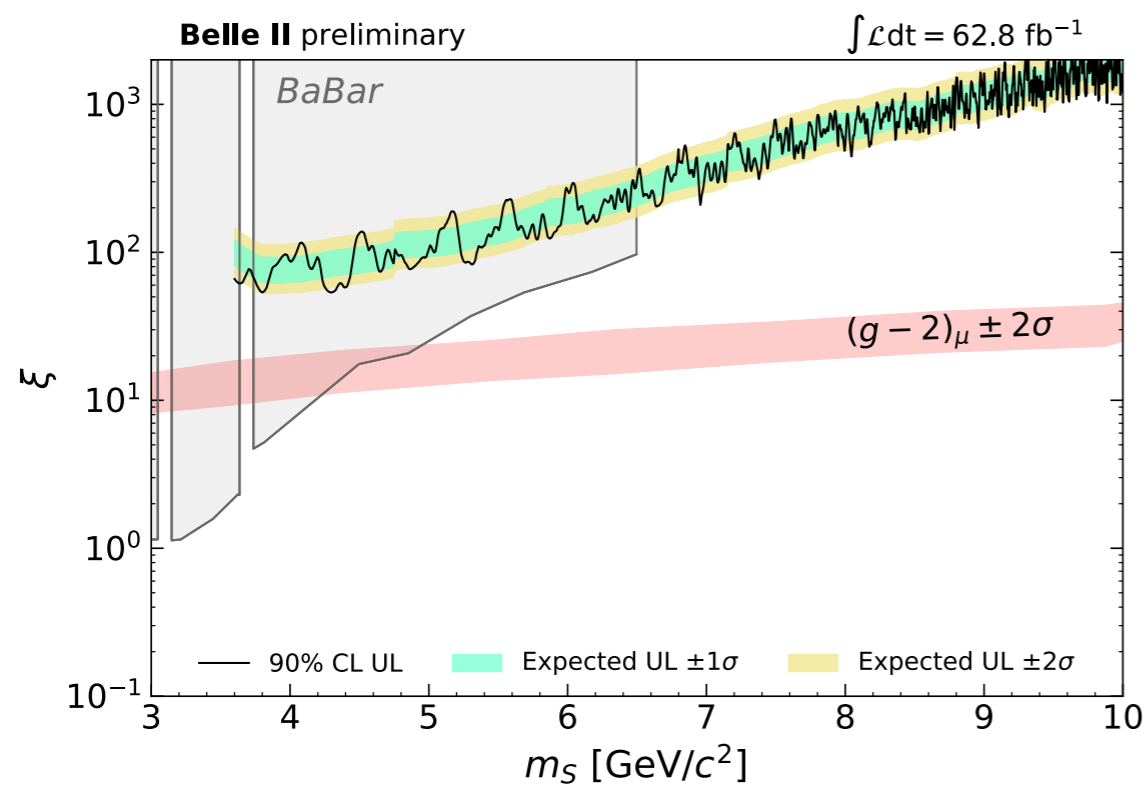
$$p_X = p_{e^+} + p_{e^-} - p_{\mu^+} - p_{\mu^-}$$
- ◆ No peaking structure observed on the  $p_X^2$  spectrum



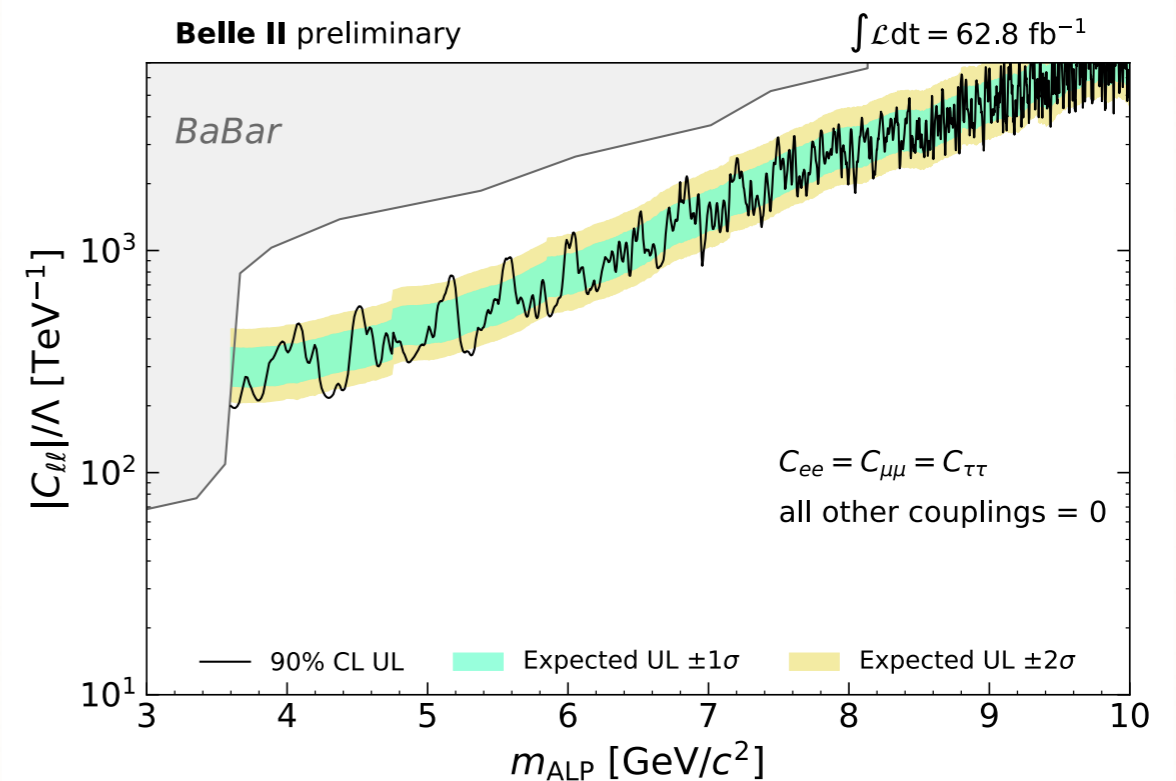
# LIMITS ON MODEL PARAMETERS

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- ◆ Limits on the cross section translated to limits on Model Parameters



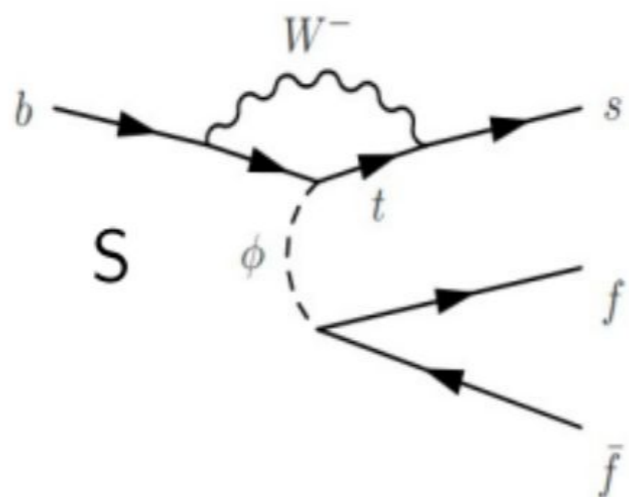
Leptophilic Scalar, S



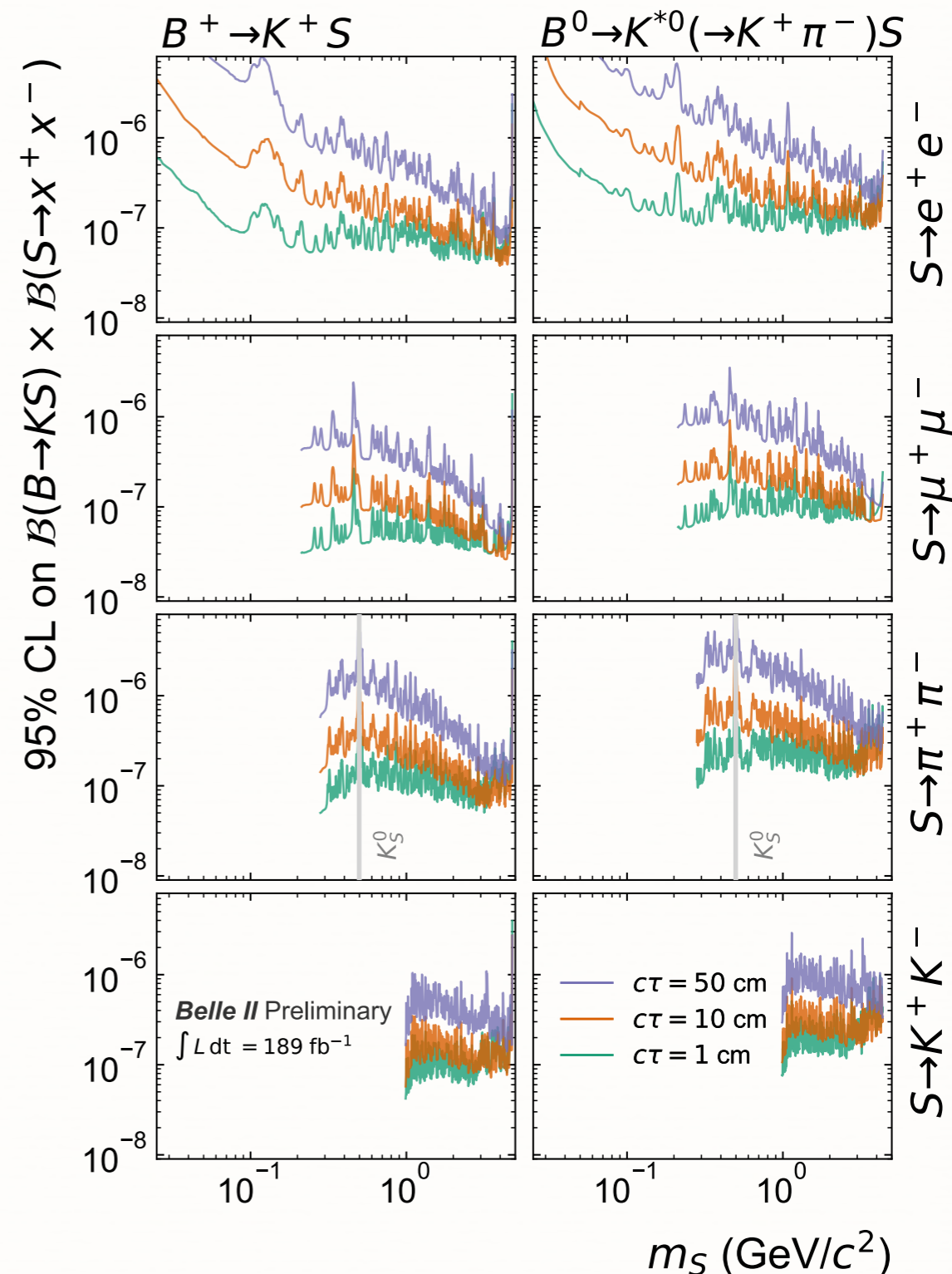
Axion Like Particle

# SEARCH FOR LONG LIVED PARTICLES IN $b \rightarrow s$ TRANSITIONS

[arXiv:2306.02830](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.02830)



- ◆ Search for a long lived (Pseudo) Scalar particle  $S$  ( $100 \text{ cm} > c\tau > 10 \mu\text{m}$ ) decaying inside the tracking volume in
  - ◆  $e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \pi^+\pi^-, K^+K^-$
- ◆  $S$  is produced by the decay  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+S$  or  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}S$
- ◆ No excess found in  $189 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , limits are set



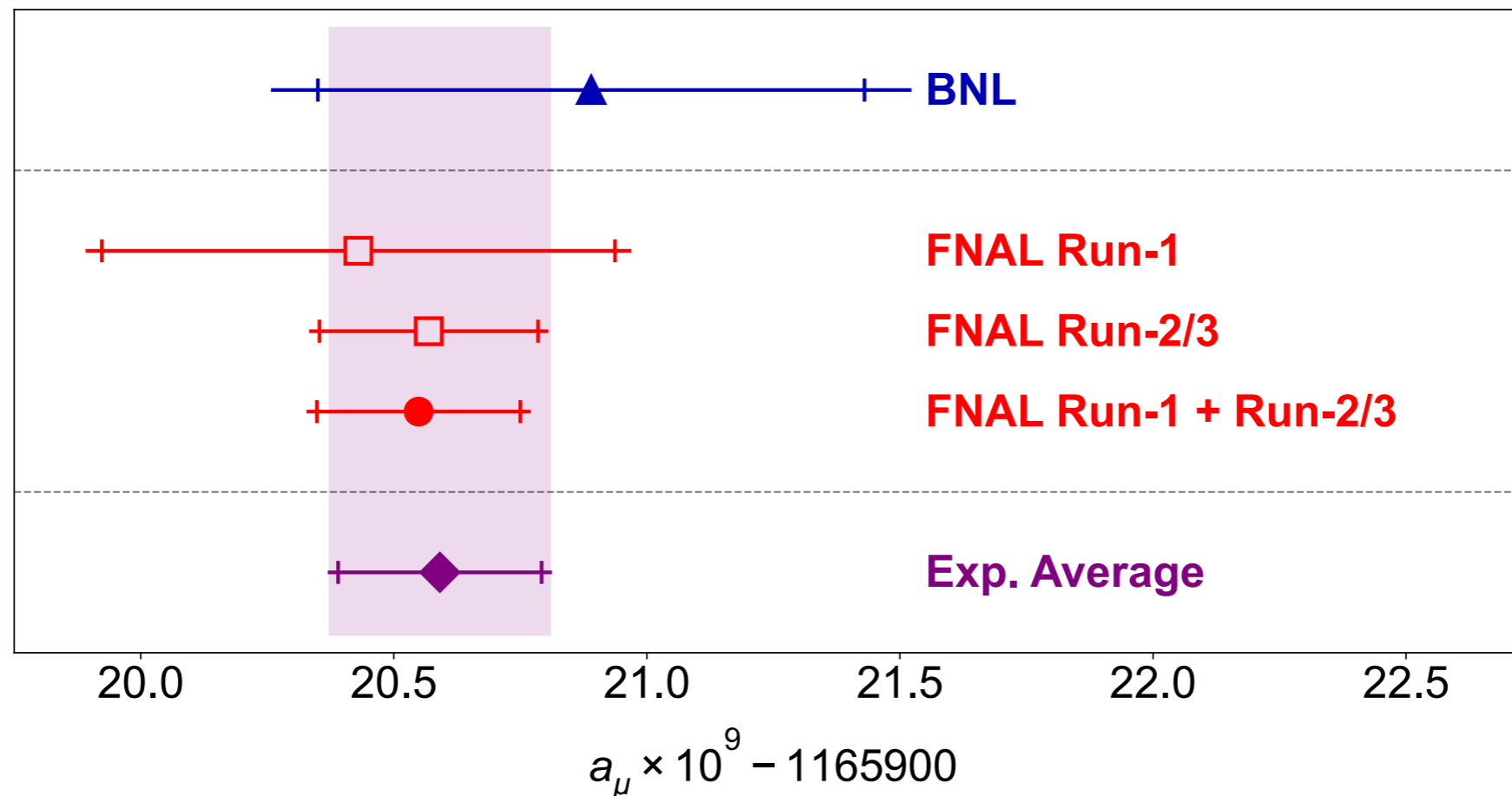
# CONCLUSIONS

- ◆ The clean environment of Belle II together with a large amount of data, good detector performance, dedicated and talented people make the Belle II experiment an ideal place for the study of the Dark Sector.
- ◆ No excess still observed, new competitive limits are set
- ◆ The long shut down is ending and a larger data set together with an improved detector is on the way.
- ◆ Stay tuned for more to come.

**Backup material**

# CAVEAT EMPTOR (HOT FROM THE PRESS)

Measurement of the Positive Muon Anomalous Magnetic Moment to 0.20 ppm  
(The Muon  $g - 2$  Collaboration)  
(Dated: 10th August, 2023)



In the following it is still assumed  $a_\mu = 116\,592\,061(41) \times 10^{-11}$  instead of  
the last world average  $a_\mu = 116\,592\,059(22) \times 10^{-11}$