

# Dark Sector at Belle II: First results and prospects



### Outline

- The Belle II experiment at SuperKEKB collider
- Data taking phases
- Dark Matter at Belle II:
  - Z' to invisible **To be submitted to PRL soon**
  - Axion Like Particles Box opening soon
  - Dark Photon High priority with upcoming data
- Summary & Outlook

#### 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)*





How to search it?

1) Detect the energy of nuclear recoil



3) DM weakly couples to SM particles and it can be produced in *SM-particles annihilation* at *colliders* 



2) Detect the *flux of visible particles* produced by *DM annihilation* and decay



#### $\rightarrow$ In this presentation I will focus on the search at electron-positron colliders

#### B-Factories: the high intensity frontier

**B-factories**: dedicated experiments at  $e^+e^-$  asymmetric-energy colliders for the production of quantum coherent  $B\overline{B}$  pairs  $\rightarrow$  **CPV studies**.

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

 $\Upsilon(nS) =$  bound state of b quark and b anti-quark

First generation of B-factories



URL PTD THE COMPAREMENT

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 $ ightarrow$ efficient reconstruction of				
<b><i>neutrals</i></b> ( $\pi^0$ , $\eta$ ,), recoiling system and				
<i>missing energy</i> final states				

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b quark and anti-quark

#### Second Generation: SuperKEKB



#### Belle II Detector

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



### Belle II Data Taking plan

#### Phase 2: April 26th– July 17th 2018

- 1/8th VXD
- Verify nano-beam scheme, commission the detector and the machine
- Lower backgrounds, flexible hardware triggers and passthrough software trigger
- Max peak luminosity 0.5  $\times$   $10^{34}~cm^{-2}\,s^{-1}$
- 0.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected → Dark Searches
   <u>Phase 3: March 2019 ...</u>
- VXD detector installed
- \*  $\rightarrow$  4 full layers of silicon strips
- $\rightarrow$  1 full of pixels +1/6
  - (installation finalized ~2021)
- ~6.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected during spring runs



- autumn run restarted October 15, plan to go up with luminosity by squeezing  $\beta y^*$  (2 $\rightarrow$ 1 mm) and beam currents ~300 mA
- expected 20 fb<sup>-1</sup> by end of the year, 200 fb<sup>-1</sup>  $\rightarrow$  FINAL GOAL : 50 ab<sup>-1</sup>

#### Belle II Performances in Phase 2



#### Belle II Performances in Phase 2: photon reconstruction



#### Belle II Phase 3 snapshot



#### Panoramic view on dark searches



#### Panoramic view on dark searches: dark portals



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

- New gauge boson Z' coupling only to the  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  generation of leptons  $(L_{\mu}\text{-}L_{\tau})$ 
  - May explain the  $(g-2)_{\mu}$  anomaly
  - May solve the light DM puzzle (e.g. sterile neutrinos, Dirac light fermions)
  - May explain anomalies observed in rare B decays,  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ ,  $R_{_{K(*)}}$
- Invisible signature investigated for the first time in the process

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

(Muonic dark force searches at BaBar  $\rightarrow$  only visible final state to two muons)





#### Z' to invisible: analysis overview

- Look for a peak in the recoil mass spectrum against a μ+μ- pair (dimuon candidate) in event where nothing else is detected.
- Reject *QED background* by applying a signal-like selection on the distribution of the transverse momentum of the dimuon candidate  $pT_{\mu\mu}$
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau \tau (\gamma)$  is the main source of background contamination:
  - dedicated τ suppression optimized by maximizing *Punzi Figure Of Merit*





- Intense program of data validation studies and systematic effects evaluation on 2018 data (Phase 2, 0.5 fb<sup>-1</sup>)+ estimation of sensitivities
- Extract the signal yield by applying a Poisson counting experiment technique for each recoil mass bin
- Compute 90% CL upper limit in each mass bin defined for the simulated Z' masses.

#### Z' to invisible: results and prospects



will decrease with new data

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M<sub>7</sub>[GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]

Phase 3 analysis started

#### LFV Z' to invisible



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### Axion Like Particles (ALPs)



#### ALPs: Experimental Signature

- Signal signatures:  $3\gamma$  final state, several topologies  $\rightarrow$  4 categories
- ALPS may also decay to invisible (DM) ightarrow single photon topology



#### ALPs: Sensitivity



- $\stackrel{\scriptstyle >}{}$  Only dominant  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma (\gamma)$  background included
- > 135 fb<sup>-1</sup> assumes no  $\gamma\gamma$  veto in the barrel

#### The Dark Photon

- A possible U(1) 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  $\varepsilon \rightarrow$  the *dark photon*
- At e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> colliders we investigate the ISR production  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A'$ .



- If  $m_{A'} > 2m_{\chi} \rightarrow A'$  decays visibly to SM particle
- If  $m_{A'} > 2m_{\chi} \rightarrow A'$  decays 100 % invisibly into DM particle,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma + A'$ ,  $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$



#### Dark Photon to Invisible

- select events with NOTHING but a single high energetic *ISR photon* 

 $\rightarrow$  only one photon in the detector requires a dedicated **single** 

photon trigger (at Belle was not available,  $\sim 10\%$  BaBar data)

• Signal Signature:





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#### 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
  - <sup>-</sup> radiative Bhabha  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma(\gamma)$  with the electron-positron pair out of acceptance.



#### Invisible Dark photon sensitivity

- Belle II advantages:
  - $\checkmark$  No ECL cracks pointing to the Interaction region
  - ✓ KLM can compensate ECL photon detection gap
  - Better hermeticity (smaller boost, larger acceptance)
  - Improved L1 trigger lines



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



### Summary



- Belle II pilot run (2018, Phase 2) showed good results for the machine and detector commissioning:  $\mathbf{Q}$ 
  - Peak luminosity  $0.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - 0.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected  $\rightarrow$  used for Dark Searches
- Phase 3 started in March 2019, 6.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> available:
  - Rediscover resonances, B and charm physics
  - New analyses started!
- First Belle II physics results are coming soon!

A rich dark sector program is under investigation at Belle II which has a unique potential for searches never done before.  $\rightarrow$  Interplay with theory is crucial to connect with direct searches and effectively constrain dark sector models.

More references in The Belle II Physics Book, arXiv:1808.10567

(LFV) Z' to invisible search to be Phas submitted soon to PRL

ALPs search ready for box opening

Invisible dark photon (high priority with  $\sim 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  good data)

Expected by 2020

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Phase

- Visible Dark Photon
- $\Upsilon(1S)$  to invisible
- Muonic dark forces
- Dark scalars / Higgstrahlung
- Magnetic monopoles
- Long-lived particles



### SuperKEKB Numbers

2017/September/1	LER	HER	unit	
Е	4.000	7.007	GeV	
	3.6	2.6	А	
Number of bunches	2,500			
Bunch Current	1.44	1.04	mA	
Circumference	3,016.315		m	
ε <sub>x</sub> /ε <sub>y</sub>	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
$\beta_x^*/\beta_y^*$	32/0.27	25/0.30	mm	
Crossing angle	83		mrad	
α <sub>p</sub>	3.20x10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.55x10 <sup>-4</sup>		
σδ	7.92(7.53)x10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.37(6.30)x10 <sup>-4</sup>		():zero current
Vc	9.4	15.0	MV	
σ <sub>z</sub>	6(4.7)	5(4.9)	mm	():zero current
Vs	-0.0245	-0.0280		
$v_x/v_y$	44.53/46.57	45.53/43.57		
Uo	1.76	2.43	MeV	
$\tau_{x,y}/\tau_s$	45.7/22.8	58.0/29.0	msec	
ξ×/ξγ	0.0028/0.0881	0.0012/0.0807		
Luminosity	8x10 <sup>35</sup>		cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	

#### Z' to invisible: $\tau$ suppression procedure

- Z' production is a final state radiation from a  $\mu$  leg
- $\tau$  background is generated from undetected v's ٠ from both legs
- Different asymmetry in the event topologies ٠
- Discriminant variables which can quantify this ٠ different level of asymmetry:
  - Projection of the transverse recoil momentum onto the direction of the maximum/minimum lepton momentum





#### Z' to invisible: Data Validation and Performance studies

- *Commissioning data* are the first collected with a *new detector* at a *new accelerator* 
  - $\rightarrow$  good test for the experiment performance
  - $\rightarrow$  good for some low multiplicity and dark sector physics, but need to be understood!
- To compare data (Phase 2,  $\sim 0.5$  fb<sup>-1</sup>) and MC simulation:
  - Validate shapes and absolute number of events for most relevant kinematics variables hadronic mode
  - Measure detector resolution effects and efficiencies (trigger bias, lepton ID, *track finding*)

 $n\pi$ Low multiplicity, but high density tracks (boosted topology)

#### Tag & probe method

**TAG**: select events by reconstructing one isolated *good* track consistent with a *electron/muon* hypothesis (1-prong side) + two good hadronic tracks on the opposite side (2-prong side), satisfying  $\Sigma q = \pm 1$ 

**PROBE**: look for the 4th track in the event, satisfying loose selection requirement and  $\Sigma q=0$ .

Count the number of events were the probe track is found (N4) and not found  $(N3): e^{meas} \times A = N4/(N4 + N3)$ 

**Reference:** "Track finding efficiency in BaBar" https://arxiv.org/abs/1207.2849

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decay  $1\pi^{\pm}1\pi^{0}\nu$  $1\pi^{\pm}\nu$ GOAL: estimate the discrepancy in tracking efficiency between data

others

leptonic

mode

 $3\pi^{\pm}1\pi^{0}\nu$ 

 $3\pi^{\pm}\nu$  149

 $1\pi^{\pm}2\pi^{0}\nu$ 

and simulation to:

- correct for inefficiencies • observed in data
- assign a systematic uncertainty

#### Z' to invisible: Expected g' Sensitivities



 Results still limited by the quality of commissioning Phase 2 data and by statistics + inefficiency corrections measured from validation studies

#### Dark Photon to leptons: Sensitivity



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