

# Review on dark photon

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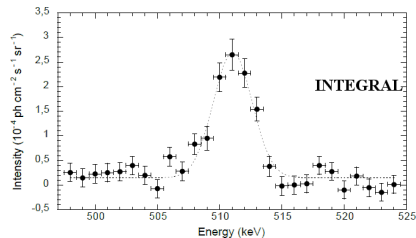
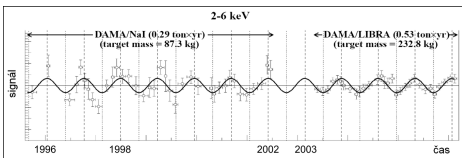
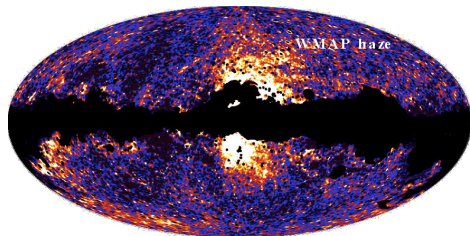
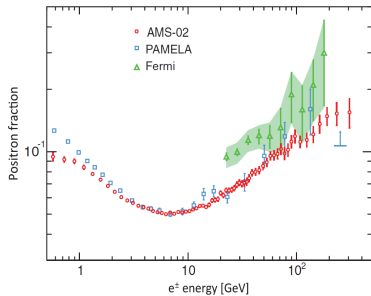
  - ★ KLOE

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# Motivations

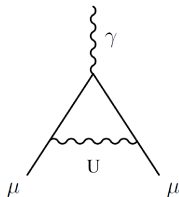


# Motivations

Moreover...

- ★ A low mass U boson could explain the well known  $a_\mu$  discrepancy with SM

$$a_\mu^{\text{dark}} \propto \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \varepsilon^2 \text{ for } M_U \sim 10\text{--}100 \text{ MeV and } \varepsilon \sim 10^{-3}$$

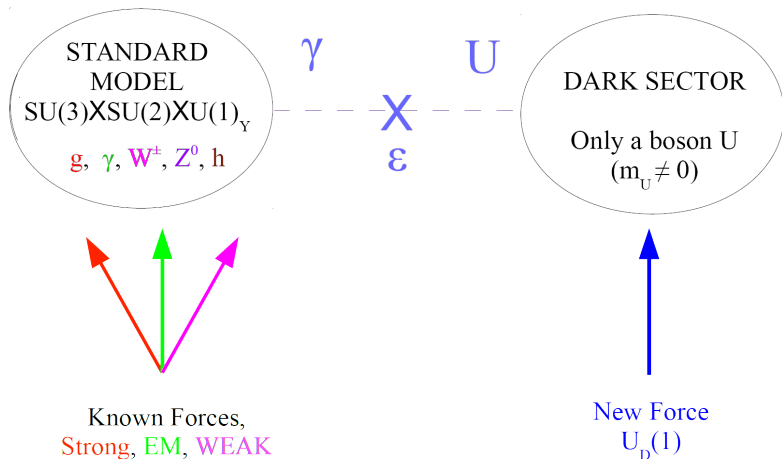


- ★ The new symmetry should be spontaneously broken by an Higgs-like mechanism, thus introducing the existence of an additional scalar particle, the dark Higgs  $h'$ .

# Dark Sector

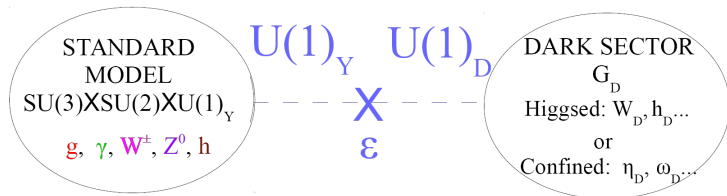
Minimal Theoretical setup:

just a gauge boson  $U$  belonging to an extra abelian gauge symmetry  $U_D(1)$ ,  
 $U$  is the lightest particle of the dark sector and can only decay into SM  
particles through kinetic mixing  $\rightarrow$  visible decays



# Dark Sector

Dark sector could be much intricate...



Generalised dark sector scenario:

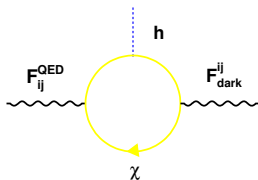
a non-Abelian gauge group  $G_D$  which can be Higgsed (new gauge bosons) or confined (dark flavour mesons, glueball and baryons) at  $\mathcal{O}(\text{MeV} - 10 \text{ GeV})$ .

$G_D \supset U(1)_D$ , still mixing between photon and dark photon but  $U$  could not be the lightest particle and decay to dark particles giving rise to invisible decays

We will focus on visible and prompt  $U$  decays

# The U boson

The U boson would be produced during dark matter annihilation processes and then decay to light particles, as leptons or pions:  $\tilde{\chi} + \chi \rightarrow U + U$ ,  $U \rightarrow l^+ l^-$  ( $l = e, \mu, \pi$ ), if  $m_U < 1\text{GeV}$



The U couples to  $\gamma$  through loops of heavy dark particles charged under both QED and dark force. The mixing is described by a kinetic mixing term of the form:

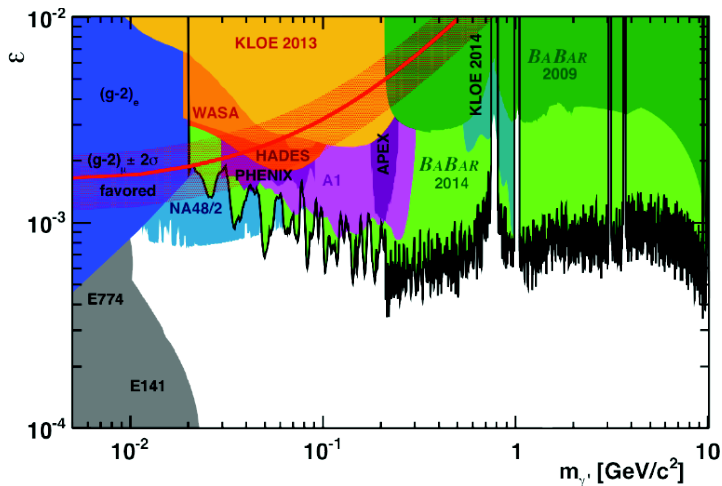
$$L = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} F_{ij}^{\text{QED}} F_{\text{dark}}^{ij}$$

$$\varepsilon^2 = \alpha' / \alpha_{\text{em}} = \text{kinetic mixing parameter} \\ \sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-4}$$

$F_{ij}^{\text{em}}$ ,  $F_{\text{dark}}^{ij}$  = SM hypercharge gauge boson and dark photon tensors

# Status of U boson Searches

Many experimental approaches... beamp dump, fixed target experiments...  
we will focus on Collider Searches

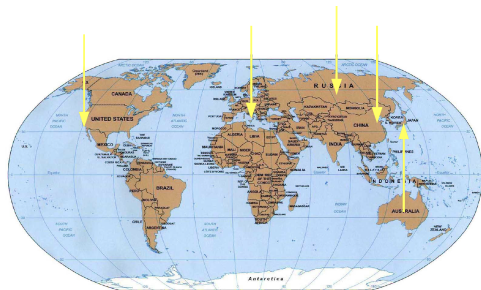




# U production @ $e^+e^-$ Colliders

High luminosity electron-positron colliders have operated in the last decade all over the world, collecting unprecedented statistics at the energies of interest for dark searches. It is also planned to increase the available datasets within a few years...

- ★ The KLOE experiment at DAΦNE, Frascati, has accumulated about  $2,5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  running at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ . A new run (KLOE-2) has started, taking advantage of new sub-detectors and new DAΦNE interaction scheme, with the goal of reaching, within a few years,  $\sim 5\text{-}10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ★ The Belle and BaBar experiments in Japan and USA have integrated about  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  each at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$ . The aim is to reach  $\sim 50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  with future generation SuperB factories
- ★ At  $\sqrt{s} \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$ , the BESIII detector in Beijing aims to collect an integrated luminosity of  $\sim 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



# U production @ $e^+e^-$ Colliders

★ Light meson decays:  $V \rightarrow PU$ ,  $U \rightarrow l^+l^-$  ( $l = e, \mu, \pi$ )

★ Continuum processes:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma$ ,  $U \rightarrow l^+l^-$  ( $l = e, \mu, \pi$ )

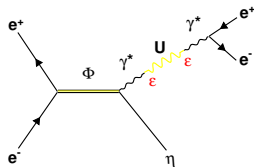
★ Dark Higgsstrahlung:

Invisible scenario  $\rightarrow m_U > m_{h'}$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow h'U$ ,  $U \rightarrow l^+l^-$ ,  $h'$   
invisible because long-lived

Visible scenario  $\rightarrow m_U < m_{h'}$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow h'U$ ,  $h' \rightarrow UU$ ,  
 $U \rightarrow l^+l^-$  ( $l = e, \mu, \pi$ )

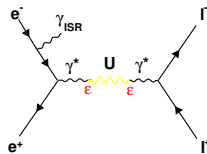
## $\Phi$ Dalitz decay:

$\Phi \rightarrow \eta U, U \rightarrow e^+ e^-$   
 $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  (BR=22.7%)  
 $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$  (BR=32.6%)  
 expected signature: peak in the dielectron  
 inv. mass



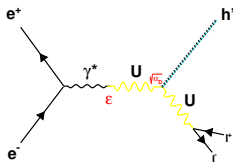
## $U\gamma$ events:

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow U\gamma, U \rightarrow l^+ l^-$  ( $l = e, \mu$ )  
 good knowledge of bckgs  
 $\sigma \sim 1/s$ : 100 times higher at DAΦNE w.r.t.  
 B-factories  
 expected signature: resonance peak in the  
 dilepton inv. mass

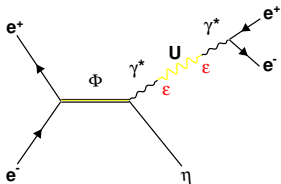


## Higgsstrahlung process:

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow h' U$   
 interesting process observed at KLOE if  
 $m_U + m_{h'} < m_\Phi$   
 expected signature for  $m_{h'} < m_U$ : bump in  
 the  $M_{ll} Vs M_{miss}$  plane



# Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \eta U$ , $U \rightarrow e^+e^-$ , $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ , $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$ @ KLOE-2



$\phi \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 e^+e^-$  ev. sel.

4 tracks in a cylinder around IP + 2 photon candidates

$495 < M_{\pi\pi\gamma\gamma} < 600$  MeV

$70 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 200$  MeV

$535 < M_{\text{recoil}(ee)} < 560$  MeV

ToF cuts

$\phi \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0 e^+e^-$  ev. sel.

2 charged tracks in a cylinder around IP

6 prompt photons candidates:  
with  $E > 7$  MeV

not associated to any track

in the time window expected for a photon

$|T_\gamma - R_\gamma/c| < \text{MIN}(3\sigma_t, 2\text{ns})$

acceptance:  $|\cos\theta_\gamma| < 0.92$

$400 < M_{6\gamma} < 700$  MeV

$$BR(X \rightarrow YU) \sim \epsilon^2 \times |FF_{XY\gamma}|^2 \times BR(X \rightarrow Y\gamma)$$

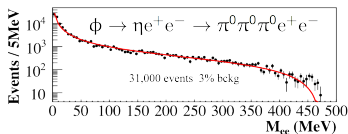
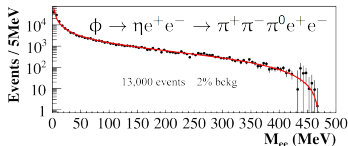
$$\sigma(\phi \rightarrow \eta U) \sim 40\text{fb for } |FF_{\phi\eta}| = 1, \epsilon \sim 10^{-3}$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 e^+e^- \text{ sample} \rightarrow L = 1.5\text{fb}^{-1}$$

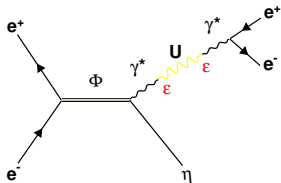
$$\phi \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0 e^+e^- \text{ sample} \rightarrow L = 1.7\text{fb}^{-1}$$

$\phi \rightarrow \eta e^+e^-$  MC simulation developed according VMD model

$\phi \rightarrow \eta U$  simulation developed according to JHEP 07 051 (2009)



# Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \eta U$ , $U \rightarrow e^+e^-$ , $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ , $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$ @ KLOE-2



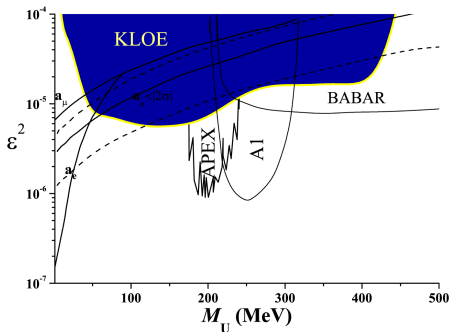
$\phi \rightarrow \eta U$  MC sample divided in subsamples of 1 MeV width in  $5 < M_U < 470$  MeV

For each  $M_U$  sub-sample, average value of  $\phi \rightarrow \eta e^+e^-$  background from fit to  $M_{ee}$  distribution, excluding the 5 bins centred at  $M_U$

For each  $M_U$  value, signal hypothesis excluded @ 90% C.L. using the CL<sub>S</sub> method (error on bckg included)

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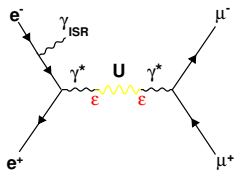
Limit on  $\epsilon \rightarrow$  formula from Reece and Wang JHEP 07 (2009)  
 $b_{\phi\eta} \sim 1\text{GeV}^{-2}$



$$\epsilon^2 = \alpha' / \alpha < 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ @ 90\% C.L. for } 30 < M_U < 400 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\epsilon^2 = \alpha' / \alpha < 8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ @ 90\% C.L. for the } 50 < M_U < 210 \text{ MeV}$$

# Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma$ , $U \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ @ KLOE-2



Statistics: KLOE data collected on 2002 corresponding to  $L = 240 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ .

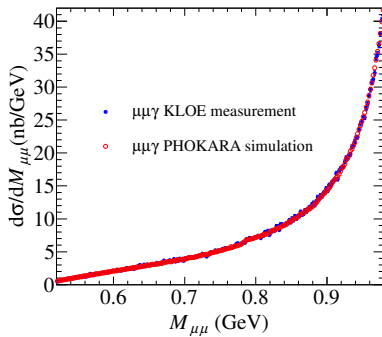
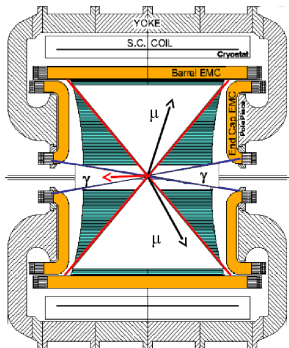
Small angle event selection

( $50^\circ < \theta_\mu < 130^\circ$ ,  $\theta_\gamma < 15^\circ$ ,  $> 165^\circ$ )

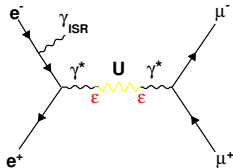
High statistics ISR signal

Significant reduction of  $\phi$  resonant and FSR bckgs

Good  $\pi/\mu$  separation thanks to  $M_{\text{trk}}$  and  $\sigma_{M_{\text{trk}}}$  cuts



# Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma$ , $U \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ @ KLOE-2



$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{N_{CLS} / \epsilon_{\text{eff}}}{H \cdot I \cdot L}$$

$N_{CLS}$  = UL on number of U-boson candidates at 90% CL (CL<sub>S</sub> technique)

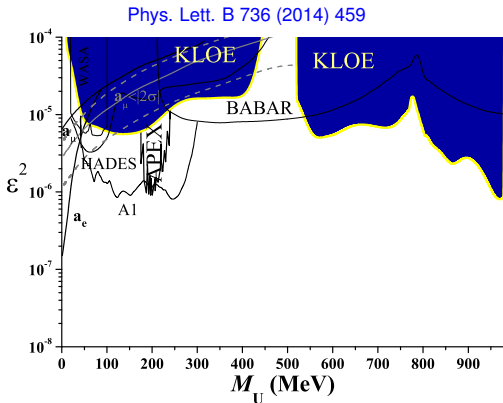
$$H = \frac{d\sigma_{\mu\mu\gamma} / dM_{\mu\mu}}{\sigma(\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, M)}$$

$$I = \int \sigma_{\mu\mu}^U dM_{\mu\mu}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = 2 - 15\%$$

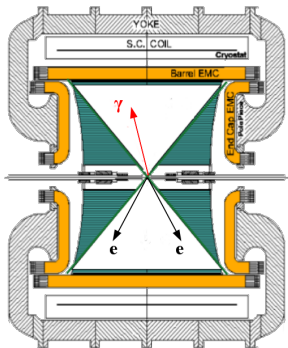
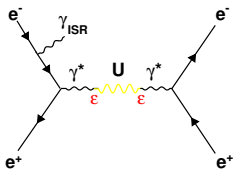
Systematic error of 1.4–1.8%

$$L = 239.3 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$



$$\epsilon^2 < 1.6 \times 10^{-5} - 8.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ @ 90\% C.L. for } 520 < M_U < 980 \text{ MeV}$$

# Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma$ , $U \rightarrow e^+e^-$ @ KLOE-2



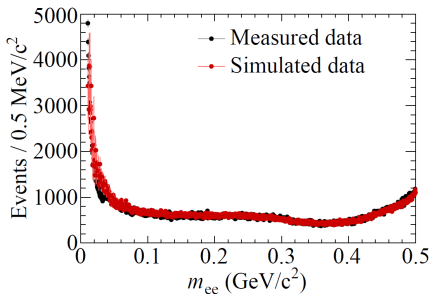
Data sample corresponding to  $L = \int \mathcal{L} = 1.5\text{fb}^{-1}$

2 oppositely charged tracks ( $55^\circ < \theta_e < 125^\circ$ )

Large angle event selection ( $50^\circ < \theta_\gamma < 130^\circ$ )

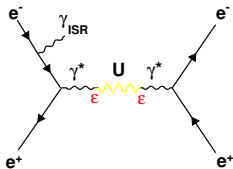
High statistics radiative Bhabha events in KLOE data

Per mil level background contamination, or better





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$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{N_{CLS} / \epsilon_{\text{eff}}}{H \cdot I \cdot L}$$

$N_{CLS}$  = UL on number of U-boson candidates at 90% CL (CLS technique)

$$H = \frac{d\sigma_{ee\gamma} / dM_{ee}}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-, M)}$$

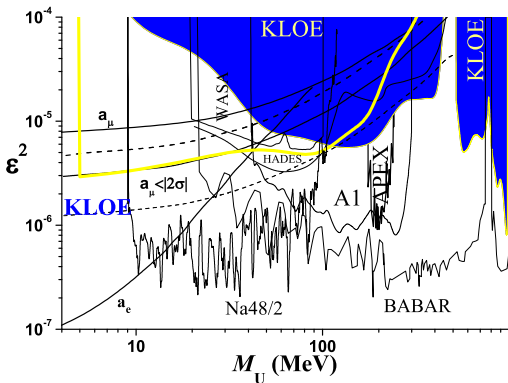
$$I = \int \sigma_{ee}^U dM_{ee}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = 1.5 - 2.5\%$$

Systematic error < 2%

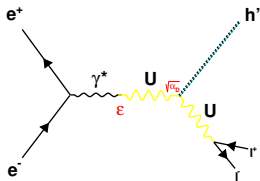
$$L = 1.54 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

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$\epsilon^2 \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$  @ 90% C.L. for  $5 < M_U < 520$  MeV

# Dark Higgsstrahlung @ KLOE-2



Two different scenarios:

$$m_{h'} = 2m_U$$

$$\text{decays: } h' \rightarrow UU \rightarrow 4l, 2l + 2\pi, \pi$$

$$m_{h'} < m_U \text{ with } h' \text{ invisible}$$

Invisible scenario:

$$\epsilon \sim 10^{-3}, \alpha_D = \alpha_{em}, m_U \sim 100\text{MeV} \rightarrow \tau_{h'} < 5\mu\text{s}$$

$$\rightarrow \beta\gamma_{ct} < 100m \rightarrow h' \text{ invisible at KLOE up to}$$

$$\epsilon \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-1} \text{ depending on } m_{h'}$$

Final state signature: 2 muons+missing energy  $\rightarrow$  bump in the  $M_{\text{miss}} - M_{\mu\mu}$  plane

Two oppositely charged tracks with vertex inside a  $4 \times 30\text{cm}$  cylinder around IP

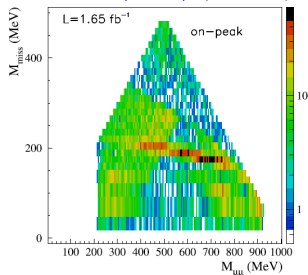
EMC cluster associated to each track

Momentum direction inside the barrel:  $|\cos\theta| < 0.75$

$$P_{\text{track}} < 460 \text{ MeV}$$

$$|P_{\text{miss}}| > 40 \text{ MeV}$$

Results from on-peak sample ( $L=1.65\text{fb}^{-1}$ )



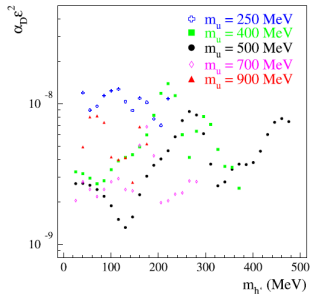
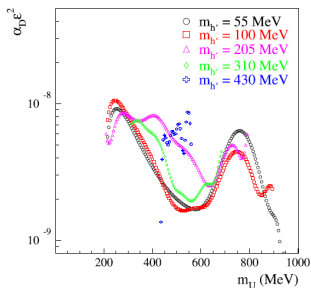
Sliding  $5 \times 5$  bin matrix (excluding the central bin) for MC scale factors

Binnig such that 90-95% of signal is in one bin

# Dark Higgsstrahlung @ KLOE-2

Combined UL from on- and off-peak samples corresponding to  $\epsilon^2 \sim 10^{-6}$  to a few  $10^{-8}$  (if  $\alpha_D = \alpha_{em}$ )

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90% CL bayesian UL on number of events converted in terms of  $\alpha_D \times \epsilon^2$  by using:

L and signal efficiency information

$\sigma_{hU}$  and BR of the  $U \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Combined UL take into account the different L, signal efficiencies and cross sections of the two samples

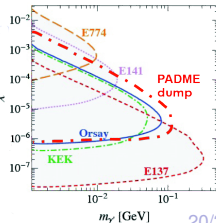
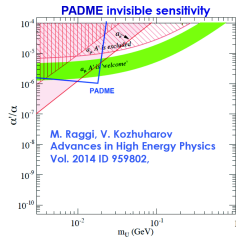
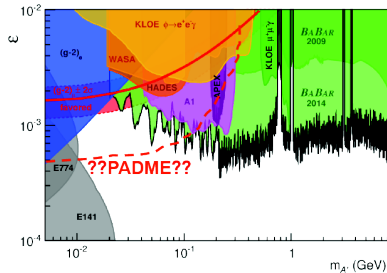
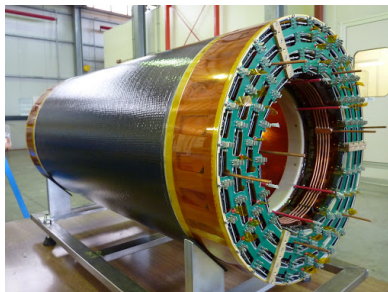
$$\alpha_D \epsilon^2 = \frac{N_{90\%}}{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}} \frac{1}{L \cdot \sigma(\alpha_D \epsilon^2 = 1)}$$

$$\sigma_{hU} \sim \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{m_U^2}{s}\right)^2}$$

# Future Dark Searches at LNF

...Moreover, the PADME experiment planned at LNF will be able to perform an independent model search probing both visible and invisible U decays as well as allowing for beam dump experiments

The KLOE-2 run started. The aim is to collect about  $5\text{-}10\text{fb}^{-1}$  in three years. In this respect the insertion of the inner tracker is expected to be particularly beneficial for dark forces searches, improving above shown limits of a factor of about 2. New analysis on KLOE full dataset are also on going...



# Dark Force Searches @ Babar

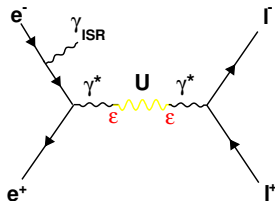
## $U\gamma$ events:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma, U \rightarrow l^+l^- (l = e, \mu)$$

High sensitivity

high data statistics

expected signature: resonance peak in the dilepton inv. mass



## Higgsstrahlung process:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow h'U, h' \rightarrow UU, m_{h'} > m_U$$

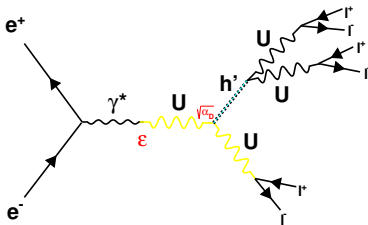
suppressed by a single factor of  $\epsilon$

low bckgs

sensitive to dark coupling constant

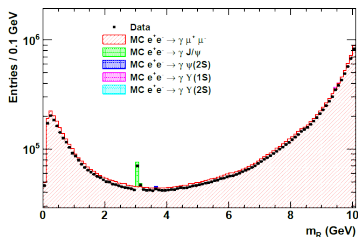
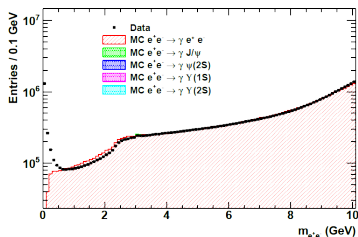
$$\alpha_D = g_D/4\pi$$

expected signature: 6 particle final states ( $4e, \mu + \pi, 2e, \mu + \pi\dots$ ) or  $4l + X$  ( $X$ = dark photon candidate detected via missing mass)



BaBar is also searching for dark photon invisible decays (but this search is out of the aim of this talk)

# Babar Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$ , $l = e, \mu$



## ★ Event selection:

- ★ data sample corresponding to  $L=514 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected at  $\sqrt{s} \sim \Upsilon(4S)$
- ★ 2 tracks + 1 photon
- ★ Constrained fit to the beam energy and beam spot
- ★ Particle identification for  $e/\mu$
- ★ Kinematic cuts to improve purity
- ★ Quality cuts on tracks and photons

## ★ Di-electron channel

- ★ Good agreement between data and MC (BHWIDE) above 1 GeV, low mass region affected by MC cut-off.
- ★ Background from photon conversions suppressed by neural network

## ★ Di-muon channel

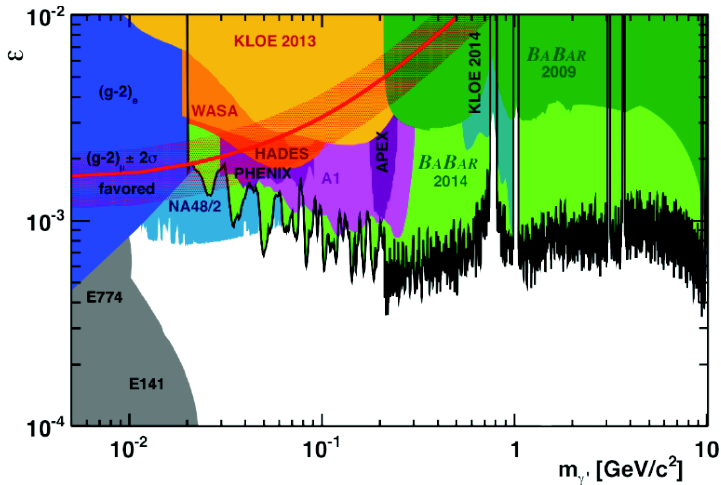
- ★ Invariant mass distribution plotted Vs  $m_{\text{red}} = (m_{\mu\mu}^2 - 4m_\mu^2)^{1/2}$  (smoother near threshold)
- ★ Good data-MC agreement (KK)

Good data-MC agreement at the  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(1S)$  resonances

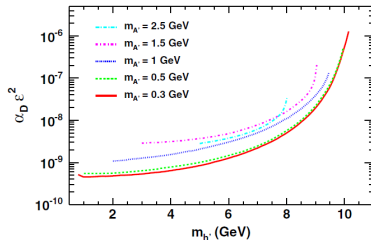
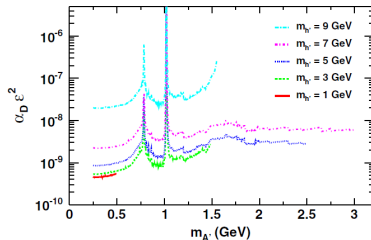
# Babar Search for $e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$ , $l = e, \mu$

- ★ resonant regions excluded from extraction:
  - $\pm 30$  MeV around  $\omega/\Phi$
  - $\pm 50$  MeV around  $J/\Psi$ ,  $\Upsilon(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S)$
- ★ largest significances:  $3.4\sigma$  for electrons @ 7.02,  $2.9\sigma$  for muons @ 6.09 GeV

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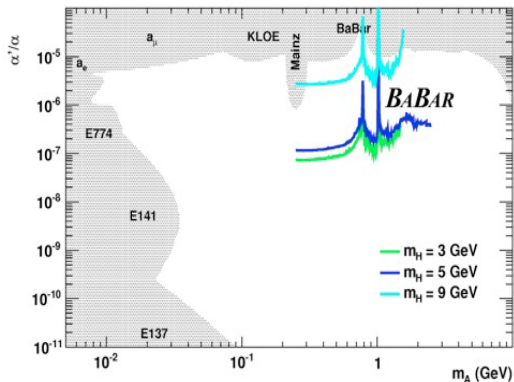
# Dark Higgsstrahlung @ BaBar



- ★ Prompt U and  $h'$  decays assumed
- ★ Six candidates selected from the full BaBar dataset ( $\sim 500 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
 $4\pi + 2l$  ( $l = e, \mu$ ),  $4\mu + 2\pi$ ,  $4\mu + X$
- ★ Three entries for each event, corresponding to the three possible assignments of the  $h' \rightarrow UU$  decay
- ★ Estimate background from:  
wrong-sign combinations, e.g.  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (e^+e^+)(e^-e^-)(\mu^+\mu^-)$   
sidebands from final sample  
rate for 6 leptons  $\sim 100$  times rate for  $4\pi + 2l$  above 1.5 GeV



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No events with 6 leptons

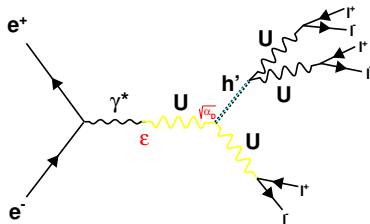
Improvement over existing limits for  $m_{h'}$  < 5 – 7 GeV

# Dark Force Searches @ Belle

Higgsstrahlung process, visible scenario ( $m_{h'} > m_U$ ):

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow h'U, h' \rightarrow UU, U \rightarrow l^+l^-, (l = e, \mu, \pi)$$

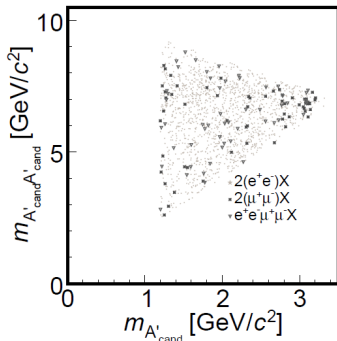
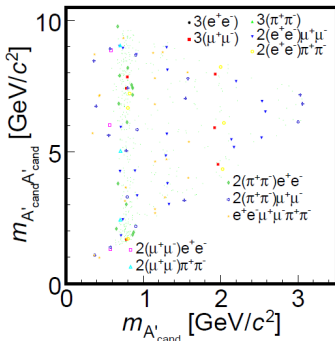
expected signature: 6 particle final states ( $4e, \mu + \pi, 2e, \mu + \pi \dots$ ) or  $4l + X$  ( $X$  = dark photon candidate detected via missing mass)



Searches on  $e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma$  events and for invisible  $U$  decays are also planned

# Dark Higgsstrahlung @ Belle

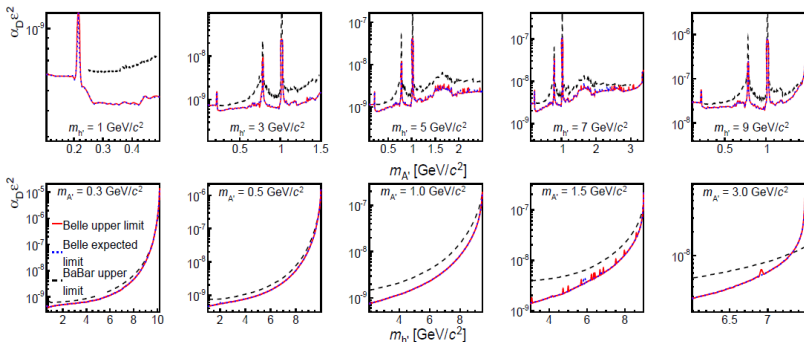
- ★ U and h' assuming prompt decays
- ★ Full Belle statistics ( $977 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- ★  $0.1 < m_U < 3.5 \text{ GeV}$  and  $0.2 < m_{h'} < 10.5 \text{ GeV}$
- ★ 10 exclusive channels:  $3(l^+l^-)$ ,  $2(l^+l^-)(\pi^+\pi^-)$ ,  $2(\pi^+\pi^-)(l^+l^-)$ , and  $3(\pi^+\pi^-)$ , where  $l^+l^-$  is an electron or muon pair
- ★ 3 inclusive channels for  $m_U > 1.1 \text{ GeV}$ :  $2(l^+l^-)X$ , where  $X$  is a dark photon candidate detected via missing mass
- ★ Expected background estimated by a data driven method



# Dark Higgsstrahlung @ Belle

## Belle Results compared with BaBar ones

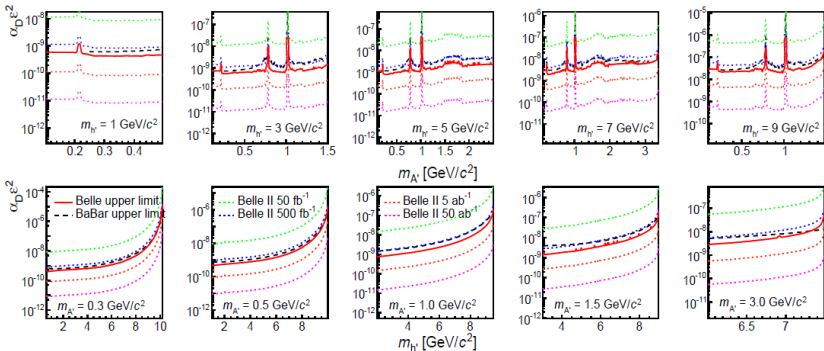
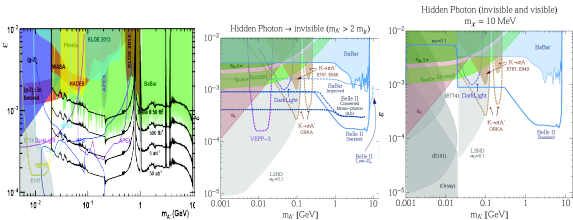
- ★ 90% CL upper limit on the product  $\alpha_D \times \varepsilon^2$  versus dark photon mass (top) and dark Higgs boson mass (bottom) by assuming branching fractions and couplings versus cross section from B. Batell et al. PRD 79 (2009) 115008
- ★ Limits on  $3(\pi^+\pi^-)$  and  $2(e^+e^-)X$  for the first time placed by an experiment



- ★ Belle limits for  $L = 977 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  based on the Born cross section, ISR effect non negligible
- ★ BaBar limits for  $L = 520 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  based on the visible cross section PRL 108 211801 (2012)
- ★ For  $\alpha_D = \alpha$ ,  $m_{h'} < 8 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_U < 1 \text{ GeV}$  limits on  $\varepsilon^2 < 8 \times 10^{-8}$

# Future Prospects @ BaBar and Belle

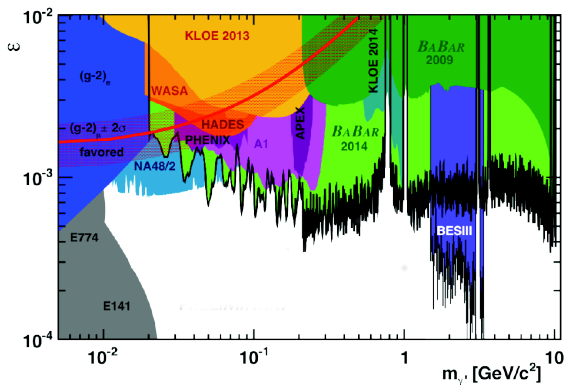
Babar and Belle projected sensitivities for an invisibly decaying dark photon and model independent searches (arXiv:1309.5084) → Need for implementation of a mono-photon trigger in BelleII!



Belle projections for future DarkHiggsstrahlung searches

# Conclusions: Result Summary

Process	Exp.	$\alpha_D \times e^2$	$\epsilon^2$	$M_U$ (GeV)
$e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma, U \rightarrow l^-, l^+$	BaBar	-	$\sim 10^{-7}$	0.02-10.2
$e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma, U \rightarrow \mu^+, \mu^-$	KLOE	-	$2.6 \times 10^{-5} - 8.6 \times 10^{-7}$	0.52-0.98
$e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma, U \rightarrow e^+, e^-$	KLOE	-	$4 \times 10^{-7} - 10^{-4}$	0.005-0.52
$e^+e^- \rightarrow U\gamma, U \rightarrow l^-, l^+$	BESIII (prel.)	-	$\sim 10^{-8}$	1.5-3.5
Dark Higgsstrahlung $h'$ vis	BaBar	$\sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-10}$	$\sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-8}$	0.2-3
Dark Higgsstrahlung $h'$ inv.	KLOE	$\sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-9}$	$\sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-8}$	0.2-1
Dark Higgsstrahlung $h'$ vis.	Belle	$\sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-10}$	$8 \times 10^{-8}$	0.1-3.5
$\phi$ Dalitz decay	KLOE	-	$8.6 \times 10^{-6} - 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$	0.005-0.47



# Conclusions

- ★ Electron-positron Colliders have proven to be an ideal place to search for dark forces however no signal has been observed
- ★ New generation machines with their high statistics datasets would play a central role in continuing these searches for dark photon masses of  $\sim 1$  GeV and exploring also U invisible decay hypothesis
- ★ Fixed target experiments will be more powerful to probe lower masses and small couplings by investigating also no prompt U decay hypothesis



**Thank You!**