



# Prospects for $\tau$ lepton physics at Belle II

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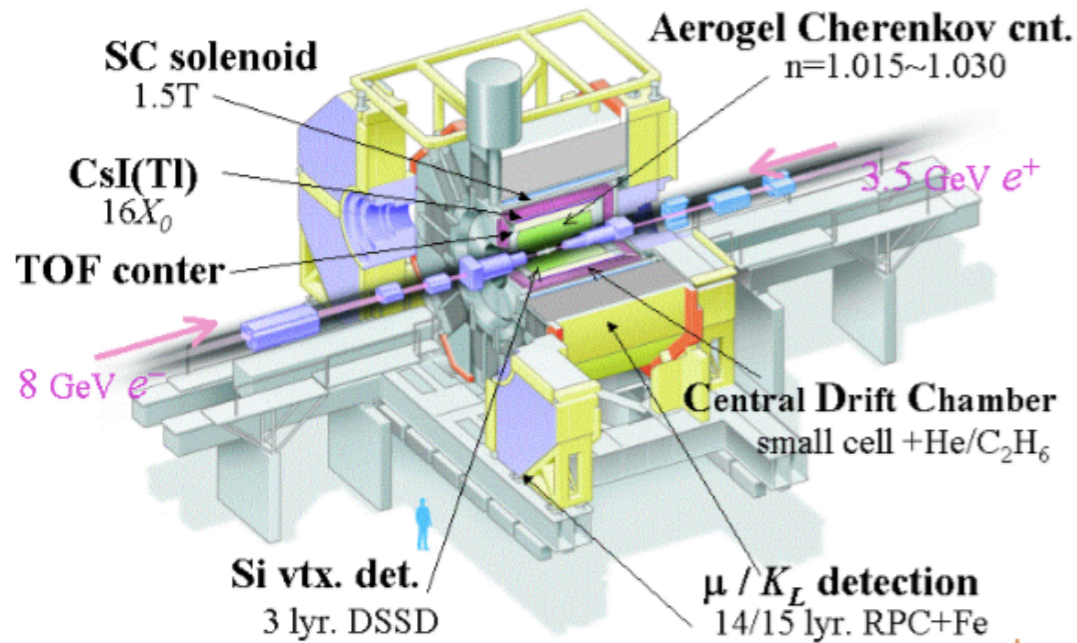
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## **Outline:**

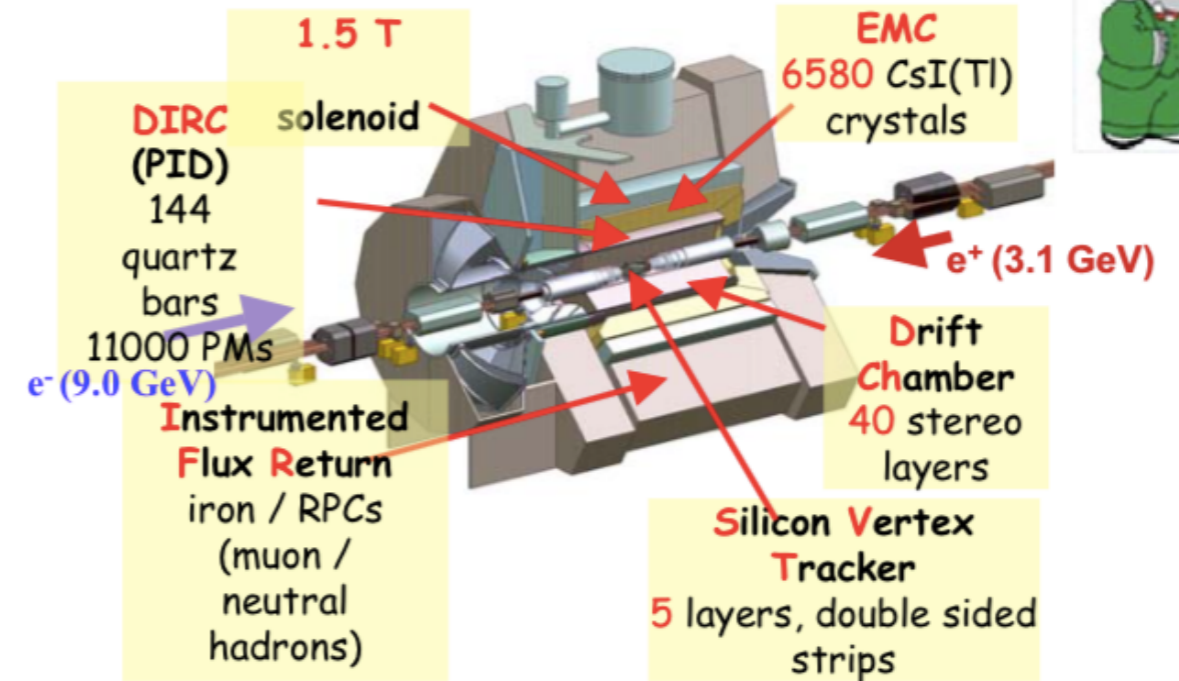
- Achievements of B-factories in  $\tau$  lepton physics.
- The Belle II experiment.
- First results with early data.
- Prospects of  $\tau$  lepton physics

# B Factories

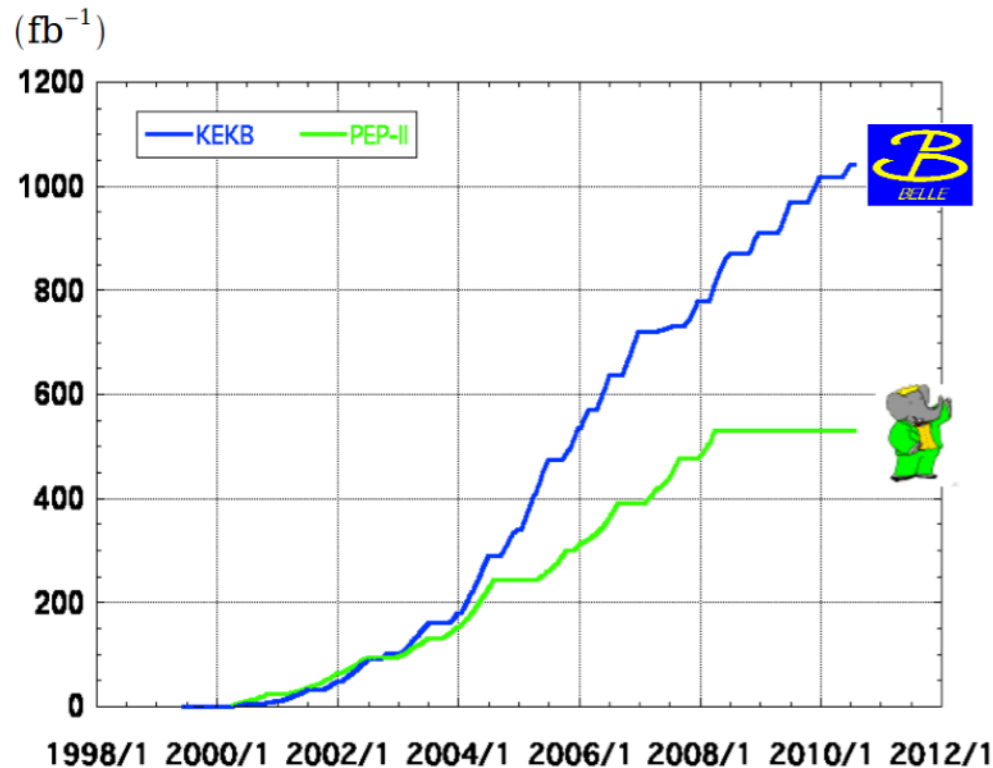
## Belle Detector



## BaBar detector



$\sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$



**> 1 ab<sup>-1</sup>**  
**On resonance:**  
 $\Upsilon(5S): 121 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\Upsilon(4S): 711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\Upsilon(3S): 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\Upsilon(2S): 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\Upsilon(1S): 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
**Off reson./scan:**  
 $\sim 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

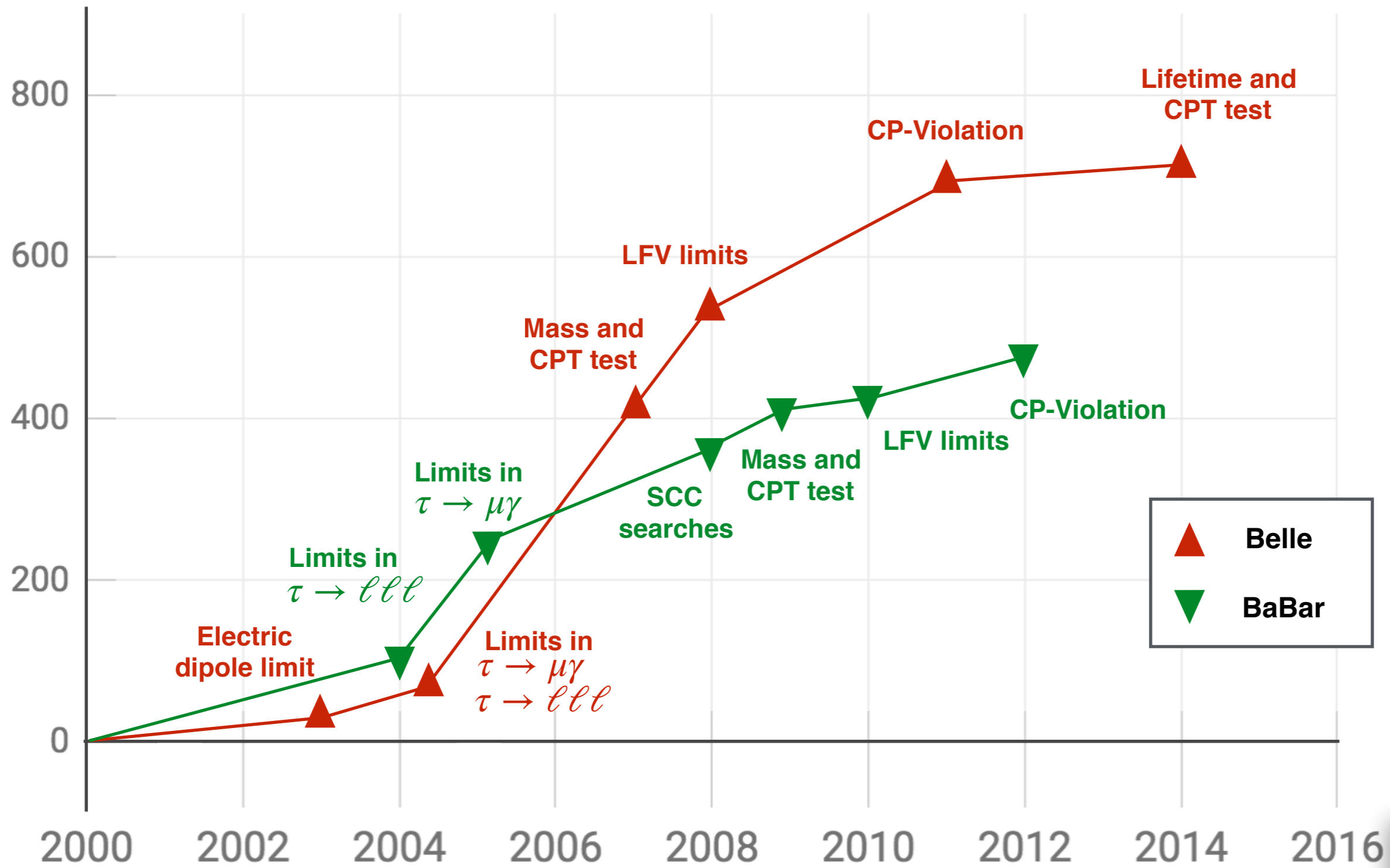
**$\sim 550 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**   
**On resonance:**  
 $\Upsilon(4S): 433 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\Upsilon(3S): 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\Upsilon(2S): 14 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
**Off resonance:**  
 $\sim 54 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- B-Factory: Production of b pairs.
- $\tau$  factory too!  
 $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4s)) = 1.05 \text{ nb}$   
 $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau \tau) = 0.92 \text{ nb}$

# $\tau$ lepton physics results at B factories



$L_{\text{int}}$  ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )



# Next gen: Belle II collaboration

- 800+ members, 108 institutions, 25 countries
- Located in KEK at Tsukuba, Japan

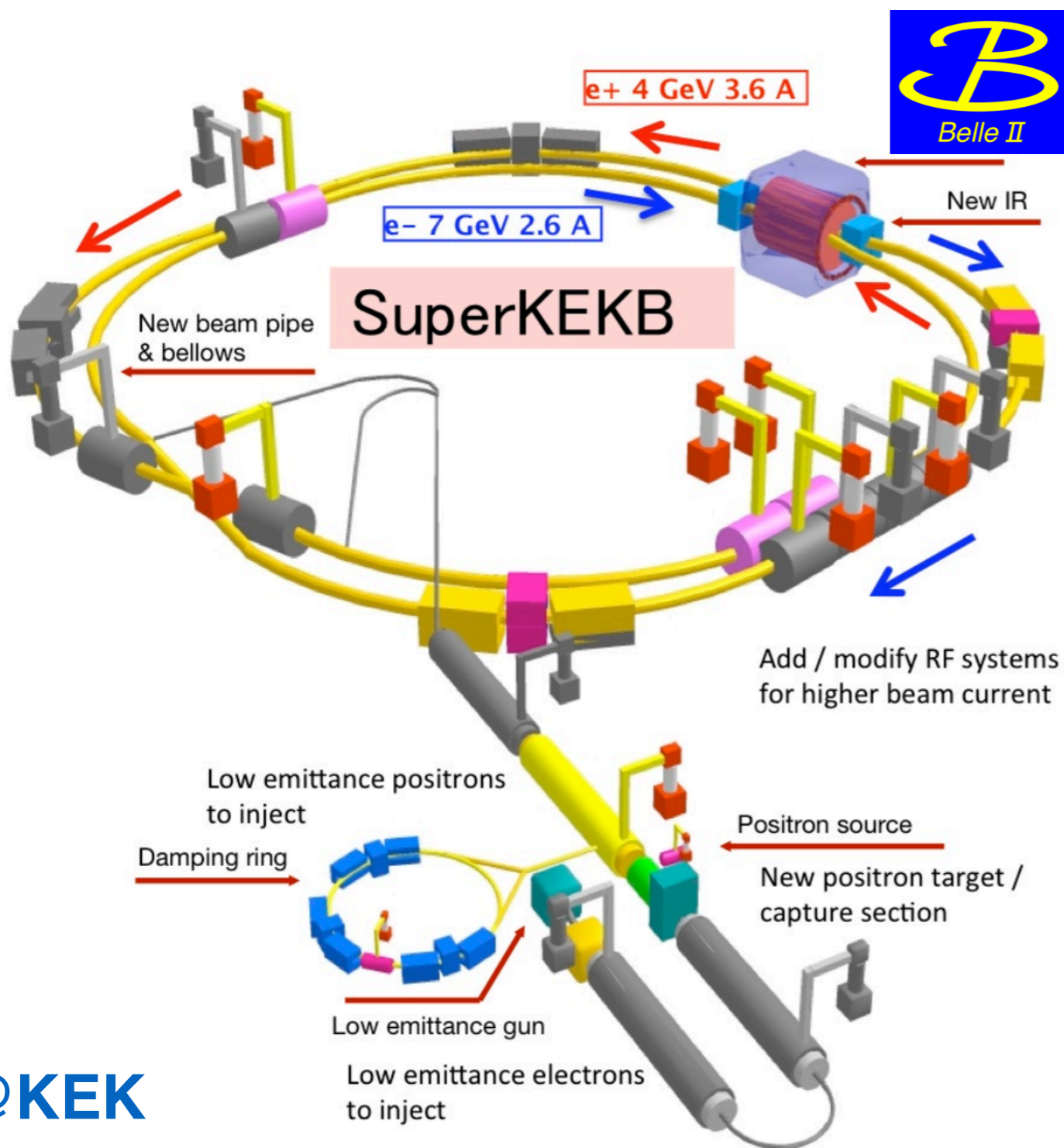
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Linac



# Next gen: SuperKEKB



- Super B-Factory  
(And  $\tau$  factory too!)

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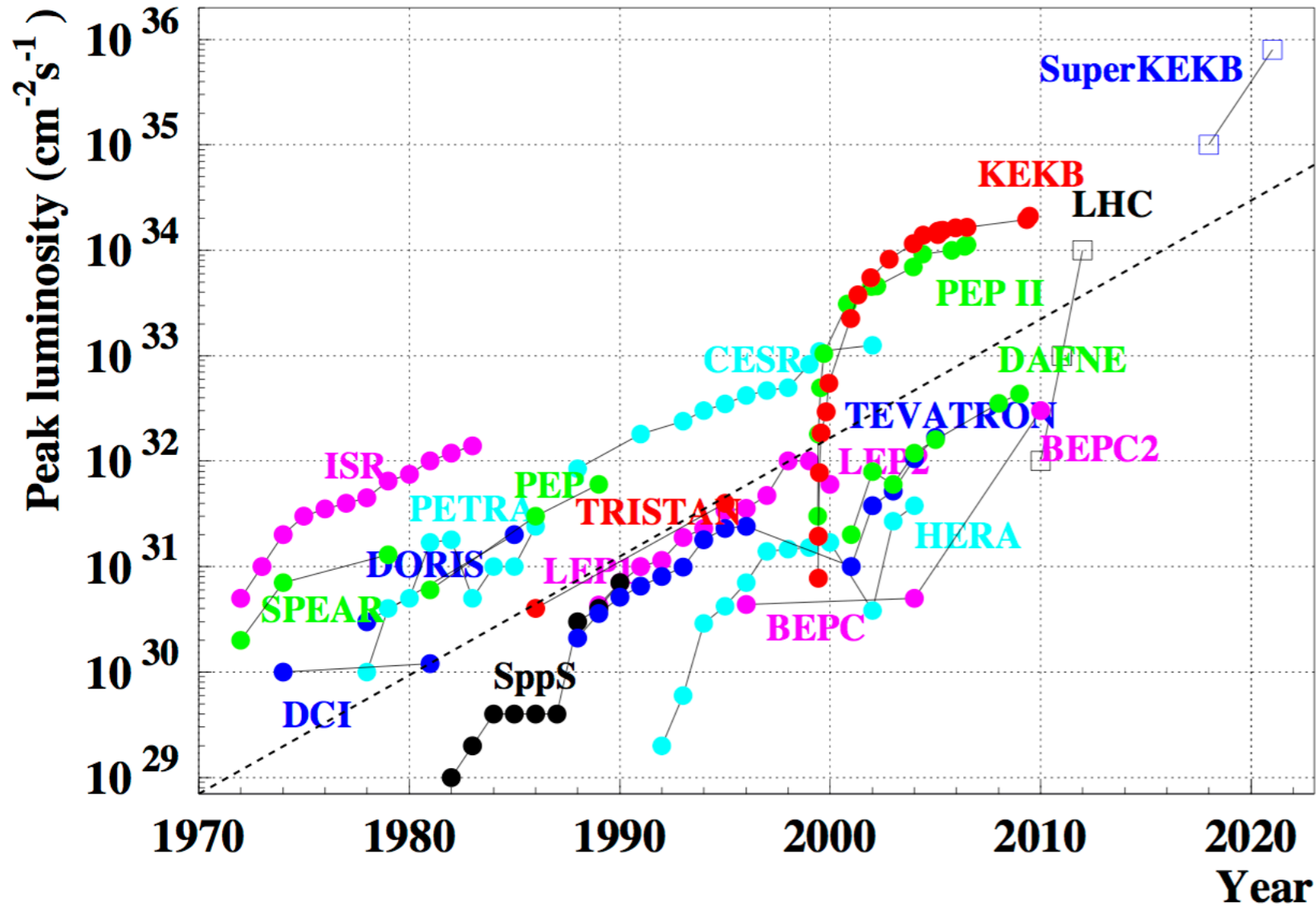
- Integrated luminosity expected:  
 $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

(x50 than previous B factories)

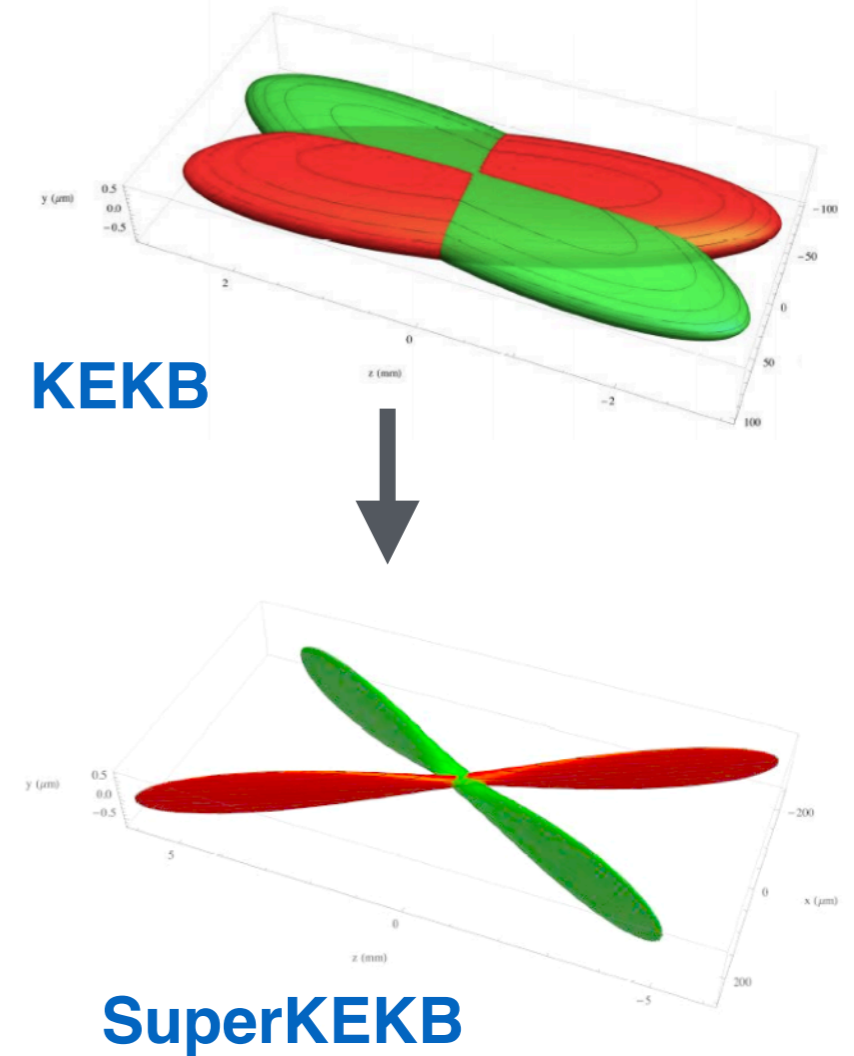
$4.6 \times 10^{10} \tau$  pairs

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# Next gen: SuperKEKB

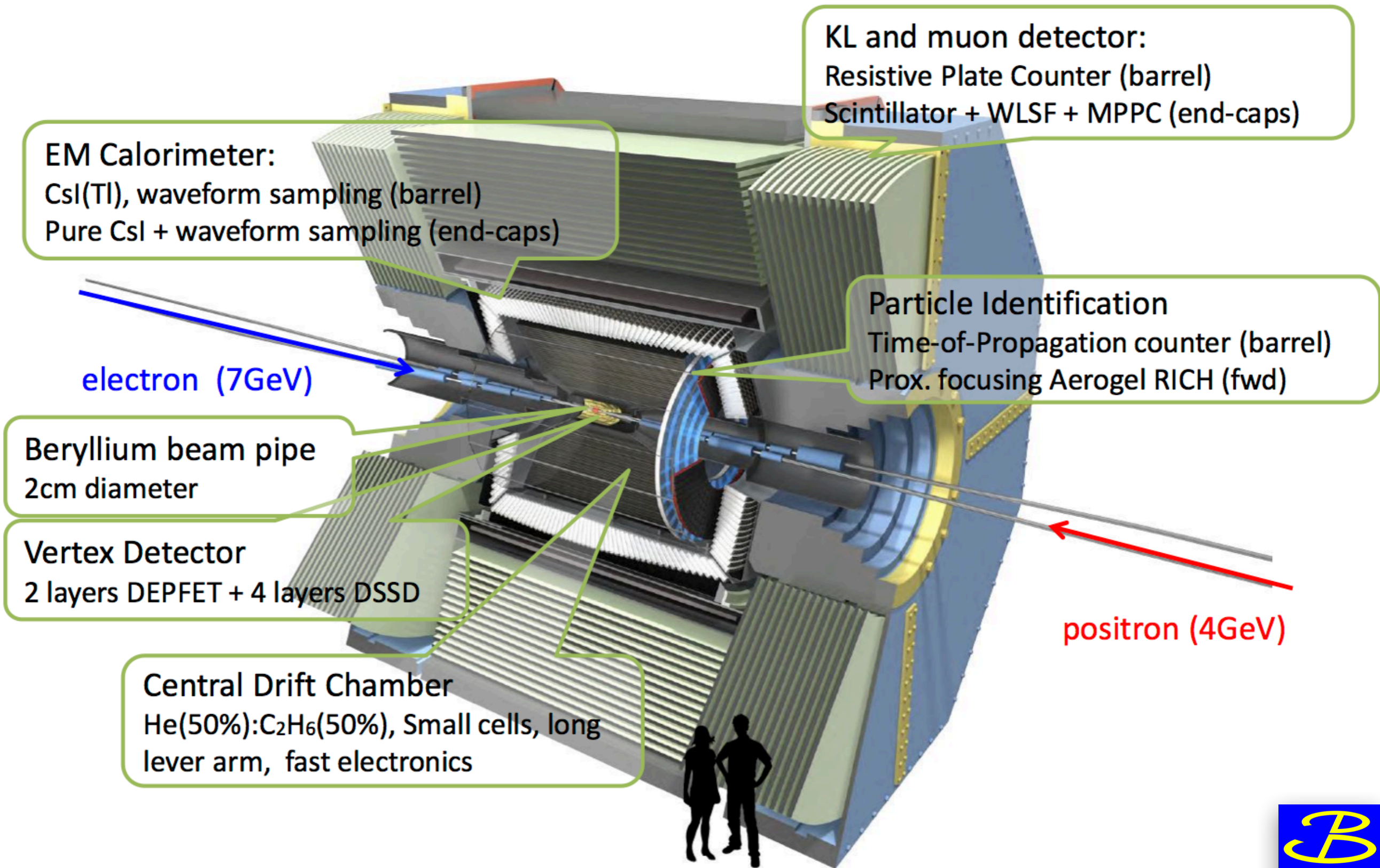


“Nano-beams”: vertical beam size is 50nm at the IP.

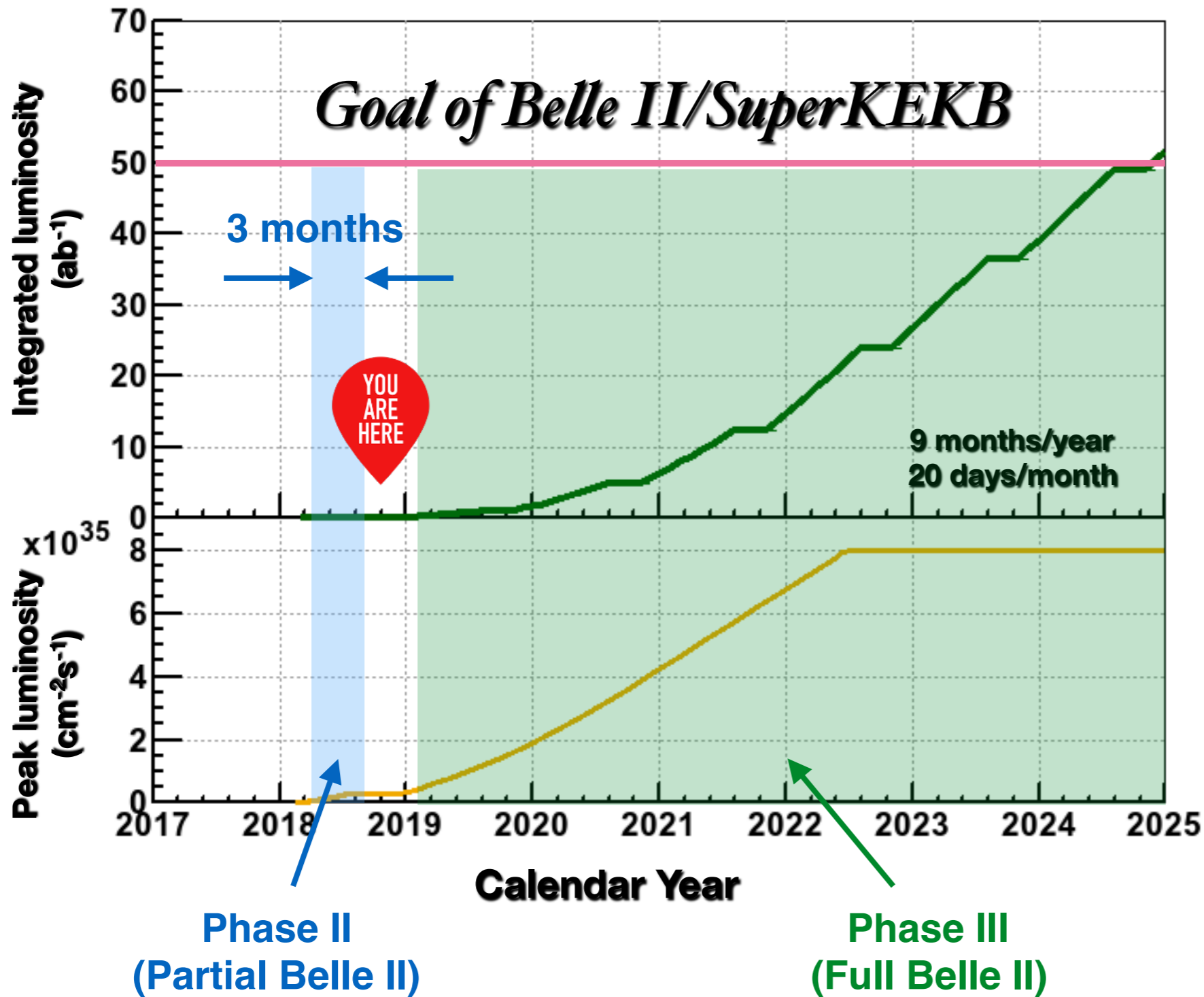


- Challenges at  $L=8 \times 10^{35} \text{ 1/cm}^2/\text{s}$ :
  - Higher background (Radiative Bhabha, Touschek, beam-gas scattering, etc.).
  - Higher trigger rates (High performance DAQ, computing).

# Belle II Detector

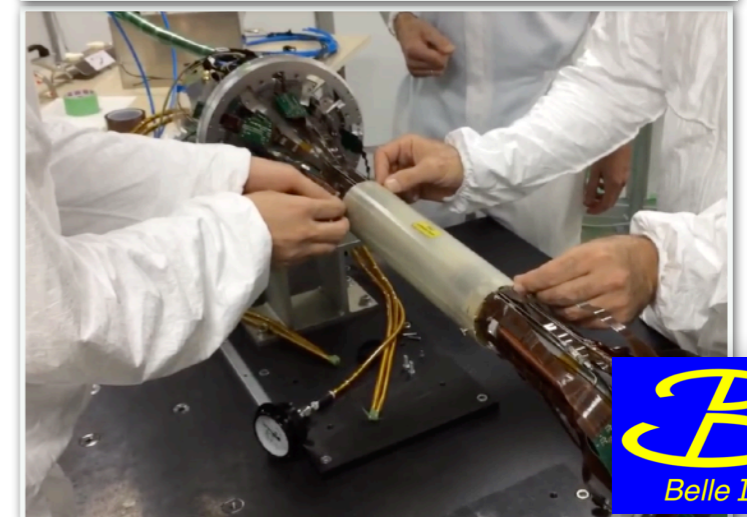


# Belle II Schedule



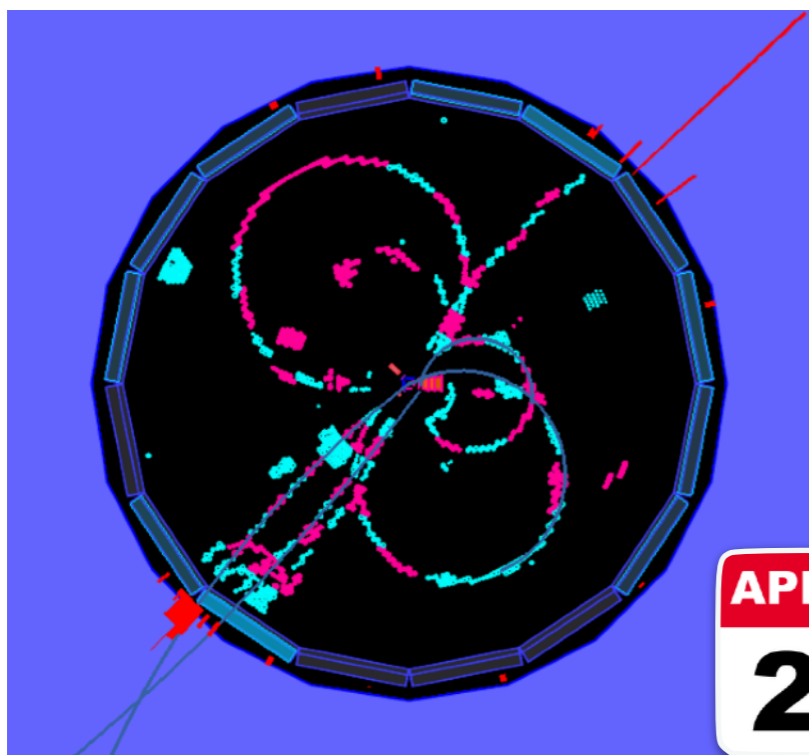
Data taking in phase II was performed with all subsystems, except vertex detectors.

They are being installed and they will be ready for phase III.

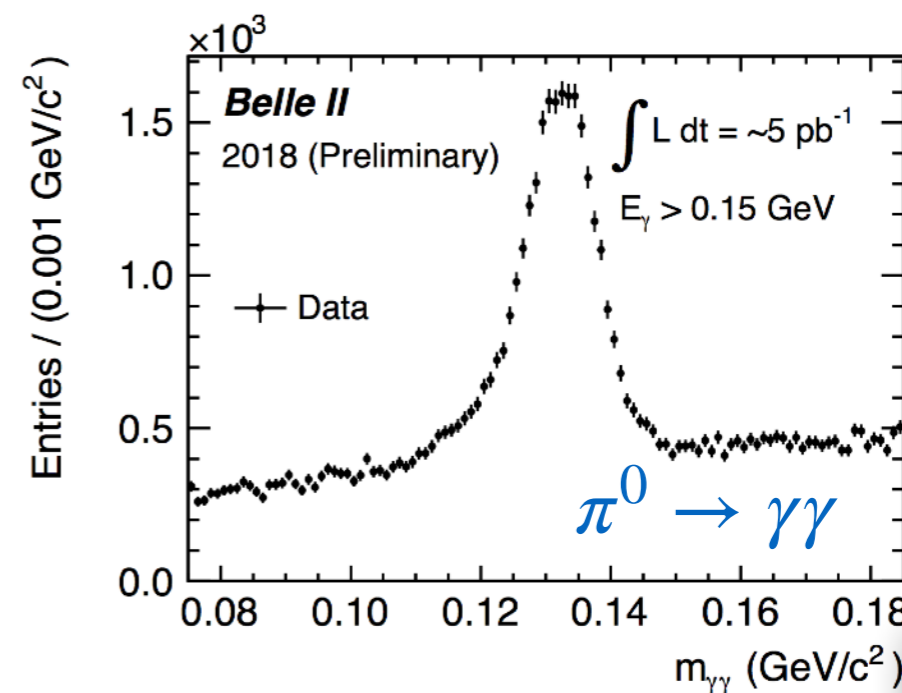
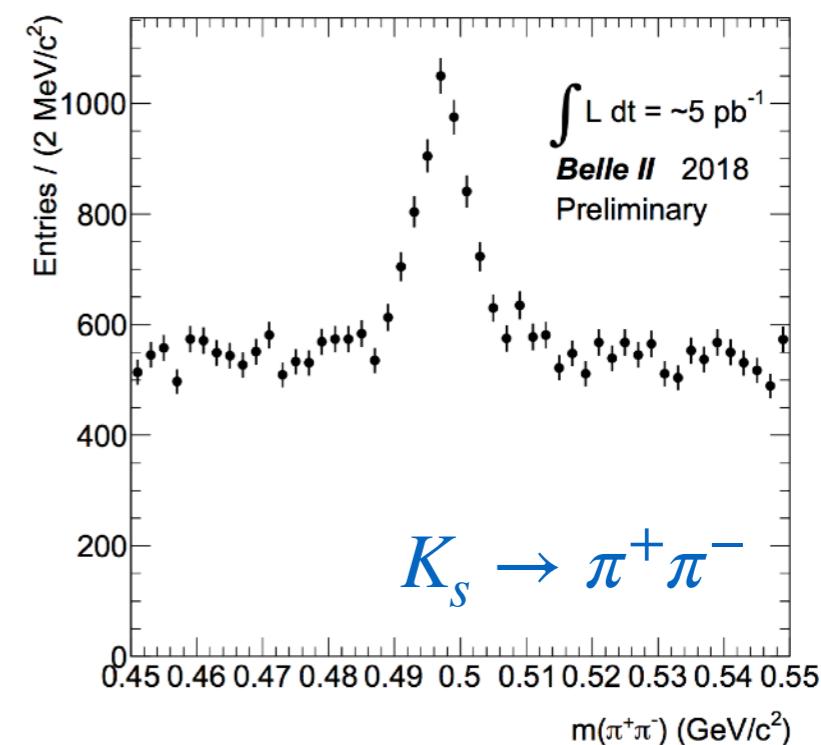




# First collisions on Phase II



Most of the Belle II detector subsystems are working well. We have signals involving photons and charged tracks.



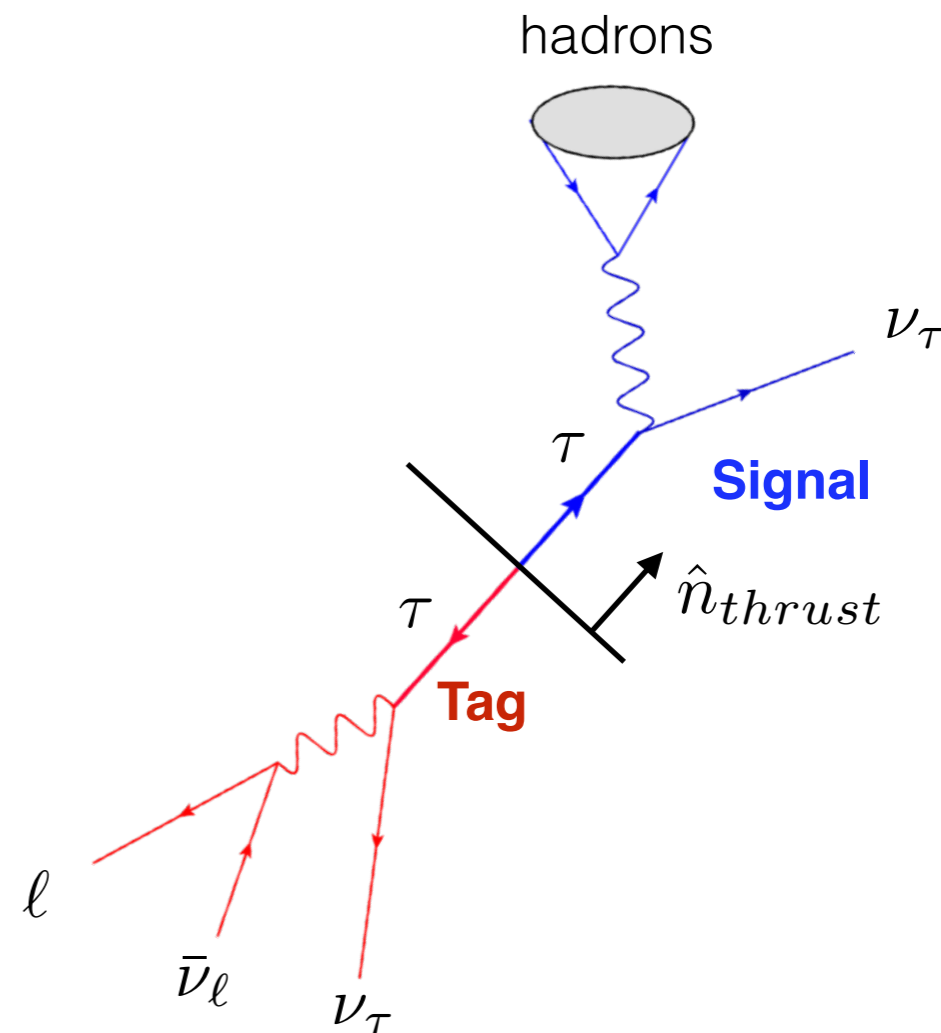
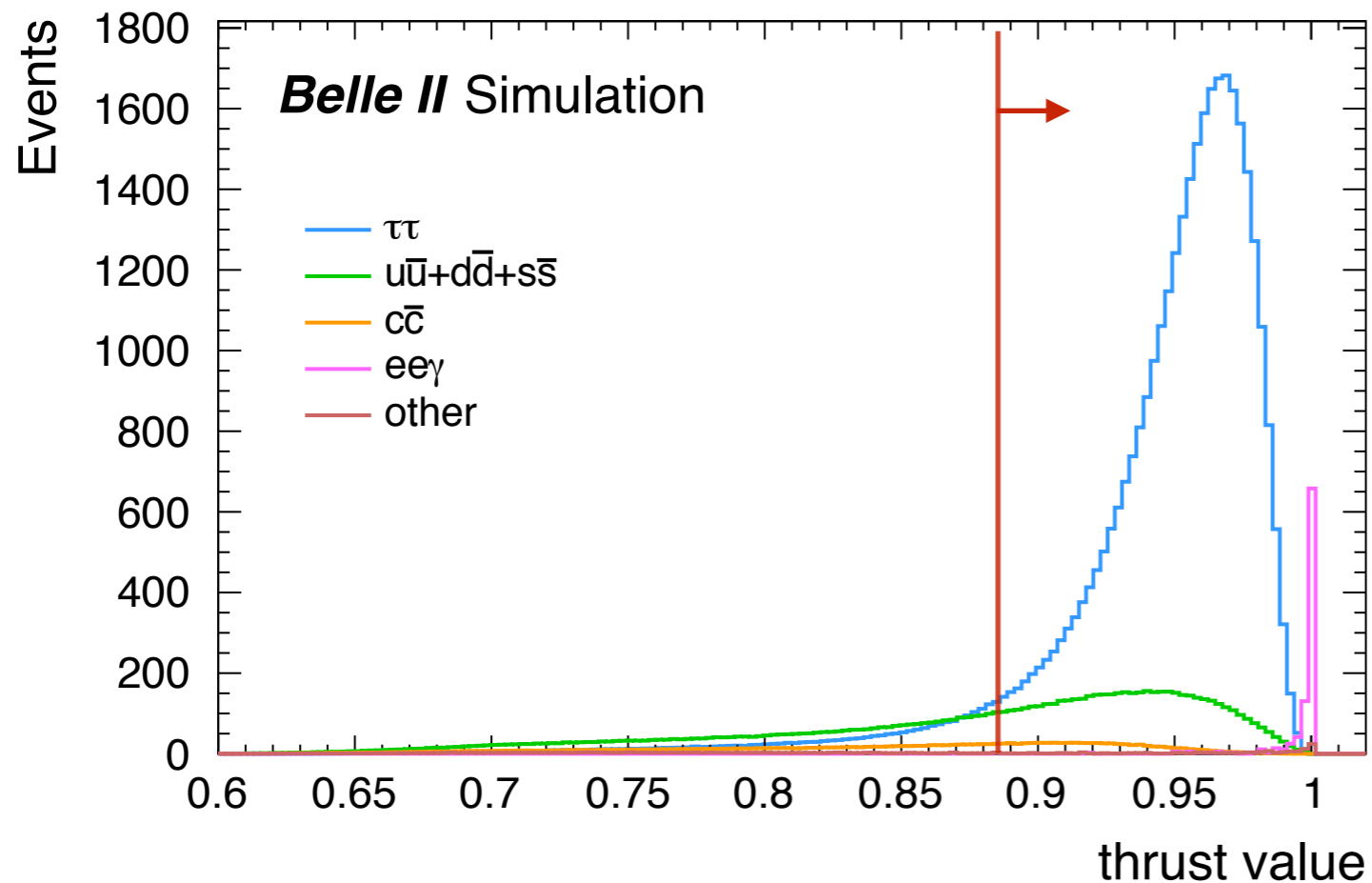
# $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$ in Belle II early data

Candidates: 3 - 1 prong decay

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow 3 \text{ tracks})(\tau_{tag} \rightarrow \text{track})$$

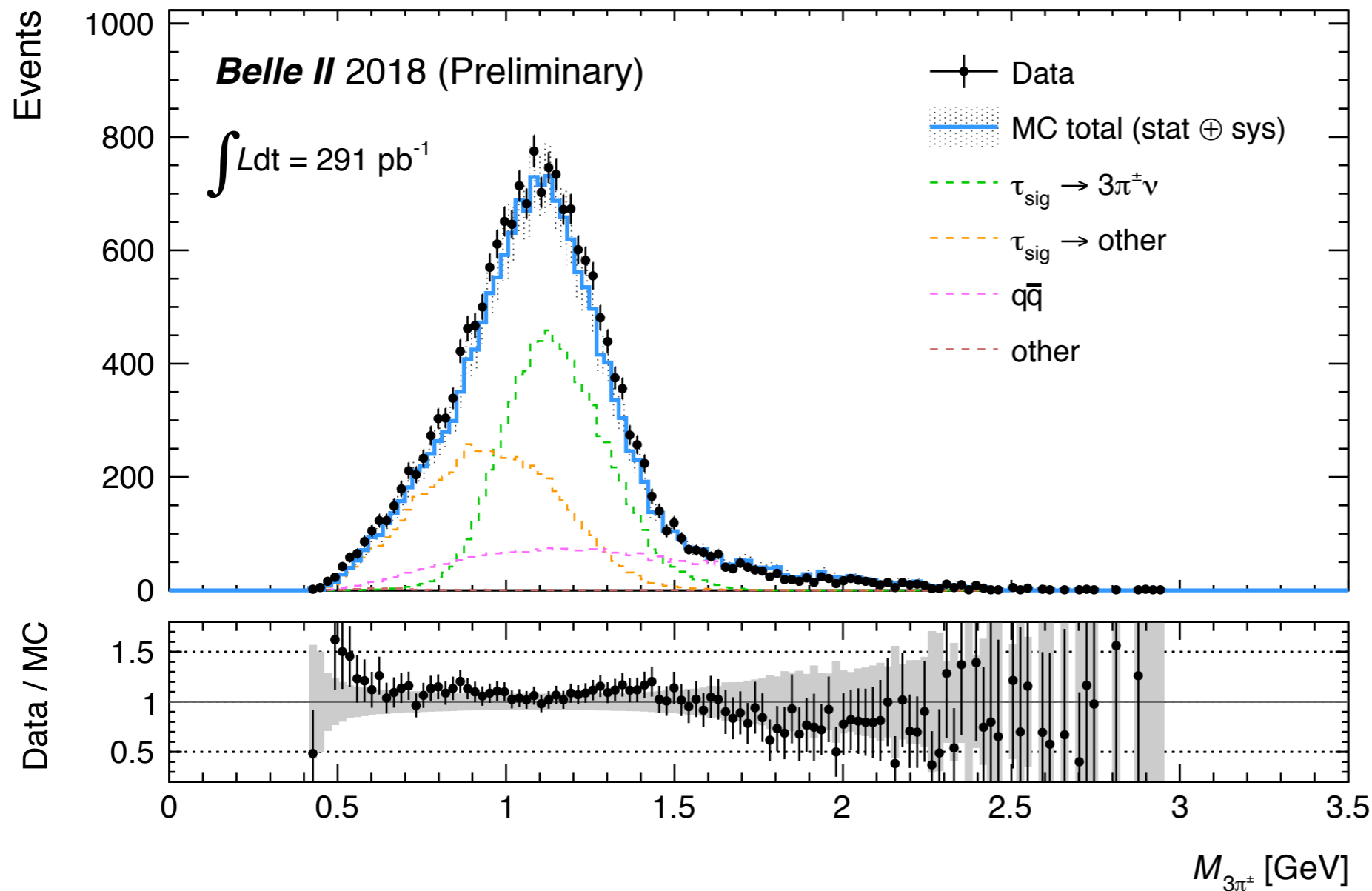
We are assuming pion hypothesis in signal side.

- Thrust axis:  $\hat{n}_{thrust}$  such that  $V_{thrust}$  is maximum.



$$V_{thrust} = \frac{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i^{cm} \cdot \hat{n}_{thrust}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i^{cm}|}$$

# $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$ in Belle II early data

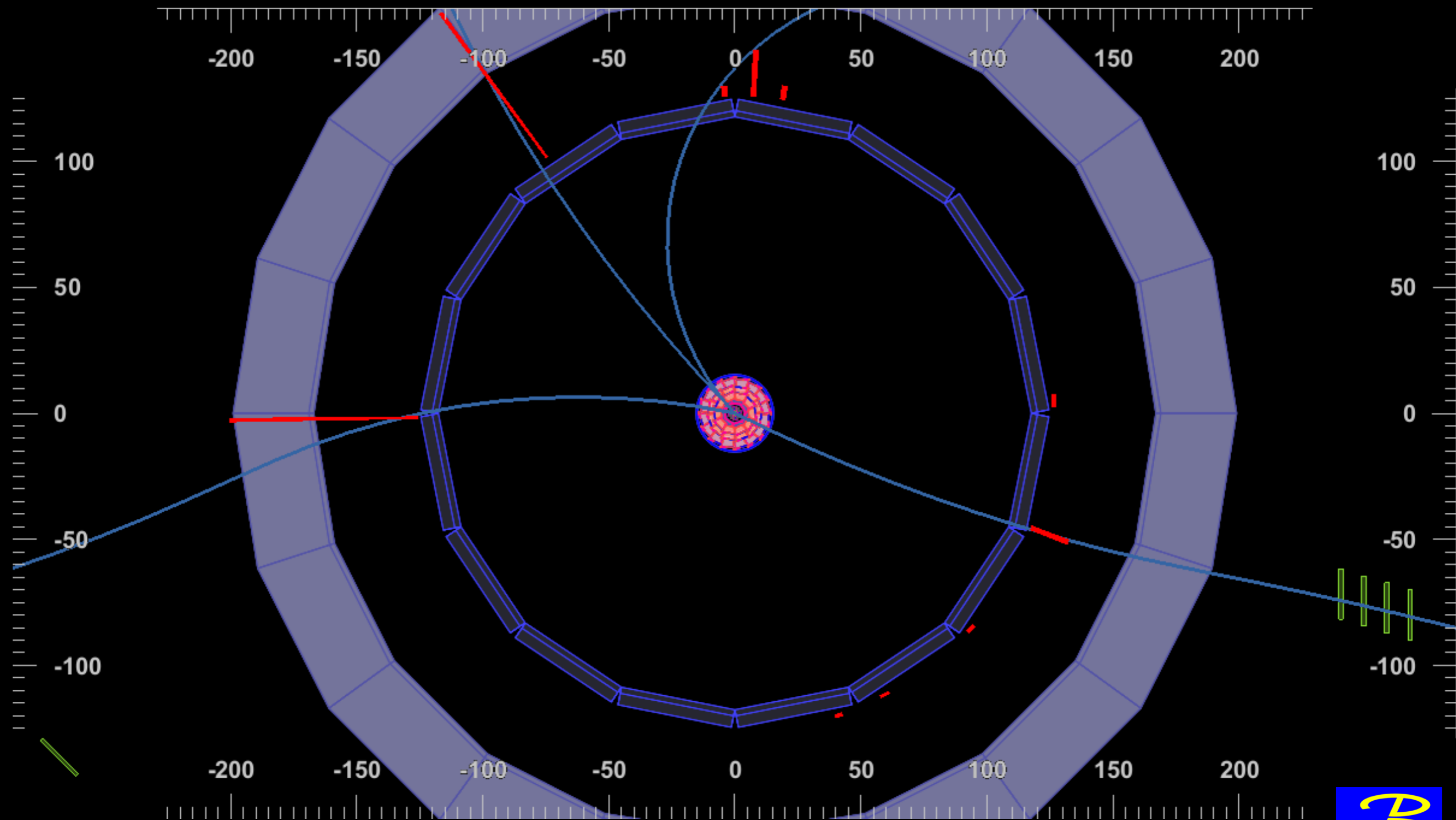


$M_{3\pi}$  distribution @ 291 pb<sup>-1</sup>

After selection cuts, we have an agreement between distributions in data and MC.

Performance of the subsystems is good.

# $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$ in Belle II early data



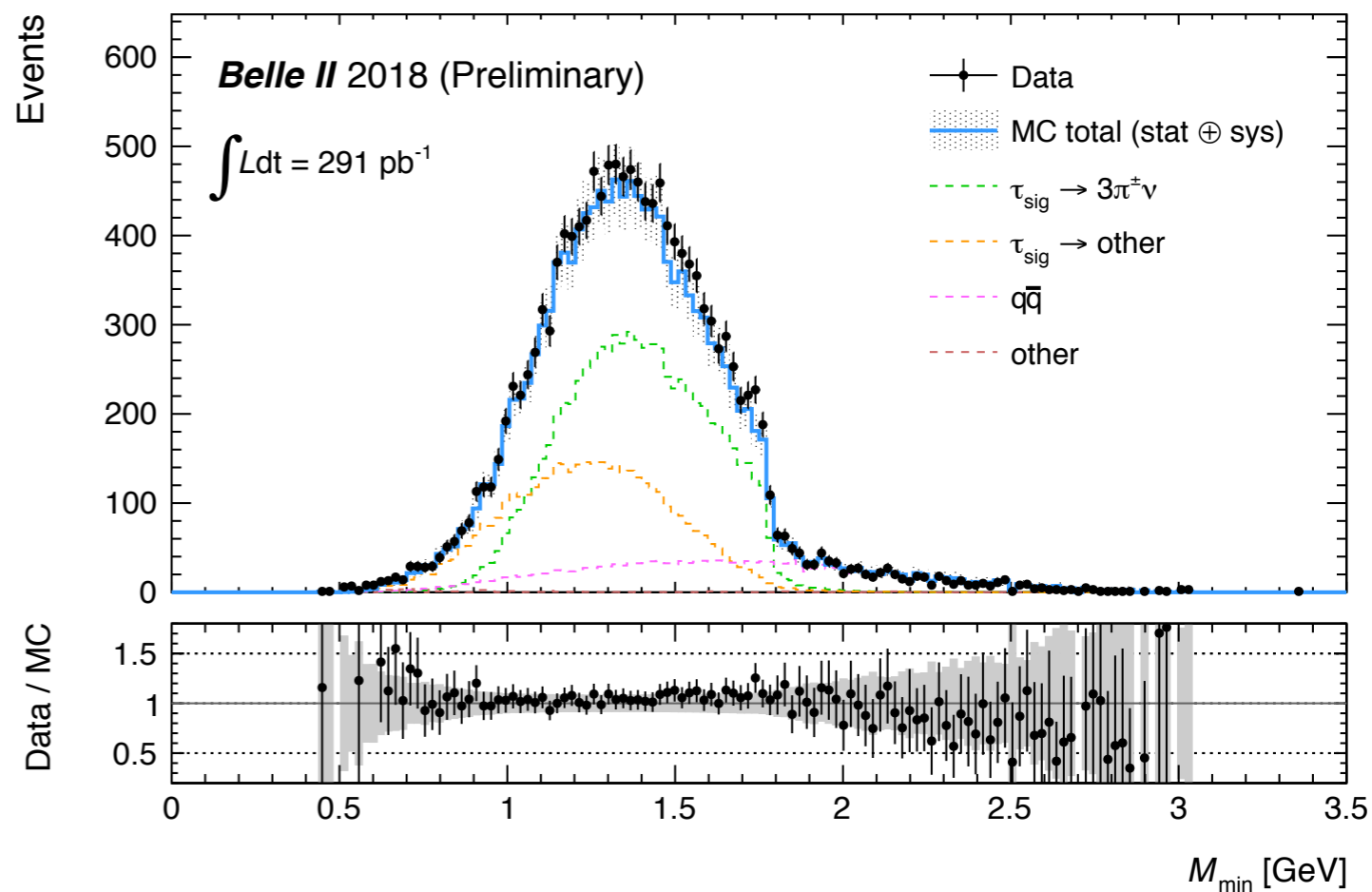
# Measurement of $\tau$ mass

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

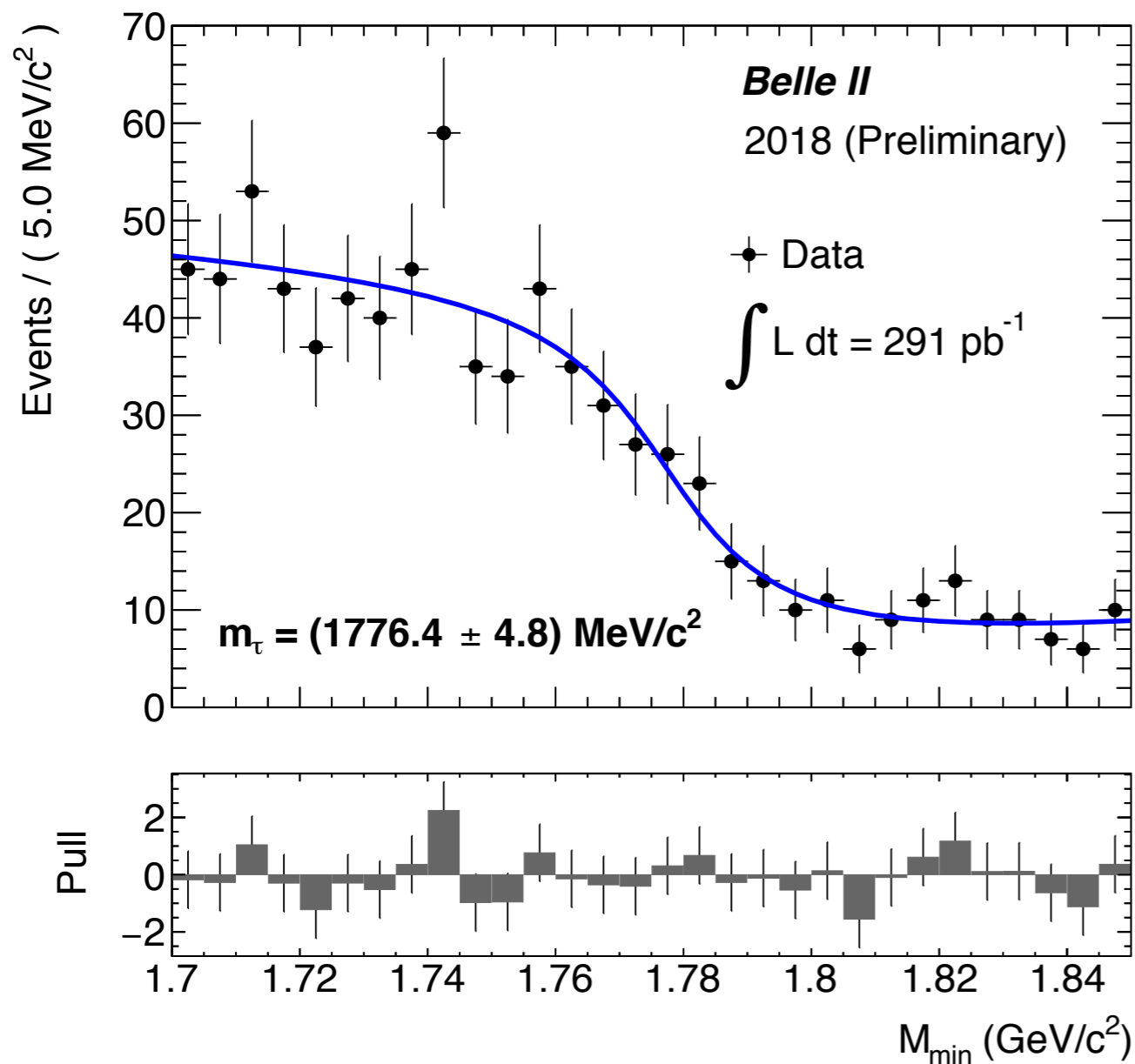
$$M_{min} = \sqrt{M_{3\pi}^2 + 2(E_{beam} - E_{3\pi})(E_{3\pi} - P_{3\pi})}$$

- The distribution of the pseudomass is fitted to an empirical edge function.
- A first measurement of  $m_\tau$  at Belle II is performed using the data collected during the Phase II.

$M_{min}$  distribution @ 291 pb<sup>-1</sup>:



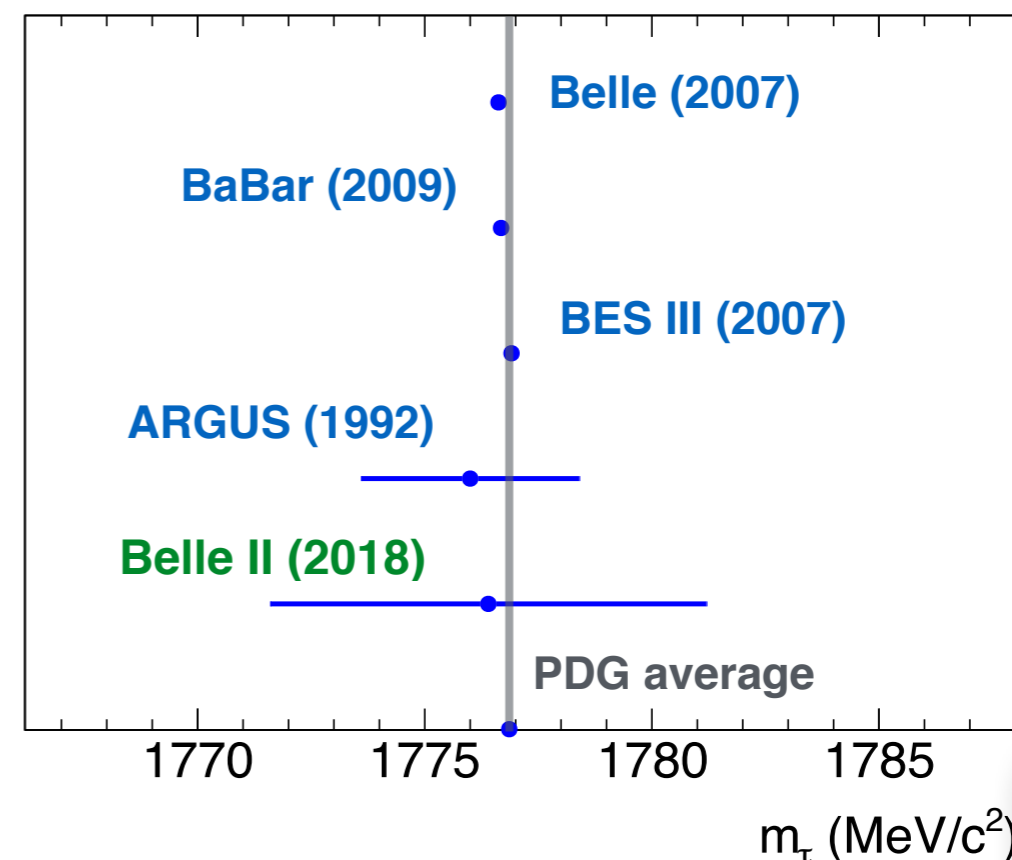
# Measurement of $\tau$ mass



Our result, obtained from Belle II early data

$$m_\tau = (1776.4 \pm 4.8 \text{ (stat)}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Is consistent with previous experimental results.



# Prospects of $\tau$ lepton physics



- The enormous amount of  $e^+e^-$  collisions that are expected from the Belle II experiment features an unique environment for the study of  $\tau$  physics with high precision.
- Further details can be looked at “**The Belle II Physics Book**”, which is now available at: [arXiv:1808.10567](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.10567)

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## The Belle II Physics Book

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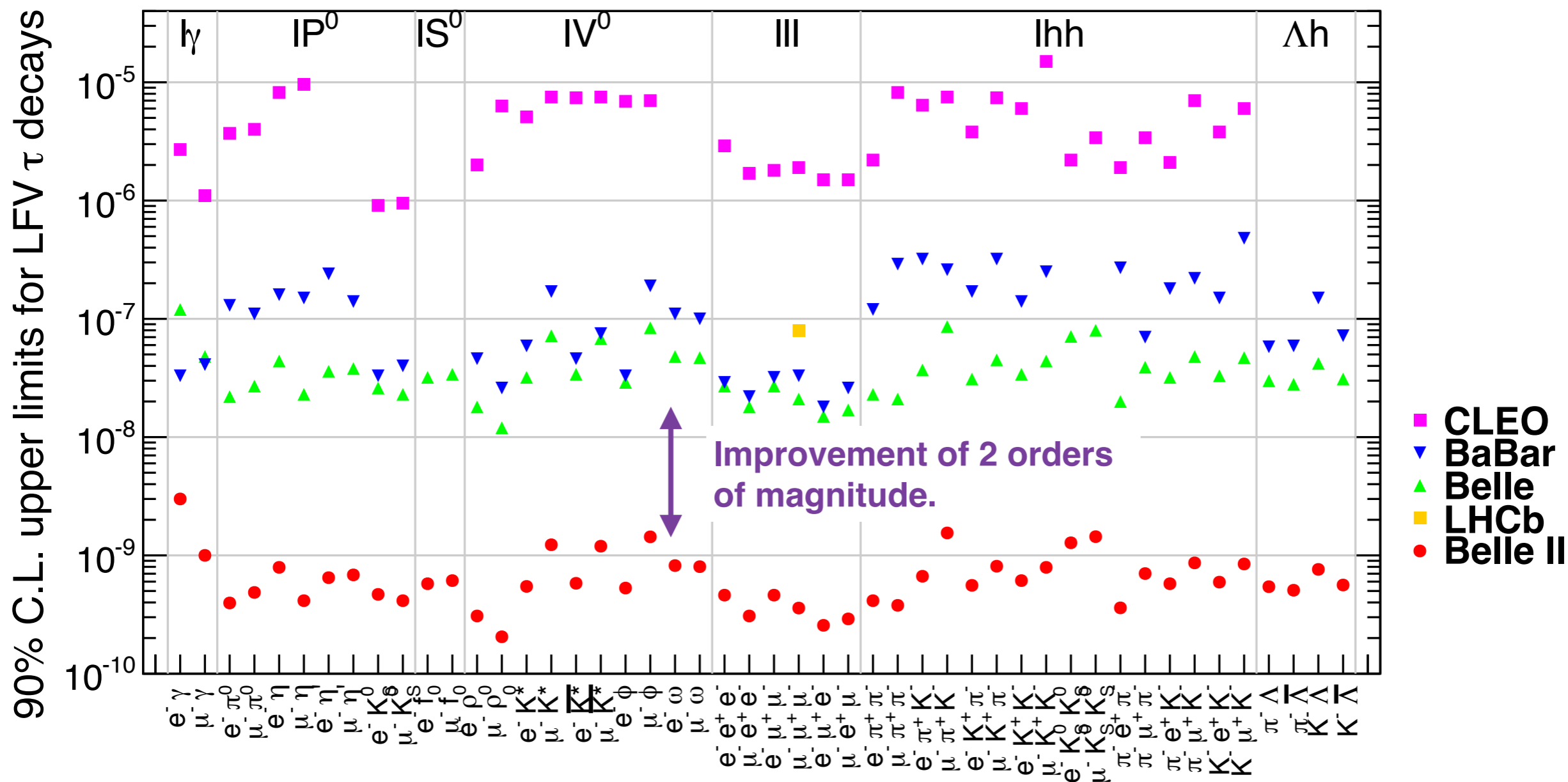


# Upper limits for the BR of $\tau$ LFV decays.



Assuming Belle II full dataset (50  $\text{ab}^{-1}$ ):

Observation of LFV is a clear signature of New Physics.



See Ami's talk on Tuesday





# CP violation in $\tau \rightarrow K_S \pi (\geq 0 \pi^0) \nu$



- The decay of the  $\tau$  lepton to final states containing a  $K_S$  meson will have a nonzero decay-rate asymmetry due to CP violation in the kaon sector.

$$A_\tau = \frac{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau) - \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\Gamma(\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau) + \Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- K_S^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau)}$$

- The SM prediction<sup>1,2</sup> is

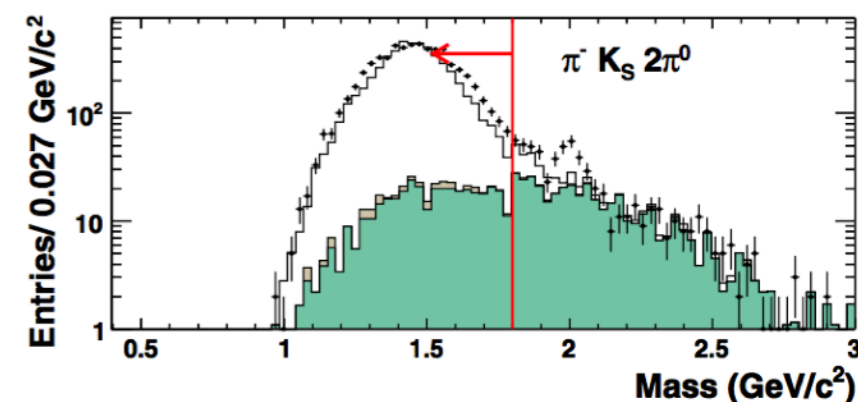
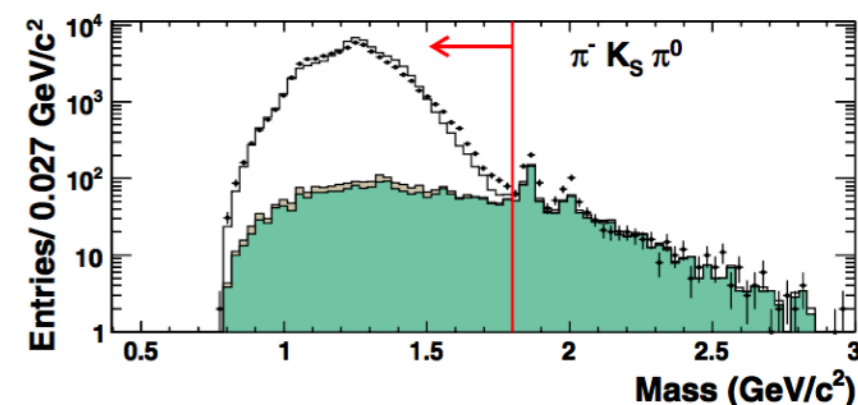
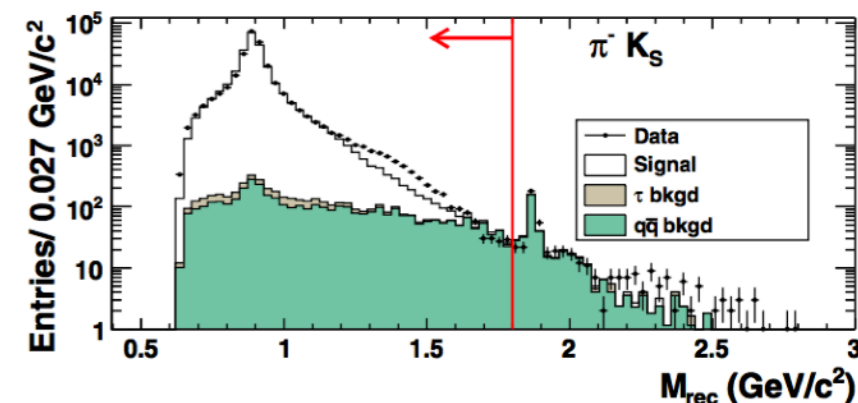
$$A_\tau^{SM} = (3.6 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$$

- BaBar measured:

$$A_\tau^{BaBar} = (-3.6 \pm 2.3 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-3}$$

**2.8  $\sigma$  away from SM**

**An improved measurement of  $A_\tau$  is a priority at Belle II.**



**J.P. Lees et.al (BaBar)  
Phys.Rev D85 (2012) 031102**

<sup>1</sup>I. I. Bigi and A. I. Sanda, Phys. Lett. B 625, 47 (2005).

<sup>2</sup>Y. Grossman and Y. Nir, JHEP 2012.4 (2012).



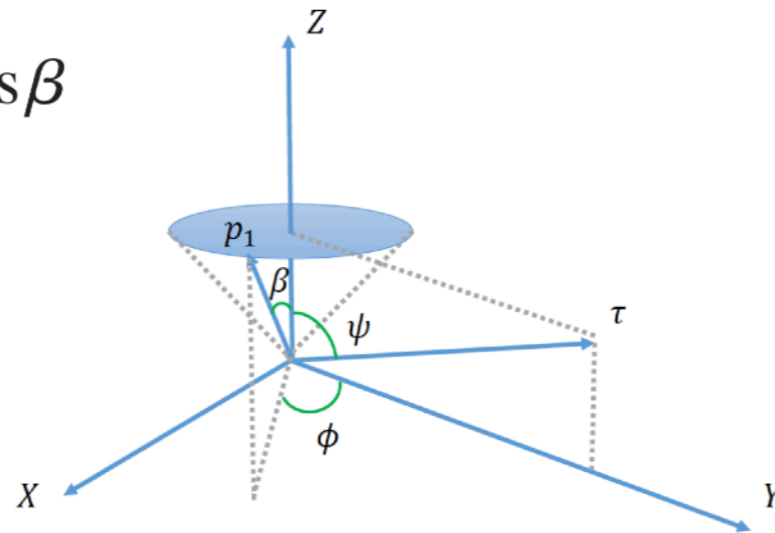
# CP violation in $\tau \rightarrow K_S \pi \nu$

- CPV that could arise from a charged scalar boson exchange. It can be detected as a difference in the decay angular distributions

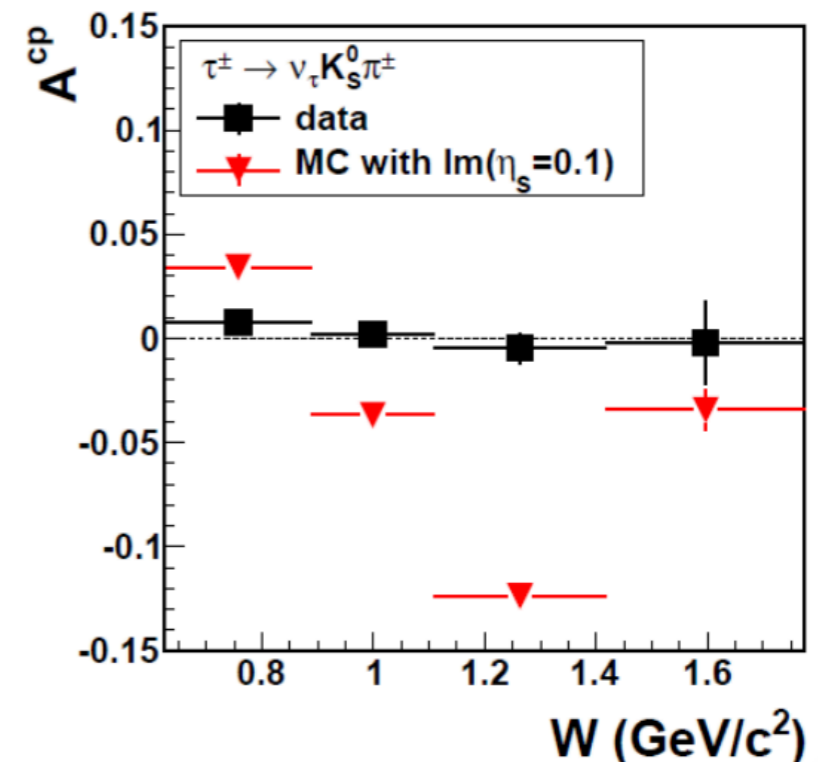
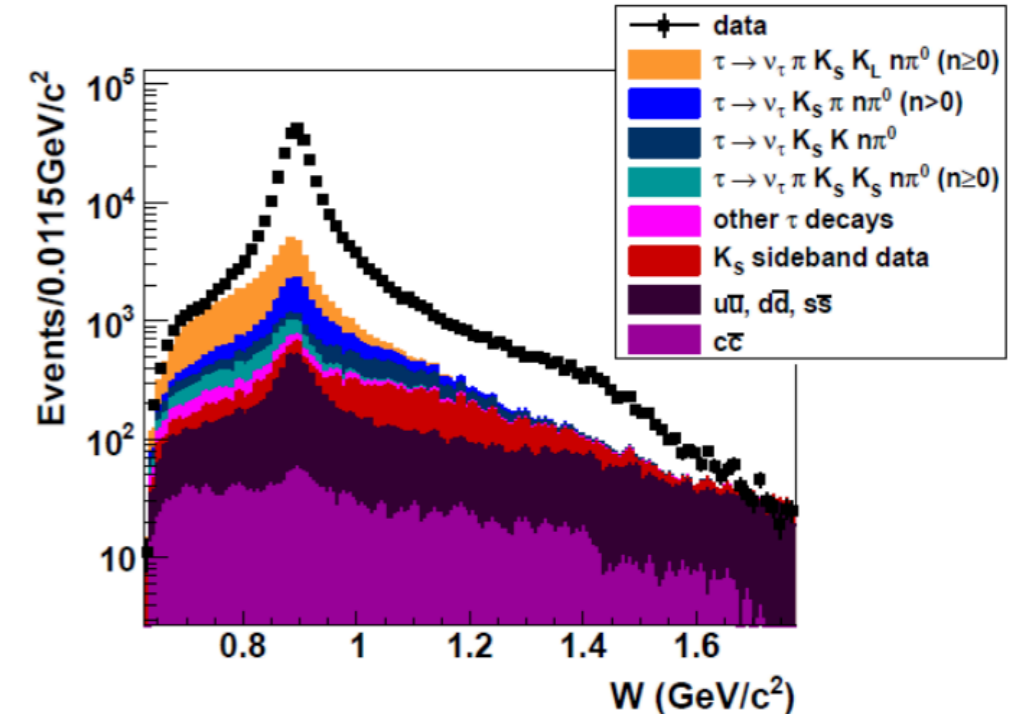
$$A_i^{CP} = \frac{\iint_{Q_{1,i}^2}^{Q_{2,i}^2} \cos\beta \cos\psi \left( \frac{d\Gamma_{\tau^-}}{d\omega} - \frac{d\Gamma_{\tau^+}}{d\omega} \right) d\omega}{\frac{1}{2} \iint_{Q_{1,i}^2}^{Q_{2,i}^2} \left( \frac{d\Gamma_{\tau^-}}{d\omega} + \frac{d\Gamma_{\tau^+}}{d\omega} \right) d\omega}$$

$$\simeq \langle \cos\beta \cos\psi \rangle_{\tau^-}^i - \langle \cos\beta \cos\psi \rangle_{\tau^+}^i,$$

- $d\omega = dQ^2 d\cos\theta d\cos\beta$



- With 50 ab<sup>-1</sup> data at Belle II, we expect 70 times improvement, i.e.,  $|A^{CP}| < (0.5 - 3.8) \times 10^{-4}$ , at 90% C.L. assuming the central value  $A^{CP} = 0$ .



# Michel Parameters

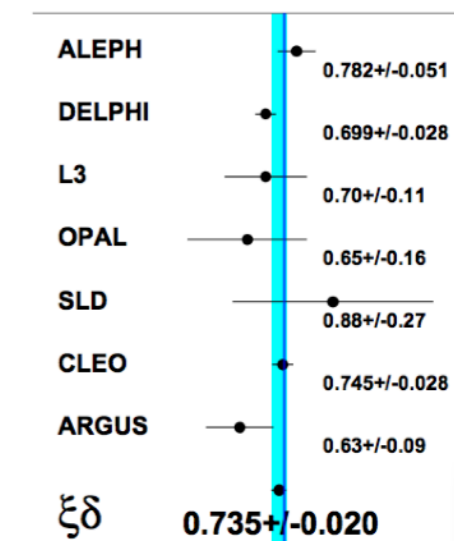
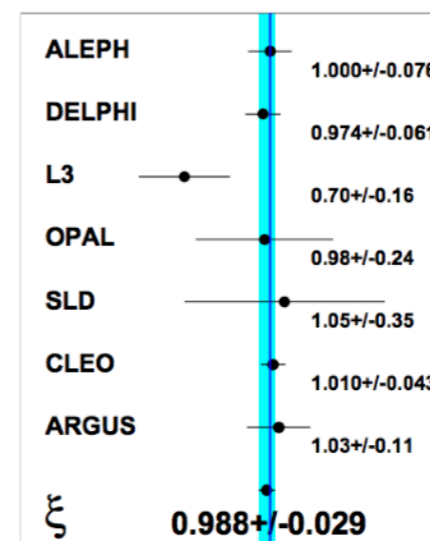
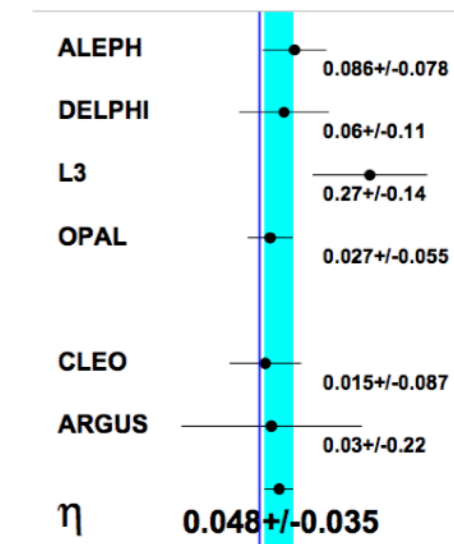
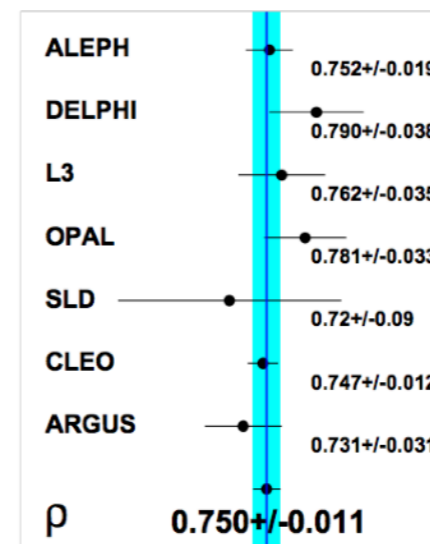
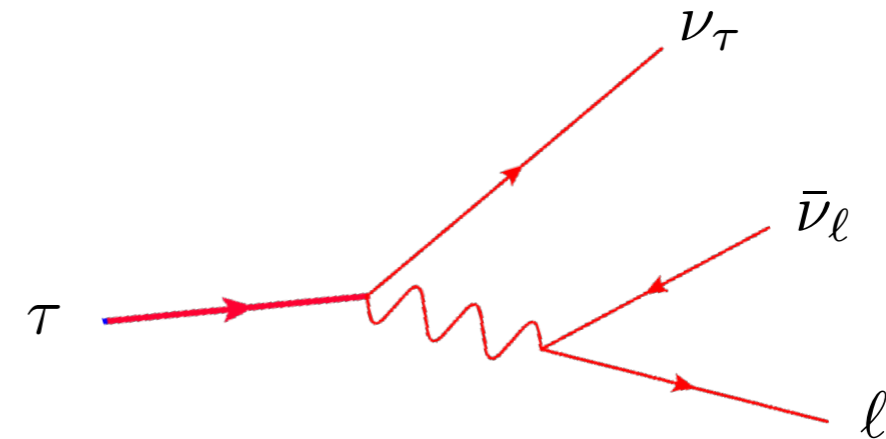
When spin of  $\tau$  lepton is not determined,  $\rho$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\xi$  and  $\delta$  are the experimentally accessible parameters used in describing the phase space distribution of  $\tau$  leptonic decays.

In SM:

$$\rho = 3/4, \eta = 0, \xi = 1 \text{ and } \delta = 3/4.$$

With full dataset ( $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ ), the statistical uncertainty is expected to be  $\sim 10^{-4}$ .

Comparing with current Belle performance<sup>1</sup>, systematic uncertainties will be challenging at Belle II ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ ).

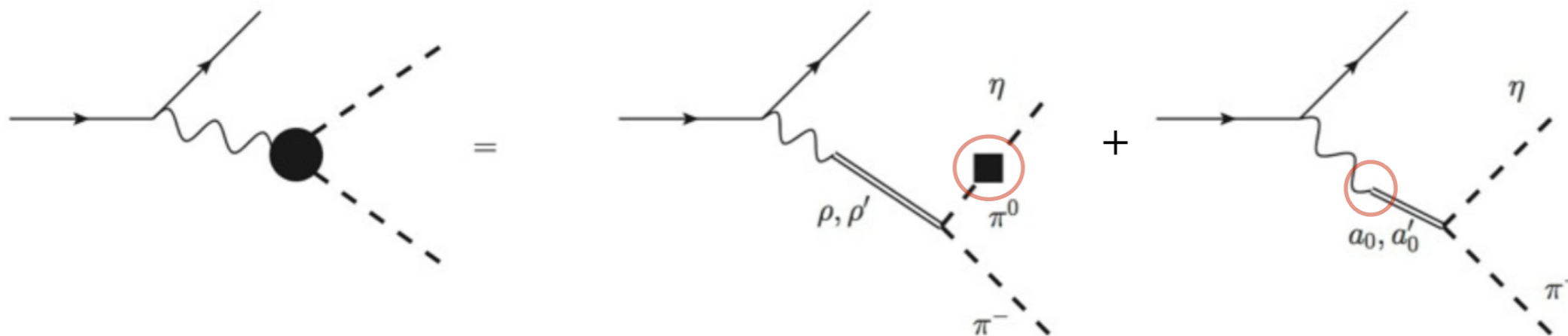


<sup>1</sup> D. Epifanov, Nucl.Part.Phys.Proc. 287-288 (2017) 7-10

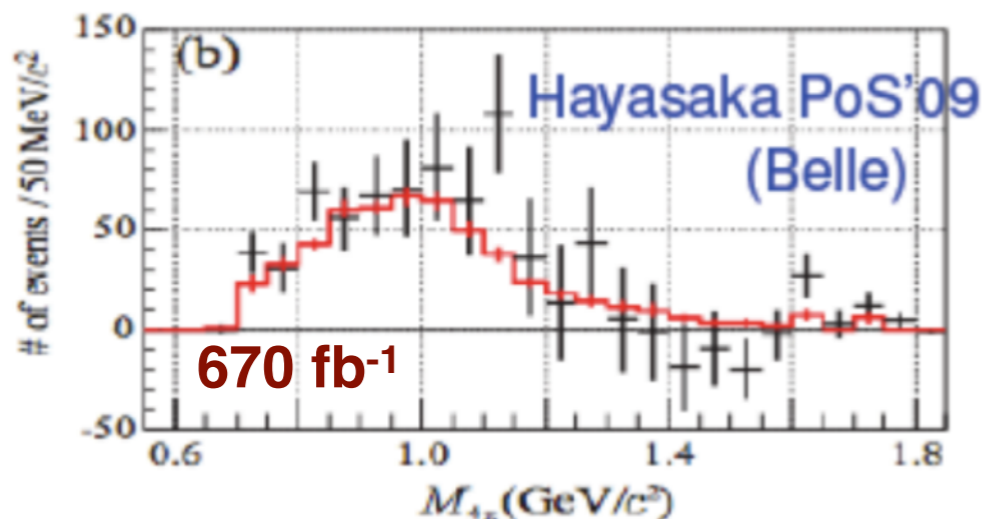
# Second class currents: $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi \nu$ decay

- Mechanisms in the SM: **isospin violation**

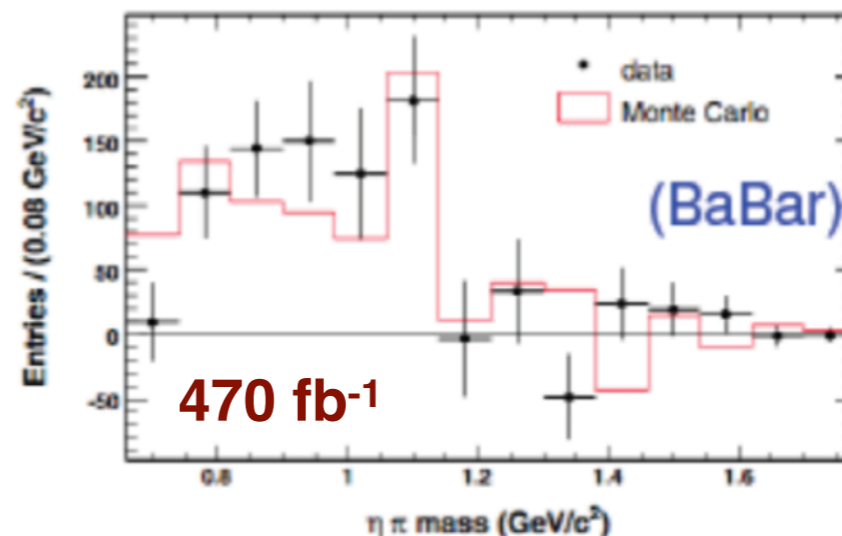
$$\epsilon_{\eta\pi} = \frac{\langle \pi^0 | H | \eta \rangle}{m_\eta^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3} m_d - m_u}{4 m_s - \bar{m}} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$$



- The corresponding suppression of the SM contribution can make new physics visible.



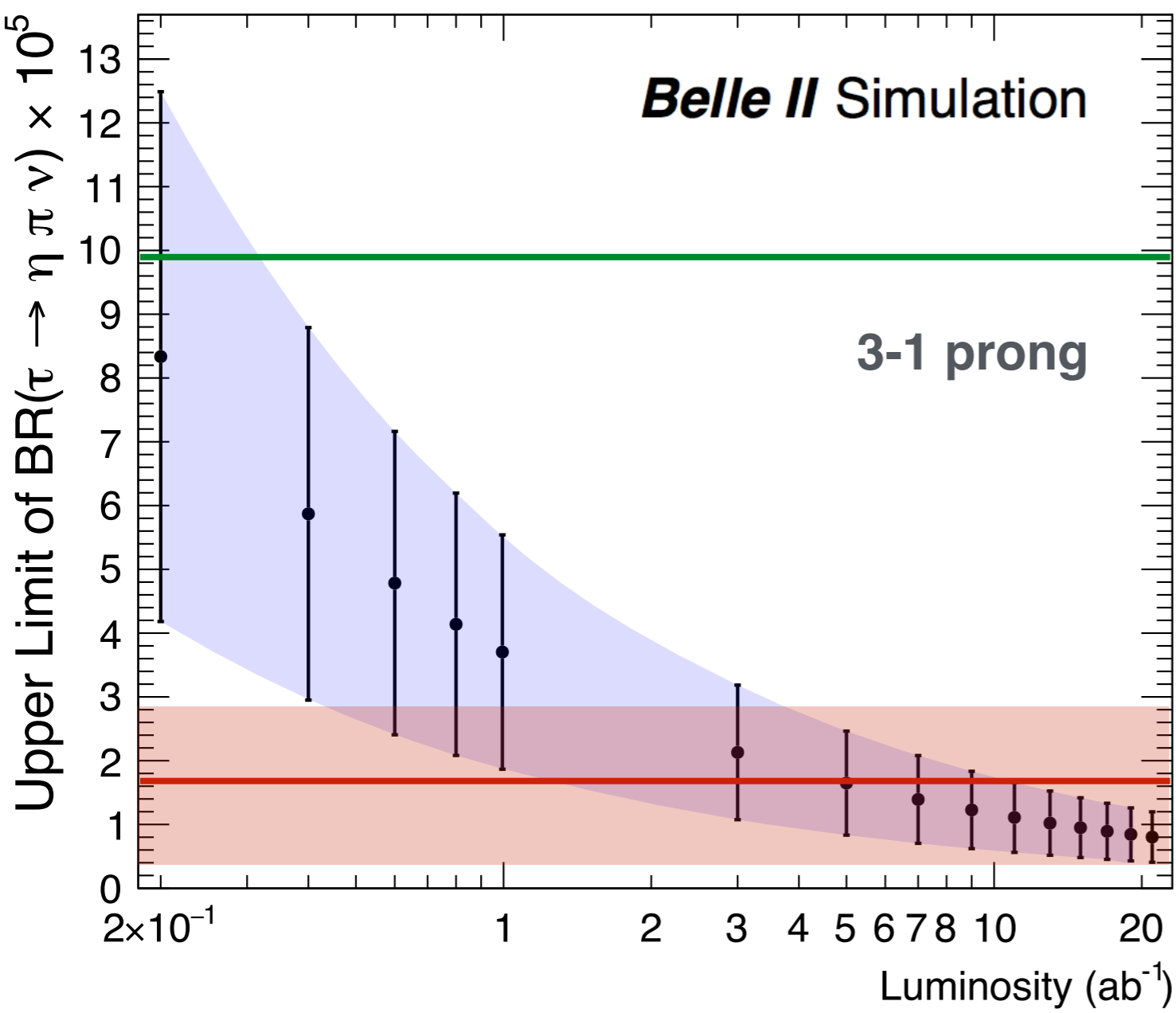
$$BR_{exp}^{Belle} < 7.3 \cdot 10^{-5} \quad 90\%CL$$



P. del Amo Sanchez *et al*  
(PRD 83 032002 '11)

$$BR_{exp}^{BaBar} < 9.9 \cdot 10^{-5} \quad 95\%CL$$

# Estimated Upper Limits for $\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi \nu$



- BaBar Upper Limit
- 3 coupled channels model
- Other models

SM predictions:  $BR(\tau \rightarrow \eta \pi \nu) \sim 10^{-5}$

$BR_V$ ( $\times 10^5$ )	$BR_S$ ( $\times 10^5$ )	$BR_{V+S}$ ( $\times 10^5$ )	Model
0.36	1.0	1.36	MDM, 1 resonance
[0.2, 0.6]	[0.2, 2.3]	[0.4, 2.9]	MDM, 1 and 2 resonances
0.44	0.04	0.48	Nambu-Jona-Lasinio
0.13	0.20	0.33	Analiticity, Unitarity
0.26	1.41	1.67	3 coupled channels

**We have the capability of testing models in the first years of data taking.**



# Summary



- The performance of the detector in the first months of data taking is good. Belle II is reconstructing  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  events.
- Semileptonic  $\tau$  decays provides a clean environment to study SM processes with QCD involved.
- SuperKEKB will produce a sample of  $\tau$  pairs 50 times larger than previous B-factories. Precision studies with  $\tau$  leptons involved will be performed.
- Systematic uncertainties will become dominant. Improvements with respect to the last generation of B-factories are required.
- $\tau$  decays @ Belle II will provide very interesting results in the next decade. See “The Belle II Physics Book” at [arXiv:1808.10567](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.10567).



# Thank you

# Backup



# B-Factories



	PEP-II	KEKB	SuperKEKB
Detector	BaBar	Belle	Belle II
Start date	1999	1999	2016
End of operations	2008	2010	-
Beam Energy (GeV)	e-: 9.0 e+: 3.1	e-: 8.0 e+: 3.5	e-: 7.0 e+: 4.0
Int luminosity	550 fb <sup>-1</sup>	1 ab <sup>-1</sup>	50 ab <sup>-1</sup>



# $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$ Event Selection



- **Tracks**

- $p_T > 0.1$  GeV
- $|dz| < 5$  cm
- $|dr| < 1$  cm
- $-0.8660 < \cos(\theta) < 0.9565$
- $E/p < 0.8$

- **$\gamma$ 's**

- $E > 200$  MeV
- $n\text{Hits} > 1.5$
- $E_9 E_{25} > 0.9$
- $-0.8660 < \cos(\theta) < 0.9565$

- **Event**

- 3 - 1 prong
- $\text{thrustValue} > 0.87$
- $\text{visibleEnergyCMS} < 9.7$
- $-0.8660 < \cos(\theta) < 0.9565$
- $E_\tau$  signal at CMS  $< 5.29$
- $E_\tau$  tag at CMS  $< 5.22$

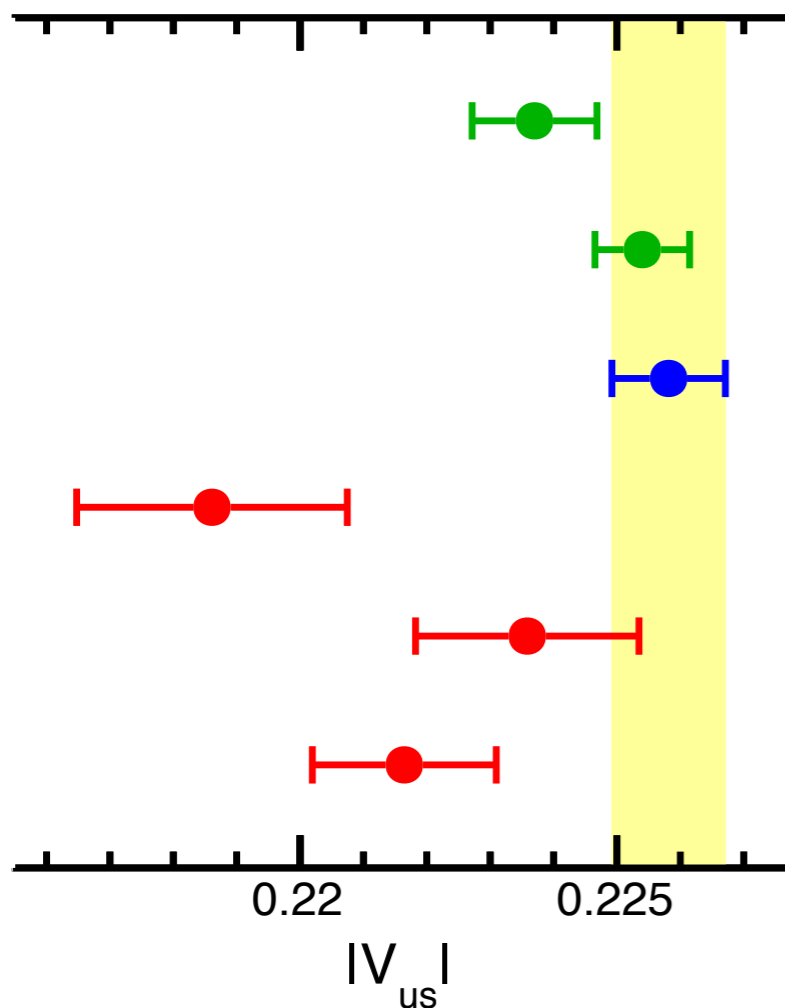
- $\pi^0$  - veto in signal side.
- $\pi^0 < 3$  in tag side.
- $N_\gamma \leq 1$  in signal side.
- $N_\gamma \leq 5$  in tag side.

- We require data to fire the L1 CDC trigger.



# $V_{us}$ from inclusive $\tau$ decays

$$|V_{us}|_{\tau s} = \sqrt{R_s / \left[ \frac{R_{VA}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \delta R_{\text{theory}} \right]}$$



$K_{l3}$ , PDG 2016  
 $0.2237 \pm 0.0010$

$K_{l2}$ , PDG 2016  
 $0.2254 \pm 0.0007$

CKM unitarity, PDG 2016  
 $0.2258 \pm 0.0009$

$\tau \rightarrow s$  incl., HFLAV Spring 2017  
 $0.2186 \pm 0.0021$

$\tau \rightarrow K\nu / \tau \rightarrow \pi\nu$ , HFLAV Spring 2017  
 $0.2236 \pm 0.0018$

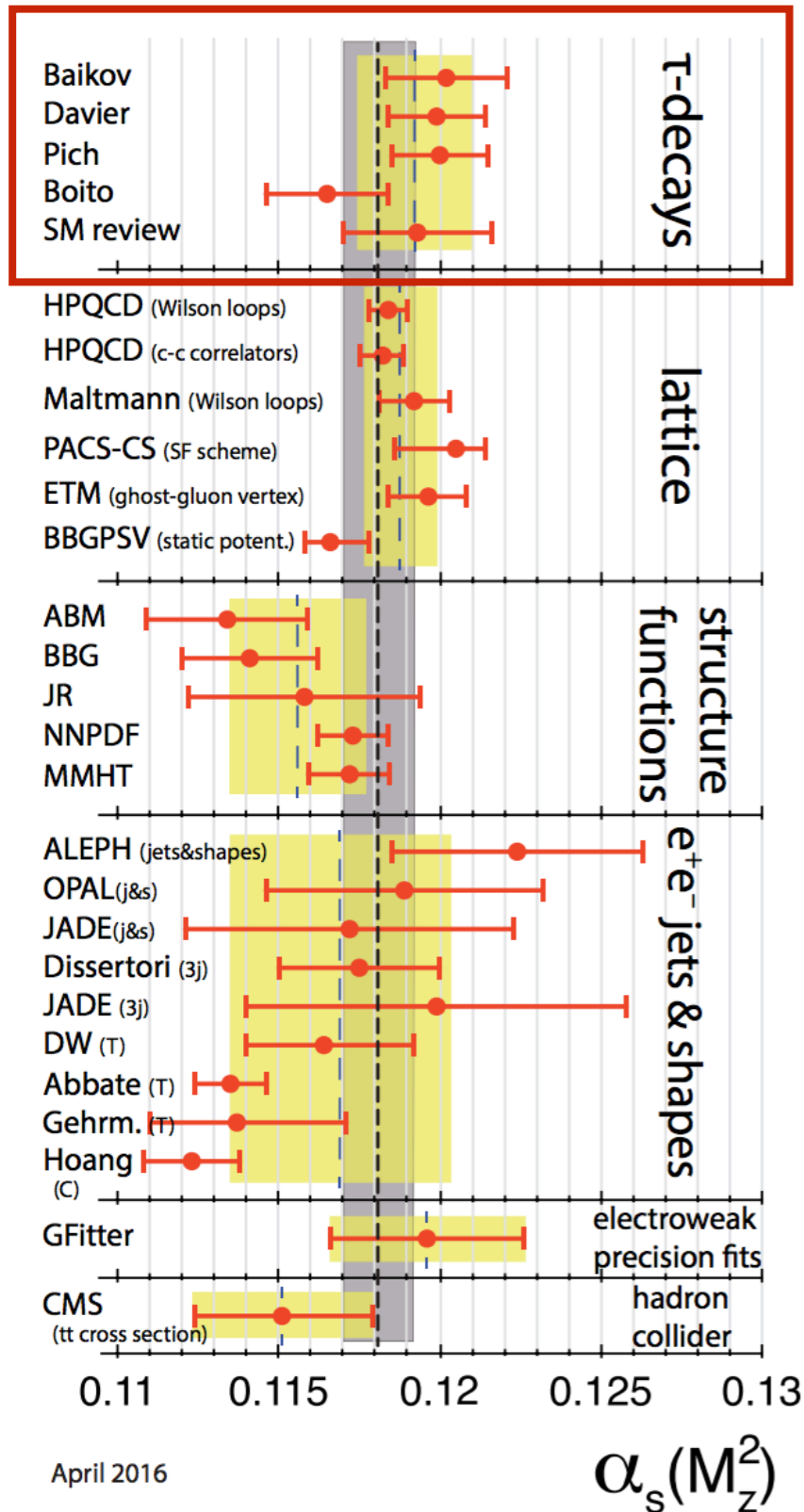
$\tau$  average, HFLAV Spring 2017  
 $0.2216 \pm 0.0015$

- At present, the total  $V_{us}$  error is strongly dominated by the uncertainties in the weighted flavor spectral integrals.

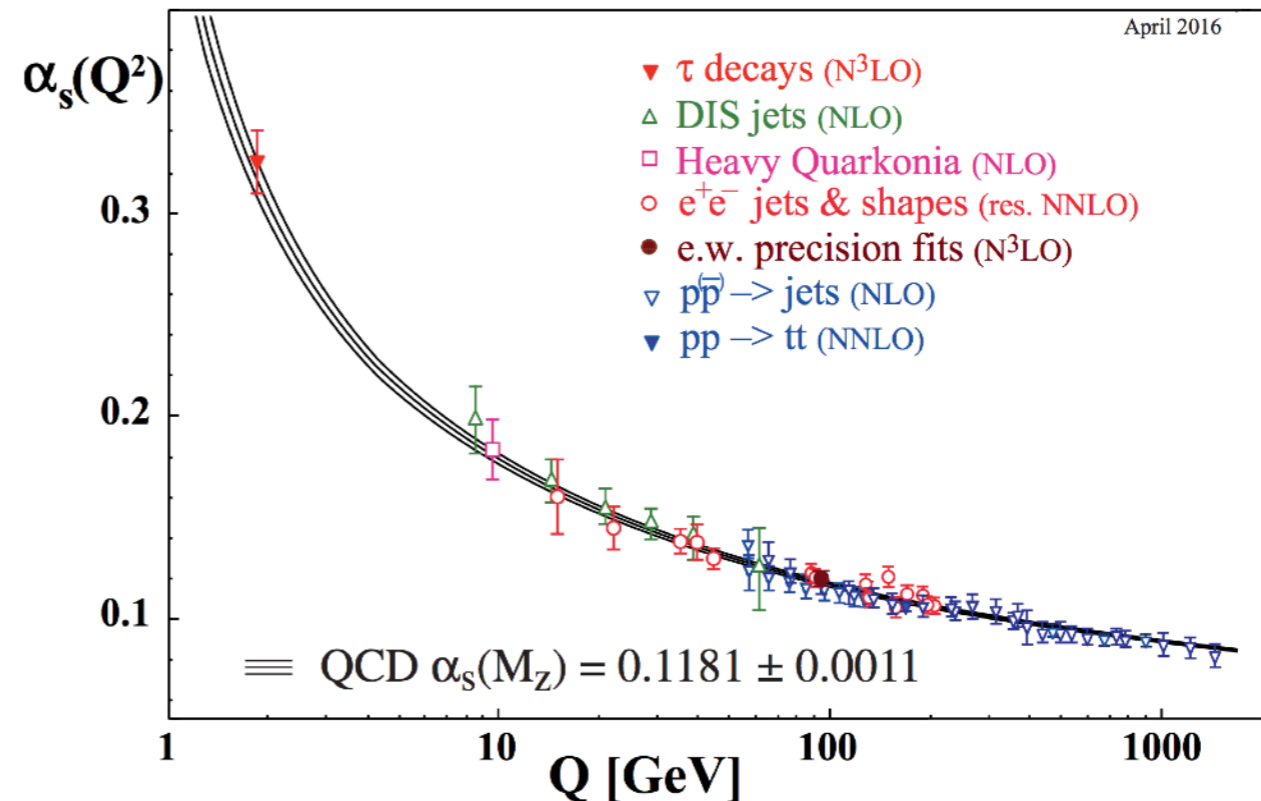
- Significantly reduced  $V_{us}$  errors should be possible through improvements of the strange mode branching fractions.

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# Measurement of $\alpha_s(m_\tau)$



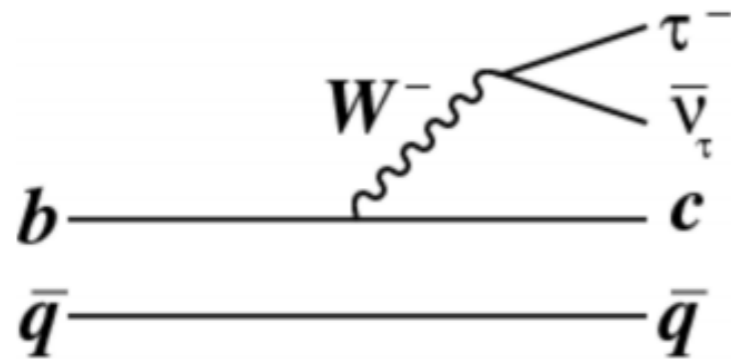
- Analyses of the  $\tau$  hadronic decay width and spectral functions have been performed, leading to precise determinations of  $\alpha_s$ .
- They are based on different approaches to treat perturbative and non-perturbative contributions.



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# Sensitivity of $R(D^{(*)})$



## Uncertainties at Belle II

	$5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	$50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
$R_D$	$(\pm 6.0 \pm 3.9)\%$	$(\pm 2.0 \pm 2.5)\%$
$R_{D^*}$	$(\pm 3.0 \pm 2.5)\%$	$(\pm 1.0 \pm 2.0)\%$
$P_\tau(D^*)$	$\pm 0.18 \pm 0.08$	$\pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$

- Current measurements are dominated by statistical uncertainty.
- Dominant systematic: limited signal MC samples (Larger at Belle II).

