

Status and Prospects for Tau Property Measurements at Belle II.

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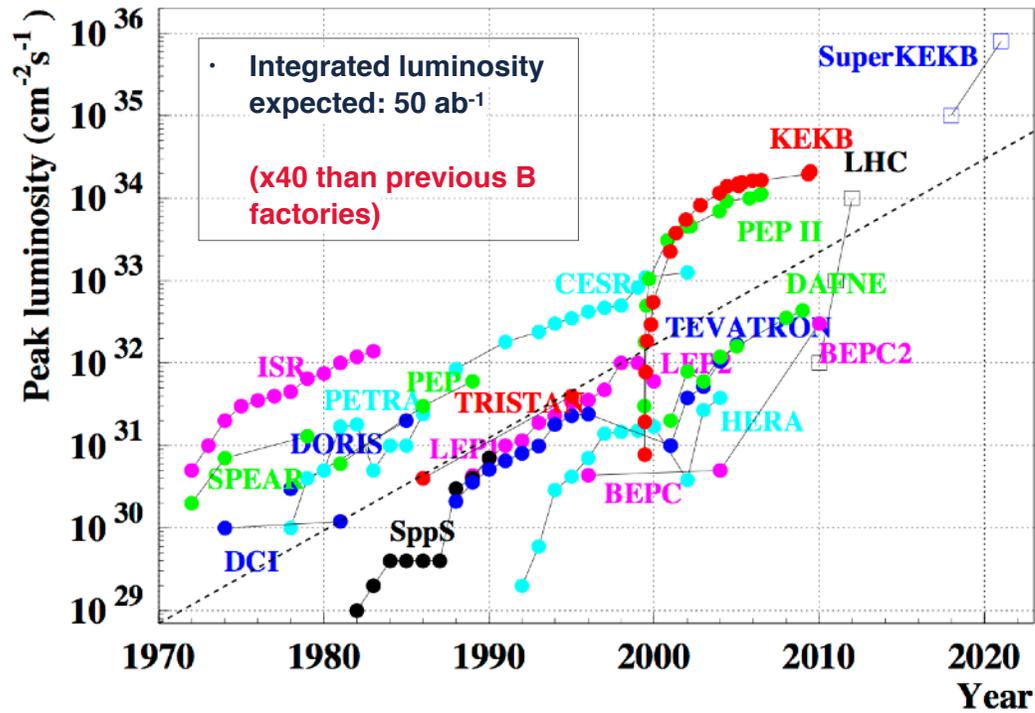
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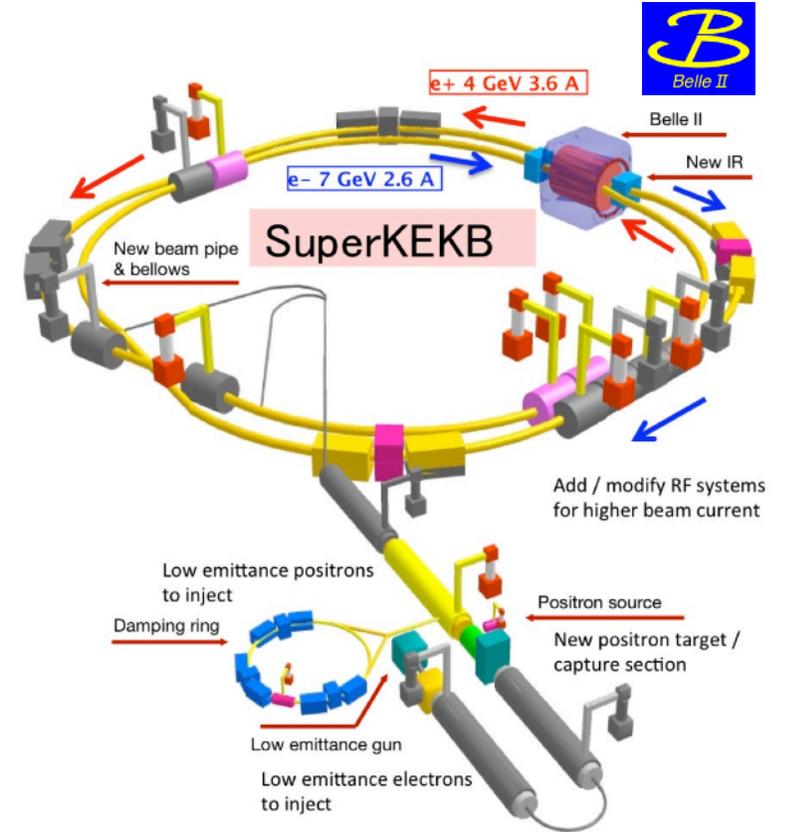
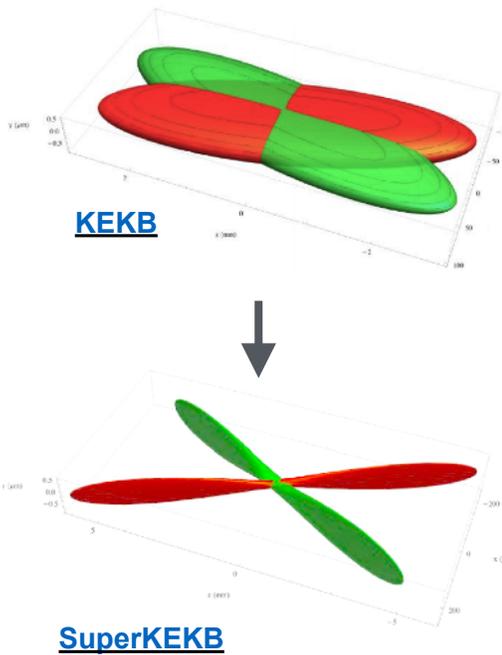
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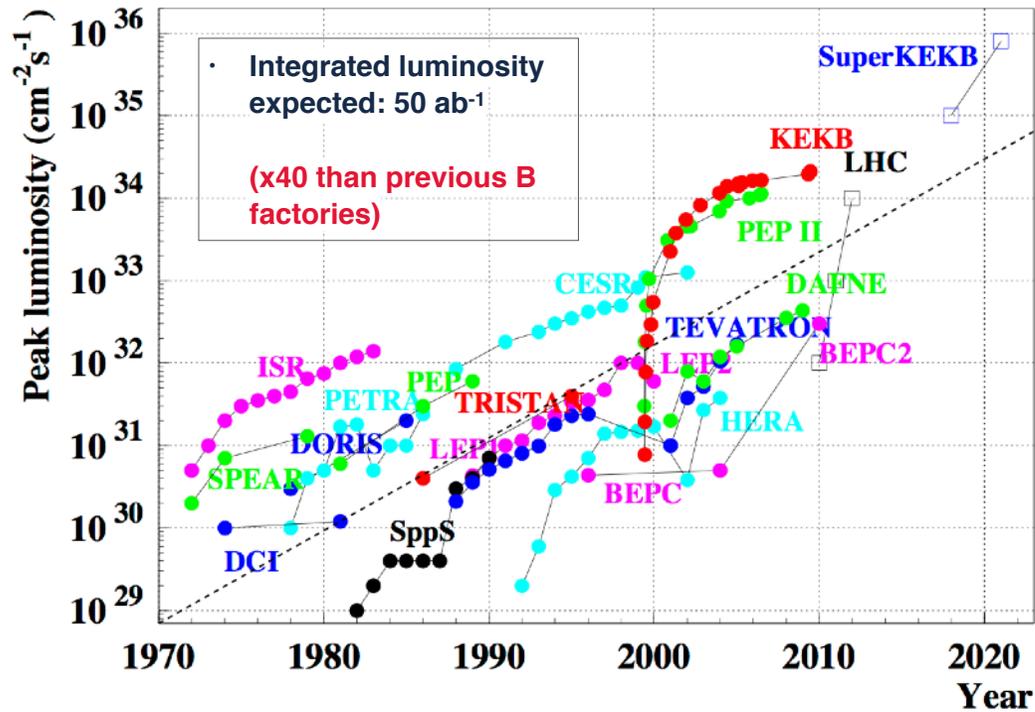


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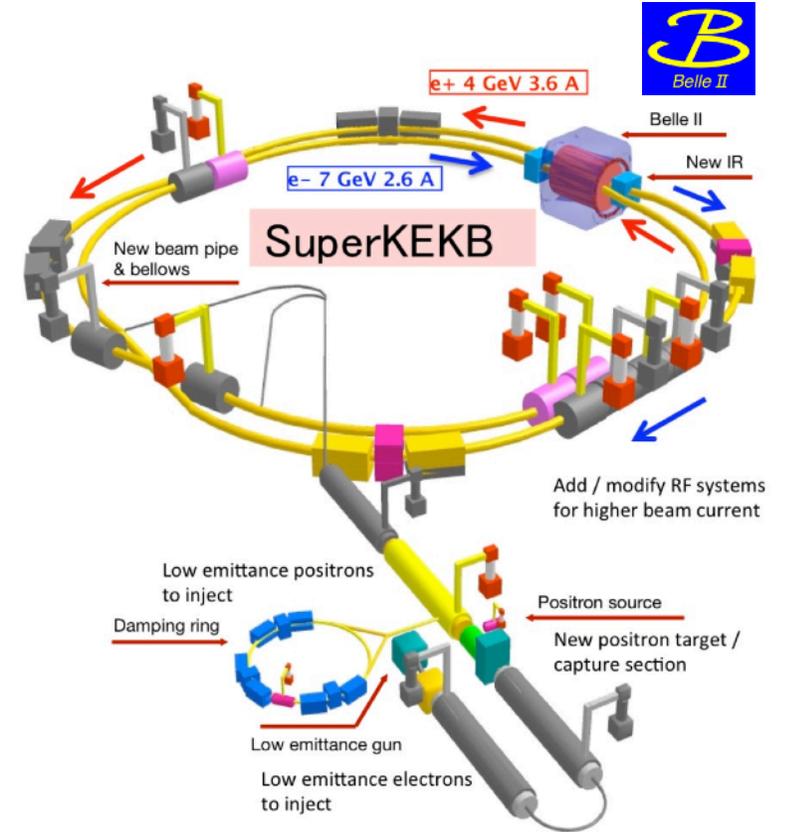
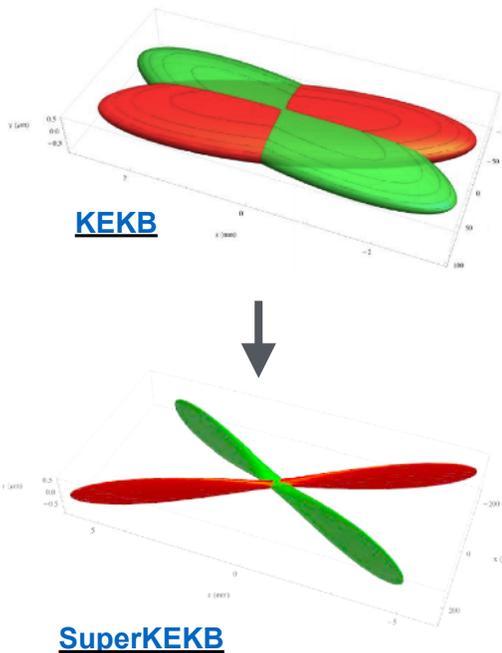


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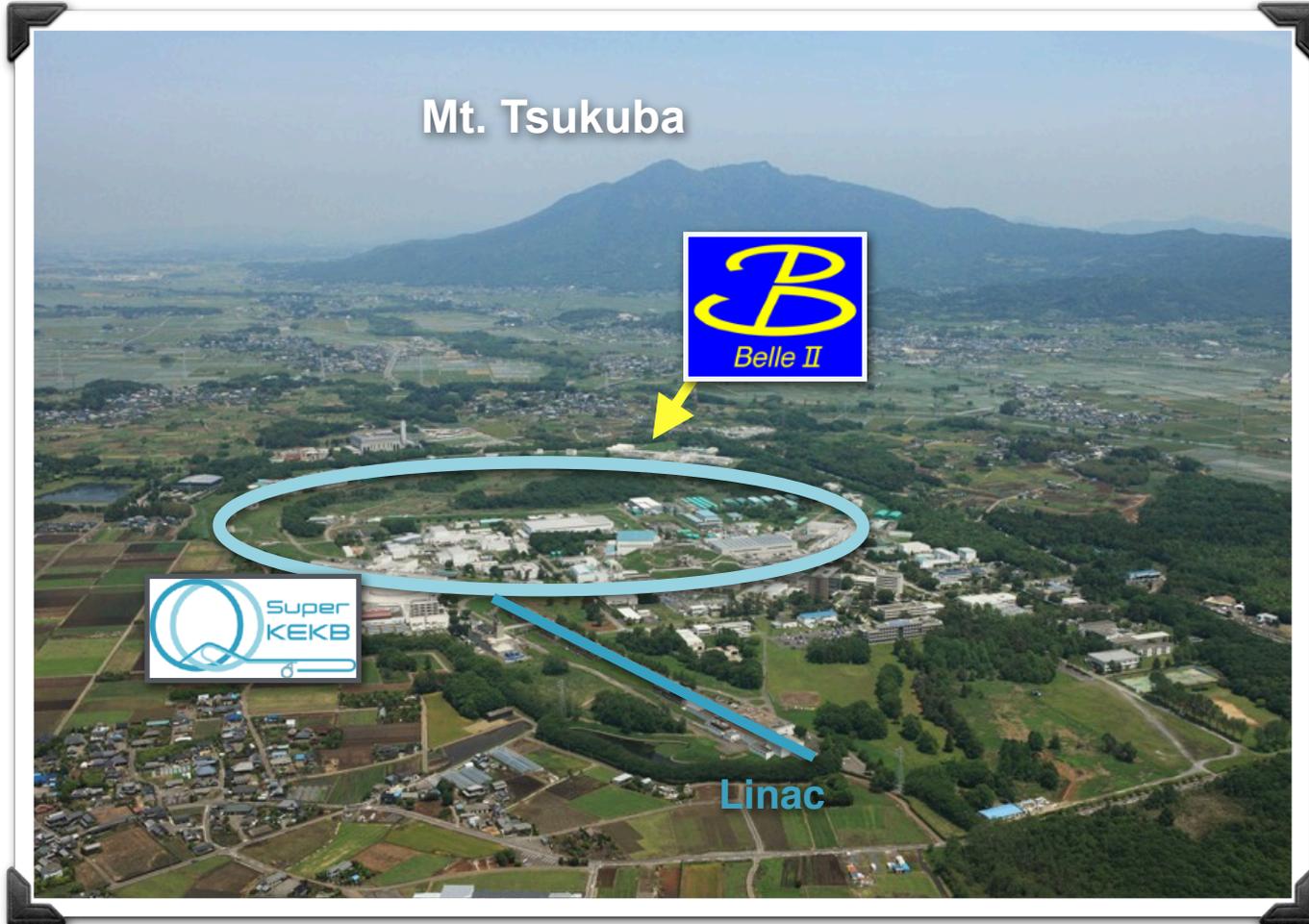
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- Challenges at $L=6.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$:
 - Higher background (Radiative Bhabha, Touschek, beam-gas scattering, etc.).
 - Higher trigger rates (High performance DAQ, computing).

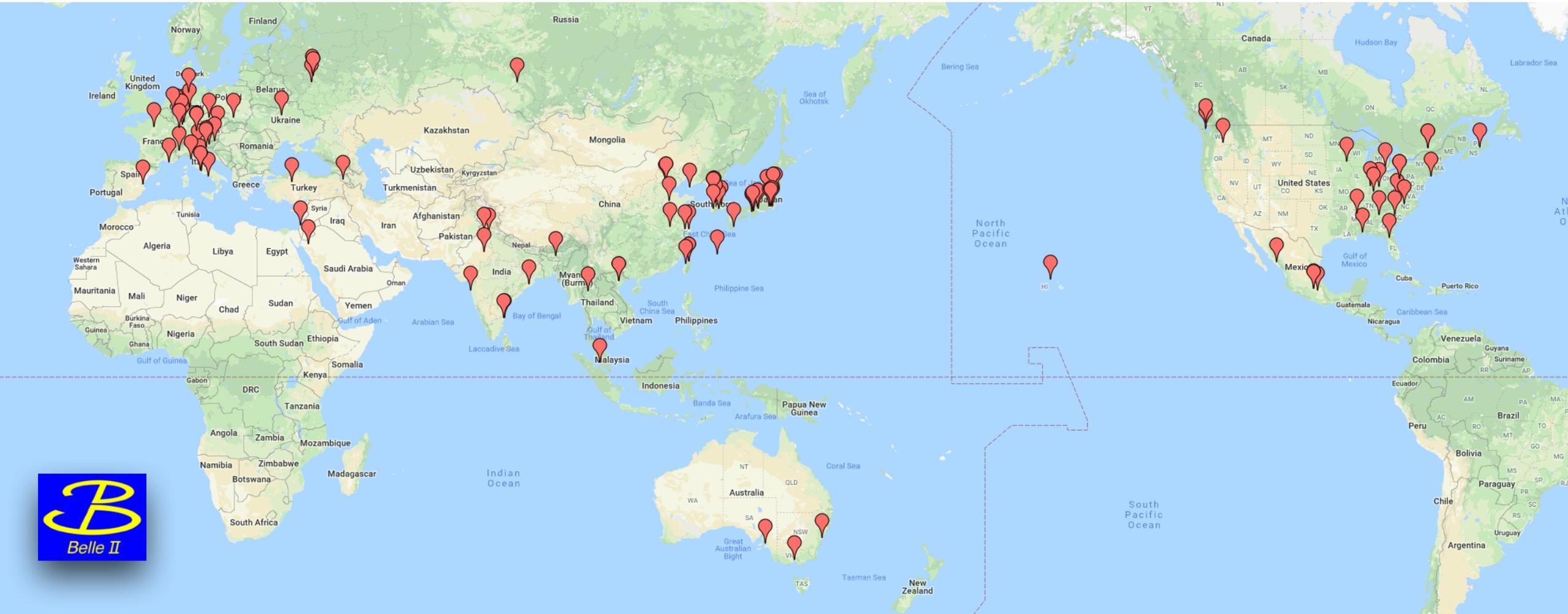
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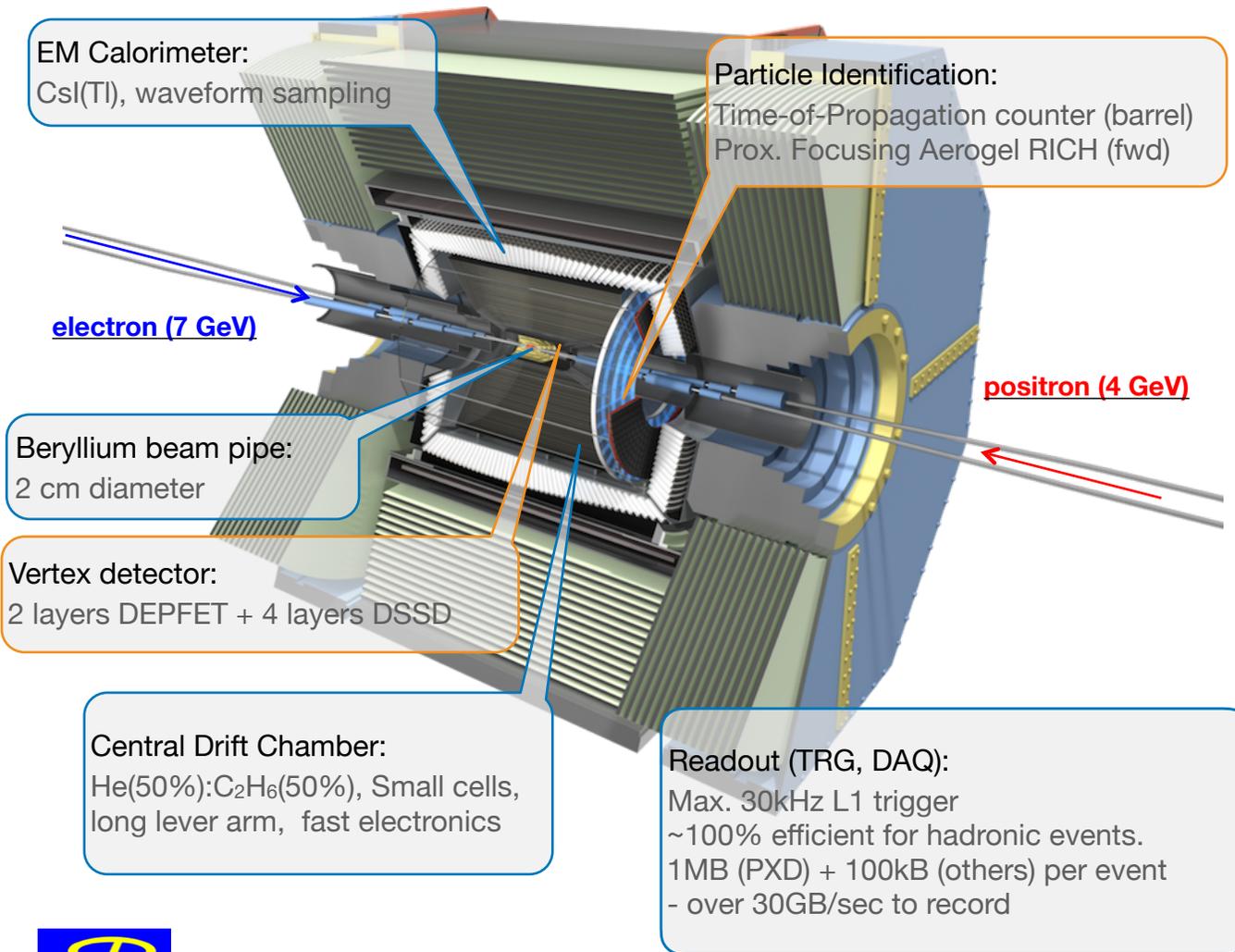


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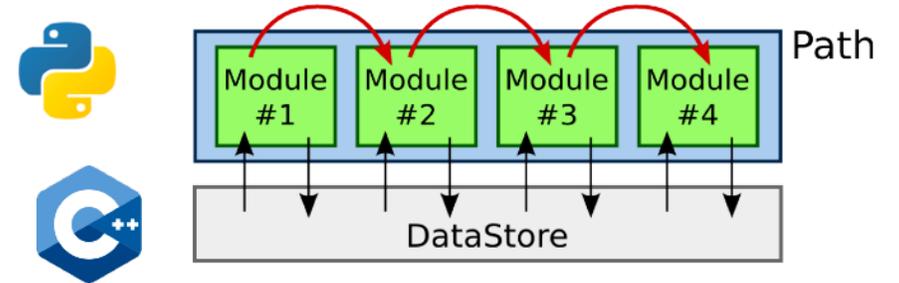


The Belle II Experiment

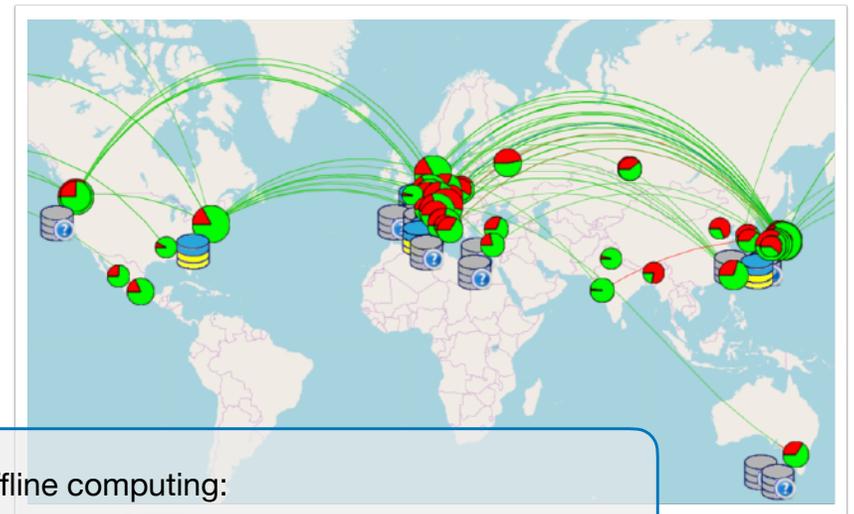


Software:

Open-source sophisticated algorithms for simulation, reconstruction, visualization, and analysis.



[Comput. Softw. Big Sci. 3 1 \(2019\)](#)

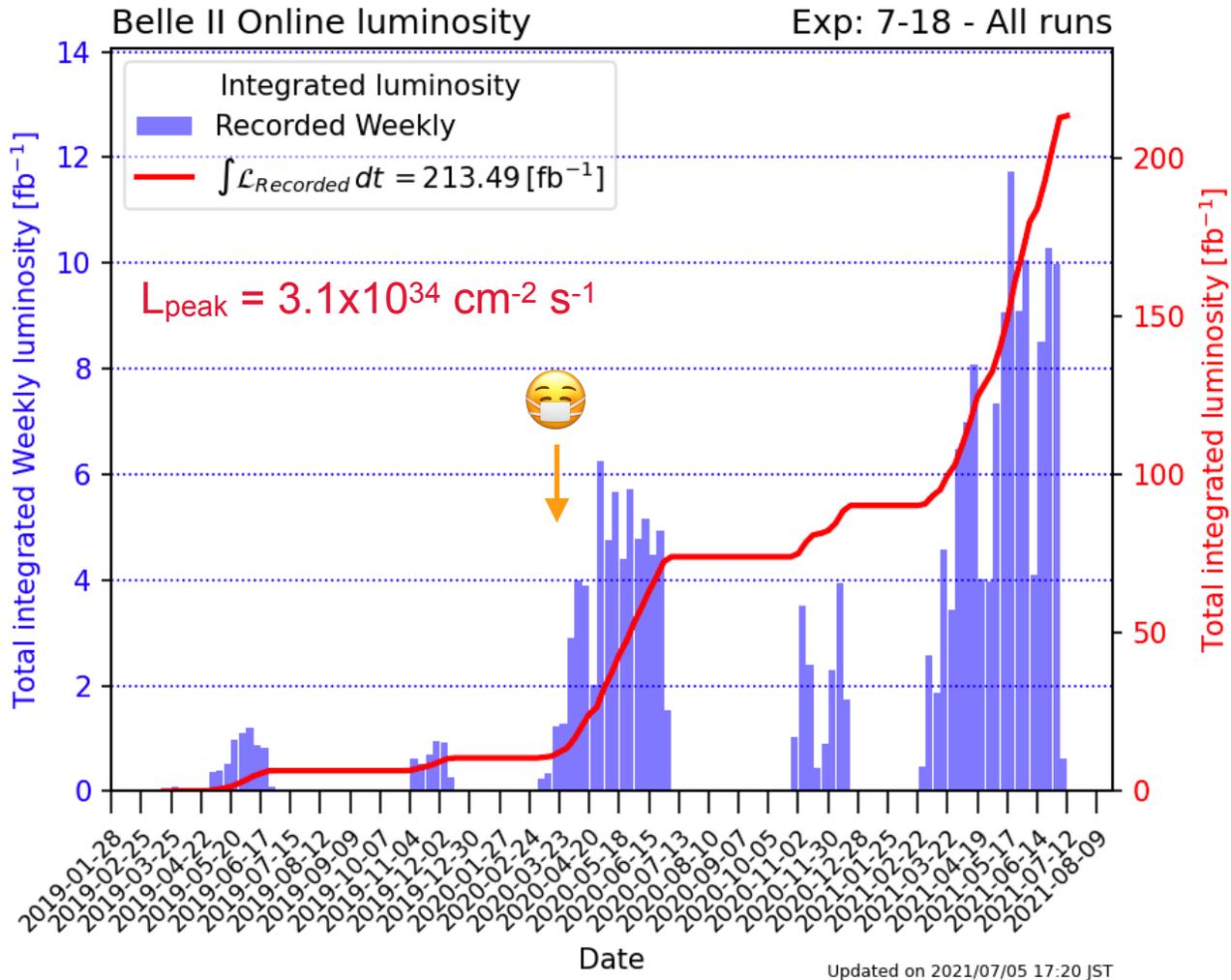


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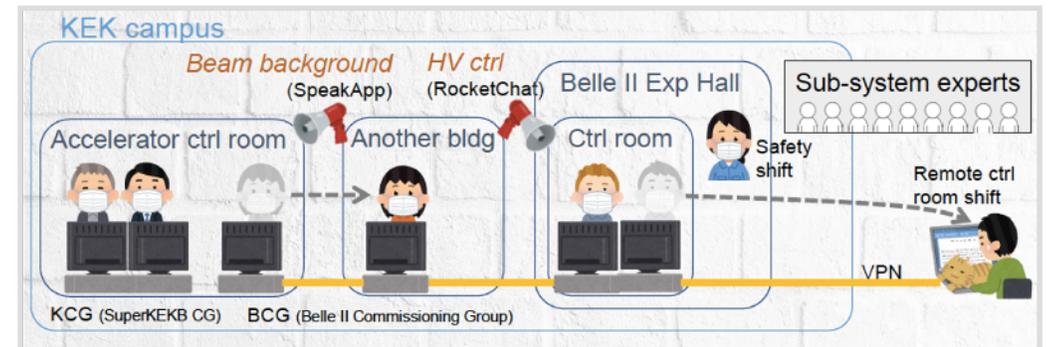
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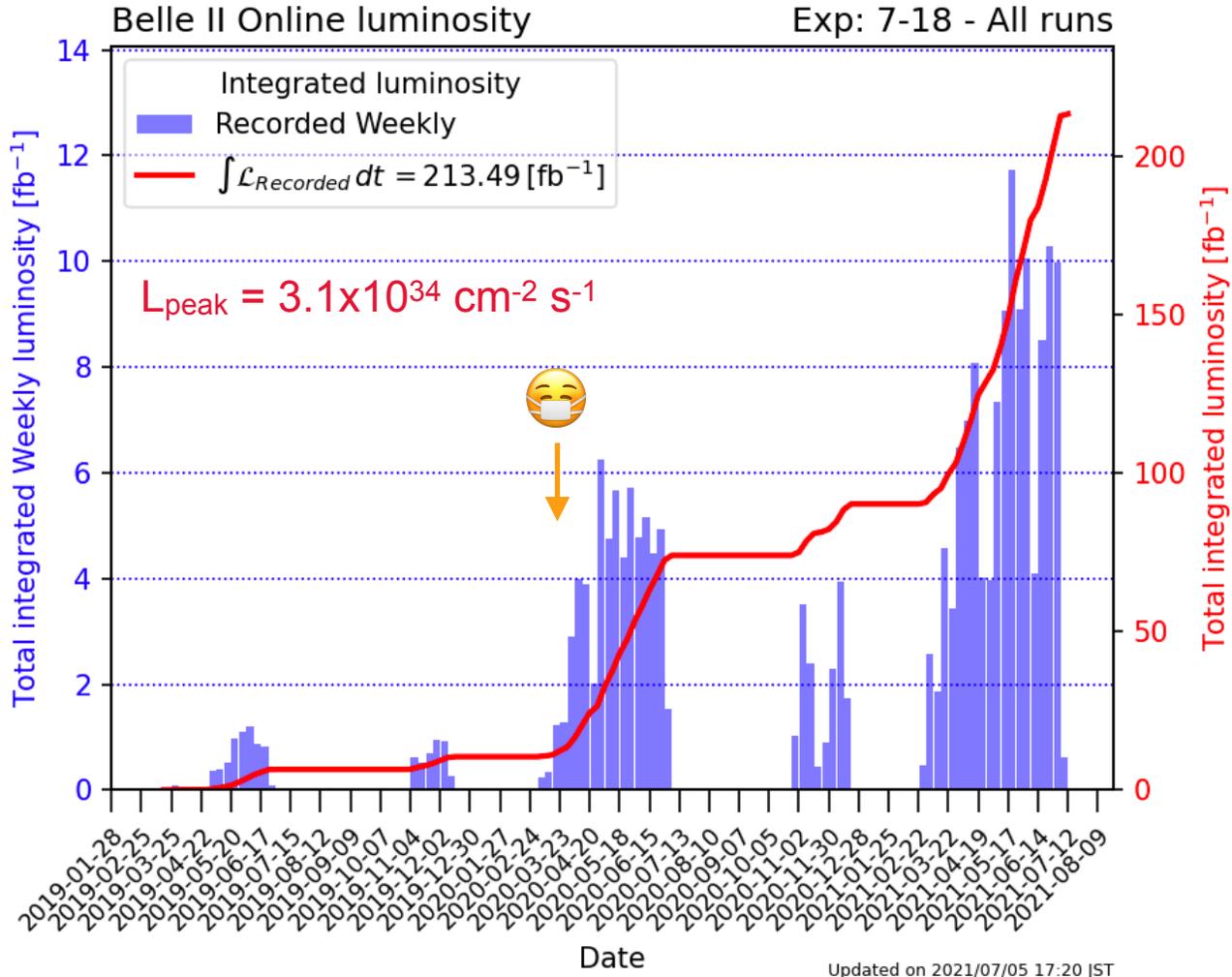


- **Super B-factory performance levels**, despite a global pandemic.
 - World records:
 - ▶ 1.96 fb⁻¹/day,
 - ▶ 12 fb⁻¹/week,
 - ▶ 40 fb⁻¹/month
 - Luminosity above the B factories and LHC, with a product of beam currents 3.5 times lower than KEKB.
- “Social distancing” scheme for on-site shifts, and mobilized remote shifters around the world



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SuperKEKB raises the bar

22 August 2021



Record breaker The SuperKEKB accelerator at the KEK laboratory in Tsukuba, Japan. Credit: S. Takahashi / KEK

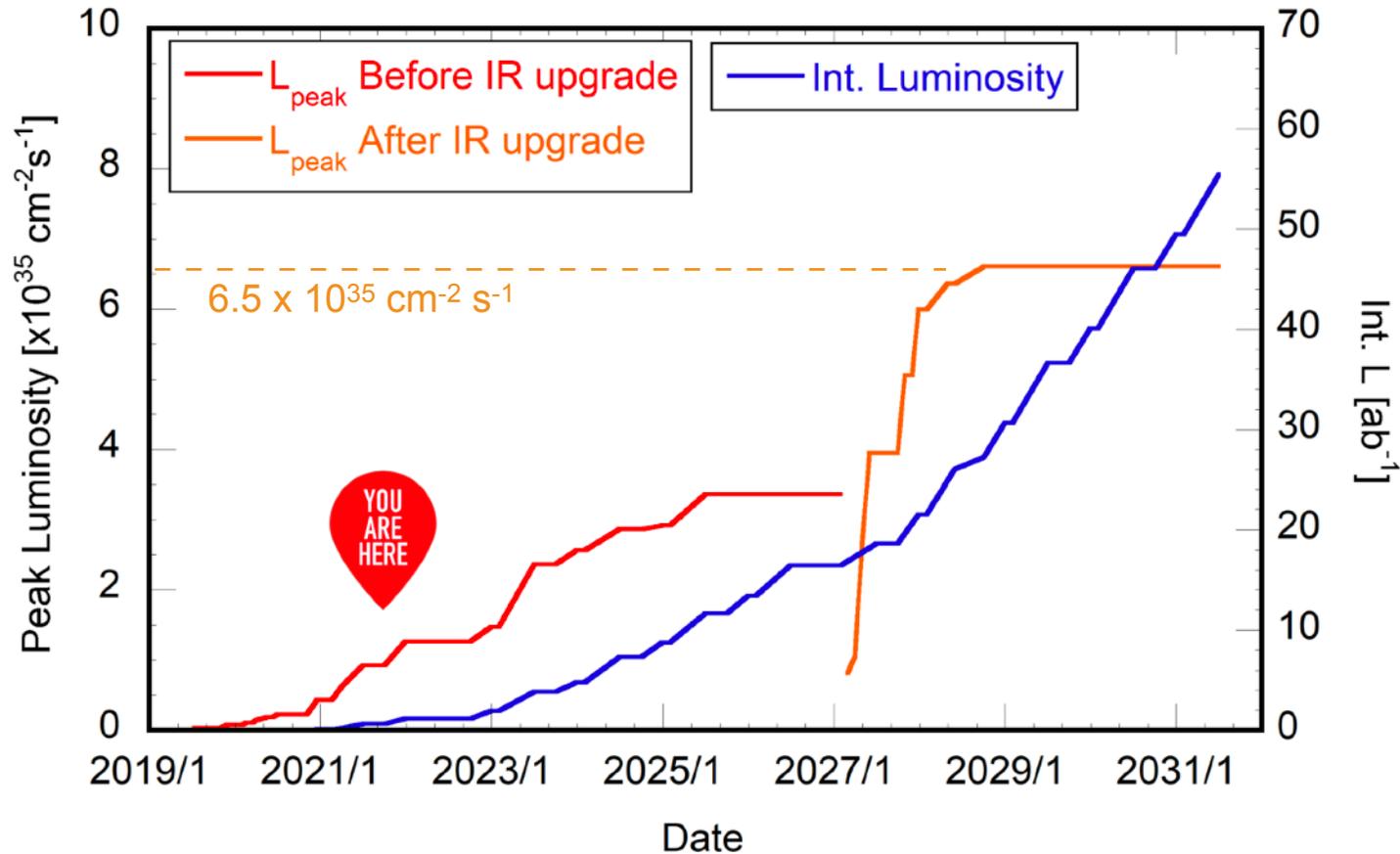
On 22 June, the SuperKEKB accelerator at the KEK laboratory in Tsukuba, Japan set a new world record for peak luminosity, reaching $3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ in the Belle II detector. Until last year, the luminosity record stood at $2.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, shared by the former KEKB accelerator and the LHC. In the summer of 2020, however, SuperKEKB/Belle II [surpassed this value](#) with a peak luminosity of $2.4 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

<https://cerncourier.com/a/superkekb-raises-the-bar/>

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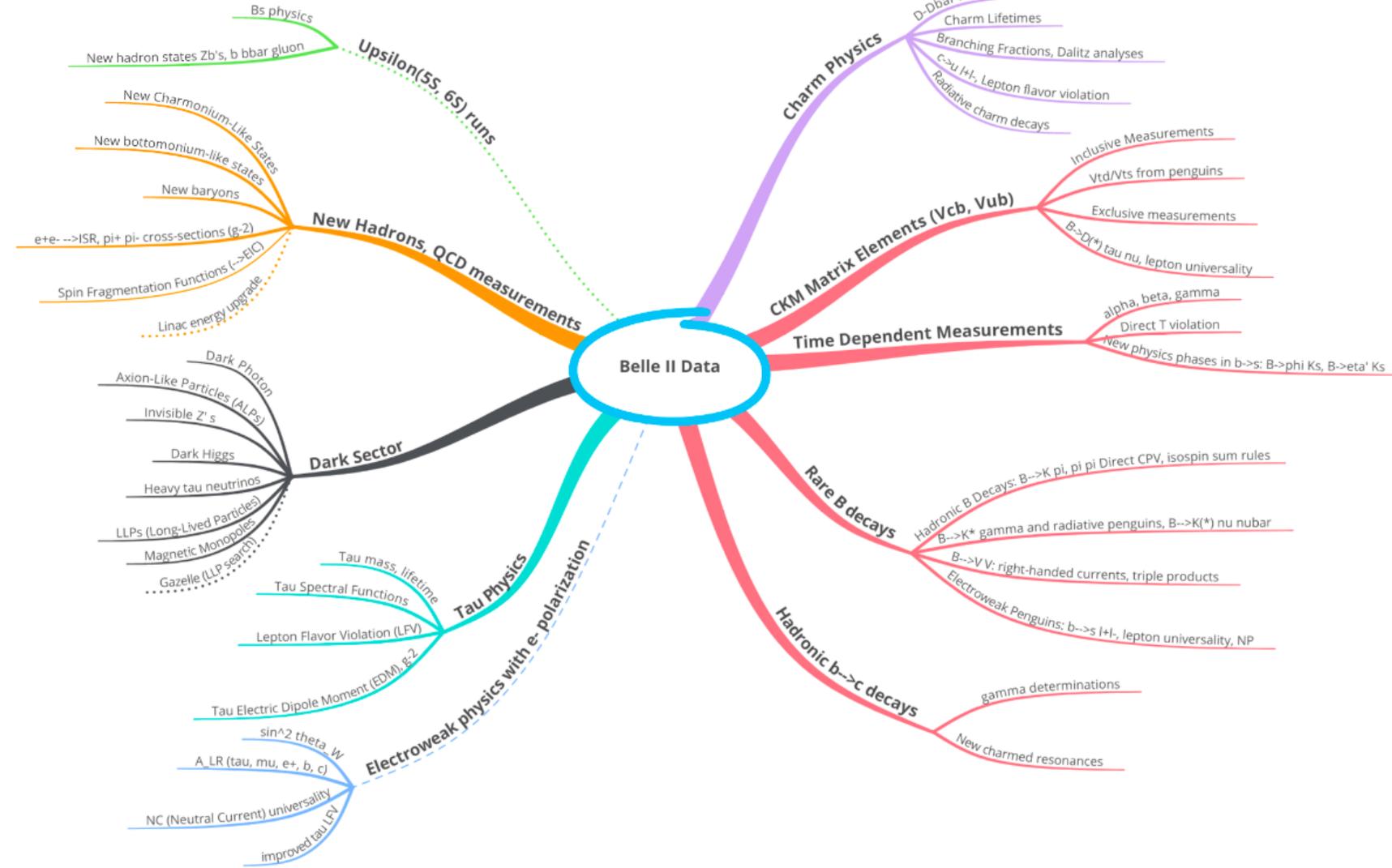
Target: **x40** the integrated luminosity collected by the previous B-factories.



- Milestones:
 - ▶ **~500 fb^{-1}** by the next summer (2022).
 - ▶ **O(10 ab^{-1})** by the upgrade of the IR (2026).
 - ▶ **50 ab^{-1}** after the upgrade, by 2030.

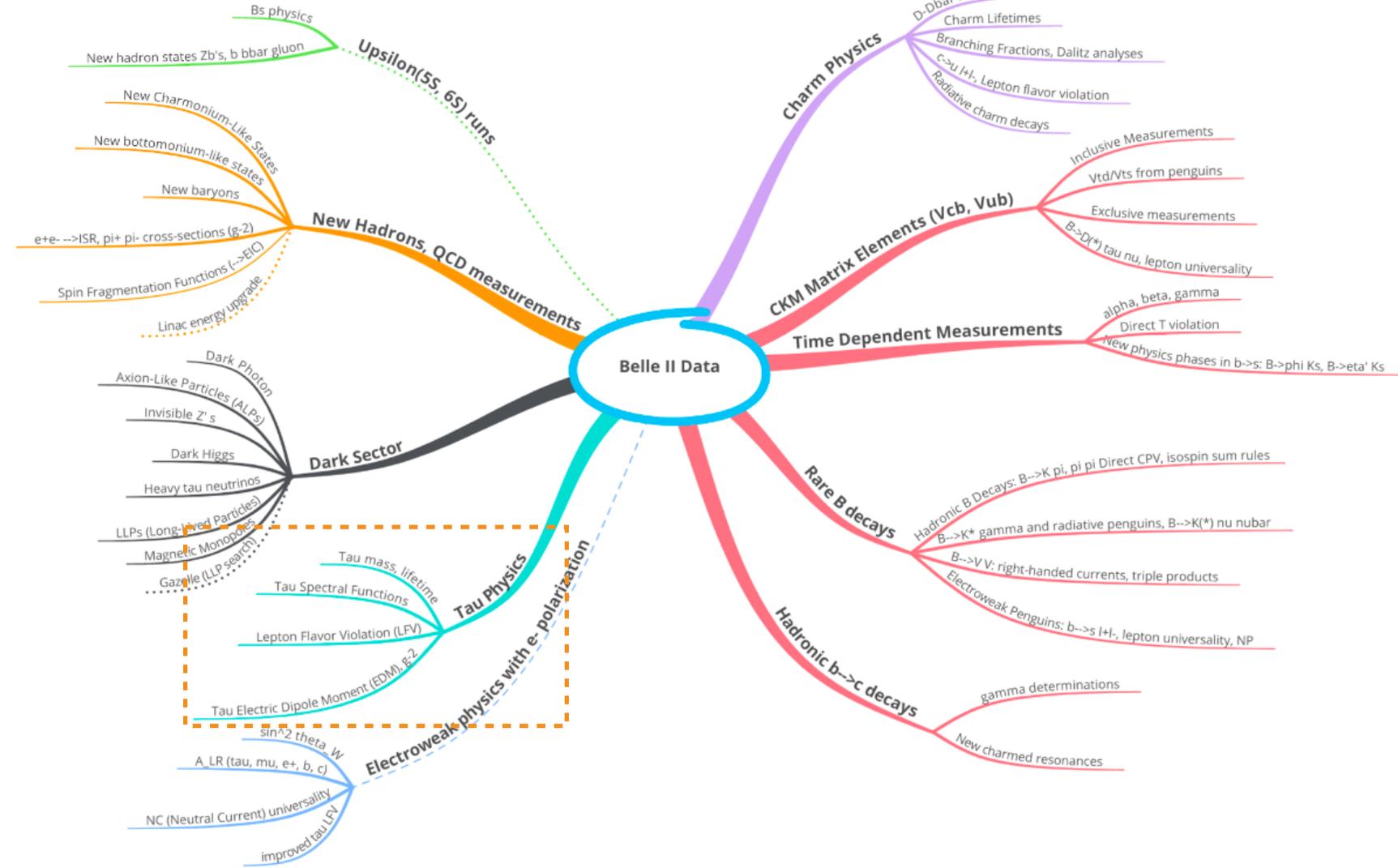
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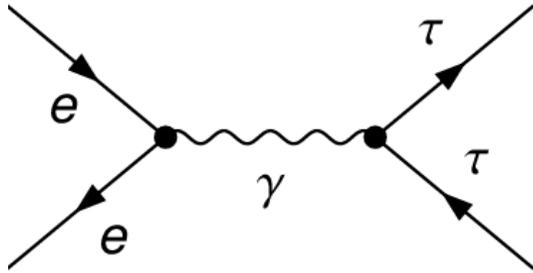
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- At Y(4S):
 $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow B\bar{B}) = 1.05 \text{ nb}$
 $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) = \mathbf{0.92 \text{ nb}}$

- Approximately 1M tau pairs per fb^{-1}

- **B-Factories are also τ -factories**

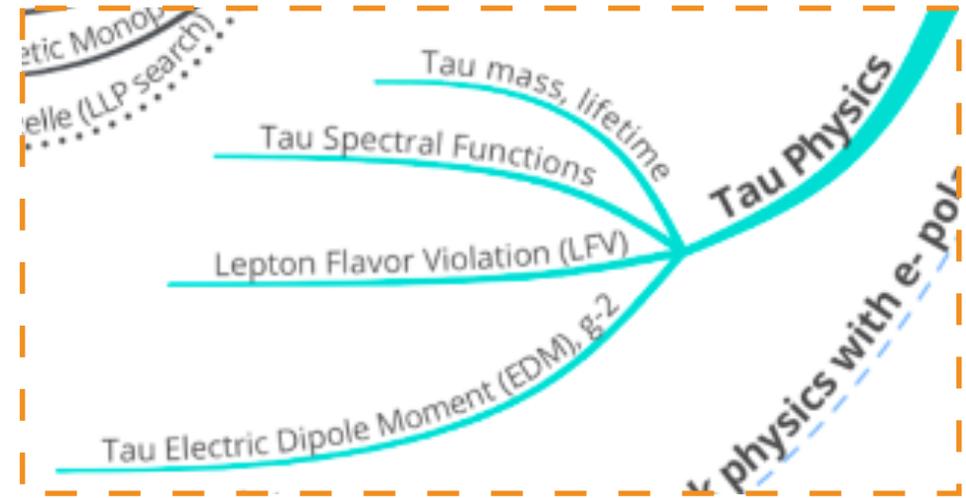
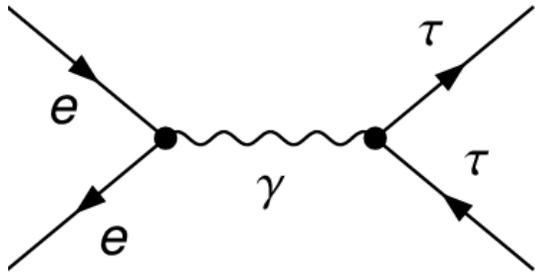


Figure: [The particle zoo.](#)

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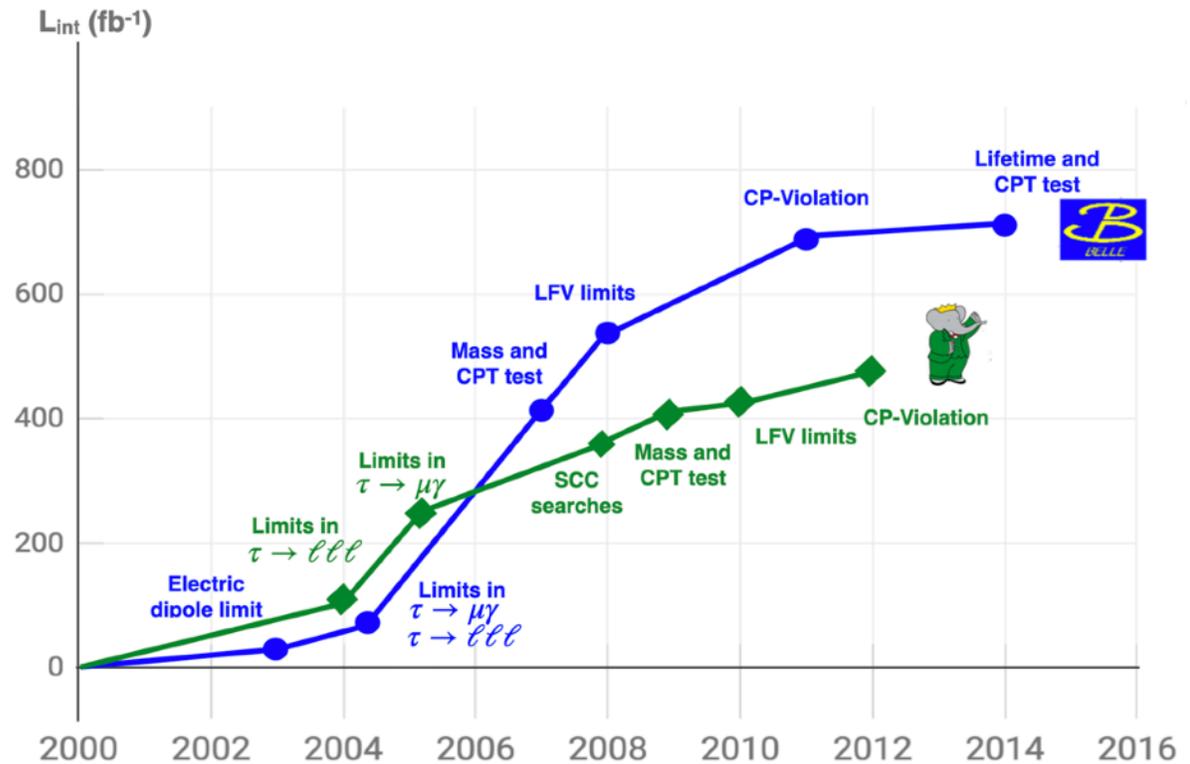
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- B-Factories are also τ -factories
- **Features of a B-Factory:**
 - Well-defined initial state.
 - High vertex resolution.
 - Excellent calorimetry.
 - Sophisticated particle ID.

providing a great environment for the study of tau lepton decays.

- B-Factories of first generation provided (and keep providing!) many interesting results as the luminosity increased:



Most of these results will be updated with the Belle II data set.

Contributions during TAU 2021 by Belle II

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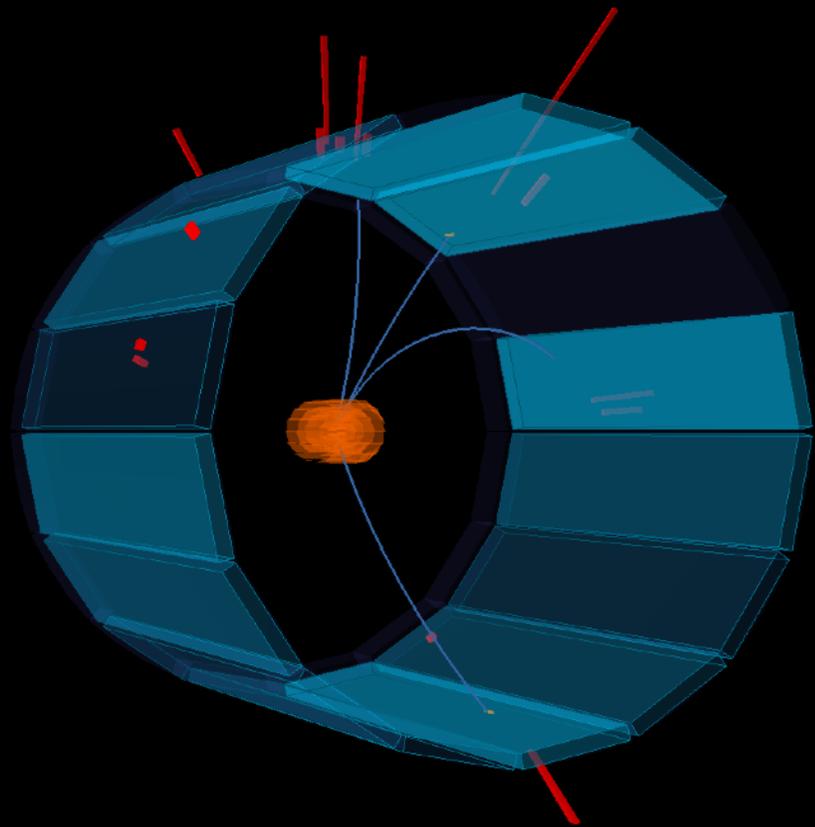
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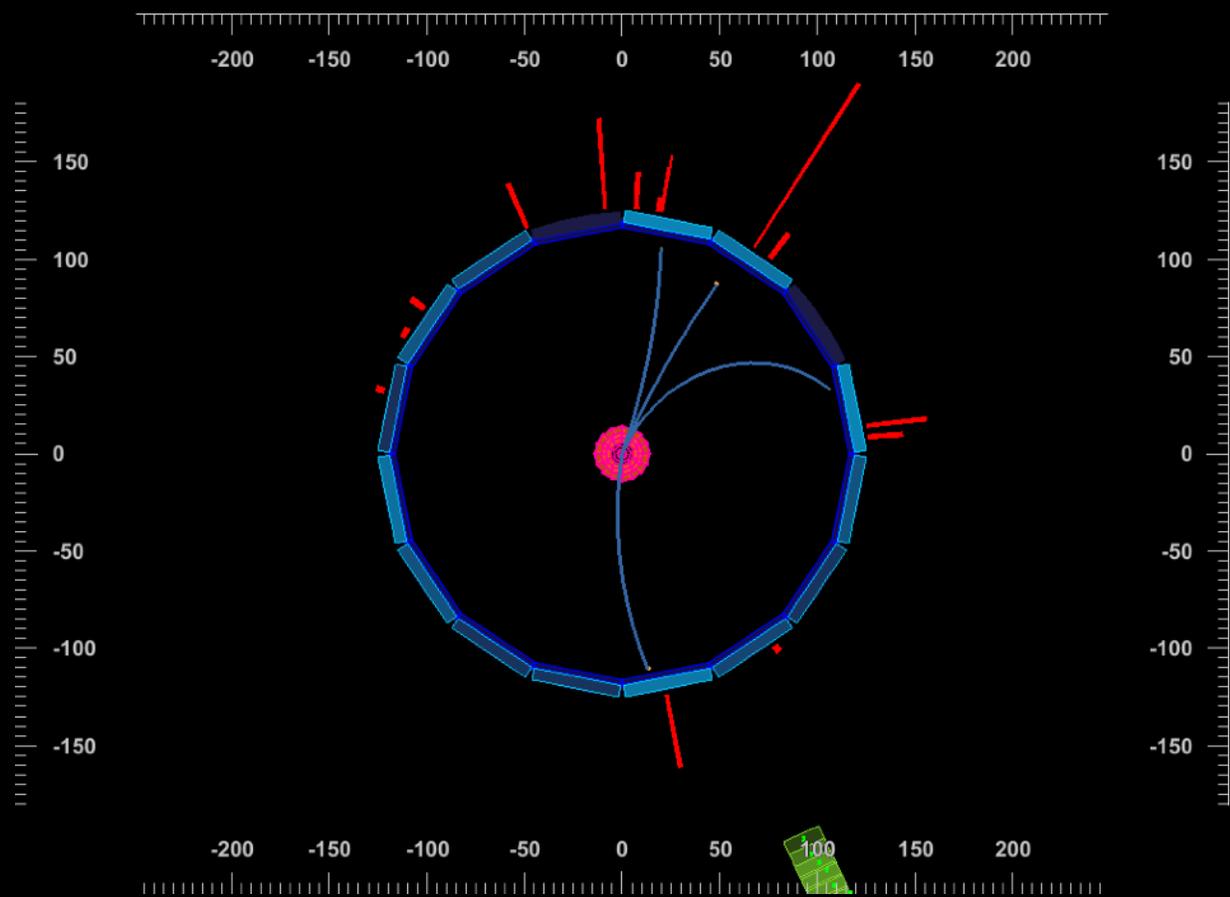
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Tau decay event in early Belle II data



Exp 7, Run 3521
Started at 2019/04/30 06:18 JST
Stopped at 2019/04/30 07:06 JST
Run type: physics



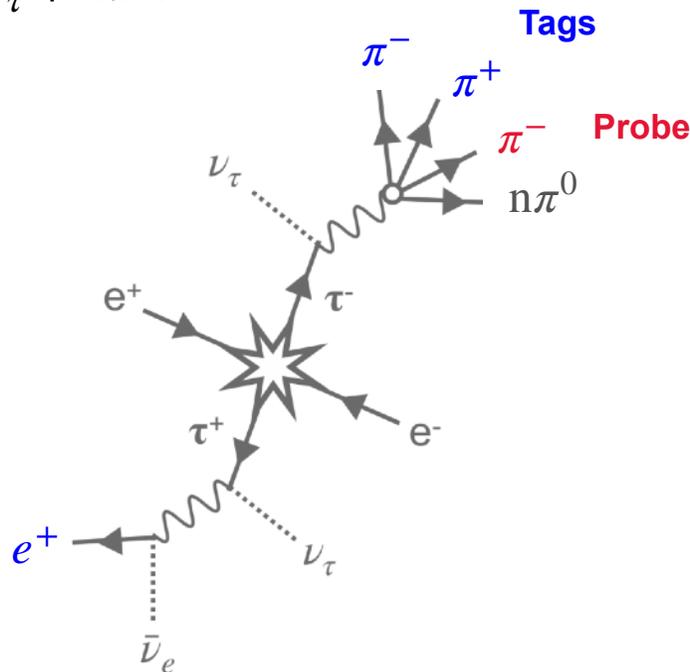
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Towards precision measurements in tau lepton physics

- Tau pairs are not only tools for the comprehension of fundamental physics, but also for the understanding of our detector.

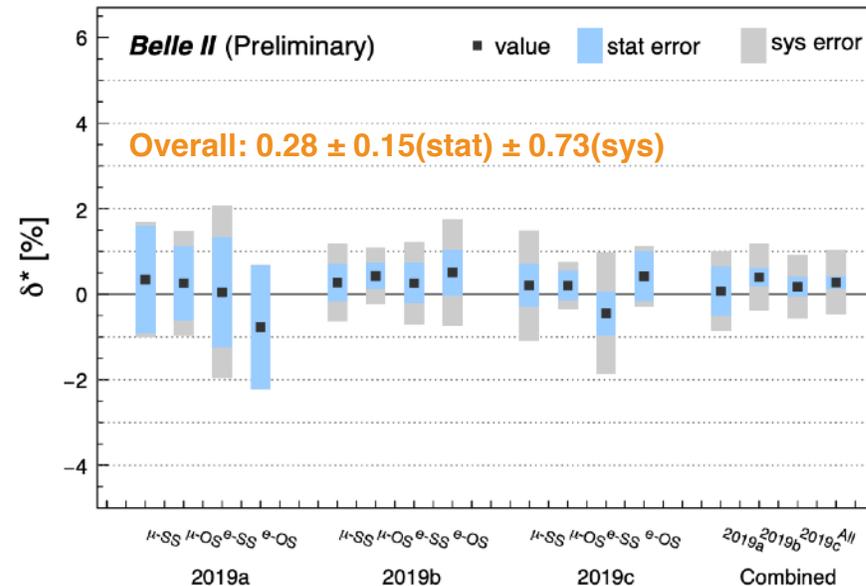
Tracking efficiency

- Tracking efficiency and fake rates have been measured using $\tau\tau$ events, with one of the leptons decaying to $\tau^- \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm\nu_\tau + n\pi^0$.



Calibrated discrepancy between data/MC:

$$\delta^* = 1 - \epsilon_{\text{data}}/\epsilon_{\text{MC}}$$



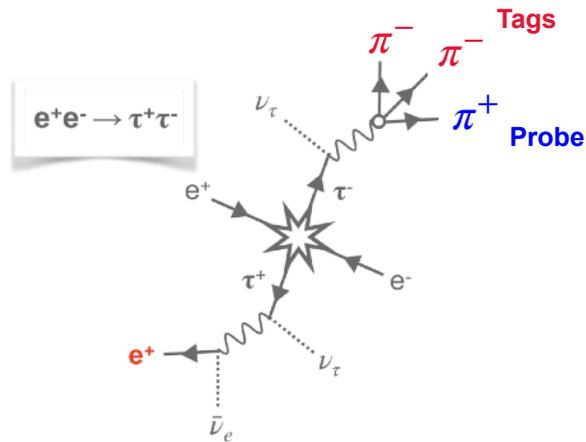
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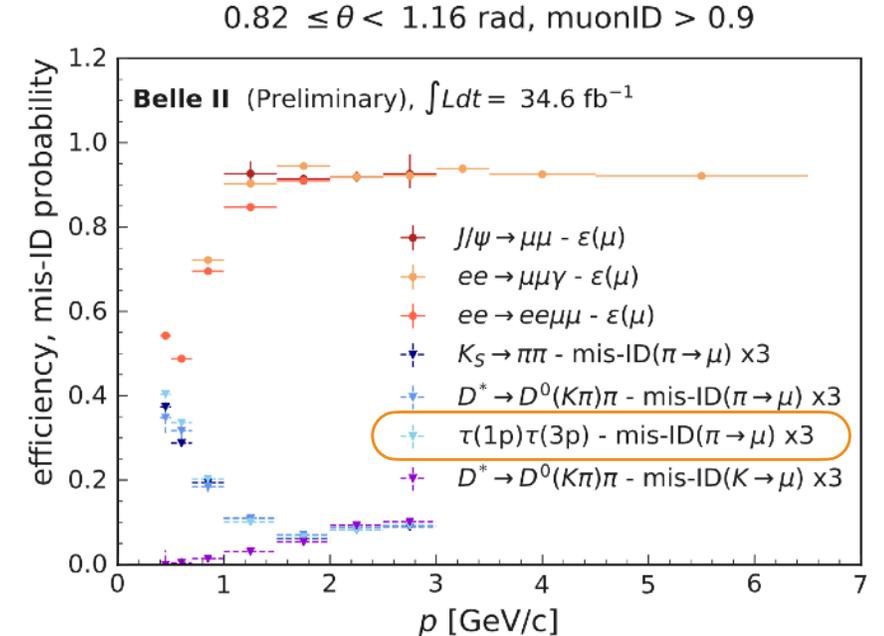
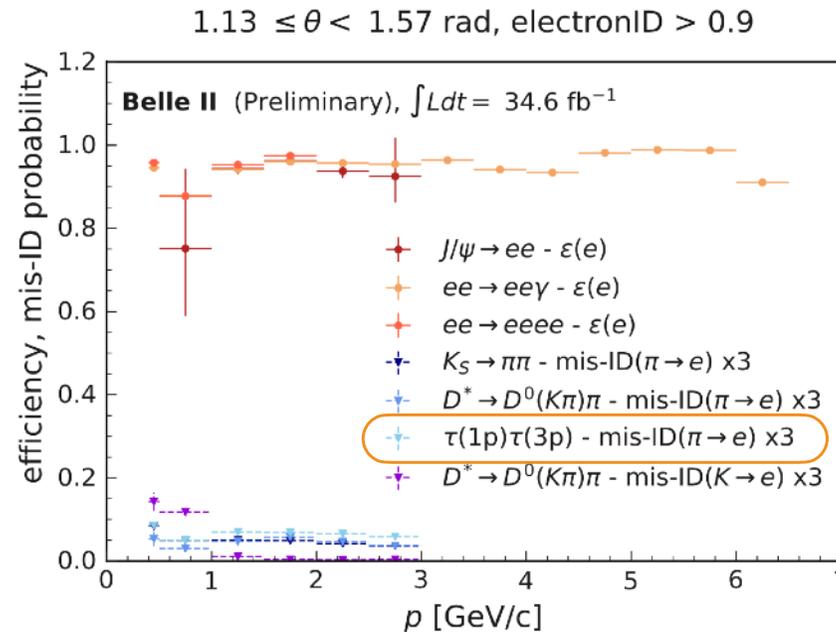
Lepton ID performance

- Particle identification is based on the global likelihood ratio from all sub detectors.
- With the same tag-and-probe approach, lepton misidentification rates are calculated with pions from the 3-prong decay $\tau^- \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm + \nu_\tau$

$$\ell \text{ ID} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_\ell}{\mathcal{L}_e + \mathcal{L}_\mu + \mathcal{L}_\pi + \mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_p}$$



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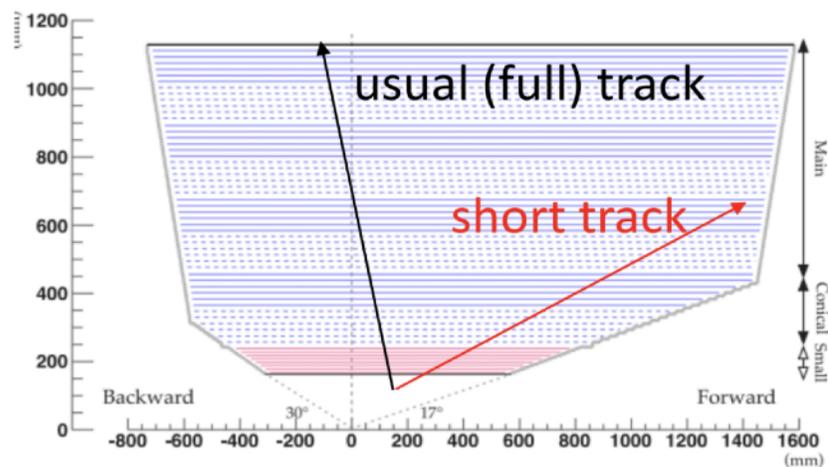
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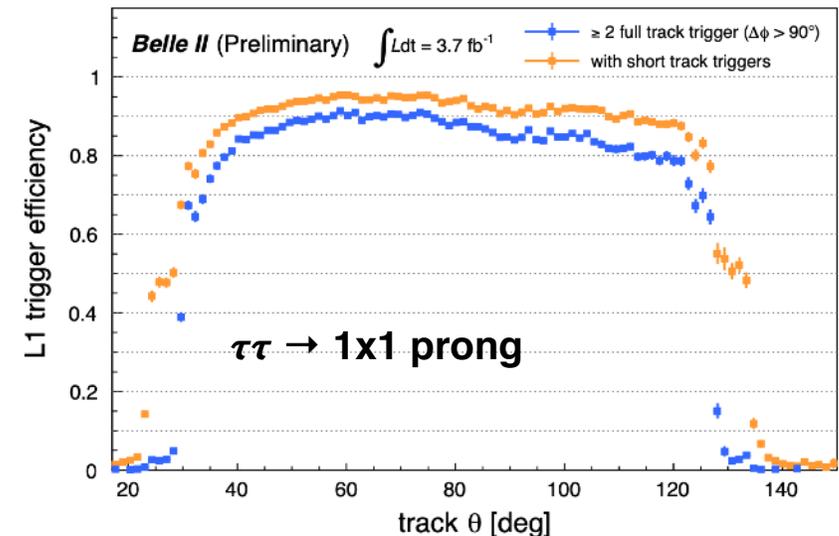
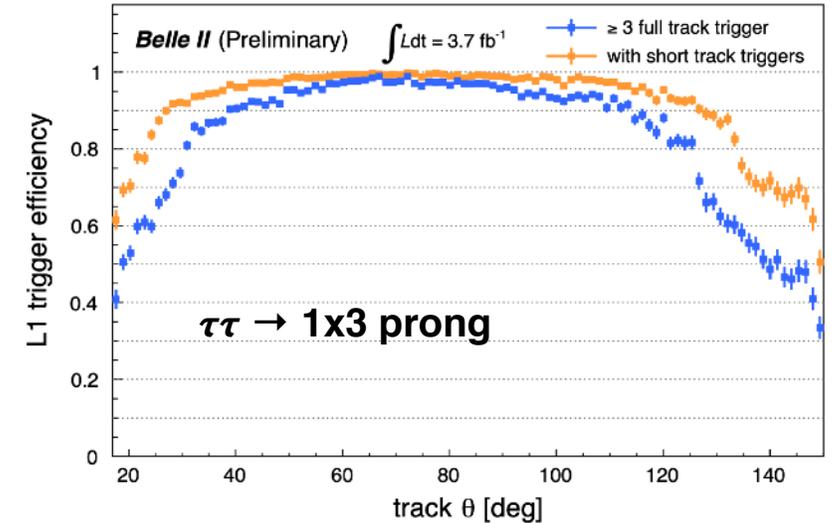
Trigger efficiencies

- The Level 1 trigger efficiency has been studied using $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ events with 1x1 and 3x1 topologies.
- Full track triggers present low efficiency in endcaps.
- To compensate, the CDC trigger also searches for **short tracks**, providing a significant gain in efficiency for endcaps/low p_T .
- Identification of tau events with 1x1 topologies still represents a challenge.

(More details on Tuesday by A. Martini).



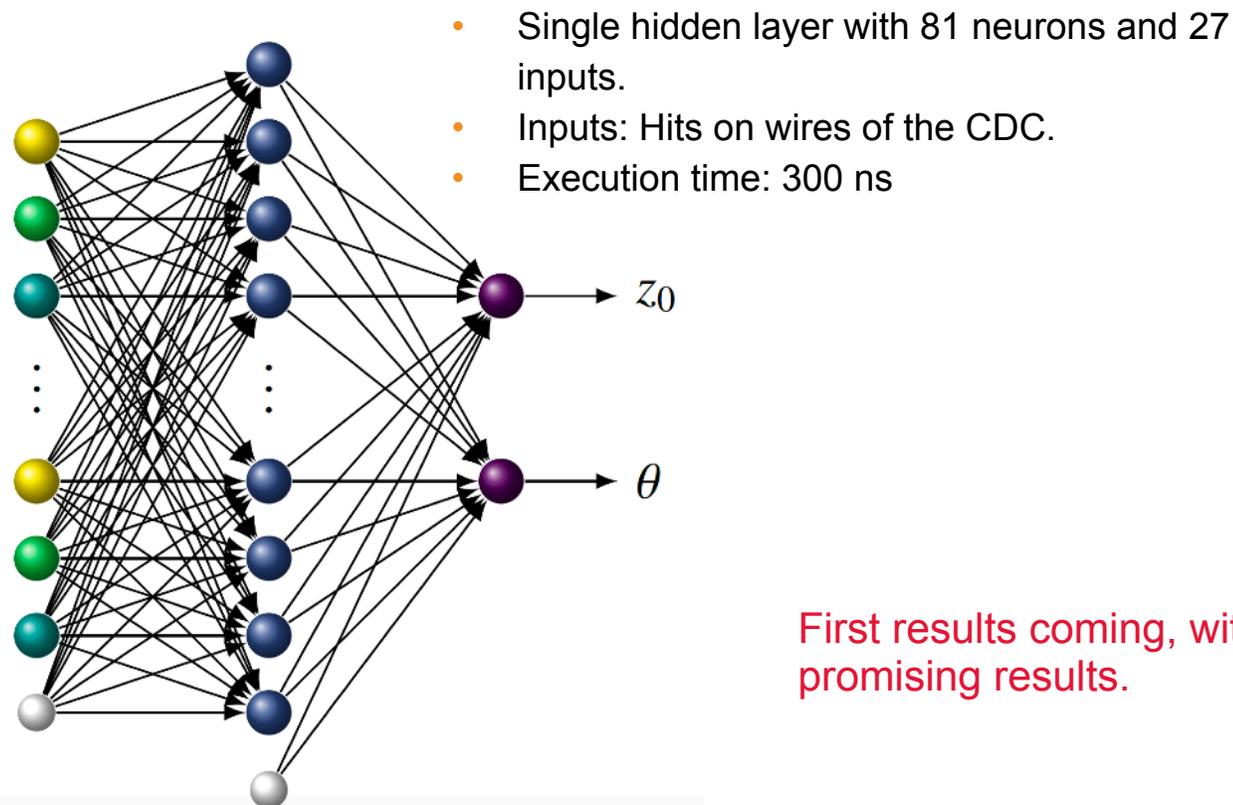
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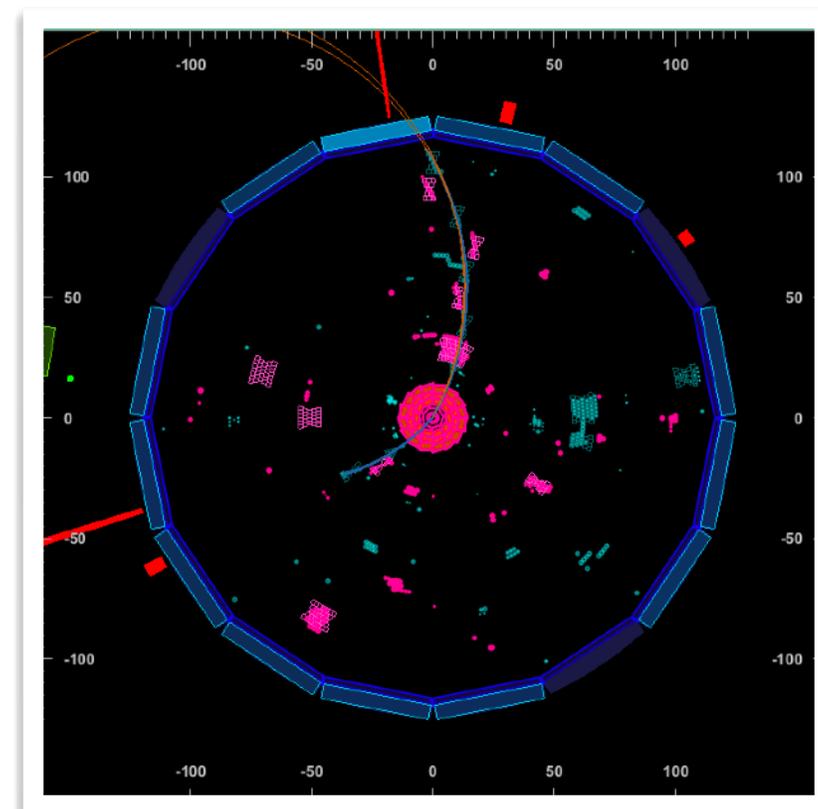
Single Track Trigger

Neural-net based hardware track trigger

- A neural-net based hardware trigger (“y trigger”) is now operational, showing great performance.
- It fires if it finds a track within 15 cm from the collision vertex and a momentum larger than 700 MeV.



First results coming, with promising results.



Measurement of tau properties at Belle II

Mass, lifetime, leptonic decays

- Lepton Flavor Universality test:

- $$B_{\tau\ell} \propto B_{\mu e} \frac{\tau_\tau m_\tau^5}{\tau_\mu m_\mu^5}$$

- Inputs from tau decays:

- Tau mass m_τ
- Tau lifetime τ_τ
- Leptonic BR $B_{\tau\ell}$

- Belle II has the potential of provide precise measurements of these parameters.

- “Wait, did you just say LFU?”
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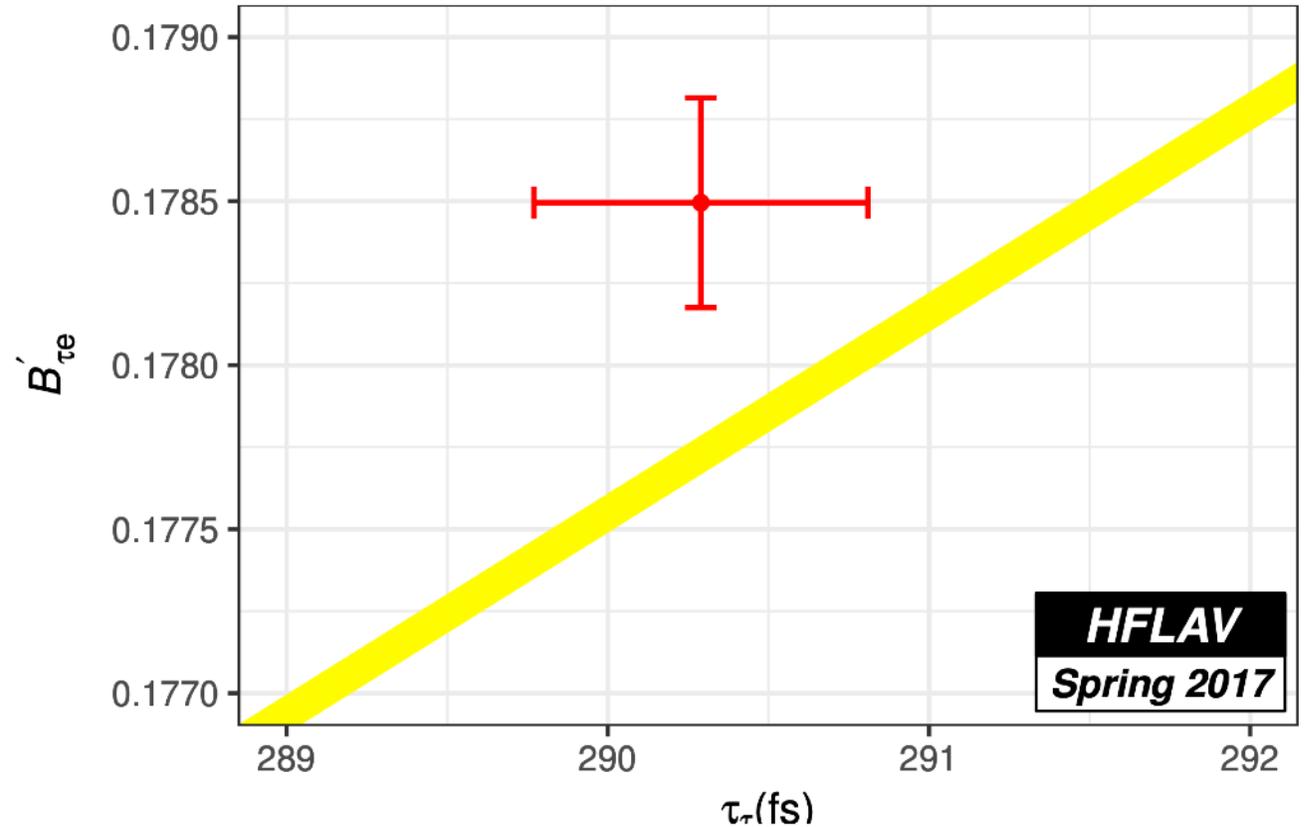


Figure: [EPJ Web Conf., 218 \(2019\) 05002](#)

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Tau Lepton Mass Measurement

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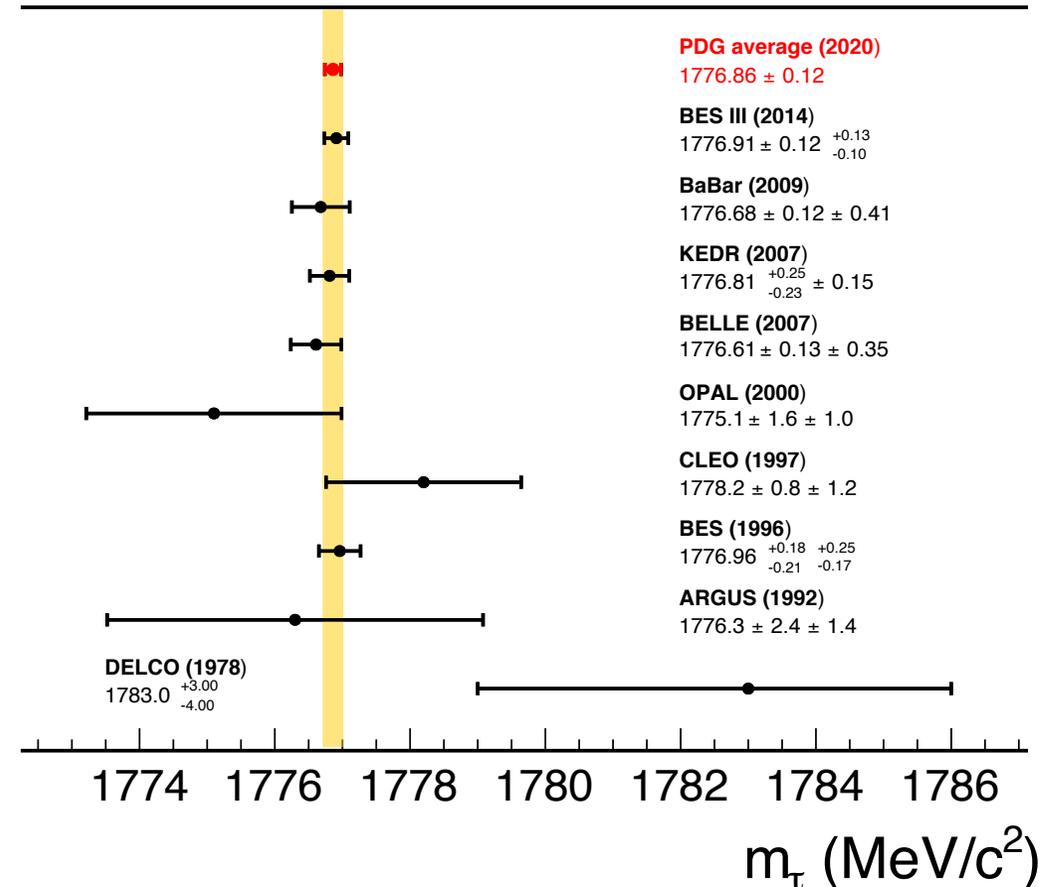
- The lepton masses are fundamental parameters of the SM:

$$m_e = (0.5109989461 \pm 0.0000000031) \text{ MeV},$$

$$m_\mu = (105.6583745 \pm 0.0000024) \text{ MeV},$$

$$m_\tau = (1776.86 \pm 0.12) \text{ MeV}.$$

- Precision of m_τ have consequences in LFU tests.
- Two methods for measuring m_τ :
 - Measurement in the production threshold (DELCO, BES, KEDR, **BES III**).
 - Pseudomass distribution (ARGUS, OPAL, BaBar, **Belle**).
- The latter will be exploited in Belle II.



Tau Lepton Mass Measurement

Pseudomass distribution

- Measured in the decay mode $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$, using a pseudomass technique developed by the **ARGUS** collaboration.

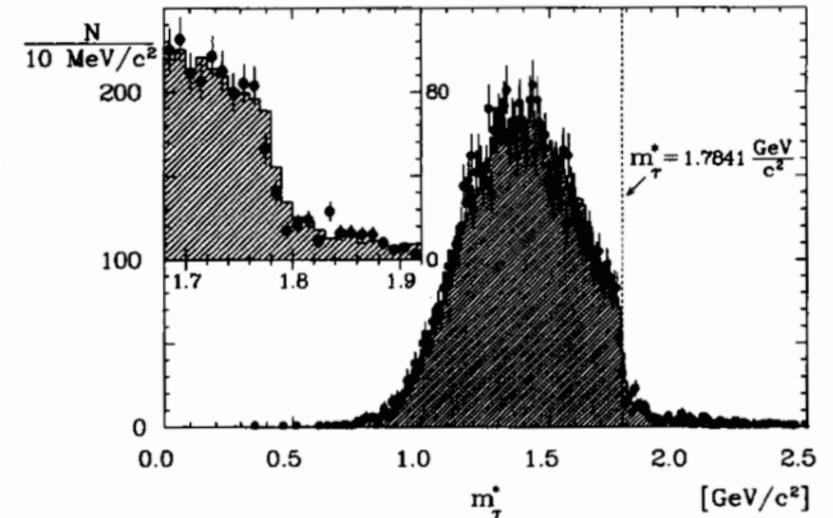
- The tau mass can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} m_\tau^2 &= (p_h + p_\nu)^2 \\ &= 2E_h(E_\tau - E_h) + m_h^2 - 2|\vec{p}_h|(E_\tau - E_h) \cos(\vec{p}_h, \vec{p}_\nu) \end{aligned}$$

- As the direction of the neutrino is not known, the approximation $\cos(\vec{p}_\nu, \vec{p}_h) = 1$ is taken, resulting in

$$M_{\min}^2 = 2E_h(E_\tau - E_h) + m_h^2 - 2|\vec{p}_h|(E_\tau - E_h) < m_\tau^2$$

- Then, the distribution of the pseudomass is fitted to an empirical edge function, and the position of the cutoff indicates the value of the mass.



[Phys. Lett. B 292 \(1992\) 221-228](#)



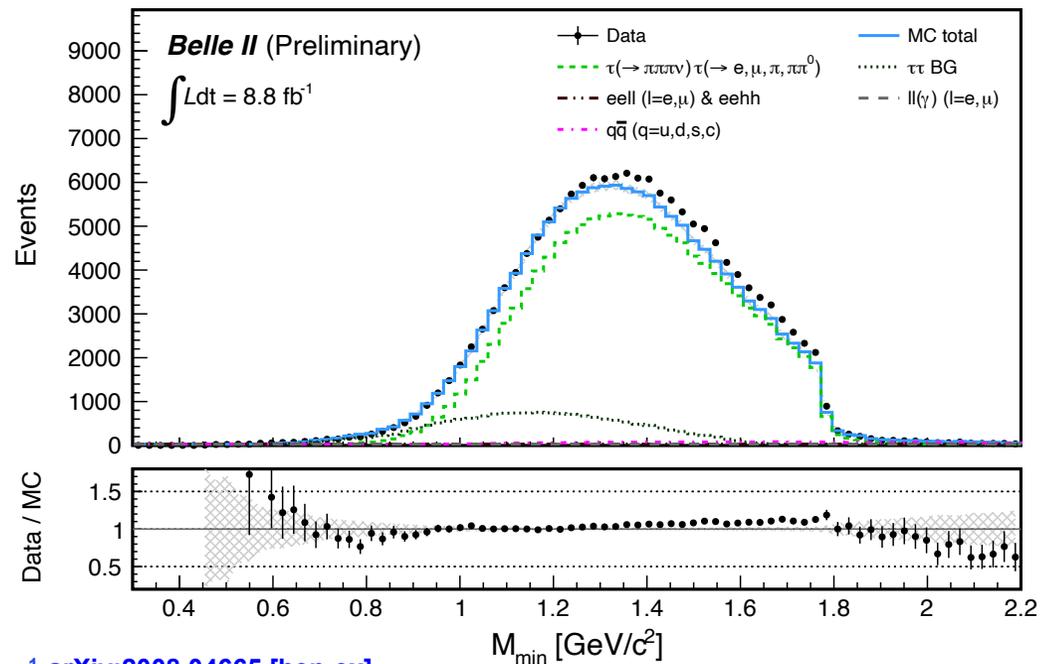
Figure: [The ARGUS detector at DESY](#)

Tau Lepton Mass Measurement

Performance test @ 8.76 fb⁻¹

- Our latest result¹ (8.76 fb⁻¹, ICHEP 2020): **1777.28 ± 0.75 ± 0.33 MeV/c²**.
- Main systematic sources:
 - Momentum shift due to imperfections on the B-Field map: 0.29 MeV/c².
 - Bias of the m_τ estimator: 0.12 MeV/c².

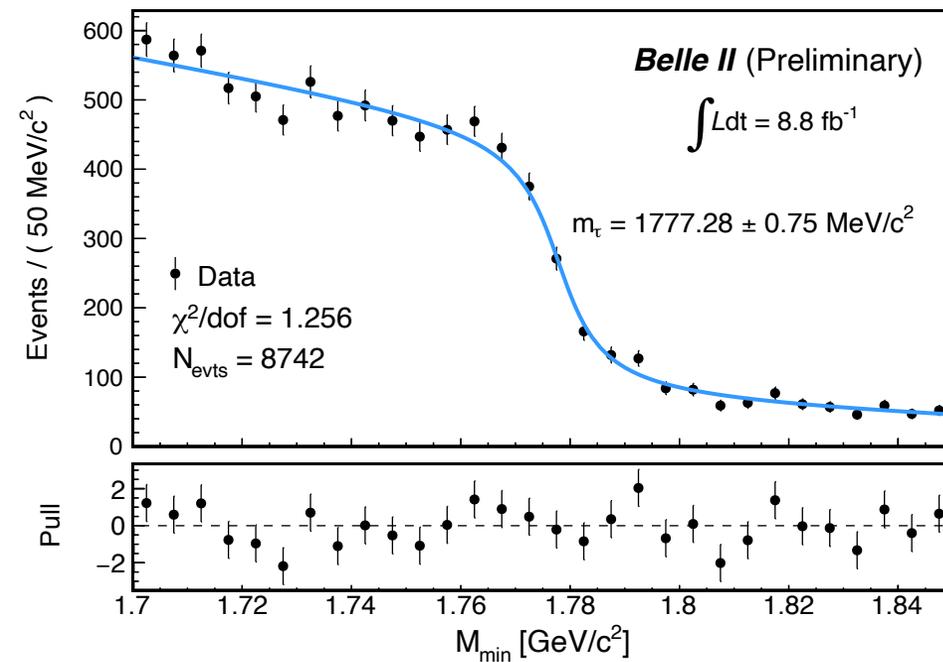
Pseudomass distribution, data vs MC



¹ [arXiv:2008.04665 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.04665)

Fit to edge p.d.f. in the cutoff region

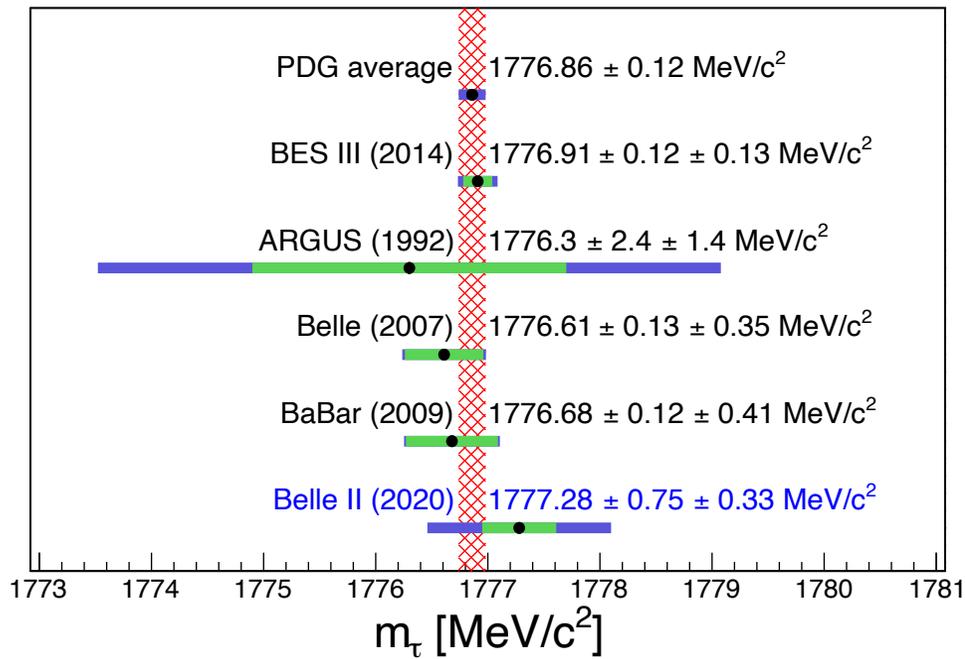
$$F(M_{\min}, \vec{P}) = (P_3 + P_4 M_{\min}) \cdot \tan^{-1}[(M_{\min} - P_1)/P_2] + P_5 M_{\min} + 1$$



Tau Mass Measurement at Belle II

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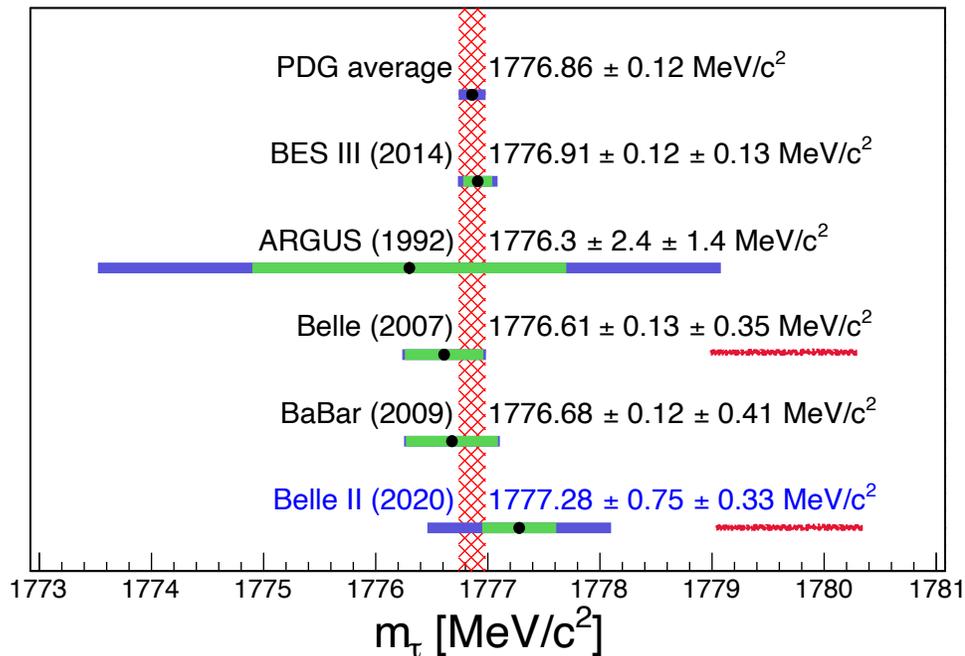


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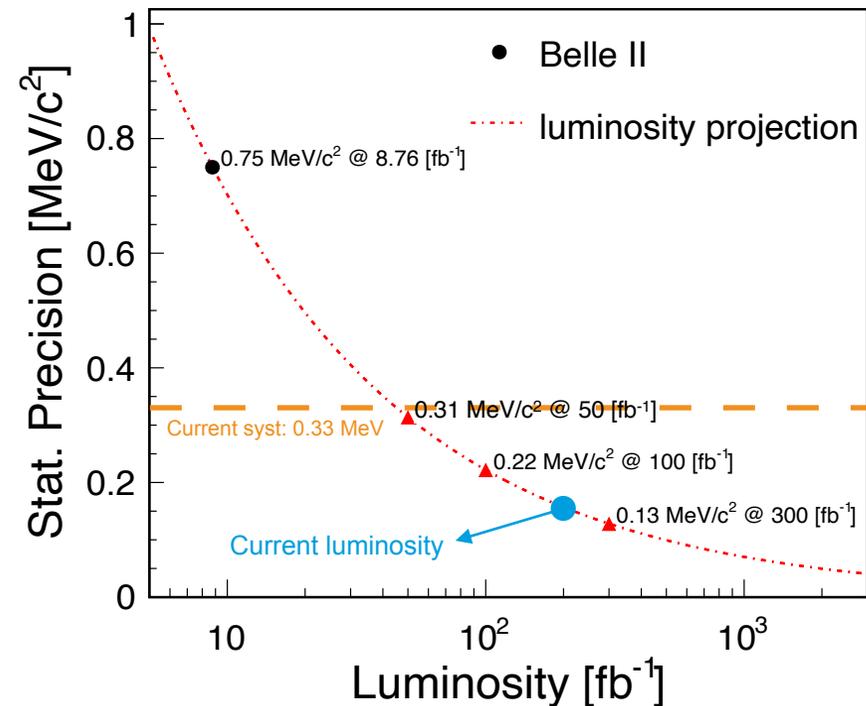
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“Can wait to see more details!”
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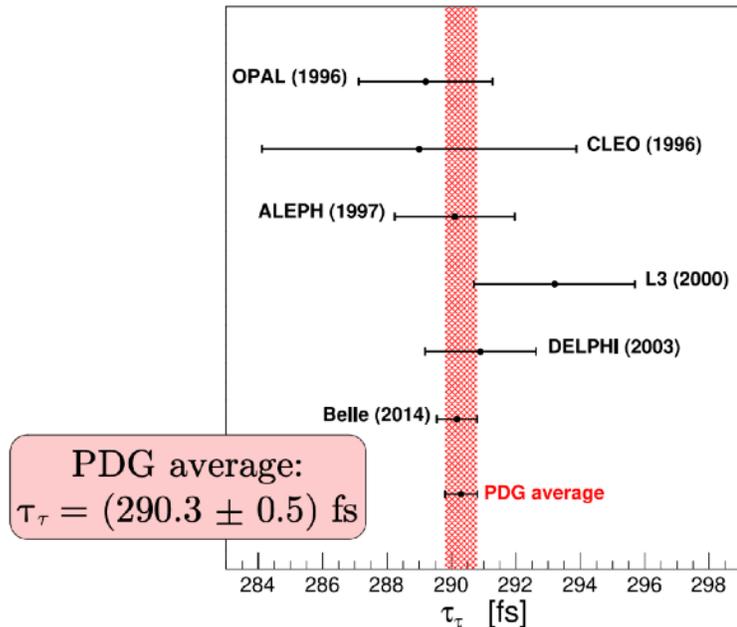
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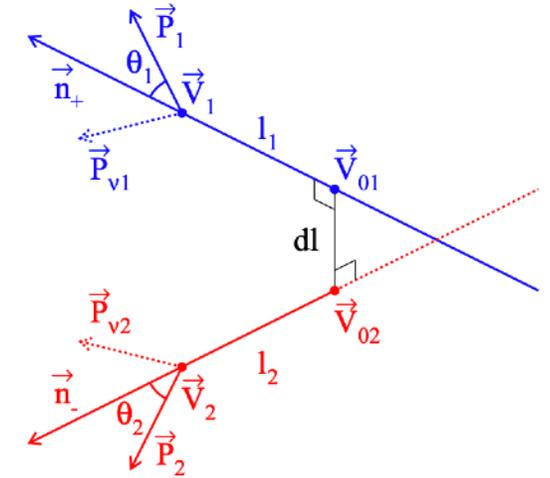
Tau Lifetime Measurement

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 - Y-peak: CLEO, BaBar, **Belle** ¹.
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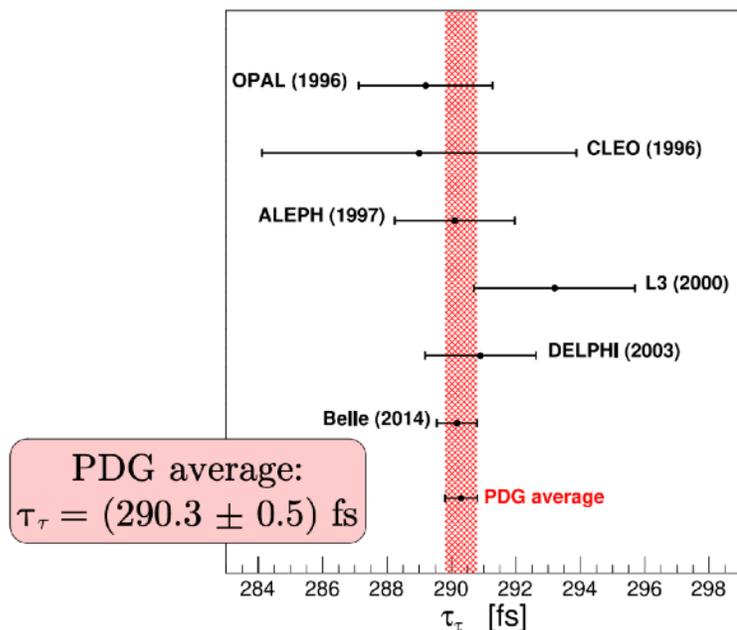
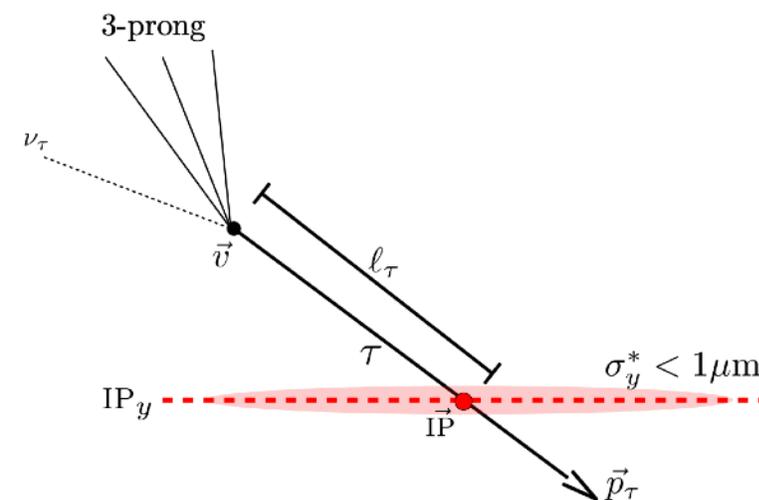
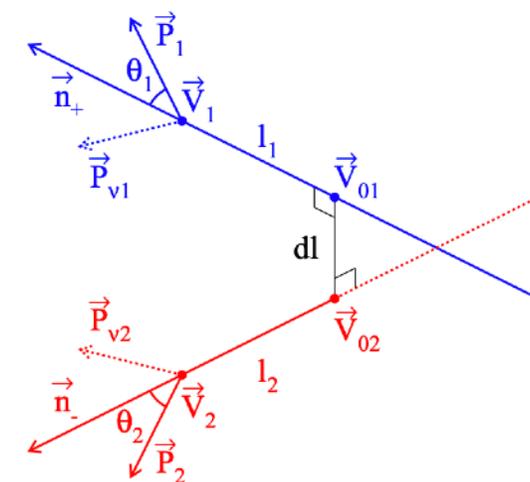
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Strategy at Belle II:

1. Reconstruct vertex for 3-prong τ .
Only one 3-prong = **higher statistics**.
2. Estimate the τ momentum \vec{p}_τ .
Hadronic decays in both sides.
3. Find the production vertex.
Intersection of \vec{p}_τ with the plane IP_y .

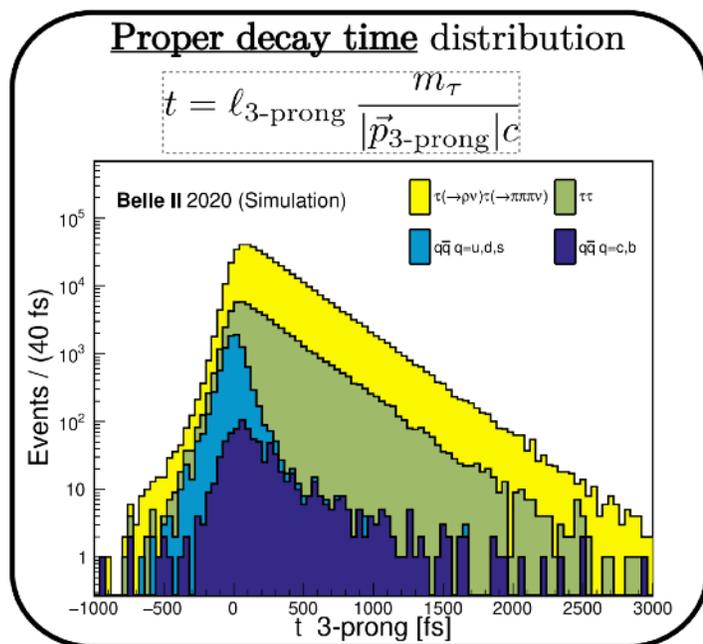
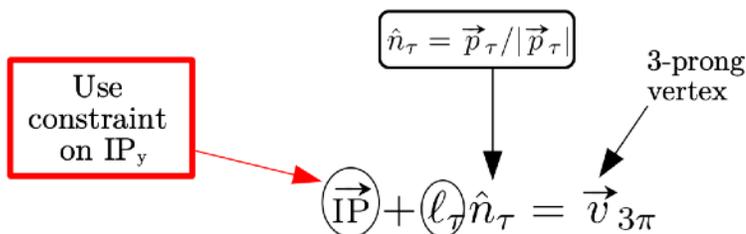


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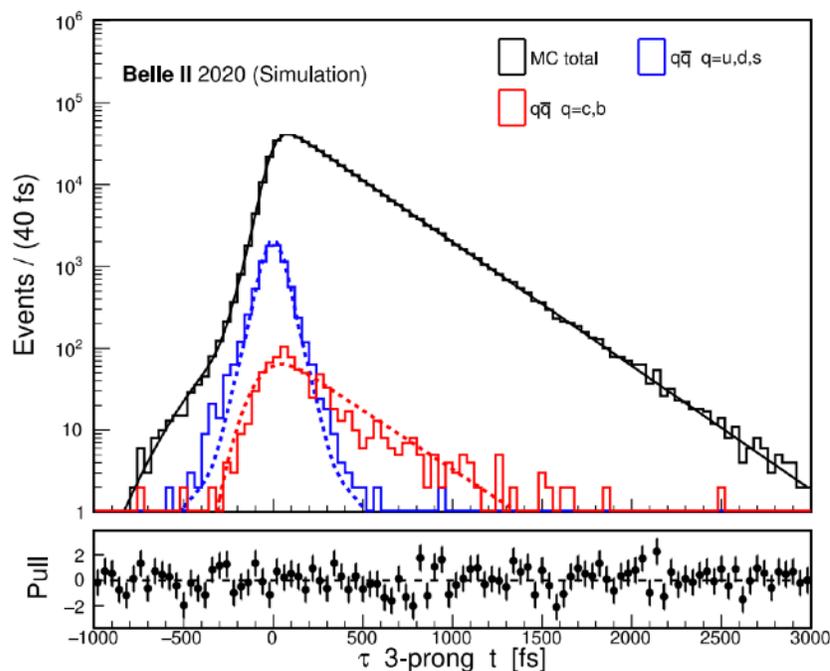
Sensitivity at 200 fb⁻¹

- ℓ_τ reconstruction and IP constrain:



- Lifetime extraction:

- $\tau_\tau = 287.2 \pm 0.5$ (stat) fs
- Same statistical uncertainty of Belle. (200 fb⁻¹ vs 711 fb⁻¹)



- τ_τ presents ≈ 3 fs bias. (Generated lifetime: 290.57 fs)
 - ISR/FSR losses = underestimation of the proper time.
 - And intrinsic bias in the measurement.

- Further studies to estimate systematics:

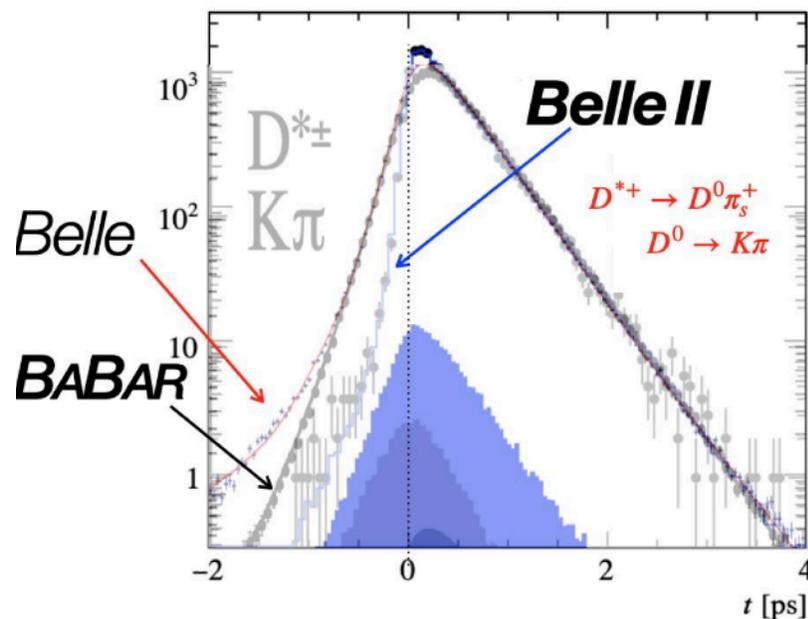
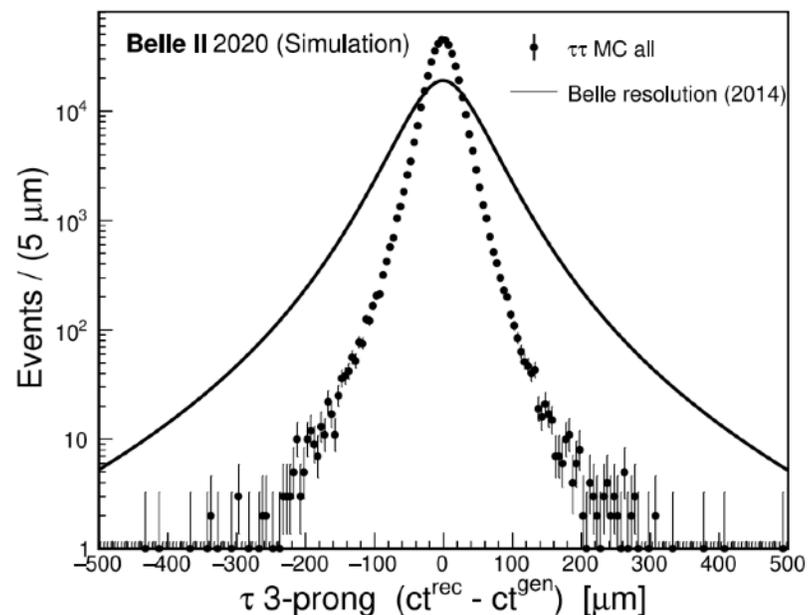
- Test dependence from resolution function in the fit
- Beam-spot position
- ISR/FSR simulation
- Vertex detector alignment (dominant at Belle and Babar)

Tau Lifetime Measurement

Detector performance

- In MC simulations, the Belle II proper time resolution is **~2x better than Belle**.
 - Due to PXD and smaller beam pipe diameter.
- For comparison, the D meson lifetime measurement by Belle II was recently published¹.
 - Improvement in resolution is confirmed

Proper decay time resolution:



$$\tau(D^0) = 410.5 \pm 1.1(\text{stat}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst}) \text{ fs}$$

$$\tau(D^+) = 1030.4 \pm 4.7(\text{stat}) \pm 3.1(\text{syst}) \text{ fs}$$

¹ [arXiv:2108.03216 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.03216) (submitted to PRL)

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Summary

- In 2021, SuperKEKB has set a new record in peak luminosity at $L_{\text{peak}} = 3.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.
- To the date, 213 fb^{-1} of collision data have been recorded by Belle II. By summer, we expect to collect of the order of \sim BaBar data set.
- Since its discovery, the tau lepton has been studied at new every e^+e^- collider into operation, improving the measurements with every upgrade.
 - In Belle II we are very motivated, and ready to reach new limits in the precision.
- **Tau mass studies** with the early data show potential for an update in the measurement of m_τ using the pseudomass technique.
- The **lifetime measurements** at Belle II show the potential of the nano-beam scheme with an upgraded vertex detection system. First studies of τ_τ very promising, with an update in the measurement feasible in the coming months.

Thank you



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