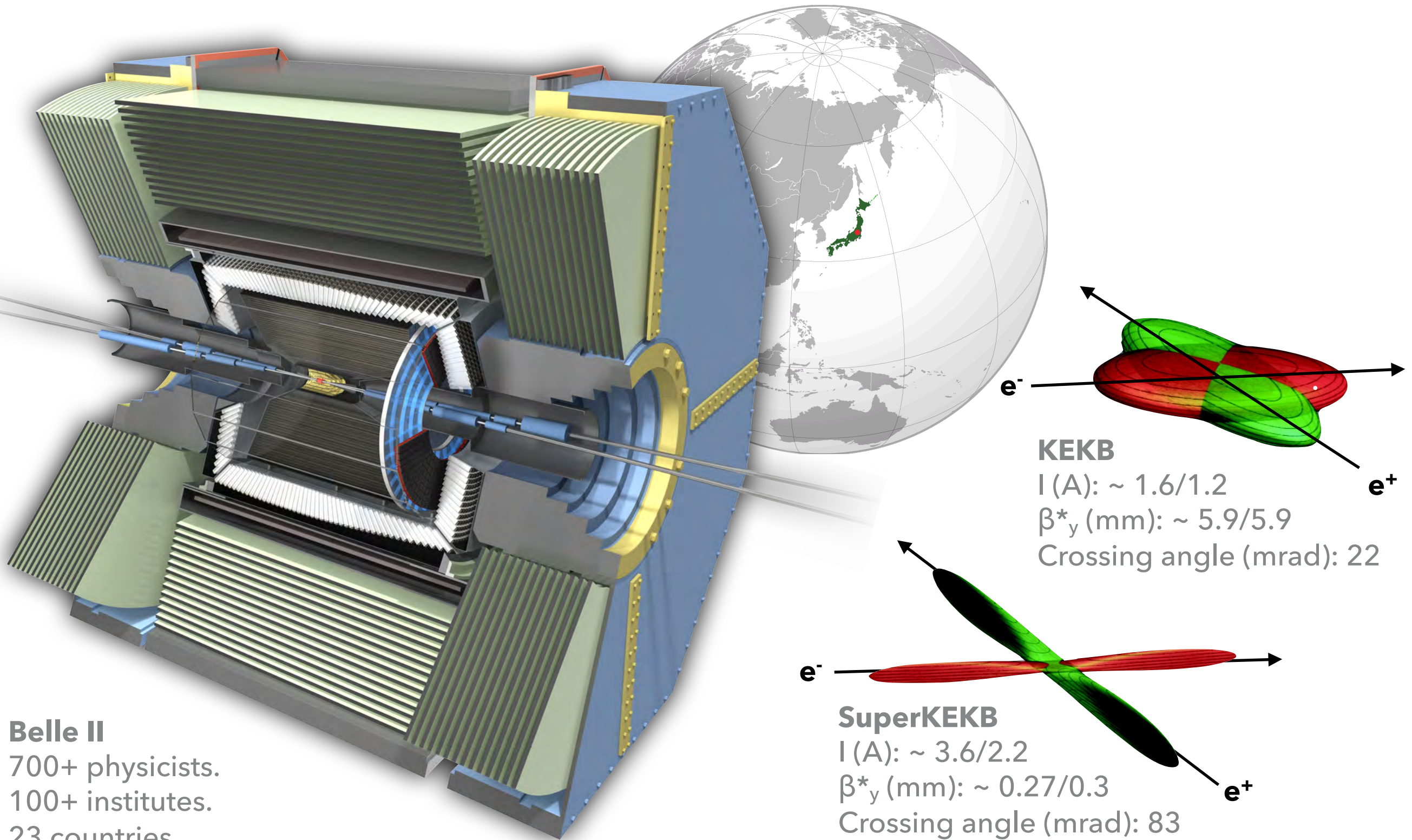


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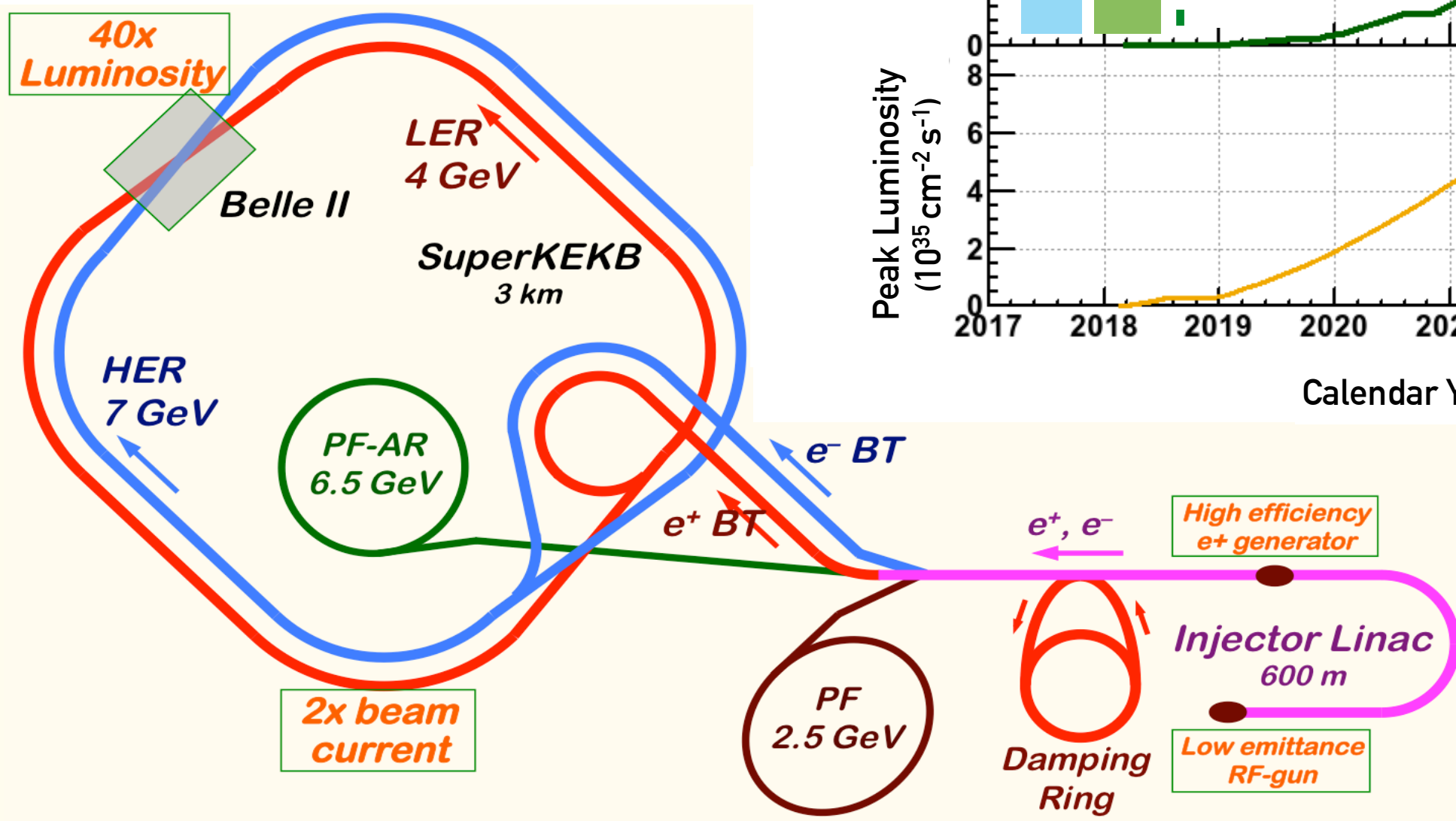
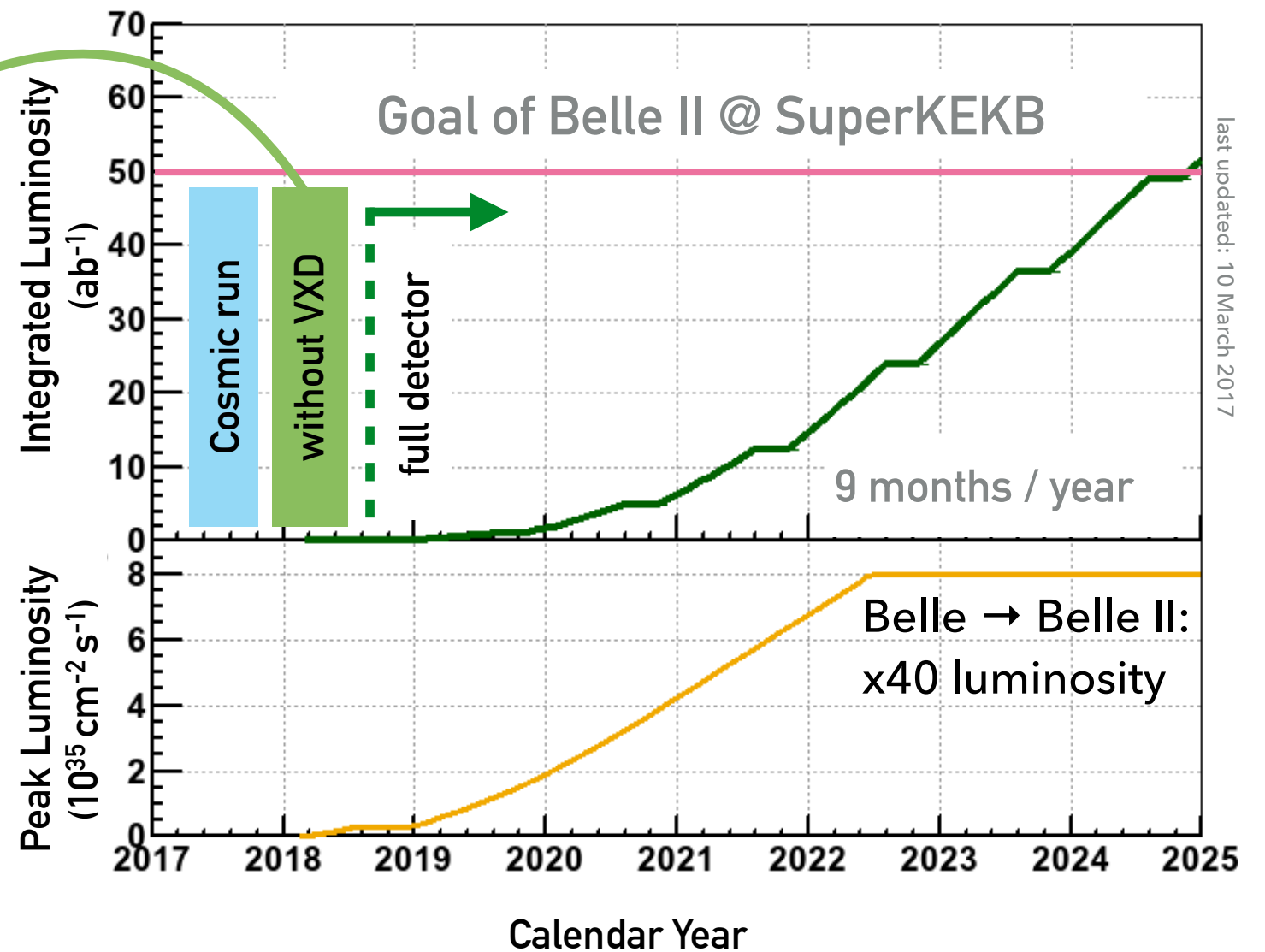
# DARK SECTOR PHYSICS WITH BELLE II

# BELLE II AT SUPERKEKB: INTENSITY FRONTIER AT 10.58 GEV



# SUPERKEKB AND TIMELINE

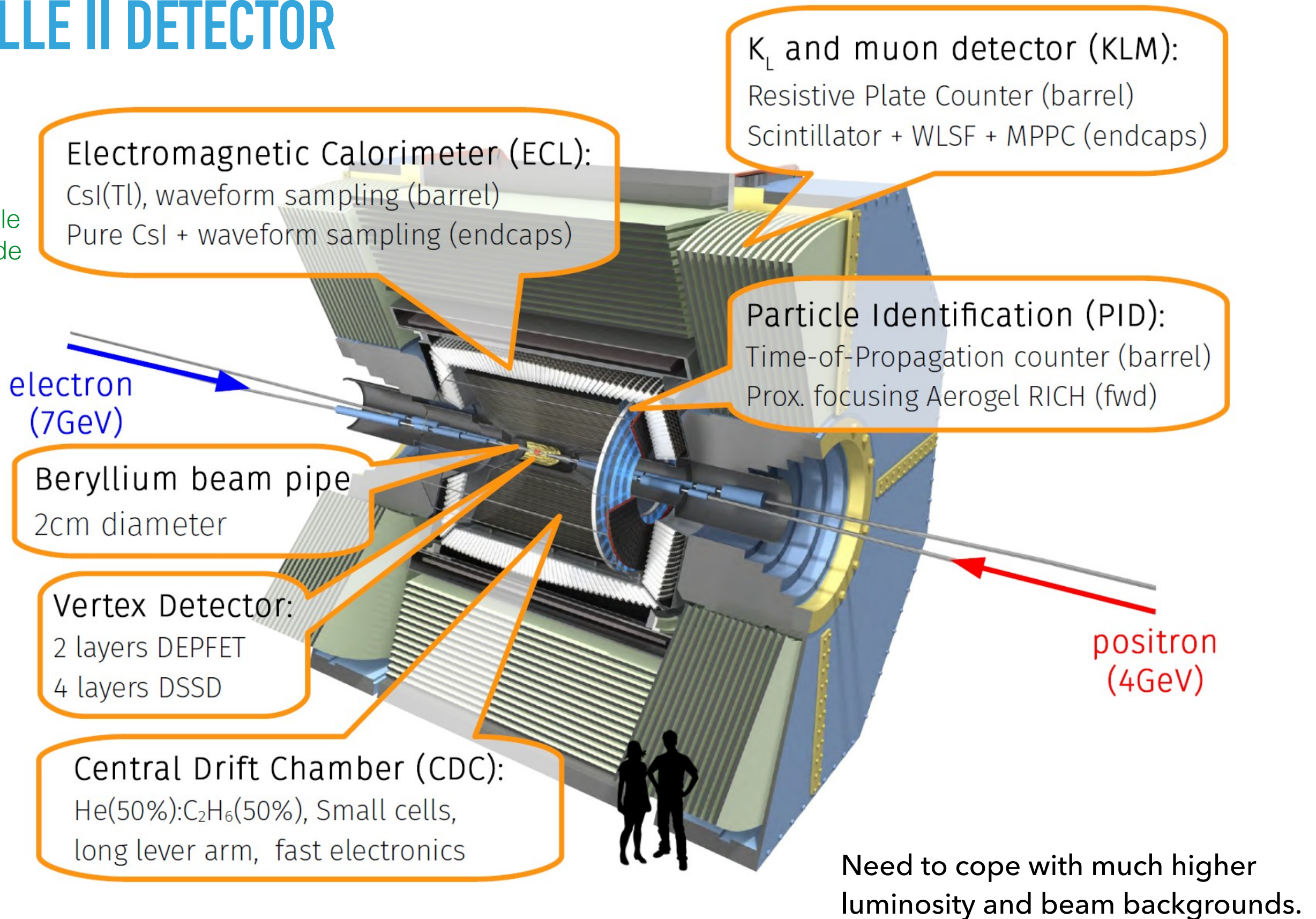
**"Phase 2" goal:**  
Peak luminosity as  
at the end of Belle:  
 $1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$





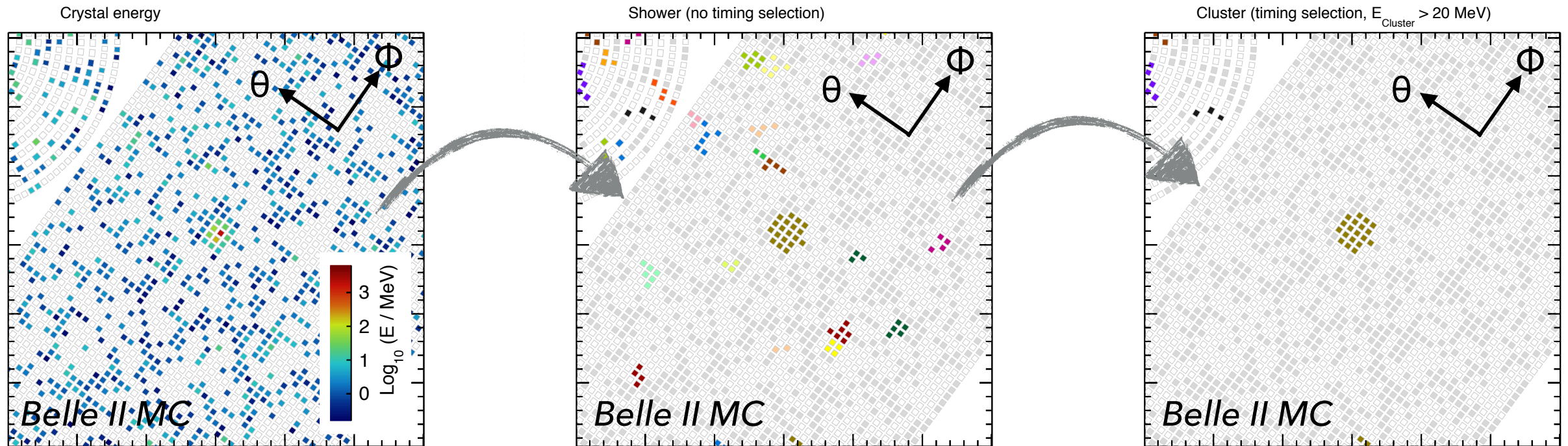
# BELLE II DETECTOR

Possible upgrade





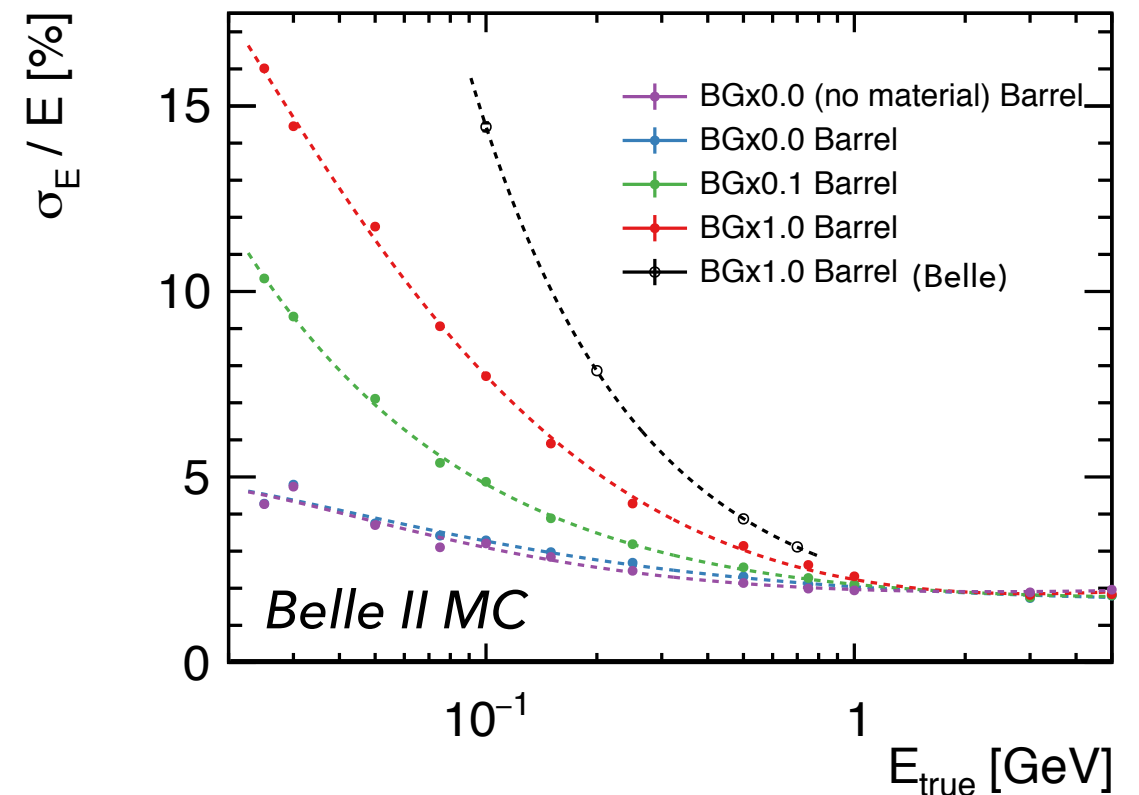
# BELLE II DETECTOR: ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECL)



Effects of beam background:

- > Degrades energy resolution.
- > Radiation damage.
- > Pile-up and increased event size.
- > Physics background.

→ Upgrades of hardware (detector) and software (reconstruction) are crucial.



## WHY BELLE II FOR DARK SECTOR SEARCHES?

### **Belle II 2018 ("Phase 2"):**

Low initial luminosity (like Belle), but trigger and computing can already handle  $20\times$ Belle rate:  
→ Unique chance to use novel triggers for small datasets.

### **Belle II 2025:**

Huge dataset of  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ .  
( $\times 50$  Belle,  $\times 100$  BaBar)

### **Belle II vs Belle:**

New low multiplicity triggers.  
Larger drift chamber.

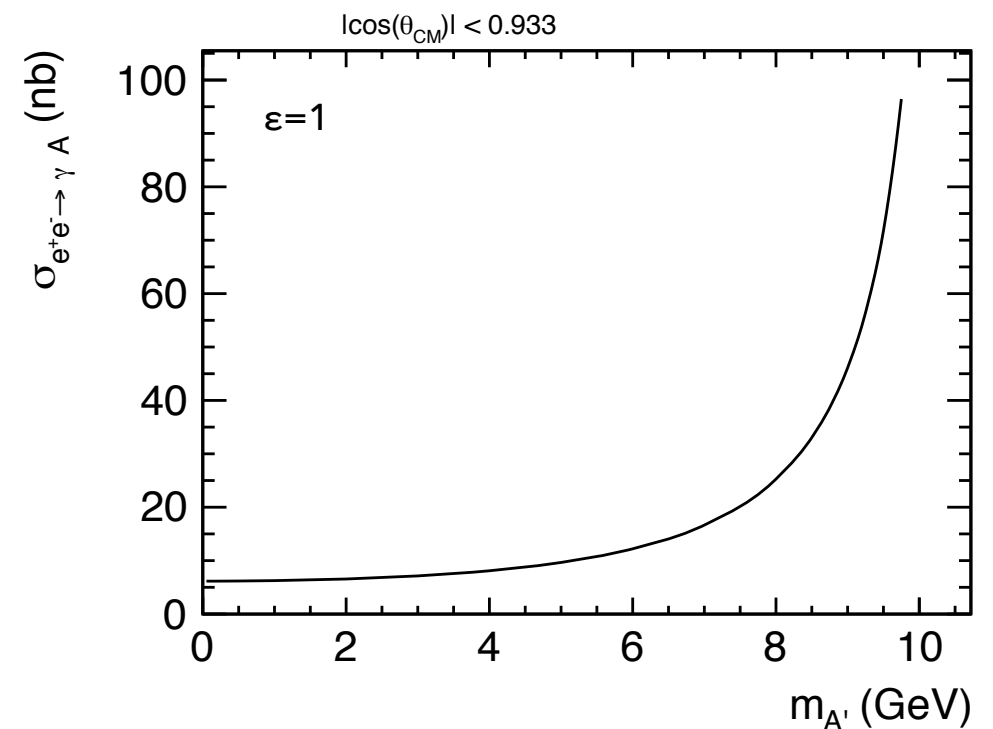
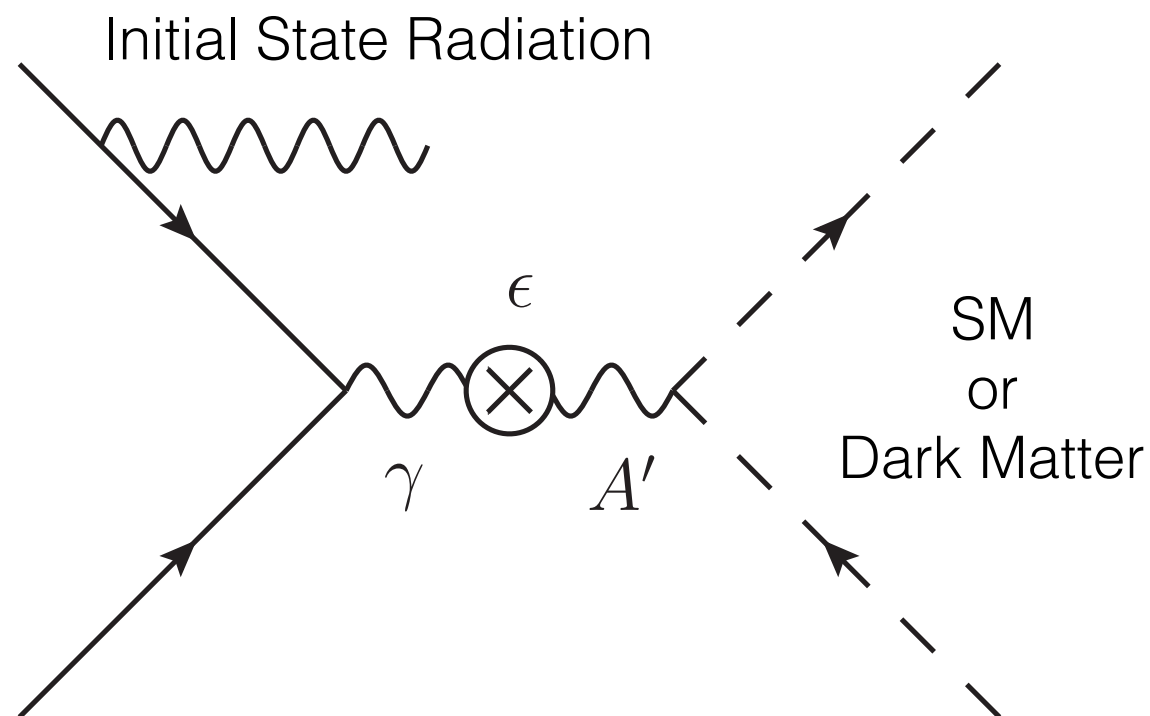
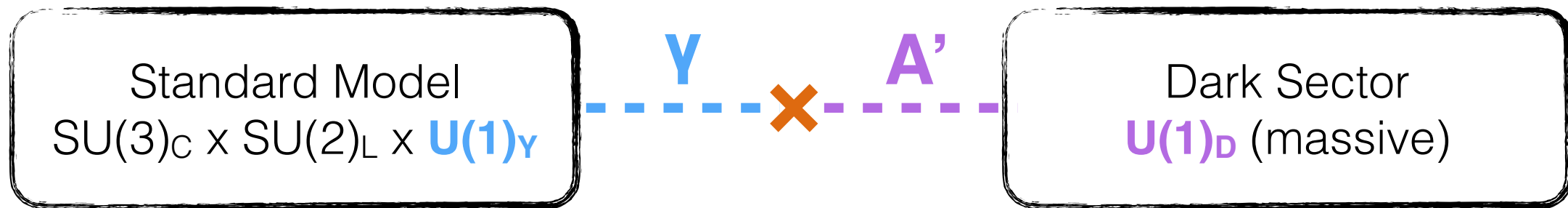
### **Belle II vs BaBar:**

Non-projective calorimeter  
(much more hermetic).  
Better muon detector.

# SEARCHING FOR DARK MATTER: VECTOR PORTAL

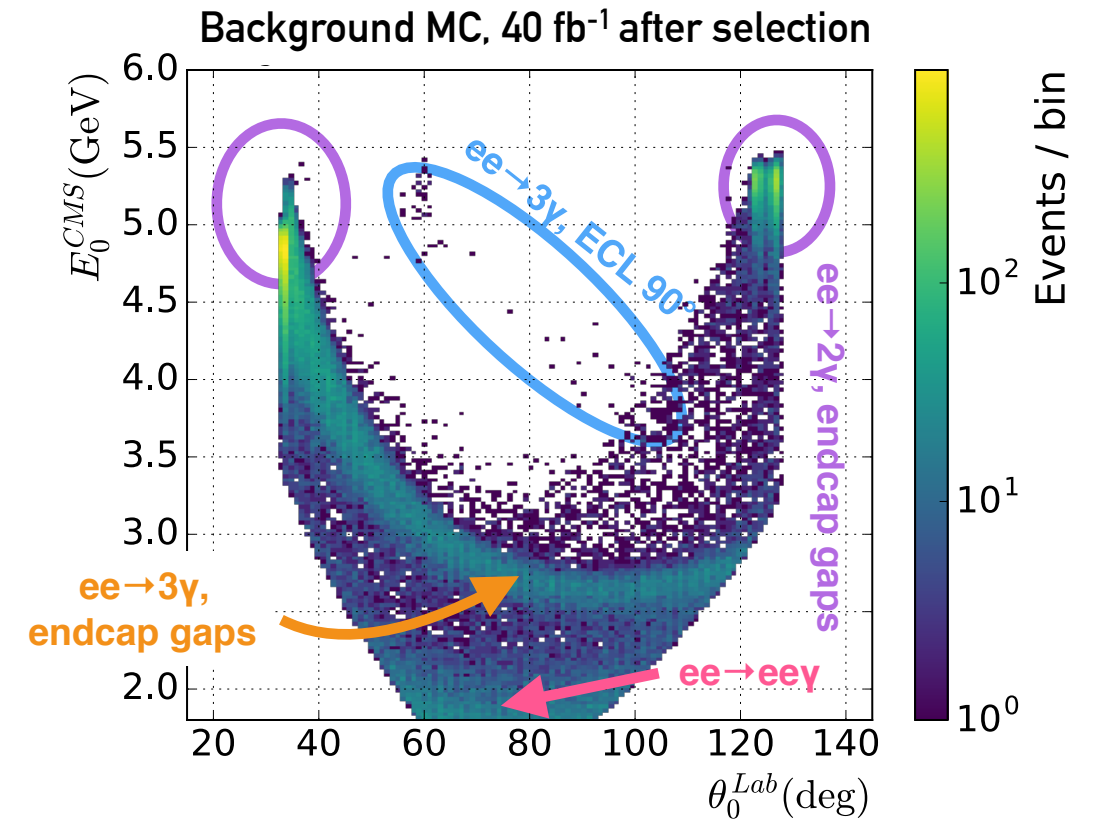
- ▶ In the so called Vector Portal, a (massive) Dark Photon  $A'$  can mix with the SM photon with strength  $\epsilon$ .

\*Holdom, Phys. Lett B166, 1986

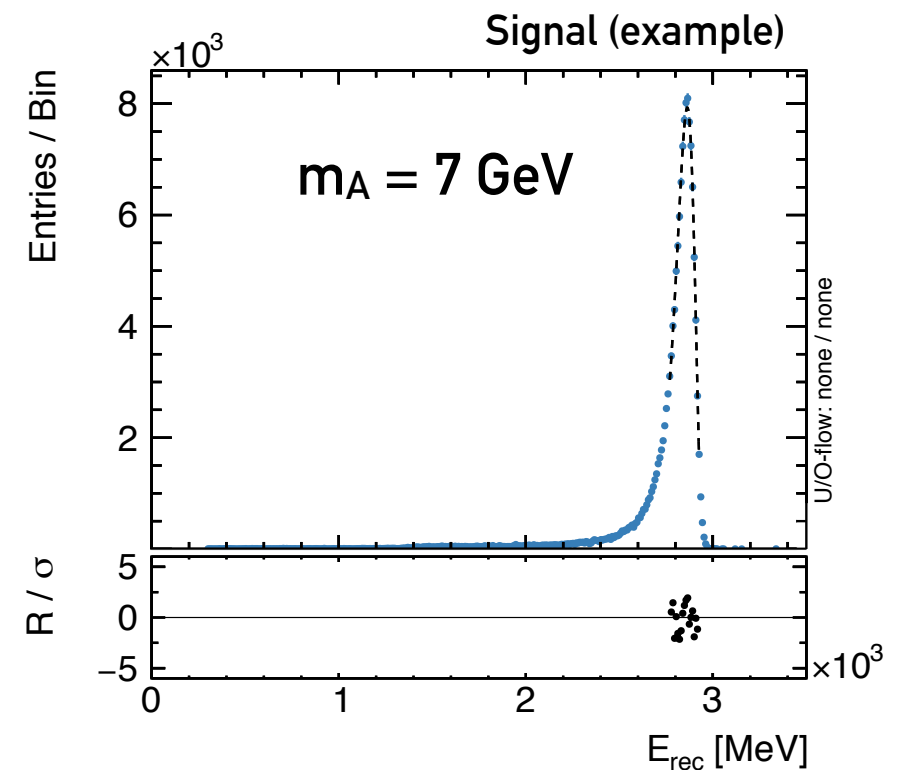


# SEARCHING FOR DARK MATTER: VECTOR PORTAL

- ▶ Search for a bump in the photon recoil mass spectrum.
- ▶ Main backgrounds:  $ee \rightarrow eey$  and  $ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$  with all but one  $\gamma$  undetected.

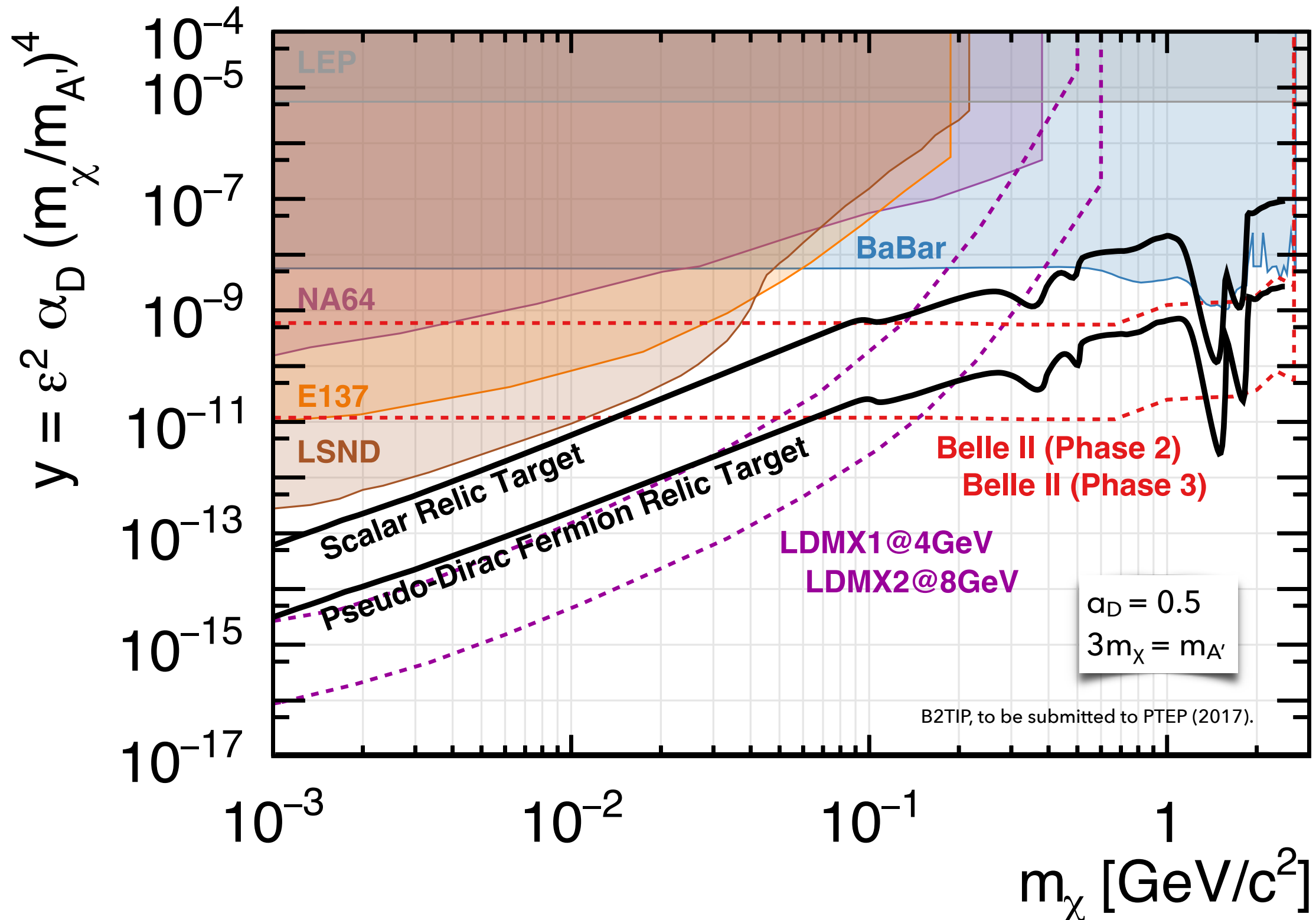


Trigger	$\gamma\gamma$	Bhabha		Total
		both e have $\theta^* > 1^\circ$	one e has $\theta^* < 1^\circ$	
<b>1 GeV*</b> <small><math>E^* &gt; 1</math> GeV and second cluster <math>E^* &lt; 0.2</math> GeV</small>	0.2 nb	0.4 nb	1.6 nb	<b>2.2 nb</b> <small>rate@1/40 lumi: 0.05 kHz rate@final lumi.: 1.76 kHz</small>
<b>2 GeV*</b> <small><math>E^* &gt; 2</math> GeV and eclbhabhaveto and bhabhveto</small>	0.5 nb	2.9 nb	0.1 nb	<b>3.5 nb</b> <small>rate@1/40 lumi: 0.08 kHz rate@final lumi.: 2.80 kHz</small>



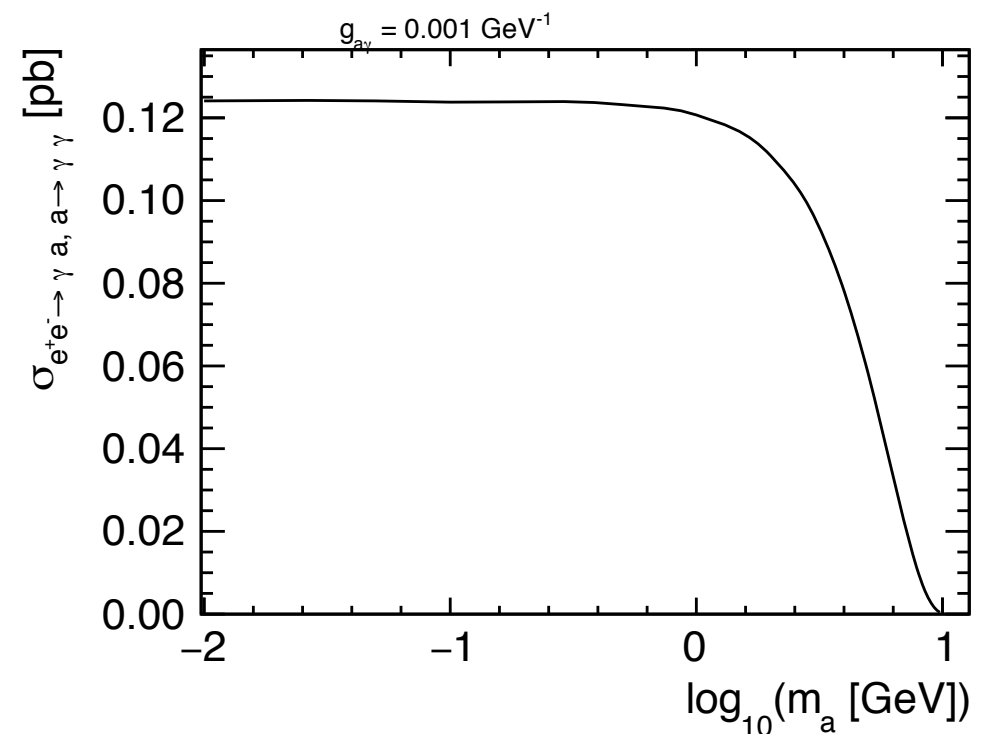
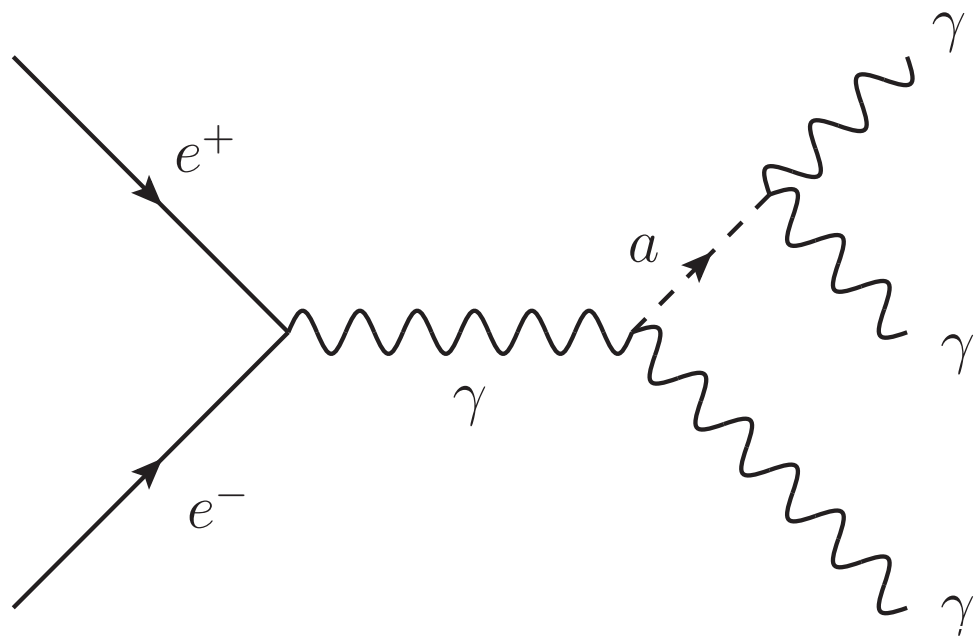


## SEARCHING FOR DARK PHOTONS AT BELLE II



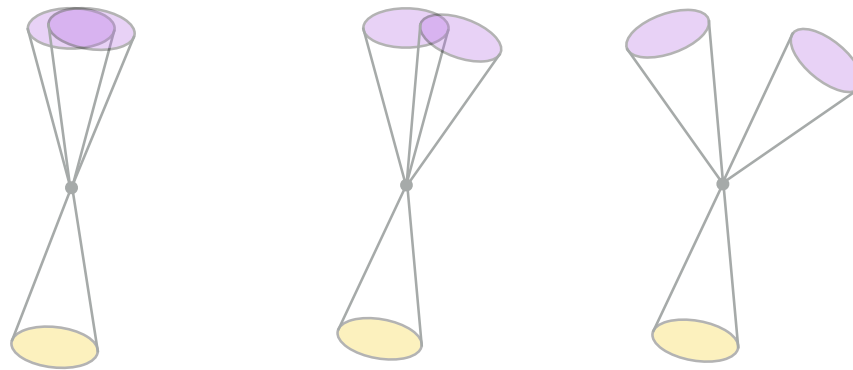
## SEARCHING FOR AXION LIKE PARTICLES

- ▶ Axion-like particles (ALPs) are pseudo-scalars and couple to bosons. Unlike Axions, ALPs have no relation between mass and coupling.
- ▶ They can be Dark Matter candidates, Dark Sector mediators, and they appear in many BSM scenarios.
- ▶ Focus on coupling to photons for Belle II.



# SEARCH FOR AXION LIKE PARTICLES AT BELLE II

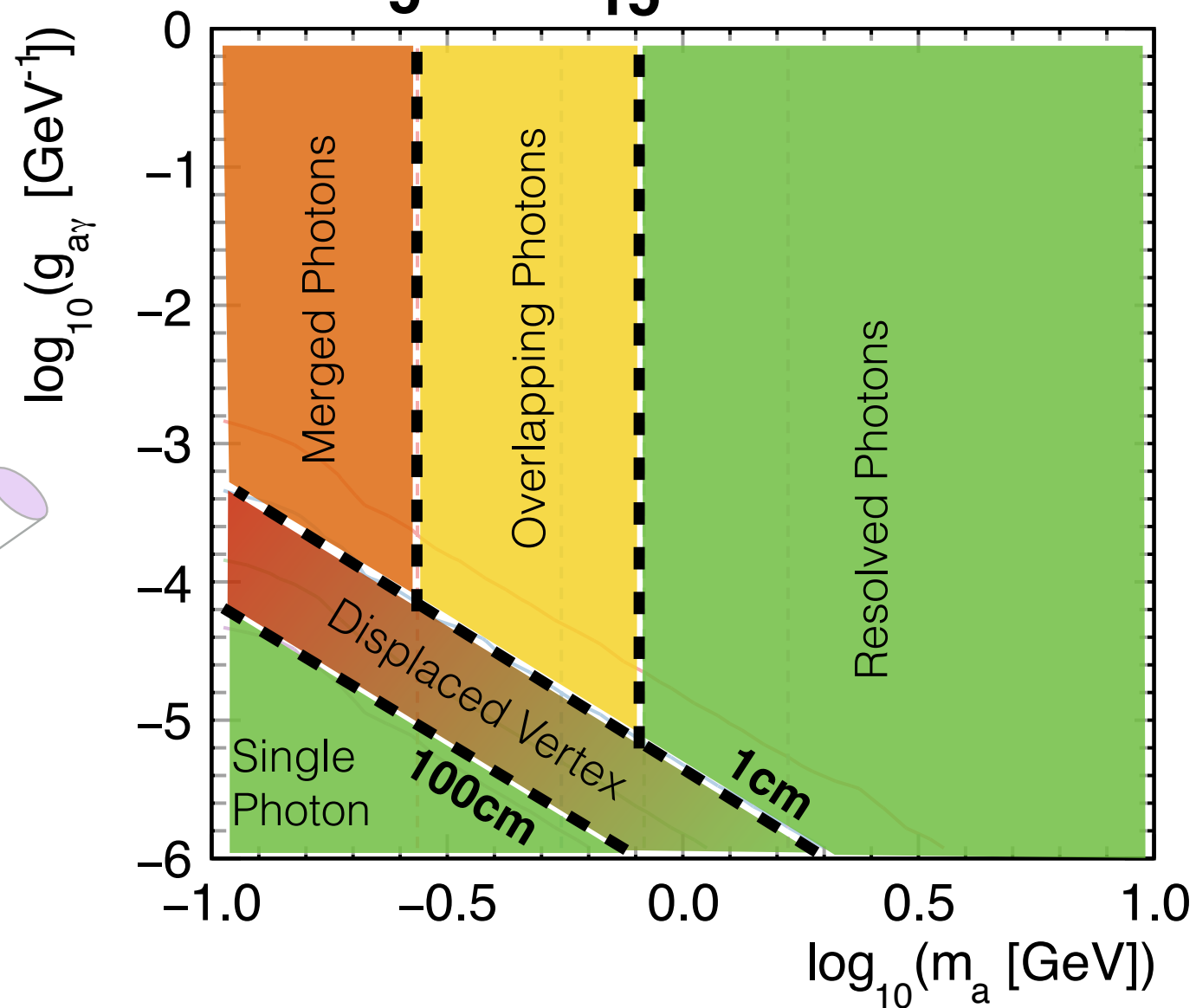
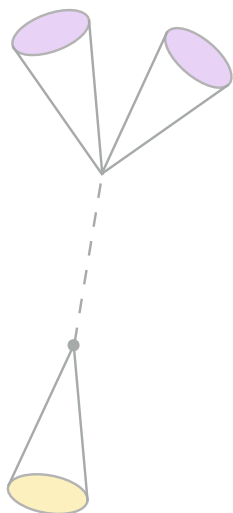
Two of the photons overlap or merge.



Three resolved, high energetic photons **(focus in this talk)**.

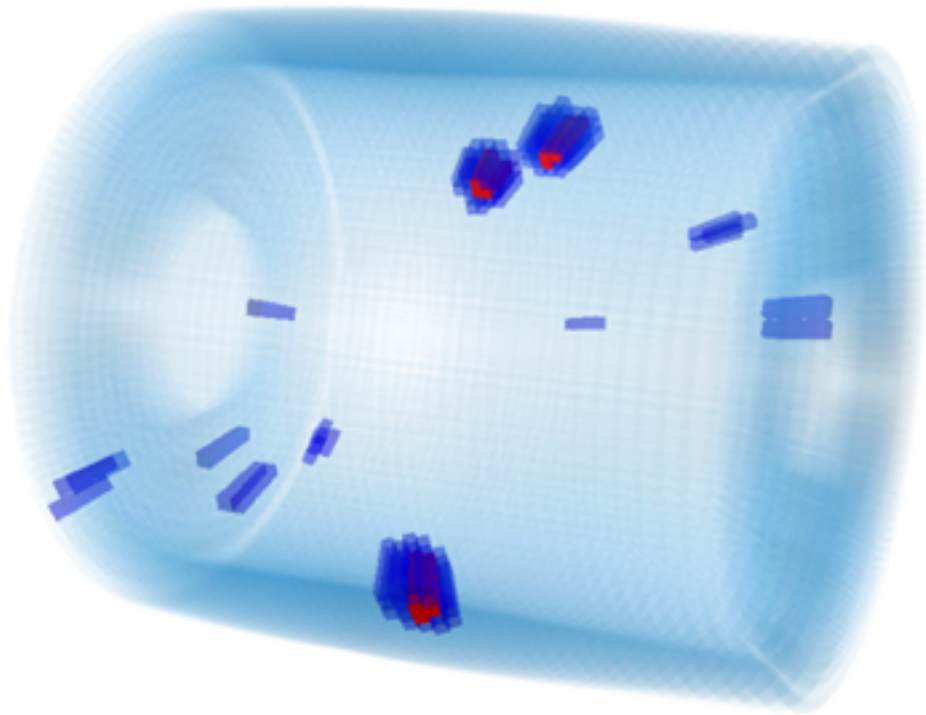
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ALP decays outside of the detector:  
Single photon final state.





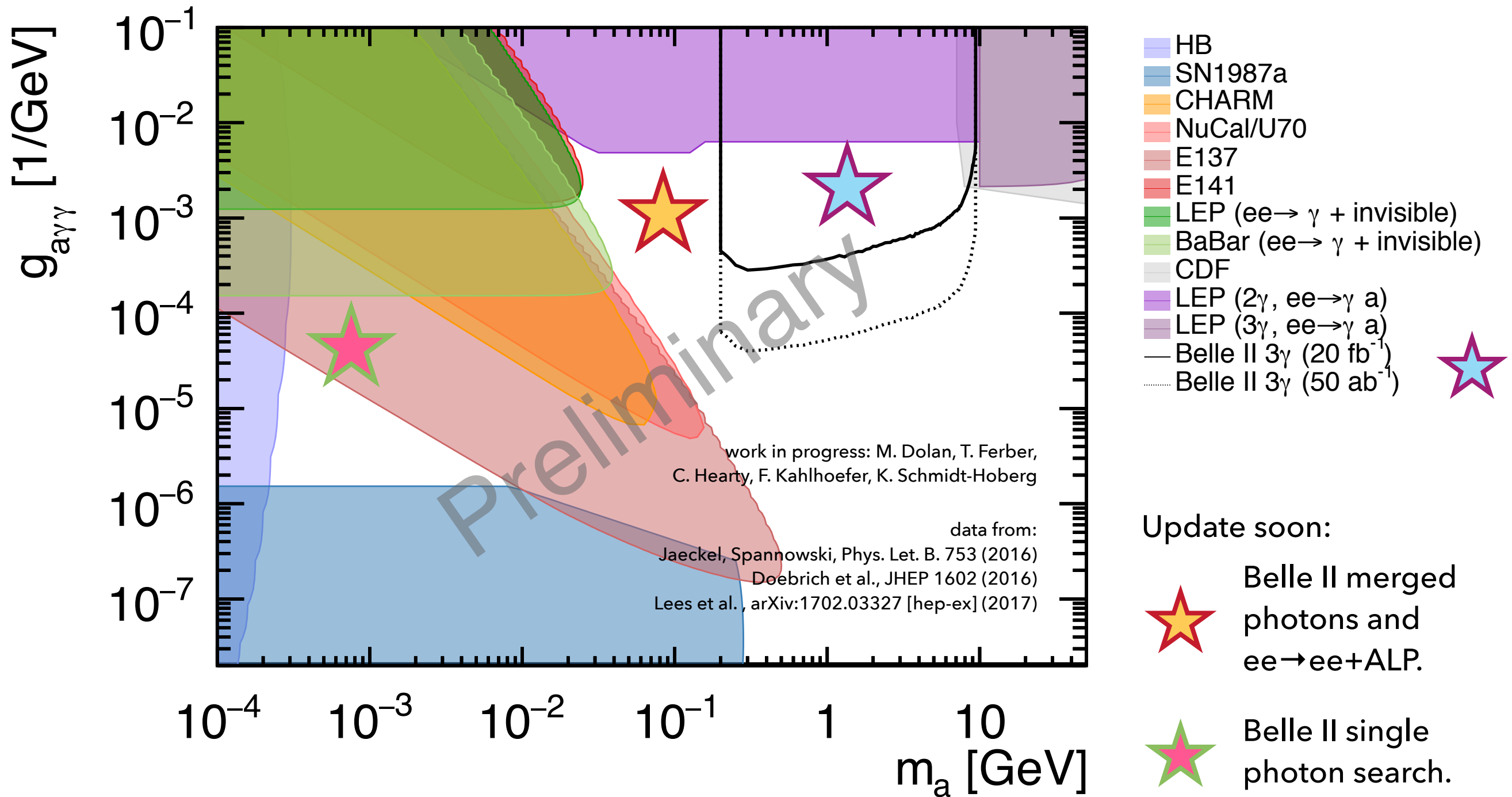
# SEARCH FOR AXION LIKE PARTICLES



- ▶ Focus on the resolved  $3\gamma$  final state with  $m_A \geq 0.2$  GeV.
- ▶ Search for a bump in the two photon invariant mass spectrum.
- ▶ Main backgrounds:
  - ▶  $ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$
  - ▶  $ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  + beam induced background photon
  - ▶  $ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  ( $\gamma \rightarrow ee$ ) pair conversion outside tracking detectors.

Trigger	Total ( $\gamma\gamma$ )
<b>2 GeV* Barrel</b> <small><math>E^* &gt; 2</math> GeV and polar angle in ECL barrel</small>	<b>1.7 nb</b> <small>rate@1/40 lumi: 0.03 kHz rate@final lumi.: 1.36 kHz</small>
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# SEARCH FOR AXION LIKE PARTICLES



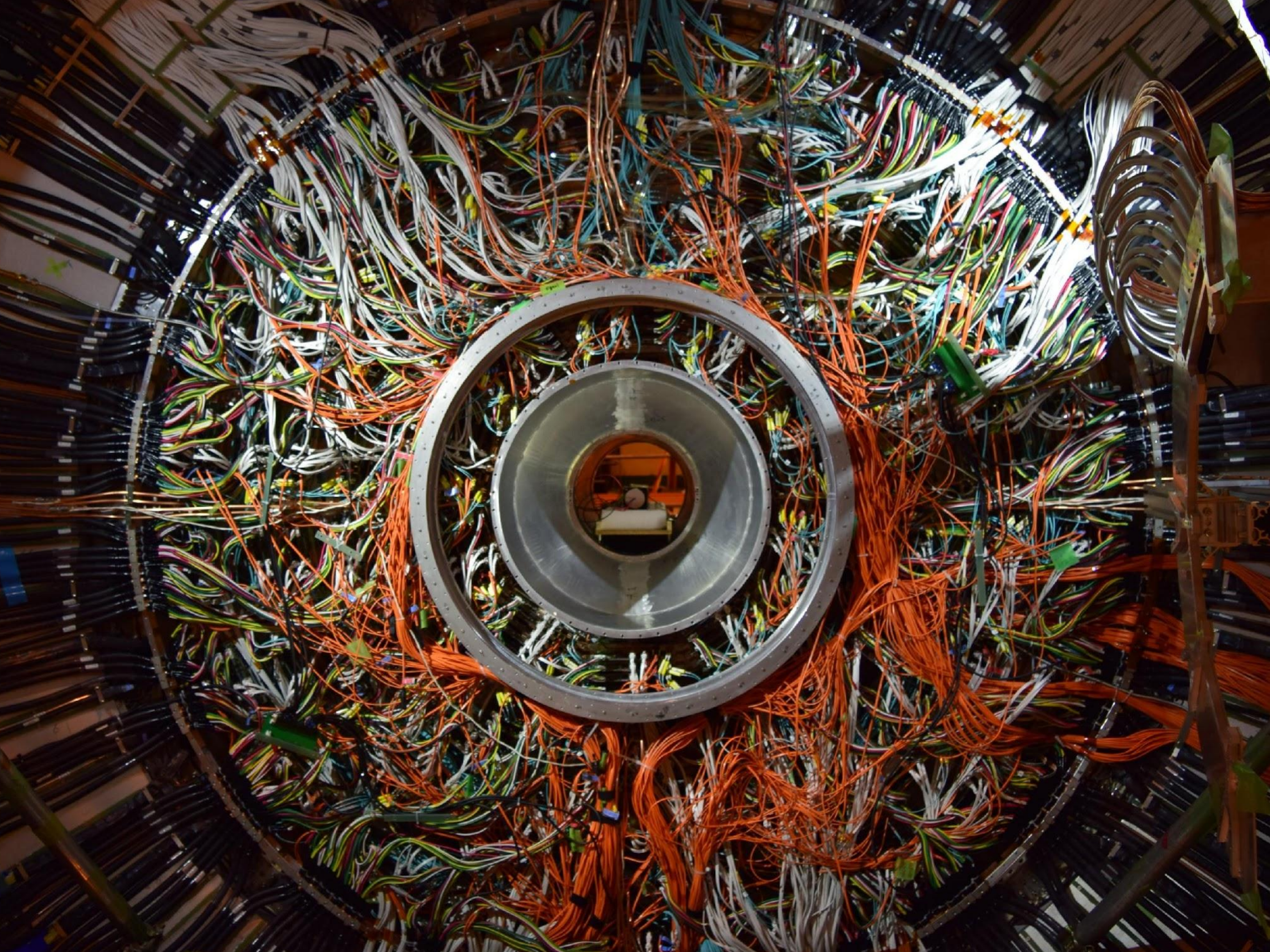
ALP coupling to two photons only.

## SUMMARY

- ▶ The early running of Belle II offers possibilities for unique physics analyses in the dark sector (including visible and displaced topologies not covered in this talk).
- ▶ The search for light dark matter is competitive with BaBar already with 2018 data due to the more hermetic calorimeter.
- ▶ Belle II Physics Book in preparation\* (Belle II detector, simulation, software, analysis tools, physics program incl. dark sectors), to be submitted for publication in 2017.
- ▶ Belle II physics data taking starts April 2018. Full detector (including VXD) starts end of 2018.

\* <https://confluence.desy.de/display/BI/B2TiP+ReportStatus>

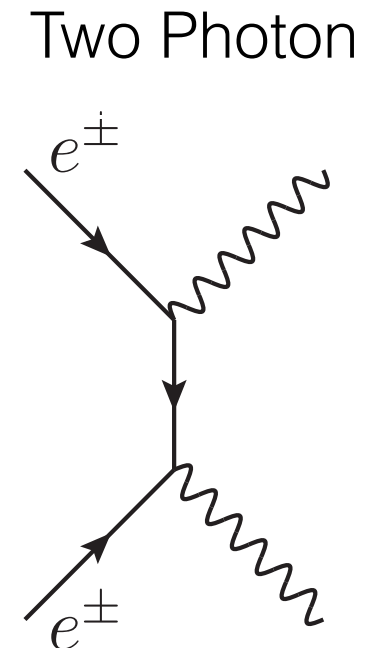
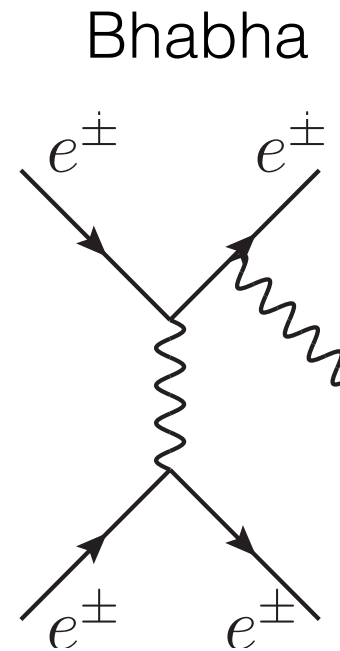
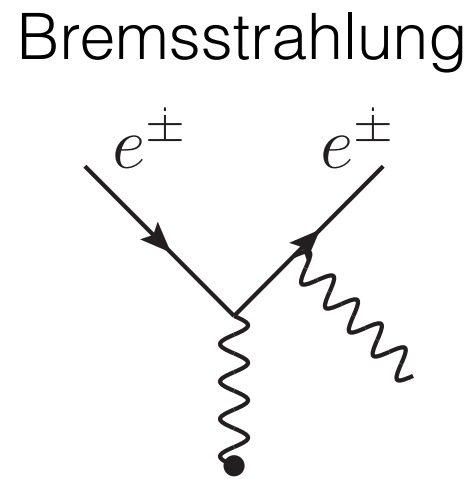
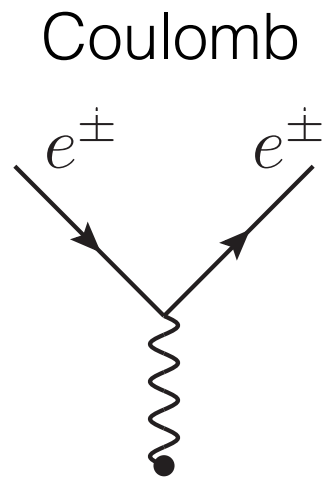




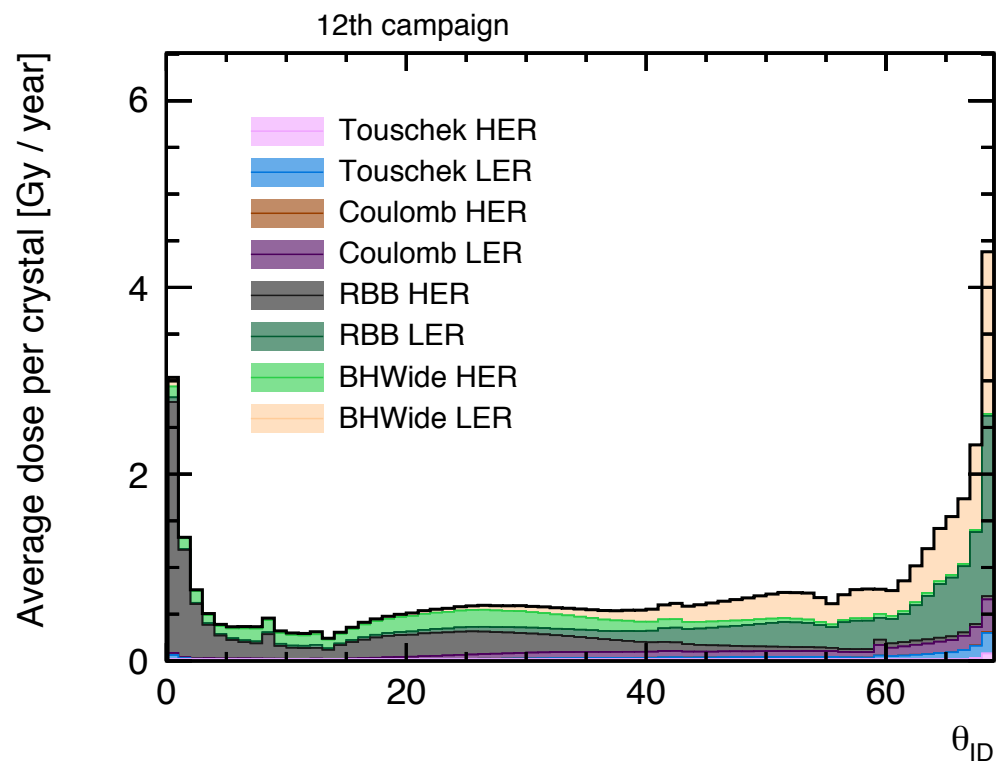


**BACKUP**

# BELLE II BEAM BACKGROUND



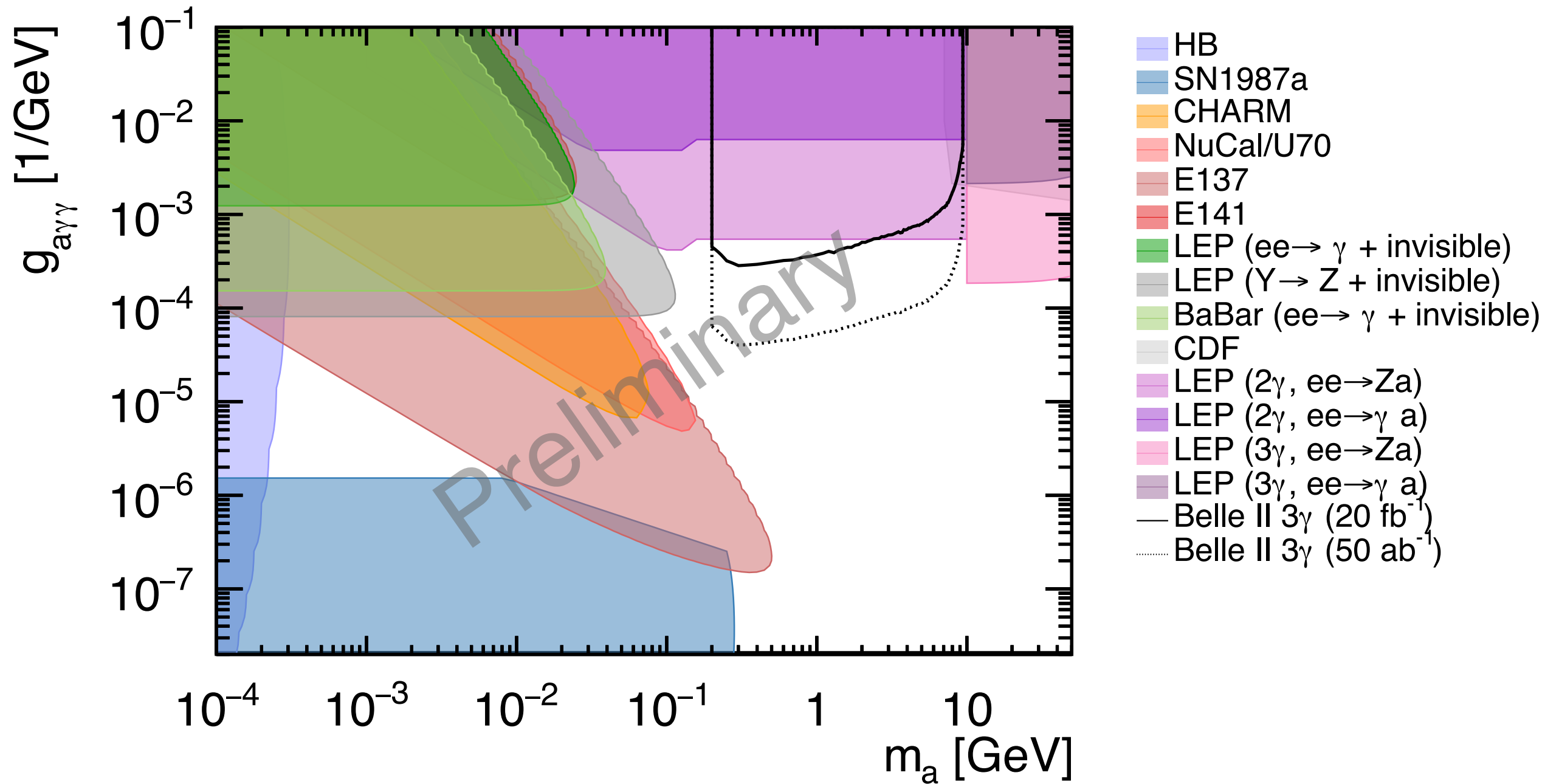
+ Synchrotron Radiation  
+ Touschek



- Degrades calorimeter resolution.
- Radiation damage.
- Pile-up and event size.
- Physics background.



## SEARCH FOR AXION LIKE PARTICLES



ALP coupling to two photons or Z bosons.

# SINGLE PHOTON TRIGGERS

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