Search for dark forces with KLOE

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Motivations for dark forces search

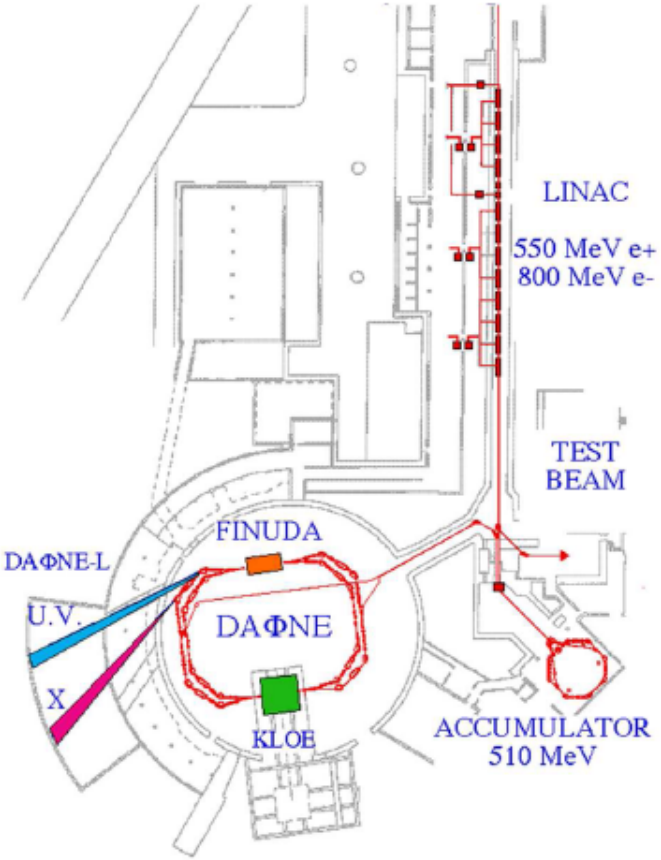
You know already

See M. Pospelov's talk

There are several different experimental ways (on earth) to take a look at the dark world:

- fixed target experiments
- e^+e^- machines ←
- rare meson decays ←

DAϕNE: the Frascati ϕ factory



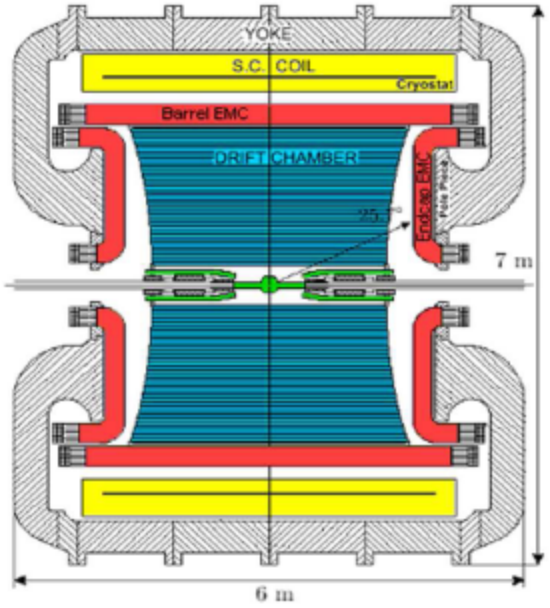
- e^+e^- collider @ $\sqrt{s} = M_\phi = 1019.4$ MeV
- 2 interaction regions
- Separate e^+ e^- rings
- 105+105 bunches, 2.7 ns bunch spacing
- $I^-_{peak} \sim 2.4$ A $I^+_{peak} \sim 1.5$ A
- Injection during data taking
- Crossing angle: 2×12.5 mrad

❖ Running period: 1999-2007

❖ Best performances:

- $L_{peak} = 1.4 \times 10^{32}\ cm^{-2}s^{-1}$
- $\int L dt = 8.5\ pb^{-1}/day$

The KLOE experiment at DAΦNE

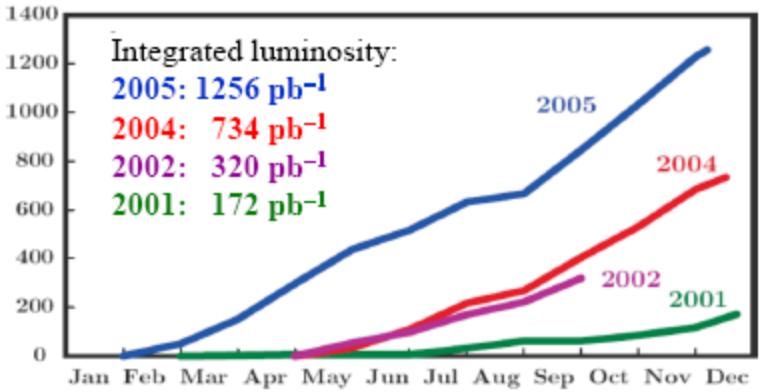


Drift chamber

- Gas mixture: **90% He + 10% C_4H_{10}**
- **$\delta p_t / p_t < 0.4\%$ ($\theta > 45°$)**
- **$\sigma_{xy} \approx 150$ μm ; $\sigma_z \approx 2$ mm**

Electromagnetic calorimeter

- lead/scintillating fibers
- 98% solid angle coverage
- **$\sigma_E / E = 5.7\% / \sqrt{(E(GeV))}$**
- **$\sigma_t = 57$ ps $/ \sqrt{(E(GeV))} \oplus 100$ ps**
- **PID capabilities**



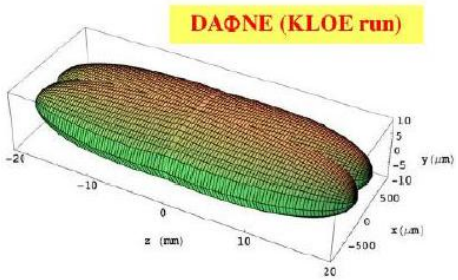
Data taking ended on March 2006

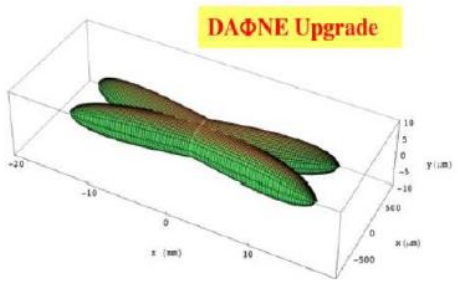
- **2.5 fb^{-1} on tape @ $\sqrt{s} = M_\phi$ (8×10^9 ϕ)**
- **~10 pb^{-1} @ 1010, 1018, 1023, 1030 MeV**
- **250 pb^{-1} @ 1000 MeV**

From DAϕNE to DAϕNE-2, from KLOE to KLOE-2

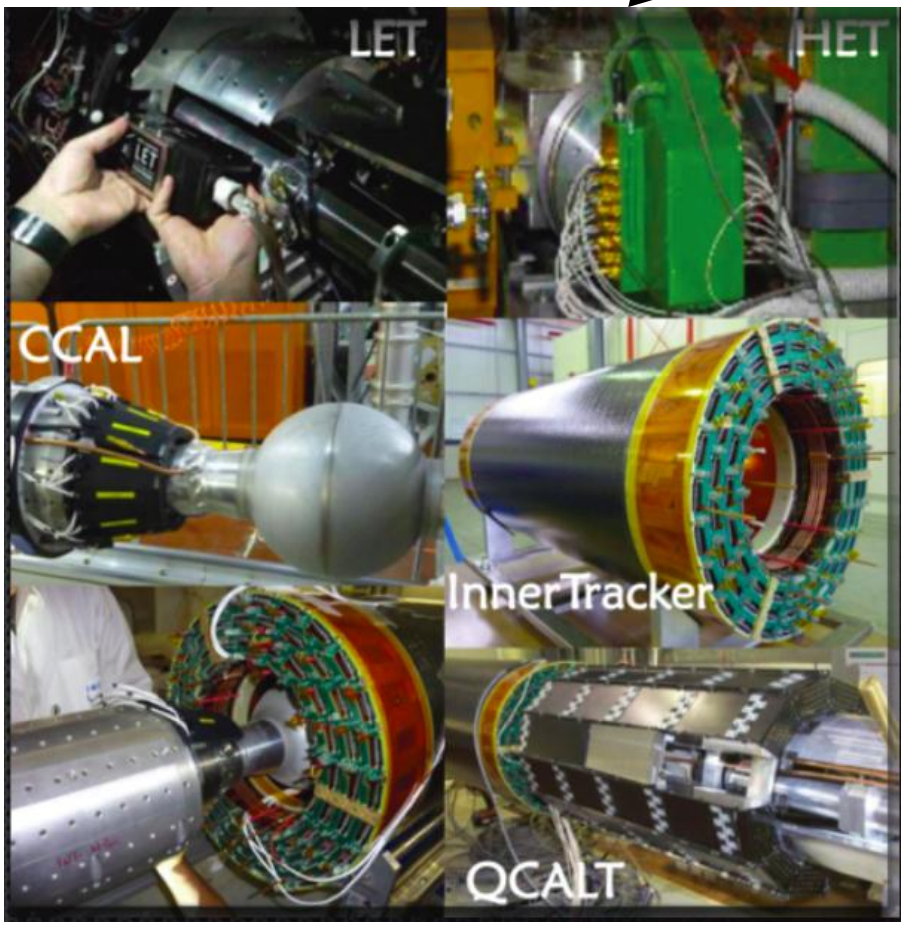
New interaction region: large beam crossing angle + sextupoles for crabbed waist optics.

Increase ℒ by a factor ~1.5÷2





Run started in November 2014



- ✓ milestone: 1 fb^{-1} of good data by mid 2015
- ✓ next milestone: 2.5 fb^{-1} by July 2016 (on track)

→ IT: four layers of cylindrical triple GEM near IP

We aim at $L_{int} \approx 5$ fb^{-1} on the ϕ meson peak within the next 2 years

Dark forces at KLOE

KLOE/KLOE-2 is an a very good position to probe a light dark sector at the GeV scale:

- It operates on DAϕNE **exactly** at that scale: $E_{cm} \sim 1$ GeV
- Most of the interesting dark process cross sections at e^+e^- colliders scale with 1/s: a factor ~100 wrt to B factories, which almost compensates the integrated luminosity
- It's a unique place to study some rare meson decays (it's a ϕ factory, folks!)

Outline of the talk

✓ Decay of the ϕ meson into a U boson + pseudoscalar η:
$\phi \to \eta U$, $U \to e^+e^-$, $\eta \to \pi\pi\pi$ → **Phys.Lett. B706 (2012) 251**
Phys.Lett. B720 (2013) 111

✓ Associated Uγ production: $e^+e^- \to U\gamma \to \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ → **Phys.Lett. B736 (2014) 459**
$e^+e^- \to U\gamma \to e^+e^-\gamma$ → **Phys.Lett. B750 (2015) 633**
$e^+e^- \to U\gamma \to \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ → **arXiv:1603.06086, subm. to PLB**

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U boson search in $\phi \to \eta e^+e^-$ decays

Mesons undergoing radiative decays to photons could also decay to a U boson with branching fraction BR ($X \to YU$) $\sim \varepsilon^2 \times |FF_{XY\gamma}|^2 \times$ BR ($X \to Y\gamma$)

$\sigma(\phi \to \eta U) \approx$ 40 fb for $FF_{\phi\eta} \approx 1$ and $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-3}$

form factor

$\sigma(\phi \to \eta e^+e^-) = 0.7$ nb

Selected decay chains:

$U \to e^+e^-$ and $\eta \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ (BR = 22.7%)
$\eta \to \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$ (BR = 32.6%)

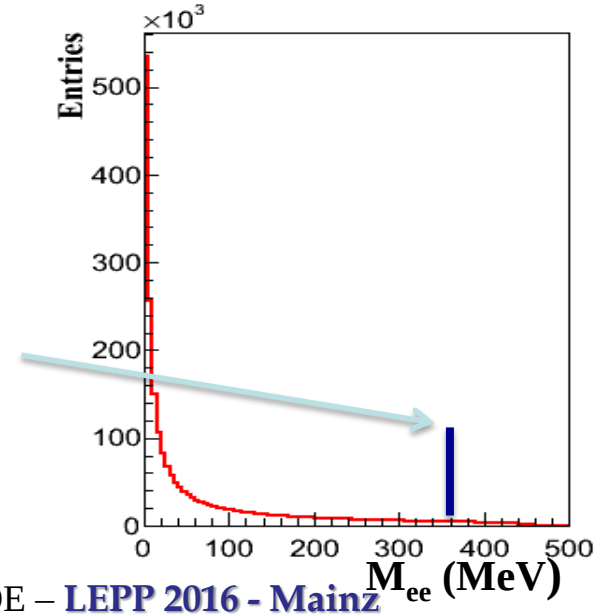
Phys.Lett. B706 (2012) 251-255

Combined result **Phys.Lett. B720 (2013) 111**

Irreducible background: $\phi \to \eta\, e^+e^-$, $\eta \to \pi\pi\pi$

Simulated with a Vector Meson Dominance parameterization

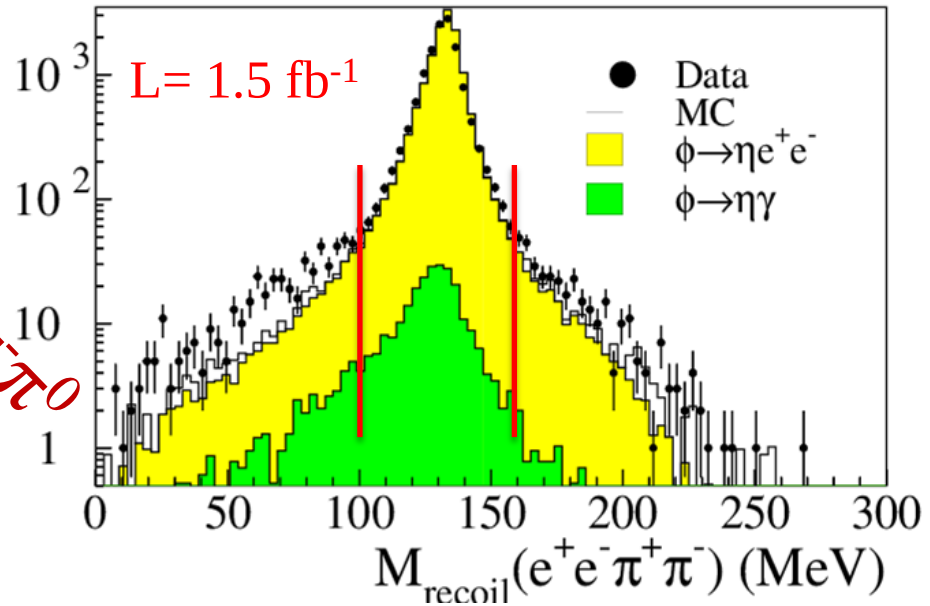
Signal → narrow peak above the continuum background



U boson search in $\phi \to \eta e^+ e^-$ decays: selections

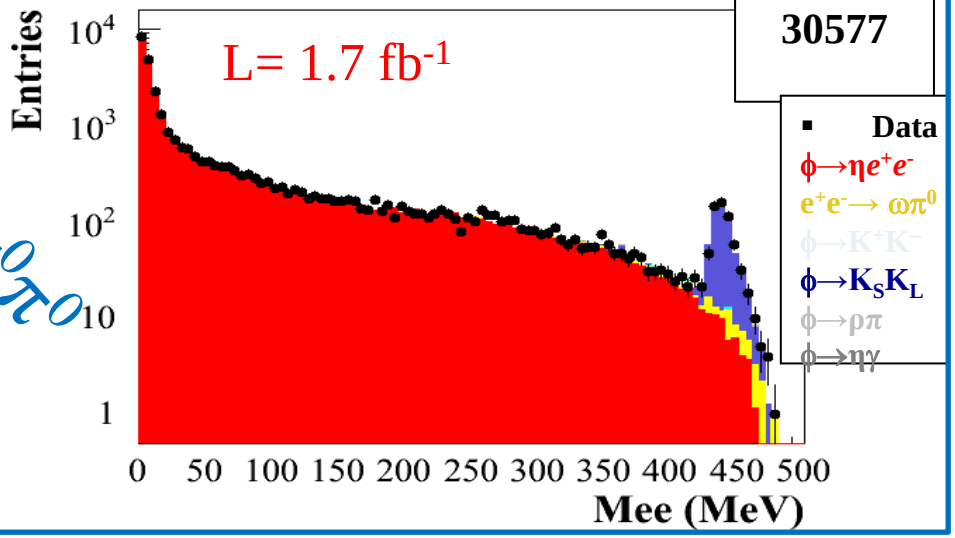
- 4 tracks + 2 photon candidates
- Best $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma\gamma$ match to the η mass
- $495 < M_{\pi\pi\gamma\gamma} < 600$ MeV
  $70 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 200$ MeV
  $535 < M_{recoil}(ee) < 560$ MeV
- γ conversion + $K_L K_S$ rejection (ToF)
- $100 < M_{recoil}(ee\pi\pi) < 160$ MeV

$\eta \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$



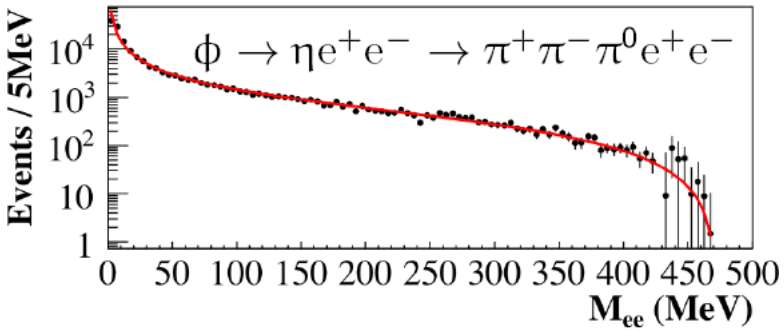
- 2 tracks + 6 photon candidates
- Six prompt photon candidates:
  $|T_\gamma - R_\gamma/c| < \min(3\sigma_T,\ 2\ ns)$
- $400 < M_{6\gamma} < 700$ MeV
- γ conversion + $K_L K_S$ rejection (ToF)
- $536.5 < M_{recoil}(ee) < 554.5$ (3σ cut)

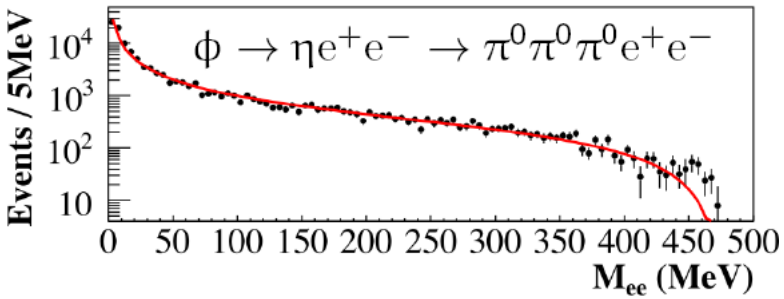
$\eta \to \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$



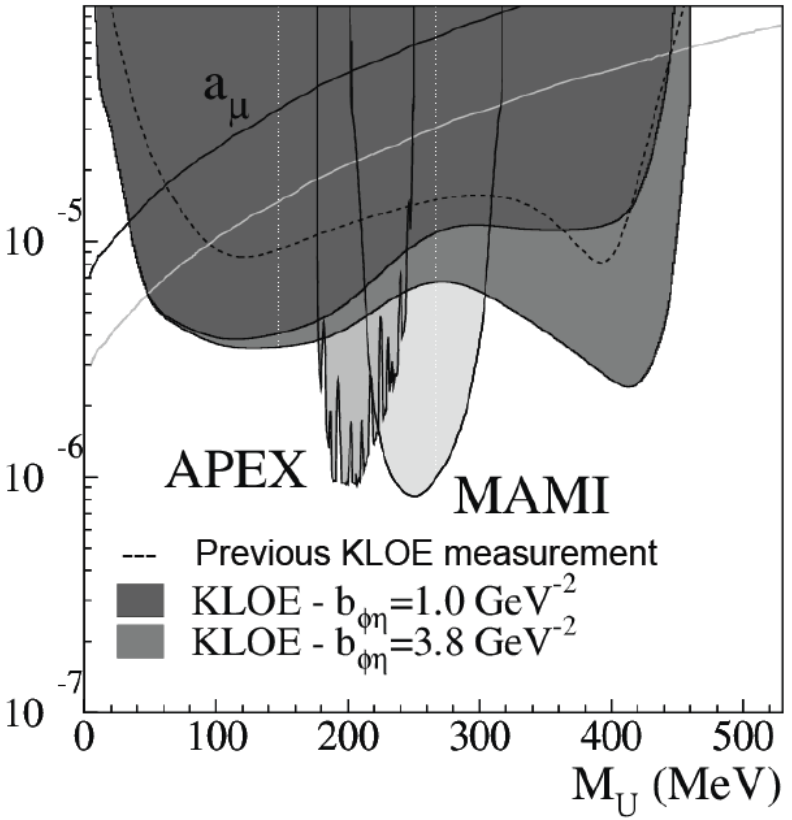
U boson search in $\phi \to \eta e^+e^-$ decays: 90% CL upper limits

Di-electron mass spectrum





- **No clear signal above background → UL evaluation**
- background → fit of the M_{ee} distribution excluding the region around M_U → CL_S method



$\varepsilon^2 \leq 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ @ 90% C.L. for $30 < M_U < 400$ MeV

$\varepsilon^2 \leq 8.0 \times 10^{-6}$ @ 90% C.L. for $50 < M_U < 210$ MeV

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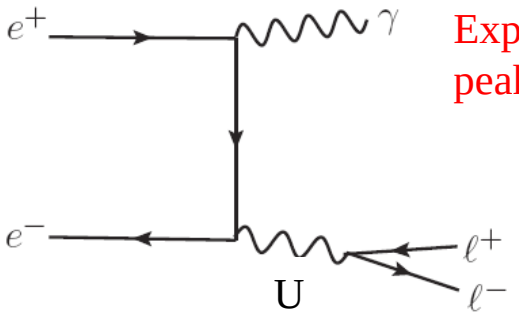
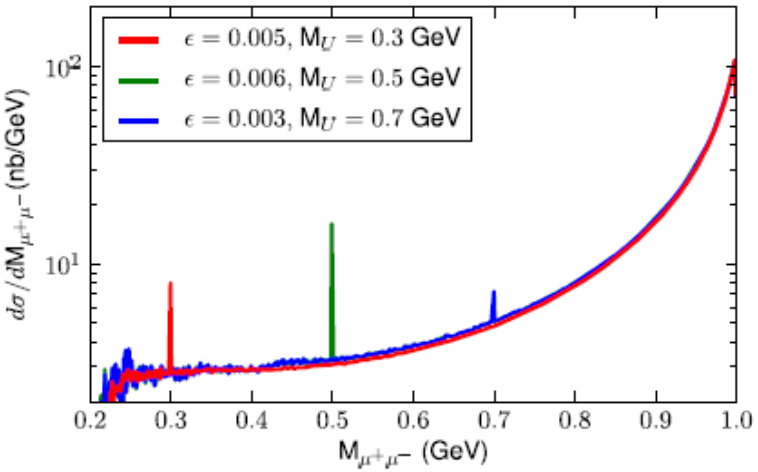
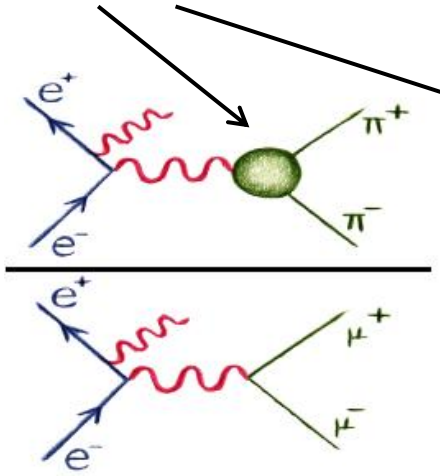


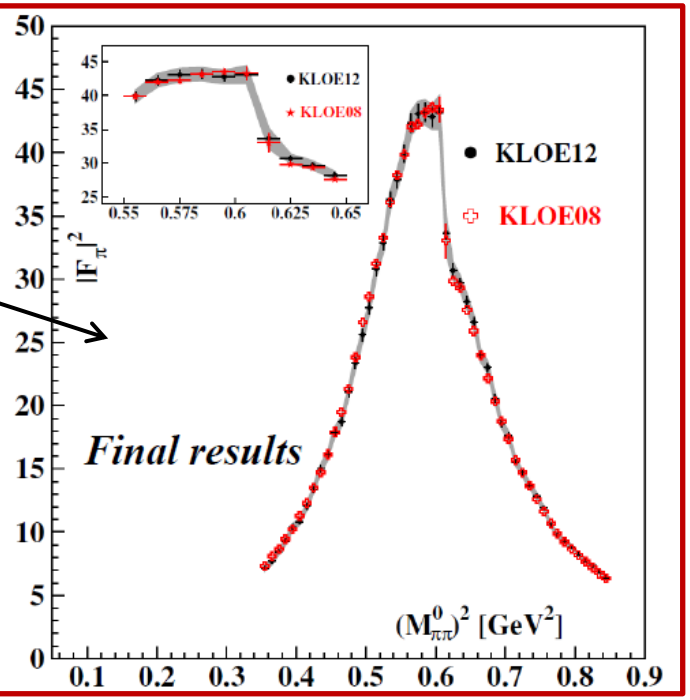
Expect a narrow Breit-Wigner peak above the continuum



Directly derived from our measurement of $|F_\pi|^2$

L= 240 pb^{-1}





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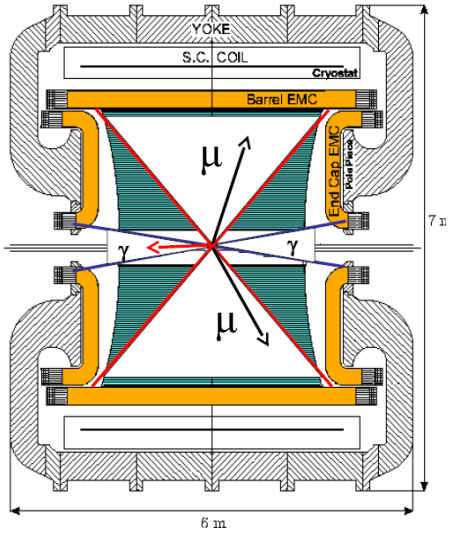
- undetected small angle photon $\theta_\gamma < 15°$, $\theta_\gamma > 165°$
- two opposite sign charged tracks $50° < \theta_\mu < 130°$

$\vec{p}_\gamma = \vec{p}_{miss} = -(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2)$



- ✓ high statistics ISR
- ✓ low FSR contribution
- ✓ significant suppression of $\Phi \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

π/μ separation

Three main sources of background:

$e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-\gamma(\gamma)$
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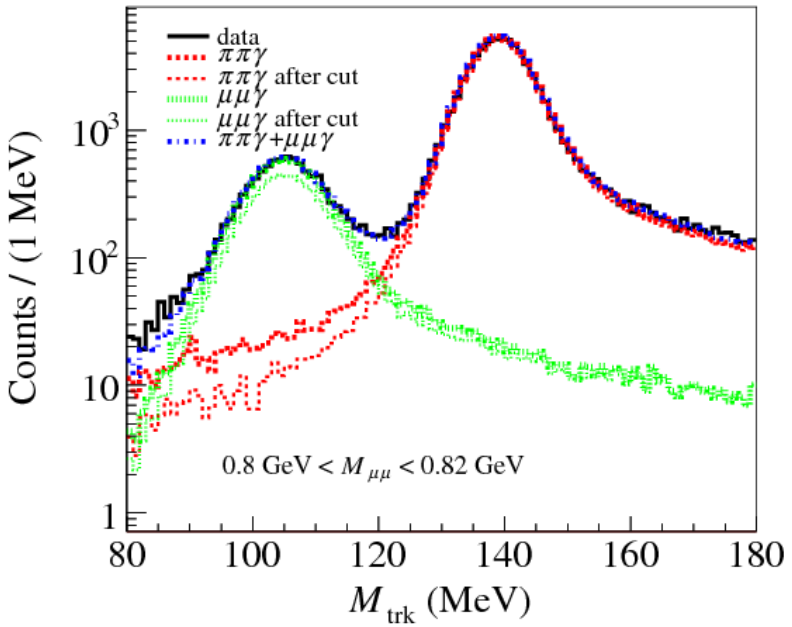
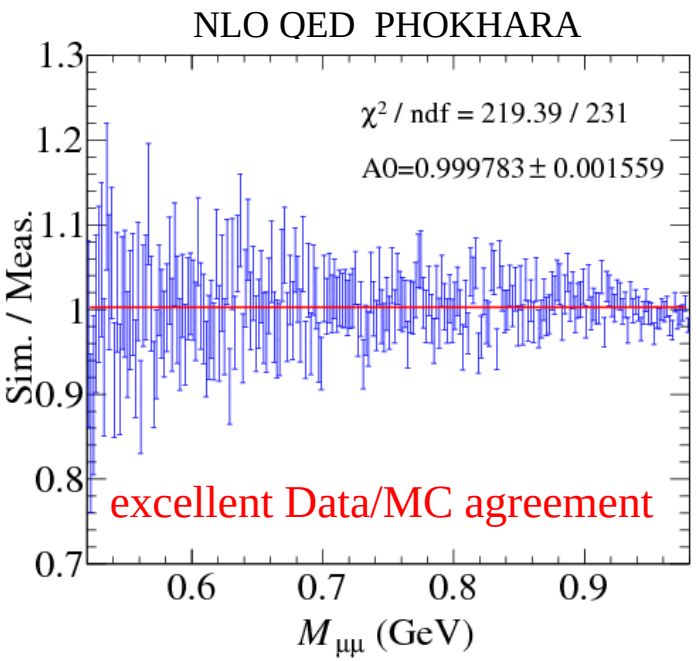
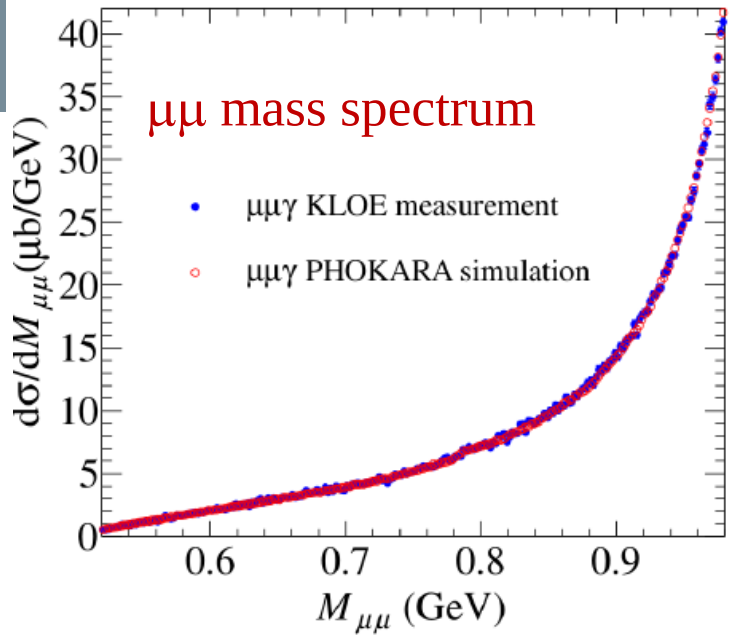
$\phi \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$



M_{trk} → mass computed by assuming two equal mass charged particles and 1 γ in the final state

$e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$: 90% CL UL



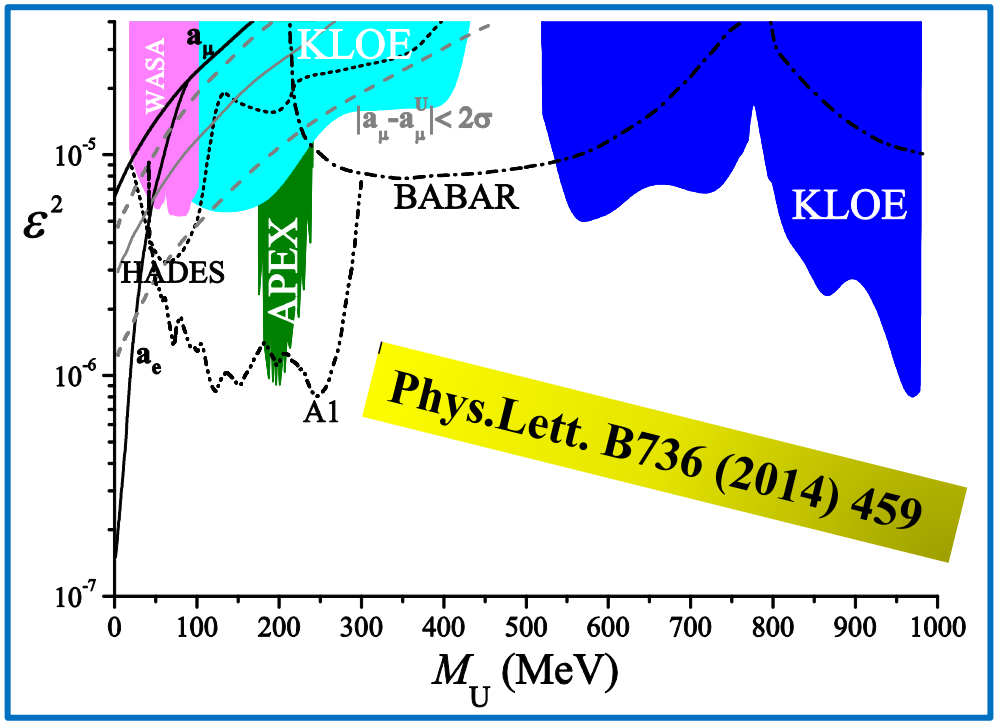


CL_S technique

Results based on only 240 pb^{-1}

Using the 2.5 fb^{-1} full KLOE data set improves the sensitivity by a factor ~ 3

A further factor 2 in sensitivity expected from KLOE-2 experiment



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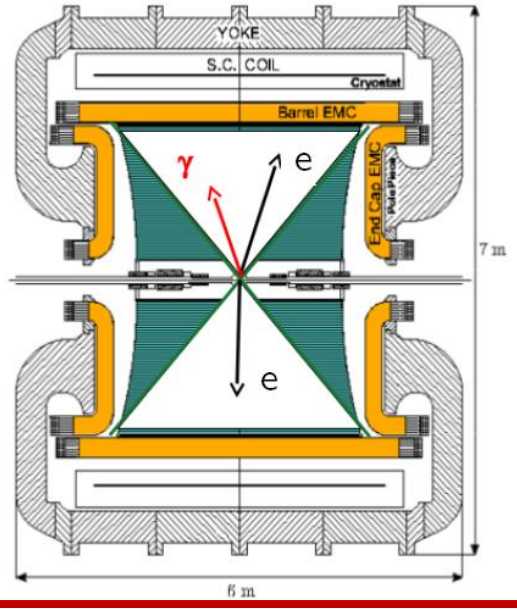
U boson search in $e^+e^-\rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$

- detected large angle photon $\theta_\gamma<50°$, $\theta_\gamma>130°$
- two opposite sign charged tracks $50°<\theta_e<130°$
- M_{TRK} to separate from $\mu\mu\gamma$, $\pi\pi\gamma$

✓ allows to explore the $2m_e$ threshold region
✓ great suppression of t-channel Bhabha
✓ background contamination ≈1.5%

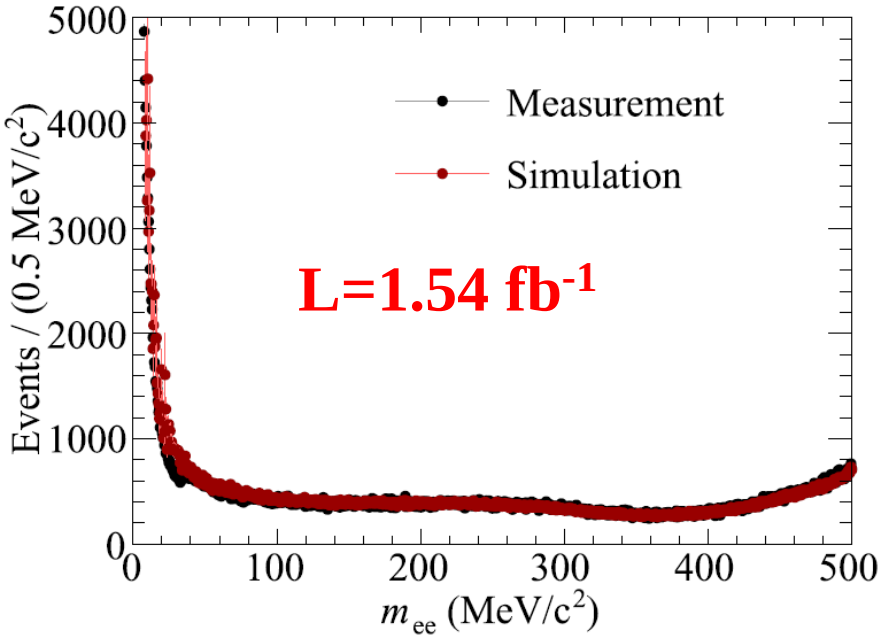


e^+e^- mass spectrum

Babayaga-NLO simulation (with weighted events)

Background estimated from data

No peak observed → UL CL_S technique



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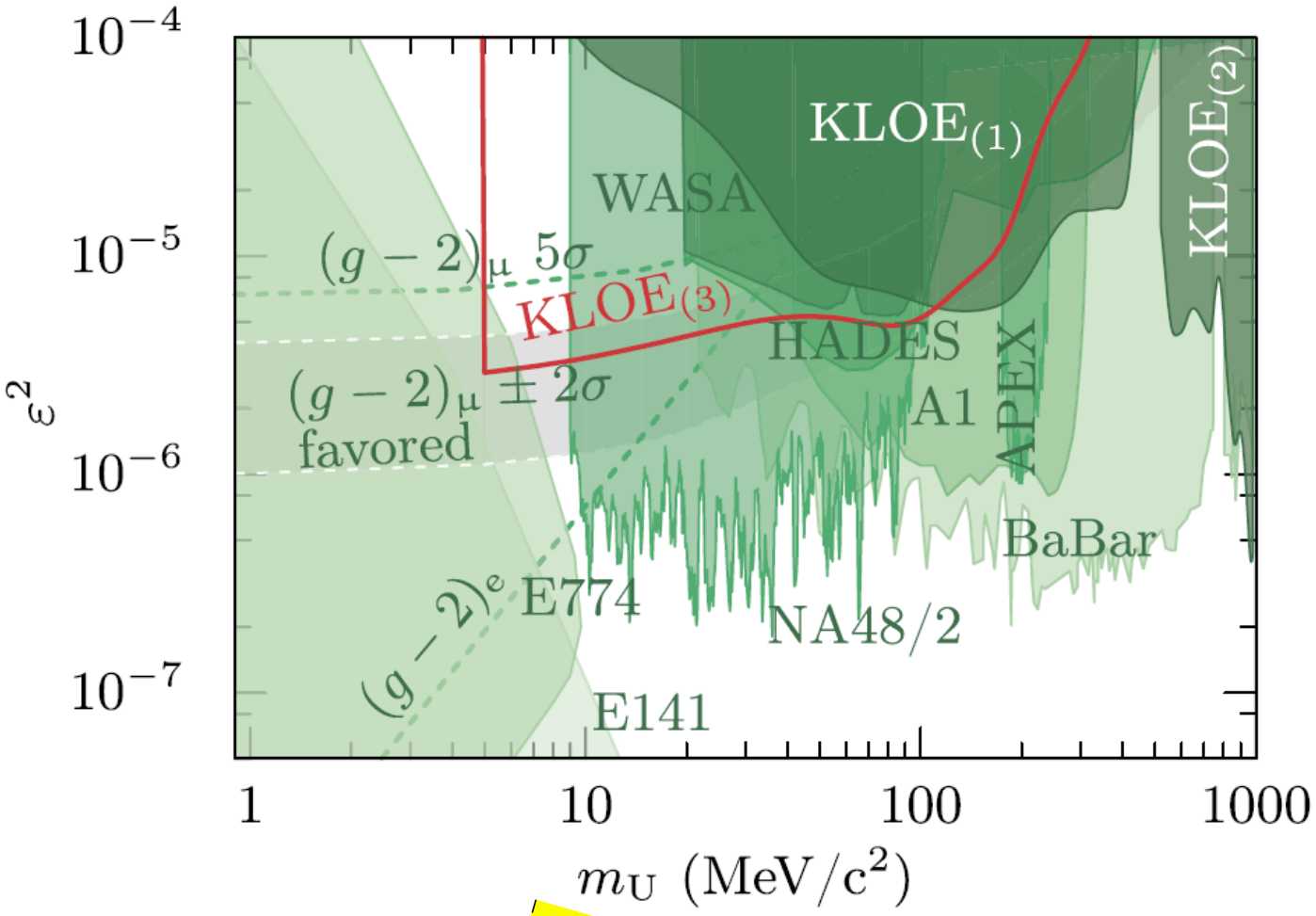

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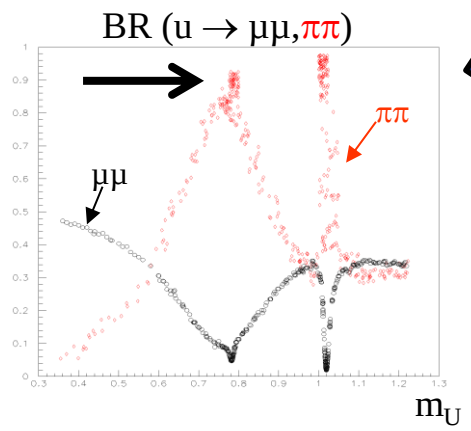

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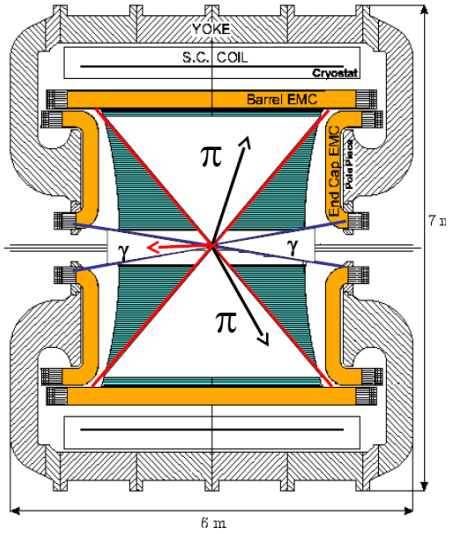

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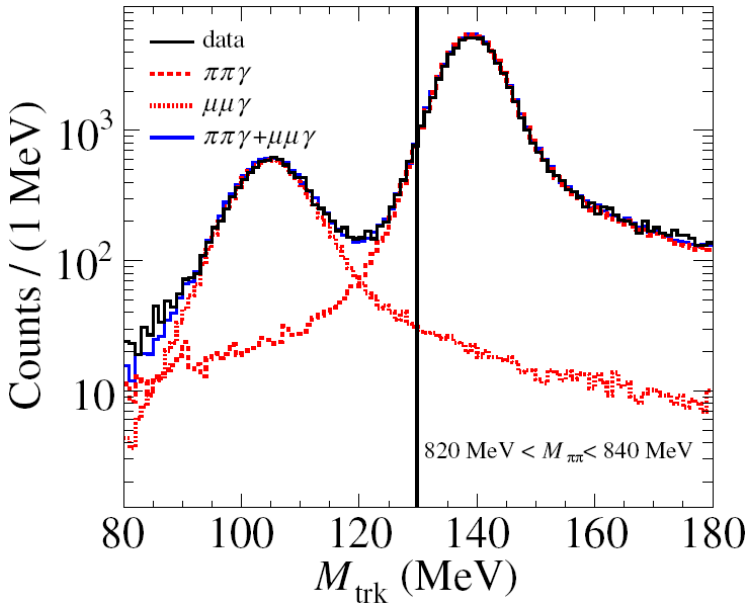

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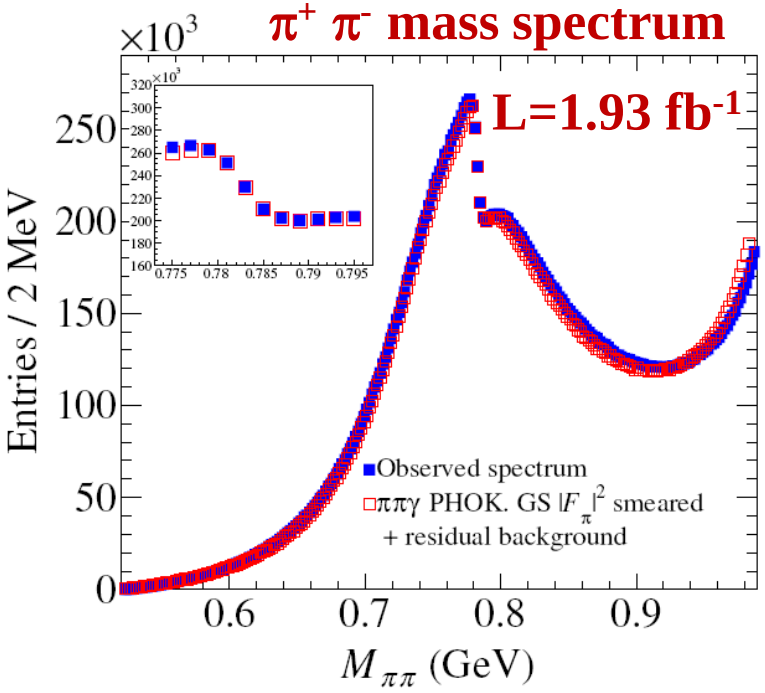

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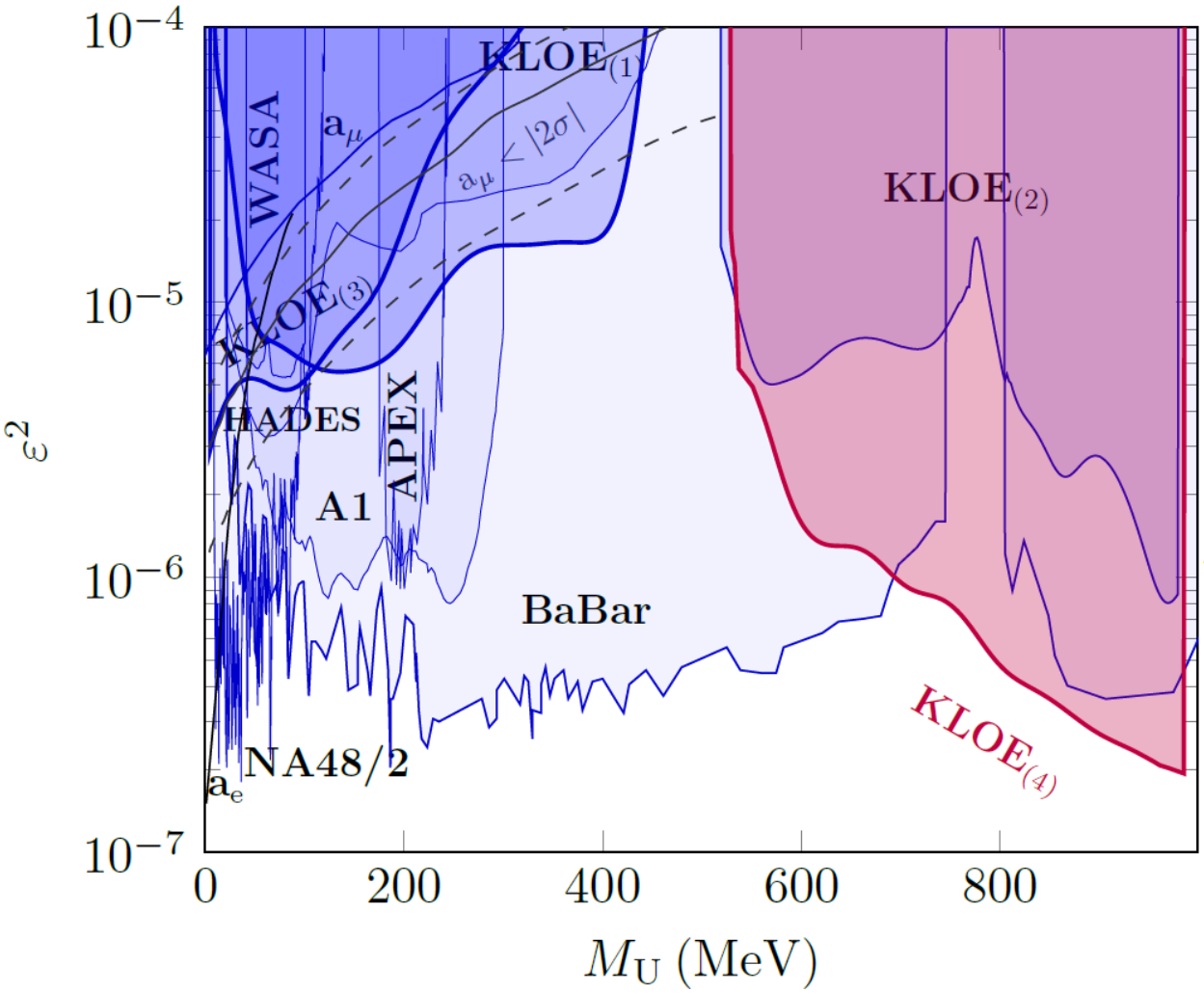

KLOE$_{(1)}$ → Dalitz $\phi \to \eta e^+e^-$
KLOE$_{(2)}$ → $e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$
KLOE$_{(3)}$ → $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\gamma$
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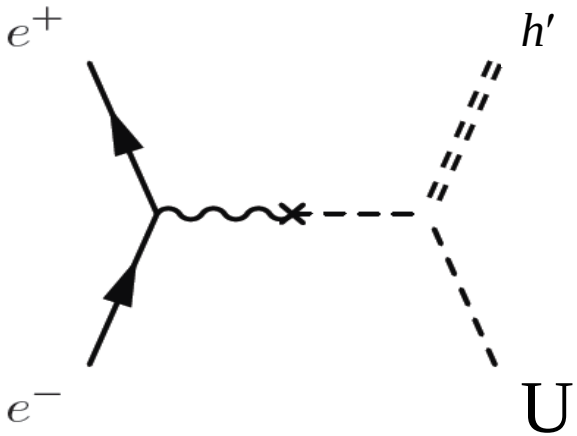
The $e^+e^- \to h'U$ higgsstrahlung process



Very different scenarios depending on

$\varepsilon = 10^{-3}$

$\alpha_D = \alpha_{em}$

$m_{U,h'} \sim 100$ MeV

→ **$m_{h'} < m_U \Rightarrow$ "invisible"**

$m_{h'} > m_U \Rightarrow h \to uu \to 4l,\pi + 2l,\pi$

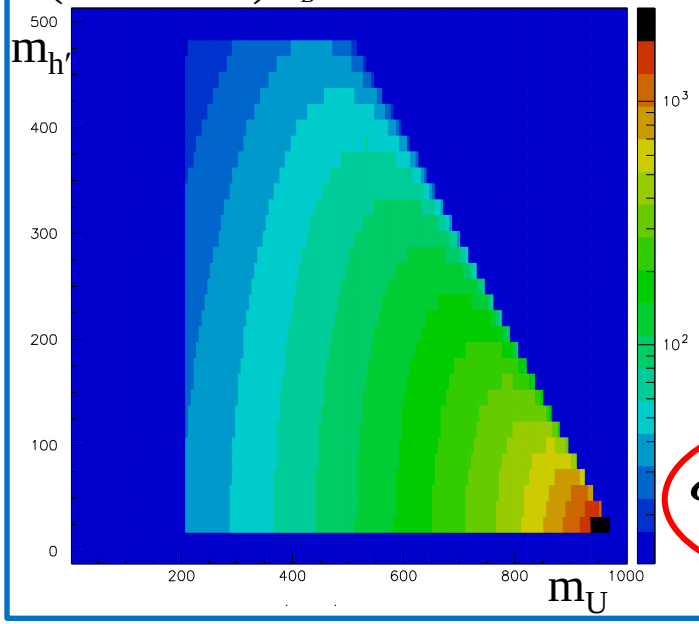
→ $\tau_{h'} > 5\ \mu s \to \beta\gamma c\tau > 100$ m

rapidly increasing with decreasing ε

invisible up to $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-2} \div 10^{-1}$ depending on $m_{h'}$

We studied only the muon case $m_{h'} < m_U$: $e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-$ + missing energy

$\sigma(e^+e^- \to h'U)$ $\alpha_D = \alpha$, $\varepsilon = 10^{-3}$, $s = 1$ GeV^2 fb



Batell, Pospelov, Ritz ,

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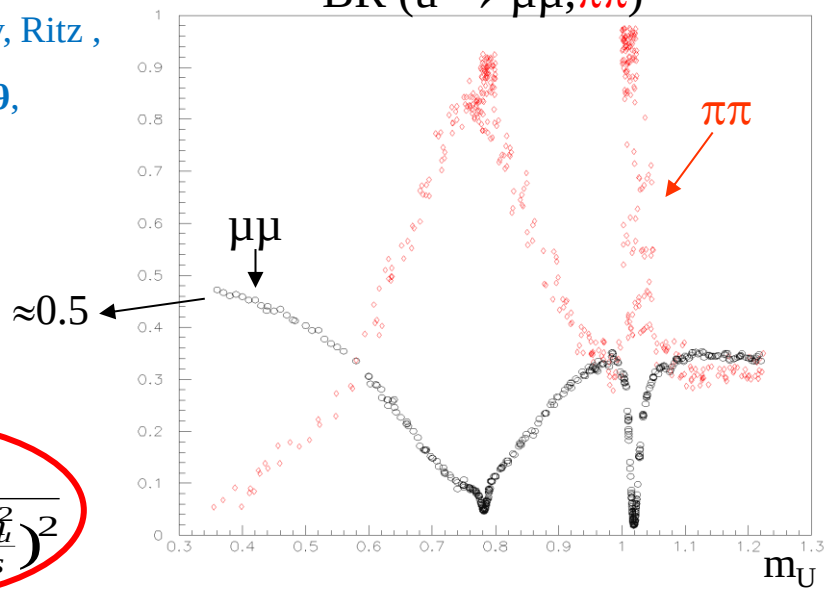
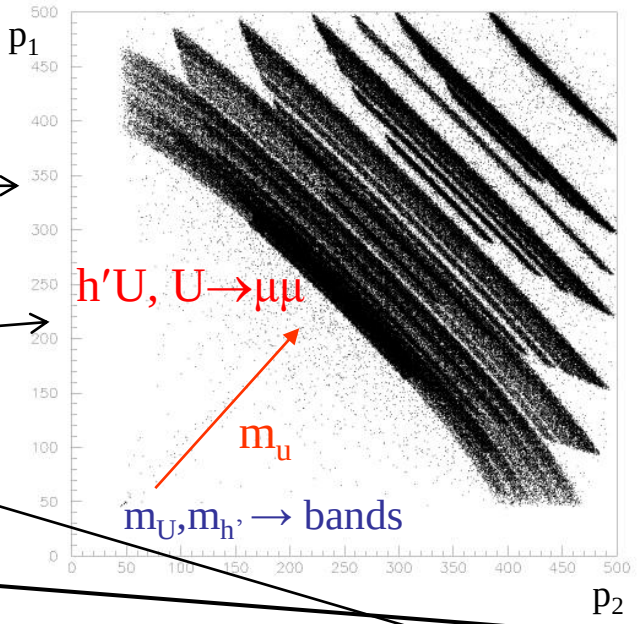
$$\sigma_{h'U} \propto \frac{1}{s}\frac{1}{\left(1-\frac{m_u^2}{s}\right)^2}$$

BR ($u \to \mu\mu, \pi\pi$)

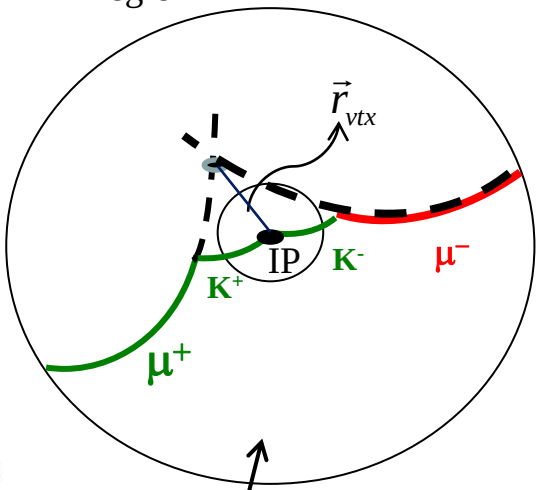


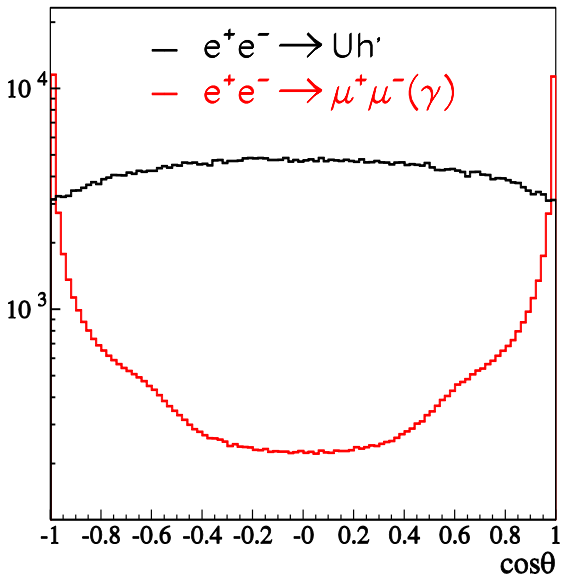
$e^+e^- \to h'U$: selections

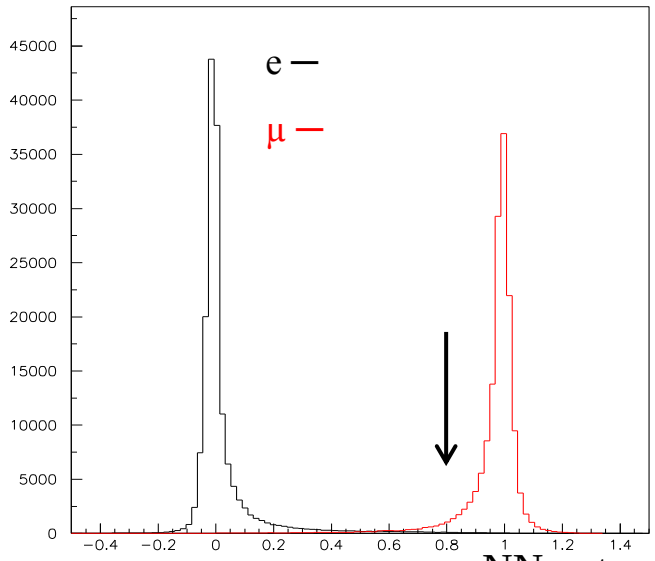
- two charged tracks, $q_1+q_2=0$
- vertex in a cylinder around IP
- $p_{1,2} < 460$ MeV
- $\cos\theta < 0.75$, $\cos\theta_{1,2} < 0.8$
- $p_1 + p_2 > 450$ MeV
- E_{miss}: calorimeter veto
- PID: two muons
- vtx-IP cut (anti K^+K^-)

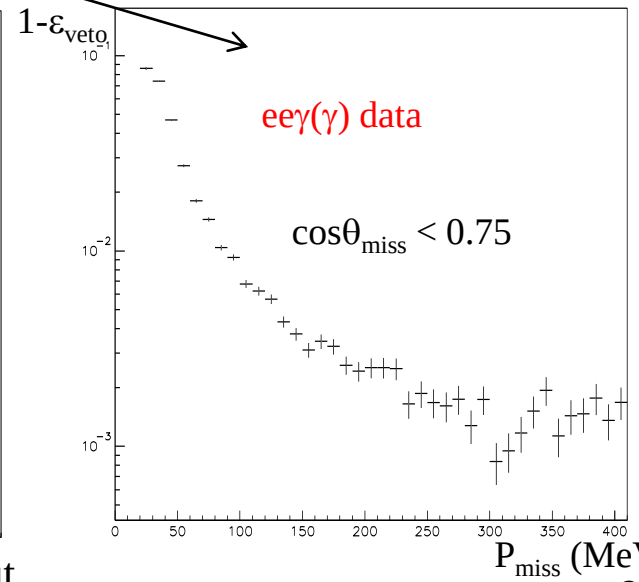


$K^+K^- \to \mu^+\mu^-\nu\nu$ decaying in the IP region

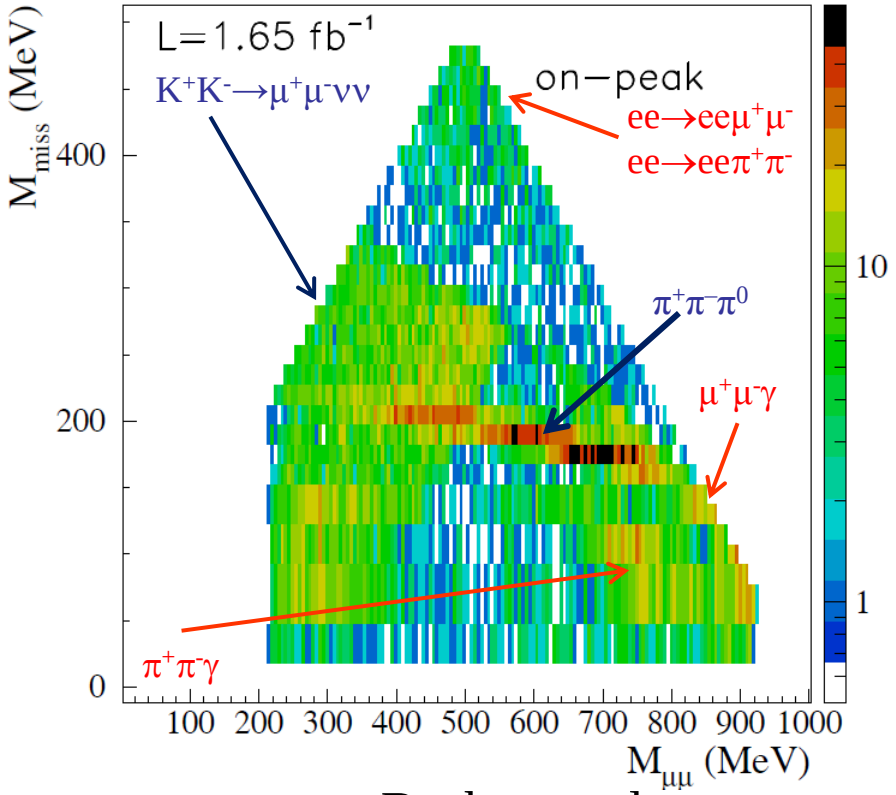


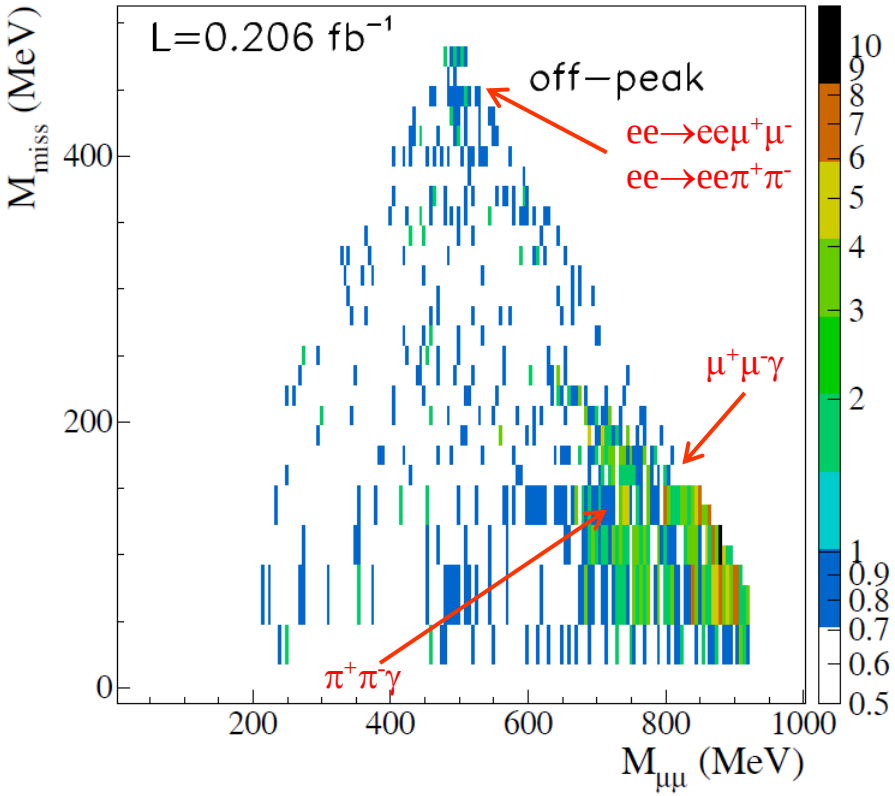






$e^+e^- \to h'U$: results





Backgrounds

$\phi \to K^+ K^-$, $K^\pm \to \mu^\pm \nu$ ← ϕ decays

$\phi \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

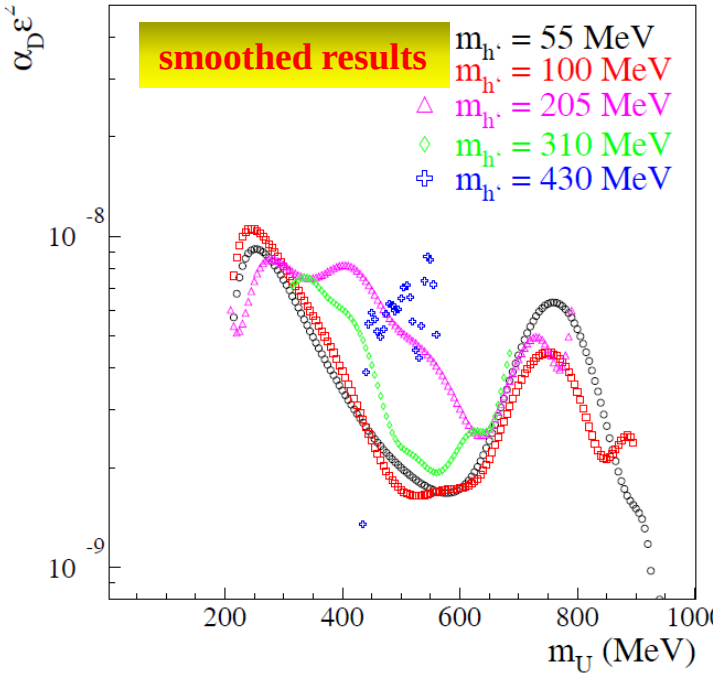
$e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$

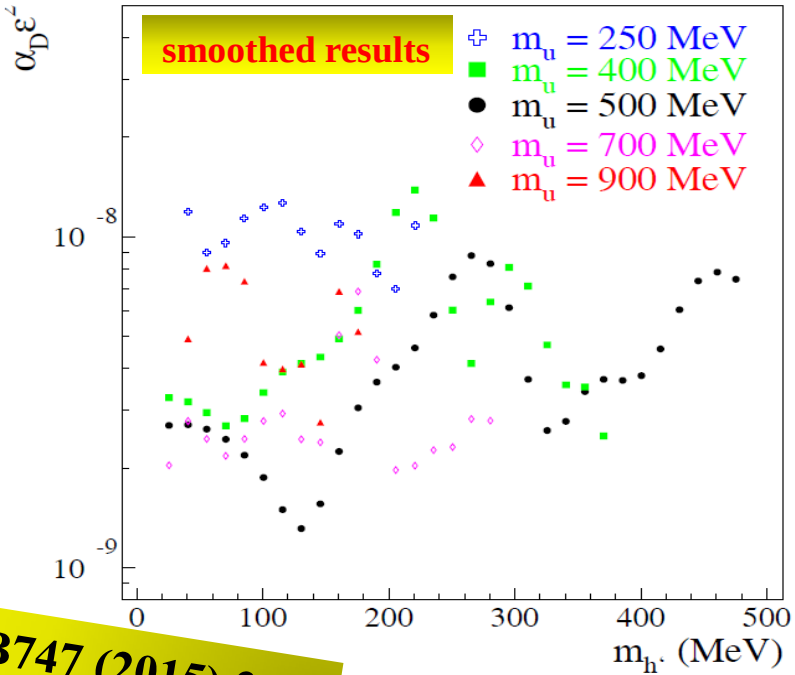
$e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ ← continuum

$e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$

$e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-$

$e^+e^- \to h'U$: p_0 values and 90% CL upper limits





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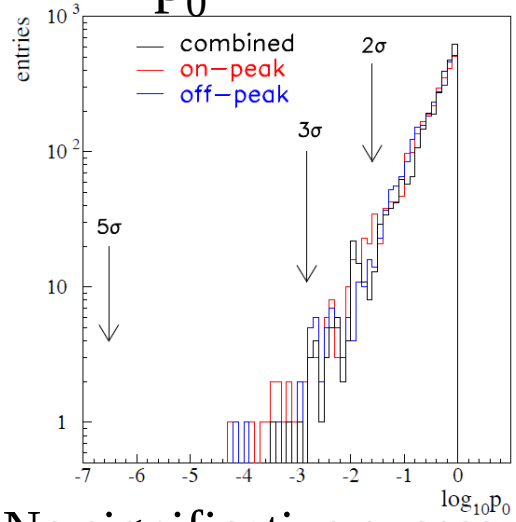
p_0



No significative excess

Limits ~ $10^{-8} \div 10^{-9}$ in $\alpha_D\varepsilon^2$ (translate in $10^{-3} \div$ some 10^{-4} in ε if $\alpha_D = \alpha_{em}$)

Search complementary with BaBar/Belle

Expect a ≈ 2.5 improvement in KLOE2 (luminosity + suppression of K^+K^- background due to IT) $\rightarrow$ full study of the $\varepsilon \approx 10^{-4}$ region

Dark forces at KLOE: summary and conclusions

❑ KLOE searched for a dark gauge U boson in six different processes:

• ϕ meson decay: $\Phi \to \eta U$ with $U \to e^+e^-$, $\eta \to \pi\pi\pi$	**Phys.Lett. B720 (2013) 111**
• Uγ associate production: $e^+e^- \to U\gamma \to \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	**Phys.Lett. B736 (2014) 459**
• Uγ associate production: $e^+e^- \to U\gamma \to e^+e^-\gamma$	**Phys.Lett. B750 (2015) 633**
• Uγ associate production: $e^+e^- \to U\gamma \to \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$	**arXiv:1603.06086, subm. to PLB**
• Higgsstrahlung: $e^+e^- \to Uh' \to \mu^+\mu^-$ + missing energy	**Phys.Lett. B747 (2015) 365**

❑ We found no evidence and set upper limits on the mixing parameter ε^2 ($\alpha_D\varepsilon^2$), as a function of the U (and h′) mass, in the range $10^{-5} \div 10^{-7}$, depending on the process.

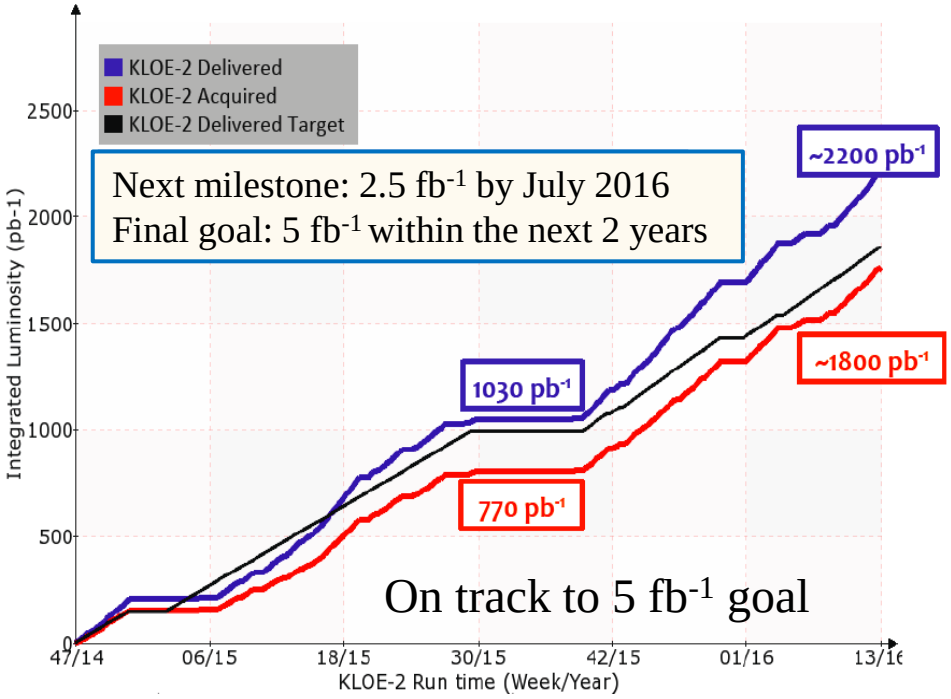
❑ All these measurements, performed with the KLOE data set, are statistically dominated, so…

❑ … the increased DAϕNE-2 delivered luminosity and the presence of the new detectors in KLOE-2 are expected to improve these limits by a factor ~2 or better .

❑ New KLOE-2 run is well in progress. Stay tuned!

Dark forces at KLOE-2: present and future

- Increased luminosity
- Increase of machine background
- Detailed studies show the good quality of the collected data
- Background largely reduced by exploiting the excellent timing performance of the calorimeter
- No dark force analysis yet
- Expected improvement on mass resolution (better S/N ratio) and vertex reconstruction (better $K^{\pm}$ rejection)



New ideas

B boson search (leptophobic): $\phi \rightarrow \eta B$, $B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$ (in progress)
Invisible U decays to light dark matter (smart ideas or single γ trigger)

SPARE SLIDES

Novel interaction scheme:
large angle beam crossing
+ crabbed waist sextupoles => SuperKEK

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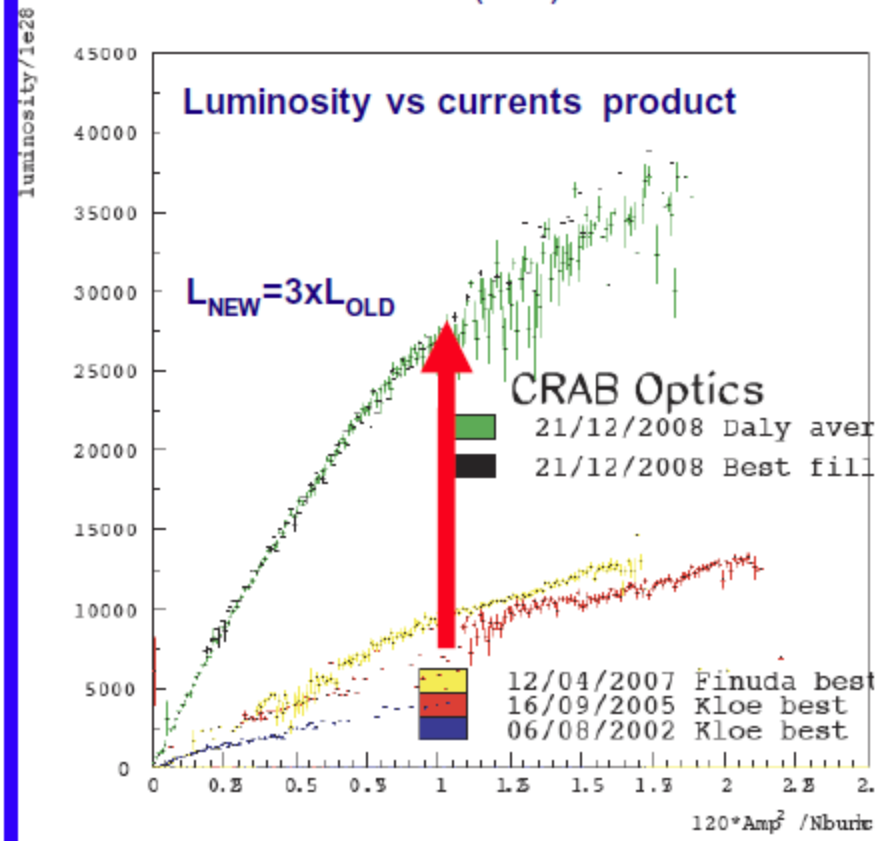
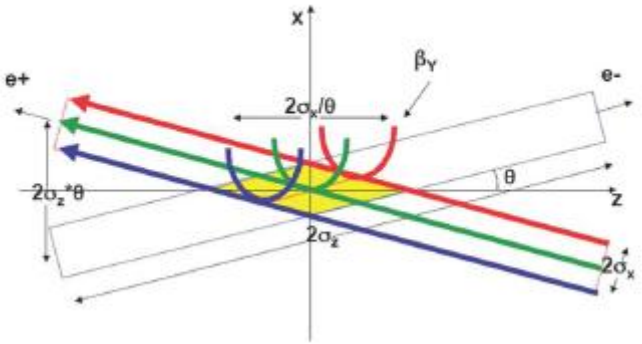
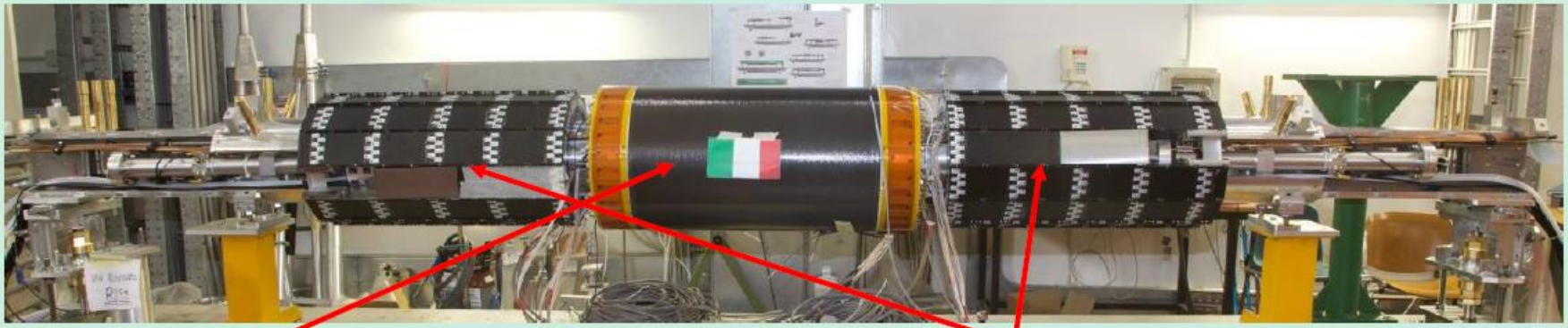




The KLOE-2 upgrade: IR region



INNER TRACKER

- 4 layers of cylindrical triple GEM
- Better vertex reconstruction near IP
- Larger acceptance for low p_t tracks

QCALT

- W + scintillator tiles + WLS/SiPM
- QUADS coverage for K_L decays

CCALT

- LYSO + SiPM
- Increase acceptance for γ's from IP ($21^o \rightarrow 10^o$)

Installation completed. Commissioning in progress with DAΦNE beams

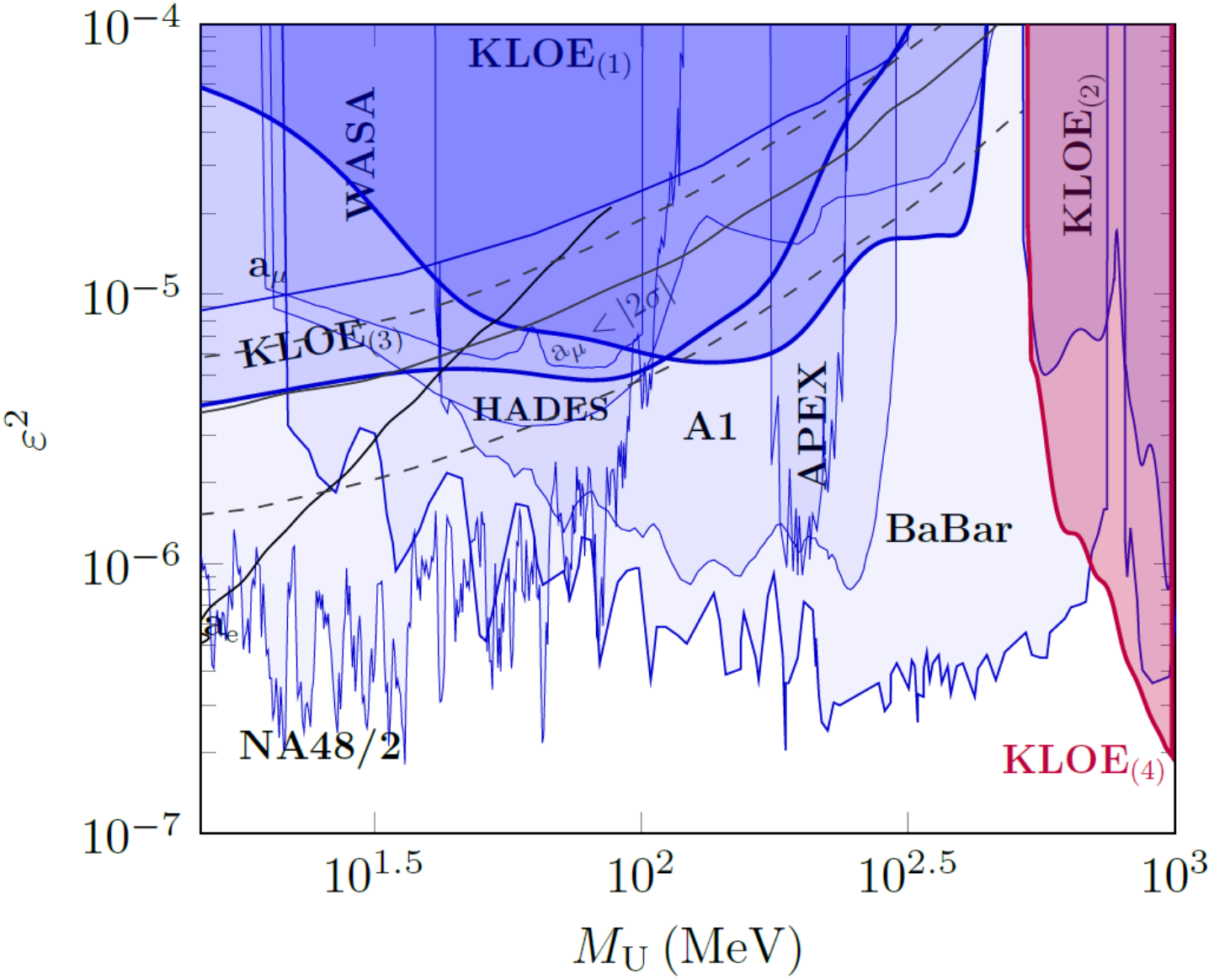
To express limits in terms of ε^2 we need a form factor

$$F(q^2) = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/\Lambda^2}$$

FF slope: $\begin{cases} b = dF/dq^2|_{q^2=0} \\ b_{\phi\eta} = \Lambda_{\phi\eta}^{-2} \approx 1/m_\phi^2 \approx 1\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-2} \end{cases}$

… but SND: $b_{\phi\eta} = (3.8 \pm 1.8)\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-2}$

$e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\gamma$: 90% CL upper limits



$e^+e^- \to h'U$: $M_{\mu\mu}$ and M_{miss} spectra