



# Beam background status of Belle II at SuperKEKB

On behalf of the Belle II beam background and MDI groups

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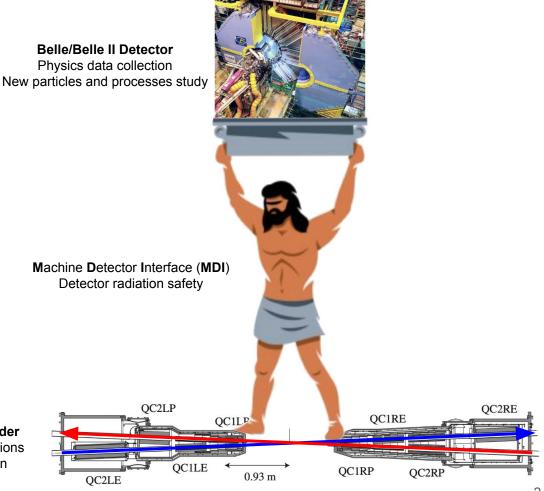
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**KEKB/SuperKEKB Collider**High rate of particles collisions
New particles production



#### Introduction: **B-factories**

#### 1999-2010



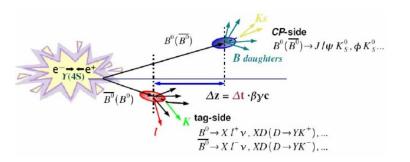


- Goals of Belle and Belle II experiments
  - Study the *CP*-symmetry violation in the *B*-meson system
  - Searching for New Physics beyond the Standard Model
- Requirements for KEKB and SuperKEKB colliders
  - Produce a large number of BB̄-pairs
    - high collision luminosity
  - $\circ$  B-meson decay time difference ( $\Delta t$ ) measurements
    - asymmetric collider
  - Precise measurements of the BB-mixing rate
    - high quality spectrometer

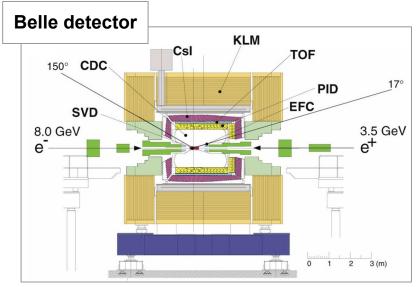


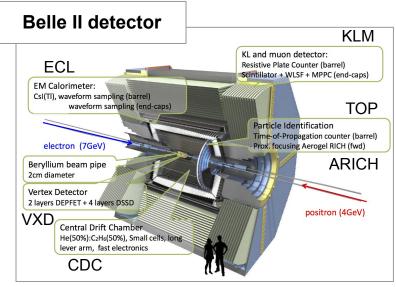






### **Introduction: Belle** → **Belle** II upgrades



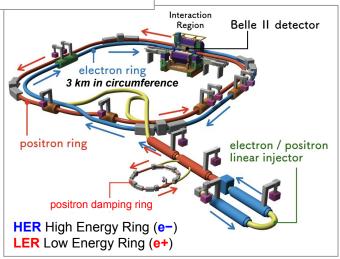


#### Designed and optimized for the observation of CP-violation in the B-meson system

- Collected > 1 ab<sup>-1</sup> of data
- Observed large time-dependent *CP*-asymmetries
  - Recognized by the 2008 Physics Nobel
     Prize
- Newly designed VXD
- CDC with longer arms and smaller cells
- Completely new PID system
  - TOP detector in the barrel
  - ARICH detector on the forward side
- ECL with upgraded crystals and electronics
- Upgraded KLM
- Aims to collect 50 ab<sup>-1</sup> of data by 2031

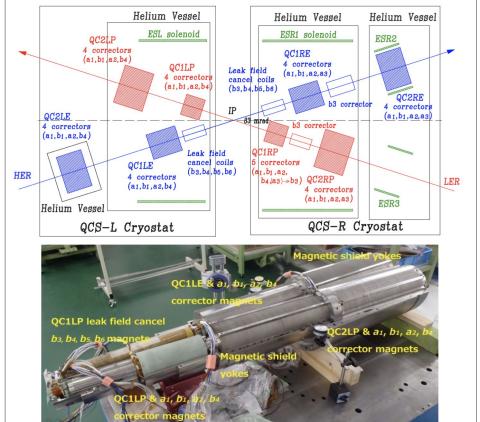
# **Introduction: KEKB** → **SuperKEKB upgrades**

#### SuperKEKB collider



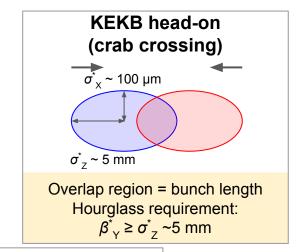
- Replaced short dipoles with longer ones (LER)
- Redesigned the lattices and IR (LER and HER)
- Installed antechambers (LER)
- Damping ring to reduce the emittance (LER)
- New superconducting final focusing quads (QCS) near the IP (LER and HER)
- Modified RF systems

#### SuperKEKB final focusing system (QCS)



# **KEKB** → **SuperKEKB**: **luminosity gain**

Beam current Beam-beam parameter 
$$L = \frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2er_{e}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_{y}^{*}}{\sigma_{x}^{*}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{I_{\pm}\xi_{y\pm}}{\beta_{y}^{*}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{R_{L}}{R_{\xi_{y\pm}}}\right)$$



#### **KEKB** → SuperKEKB

Vertical beta-function at IP

 $\rightarrow 0.27/0.30 \text{ mm}$  $\beta^*_{\vee}$  (LER/HER) : 5.9/5.0

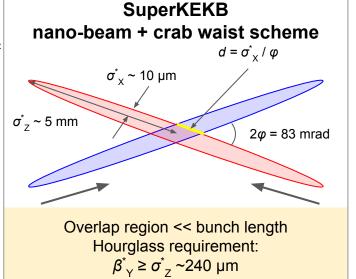
I (LER/HER) : 1.6/1.2  $\rightarrow$  2.8/2.0 A

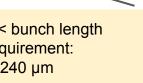
 $\xi_{\vee}$  (LER/HER)  $: 0.13/0.09 \rightarrow 0.09/0.08$ 

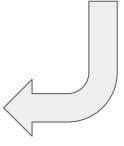
 $\rightarrow$  4.0/7.0 GeV : 3.5/8.0 LER/HER

:  $2.1 \times 10^{34} \rightarrow 6.3 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ 'peak

> Factor of **30** increase in luminosity based on the nano-beam scheme!



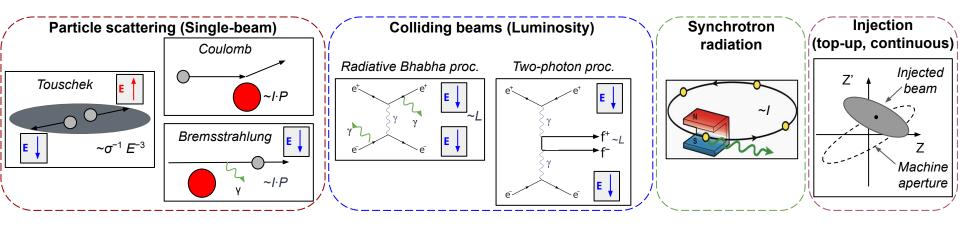




### Beam-induced background: sources

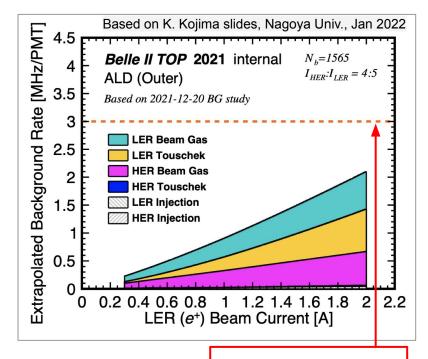
#### SuperKEKB designed luminosity is x30 higher than at KEKB

- > Implies higher beam-induced backgrounds in the interaction region where Belle II is located
  - affects operational stability, quality of data, and detector longevity



- In 2010 [Belle II TDR], there was not enough understanding of beam-induced backgrounds at the nano-beam scheme in SuperKEKB except for naive extrapolation from KEKB
- Many aspects regarding detector protection were not properly foreseen at the early design stage
- Triggered a large campaign of developing a comprehensive set of countermeasures against each source

### **Background level in 2021**



Current background limit for the TOP PMT rate

- Current background rates in Belle II are acceptable and well below limits
- Belle II did not limit beam currents in 2021
  - It will limit SuperKEKB eventually, without further background mitigation
- To reach the design luminosity a replacement of TOP short lifetime conventional PMTs is needed due to quantum efficiency degradation

# Beam-induced background countermeasures

### Beam-gas scattering

- It can be detrimental due to a smaller beam pipe aperture and a larger β-function in superconductive quadrupoles of the final focusing system (QCS)
- Simulation suggested to add vertical collimators at small  $\beta_{\rm Y}$  to suppress this background in the interaction region
- Vacuum scrubbing reduces the residual gas pressure in the beam pipes

#### **Touschek scattering**

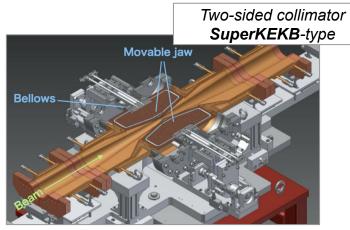
- The most dangerous background  $\sim (\sigma_x \sigma_y \sigma_z)^{-1}$
- Simulation suggested to add horizontal collimators upstream the IP at large  $\beta_{x}$
- Nowadays only ~1% of the total ring Touschek losses occur in the IR
- Beam lifetime is mainly defined by Touschek losses, τ ~10 (30) min for LER (HER)

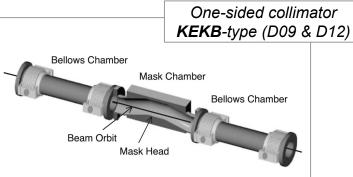


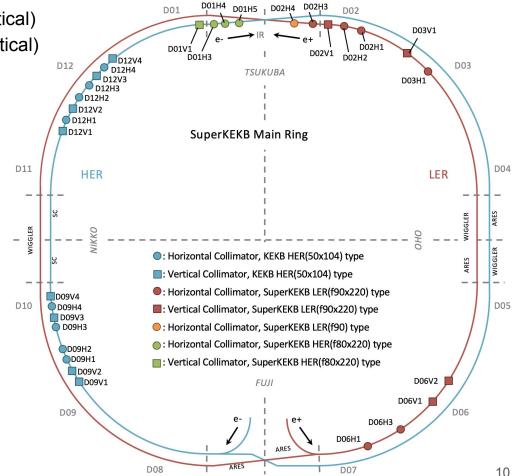
### **SuperKEKB collimation system**

LER → 11 collimators ( 7 horizontal & 4 vertical)

HER → 20 collimators (11 horizontal & 9 vertical)







### Beam-induced background countermeasures: colliding beams

#### • At the early stage

Was assumed to be not dangerous

#### KEKB

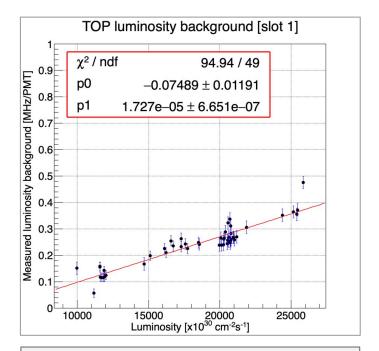
 The two beams share one QCS → strong kick to the outgoing beam after the IP for off-energy particles, back-scattering showers towards Belle II

#### SuperKEKB

- Separate QCS for each beam → no kick from downstream quads
- However, a larger crossing angle introduces a non-negligible angular kick to off-energy particles which can then be lost around the IP
- Dominant at design luminosities ~10<sup>35</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
- Installed a heavy-metal shield outside the IR beam pipe for detector protection against EM showers

#### Nowadays

 Luminosity BG is ≤ Single-beam BG, at the current luminosity ~10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>



TOP [slot 1] single-beam backgrounds LER ( $I_{LER}$  = 0.73 A): 1.2 MHz/PMT HER ( $I_{HER}$  = 0.65 A): 0.2 MHz/PMT

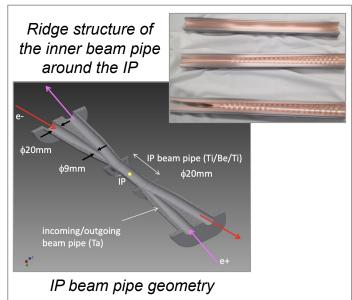
### Beam-induced background countermeasures: synchrotron radiation and injection

#### Synchrotron radiation

- Beryllium beam pipe is coated with a 10µm thin gold layer
- Incoming beam pipes collimate most of SR photons thanks to the design geometry Ø20mm → Ø9mm
- Direct hits on the IP beam pipe are negligible
- Ridge structure on the inner surface of the collimation part to avoid reflected SR hits at the detector
- Building a new IP beam pipe with an additional gold layer and slightly modified geometry to reduce the amount of the backscattered SR

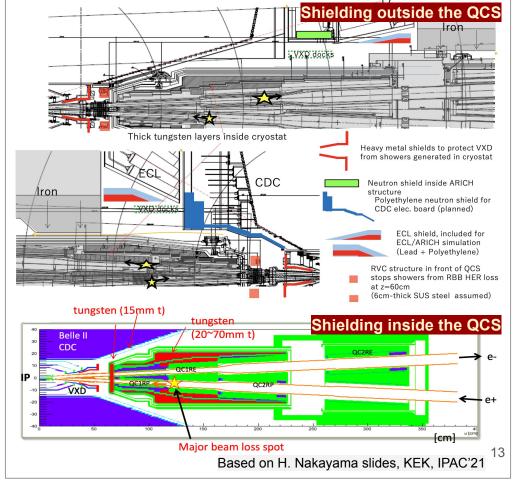
#### Beam losses during injection

- Damping ring for positrons to reduce the emittance
- Use the injection trigger veto to do not trigger on high beam losses right after the injection (~ms)
- Injection chain tuning for better optics matching



### Beam-induced background countermeasures: EM showers towards Belle II

- Most of IR beam losses occur inside the QCS
  - Partially considered in the TDR 2010
- Many detectors start to see single-event upsets (SEU) of FPGAs electronics boards
  - SEUs are presumably from neutrons created in the EM showers
  - Initially, no shielding was implemented
  - Still acceptable level
- Installed additional detector protection
  - Heavy metal shield inside VXD
  - Polyethylene+lead shield inside ECL, ARICH
     & CDC
- Planned detector protection
  - Additional bellows shield is under discussion
  - Extra neutron shields are being designed

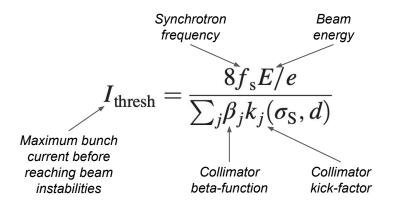


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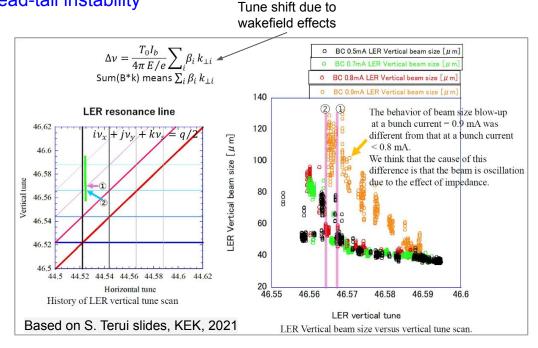
### **Unexpected machine backgrounds: TMCI**

Transverse mode coupling instability (TMCI)

- a result of the wake-field effect from bunches traveling through the collimator aperture
- leading to the onset of the bunch current head-tail instability
  - Beam size blow up
  - Betatron tune shift



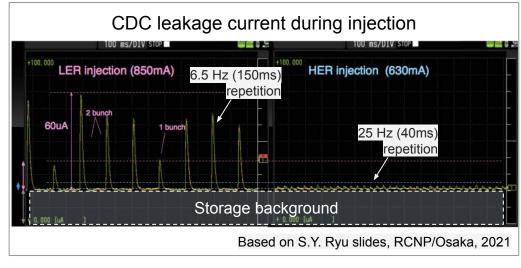
[A.Chao 1998, Handbook]



In 2020-2021, TMCI could be one of the sources limiting bunch current increase even below  $I_{\rm thresh}$  ~1.4 mA/bunch.

### Unexpected machine backgrounds: injection background

- High beam losses during injection caused by
  - Injected charges with large amplitudes of oscillation due to injection kicker errors
  - Injection chain and main ring optics mismatch
- Up to 10 times higher instantaneous rates than the storaged beam background, see Figure
- Enlarges DAQ deadtime
- Reduces lifetime of the detector components, e.g. TOP PMTs



Dedicated simulation and measurement efforts have been started to study this source of machine backgrounds looking for possibilities to improve the injection quality and reduce IR beam losses.

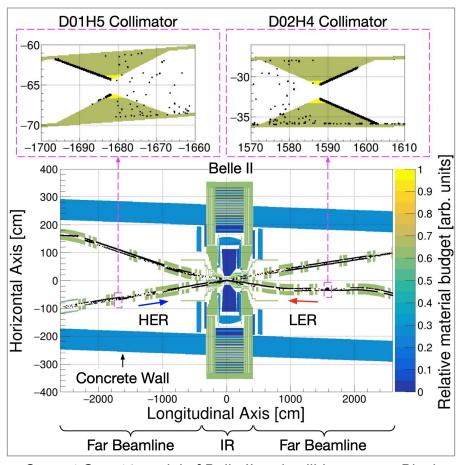
### Beam-induced background: simulation

#### • Single-beam background:

- Strategic Accelerator Design (<u>SAD</u> @KEK, multi-turn particle tracking)
  - Realistic collimator shape
  - Particle interaction with collimator materials
  - Measured residual gas pressure distribution around each ring
- Geant4 (detector modeling)
  - Realistic detector model
  - Modeling of the detector surroundings, collider cavern

#### Luminosity background:

- Geant4 (single-turn effect, colliding beams)
- Synchrotron radiation background:
  - Geant4 (close to the Belle II detector)

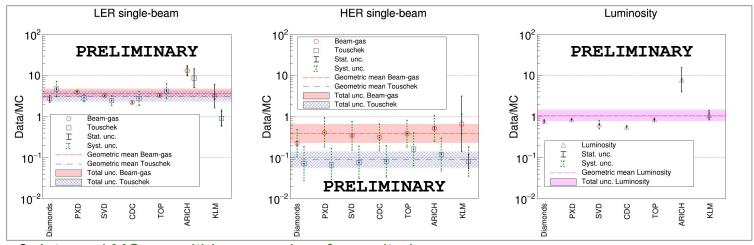


Current Geant4 model of Belle II and collider cavern. Black dots represent single-beam losses

### Simulation accuracy: data/MC

#### Publication in preparation

Ratios of measured (data) to simulated (MC) backgrounds based on 2020-2021 dedicated studies



- Phase 3 data and MC are within one order of magnitude
  - Improved compared to Phase 1 (2016) & Phase 2 (2018) background measurements

P.M.Lewis et al., "First measurements of beam backgrounds at SuperKEKB", NIMA 2019

[Z.J.Liptak et al., "Measurements of Beam Backgrounds in SuperKEKB Phase 2", arXiv:2112.14537]

- Confirms our good understanding of beam loss processes in SuperKEKB
- These ratios are used to extrapolate detector backgrounds towards design luminosity
  - $\circ$  Belle II background level is expected to be acceptable at  $L_{\rm peak}$  = 6.3x10<sup>35</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> assuming TOP PMTs
    - replacement and low injection beam losses

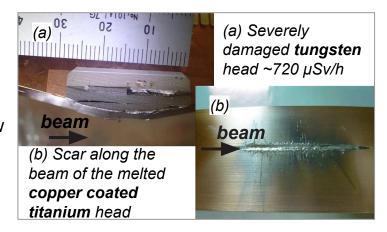
### Further background mitigation: collimators and beam abort system

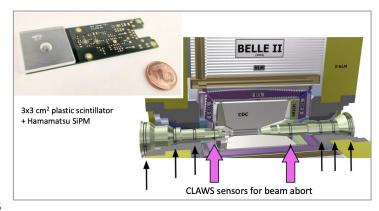
#### **Issues**

- Still high residual gas pressure in LER ~40nPa
- Unstable injection with high beam losses
- Unexplained and uncontrolled beam losses
  - Detector and collimators damage
- Vertical collimators should be closed to a very narrow aperture ±2mm = 60% of the QCS aperture
  - Limits the bunch current due to TMCI
  - Collimator head is very close to the main beam core
    - High radiation dose on collimators
    - High risk of collimator damage

#### **Solutions**

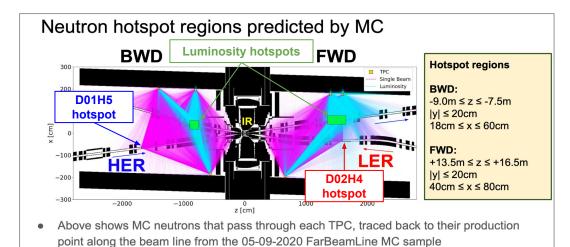
- Continue vacuum scrubbing, P<sub>I FR</sub> ~10nPa by 2026
- Injection chain (LINAC, beam-transport lines) upgrade
- Injection optics mismatch measurements
- Low-impedance collimators with composite materials
- New <u>CLAWS</u> system installation → now the beam abort kicker can be fired faster by ~4.4µs on average
- Abort timing analysis to pin-down the initial beam loss location along the ring





# Further background mitigation: neutron shielding

- Neutron shielding around Belle II is not ideal and there is neutrons leakage
  - Detector performance degradation
- Monte-Carlo simulation predicts neutrons due to single-beam and collision (luminosity) beam losses.



#### **Neutrons from collimator hotspots**

- The highest beam losses are at the nearest collimators to the IR (D02H4 - LER, D01H5 - HER), ~16m from IP
- Move hotspots away from Belle II
  - Reduce losses at these collimators by closing far upstream collimators

#### **Neutrons from luminosity hotspots**

In both tunnels, the majority of luminosity background induced neutron production comes from localized regions (shaded green regions) -> call them RBB hotspots

- Time Projection Chamber (TPC) measurements suggest localized regions along the beamline where neutrons originating from
  - Leading background in the forward cavern
  - Can be mitigated only via shielding, design is ongoing

Based on J. Schueler slides. UH

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### **Summary**

- SuperKEKB and Belle II have successfully rolled in as a new generation of B-factories
  - World-record luminosity 3.81x10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
  - > 0.2 ab<sup>-1</sup> of collected data
  - $\circ$  Clean environment of the primary  $e^+e^-$  interaction compared to hadron machines
  - Wide-ranging physics program
- A naive extrapolation from KEKB machine studies did not work well for the new nano-beam scheme
  - Installation of not planned additional shielding to protect the detector
  - TMCI has to be considered as one of the major sources limiting the machine
- Improved beam-induced background simulation helps to predict beam losses at various machine conditions

  [A. Natochii *et al.*, "Improved simulation of beam backgrounds and collimation at SuperKEKB", PRAB 2021]
  - Several new types of collimators are designing
  - Some collimators relocation is scheduled
- To reach the design luminosity, several further machine and detector upgrades are under consideration

An important lesson learned from the KEKB to SuperKEKB upgrade, the MDI group advice:

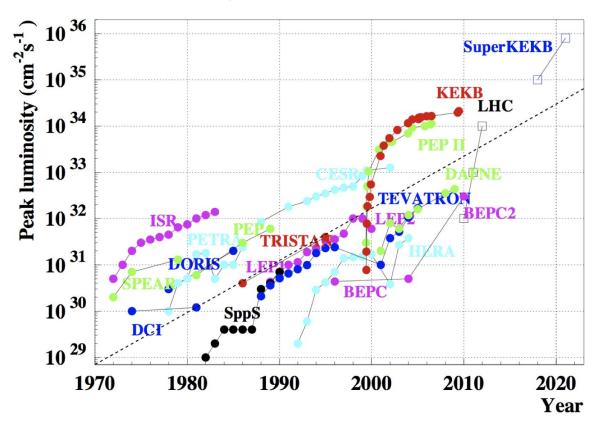
It's critically important to reserve enough space at the early stage of the design for shielding between the final focusing and detector!

# Backup



### Introduction: pushing the intensity frontier

By design SuperKEKB/Belle II will reach the record luminosity of **6.3 x 10**<sup>35</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> (x30 KEKB/Belle) corresponding to ~1 kHz of Y(4S) (σ ~1.1 nb)



# Belle and KEKB (1999-2010): achievements

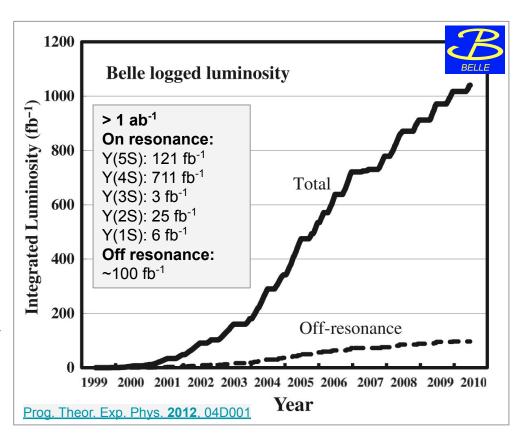
- Observation of large time-dependent
   CP-asymmetries
  - 2008 Physics Nobel Prize



- Measurements of the unitarity triangle and CKM matrix elements
- Established the existence of highly suppressed processes

$$\circ$$
  $b \rightarrow d\gamma$  and  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ 

- Search for the lepton-flavor-violation in  $\tau$  decays
- Spectroscopy and interactions of coc
   charmonium mesons
- Discovery of new X(3872), Y(3940), Z(3930)
   particles



### Motivation for Super B-factories

Complementary approaches to search for NP beyond the SM

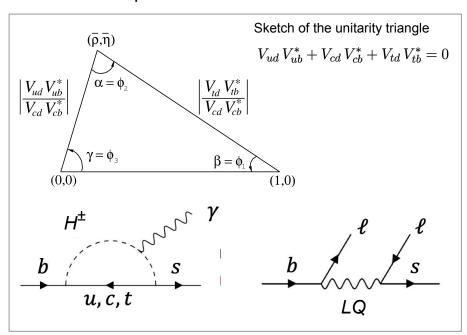
Energy frontiers

- → ATLAS & CMS/LHC
- new particles production through *p-p* collisions
- Rare/precision frontiers → LHCb/LHC, BESIII/BEPCII, Belle II/SuperKEKB
  - flavor physics reactions, deviation from the SM prediction

#### Challenges for New/Super B-factories

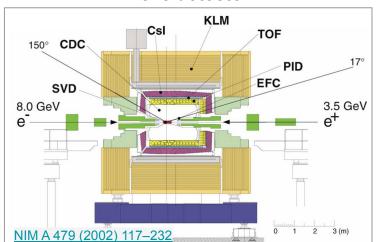
- Precise measurement of unitarity triangle parameters
- Charged Higgs (H<sup>±</sup>) and Leptoquarks (LQ)
- New sources of CP-violation
- Lepton number/flavor violation
- Search for Dark Matter, etc..

Tasks for Belle II/SuperKEKB



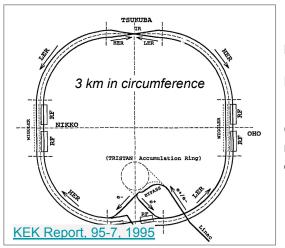
# Belle and KEKB (1999-2010)

#### Belle detector



- Designed and optimized for the observation of CP-violation in the B-meson system.
- Collected > 1 ab<sup>-1</sup> of data for Y(1S), Y(2S), Y
   (4S) and Y(5S) resonances

#### **KEKB** collider



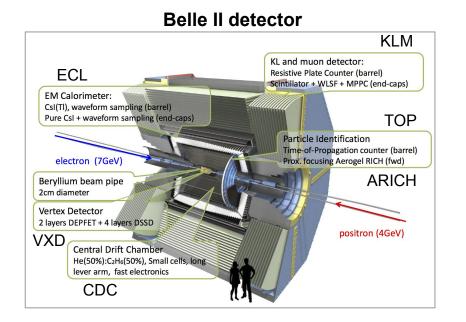
**HER** High Energy Ring

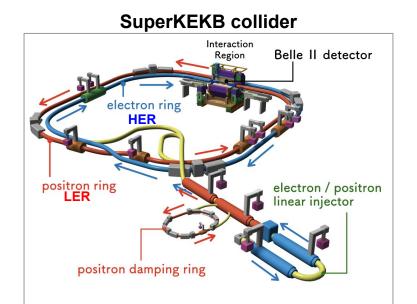
**LER** Low Energy Ring

CM-energy is at Y(4S) resonance = 10.58 GeV for efficient  $B\overline{B}$ -pair production

More than twice the original design goal World's first operational set of superconducting crab cavities

### Next generation B-factory: Belle II and SuperKEKB (since 2016)

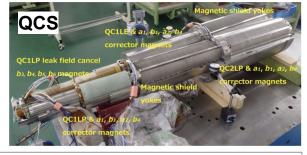


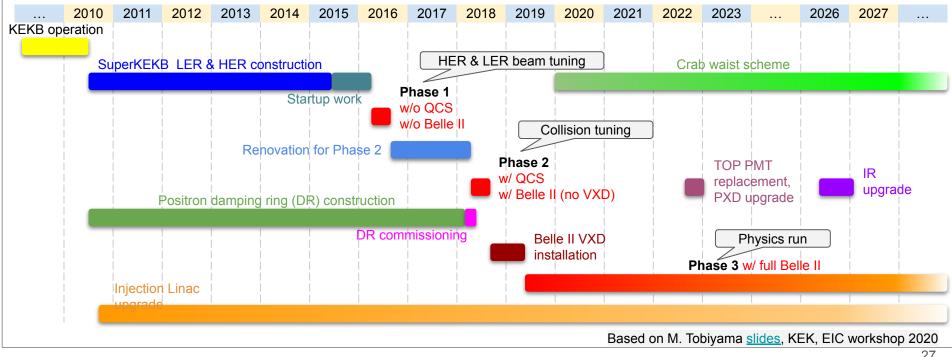


- Precise study of b, c,  $\tau$  to search for New Physics in clean experimental environment
- Access to the Hidden/Dark sector
- $L_{\text{int}} = 50 \text{ ab}^{-1} (50 \text{ x KEKB}) \text{ by } 2031$
- $L_{\text{peak}} = 6.3 \text{ x } 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} (30 \text{ x KEKB}) \text{ by } 2029$

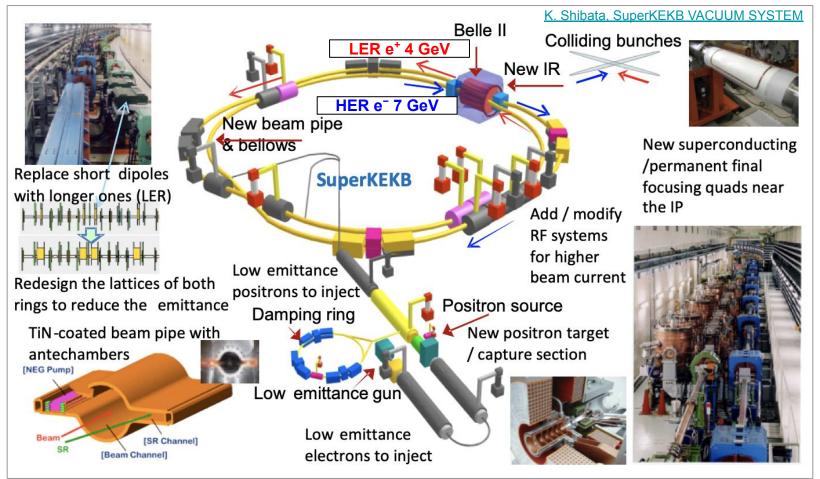
# Timeline for machine upgrades

- **Phase 1** (2016) → Accelerator commissioning
- Phase 2 (2018) → First collisions; partial detector;
   background study; physics possible
- Phase 3 (2019) → Nominal Belle II start





### **KEKB** → **SuperKEKB**: machine modifications



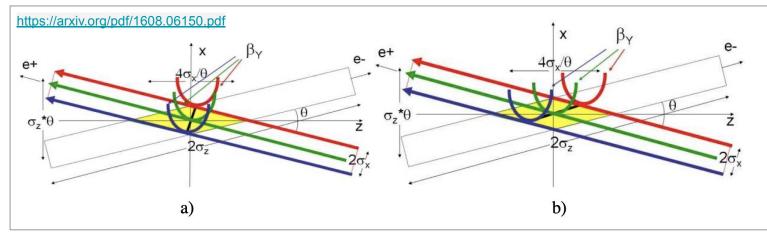
### **KEKB** → **SuperKEKB**: **luminosity degradation & crab waist scheme**

#### Initially

- Was hard to operate the SuperKEKB near the working point of the betatron tune (.57,.61)
  - ← due to luminosity degradation caused by beam-beam resonances

#### • Since early 2020

- Used a set of dedicated sextupoles for the crab waist scheme
  - ← does not affect the dynamic aperture
  - ← beam-beam resonances are suppressed



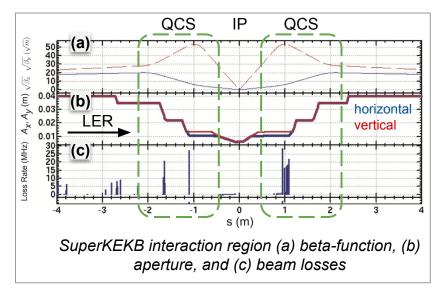
Differently from the crab crossing scheme (**KEKB**) where bunches are tilted by the crab cavities with respect to the beam longitudinal axis, CW (**SuperKEKB**) rotates the optics function  $\beta_{\gamma}$ .

Crab Waist collision scheme: a) crab sextupoles OFF; b) crab sextupoles ON

# Beam-induced background countermeasures: beam-gas scattering (1)

- Initially, the beam-gas background was assumed to not be dangerous, based on KEKB experience
- However, it can be detrimental due to a smaller beam pipe aperture  $A_Y$  and a larger  $\beta^{max}_{Y}$  in superconductive quadrupoles of the final focusing system (QCS)
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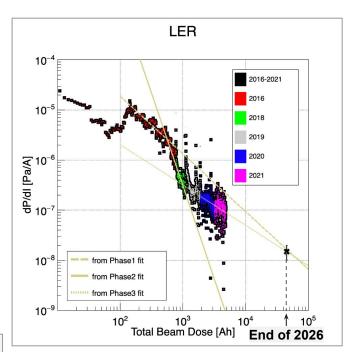
	KEKB	SuperKEKB
$\overline{A_{Y}}$ , mm	35	13.5
$\boldsymbol{\beta}^{\max}_{Y}$ , m	600	2900



# Beam-induced background countermeasures: beam-gas scattering (2)

- Vacuum scrubbing reduces the residual gas pressure in the beam pipes
  - At much higher beam doses we may reach the hardware limit of
     10 nPa for most of cold cathode gauges (CCG)
- The large values of dP/dI around 2016-2018 were the result of the electron cloud effect
  - Was cured by applying permanent magnets and solenoids around the beam pipe
- The beam-gas lifetime in SuperKEKB ≤1 hour, while in KEKB >10 hours

$$P = P_{\text{dynamic}} + P_{\text{base}}$$
  
 $P_{\text{dynamic}} = I \times dP/dI$   
 $P_{\text{base}} = P(0 \text{ A}) \approx 10 \text{ nPa}$ 



An example of the LER dynamic pressure reduction due to vacuum scrubbing

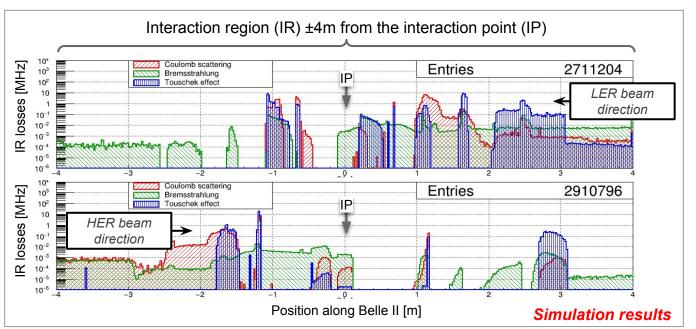
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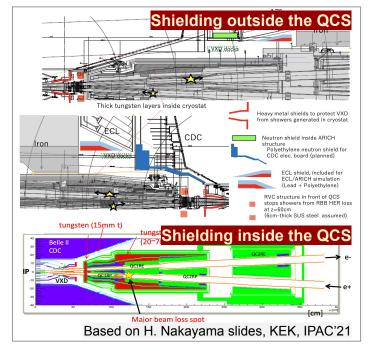
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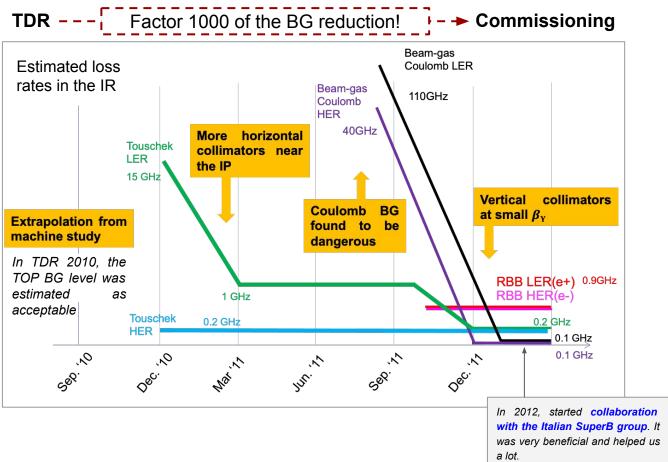


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- Most of IR beam losses occur inside the QCS
  - Partially considered in 2010 [Belle II TDR]
  - Heavy metal shield inside QCS ← redesign was needed
  - Required a lot of time and negotiation with the QCS group
- Inner detectors protection
  - Heavy metal shield inside the vertex detector volume
  - Took years to find the optimal configuration due to space limitation and different material properties
- ECL cryostat/diode shielding
  - Polyethylene+lead shield inside ECL
  - Simulation campaign to find the best configuration
  - Preparation and design of the shield made in Canada
- ARICH HAPD protection from neutrons
  - o Boron-doped polyethylene shield instead of the inner layer of the sub-detector
- TOP protection, the most dangerous level of the background
  - Installation of the additional bellows shield
    - Rejected in 2015, not enough space due to cables
    - Revisited in 2020, better understanding of backgrounds and new design approach
  - Under discussion to be installed for significant background reduction
- Single-event upsets (SEU) of FPGAs on CDC electronics boards
  - No additional shielding was implemented
  - Now we start to see CDC SEUs, still acceptable level

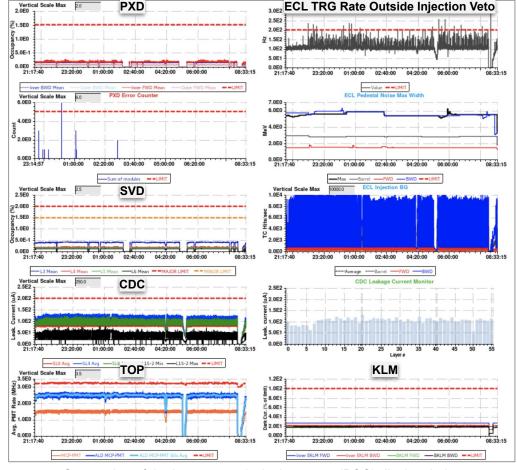


### Timeline for machine background mitigation



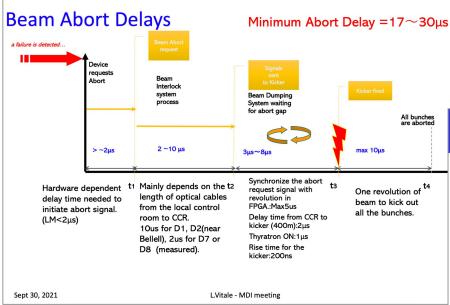
### **Background level in 2021**

- Current background rates in Belle II are acceptable and well below limits
- TOP is the most susceptible Belle II sub-detector to beam-induced backgrounds
  - Current accumulated charge allowed to rise the TOP PMT hit rate limit from 1.2 MHz/PMT to 3.0 MHz/PMT
  - TOP PMT replacement works are planned in 2022 due to quantum efficiency degradation of PMTs
- In 2021 Belle II did not limit beam currents.

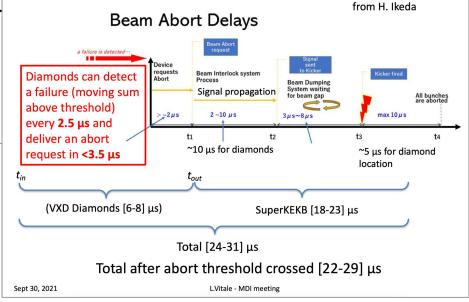


Screenshot of the beam commissioning group (BCG) display during SuperKEKB/Belle II operation in July 2021. Red, dashed line (---) is a limit 35

# Reminder on expected timings



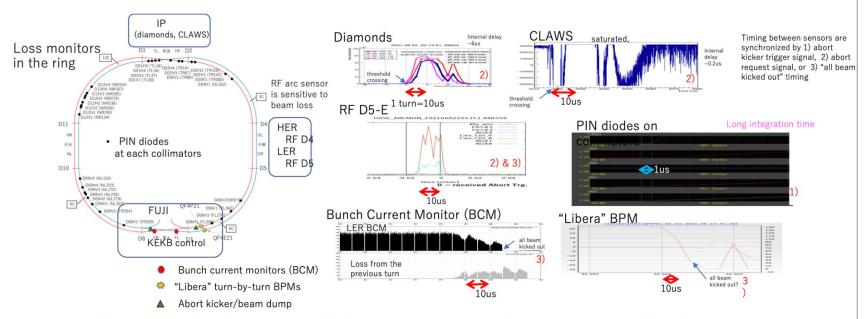
# Expected timing for diamond abort completion





#### H.Nakayama, KEK/MDI, 2021

# Abort analysis



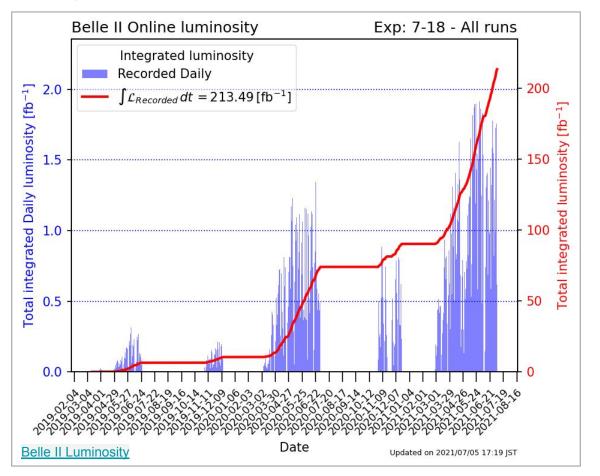
- By comparing beam loss timing among several sensors along the ring, we can find the possible area of initial beam loss.
- If we can add new beam loss sensors at some important collimators, it will help us pin-down the initial beam loss position of dangerous aborts.

#### **SuperKEKB design parameters**

		LER (e+)	HER (e-)	units
Beam Energy	E	4.000	7.007	${ m GeV}$
Circumference	C	3016.315		m
Half Crossing Angle	$\phi$	41.5		$\operatorname{mrad}$
Emittance	$arepsilon_x$	3.2(1.9)	4.6(4.4)	nm
Emittance ratio	$arepsilon_y/arepsilon_x$	0.27	0.28	%
Beta Function at IP	$\beta_x^*/\beta_y^*$	32 / 0.27	25 / 0.30	mm
Horizontal Beam Size	$\sigma_x^*$	10	11	$\mu\mathrm{m}$
Vertical Beam Size	$\sigma_y^*$	48	62	nm
Betatron tune	$ u_x/ u_y$	44.53/46.57	45.53/43.57	
Momentum Compaction	$lpha_c$	$3.20\times10^{-4}$	$4.55\times10^{-4}$	
Energy Spread	$\sigma_{arepsilon}$	$7.92(7.53) \times 10^{-4}$	$6.37(6.30) \times 10^{-4}$	
Beam Current	I	3.6	2.6	A
Number of Bunches/ring	$n_b$	2500		
Energy Loss/turn	$U_{\it 0}$	1.76	2.43	${ m MeV}$
Total Cavity Voltage	$V_c$	9.4	15.0	MV
Harmonic number	h	5120		
Synchrotron Tune	$ u_s$	-0.0245	-0.0280	
Bunch Length	$\sigma_z$	6.0(4.7)	5.0(4.9)	mm
Beam-Beam Parameter	$\xi_y$	0.0881	0.0807	
Luminosity	L	$8  imes 10^{35}$		$\mathrm{cm^{-2}s^{-1}}$

<sup>\*)</sup> Values in parentheses denote parameters at zero beam currents. The vertical beam sizes include the beam-beam blowup.

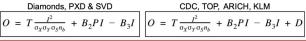
#### **Phase3 integrated luminosity**

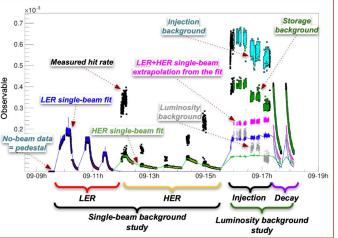


#### Analysis procedure. Single-beam background fit

- No-beam data is used for statistical error estimation and pedestal measurements
- Subtract the pedestal (only Diamonds, PXD and SVD)
- Fit observables for LER and HER background studies (only beam decay)
- Extrapolate single-beam backgrounds to the collision (luminosity) background study

LER single-beam fit Luminosity | Extract the luminosity component between collision data No-beam data extrapolated single-beam backgrounds scaled = pedestal by the Touschek lifetime correction factor Linear fit of the luminosity background 09-09h 09-15h Extrapolate single-beam and luminosity LER HER backgrounds to the simulated beam Single-beam background parameters study Calculate data/MC ratios 39th B2GM Beam background session 2021/06/21 parameters



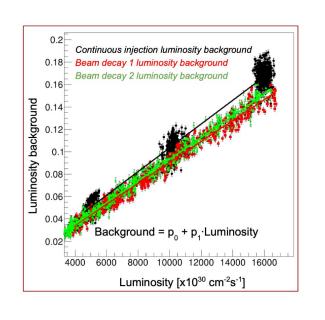


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- Linear fit of the luminosity background
- Extrapolate single-beam and luminosity backgrounds to the simulated beam
- Calculate data/MC ratios

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#### round fit



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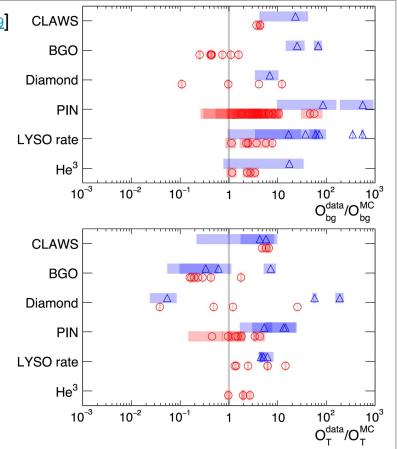
#### Phase 1 data/MC ratios

[P.M.Lewis et al., "First measurements of beam backgrounds at SuperKEKB", NIMA 2019]

Combined results. In order to determine the overall level of agreement between experiment and simulation, we combine results from all detectors and channels. The systematic uncertainties of Fig. 67 are incomplete and cannot be used to weight channels in a global average. Furthermore, the variation of the points is much larger than the single-channel uncertainty. Consequently we discard the uncertainties and calculate the unweighted mean of the common logarithm of the channel ratios. The uncertainty then is the standard error on the mean. Finally, we convert the logarithms back to simple ratios and obtain our combined ratios with asymmetric errors.

We obtain the following combined experiment/simulation ratios:

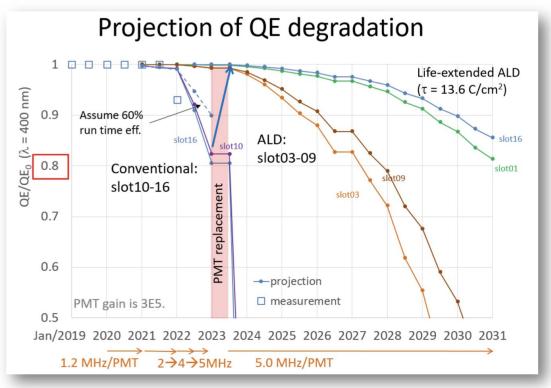
- LER beam-gas:  $2.8^{+3.4}_{-2.3}$ ,
- LER Touschek:  $1.4^{+1.8}_{-1.1}$ ,
- HER beam–gas:  $108^{+180}_{-64}$ ,
- HER Touschek:  $4.8^{+8.2}_{-2.8}$ .



# **MCP-PMT QE Projection & Hit Rate Limit**

"Status and plan for MCP-PMT replacement" by K. Inami at 41st B2GM TOP session

The hit rate limit for beam-induced backgrounds can be increased gradually up to 5 MHz/PMT.



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